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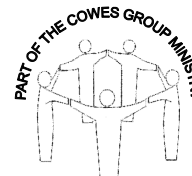
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## MARCH LETTER

When I was a young lad in the late 1950s I always looked forward to the month of March. The local church I attended in Southsea was of a very low evangelical tradition and we basically carried on the way we had the rest of the year. One of the exciting things was the extra weddings which required the choir. I think there must have been a tax incentive at that time as my Saturdays were taken up with wedding after wedding. As a trained choir boy I was paid the grand sum of two shillings per wedding and that to me was a fortune! The evenings were beginning to draw out so we could stay out longer and in March my mother and I paid our first trip of the year to the Isle of Wight. At that age the season of Lent made little impact on my life and if I was asked what I was giving up I always said 'Gooseberries', a fruit I hated.

All of March this year falls in the season of lent which runs from Ash Wednesday until Holy [Easter] Saturday. This period was decreed by the early Church as a season of strict fasting, personal denial and looking pious. Meat, eggs, cooking fat and cheese were all banned as were marriage ceremonies [and sex] until Easter Day. What a happy time for everyone that must have been. Lent was abolished for about 25 years in the mid 1600s and when reinstated never regained its former popularity. Today in the twenty first century in Britain only really devout Christians take any real notice of Lent and even they are expected to do little more than give something up for the season.

I've had friends in the Church who have given up meat, wine, cakes and of course the inevitable chocolates. I have never done this and having hit the age of retirement will not be starting at this late stage. What I've tried to do is to take on a small project or study. I try to do something that does not require attending a group or hours of preparation. Last year I compared the Easter narratives in the Gospels and all I needed was a Bible, a notebook and a pen. Simple, portable and for me, interesting. This year as I will be assisting at the loW Music Festival during Lent I hope to study some of the Easter music.

A Lent project doesn't have to be religious. Why not take the opportunity of a slightly better climate to look at the nature which surrounds us, take part in a new sport or activity or give the dog the occasional extra walk.

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Let us use Lent as a positive experience as we ease into spring. For those with a Christian faith there are Lenten Study groups in both Northwood and Gurnard and March is the ideal time to prepare for Easter. Lent can be a positive experience for everyone and if you do give up chocolates for the forty days and want to get rid of them I can re-house them for you.

Roger Whatley.

**Northwood Primary School**are holding a 'Dolls House Convention' on 29th march 2015 from  
10am - 4pm.There will be stalls, a children's workshop, a raffle,  
and refreshments. All welcome.

Clocks go forward on 29th March

**Northwood Church**We are starting a Tea/ Coffee and Chat on Thursday 12th March 2015  
At Northwood Scout Hut 2pm-4pmWhy not come and join us for a **free** cuppa and bring a friend  
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Saturday 28th March 2015 at 7.30pm

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In St John the Baptist Church Chawton Lane Northwood**Stalls – Cakes – Raffle – Bring & Buy****All Welcome**

Cowes Heritage is preparing there next exhibition for October 2015. It is based around a theme of CELEBRATION. We are trying amongst other events to source photo's and information regarding the Northwood Children's Jubilee Party held on Saturday July the 2nd 1977. If any readers have information about this event or other events we should be considering please contact Maureen Groves at 14 Nodes Road, phone 299221, or E-Mail [cowesheritage@onwight.net](mailto:cowesheritage@onwight.net)

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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 Rev'd Amanda Collinson whose details are given above. Amanda is 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. I am always here for you - because that's what the church is about!

**From the Parish Church Registers:****Baptisms:**

Brogyn James Wheeler 8th February 2015  
Amelia Eva Prendergast 15th February 2015

**Marriages:**

None

**Died**

Margaret Audrey Clark 16th January 2015  
Maud Cooke 27th January 2015  
Dorothy Patricia Coleman 29th January 2015  
Charles William Archer 31st January 2015  
Gary Archer 3rd February 2015

For Baptism, Wedding, Funeral and other enquiries please contact  
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**Flower Rota for March 2015**

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## NORTHWOOD PARISH CHURCH SERVICES in St John the Baptist Church, Chawton Lane, Northwood

March 2015

- 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
*Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Romans 4:13-end Mark 8:31-end*
- 8<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.00am All Age Worship  
Tea and coffee will be served before the service.  
*Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22*
- 15<sup>th</sup> MOTHERING SUNDAY**  
11.00am Mothering Sunday Informal Communion  
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*1 Samuel 1:20-end Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:33-35*
- 22<sup>nd</sup> BACK BADGE SERVICE**  
11.15am Holy Communion  
*Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33*
- 29<sup>th</sup> PALM SUNDAY**  
11.00am Holy Communion  
*Mark 11:1-11*

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27 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteers Required	Volunteer Required

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Sunday 29th 10.30am PALM SUNDAY  
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**NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

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**NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT**

(Eileen Turner-Palmerton)

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Due to our monthly Events taking place after the deadline for the Northwood News, I will give have to give a back dated report. In January we had an interesting talk and slide show by Mr Mark Earp on 'Wight Women at War'. It was very entertaining and we all learnt about some famous people, who had and still have, connections to the Island. One of the slides showed the Maids at Osborne House, in which Miss Kathy Barter was pictured. Kathy has been to speak to us, dressed in her uniform and it was lovely to see her with her colleagues.

In March we have Helen Butler coming to give us a talk on Red Squirrels. This should be of interest to us all.

Our monthly events are still very popular and we look forward to welcoming new residents to our friendly afternoon.

The date of the next event is **WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2015, 2.30PM** at the W. I. Hall, Northwood. If you require transport please phone 282242

Our future event dates are:-

March 18 <sup>th</sup>	April 15 <sup>th</sup>	May 20 <sup>th</sup>	June 17 <sup>th</sup>	July 15 <sup>th</sup>
August 19 <sup>th</sup>	September 16 <sup>th</sup>	October 21 <sup>st</sup>	November 18 <sup>th</sup>	

The next meeting of the Community Partnership will be the  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**ON TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 7.PM. AT THE TRAVELLERS JOY.**

The Community Partnership would welcome any resident who is interested in the wellbeing of the Village, to attend our bi-monthly meetings. Further information can be obtained from any of the people above.

**NORTHWOOD VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION**

At a recent Extra Ordinary Meeting, it was decided, via a vote of members present, to revert back to the original name, due to unforeseen issues. The Association will continue to hold monthly meetings as usual. Further information will be published in the County Press Village Talk.



## VENNER AVENUE FOOTBALL PITCH

The IW Council had now received the additional football sockets and planned to install them soon, subject to weather conditions. Unfortunately, some local children had continued to remove the orange web fencing in order to play on the repaired area. This had caused some damage and now needed a period of strong growth in order to sustain a degree of wear and tear.

## PICNIC TABLES PLAY AREA

The clerk had made some inquiries with HMP Isle of Wight, who could supply a standard picnic table at a cost of £312.00 or an extra-large picnic table at £720. The benches at Gurnard Green were the extra-large type. Councillors noted that as they had some very urgent internal prison service work on at the moment they would not be able to produce these for 3-4 months. In addition, the clerk had contacted the Countryside, Parks and Open Spaces Manager to seek tentative permission to install one or two picnic tables, should councillors be so minded to progress the matter. Due to the current upheaval the department was under with how open spaces were going to be maintained and paid for after April, it was preferred to defer any sanctioning at this current moment. It was anticipated that in a couple of months' time things would be clearer and a definitive response could then be given.

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# G R O U P S

### NORTHWOOD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next event is on Thursday 5th March  
at 2pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

**SPEAKER:** Anna Heywood

**SUBJECT:** Glass bead work

**COMPETITIONS:** Unusual piece of glass/glass jewellery, Best Garden Bloom

**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 9th March  
at 7.30pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

**Guest speaker:** Linda Grant

**Topic:** Hand Crafted Fused Glass

**Competition:** A saved Favourite Card, Best garden bloom. Bring & Buy

**REFRESHMENTS:** Tea & Biscuits (June W & June T)

*Visitors & New Members are always Welcome*

### COWES-DEAUVILLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

This Association was formed in 1964 with a view to furthering social, cultural and sporting exchanges between the citizens of both towns.

Anyone with an interest in France and the French and who have, or have had, some connection with Cowes, Gurnard, Northwood, East Cowes and Whippingham are very welcome to apply for membership.

**New members are always welcome**

Chairman: Barrie Clarke 882334 Secretary: Barry Bates 296303

### NORTHWOOD VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

The next meeting is on  
**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2015**

7.30 pm in the W. I. Hall, Northwood.

**Speaker:** Ron Tomlin

**Hints and Tips for Growers and Showers**

*Visitors & New Members are always very Welcome - Contact 01983 248287*

### NORTHWOOD FLORAL ART GROUP

The next meeting is on **Monday 23rd March 2015 at 7.30pm** in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

**A Dutch Touch** – Beginners can make a vertical arrangement  
Tea/Coffee and Cake £1.00

**Membership is £18.00 per year**

*Visitors & New Members are always Welcome*

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



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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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## NORTHWOOD PARISH COUNCIL JANUARY MEETING REPORT

### POLICE REPORT

Crime Update for January – Six crimes had occurred compared to four in January 2014. These related to one theft of a motor vehicle, one case of public order and harassment and four crimes of violence against a person. When questioned prior to the meeting Sgt Gary Knight had advised that the crimes of violence related to domestic incidents

The police priority remained the prevention of cyclists riding along Cowes High Street. Four cyclists had been stopped during the month of January.

### WELL BEING IN THE COMMUNITY

The Vice Chairman welcomed Ms Anita Cameron-Smith, Director of Public Health and Community Well-Being and Mr Bryan Hurley, of the Public Health section to the meeting. Ms Cameron-Smith congratulated councillors on their desire to promote Community Well-Being within the parish. It was stressed there was no easy "Quick Fix". The initiative should be based on the needs of the community, rather than on what officials deemed were required. The Parish Council was urged to initially undertake an asset mapping exercise in order to identify the talents and skills of the local population, including those community activists who would be willing to take the initiative forward. The exercise should also include those local businesses prepared to work in partnership with the Parish Council. Examples were outlined of how other groups had been able to engage within their local communities, particularly with those socially isolated or vulnerable.

### FUTURE OF THE POST OFFICE

Cllr J Nicholson referred to the meeting of January 13, he had attended with Cllr Riddet, held on site at the Pallance Road post office with the current post mistress and representatives of the Post Office Ltd. They had both been reassured of the commitment to maintain a Post office service in Northwood. However, no firm expression of interest had been received. Although the current postmistress had offered to remain open for 3 mornings per week the Post office had considered this untenable, stating that the significant demand would be too much for such limited hours. She was due to retire on April 14. The response from Andrew Turner MP had been circulated to councillors. This advised of fresh interest. Unfortunately this had now not come to fruition, after all.

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