



THE GURNARD NEWS

JULY/AUGUST 2023

A Parting Blessing

*Walk softly upon the earth.
May its beauty forever surround you,
its wonders forever astound you,
may its wisdom delight you,
its music invite you to dance and to play and to sing.
May you love and be loved by all that you meet.
May you know and practice compassion.
Rejoice in the earth and all of creation.
Rejoice in life.
Walk softly upon the earth.*

—Alfred V. Fedak

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A LETTER FROM ALL SAINTS'



HELLO THERE!

So, this is it, my final parish mag article! When I wrote my first article back in March 2013, did I expect that I would still be here 10 and a half years later? Definitely not. That first year was so difficult, you could even say traumatic, and yet God has kept us safe and carried us through all the ups and downs! In my first article I wrote *'With the new job, there has been a move to the island and with that comes many new things – new people to meet, a new place to live and places to learn how to get to (will we ever understand the Newport one way system!?!), new nurseries for the children, new friends to make....the list is endless!'* Amusingly I don't know which one way system in Newport was confusing me back then and I smiled as our move in August will bring virtually the same concerns for Team Collinson – we will have new schools, a new job, a new community to join and the task of finding new friends again! The only advantage we have over our last move to Cowes is that this move to Fareham will bring us closer to our families – we will only be 20 minutes away from both sets of parents and siblings, whereas it has been around a 2-hr journey from the island. That makes our hearts sing – family is so important to us!

But over these 10 years you have embraced us as family. Despite being told at my interview meet and greet that I will never be an islander, (it was from a dear parishioner, a true-blood islander, whom with we became good friends,

despite my foreign ways!) we have felt very settled here. For our boys, living the majority of their lives here, this is the only home they know! We have been blessed with the most wonderful people to work with, live in community with, share our lives with, welcomed into our home and been welcomed into theirs. We have also been blessed with the place – when they were younger, our boys thought that every school had a beach around the corner: Whatever we wanted – a beach to swim, SUP or windsurf on; a forest to explore; glorious hills to walk up and down; beautiful countryside to cycle, the island has provided. And we have lived in the most amazing house – a refuge during lockdown; host for our annual church BBQ; a family and friends bolthole for gatherings, BBQs and jugs of Pimms; a place for various football games, badminton tournaments, archery events, mini-Olympics games and until recently cricket matches (the boys hit too hard now and we have given up trying to find the ball in the surrounding fields/trees/hedges!)

I am so very thankful for all of this, so much so that my message to you all today is - **DON'T TAKE WHAT YOU HAVE FOR GRANTED!** Will we ever live in a more beautiful and amazing home? No. Will we find better, more pastoral schools than our local ones, particularly the ones our boys have gone to? Very unlikely. Will we find better football and cricket teams for our children to join? I don't think so. We will ever be in such a close-knit community again? Hmmm, this may happen, well I pray it does!

But then will we ever find a better burger than The Cow's? Will we ever find a more conscientious, hard work and super value for money than Mark Coburn Ltd? Absolutely not. Will I ever find a more tolerant hairdresser than Jo from Jo's Salon? Sadly no. I literally could go on for pages..... this island has so, so many wonderful things!

The band **James** famously sang a song called 'Sit Down' which includes the lyrics 'If I hadn't seen such riches, I could live with being poor'. We have had so many 'riches' over the years, that we will, without doubt, struggle to not regularly reminisce about our time here on this beautiful island.... But when you are in the mix of things, when times are hard, when the future is uncertain, you don't necessarily realise how lucky you are. But as the hymn written by Johnson Oatman in 1897 says 'Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your blessings, see what the Lord has done.'

What has the Lord done? He sent me here to Cowes with a husband and two babes in arms, when I didn't want to come. And now he has told me to move, when we, my amazing husband and awesome young men, don't want to leave! The Good Lord works in mysterious ways, but I know I am doing the right thing, despite how hard it is.

Thank you for the past 10 years, thank you for embracing me as your priest, thank you for giving me the privilege to walk with you and your families during the joyous times of baptisms and weddings and the tragic times of deaths,

expected and unexpected. Thank you for your cups of tea, slices of cake, large Baileys, little gifts, kind words of encouragement, support, energy....the list is endless.

Whilst the prayer on the front is called a 'Parting Blessing', I am not going to say goodbye, instead I will say 'farewell', as I will be returning to the island with my new job, accompanying the Bishop when he comes over here, and I am sure we will be back as a family – to see dear friends, watch talented ones in concerts or just so the boys can go around for hours on the Tapnell Go Karts!



Know you will always have a special place in my heart and for that I will be forever grateful. With all my love and thanks,

Rev Amanda .



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

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

All Saints' Church Services July 2022



- 2nd 4th Sunday after Trinity**
9.30am All Age Worship
- 9th 5th Sunday after Trinity**
9.30am Holy Communion
- 12th Midweek Communion**
10.30am Holy Communion (said)
- 16th 6th Sunday after Trinity**
9.30am Celtic Morning Prayer
- 23rd 7th Sunday after Trinity**
9.30am Celtic Communion
- 26th Midweek Communion**
10.30am Holy Communion (said)
- 30th 8th Sunday after Trinity**
9.30am Café Church

Junior Church continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month! Newcomers are always very welcome. Junior church will stop for the summer on 23rd July and re-start in September.

August 2022

- 2nd Midweek Communion**
10.30am Holy Communion (said)
- 6th 9th Sunday after Trinity**
9.30am All Age Worship
- 13th 10th Sunday after Trinity**
9.30am Holy Communion
- 16th Midweek Communion**
10.30am Holy Communion (said)
- 20th 11th Sunday after Trinity**
9.30am Celtic Morning Prayer
- 27th 12th Sunday after Trinity**
9.30am Celtic Communion
- 30th Midweek Communion**
10.30am Holy Communion (said)

We continue to live stream and post weekly services on our YouTube channel - **Northwood, Gurnard and Cowes St Faiths parishes**. The link is as follows:
www.youtube.com/channel/UCpp6tQjtlusmJ10XEetGQgg

Please do keep an eye on our Facebook page, for all events and information

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BOOK & JIGSAW FAIR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

10.30am to 2pm

Light lunches available.

More details in September Gurnard News.

All donations gratefully received – please leave at back of Church (open 10am to 4pm daily) during week before fair.



Community – Coffee, Craft And Cake

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

THURSDAY 6th JULY 10am-12pm NORTHWOOD SCOUT HUT

THURSDAY 3rd AUGUST 10am-12pm IN NORTHWOOD CHURCH

Bring your own projects to finish. Share hints, tips and ideas amongst friends.

Craft Magazine swap available too!

Free entry and refreshments

In association with Northwood Church



The Friends of Northwood Cemetery

are hosting their regular monthly Coffee Morning in the West Chapel at Northwood Cemetery

on **FRIDAY July 7th between 10.30am and 12.30pm.**

July's theme is **Crafts and Hobbies**

And August 4th between 10.30am and 12.30pm

when there will be a Summer Raffle

All are welcome,

refreshments are free but donations are appreciated.

Any queries to Tony Butt on 295807

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH GURNARD

Coffee and Chat in Church will be on
Thursday July 27th
Thursday August 24th
from **10am till 11.30am.**

All welcome (and bring a friend?)

WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, NO MORE PILL PACKETS

Unfortunately, from July, the person who has been 'taking our empty pill packets from All Saints' to the mainland is unable to do so. If anyone makes regular trips to the mainland and would be willing to undertake this task please get in touch with Sandie on 01983 295258.

COWES OPEN STUDIOS


In your parish news this month, you will see a bright pink flyer for Cowes Open Studios. The rich talent of artists working in Cowes, Gurnard and Northwood will be on public display during Cowes Open Studios this July from the 14th to 24th. Celebrating and sharing their work are 34 artists who work across a wide range of artistic practice including painting, printmaking, and drawing, plus ceramics, jewellery and woodworking. You will be able to visit artists in their studios, homes, village halls and churches (including All Saints Gurnard). Everyone is keen to share their enthusiasm, techniques, and work and you can be sure of a great welcome.

To find out more, check out the website <https://cowesopenstudios.weebly.com> (or just google Cowes Open Studios) or pick up a bright pink booklet with a handy map- some will be available in the church as well as local businesses in Cowes and Gurnard, and other Island locations.

GURNARD VILLAGE HALL

May 23

For enquiries about individual activities, contact the relevant leader.
For hall bookings or enquiries contact gvhabookings@outlook.com

MONDAY		
09.30 - 11.00	YOGA	Judith Didham 716144 or 07748 977634
13.30 - 15.30	ART GROUP	Tony Westmore 295550
17.00 - 18.00	TAE KWAN-DO	Pete Scotcher 07791 068079
19.00 - 21.00	COWES ART GROUP	Ian Dawkins <i>Fully subscribed</i>
TUESDAY		
10.00 - 12.00	SPINNEY QUILTERS	Val Cleary <i>Fully subscribed</i>
17.45 - 19.15	YOGA	Elizabeth Bolwell 07817 050893
19.30 - 21.30	INTERNATIONAL DANCE	Mavis Bownas 291134
WEDNESDAY		
10.00 - 12.00	ART GROUP	Tony Westmore 295550
12.00 - 15.00	3 X yearly W.I. VILLAGE LUNCH 4th Wednes.	June Butchers 294366
14.00 - 16.00	CYBER CAFÉ 2nd & 4th Wednesday	Paul Clark 07961 030068
16.30 - 17.45	QIGONG	Lisa Roberts 07590681585
18.15 - 22.00	GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL 2nd & last Wednesday	Katie Riley 07305 013718
18.30 - 21.30	GURNARD BAY W.I. 3rd Wednesday	Judith Westbrook 295690
THURSDAY		
09.30 - 11.00	YOGA	Judith Didham 716144 or 07748 977634
12.00 - 13.00	KEEP ACTIVE Exercise Group	Andrew Savage 810932 or 07779 616189
14.00 - 16.00	CREATIVE WRITING 4th Thursday	Chris Lund 07480 521200
14.15 - 15.45	CIRCLE DANCING The Elephant Club 1st Thursday	Mandy Miller 07812 131359
17.45 - 18.45	PILATES	Nicola 07834 178154
19.15 - 20.45	YOGA 1st Thursday	Elizabeth Bolwell 07817 050893
FRIDAY		
09.30 - 11.00	PARENT & TODDLER GROUP	 'Gurnard Parent and Toddler Group' vanessalouiseshuttleworth@yahoo.com
12.00 - 13.30	YOGA	Elizabeth Bolwell 07817 050893
14.00 - 16.00	SOLENT SINGERS Ladies Choir	Suzanne Longstone 290225
19.30	FILM SOCIETY 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)	www.gurnardprimaryschool.co.uk		295713
Gurnard Bay Evening W. I.	Mrs Judith Westbrook		295690
Gurnard Village Cottage Garden Society	Mrs Emma Glasbey		293130
Gurnard in Bloom	Jennie Lewis		643323
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Surgeries:

4:30-5pm, Monday 3rd July, Cowes Library, Beckford Road, Cowes.

5:30-6pm, Tuesday 4th July, Isle of Wight Community Club, Park Road, Cowes.

11:30-12:15pm, Thursday 6th July, The Pavilion, Gurnard Pines, Gurnard.

5:30-6pm, Wednesday 12th July, The Portland, Worsley Road, Gurnard.

10:30-11am, Wednesday 19th July, Benches adj. Watersedge Kiosk, Shore Road, Gurnard.

11:30-12pm, Thursday 20th July, Eegons, 85 High Street, Cowes.

5:30-6pm, Tuesday 1st August, Isle of Wight Community Club, Park Road, Cowes.

10:30-11am, Wednesday 30th August, Benches adj. Watersedge Kiosk, Shore Road, Gurnard.

During August I hold fewer surgeries. This is because fewer residents contact me during the summer break. Please note, it may take longer to deal with and resolve issues due to staff leave. From my perspective, I will be out and about throughout this time and will pick up texts, phone calls and emails.

CAR PARKING.

A number of residents contacted me concerning the cost of car parking on the Island. New charges were introduced following last year's budget and consultation. Although residents were not in full support, views expressed showed that increases were preferable to services being cut back further. That said, I have sympathy with the increased costs, and asked that if costs were more affordable this could result in more people paying less thus, retaining revenue. What concerns me further is that charges seem higher on the Island than in comparative mainland areas. For me, what is increasingly important is the need to incentivise residents using local shops.

SCHOOL PLACEMENTS.

Thank you to the residents and teachers who contacted me regarding proposals put forward regarding future school placements in the Cowes area.

This comes about as a result of falling pupil numbers nationally and particularly within the Island. Over five years pupil numbers are due to fall by about one third.

This in turn, will result in schools struggling to balance books at a time of rising costs and schools recruiting staff.

FULL COUNCIL.

I was reappointed to hold my Cabinet position as Councillor responsible for Planning and in addition am also taking on Coastal Protection, Flooding as well as responsibilities for Parish Councils.

To note, the Council and Alliance administration does not hold a majority on the IW Council, and therefore more it is important to work with Councillors of all persuasions.

GRASS VERGES.

To save the IW Council money, grass verges are now cut to the statutory minimum. For this reason, I have chased up verge cuts in locations where foliage has seemingly gone crazy, following spells of rain.

NOISE COMPLAINTS.

I continue to receive complaints regarding noise nuisance. Although I am happy to assist on this, Environmental Health asks that residents email them direct: environmental.health@iow.gov.uk, or call 01983 821000. This ensures officers can fully understand the harm anti-social behaviour impacts. In the meantime, to assist please keep a log of incidents and when (and where) they occur.

LITTER BINS.

I've continued to monitor bins at Gurnard Green and Seafront. If you cannot take litter home, please leave your rubbish in a bin less full. This assists preventing our lovely badgers and foxes scattering rubbish..

COMMUNITY BUSES.

Promotion is about to start for Community Bus Drivers recruitment. John Berry readily accepted the request to again be poster boy for the campaign. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering!

GURNARD PINES UPDATE.

Last month I met Mr Prosser at Gurnard Pines. During the meeting, I was shown recently refurbished Gym facilities, function suite plus the office and retail spaces currently available for commercial purposes. I discussed and am hopeful that the shop may reopen..

As Planning Officers seem unhappy with proposal for new Eco-Chalets, I've requested a meeting to discuss proposals. On this dialogue continues.

Following noise complaints, Quad bikers were requested to stop using the top field.

I have stepped up pressure on the Royal Mail to replace the Cockleton Lane post-box removed last year.

JET SKI (PERSONAL WATERCRAFT): NEW LEGISLATION.

Legislation is now in place to prevent misuse of watercraft such as jet skis. New Powers that:

Anyone riding a jet ski recklessly or causing harm to others may face up to 2 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.

BACK DOOR WASTE/ RECYCLING COLLECTIONS.

For second home owners, and those unable to leave their waste out, the Council provides their Collection Plus Service allowing householders to agree a safe collection point for their refuse. For details, visit: <https://www.iow.gov.uk/recycling-and-waste/additional-household-services/paid-for-waste-services/> or call: 01983 823777. This service costs £65 per year and free to residents who are mobility impaired.

COASTAL PROTECTION ISSUES.

I have been advise that coastal defences in a 'very poor' condition in Cowes (Queens Road) and Gurnard (Concrete Groynes) are due to repaired in the coming financial year.

Elsewhere following slippage at Gurnard Green the IW Council has agreed to create retention barriers to protect beach huts.

SECOND/ HOLIDAY HOMES.

I continue to receive comments concerning increasing Council Tax levels for Holiday Home and Second Home owners. From feedback received I've had 17 enquiries in favour of implementing this and 6 opposed. Please note that no decision has been made to do this, however Government has consulted on this. In the meantime, for or against let me know your thoughts!

NEW HOMES, COCKLETON LANE- APPROVED.

Permission was granted for 6 dwellings in Cockleton Lane. As a result a permissive path will connect Cockleton Lane to Place Road via Deauville Avenue. As yet, there has been no agreed path to connect paths to Tuttons Hill.

OPPORTUNIST BURGLARIES.

The police has asked for residents to be vigilant by locking sheds and doors are locked. This is requested as unwanted intruders and opportunist burglaries occur during the summer.



Gurnard Parish Council Report July - August 2023

Two concerned members of the public attended the council meeting on 14th June. Their query was not on the agenda so no formal response was possible, however councillors always try to be

receptive to concerns and their query will be followed up appropriately. Despite a very full agenda ahead, we were pleased that these residents came in to share their worries. Councillors do their best to serve the community even if there are times when the wheels of local government seem to move very slowly or when the needs of parishioners diverge widely and it proves impossible to please all parties. Please look carefully at items where consultations which will be taking place later in the year are flagged up. Please have a think about what is important to you in the village. We are aiming to build on last year's consultation returns (10%) when we ask for your responses this year. This is a report spanning two months so GPC Cllrs would like to give you our best wishes for a lovely Summer break.

Community Emergency Plan and Flood Plan

These plans are in urgent need of up-dating and a working party is to be set up to review them. If you would be willing to work on the plans – possibly on a remote basis – then please email Cllr Penny Acton at pennyacton53@gmail.com. The aim will be to have plans revised before the Autumn storms start to come in.

Coronation Wall Hanging

As users of the hall will have seen, a new hanging has been created and is on display to the left of the stage curtains. This commemoration of the Coronation has been designed to complement the Platinum Jubilee wall hanging displayed on the right hand side of the stage wall. These wonderful creations, the work of Spinney Quilters, are striking reminders of two major events of the last year and of a great deal of hard work, thought and care.

Defibrillator Access

There have been queries about how to access the defibrillator outside Buckler's View (a good clear location I'm sure everyone would agree). Anyone needing to use this emergency equipment will have an access code provided once case is opened and 999 dialled. It really is a case of follow the clear instruction, stay calm and carry on!

Exercise of public rights

Documents (financial) which parishioners/ the public have the statutory right to examine will be made available on GPC website and on the GPC noticeboard between the dates of Monday 19th June and Friday 28th July.

No-mow May

Opinions reaching the council about No-mow May have been mixed, councillors'

reaction is equally diverse. The consensus seems to be, however that No-mow May needs thought and planning if the impact is to be a positive one. It cannot be a poorly implemented, ad hoc measure which is a sort of money saving device and this is true for both Old School Meadow and the verges and borders in the village. Queries about wildflower planting have been sent, as have concerns about the village looking 'scruffy' and horror has been expressed at the sun-burnt hayfields which are the result of a rough cut of long, dry grass. There is no quick or easy route to knowing how our little areas of green space should be treated under the increasing impact of climate change, which is raising temperatures and altering rain patterns so much we can no longer ignore it. How we need to use our streets to suit residents and visitors and how want our village to look needs care and thought. This will be an area that is consulted on after the summer, so put your thinking hats on and consider the future. In the meantime a big thank you to all the village residents who are making an effort to plant and bring a little colour and beauty to the streets and water to keep trees and plants alive.

Planning

A relatively easy planning list this month with most items to comment on being variations to applications already considered. Cllrs would like to remind applicants that providing real clarity on what you are hoping to achieve is important. There was little opportunity to discuss either concerns about environmental impact (more hard surfaces etc) or to consider what is happening to the village housing stock, the dearth of genuinely affordable homes for example, but perhaps these points needs to be a longer term discussion as another part of further consultation with residents.

Slow Release Water Butts

The whole point of the Pathfinder Project is to reduce run-off (rain and storm water running off hard surfaces such as roofs) into the foul sewer. Too much run-off into the foul sewer over-whelms the system and triggers use of Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) – and there are two of these on Gurnard Beach. Nobody wants to swim in water which may be contaminated by sewage or sit on a beach where there are smells coming up from man-hole covers. Water quality has been a focus for the council's Beach Safety Working Group and the council has supported Southern Water (SW) with the slow release water butts as this is a positive way in which the company is working to tackle a Gurnard priority. The scheme's name clearly indicates that this is a learning situation for everyone and of course it is hard to measure how much impact the scheme is having when there is a long dry spell; feedback will be provided at a future date. Meanwhile the SuDS planters are looking lovely but they are dry.

Some residents are asking why SW has not yet been in contact. Currently a two man SW team is visiting residents door to door, however a team expansion in July will allow the scheme to move faster and calling cards (with a contact email

address) will be left for residents who are not at home. If you know you will not be easy to contact at home during the day, then please use the online form on the GPC website, otherwise please wait patiently; if you are eligible, then SW will get to you. Other homeowners want to know why their road/property is not being included in the water butt scheme, Tilbury Road is an example. Here SW will be working to **correct a mis-connection** and this means run-off from these homes will not enter the foul sewer and so has no impact on the use of CSOs which is a baseline criteria for eligibility. Residents of Prince's Esplanade have also asked why their homes are not eligible; run-off from these homes is directed to mains drainage but not the foul sewer and so again, there is no impact on CSO use.

Residents who have had a water butt fitted are concerned that the design of the water butts, which have openings on the lid, means they may become breeding grounds for mosquito larvae. Advice from SW is to wipe a little olive oil around the openings and spray a little oil onto the surface of the water. Olive oil is recommended as it tends to be less smelly and lasts longer in the water but advice is also to clean out fairly frequently. I may be told off for this but I have found that a black plastic plant pot tray with a diameter of 32cm (about size of a garden bucket) sits very easy on top of the lid closing of the openings!

Website Woes!

Some of you may have noticed that there have been changes on the website and if, like me, it has taken you a little while to find what you are looking for, please bear with us. There are more changes coming but we hope you will find the updates and changes make the site easier to use in the long run.

Contact Us

The next full Parish Council meeting will be in the village hall at 6.30pm on Wednesday 12th July 2023. There is always an opportunity at the start of the meeting for the public to make comments and ask questions. If there is anything you feel the Parish Council could help with or needs to know about, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr Richard Shaul, telephone 07305013718 or email: gurnard-parishcouncil@gmail.com

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

More groups being planned.

*** £2 per session**

*** £10 annual subscription (due from your third visit please)**

Call 244180 or email Beckford.centre@chcg.com

THE ELEPHANT CLUB



Next meetings are on:

Thursday 15th September 2022
Thursday 20th October 2022 and
Thursday 17th November 2022

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

CIRCLE DANCING



All Saints Monthly Circle Dancing Sessions

The next two meetings will be on:

Thursday 6th October 2022 and
Thursday 3rd November 2022

2.15 – 3.45 pm

(there will be no Circle Dancing in September)

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For information, please contact Mandy on

07812 131359

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS AT COWES LIBRARY

This year's children's Summer Reading Challenge for all ages starts in Island libraries on Saturday 8th July through to September, and the theme is Ready, Set, Read! The fun challenge is to read up to 6 library books over the summer making several visits to join up and start receiving rewards for every 2 or more books borrowed and to end up with a medal and certificate. Children can read any type of books, story books or information ones. Under 3s can also take part in a Mini Challenge! The friendly staff at Cowes Library will tell you all about it!



Mondays

Weekly Rhyme Time for babies & toddlers 11 - 11.30am. A fun session of songs and rhymes! It's free and there is no need to book.

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.

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: bethany-mooreart@gmail.com for more information and cost. There is a break in the summer with sessions resuming in September.

Fridays

The Bump & Baby Space. A free weekly meet up for expectant and new parents, 10.30am - 12pm at Cowes Library with Alissia Knight, a Doula & Parent Wellbeing Coach. This is an informal group to get to know other soon to be and new parents, chat about all things pregnancy and new born stuff, get moral support, be signposted to extra help if you need it, think about what self-care looks like for you, but generally just be with others at the same stage in their parent journey as you. Any enquiries email: hello@alissiaknight.co.uk or just go along.

Saturdays

Children's Games Club: First Saturday of the month 10.30am - 12pm

Casual Chess for all ages: First Saturday of the month 10am - 2pm

Lego Club: Last Saturday of the month 10am - 12pm

Junior Colouring Club: Third Saturday of the month 2 - 4pm with colouring, drawing

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With all children's activities, children need to be accompanied by an adult throughout.

Vectis Historical and Heritage Wargaming Group meet monthly on Saturdays at Cowes Library usually between 10am and 4pm with a break for lunch. The next meeting is on 22nd July. Any level of interest or experience welcome. Models are provided and it's free to attend. Recommended age 16+. Contact Cowes Library on 01983 293341 or email Will Bossman: wdbossman@gmail.com for more

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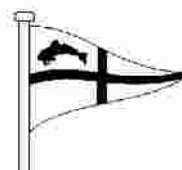
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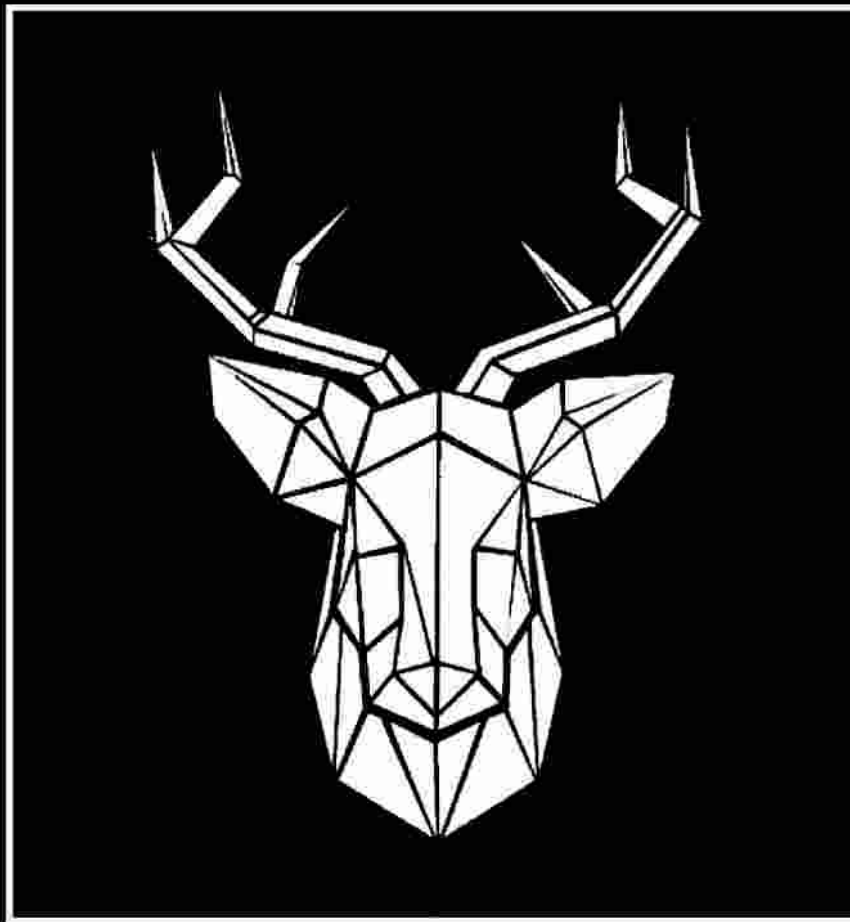
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