



# THE GURNARD NEWS

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## A LETTER FROM ALL SAINTS'

### HELLO THERE!

Hope you are all well as we step into the middle month of the year - JUNE!!! I am sure I am not the only one who cannot believe that we are half way through the year already!#

Are you ready for the summer? No of course not, I have been wearing jumpers and winter hats only a few weeks ago, I don't think we have had a proper spring really, do you?

Are you ready for your youngest to leave Primary school? No of course not. I along with dozens of other parents and carers will be crying next month when our 'babies' walk out of school for the last time as independent, awesome 11 year olds!

Are you ready for your move back to the mainland? No, of course not, we are still getting our head around the fact that we are leaving the island....

Are you ready? This is something the referee asks each goalie in a football match before he blows his whistle to start the game; it is what the on-pitch umpire ask the scorers in cricket before he says play; it's what I ask every bride just before we go into the church; it's what James normally asks me each Sunday when I am reading my sermon through again just before we leave for church.....So are **YOU** ready?

You lovely readers may not appreciate this question and you would certainly be entitled to say, 'ready what for?

' Because you may be ready for tomorrow's events at work, but certainly not the big celebration that your family are having at the weekend. You may be ready to sit down for a large glass of wine but not ready for the doctor's appointment tomorrow and the test results he is going to give you.

The thing is, I don't think us humans are ever really READY! We may be organised for certain things, but I am not sure we can be ready, because things change so much and so quickly sometimes that even if you had Batman's utility belt, you may not be ready for what is about to come.

So, what do we do then? How can we cope if we are not ready? **Just be prepared!**

Throughout my life I have always been told to be prepared – in my Scouting life, in the Royal Navy, at theological college.....because if you are prepared you can pretty much deal with anything. I read a quote a while back that said, 'The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today', which is a nicer version of the military 6 Ps: Prior preparation prevents p... poor performance! Blunt, but true.

You may ask, 'But how can we prepare for something we don't know is going to happen?' My response would be this - Be in the best shape possible today! Going back to my wedding couples, I always tell them that they must discuss what would happen if one of them lost their job or became

ill. I have regularly told my parishioners to complete a funeral wishes leaflet and either give it to me for safe keeper or put it with all their other important documents, I even sat with my husband, parents and sister one Easter and we all completed our funeral wishes around the table. I always tell my boys not to put off until tomorrow things that can be completed today, especially if its homework!!!!

Am I the perfectly prepared person? No, I am human, and I am very good at giving sound advice but do not always act upon it myself. However, I know I only have myself to blame when it does all go wrong, and I am completely disorganised and looking a fool!

The bible mentions being prepared numerous times, both in the Old and New Testament and Jesus himself gave many a teaching on the subject. My favourite quote is from Luke's Gospel Chapter 21, verse 36 **"Pray constantly that you will have the strength and wits to make it through everything that's coming and end up on your feet before the Son of Man."**

Whilst I didn't know we would be living on the mainland by the end of the year, I have always prayed that God will give me the strength to do whatever he wants me to do and I will carry on saying this prayer, not just for me but for each and every one of you as we all continue to step into the unknown future.

May you be as prepared for whatever you are  
going to face this month, knowing that you  
are held firmly in my prayers.

With love

Rev Amanda



For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact  
Rev'd Amanda Collinson 294913

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH  
GURNARD**

**Coffee and Chat in Church** will be on  
**Thursday June 22nd**  
from **10am till 11.30am.**  
All welcome (and bring a friend?)

We are pleased to welcome Victoria Dunford  
from MAD-AID who is coming to show a film  
and talk about the charity. In 2022 Gurnard,  
Northwood and Cowes residents were so  
generous supporting the Ukraine appeal. You  
will be able to see how your kindness helped  
so many.

## All Saints' Church Services June 2023



- 4<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday**  
9.30am All Age worship
- 11<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
9.30am Holy Communion
- 14<sup>th</sup> Midweek Service**  
10.30am Holy Communion
- 18<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
9.30am Celtic Morning Prayer  
(a non-Communion service)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Midweek Service** (hosting instead of St Mary's Cowes)  
10.30am Holy Communion
- 25<sup>th</sup> NO SERVICE IN GURNARD!**  
**Joint Benefice service in Northwood church for  
St John the Baptist Patronal**  
10.30am Holy Communion
- 28<sup>th</sup> Midweek Service**  
10.30am Holy Communion

**Junior Church continues to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of the month! Newcomers are always very welcome.**

We remain live streaming via our YouTube channel -  
**Northwood, Gurnard and Cowes St Faiths parishes.** Once  
 the services are over, they are all uploaded for you to watch  
 whenever you are available. The link is as follows:  
[www.youtube.com/channel/UCpp6tQjtlusmJ10XEetGQgg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpp6tQjtlusmJ10XEetGQgg)

Reminder from All Saints' Church, Gurnard:  
 We will be holding a **BOOK FAIR** in September so  
 there's still plenty of time for you to have a sort out!

## CIRCLE DANCING



All Saints Monthly Circle Dancing Sessions

The next three meetings will be on:

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 and

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023

2.15 – 3.45 pm

Gurnard Village Hall, Worsley Road

These sessions are gentle, supported, exercises in  
 simple dance format, currently seated.

As part of our ELEPHANT CLUB programme, the  
 Circle Dancing sessions offer the same warm  
 welcome and friendly encouragement to all our  
 memory-challenged guests, and their carers.

No special clothing, equipment or ability is required.

Free tea and refreshments are provided

For information, please contact Mandy on

07812 131359



**The Friends of Northwood Cemetery**  
are hosting their regular monthly Coffee Morning  
in the West Chapel at Northwood Cemetery  
on **FRIDAY June 2nd** between **10.30am and 12.30pm.**  
**There will also be a plant sale**  
All are welcome,  
refreshments are free but donations are appreciated.  
Any queries to Tony Butt on 295807

## THE ELEPHANT CLUB



Next three meetings are on:

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023

2:00 – 4:00pm

in

The Garden Room, All Saints' Church, Gurnard

The Elephant Club is a free monthly meeting  
providing a gentle, friendly group activity that helps  
you exercise your memory muscles.

Tea and Refreshments are included.

Just come along and have some fun!

For information call Mandy on

07812 131359





## **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, GURNARD**

are delighted to welcome back  
**THE TRITONE SINGERS**  
 for their Summer Concert  
 ‘Over hill, Over dale’  
 on **Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**  
 at **7pm in Church.**

The programme will include music by Vaughan-Williams, Britten and Stanford and will feature a selection of madrigals with uplifting summer music following a choral exploration of Flora and Fauna!

There will also be solos from young Island guitarist  
**Thomas Nash.**


**Interval Refreshments.**

Tickets £10 on the door, online at  
[www.tritonesingers.com](http://www.tritonesingers.com) or phone 567471.

## GURNARD VILLAGE HALL

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For enquiries about individual activities, contact the relevant leader.  
For hall bookings or enquiries contact [gvhabookings@outlook.com](mailto:gvhabookings@outlook.com)

<b>MONDAY</b>		
09.30 - 11.00	<b>YOGA</b>	Judith Didham. 716144 or 07748 977634
13.30 - 15.30	<b>ART GROUP</b>	Tony Westmore 295550
17.00 - 18.00	<b>TAE KWAN-DO</b>	Pete Scotcher 07791 068079
19.00 - 21.00	<b>COWES ART GROUP</b>	Ian Dawkins <i>Fully subscribed</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
10.00 - 12.00	<b>SPINNEY QUILTERS</b>	Val Cleary. <i>Fully subscribed</i>
12.30 - 13.30	<b>BALANCE AND GLO</b> movement for babies & parents	Evelyn Hichens <a href="mailto:evelyn@balanceandglo.com">evelyn@balanceandglo.com</a>
17.45 - 19.15	<b>YOGA</b>	Elizabeth Bolwell 07817 050893
19.30 - 21.30	<b>INTERNATIONAL DANCE</b>	Mavis Bownas 291134
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
10.00 - 12.00	<b>ART GROUP</b>	Tony Westmore 295550
12.00 - 15.00	3 X yearly <b>W.I. VILLAGE LUNCH</b> 4th Wednes.	June Butchers 294366
14.00 - 16.00	<b>CYBER CAFE</b> 2nd & 4th Wednesday	Paul Clark 07961 030068
16.30 - 17.45	<b>QIGONG</b>	Lisa Roberts 07590681585
18.15 - 22.00	<b>GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL</b> 2nd & last Wednesday	Katie Riley 07305 013718
18.30 - 21.30	<b>GURNARD BAY W.I.</b> 3rd Wednesday	Judith Westbrook 295690
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
09.30 - 11.00	<b>YOGA</b>	Judith Didham 716144 or 07748 977634
12.00 - 13.00	<b>KEEP ACTIVE</b> Exercise Group	Andrew Savage 810932 or 07779 616189
14.00 - 16.00	<b>CREATIVE WRITING</b> 4th Thursday	Chris Lund 07480 521200
14.15 - 15.45	<b>CIRCLE DANCING</b> The Elephant Club 1st Thursday	Mandy Miller 07812 131359
17.45 - 18.45	<b>PILATES</b>	Nicola 07834 178154
19.15 - 20.45	<b>YOGA</b> 1st Thursday	Elizabeth Bolwell 07817 050893
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
09.30 - 11.00	<b>PARENT &amp; TODDLER GROUP</b>	 'Gurnard Parent and Toddler Group' <a href="mailto:vanessalouiseshuttleworth@yahoo.com">vanessalouiseshuttleworth@yahoo.com</a>
12.00 - 13.30	<b>YOGA</b>	Elizabeth Bolwell 07817 050893
14.00 - 16.00	<b>SOLENT SINGERS</b> Ladies Choir	Suzanne Longstone 290225
19.30	<b>FILM SOCIETY</b> 1st Friday	Janet White 240615

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## USEFUL NAMES & TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Age Concern	525282	Health Centre (appointments)	294902
Ambulance (Transport)	825111	Health Centre (general)	295251
Citizens Advice Bureau	0845 1202959	Hospital (St Mary's)	524081
Electricity (Emergencies)	0800 072 7282	Library	293341
Gas (Emergencies)	0800 111999	Police	999
Water (Emergencies)	0845 2720845	Out of Hours GP & Dentist	0840508345
Flood-line (Mon -Fri 8am - 8pm W/ends 10am - 4pm)	0845 9881188		
Local Neighbourhood Watch	Nicki Wood		292690
All Saints' Vicar	Rev'd Amanda Collinson		294913
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Gurnard Primary School (website)	<a href="http://www.gurnardprimaryschool.co.uk">www.gurnardprimaryschool.co.uk</a>		295713
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## **Report from Paul Fuller, Independent Isle of Wight Councillor for Cowes West & Gurnard.**

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Please visit my website: paulfullercc.blogspot.com**

### **Surgeries.**

11:30-12:15pm, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June, The Pavilion, Gurnard Pines, Gurnard.  
4:30-5pm, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June, Cowes Library, Beckford Road, Cowes.  
5:30-6pm, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, Isle of Wight Community Club, Park Road, Cowes.  
3-3:30pm, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, Northwood Village Hall, Newport Road, Northwood.  
10:30-11am, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, Benches adj. Watersedge Kiosk, Shore Road, Gurnard.  
11-11:45am, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, The Woodvale, Princes Esplanade, Gurnard  
10:30-11am, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Coffee & Chat, All Saints Church, Tuttons Hill, Gurnard.  
5:30-6pm, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, The Portland, Worsley Road, Gurnard.  
11-12pm, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, Eegons, 85 High Street, Cowes.

### **Unmade Roads.**

I continue to receive enquiries on the potential disruption to waste collection from unmade roads. In Broadfields Avenue residents have banded together to infill potholes. In Hilton Road I am happy to support residents given traffic volumes and the road's gradient which causes issues.

For details visit: <https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/SN00402/SN00402.pdf>

### **Noise Complaints.**

I have recently received complaints regarding noise nuisance. Although happy to assist, Environmental Health asks that residents email them direct:

[environmental.health@iow.gov.uk](mailto:environmental.health@iow.gov.uk), or call 01983 821000. This ensures officers can fully understand the harm created. To assist officers please keep a log of incidents and when (and where) they occur.

### **Southern Water: Water Butts.**

Southern Water are calling door to door in eligible roads with their 'slow the flow' Water Butts. If you've not received yours, and a resident of Woodvale Road, Woodvale Close, Shore Road, Solent Lawns, Jordan Close, Gurnard Heights, Baring Road, Solent View Road, Albert Road, Worsley Road, Church Road, Hilton Road and

Gurnard Pines please provide your address, so I can chase.

Alternatively visit: <https://www.gurnardpc.co.uk/free-water-butts-now-available-from-southern-water/>

### **English Coastal Path.**

Dialogue continues between landowners and Natural England on the East Cowes-Wootton section of the path.

Chapters 8 and 9 (Thorness-Cowes) are due to open, following the Green light by the Secretary of State. Grateful thanks to landowners, particularly Miles Downer for accelerating opening the section of the path between Gurnard Luck and Sticelett Farm.

### **Waste Bins.**

At Gurnard Green, if a bin is full please use one nearby, if you cannot take rubbish home. The reason for asking this is due to badger and foxes emptying full bins after dark! Several waste bins across Cowes and Gurnard are being used to dispose of household waste. On this, the position is being monitored, and I'm advised action will be taken.

In the meantime three damaged bins on Egypt Esplanade are scheduled to be replaced.

### **Jet Ski (Personal Watercraft): New Legislation.**

New legislation has been introduced to prevent dangerous misuse of watercraft such as jet skis. New Powers mean that:

Anyone riding a jet ski recklessly or causing harm to others could now face up to years in prison and an unlimited fine.

Maritime and Coastguard Agency to be granted more powers to prosecute.

In addition the Maritime Police Unit also has powers under local the local bye-law.

### **£2 Single Fares Extended.**

Introduced earlier this year, the Government funded scheme to allow a £2 single bus fare on most bus routes has been extended to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

### **Northwood Recreation Ground.**

Ward Councillor, John Nicholson and I have contacted the IW Council regarding the deteriorating condition of the path leading to the Cricket Club. On this, we're told re-patching will take place 'imminently'. Also of concern is the overfilled dog bins. It has been noted that individuals have been seen arriving by car and disposing of large volumes of poo. This matter is being monitored.



### **Annual Report 2022-2023.**

My Annual Report can be found on my website. Please visit: <https://paulfullercc.blogspot.com/> Hard copies can be accessed from several outlets. Please let me know if you would like a copy.

### **Highways Issues.**

- I continue to persevere with officers on flooding issues associated with **The Dottens**.
- A request has been made to increase traffic restrictions in **Egypt Hill**. I understand officers have visited the site to assess the health and safety merits of any scheme. Following my previous report, I've received feedback opposing this. Should this proceed, this will be subject to wider consultation.
- A further request has been made to resurface **Worsley Road**, this follows an incident involving a cyclist and a pot hole. In the short term action was taken to infill the hole.
- I was asked to intervene following road closures at **Rolls Hill** and Porchfield. Once it was made clear that residents could not access the area, Island Roads intervened to reopened the road.

### **Short Term Holiday Let Consultation.**

Government are consulting on use of short term holiday lets. The issue of Air B&B and similar lets have had an impact locally since the COVID lockdown. This continues until 7th June. For details visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-a-registration-scheme-for-short-term-lets-in-england/consultation-on-a-registration-scheme-for-short-term-lets-in-england>.

### **Also this month:**

- If you have a disability and struggle to specify times to visit Lynnbottom or Afton Tips, call Waste Services on 01983 823777 who are happy to work with you to find a solution to dispose of waste.
- I received further confirmation that with a positive response from the landowner, the English Coastal Path will follow the dog leg (as residents requested) through Spencer's Copse.
- A very big thank you to those who attended (with me for once!) the Village Tidy Up. Thank you also to the lovely Gary and Debbie from Plaza who gave a free Mr Whippy and Flake to volunteers!
- With my neighbouring IW Councillor, I have been asked to look into the issue of parked trailers in and around Place Road. Because there are no TRO's, we are seeking further options..
- I am awaiting a formal response from the IW Council regarding a self-imposed village Green designation for sections of the Gurnard Green not already covered. I am hopeful this is pending!



### **Community – Coffee, Craft and Cake**

You'll find a warm, friendly welcome at our  
Coffee, Craft and Cake gathering.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023**

**10am-12pm Northwood Scout Hut**

Bring your own projects to finish.

Share hints, tips and ideas amongst friends.

Or just come for a chat with Coffee or tea and cake

Craft Magazine swap available too!

Free entry and refreshments

In association with Northwood Church

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### **NORTHWOOD CHURCH**

#### **COFFEE MORNING**

**ON SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE FROM 10.00AM TO 12NOON**

**IN NORTHWOOD CHURCH CHAWTON LANE NORTHWOOD**

**STALLS – CAKES – RAFFLE – BRING & BUY**

**ALL WELCOME**

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**Northwood Church presents their popular**

## **Balloon festival Jungle Theme**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 10am-5pm**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2pm-5pm**

### **FREE ENTRY**

Saturday IoW Parrot Rescue see their Birds 10am-12pm

Saturday See live snakes with Georgina 2pm-4pm

Refreshments and Lunches

Stalls and Free Bouncy Castle

For more information see

**St John Baptist, Northwood Parish Church Facebook**



# Gurnard Film Society



## FANNY AND ALEXANDER

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 7.00 pm

Doors open 6.30

**1982 Swedish Family Drama**

*In Swedish with English subtitles*

The great Swedish **director Ingmar Bergman** draws on his own childhood experience in this vivid historical family drama about the saving power of the heart and imagination in the face of stern, unforgiving authority. Winner of 4 Oscars.

*Please be aware that this long film will begin earlier and be shown in two parts 7.00 – 8.30 with an interval and Swedish refreshments then 9.00 – 10.38 pm*

**Cert.15 3 hrs 8 mins. Admission £5.00 (sorry, cash only)**  
**Gurnard Village Hall, Westbrook Lane (off Worsley Road), Gurnard**

Booking is advised

**Tel 240615 Text 07801 532482 Email [gurnardfilmsociety@gmail.com](mailto:gurnardfilmsociety@gmail.com)**



## **Gurnard Parish Council Report May 2023**

### **Annual Meeting of the Council (ACM)**

The ACM was held on May 10<sup>th</sup>. This is the meeting where councillors decide on which councillor will hold the Chair for the following year and the membership of various committees and working groups. Paul Fuller was elected Chair for another year. Let's hope that this will be an easier year for him as our new clerk, Richard Shaul, continues to grow into the big role he has taken on.

### **Beach Safety Working Party (BSWP)**

The BSWP will continue as a Working Party and Cllr Mark Franklin will remain as Chair. Mark has done a great job setting up a form on the GPC website allowing residents in eligible streets to apply for water butts. We can monitor these applications and know that more water butts have been fitted; we are looking forward to hearing about the difference this may have made to water quality on Gurnard beach when we next meet with Southern Water.

### **Celebrating the Coronation**

We hope parishioners were able to celebrate the Coronation in their own ways. Certainly more than 50 people enjoyed some scrumptious savouries 'light bites' and a fantastic cake before settling in to watch the charming film, *Passport to Pimlico*, set up by Gurnard Film Society.

As the environment has long been a passion of King Charles III, improving our village environment seemed a fitting way to celebrate too. Some of you may have noticed that work has started on both Worsley Road borders and planters. Huge thanks to village residents who have put in so much effort here, Sue and Mathilde in particular, but also residents who have promised donations of plants or help with labour. Jennie Lewis and Cllr Penny Acton look forward to re-joining the RHS Communities in Bloom scheme soon and hope this will be the beginning of a Village Environment group.

### **Gurnard Emergency Plan and Flood Plan**

There is a lot of work needed on these plans. We hope that parishioners might be prepared to look at the plans on-line (they are both on the GPC website) and think about ways they may be able to support other villagers in times of emergency. A meeting to look at these plans will probably be held early in the Autumn.

### **Old School Meadow (OSM)**

It was with regret on both sides, councillors and Forest School organizers, that the idea of developing a Forest School (FS) at OSM has been given up. The clash between the council's No Fires policy and the needs of the FS to have a fire at part

of their ethos could not be reconciled. However, if there are any landowners in the parish who have some space, ideally with both trees and access to a beach and some minimal parking facilities, then the FS organizer is still very keen to provide this amenity in the Gurnard, Cowes, Northwood area. Please contact the clerk if you want to find out more and to be put in touch with the FS organizer.

Although there will be no formal Forest School, councillors recognise that new ideas are needed in OSM and that refurbishment of facilities is required; the mud kitchen in particular is looking very dilapidated and the furniture there needs improvement. It would be good to have some more 'natural' play opportunities in the space and to encourage more diverse use. It should not be seen just as a dog walking spot.

#### **Contact Us**

The next full Parish Council meeting will be in the village hall at 6.30pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023. There is always an opportunity at the start of the meeting for members to make comments and ask questions. If there is anything you feel the Parish Council could help with, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr Richard Shaul, telephone 07305013718 or email: [gurnardparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:gurnardparishcouncil@gmail.com)

#### **SCRABBLE**

Come along and join our friendly group for a game of Scrabble.  
We meet every **Monday 2.00pm till 4.00pm** All Saints' Garden Room.  
We charge £1.50 to cover costs and refreshments.  
Any queries phone Susan Walmsley 298132

#### **COWES HERITAGE AND COMMUNITY GROUP BECKFORD CENTRE**

**Monday 10-12. Our Island History**

**Thursday 10-12 Current Affairs**

**Thursday 1.30-3.30 Art for All**

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Cowes Library Games Club for Adults every first and third Monday of the month 10am - 12pm. Play an assortment of board games or cards with a friendly group. Refreshments provided. It's free so just pop along.



### **Tuesdays**

Tuesday Chess at Cowes Library 2 - 5pm. For all ages, if you are interested in playing or want to learn, contact Cowes Library for more information on 01983 293341 or just come along. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Wednesdays**

Philo Café. Philosophical discussion group held on the 1st Wednesday of the month 7 - 9pm. No need to book, just go along.

Wednesday 28 June Let's Talk Rubbish! Ever wondered what happens to your waste and recycling when your bin is collected? Do you know what goes in what bin? To find out more, join Waste & Recycling Services at Cowes Library on Wednesday 28 June from 6.30-7.30pm for an Educational Recycling Talk. For seating purposes, if you wish to attend, please contact Cowes Library on 01983 293341 or email: [coweslibrary@iow.gov.uk](mailto:coweslibrary@iow.gov.uk)

### **Thursdays**

Cowes Library weekly Drawing Group with Bethany Moore 2 - 4pm or 7 - 9pm. Booking essential. If you enjoy drawing or would like to learn email: [bethanymooreart@gmail.com](mailto:bethanymooreart@gmail.com)

### **Fridays**

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### **Saturdays**

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Junior Colouring Club: Third Saturday of the month 2 - 4pm with colouring, drawing and being creative. All materials provided.

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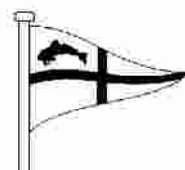
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