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HELLO THERE!

So, if I had to ask you what are the guarantees in your life, what would they be? What can you hold on to when everything else is falling away? The saying goes that there are only two things you can guarantee – taxes and death! But joking aside when there is so much turmoil in the world, unknowns, inconsistencies in our lives.... we all need something strong and secure to hold on to.

And I would say what we can all hold on to is love – the love you have for family and friends, for animals, for dear loved ones no longer with us, for creation around us and just as important the love that they all show you. The world can feel a dark place at the moment, many of you may have struggles, money may be tight: showing and sharing love is free and actually not that hard.... but what does love look like to you?

Do you remember the little cartoon couple in the late 60s and early 70s who have different words after the statement 'Love is....'? I cannot believe our parents allowed us to have posters, cards, and pictures with these two naked children pretending to be grown-ups on them! This couple was the creation of New Zealand cartoonist Kim Casali (née Grove) in the 1960s. Googling this I found to my surprise that the picture with its thought provoking words is still published every day, except Sunday! Crazy. I spent a good half hour looking through the drawings, trying to pick my favourite....and it was hard I tell you, but here is the one that took my eye: ***Love is.....something science still can't quantify!***

So, going back to my question: what does 'love' look like to you? For my youngest the sentence would be: Love is.... playing football with me until it is dark. My eldest it would be: Love is.....understanding Minecraft. For those of you who don't understand that last one – ask your grandchildren! Mine would be – Love is.....a lie-in with breakfast in bed! Ohhhh, this could be fun to ask family and friends.... Focus, Amanda, I need to finish this article first!!!!

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Just as diverse as the little cartoon was and continues to be, you can show love in so many different ways: from helping a stranger, looking out for a neighbour, remaining calm around someone who winds you up, giving up precious free time.... the list is endless! Have some spare food or clothing? Give it to Foodbank. Available to help neighbours? Join the Good Neighbour Scheme. Enjoy reading? Volunteer to be a reader in a local school or nursing home.

And that is the best thing about it – you can change someone's day in a matter of seconds through a smile or spend an hour drinking tea with a lonely person. Sharing love does not need planning, can cost nothing, can happen anywhere and most importantly can be beneficially to both the receiver as well as the giver.

So, what is stopping us being more loving to one another? Fear? Embarrassment? Society acceptable norms? Busyness of our lives? Opportunity? Whatever it may be, we must try and overcome the hurdles that are in front of us and make our community as loving as it can be.

Just as we expect people to do the job they are paid to do, we should, in a way, expect each of us to live up to being truly human. Humanity - a word for the qualities that make us **human**, such as the ability to love and have compassion, be creative!

We may only have 28 days this month, but the task is simple: show love. As the hymn says, as Nat King Cole sang and the front page tells us – Let there be love!

Wishing you a blessed and loving month!

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!

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- 24th 2nd Sunday before Lent**
11.00 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

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Sunday 17th 10.30am Mr Andrew Hardiman
4.00pm SONGS OF PRAISE
Rev David Plumb

Sunday 24th 10.30am Mr Bob White

Tea and coffee are served after the services.

The SUNDAY SCHOOL meet at 10.15am each Sunday and would like more YOUNG PEOPLE to join them.

The LADIES' SISTERHOOD will meet at 2.30pm on Tuesdays 12th and 26th February. All ladies welcome to join in our fellowship.

The ALZHEIMER'S CAFE will meet on Wednesday 13th February from 2pm until 4.30pm. All welcome to come along.

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I, and the Parish Council, are expressing our concerns in regard to Planning. Sometimes I think we might be a lone voice at County Hall, but with the Parish being of similar mind and supportive in arranging a meeting with the Planning Authority to register concerns and give constructive criticism, we hope to make a difference.

Health Service Update

If you remember the vote of no confidence that Scrutiny delivered on the CCG, not a year ago; that was a trigger, and now things have changed. Under the leadership of a very open, bluntly honest and forthright new director of a Clinical Commissioning Group that is now combined with Hampshire, the change is truly astonishingly refreshing, where the CCG now run an open-book policy with the main services (like the IW NHS Trust) on their commissioning decisions, thus removing all the rivalry and negativity that had developed in the old relationship. When the Scrutiny Committee met on 14th January, it passed a resolution to recommend that the open-book relationship be extending to and by the IW Council. This was accepted by the Leader (also chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board) and the Cabinet Member. How things move on at pace these days!

Further to this, there is start of a new one-stop Public Service, based on the ground floor of County Hall, where people can come with an issue and be directed to whichever services are best to deal with it. Gone, or going, are they days when the enquirer would be accused of coming through to the wrong department! So, what is driving this efficiency, well its cost of course. It is actually cheaper to streamline, cut bureaucracy and do things efficiently, and long may this realisation roll!

And, the procession to improvement is spreading, with our Children's Services now on ascent to be one of the best in the Country (from one of the worst, only a few years ago) and our Adult Social Care being shortlisted for a national award because of the exemplary progress it has made under its new director (another open and refreshingly forthright person) and Cabinet member, who also aspire to becoming one of the best services in the Country. Scrutiny is now putting the spotlight on Public Health to shine in the same light.

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Northwood & Cowes South Ward Councillor's Report – January 2019

66 Houses - Etc

Despite the wishes and determinations of local residents and the Parish Council, which includes a local needs assessment, this development is set to receive approval from the Planning Authority, pending resolution of the concerns of the Committee regarding traffic, namely being able to exit the site safely in the Newport direction.



The reason that our Planning Authority is so desperate to find approval is because, as an Authority, we are not delivering our quota of new housing, as determined and laid down by national guidelines. One of the reasons is the failure of existing approvals (such as Pennyfeathers, in Ryde) to materialise. We are told that continued failure to deliver the number of houses allocated to us will result in the government taking planning decision making away from us.

Whilst I understand the concerns of our Planning department, I think that our failure to effectively deliver lies in a dysfunctional policy, one that allows us to make approvals on applications that are just not viable, and the 66 houses may fall into that category if conditions on infrastructure, foul water disposal and traffic controls are too costly. This is not to say that they should not be imposed, but that it is a fault of the system that misleads applicants. Other Authorities have much clearer policy that is more definitive in its guidance and far more efficient in its delivery as a result. Bath and North East Somerset is one such Planning Authority that has such good clear policy that they very rarely need to use a committee. We should, I believe, look at best practice around the Country and cherry pick what would work best for us.

One of the main issues that I have with our policy is its contradictory nature where we have drawn a development boundary line, then allow it to be crossed. Not only that, but we allow the rules that apply within the boundary to be dropped! This is unfathomable illogicality; why don't we just draw the line where we want it and apply it? Say what you mean and mean what you say, a basic principal in Quality Management!

Apart from this, it is clearly wrong that the Isle of Wight is treated as a mainland province. This has been the case for years, but our MP and current Council have made a recent breakthrough in gaining acknowledgement from the government that we are disadvantaged because everything and everyone wanting to come to or go from the Island has to do so by boat. This will eventually reflect in funding and how we are treated, which may include Planning. But, for now, we have to work with what we have got.

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NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT

(Eileen Turner-Palmerton)

Everyone had a very enjoyable Christmas Lunch at the New Holmwood Hotel at the end of November.

At our first Event of 2019 we had an extremely interesting talk by Mrs Daphne Knapp, O.B.E. on the life of Oscar Wilde.

Our Events for 2019 are as follows:-

Wednesday February 20th. Wednesday March 20th. Wednesday April 17th.

Wednesday May 15th. Wednesday June 19th. Wednesday July 17th.

Wednesday August 21st. Wednesday September 18th.

Wednesday October 16th. Wednesday November 20th.

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NORTHWOOD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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Speaker: Mark Earp

Subject: Wight Women at War

Competitions: Something Red, Best garden bloom

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CREEA - COWES RADAR EX-EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

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Living, Dying and Remembering—Rev'd Rosie Deeds

For membership details contact Joy Ash, **01983 298731**.

or visit the **CREEA** webpage in the **Local Groups** section of the village website where you can also download a copy of our 2018 Programme and view photos of past events.

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NORTHWOOD VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

There will not be a meeting in February.

The next meeting will be in April.

NORTHWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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MEETINGS

Meetings of the Parish Council are held monthly 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

Agendas and Minutes are available at www.northwoodparishcouncil.org

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Northwood Parish Council Report 8TH January 2019

Apologies were received from Cllr Pullen

There was no representative of Cowes Local Safety Neighbourhood Team present and no report had been received. The quarterly PACT meetings were due to start in February and Cllrs Nicholson and Ward would attend.

The meeting welcomed Lisa Toyne of Age Friendly Island. Lisa was there to present to the Parish Council their AGE FRIENDLY CHARTER. The scheme has only one more year to run. It was suggested that a copy of the charter be placed in the Village Noticeboard.

Planning.

Mr Ollie Boulter Strategic Manager Planning and Infrastructure has offered to meet the Parish Council regarding the decisions taken recently in planning applications.

The application for 66 houses on Newport Road has been deferred to enable a detailed junction design and safety audit to be undertaken.

There were no material planning objections to TCP/11458/B 143 Pallance Road.

Noted was the decisions taken by the Local Planning Authority on Radar test towers for BAE Systems and Conditional Planning permission for detached property rear of 1 and 2 Luton Cottages. An update was considered on the Northwood Business Survey. It was decided that this would be an agenda item for the March Parish meeting.

It was decided to consider in April taking part in the Beer and Bus event 2019, with a view to establishing a Pub walk around the village.

Damage to some of the Village assets and cleaning required of Benches and Dog Bins have been reported to Island Roads. The offer to summarise the draft Parish minutes for publication in the IW Observer be accepted. A copy of the same be sent to the IOW County Press.

The Parish Precept of £20,000 for 2019-20 was approved.

Consideration was given to the IW Councils initial saving proposals for 2019-20.

Cllr Pullen

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