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# NORTHWOOD NEWS

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## HELLO THERE!

Last month I travelled up to my old Theological college in Oxford to spend some time with Steve Sutcliffe, who will be ordained as a Deacon at the end of this month and then become our Curate – you will hear from him in the near future!

As I travelled up the A34 I noticed that there had been some changes in the road network since I was last up here 9 years ago, but more importantly than that, I was excited and a little nervous, understandable I think when you are going back to a training establishment! Hmmm, excitement - this was completely different to what my normal feeling was as I travelled up to Cuddesdon: Sunday evenings were always slightly depressing as I left James to go back for another week of serious swatting at college.

But then my mood is not the only thing that has changed significantly in the 11 years since I first went to Cuddesdon: Now I am a wife and a Mum. I am now an 'established' Vicar of 2 parishes (I am not sure all my lecturers thought that would happen!) and of course I am living here on island. The college has also changed a great deal - a new, award-winning, chapel has been built, an order of Nuns has joined the community and there have been additional accommodation and conference rooms built.... but whether it was the college room and bar, the lovely dining room with its grand pictures or just the glorious gardens, there was enough familiarity around the college for me to quickly feel at home and remember the wonderful times I had there.

I like reminiscing – yes admittedly it is often with rose tinted glasses, but it does show you how far you have travelled in your life: perhaps leaving paths you thought you would be on forever, doing things you never thought you would do or meeting people you never thought you would! None of us know where our journey of life will take us, and I think only a few of us have taken the path we thought we would take.

Recently I did an assembly at a local school about journeys and told the 350+ children how we are all on a journey every day of our lives and more importantly how we all need to make sure we take every opportunity that is offered to us as we journey along. Because, how many of us have a regret or have said 'if only I had done that when I was given the chance'? We do not know where each 'open door' will take us....and thus what we will miss if we don't take up the opportunity.

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And however young or old, able or not able we may be, we still have opportunities to do something different, to go through a new door of opportunity.... all that is probably stopping you is yourself. At this point of writing I googled 'Quotes about opportunity', and subsequently lost half an hour of my life – there are so many good ones, I have restricted myself to tell you just these three:

'In the end we only REGRET the chances we didn't take'

'Our lives are defined by opportunities, even the ones we miss' (F Scott Fitzgerald)

'Be open to and welcoming of unforeseen events because these unplanned moments are often the seeds of spectacular opportunities in your life'

This last one really resonated with me.... how often have we moaned about something changing our plans, when actually if we embraced that change it could be the greatest experience of your life! And I say this, having just said yes to two surprise invitations to take on additional responsibilities whilst I am here in the parish.... I have no idea where they will take me, but I am looking forward to the ride!

Does that mean I am not worried or nervous about them? Of course not, but the best opportunities always involve a bit of fear and risk don't they!?! I will tell you next year whether I was a crazy fool or whether they were two brilliant opportunities that I took....

So, what about you? What could you say 'yes' to in the next month or so? Has there been that thing you have always wanted to try but never got around to doing it, have you been meaning to invite that lovely person you see every day on the bus for a cuppa in a tea shop but never been brave enough? This month, do as I have done recently and try and say yes to every offer you are given, even if it is a bit scary, and then enjoy the adventure you would have never gone on had you said no!

*Wishing you a fun-filled and adventurous journey of opportunities!*

*Rev Amanda*

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### Plant Sale In Church on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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**June 2018**

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**10<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

11.00 am All Age Worship (refreshments available from 10.30 am)

**17<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Father's Day)**

11.00 am Holy Communion

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**Apologies for any upset this may cause.**

**Rev Amanda Collinson**

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### Understanding Our Healthcare System

I don't think that anyone, starting out afresh, would think of organising our healthcare system in such a complicated manner as it has evolved into today. Even experts sometimes find it difficult to understand the chain of responsibility and accountability. This means that members of the public often direct their concerns to the wrong department. One example of this is with our care homes, where we have been rated the worst in the Country and people complain that the Council is responsible, but the mess that the system is in is that the Council only has direct control over its own care homes, and only has control over the places it pays for in other private homes. It has no direct control over private homes or private placements, it can, and it does, however, under its new directorship, work very hard at bearing influence, advocating best practice, but these efforts cannot be imposed, such is the system.

This is not dissimilar to the system that has evolved with our schools, where the Local Authority has no jurisdiction over private academies, so protests like the recent one to support The Studio School in East Cowes, are misplaced if directed at the Council because the Academy Trust is autonomous, and its business decisions are not within the remit of the Council, although the Council does try to influence, link and support within the limitations of its reach.

What is needed is sensible considered reform, to streamline Health and Education for the modern age in which we live, and, as citizens, we should, I believe, be constructive in aiding that process. You may note that the IW Health Service has announced a series of open meeting with the purpose of engaging with the wider community, and I would like to encourage local people to engage with this in a positive and constructive manner. That is not to say do not be critical, as constructive criticism can be most useful.

John Nicholson, Ward Councillor for Northwood & Cowes South  
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It is unusual for Northwood to be given prominence in such initiatives, but, with credit to our Parish Councillors, we were the first to recognise the opportunity and to get our name down, and we hope that our lead will inspire our neighbouring local councils to join the initiative, and so extend the regeneration initiative to the whole of the North end of the Medina valley.

### Celebrating Our Culture and Heritage

Many people think that Northwood is a sleepy village, where nothing much happens; a place that you just pass through. But, it wasn't always like that. Those that know anything about the history of the Island and these parts will know that Northwood was, up until the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, the principal location in this part of the Island, before Cowes became a town in its own right in its rise as one of the prominent sea-ports of its day.

Northwood was also important because of its brickworks, and a recent exhibition, by Cowes Heritage, in Cowes library, on that theme, attracted a surprising amount of interest. During the war, of course, there was the airfield at Somerton, and Northwood played a significant part in the development of radar, and still does.

There are many people who take interest in researching local history and you only have to talk with an elderly person who has resided in the area for most of their lives to get a fascinating, if not, surprising, insight to what used to be, and it is my wish, and that of others, to bring this heritage to life and into our cultural celebration.

As the principal association for gathering and storing the local history of Northwood, Cowes and Gurnard, Cowes Heritage have their store and office in Three Gates Road, but more active members are needed to continue the association's valuable work and to help bring our heritage to prominence. I am pleased to see places like Cowes Ale House, The Anchor and, now, the Harbour Commission take a hand in hosting exhibitions from local heritage sources that always fascinate visitors as to how rich and unique our culture here is, and would be wonderful for other public places to join in that effort too, even if only in a small way.



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#### **NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT**

(Eileen Turner-Palmerton)

We had a very interesting talk by Mr. Mike North entitled Barging through Europe. He started with the building of his barge in the north of England. His trip took us through Belgium, France, Holland and Germany, showing us the lovely destinations along the way. We all wished we were there with all the scenery.

We want to continue these monthly events for all the Residents in Northwood. At the present moment we are trying to obtain some funding to enable us to give everyone an afternoon to enjoy seeing friends, old and new. Everyone is welcome, just come along and see people you have not seen for a long time and bring a friend.

Our next Residents Event is on

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2.30PM.** at the Northwood Village Hall

Future events will be as follows:-

July 18<sup>th</sup>

August 15<sup>th</sup>

September 19<sup>th</sup>

October 17<sup>th</sup>

November 21<sup>st</sup>

These are all held at the Northwood Village Hall (formally known as the W. I. Hall) at 2.30pm.

If you need transport to come along to join us, please phone 292060 or 282242.

The next meeting of the Northwood Community Partnership will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, 7pm. at the Travellers Joy, Pallance Road.

If you are interested in helping us keep the different things happening in the Village, you are very welcome at the Residents Events or the Partnership meetings.

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The next planning application considered was for a detached self-contained living unit for a disabled user at 244 Newport Road to which no material objections were made, subject to the unit being ancillary to the use and enjoyment of the main property. Finally, no material objections were made to an application by BAE Systems for the construction of a new industrial building at the site for the storage of tooling and fixtures.

**River Medina Consultation** – The Parish Council considered whether the River Medina should be included in the England Coast Path project on the Island. The proposal is to increase the Newport/Medina connectivity to the Isle of Wight section of the Coast Path and the Parish Council strongly supported the inclusion for various reasons, one of which was that the path would connect with Northwood's village trail, thereby providing a link for pedestrians to access Parkhurst Forest.

**Best Kept Village Awards 2017** - Councillors considered the results of its marking last year that revealed the majority of features judged were really beyond the control of the Parish Council. **It was therefore agreed that villagers' awareness of the competition should be made in Northwood News.** To improve Northwood's chances of winning, local residents are asked to pick up any litter they spot, to clear up after their dogs and cut back any overhanging branches and foliage.

**Lynnbottom Recycling Centre** – it was reported that the main focus of the Community Waste Forum meeting at County Hall on 30 April had been on the reduced opening hours and the measures taken to prevent queueing along Briddlesford Road. A review of the reduced hours was scheduled to take place in 2-3 weeks by the IW Council, with a full review of the Recycling Centre taking place in September. It was suggested at the meeting from data analysed that the best time to visit the facility was between 3pm and 6pm.

CLlr David Jaggar

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## GROUPS

### NORTHWOOD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next event is on Thursday 7th June at 2pm in the Northwood Village Hall.

**Topic:** Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary

**Speaker:** Derek Needham

**Competitions:** Animal photo with caption, Best Garden Bloom

### HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR HIRING

To hire the Hall please contact **Susan Whittle** on **651967**

**Visitors & New Members are always Welcome**

### MEDHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next event is on Monday 11th June at 7.30pm in the Northwood Village Hall.

**Guest speaker:** Mrs Debbie Webb

**Topic:** Belly Dancing

**Competition:** Holiday Souvenir, Best garden bloom. Bring & Buy

**REFRESHMENTS:** Tea & Biscuits (Jill F. & June W.)

Annual General Meeting at Cardiff Wednesday 6th June

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### CREEA - COWES RADAR EX-EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

The next event is on Thursday 14th June at 2:30pm

**A Beefeater — Mitch Jones**

**Wednesday 27th June—Lunch TBC**

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.

**New Members are always Welcome**

### NORTHWOOD FLORAL ART GROUP

The next meeting is on **Monday 25th June at 7.30pm** in the Northwood Village Hall.

**Floral Handbags workshop by Julie Richardson**

Tea/Coffee and Cake £1.00

**Membership is £18.00 per year**

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



## 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](http://www.northwoodparishcouncil.org)

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 Parish Council Report

Report of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 1 May 2018

**Co-option – There are still two vacancies for councillors to be filled and anyone who might be interested to become a councillor is asked to contact our clerk ([clerk@northwoodparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@northwoodparishcouncil.org)). Please also see our website ([www.northwoodparishcouncil.org](http://www.northwoodparishcouncil.org))**

**Elections** - Councillor John Pullen was elected Chairman and Councillor David Jaggar was elected Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

**Local safety neighbourhood issues** – two crimes had been reported during April, compared with four crimes for the same period last year. These related to one theft on or near to Wroxall Close and one burglary on or near to Pallance Road.

**Planning Matters** – The Parish Council considered the application for mixed residential development of the former Somerton Reservoir. Although support “in principle” was expressed for the proposed development, the Parish Council thought that the proposed design was completely out of character with the surrounding development. In Cowes South and Northwood, the road and parking layout was questionable and there was an overbearing scale, density and mass. Furthermore, the Parish Council thought that although a proposal for sheltered accommodation and affordable housing would be generally welcome, there were concerns about the compatibility of the two spectrums of society in such a limited area.

The Parish Council also decided that if the development were approved, highway contributions towards improvement works at the Newport Road/Nodes Road junction had to be obtained to cope with the traffic from the development and other residential planning permissions. In addition, the Parish Council was of the opinion that extra monies should be obtained to support the existing public transport system, having regard to capacity issues. Finally, the Parish Council voiced its concern over the adverse effects that the total number of units would have on the local community and social infrastructure, especially local medical, dental and educational facilities, all of which were thought to be at capacity. The planning application for Phase 4 of the proposed residential development fronting Place Road was also considered. Although no material objections were raised, concern was expressed about the height of the properties which would be able to be viewed from Cockelton Lane and would therefore be incompatible with the rural character of that area. The Parish Council again reiterated their stance of stating that contributions should be sought from the developers towards the costs of providing an extension of the existing pavement along Place Road, up to the corner of Pallance Road, at Four Cross, Northwood.

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