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## Letter for April

Hello to you all

While I was training for ordination 20 years ago, I heard the story about a young boy who, when asked by his teacher to describe the word `Deacon`, answered, " It is a light on top of a hill which guides things or people away from danger and gives light and hope to others." He was, of course, talking about a BEACON....however, the lad wasn't that far wrong in his description of a Deacon.

The word Deacon comes from the Greek DIAKONOS which also means servant or minister. The ministry of Deacons, ie my job, involves making Christ known in the world by following His example of selfless, unconditional love, serving the needs of those in danger, sickness or any adversity, feeding the hungry, acting on the plight of the poor, the homeless and the rejected. We are also to speak out boldly against injustices in society. Although this describes the ministry of Deacons and indeed, all Christians, it doesn't exclude those of other faiths or perhaps no faith, who regularly go about their daily lives bringing light into the lives of those in the dark places of society. I believe that all goodness and love comes from God whether we recognise or acknowledge it or not, and He gives us the gifts of His Spirit in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self - control to reach out to those in need.

Here on the island we see the result of God's love shown through the generosity of those who fill baskets to over-flowing in supermarkets and churches, with gifts for our foodbanks, who cater to the needs of the hungry, the poor and disadvantaged. We have Street and School Pastors taking care of the safety, comfort and wellbeing of youngsters and the vulnerable in our towns and schools. Within our churches we have pastoral groups going out to minister to the needs of the sick, the housebound and bereaved in the community. The fantastic work of the Salvation Army along with the care of other organisations and individuals has given relief to the growing number of the homeless in our towns.

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The plight of the homeless has been made much worse recently with the closure of the Downside Community Night Shelter, and the lack of site for the soup kitchen. However as I write this there has been a temporary plan established through the huge number of people who have signed the petition for a night shelter will open at The Riverside Centre in Newport, with a Pop Up Soup Kitchen close at hand to feed those who would otherwise go hungry. These people are homeless for a variety of reasons, some of which are no fault of their own. They are victims of circumstance and need help. We can help by maintaining the pressure on our MP and councillors but also via other ways such as donating warm clothing or blankets, scarves and hats or if we have more time talking to them and listening to their stories and finding out what they really do need.

The fact is that whatever dark situation or hardship a person finds in themselves in there should be the Beacon of God's light shining somewhere to help them find the way back to a better place, where they are cared for and loved unconditionally.

Loving God, in your house there is room for everyone, help us to strive for a world where everyone has a home that truly meets their needs. Give us grace to welcome strangers, to feed the hungry, to clothe the shivering, to visit the sick and to give shelter to the homeless, for what we do for the least of these, your children, we do for you. Make us Beacons of your love and light to the glory of your name. Amen.

Rev Amanda

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MESSAGE FROM REV AMANDA COLLINSON

Do you know of someone who would appreciate a visit by the church? Or would you, yourself, like to meet and talk with someone from the church? Please contact me, via phone or email listed above: I would be delighted to meet with you, to bring communion to you if you cannot come to church, or to explore with you if you just want to know more about the Christian faith. I am always here for you – because that's what the church is about!

From the Parish Church Registers:

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None

Marriages

None

Died

None

For Baptism, Wedding, Funeral and other enquiries please contact  
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April 2016

- 3rd** 2nd Sunday of Easter  
11.00am Holy Communion
- 10th** 3rd Sunday of Easter  
8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
11.00am All Age worship  
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- 17th** 4th Sunday of Easter  
11.00am Holy Communion
- 24th** 5th Sunday of Easter  
11.00am Morning Prayer

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DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
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8th	Mr D. Hallam, Mrs S. Hallam	Pam Clements
15th	Volunteers Required	Volunteer Required
22nd	Mrs P. Lambert, Mr P. Lambert	Mrs M. Chick
29th	Volunteers Required	Volunteer Required

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 17th Volunteer Required 24th Volunteer Required



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 Rev David Plumb  
 Sunday 24th 10.30am Mr Malcolm Dyer

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The FELLOWSHIP GROUP will meet at 2.30pm on Mondays 4th and 18th April at 8 Pallance road, Northwood. All welcome

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**12 noon on Sunday 3rd April 2016**

at Northwood Church. This meeting is open to all Registered electors in the parish.

It will be followed

Immediately by the Annual Church Meeting, open To those on the Church Electoral Roll.

**Trinity Theatre Cowes—6th & 13th April at 7:30pm**

#### **Outside Edge**

Read through and Auditions. Everyone Welcome.

A comedy by Richard Harris that depicts an afternoon in a village cricket pavilion where Roger is trying to get a team together to play, while his long-suffering wife Miriam, tries to prepare tea and sandwiches interrupted by all the coming and goings of the team and their wives or girlfriends.

Read through - Wednesday 6th April at 7:30pm in the clubroom.

Auditions - Wednesday 13th April at 7:30pm In the auditorium.

Performance dates will be in September.

Contact Gwen Stevens 525655 or Carolyn Ferguson 296132

#### **The cast**

Roger – Hardworking but very Black and White about things.

Miriam – Old fashioned, kind and loyal wife of Roger.

Bob – Has women trouble with his wife Ginnie. He tries to do the right thing.

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Dennis – A charmer - fancies himself as a ladies man.

Maggie – Ahead of her time, likes building things but is bright and bubbly and dotes on her Kevin.

Kevin – Tries to be manly but secretly enjoys the pampering from Maggie.

Alex - Too much money he doesn't really care about anything.

Sharon – New girlfriend of Alex, very shy and afraid of meeting everyone.

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### **Cowes Heritage**

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**FRIDAY 8th APRIL 2016, 7.30 pm in the W. I. Hall, Northwood.**

SPEAKER: Chris &amp; Clive Rickards - Recollections of my Aunt, the Scottish Songstress.

Bring &amp; Buy Stall (No Bric-a-Brac)

Please note there will NOT be a meeting in March.

**Visitors & New Members are always very Welcome - Contact 01983 248287****COWES-DEAUVILLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

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**New members are always welcome**

Chairman: Barrie Clarke 882334 Secretary: Barry Bates 296303

**Trinity Theatre Cowes****6th & 13th April at 7:30pm****Outside Edge**

Read through and Auditions

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(Eileen Turner-Palmeron)

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Our event in March was a great success. We had a visit from Derek Needham, who is the Charity Manager and staff from the Donkey Sanctuary complete with one of their residents. It was most enjoyable, hearing of their work and the amount of Donkeys they look after. Several residents decided to adopt a Donkey.

The Safer Neighbourhood team at Cowes Police Station are still making people aware of rogue traders still operating in our area and calls supposedly from your bank. Please be very careful of any Cold Calling at the door or on the phone. As we stated in last months report, if you are concerned, call the Trading Standards Office on 01983 823370 or the Police on 101.

The Community Partnership, the Parish Council and Volunteers, work very hard to keep the Village looking clean, tidy and full of flowers. It is a pity that someone has decided to dump their garden rubbish on one of the gardens, which has to now be removed by us. Also if you are a dog owner, please remember to pick up their faeces and dispose of it in a Dog Bin (there are several round the Village which are paid for by the Parish Council) or take it home for safe disposal. There are a lot of bags on the park and the gardens and this is not safe for anyone especially children. Please be respectful of our Village.

Our next Event is on

**WEDNESDAY 20TH APRIL, 2016, 2.30.PM****At the W. I. Hall.**

As always if you need transport to these events, please contact 296020 Why not come along and join us at our Residents Events. We are always pleased to see new faces.



## BIG TIDY UP

Councillors agreed that a Big Tidy Up should be organised, which could increase the marks awarded in the Best Kept Village competition. Cllr J Nicholson agreed to seek the assistance of the local scout troop. In the meantime, the clerk was requested to write to Northwood garage, Aldi stores and BAE Systems welcoming their assistance in making Northwood a good place to live by keeping their hedges trimmed back and by increasing the frequency of litter picks around their boundaries.

The clerk would check on the condition of the phone box at Four Cross, as this received the lowest score in last year's competition.

CAN YOU HELP? Do you know a particular road that needs a spring clean? If you do, please email the Clerk ; [barbaba.herbert@sky.com](mailto:barbaba.herbert@sky.com)

## MUGA for VENNER AVENUE

The Chairman and the clerk had met with representatives from two companies, Wickstead Leisure Ltd and Jupiter Play, both of whom were competent to install a simple all weather MUGA on the Venner Avenue play park. Details and costings would be provided at the April meeting. Investigations to source available funding opportunities would be the next step.

Cllr Ward volunteered to make inquiries with regard to grant funding at the Isobel Centre, in Newport, as they had installed a very large MUGA.

Councillors were requested to consider any other alternative schemes to utilise the one-off generous sum of money, should the provision of a MUGA be beyond the Parish Council's funding ability.

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# GROUPS

## NORTHWOOD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next event is on Thursday 7th April  
at 2pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

**TOPIC:** Silk Scarf Painting (from 10am followed by lunch)

**SPEAKER:** Brenda Yates

**COMPETITIONS:** Easter Bonnet, Best Garden Bloom

**HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR HIRING**

To hire the Hall please contact **Mary Chick** on **01983 296020**

***Visitors & New Members are always Welcome***

## MEDHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next event is on Monday 11th April  
at 7.30pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

**Speaker:** Ray Allen

**Topic:** "Some Mothers do Have 'em"

**Competition:** A five line limerick, Best garden bloom. Bring & Buy

**REFRESHMENTS:** Tea & Biscuits (Margaret & Helena)

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## CREEA - COWES RADAR EX-EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

The next events is Thursday 14th April at 2:30pm

***Water Skiing Round the Isle of Wight– Terry Butchers***

For membership details contact Mary Mead on **01983 298154**

or visit the **CREEA** webpage in the **Local Groups** section of the village website where you can also download a copy of our 2015 Programme and view photos of past events.

***New Members are always Welcome***

## NORTHWOOD FLORAL ART GROUP

The next meeting is on **Monday 25th April at 7.30pm** in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

***Tulips from Amsterdam & workshop by Julie Richardson***

Tea/Coffee and Cake £1.00

**Membership is £18.00 per year**

***Visitors & New Members are always Welcome***

Please contact **Sally Martin** on **01983 295416**



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### MEETINGS

Meetings of the Parish Council are held on the first Tuesday of the month, commencing at 6.30pm.

The meeting of the Planning Committee, if required, is held on the third Tuesday of the month, commencing at 6.30pm.

**ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT NORTHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL, WYATTS LANE, NORTHWOOD.**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS ARE VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND**

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## NORTHWOOD PC REPORT FOR APRIL

### POLICE REPORT

Particular mention was made that eight crimes had been committed during the month of February, compared to five crimes during the same period last year. Councillors considered that it would be very useful to have further information on each incident, as just being aware of the total number of crimes committed was of little value. The crime reports website was unfortunately no longer updated. The clerk agreed to pass on the request to the Neighbourhood Police team.

### LETTER FROM THE W.I.

Councillors had before them the letter from the Northwood Women's Institute (WI) inviting the Parish Council to consider taking over the complete management of Northwood WI hall. The proposal had been unanimously approved by their members.

However, councillors considered there to be a distinct lack of vital information in the letter to enable a decision to be taken. Clear details were required outlining the proposed respective responsibilities of the Parish Council and any Management Committee. Although it was noted that there should be no financial cost to the Parish Council, fundamentally, no information had been provided on who was expected to undertake the duties outlined, which would give effect to the proposal. In addition, the parish clerk had no spare capacity to take on any additional duties so councillors questioned whether it was being suggested for this to be a paid position or to be undertaken by a volunteer? Councillors, while expressing an interest in working in partnership with the WI, queried whether one of their own members or someone from the local community should be appointed, under the guidance of a Management Committee to completely manage the WI hall.

The representatives of the WI were urged to liaise with Gurnard Bay WI, as they had some experience in establishing a Hall Management Committee. An informal meeting could then be arranged between all parties to discuss the proposal further.

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