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Letter for June

Hello there!

I normally have to really think about what is going to happen in the coming month so I can try and direct my letter appropriately, but there is so much happening on our island in June I am truly spoilt – we have the isle of Wight festival (perhaps I can hear some sighs?), our maritime heritage celebration that is the Festival of the Sea and hopefully a Gaffers rally to Yarmouth. Further afield we have Wimbledon and of course the Queen's birthday celebrations, with the traditional Trooping the Colour but with many more additions this year as it is her 90th, something which will also be celebrated in Cowes at Northwood House!

There are so many reasons to get out the bunting and pop some bottles of champagne (or something else if that is not a favourite tipple of yours) like we find on the front cover......in fact I am sure every single one of you has a reason to celebrate this month. You could be getting married, moving home, having a baby, starting a new job......or could be simply returning home from hospital, walking around the block, seeing the bottom of the washing basket, finishing the weeding, spending an extra hour playing with your children or having an ice cream at the beach.

We are so quick to complain, moan, worry about....and yet if something goes well, we just expect it to be so and carry on – we don't stop and say: wow that was great, let's celebrate it! And so in this month of celebrations I want you to remember every positive thing that happens to you – write them down every day, put them on post-its, so at the end of the month you will have 30 little pages of successes. And as I mentioned above they don't all have to be huge like completing a marathon, but small, little achievements or wins.

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This is, in a smaller and less profound way, is what I suggest we do this month. Despite the overwhelming needs that face our world and perhaps ourselves today, we can lovingly and obediently "chip away" at the sadness, the negativity and the pressure that surrounds us on a continual basis. We can stop being negative and start properly acknowledging ALL the positives in our lives and our homes, in our schools, our workplaces, our communities, which will surely bring us all more joy, hope into our lives and hopefully a sense of being part of a positive community. Those of you who watched the programmes with Gareth Malone and the Invictus Choir — just remember how amazing each and every member of the choir was despite experiencing a huge tragedy or injury during their lives! We too can be, in our own way, as awesome as they were....if you didn't see it, look it up on BBC Iplayer!

So let's not just celebrate the Queen reaching a significant milestone or The Who playing at the festival, let's celebrate people achieving things they didn't think possible, the little highlights in our daily along with all our island has to offer us over the coming weeks..... Don't let it just be the festival fields, the Mall in London and Ivan, of Newport Road, that has flags waving this month – lets all raise our flags and our glasses to achievements, big and small, and all the positivity that exists in our lives and in our communities!

I wish you all a sunny, celebratory and fun month!

Rev Amanda

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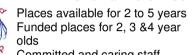
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My wife has recently undergone treatment for cancer at St Mary's hospital and the church, despite not knowing me before, has prayed for her recovery and supported me during her time in hospital.

I cannot thank them enough.

Ron Furber

People have different opinions about this, some say that school attendance is sacrosanct, and that any leeway on this will lead to a decline in standards and attainment, others argue that provided attendance and attainment are good, it makes little difference, others that they cannot afford to take their children away during the peak official holiday period because it is financially prohibitive or that they have to work those periods themselves, and that holidays are a valuable bonding period that they are being denied through no fault of their own.

I think all these arguments are valid and that the answer lies somewhere in the middle. The first and foremost important thing a school is attainment within your band of capability. It is the learning that is important, not the teaching, and not everyone is academically orientated. Many successful people were prophesised a life of doom when at school, which shows that there is more to

somewhere in the middle. The first and foremost important thing at school is attainment within your band of capability. It is the learning that is important, not the teaching, and not everyone is academically orientated. Many successful people were prophesised a life of doom when at school, which shows that there is more to learning and success than what is taught at school, indeed, as an employer, some of my best and most highly skilled craftsmen were no good at school, but, through their work have become very skilled, able and rounded people on many levels, both inside and outside of work; becoming a credit to community and society. Personally, I would prefer to see a balance and some reasoned leniency that recognised achievement within a person's academic capability and, also, recognised the value of family time and holidays, and the practical issues that some people face in this regard. We talk about work/ life balance; this should also apply to school/ life too. What do you think?

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

The comments made in the following articles represent the views of the individual contributors, rather than Northwood Parish Council.

Isn't it strange how life synchronises at times, and, this movement has coincided with the unexpected development in the Community Partnership, which brings Parish Council members into greater involvement with an organisation that has served and facilitated community needs, connections and participation, at a time when the Parish Council is considering its position in just this capacity. I have talked with other Parish Councillors about these developments and there is a will and enthusiasm to drive and develop community in Northwood, the Parish Council already being one of the first to officially sign up to support the Community Wellbeing initiative, led by our IW Council Public Health directorate.

Do You Want a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)?

The Parish Council is considering creating a new Multi Use Games Area on the green in Venner Avenue, and some funds that have been donated to the Council for use in the benefit of the Community, which could go some little way towards the cost of providing one. However, to be able to do this, we would have to seek additional grant funding, but, before we do so, we would need a mandate of support from our residents to demonstrate that it is a popular requirement. There will be a separate flyer in Northwood News to this effect, giving more details and directions of how to register your opinion.

The School Attendance Question

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I am sure that most will be aware of the challenge mounted by an Isle of Wight family for the right to be able to take children out of school during term time, to enjoy a family experience.

Northwood Community Partnership Landmark Changes

At the Community Partnership AGM, on Tuesday 17th May, a new Chairman and Vice-Chairmen were elected by unanimous vote. The new Chairman is Cllr John Puller, ex longstanding Chairman of Northwood Parish Council, and the new Vice-Chairman, myself (Ward Councillor and member of Northwood Parish Council too). The change has been welcomed by all, although, it is fair to say that neither John nor I were quite expecting it. Ron, Alan, Colin and Eileen have put in many years of voluntary devotion into the Partnership and it was their decision and vote to make this move. We, jointly, see it as a good move, because it will enable the continuation and development of the fantastic, and exemplary, legacy that the Partnership has built up over the years, and our appreciation goes out to all the members of the Partnership for the tireless effort and all the good work that they have put in. Of course, they will still be active members, and Eileen will still be Secretary, and, both John and I feel very honoured to be chosen to, now, lead such an important community asset.

Northwood Parish Council Review

Northwood Parish Council have voted to reduce the number of formal meetings to bi-monthly for a trial period of 6 months, during which time we can review the way that we do our business and serve the community that we represent, taking the in between months to go out and engage with the local community to find out what people think and care about, what the needs and desires are, and how we can best address this.

NORTHWOOD PC REPORT FOR JUNE

Cllr. Riddet was elected Chairman and Cllr. Jaggar, Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Planning Committee, for the coming year.

POLICE MATTERS

The clerk reported on the reply she had received from the Hampshire Police with regard to discontinuation of the Crime reports web page. A copy of the email had been circulated to all councillors and to PCSO Derek Howard. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner had been advised by the Partnership Board that the site did not represent value for money from the public purse and that the information on police.uk was adequate in its ability to deliver similar information for no cost. Sgt Lyth had also advised that councillors should make use of this site. However, it was noted that the information provided was at least two months out of date and therefore of little value. In the absence of any representative from the Local Neighbourhood Police team, the clerk circulated the report she had received. Particular mention was made of the following:

that five crimes had been committed during the month of April, which was the same as committed during the same period, the previous year; three speedwatch activities had taken place in Pallance Road: April 20th - 301 vehicles had passed through and five recorded in breach of the limit April 25th – 201 vehicles had passed through with no recorded breaches April 28th – 165 vehicles had passed through and four recorded in breach of the limit;

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

In the absence of Cllr Pullen, the clerk read out the email she had received from him stating his preference for retaining the status quo on the frequency of

Some councillors expressed the view that they felt disconnected from parishioners, suggesting that their time would be better spent in having a dialogue directly with local residents, by taking an area in turn, so to seek any unmet needs and suggestions

It was agreed for a trial to be undertaken with ordinary meetings of the Parish Council taking place on the 1st Tuesday of alternative months, ie July, September and November, commencing at 6.30pm, in Northwood Primary school unless a matter of an urgent nature required a decision by councillors;

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PICNIC TABLE

Councillors were referred to the extract from the Minutes of the meeting held late last year.. This reminded that HMP Isle of Wight had been unable to produce a picnic table at that time due to the demand from the internal prison market.

The clerk also reminded that the IW Council had accepted the proposal, subject to the Parish Council meeting the costs of installation and all maintenance costs in perpetuity, for however long the bench lasted.

It was decided that a further order be submitted to HMP Isle of Wight for a large picnic table;

A total budget of £1,500 be agreed to cover all costs relating to the picnic table and required base.

TRANSPORT and HIGHWAY MATTERS

Cllr J Nicholson referred to the damage being incurred to newly resurfaced roads by utility companies. Particular mention was made of the recent works in Nodes Road, by Southern Electric. These had been postponed while the recent water pipe replacement works had taken place. However, councillors complained of the lack of urgency and shambolic manner in which they had been completed. The clerk was requested to submit a letter of criticism to Island Roads.

NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

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NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT

(Eileen Turner-Palmerton)

At our May Residents Event, we had a very interesting talk about being a Toastmaster, by Mrs. Chris. Rickards. Chris is the only Lady Toastmaster on the Island. She explained her duties and also dressed up in her regalia. Everyone enjoyed her talk.

The Northwood Community Partnership held their Annual General Meeting on 17th May, 2016, at which a new Chairman and Vice Chairman were elected. (Names at the top of this report.) Thanks were expressed to Ron Willis and Alan Chick for their work during their term of office.

As has been expressed in previous reports, we would be very grateful of anyone giving a small amount of time to help keep the Village neat and tidy with the flowers etc. Also to help with the monthly Residents Event so that we can continue to give people their afternoon of enjoyment, meeting up with old friends and making new ones. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact any of us listed at the top of the report.

Our next Event is on

WEDNESDAY 15th JUNE, 2016, 2.30.PM At the W. I. Hall.

The speaker will be Mrs. P. Simpson.

Subject:- Flowers of the Sea (the history and use of I.W. seaweed)

As always if you need transport to these events, please contact 29602or 282242.

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