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## Parish Mag article for Feb – from Di

As I write this letter it is only two weeks since we celebrated the birthday of Jesus, the babe of Bethlehem. The popular carol goes 'Love came down at Christmas. Love all lovely, Love divine'. Jesus subsequently grew up and showed us what real love is and how it can change the world. It is the completely unselfish and unconditional love which is directed outward, showing care and compassion towards others and seeking no reward. Unfortunately society all too often displays the selfish kind of love which looks inward towards self and expects something in return. It may be the desire of 'one good deed for another' or the aim of getting 'brownie points' or even worse, 'self-glorification'. This kind of love is displayed by people in all walks of life, no matter what colour, faith or creed. But the only kind of love which can change everything for the better is the unselfish, sacrificial love of Jesus. On February 14th we celebrate St. Valentine, the patron saint of lovers. He was a Roman priest at a time when Emperor Claudius II was persecuting the Christian church. Claudius prohibited the marriage of young couples because he believed that unmarried soldiers fought better for not having wives and families to worry about. It was also a permissive society in which polygamy was much more popular than marriage. But Valentine encouraged them to marry within the Christian church and married them in secret against Claudius' command not to. He was eventually caught and imprisoned. While in prison it is said that Valentine prayed with and healed the blind daughter of Asterius, one of the judges. It made such an impact on him that Asterius himself became a Christian. In 269 AD Valentine was sentenced to death because of his stand for Christian marriage. The story goes that the last words he wrote were in a note to Asterius' daughter, which he signed 'from your Valentine'. This is said to be the inspiration behind the romantic sentiments of what we now celebrate as Valentine's Day. But while our thoughts of Valentine have invoked this more romantic side to our human thoughts and actions we should never forget that like many other saints and martyrs, Valentine stood up for his faith, his Christian values and principles, and in his desire to better the lives of others, in a completely unselfish and ultimately sacrificial way. Perhaps we might take a leaf from his book and when we see someone in need we lay aside our own selfish desires and help without expecting a favour in return. Maybe even put ourselves out along the way. We may never need to sacrifice our life – but we can sacrifice a little comfort, a few pounds or a few hours. This month don't dwell on the cards, flowers, chocolates (although they will always be welcome!) but concentrate on the true meaning of unconditional, real love: Jesus thought we were worth it, I am sure your loved ones deserve it too.

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Aware that we don't really advertise in our own parish mag, we thought we would write a little note to tell you a little more about ourselves....

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Pop in, come and speak to us, give me a call or just drop me an email or letter (tel no: 294913, email: amandacollinson01@gmail.com, address: The Rectory, Chawton Lane, COWES PO31 8PR) if you have any questions or queries, but most importantly please do not have an out of date idea of who we are, what we do and don't do!

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## MESSAGE FROM REV AMANDA COLLINSON

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- 10th** ASH WEDNESDAY – SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS, GURNARD AT 7.30PM
- 14th** 1st Sunday of Lent  
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.00am All Age worship (with refreshments before)
- 21st** 2nd Sunday of Lent  
11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP)
- 28th** 3rd Sunday of Lent  
11.00am Holy Communion

## Church Cleaning Rota for February 2016

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
<b>5th</b>	Volunteers Required	Volunteer Required
<b>12th</b>	Mr D Hallam, Mrs S Hallam	Pam Clements
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The FELLOWSHIP GROUP will meet at 2.30pm on Mondays 8th and 22nd February at 8 Pallance Road Northwood. All welcome to come along.

### Ward Report –January 2016

#### The Rain Test

The excessive rainfall has put our infrastructure to test; in some instances, it has failed, but, in many others it has passed. Pallance Road, leaving aside the cracks and the couple of dips and bumps, has, largely, been a success, certainly, from what it used to be like on the lower end, where it would run like a river, literally. Now, you could walk up there in your slippers and not get wet. Pallance Lane, is not so good, and the puddling is as bad as it has ever been along the middle section in the bottom stretch. It could, actually, be worse, as, in the resurfacing, the camber was changed, and, it now flows to the West side, flooding and spoiling the livery, in that stretch. I know that section will have to be done again, because of the way the road is breaking up, and I am talking to Island Roads about learning by the errors in the first attempt. This was always going to be a tricky road, if the foundations were not going to be



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**NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT**  
 (Eileen Turner-Palmerton)

I hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. As stated in our last report the Residents were looking forward to their Lunch at the New Holmwood Hotel. This was a great success 25 Residents and friends thoroughly enjoyed their Lunch.

We also said that we were very hopeful of keeping our monthly events going, but the main problem was funding. The Parish Council has funded the cost of the hire of the hall for the year. This is due to the support of John Pullen and Paul Fuller and our thanks go out to them. So we can continue our events.

Our next event is on

Wednesday February 17th 2016, 2.30pm, at the W. I. Hall.

As always if you need transport to these events, please contact 296020 or 282242.

Why not come along and see us at our Residents Events. We are always pleased to see new faces.

You may have noticed that a flower trough was damaged at the Horseshoe, but I am pleased to say that it has been replaced and replanted. So the village is still looking good.

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renewed, but, the sooner it is put right, the sooner these problems will be put to bed. Amongst the successes, is Northwood Recreation Ground, where, on the last excessive winter rains, the North East and North West corners flooded, threatening property. We took a gamble and sunk some bore holes into the gravel substrate, then filled them with stones, the hunch being that this would allow floodwater to drain. Well, it seems to have worked.

**And, Now We Have an Alcohol Scare**

Before Christmas we had the sausage and bacon scare, which, in my humble opinion was directing misinformation where it wasn't justified, as my understanding was that it is the chemical additives, not the meat, that causes the problem, and, it was quite wrong to label proper butchers bacon and sausages, with no additives, as dangerous. Anyway, that all seems to have subsided now, and we have another controversial scare, claiming that any amount of alcohol will do you harm. That is certainly not my understanding, nor that, it seems, of many health officials and researchers. If this message is supposed to be directed at binge drinking, and the severe harm and problems that can generate, why not say so, and not try to demonise those sensible drinkers (and I count myself as one), who enjoy social and perceive health benefits from a small, if not regular, tipple. The issue that we have in society, as far as I can see, is that, unlike much of the rest of Europe, we ban our children from places where alcohol is enjoyed. The message and the focus, then, for them, is on the alcohol, not the social or simple pleasure of responsible drinking, and, that, I believe, has given rise to the preloading culture and the reported modern perverse practices of absorbing alcohol through other bodily orifices, unnaturally. In this respect, it, arguably, equates to plain drug abuse.

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the builder had offered to undertake a number of minor works, subject to a maximum cost of £20, to cover the necessary fixtures and fittings. This work would be completed on receipt of the formal agreement of the MOU.

# **WELCOME TO NORTHWOOD BOOKLET**

An example was shown for the proposed new parish map, to be used in the revised "Welcome to Northwood" booklet and updated Parish Plan. Councillors unanimously supported the idea that a quote be obtained for a digital copy, which could then be uploaded onto the new parish council web. It was agreed, that due to the specialised nature of providing the proposed parish map, Financial regulations be suspended and only one quotation be obtained. The cost of a new parish map be financed from the Parish Plan update budget.

# **Northwood Church Christmas Quiz.**

Thank you to all who took part in the Christmas quiz. The winner was Valerie and 2 runners up, Jill and Les.

# **COMMUNITY COFFEE AND CHAT**

25th February 2016 10.15am

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH GURNARD

Just drinking coffee and chatting with friends

It's that easy not to be lonely

# **Carol Singing around Northwood**

On 21st December raised £186.00 for

The children's Society.

Many thanks to all singers' musicians

And all those who gave so generously

# **Coffee Morning**

In aid of Church Funds

On Saturday 6th February 2016 from 10.00am to 12noon

In St John the Baptist Church Chawton Lane Northwood

Stalls – Cakes – Raffle – Bring & Buy

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**POLICE REPORT**

In the absence of any representative from the Local Safety Neighbourhood Team, the clerk read from the report she had received. Particular mention was made of the following:

One crime had been recorded for the month of December. Unfortunately, no details had been provided so to enable any comparison to the number of crimes committed the previous year. It was also noted that the crime reports service had ceased. PCSO Howard had suggested looking at the website Police.uk. However, this site had not been updated since November.

A Speedwatch activity had taken place early in the morning of Monday, 21 December, along Pallance Road. Three vehicles had been recorded as breaching the limit, travelling at 35mph or over. The next activity would take place on 7 January.

Details of the three Community Priorities set by the PACT and of the Hampshire Alert free web based system were mentioned again, but these had been reported to earlier meetings.

**MATTERS ARISING**

Chawton Solar Farm – The requested information had been supplied to Lightsource, on 8 December, with regard to their kind offer of a one off community benefit payment of £5K. As an acknowledgement and/or further information was still awaited the clerk was requested to make further inquiries. Posts at the top of Uplands Road – Following the meeting in December, Island Roads had confirmed that an inspection of the posts had been undertaken and any necessary replacements would form part of their works programme. A white cross had been placed on a few of the posts, suggesting that they were to be removed and new ones inserted. The works were to have been carried out by the end of December. In a telephone conversation with Island Roads it had been advised that the posts were on order and their delivery due shortly. Draft MOU with Northwood Community Partnership – Two copies of the revised MOU, together with a list of the Partnership's known assets, had been sent to the Secretary of the Community Partnership for the signature of their Chairman and return to the clerk. This was now to be discussed at their meeting later this month. The clerk advised that she had received an initial report from the builder of the Noticeboard, outlining its condition and the necessary works required to bring it back to its original condition. This would enable quotations to be obtained for its refurbishment. Due to its poor state this work could potentially cost upwards from £350, although no firm prices were provided. In the meantime,

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# GROUPS

**NORTHWOOD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

The next event is on Thursday 4th February at 2pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

**TOPIC:** Healthy Eating

**SPEAKER:** Sarah Hagen

**COMPETITIONS:** 4 rock cakes, Best Garden Bloom

Also **Saturday 27th February** Table Top Sale

**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 8th February at 7.30pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

**Speaker:** Sue Osmond

**Topic:** 'Quackers' about craft

**Competition:** Small craft item—any medium, Best garden bloom. Bring & Buy

**REFRESHMENTS:** Tea & biscuits (Jill F & Jen)

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**CREEA - COWES RADAR EX-EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

The next events is Thursday 11th February at 2:30pm

**Medway Queen— Chris Bancraft**

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 22nd February at 7.30pm** in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

**Love is all around**

Tea/Coffee and Cake £1.00

**Membership is £18.00 per year**

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### There is Perception, and, There is Reality

It has been a very interesting exercise, meeting with the Police in the new area reviews. Especially when the figures are presented. The Police, nowadays, have to report everything and count everything. For example, if four people have a bit of a tussle and each makes a complaint on the others, then each complaint is counted as separate incidents, even though, common sense would tell you, that it was only one incident with a string of occurrences. The effect of this is to exaggerate crime figures in a way that distorts and may raise undue alarm. Also, a bruise or prolonged pain can, now, be classed as ABH, and, a bloody nose as GBH. However, when you know this (and many people don't), then you can apply some corrective proportionality. It is interesting, as I say, because, there are other distortions in perception. For example, it seems that people in our area are most concerned about criminal damage, burglary and public order issues, when, the reality is, bearing in mind how crimes are recorded and reported (as I have set out above), these are, indeed, very rare occurrences in this area. In fact, reported and recorded crime in our area is very low, full stop. This, it seems, applies to speeding too, where community speed watch events show that, quite different to perception, the number of people speeding is very low, and sometimes none at all. Of course, this doesn't mean to say that we should not be vigilant and careful, but all in sensible proportion.

**John Nicholson, Ward Member for Northwood & Cowes South**

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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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