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December 2012/January 2013



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St John the Baptist Church

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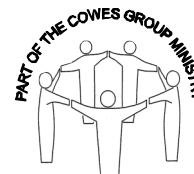
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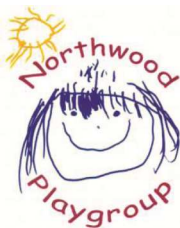


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 Monday 28th January 2013 - *AGM & Oriental Influence*
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COMPETITIONS: Homemade Christmas Cracker, Best Garden Bloom
 Thursday 13th December **Christmas Lunch**

The **January Meeting** is on Thursday 3rd January
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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.

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Co-option

Mr Simon Boyle was co-opted on the Council to fill the vacancy, caused by the resignation of Miss Megan Moore.

Northwood Primary School's Proposed Travel Plan 2012-2015

The Chairman welcomed Sarah Hussey, the Head Teacher of Northwood Primary school and Alex Moffat, the author of the Travel Plan to the meeting, to inform and answer any questions councillors wished to raise on the proposed document covering the period 2012 to 2015.

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Mr Moffat addressed councillors to explain the aims, objectives and targets of the Travel Plan, which had been undertaken as part of the 3 year full review. It was highlighted that the extant of the plan had been constrained by the financial resources available from within the school's budget. The school actively promoted health and safety awareness, both for the pedestrian and for a cyclist, through the various activities available to pupils. The Plan had been tailored to enhance and endorse those objectives realistically achievable.

During discussion, councillors questioned as to how the Parish Council could support the school and suggested that identifying a safe and sustainable way to travel to school could form part of the revised Parish Plan.

A member of the public, who was present, circulated a list of 10 potential observations / questions that he wished to raise with the representatives of the school. Mr Moffat provided an appropriate response to each matter in turn.

With regard to the school applying for academy status, Ms Hussey reassured the meeting that should the decision be taken to proceed with the conversion process, the school would remain part of the Cowes schools cluster and that she would continue to be a member of the board of primary school headteachers.

Mr Moffat explained that the proposal was for the school to become a stand-alone academy, under the umbrella of an academy trust. The Trust, when established, would be available to other prospective academies and have a strategic role in the running of the school, delegating the day-to-day management to the governing body. Mention was made of the greater freedoms the school could enjoy, particularly in setting the school's syllabus. However, while technically there were some freedoms, the end need to take the same Key Stage SATs remained. The curriculum would be obligatory to deliver the national requirements. Also, the same level of per-pupil funding received from the Local Authority would remain consistent with a maintained school. The priority was to retain Northwood primary as a village school.

Planning Application

The Council considered the application for Eurovia Roadstone Ltd, Medina Wharf, Arctic Road, Cowes for a permit to operate an installation for a Roadstone Coating Plant.

After discussion, the Council decided to express their concern in respect of the application for a permit to operate an installation for a Roadstone Coating Plant citing similar objections to those raised in respect of the proposed asphalt plant together with associated ancillary facilities.

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Police Report

In the absence of PCSO Oatley, the clerk presented his report on behalf of the Local Safety Neighbourhood (LSN) team, on events that had taken place since the last meeting. There had been a total of 16 calls to police over the past 30 days for a variety of reasons with the following crimes of note:

- Two incidents of criminal damage to vehicles in Wyatts Lane. Although one person had been arrested, the investigation was still ongoing.
- One theft from a motor vehicle at Somerton Industrial Estate. Four people had subsequently been arrested and the investigation was still ongoing.

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Sunday 23rd December

11:15am HOLY COMMUNION

6:00pm SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS
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Followed by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine
Please note 6pm service

Christmas Eve

5:00pm CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICE

11:30pm MIDNIGHT SERVICE
Holy Communion by candlelight

Christmas Day

11:15am HOLY COMMUNION

**I would just like to wish everyone
a very happy Christmas,
a peaceful New Year
and prosperous 2013**

Sara Truckel, Editor



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NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT

(Eileen Turner-Palmerton, Secretary)

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At a recent Residents' Event, we were very fortunate to have Miss Kathy Barter as our guest. Kathy worked for 45 years as a maid at Osborne House. She gave us a very interesting insight into the type of work and the very long hours they encountered. She told us some amazing and entertaining stories about the life at Osborne and the people she served. Kathy even dressed in her uniform.

In November, the Northwood Community Partnership was asked by the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community Foundation to host the launch, by former TV presenter Dickie Davies, of the "Surviving Winter" Campaign 2012. The campaign hopes to raise funds to support vulnerable older people during the winter months. Last year many people on the Island were helped to pay their fuel bills with the money raised. Ray Hamilton-Vail, from the Footprint Trust, explained that last year, with funds from this campaign they were able to help people on how to save energy. The Footprint Trust is always available to give guidance and support to anyone.

The next **Residents' Event** will be held on
WEDNESDAY 16th JANUARY 2013, 2.30pm
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The next meeting of the Northwood Community Partnership will be held on
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REPORT - DECEMBER 2012

Cowes Library

Please note the Library will be closed from 3rd to 7th December for the installation of the new self-service kiosk and a more user-friendly counter, re-opening on Saturday 8th December. The self-service will enhance the facilities and will not replace staff who will have more time to help deal with customer enquiries, the use of computers and the range of online services etc.

Health and Wellbeing Strategy Consultation

Public services on the Island are consulting on this strategic blueprint focusing on five main areas:

1. Ensuring children and young people have the best start in life.
2. Helping and supporting people prepare for old age and to manage long-term health conditions and disabilities.
3. Enabling people to make healthy choices for healthy lifestyles.
4. Building and sustaining economic growth and supporting employment opportunities.
5. Making the Island a better place to live and to visit. A helpful questionnaire can be completed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HealthWellbeing2013-16> or at Cowes or Newport Libraries.

Asphalt Plant - Medina Wharf

I have asked that this application is determined now (the Council's Environmental Health report recommends refusal) in view of the further delay occasioned by the Applicants employing new Contaminated Land Consultants to further investigate ground conditions. The Head of Planning has advised that he expects a new contaminated land report to be available within acceptable timescales and it would be better practice to wait for that rather than deal with an expected appeal with all the resource implications involved.

My view is that despite that advice, the application should still be determined as it stands, but at the time of writing this Residents' Report, I have more expectations of that advice being accepted than my request for early determination.

For further information an application has been made by Eurovia for an Environmental Health Pollution Control Permit to operate a Cold Recycled Mixing Asphalt Process with Jaw Crusher under two separate mobile permits issued by a mainland local authority. The application can be inspected at Environmental Health Service offices at Jubilee Stores, Newport Quay during normal office hours or online at iwight.com/ipr. The consultation ends on 5th December and can be made online via PPC.consultation@iow.gov.uk

Newport Road Sewerage Renewal Closure

Despite the most adverse of weather conditions these works were completed on schedule (in fact I think a day early) and I thank residents for their patience during the diversion period. Residents will also have noticed the re-surfacing of this road from Newport last week, re-instating the surface grip, all the costs of which were borne by the contractor.

Photovoltaic "Farms"

Three of these environmentally friendly installation planning applications were lodged

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COFFEE MORNING



in aid of Church Funds
Saturday 1st December 2012 from 10.00am to 12noon
 in St John the Baptist Church, Chawton Lane, Northwood

STALLS ~ CAKES ~ RAFFLE ~ BRING & BUY

All Welcome!



NORTHWOOD CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR - THANK YOU!

The grand total raised at our Christmas Fair was £1123.74 for Church Funds! Thank you to everyone who helped organise the fair, those who manned the stalls, donated items for sale, and of course the huge number of people who supported us by turning up on the day and purchasing the goods - there were some real bargains there!

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL SHOEBOX SCHEME

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED A SHOEBOX!

We collected 48 boxes in all.

I would also like to give a personal *Thank You* to

NORTHWOOD STORES

for their help in collecting the boxes.

Pat Lambert

NORTHWOOD CHURCH COLLECTION TINS

Please return all collection tins to Northwood Church by Sunday 2nd December.

If you would like to arrange for your tin to be collected please call

Sarah on 01983 527948.

Thank you for your continued support.

Isle of Wight Christmas Toy Appeal



Help less fortunate children on the Isle of Wight with an extra gift this Christmas.

There are many children living on the Isle of Wight who, for various reasons, might be considered less fortunate, such as young carers, the sick, and those living in poverty.

We believe that every child deserves to feel special at Christmas. We are working closely with the Isle of Wight Council, local causes and charities to ensure that your donations reach the children who need them most.

You can donate a new unwrapped toy or gift from the 19th November to the 14th December. Volunteers will wrap the gifts and distribute them amongst those less fortunate this Christmas.

NEW unwrapped gifts only please or ages: 0-16 Years, suggested value: £10+. Don't forget batteries if required. Please **DON'T FORGET** the TEENAGERS - They need gifts too!

Drop Off Points in Cowes: Sainsbury's and Cowes Library

Here are just a few of the causes your donations could help: The Children's Society, Spurgeons, St Mary's Hospital, Foodbank, Homestart, Beaulieu House, YMCA and The Womens Refuge. For more information email info@christmastoyappeal.org

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COWES METHODIST CHURCH, Birmingham Road, Cowes

SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2012

Sunday	2nd	10:30am	Mr. Den Brewin
Sunday	9th	10.30am	Mrs Marion Challoner
Sunday	16th	10.30am	CAROL SERVICE Mrs. Diana Wiles
Sunday	23rd	10:30am	Mr. Alan Pullinger
Christmas Eve	4:00pm		CHRISTINGLE SERVICE Rev. Malcolm Stinton
Christmas Day	10.30am		CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE Rev. Malcolm Stinton
Sunday	30th	10:30am	To be arranged

Tea and coffee is served after the morning services.

The LADIES' SISTERHOOD

Tuesday 4th December at 2:30pm

All ladies are very welcome to join our fellowship.

Please come and see the display of DECORATED CHRISTMAS TREES by local organisations. In the church from 11am - 4pm on TUESDAY 11th until SATURDAY 15th December.

Tea and coffee will be served and try your luck at the Tombola Stall.

SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2013

Sunday	6th	10:30am	Miss Shirley Whittingstall
Sunday	13th	10.30am	Miss Margaret Potts
Sunday	20th	3:00pm	COVENANT SERVICE United service with Churches Together in Cowes Rev. Malcolm Stinton
Sunday	27th	10:30am	Canon Michael Weaver

Tea and coffee is served after the services.

The LADIES' SISTERHOOD and FELLOWSHIP GROUP
will recommence in February 2013

The Church's NEW YEAR FISH & CHIP SUPPER
will be held on Saturday 26th January 2013 at 5pm



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recently, one at Chawton Farm, Northwood. That is a 20-acre site which when operational is said to provide sufficient electricity for up to 800 homes. The application is supported by comprehensive documentation and makes interesting reading. There are issues with access, visibility and the loss of crop quality agricultural land, all of which were discussed at a recent residents meeting I attended. It seems to me to be a question of balancing our undoubted need for clean energy with the issues mentioned above.

The planning reference is P/01483/12 and whilst the deadline for responses is 9th November all responses will be evaluated. As usual details are available on line via iwight.com. The Applicants gave a presentation on the proposals at November's Parish Council meeting.

Cowes Enterprise College

I regret the further delay in the move into the new building which has been put back to early in the New Year. As I have previously reported, this new college is a really magnificent facility for 21st century education learning and despite the set backs in occupation remains an excellent example of the Pathfinder design and build scheme which the Island through the Council and College Partnership won in a most competitive environment. It will set the standard for new build educational facilities for years to come.

Northwood SHLAA Sites

As I have reported before, there are several of these housing allocation sites identified with Northwood which are being considered as part of the Island Plan and in particular, the Medina Valley Area Action Plan (which includes Northwood). One of these sites comprises two fields at Kingshill Dairy on the Newport Road backing onto the south side of Oxford Street. I understand this land is now being offered with development potential for around 100 homes, via Marvins of Cowes.

Whilst this land may be offered for development, the current Island Plan endorsed by an Independent Inspector following a week long Public Enquiry last year makes it clear that as part of the Medina Valley AAP, any such development must be based on proven local housing need. Planners have advised that the Parish Council should be consulted on this need and indeed asked to undertake a Local Housing Needs Survey to demonstrate such local need.

I understand this process is now well underway and would ask residents to respond to Northwood Parish Council as per their report in this issue of Northwood News. In the meantime I remind residents that a previous local housing needs survey estimated that need (to the best of my recollection) as approximately a dozen.

My view has always been that any large scale residential development in Northwood is unnecessary, would change the character of the village, present undesirable traffic movements on already crowded roads, would impose unacceptable demand on the local primary school and would impact on the protected green spaces dividing Northwood from Newport which are specifically protected by the terms of the Island Plan. In short, to develop this land would be against proven planning policies.

In my last report to The Parish Council, I sent a separate briefing from Planning Officers about the SHLAA process relating to the land in question. I can forward this by email or hard copy upon request.

Northwood Primary School - Academy Status

With the school wishing to progress as an Academy I can forward the briefing note on the I.W. Council's position on such a progression via my email roger.mazillius@iow.gov.uk or I can send a hard copy via County Hall, Newport, PO30 1UD

FINALLY Jill and myself wish all residents a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year and thank you for your support, suggestions and friendship during 2012.

Best wishes, **Roger**

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Twelve Months at St John the Baptist Church

Rev'd Roger Whatley, Associate Priest, St John the Baptist, Northwood

People will tell me that as you get older time passes more quickly. It certainly does not seem twelve months since Claire and I started in Gurnard and Northwood parishes. This has been a busy year both at church and with our family. There have been many changes with our eldest daughter moving to the mainland, having completed her university course and my middle daughter expecting a baby late December or early January. We have had to change the house around to accommodate the new arrival and two puppies have arrived, been trained (sort of), and have become part of the family. As my time in the parishes comes to an end on Advent Sunday, Claire and I are preparing to finish the book I started to write last year and pray about our future ministry in the church. I also hope to develop my work with the fire brigade who themselves have experienced many changes over the last twelve months. Christmas is of course a traditional festival and most of us would be unhappy with any changes to the way we celebrate it. We love to hear carols, look at coloured lights, receive cards from friends we might not hear from any other time of year or eat a traditional Christmas dinner [or steak and salad in our house] . I am about to put out my Christmas Present List which, as usual, will have an original Monet painting on it or a Routemaster bus but I know that it is quite unlikely to receive either.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus I believe some changes are acceptable. It may be the way we greet a neighbour that we rarely speak to or by showing kindness to someone who may be on their own over the holiday. It may be, heaven forbid, a time to think about the words in the carols and ask ourselves just what it was about that birth in a mucky old outhouse that began the Christian faith two thousand years ago. Some folk will say that the magic has gone out of Christmas but in my opinion magic has nothing to do with it. Christmas is not about tradition but a feeling that starts in one's heart and changes lives.

Finally can I thank all the people who have supported Claire and me over the last twelve months. It has been a privilege to have been able to be part of the parishes and to share highs and lows of parish life. As you prepare to welcome Amanda as the new 'Vicar' please pray for her and her family as they face up to the many changes that lie before them, not least adapting to living on our Island. I am sure she will be made as welcome as we were on our arrival. May God bless you all.

Roger

St John the Baptist Church Keys

Church keys are now available from

NORTHWOOD STORES

Mon-Sat 5:00am - 7:00pm Sun 6:30am - 6:00pm

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Keys must be signed for and returned the same day.

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in support of

The Children's Society

We need your voices! Please join us!

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GURNARD ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Tuttons Hill, Gurnard

EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2012 & The New Year

COWES CONCERT BAND SEASONAL CONCERT

Monday 3rd December 7:45pm All Saints Church

CONCERT by SIMON LANGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL for BOYS

Conducted by Emily Temel (née Renshaw)

Friday 7th December 7:30pm

BOOK FAIR

Saturday 9th February 2013 in All Saints Church

Full details in the February edition

Please look out for unwanted books!

COWES ART GROUP

Winter Exhibition & Sale of Art

SATURDAY 8th DECEMBER

10am - 4pm

Gurnard Village Hall, Worsley Road

Tea, Coffee & Homemade Cakes for Sale

All welcome

From the Parish Church Registers:

Baptisms

14th October 2012 **JAKE MICHAEL VINNY RAZEY**

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Marriages

*None this month*

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We remember in our thoughts and prayers those who have died recently,
remembering especially their families:

NOREEN FERN HENRY

On 7th October 2012

RAYMOND ERNEST HATCHER

On 12th October 2012

For Baptism, Wedding, Funeral and other enquiries please telephone
The Churchwardens

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10 Wyatts Lane, Northwood PO31 8QB

MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

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 one of the Churchwardens whose details are given above. We're happy 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. We are always here for you - because that's what we're about!

The Churchwardens

Peter Lambert & Anne Brooker

Wish everyone a

Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR DECEMBER 2012

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
7th	Mr. D. HALLAM & Mrs. S. HALLAM	Mrs. D. PIMM
14th	VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
21st	Mrs. P. LAMBERT & Mr P. LAMBERT	Mrs M. CHICK
28th	VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR JANUARY 2013

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
4th	Mrs. P. PLEDGE & Mrs J. MAZILLIUS	Mrs. J. PEARCE
11th	VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
18th	Mrs. E. BANKS & Mrs K. WELFOOT	JANE PEAKALL
25th	VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

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NORTHWOOD PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

in St John the Baptist Church, Chawton Lane, Northwood

December 2012

Sunday 2nd - First Day of Advent

11:15am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP)

Readings: Jeremiah 33.14-16, 1Thessalonians 3.9-end, Luke 21.25-36

Sunday 9th - Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP)

11:15am **FAMILY SERVICE: Christingle, Toy & Gift Service for Frontline**

Readings: Malachi 3.1-4, Philippians 1.3-11, Luke 3.1-6

Sunday 16th - Third Sunday of Advent

11:15am **MORNING PRAYER** (BCP)

12:15pm **HOLY COMMUNION** (CW said)

Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-end, Philippians 4.4-7, Luke 3.7-18, Psalm 146.4-end

Sunday 23rd - Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:15am **HOLY COMMUNION**(CW)

6:00pm **SERVICE of NINE LESSONS** by candlelight followed by mince pies and mulled wine

Readings: Micah 5.2-5, Hebrews 10.5-10, Luke 1.39-45

Monday 24th - Christmas Eve

5:00pm **CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICE**

11:30pm **MIDNIGHT SERVICE - HOLY COMMUNION** (CW) by candlelight

Readings: Isaiah 9.2-7, Titus 2.11-14, Luke 2.1-20

Tuesday 25th - Christmas Day

11:15am **FAMILY COMMUNION** (CW)

Readings: Isaiah 52.7-10, Hebrews 1.1-4, John 1.1-14

Sunday 30th - 1st Sunday of Christmas

11:15am **HOLY COMMUNION**(CW)

Readings: 1 Samuel 2.18-20 and 26, Colossians 3.12-17, Luke 2.41-end



FLOWER ROTA FOR DECEMBER 2012

2nd VOLUNTEER REQUIRED 9th VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

16th PAT LAMBERT 23rd VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

30th VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

PRAYER GROUP MEETING FOR DECEMBER 2012

Tuesday 19th 10.30am at 89 Wyatts Lane



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NORTHWOOD PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

in St John the Baptist Church, Chawton Lane, Northwood

January 2013

Sunday 6th - Epiphany

11:15am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP)

Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6, Ephesians 3.1-12, Matthew 2.1-12

Sunday 13th - The Baptism of Christ and Second Sunday of Epiphany

8:00am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP)

11:15am **FAMILY SERVICE:**

Readings: Isaiah 43.1-7, Acts 8.14-17, Luke 3.15-17 and 21-22

Sunday 20th - Third Sunday of Epiphany

11:15am **MORNING PRAYER** (BCP)

12:15pm **HOLY COMMUNION** (CW said)

Readings: Isaiah 62.1-5, 1 Corinthians 12.1-11, John 2.1-11, Psalm 36.5-10

Sunday 27th - Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

11:15am **HOLY COMMUNION**(CW)

Readings: Nehemiah 8.1-3 and 5-6 and 8-10, 1 Corinthians 12.12-31, Luke 4.14-21



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FLOWER ROTA FOR JANUARY 2013

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR EVERY WEEKEND

PRAYER GROUP MEETING FOR JANUARY 2013

Tuesday 15th 10.30am at 89 Wyatts Lane

