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## Letter for March

Hello there!

This majority of this year's month of March is Lent for Christians around the world.....a traditional time of reflecting, thinking and praying. Some people love this, I will be honest with you, I struggle with it. When I was at theological college, we had quiet days every term: this consisted of silence for the whole day, prayers and sermons and a key speaker giving us reflective addresses to think about throughout the day. These days were planned in each term, we had no decision as to when we 'wanted' to stop and reflect and in all honesty they never came at a good time for me: I was either not in the right frame of mind, stressed out about an essay that was due in imminently, needed companionship.....and normally by late afternoon I was one of a small group of people who secretly texted one another and met up outside the college grounds and went for a walk, somewhere for coffee and cake or simply sat in the car listening to the radio!

And do you know what, I continue to struggle with silent, reflective times.....my excuse now is that my life is rather frantic, professionally as a priest of two parishes totally nearly 10000 people and personally with a full time working husband and two young boys (don't worry, be assured I love being busy) and I struggle to sit down and read a book or watch the TV, especially if there is washing to be put on, dishwasher needing to be emptied, rooms hoovered etc. etc. Quite simply it is just not in my character to stop and be, to read and reflect, to pray and to listen. Just as my boys cannot sit still for more than a moment (unless the 'Square Idol' in the corner of the room is switched on), I have always been someone that is continually doing.

But do you know what. I NEED TO STOP. I NEED TO BE. I NEED TO REFLECT. Why? Because otherwise I will continue to be too busy to properly see where I am, be aware of what I have and do not properly appreciate the world around me - in my own life, around our community, on the island, in our world. And I think perhaps I am not the only one.

I recall reading a book about Desmond Tutu, and in it there's a quote from his friend, Francis Cull who talks about Tutu's prayer life revolving around rest, prayer, and work and in that order. Consider this for a moment: Desmond Tutu - He served as archbishop of the Province of Southern Africa, a Christian community including millions of people in several countries. He was a principal leader in the fearsome, demanding struggle to free South Africa from apartheid.

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Upon retirement, he took up the responsibility of chairing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of his country, and thus led its burdensome work of restoring health to the soul of a sin-sick nation. And this man found it possible to rest, to rest in God. Indeed, were he among us here today, I'm sure he would tell us that doing these things would have been utterly impossible for him if he had not found rest in God.

Just like Desmond Tutu, each of us in our unique way must give priority to rest, to stop and 'count your blessings' as the old song goes, to have some deep reflective prayer with God or if you do not believe to reflect on your life, who you are and where you are at the moment and then work – act on the world around you, on your reflections as to who and where you are, work towards what you truly need to do, not just have been doing for months and years.

Don't have a depressive Lent, where all you do is moan about the thing you have given up. Instead rejoice in the things you have and perhaps take up something instead – rest, reflect and/or pray, yes but also act. Be more aware of your life and the world around you through your resting and reflecting so you can be the most productive person you can be: whatever your age and whatever your ability.

I wish you a positive, productive yet restful and reflective month!

Rev Amanda

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- 20th PALM SUNDAY  
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- 24th Maundy Thursday  
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- 27th EASTER DAY  
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11	Volunteers Required	Volunteer Required
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Sunday	27th	10.30am	EASTER SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION Rev Graham Akers

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## Searching for the Families UNDERWOOD & McCaul

My g-g-grandfather, Charles Underwood, was born at Norwood around 1809 to Charles Underwood Snr and Margaret Mary McCaul. I am hoping someone somewhere will have knowledge of Charles Snr and Margaret's families and would be willing to share it with their many cousins in Australia.

The only leads we have to Chas Jnr's family from the IW is that he may have left behind a sister by the name of Mary Ann Underwood – a woman with such a name having died there in 1842; and there was perhaps a brother/ uncle/ grandfather with the name Henry.

Charles landed in Sydney from IW in 1833 as a groom, aged 24. After just a few years in Sydney he had tenure over most of what is today, Sydney's world famous Bondi Beach. He is also thought to have introduced the horse-drawn omnibus to Australia, on Boxing Day, 1843.

In the archives of the Isle of Wight Family History Society is a pedigree of a Chas Underwood, born at Norwood around the same era. That Charles is not my g-g-grandfather; nevertheless, it is probable the two were close cousins.

If anyone can help with my search I would be happy to hear from you, and will return the gesture in kind. My email address is:

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## Who or What is your church – Part two!

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However the congregation have recently started a 'Coffee and Chat' in the Scout Hall in Wyatts Lane on the second Thursday of the month between 2 and 4pm. It is a time when people from the local community, churchgoers or not, come together for a free cuppa and biscuit, to talk, share memories or simply just to be with other people. Do come along – our next one is 10 March.

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# **NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT**

(Eileen Turner-Palmerton)

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At our last event we celebrated Valentine's Day, (a bit late and a bit of fun), with heart shaped chocolates as well as the usual selection of biscuits. Our speaker was Mark O'Sullivan from Age UK. He gave various information of the work that Age UK does and help and advice they are able to give to residents.

At a recent Neighbourhood Watch meeting at Cowes Police Station, we were reminded to be aware of recent phone calls people were receiving from someone supposedly working for your Bank. They were asking for your account number and pin number. PLEASE REMEMBER the Bank will NEVER ask you for these details. Another item, to be very cautious of people knocking your door, telling you your roof or some part of your property is in need of repair. They will offer to do the work and ask for the money in advance. PLEASE do not part with any money or Bank details. If this should happen, try to get the number plate of the vehicle or a name on it and contact Trading Standards Office on 01983 823370.

Our next Event is on

Wednesday 16th March 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 join us at our Residents Events. We are always pleased to see new faces.



a one-off opportunity to raise a substantial amount of money if matched grant funding could be obtained. Councillors suggested that initial inquiries be undertaken into the feasibility of providing a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) on the Venner Avenue playground.

### Post Office

The clerk circulated a letter, dated February 1st, from Mr Adrian Skinner, Network Transformation Area Manager of the Post Office Ltd, which Miss Calver had passed to her earlier in the day. This letter set out an alternative approach proposed by Post Office Ltd and appeared to be far more positive in ensuring a long term sustainable Post Office service in Northwood, covering a period of at least 12 months. The situation would then be reviewed as the circumstances of both parties could very easily have changed within that timescale. Island Roads.

Councillors considered the request from Island Roads, as set out in the January/February edition of their Councillor Update, for details of any roads that could be considered as a priority for inclusion within their carriageway resurfacing programme for 2016/17.

It was agreed that the resurfacing of Oxford Street should be suggested as a priority for inclusion within Island Roads future carriageway resurfacing programme planning.

### New water main

CLlr J Nicholson referred to the problems caused by the road closure along part of Newport Road, while the installation of a new 450mm size water main took place. He had been part of the discussions held between Southern Water, Island Roads and IW Council officers. The disruption, due to the necessary, major civil engineering works, could not be speeded up, as access to premises had to be maintained along that stretch of the roadway. He agreed to keep a watchful eye on the situation and provide a further update at the next meeting.

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## GROUPS

### NORTHWOOD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next event is on Thursday 3rd March at 2pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

**TOPIC:** Nursing in a War Zone

**SPEAKER:** Dorothy Coleman

**COMPETITIONS:** Pretty cup & saucer, Best Garden Bloom

Also **Thursday 17th March** Lunch and Games

**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 14th March at 7.30pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

**Speaker:** Josie Morey

**Topic:** My Life in Dr. Barnardo's

**Competition:** A small animal ornament, Best garden bloom. Bring & Buy

**REFRESHMENTS:** (Susan & Valerie W.)

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### CREEA - COWES RADAR EX-EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

The next events is Thursday 10th March at 2:30pm

**Marconi on the Isle of Wight– Tim Wander**

Other events: Tuesday 15th March Lunch (Venue/Time TBC), Tuesday 22nd March Visit to Carisbrooke Castle incl. Talk, Tour and Tea, 2pm

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.

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### NORTHWOOD FLORAL ART GROUP

The next meeting is on **Monday 28th March at 7.30pm** in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

**Let's celebrate Easter**

Tea/Coffee and Cake £1.00

**Membership is £18.00 per year**

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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**

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

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## NORTHWOOD PC REPORT FOR MARCH

### Police report

Particular mention was made of the following:

Seven crimes had been committed during the month of January, compared to eight crimes committed for the same period in 2015

At the recent PACT meeting three new community priorities had been agreed and these would remain unchanged until mid-April. The priorities being:

- To prevent and detect non-dwelling burglaries in the Cowes, Northwood and Gurnard area;
- Reduce the number of reportable incidents at Cowes Enterprise College;
- To prevent speeding along Mill Hill Road, close to the zebra crossing with Love Lane;
- A recent Speed Watch activity had taken place on Place Road. A total of 141 vehicles had passed through the checkpoint, with 6 cars recorded as having breached the 30mph limit, at 35 mph or above.

### Matters arising from the minutes

As previously advised two copies of the revised MOU, together with a list of the Community Partnership's known assets, had been sent to the Secretary of the Community Partnership, in December. Unfortunately, the clerk still awaited a response. Following inquiries, it was now known that the Partnership's January meeting had been cancelled due to several of their members being unwell. The next meeting was scheduled for March 15th. As Cllr Pullen would be unavailable, it was suggested that Cllr Smith be approached to see if he would be free to attend.

Details of the Central Government grant for 2016-17 had recently been received. The amount to be passed over to the Parish Council was £645, which when compared to the current financial year when the sum of £911 was received, showed a decrease of £266.

To note the one-off payment of £5k to be used for the benefit of the residents in Northwood and to consider any appropriate projects.

The clerk advised that she received two copies of the Deed of Offer and the Bribery Act 2001 compliance form, which had all been duly signed by the Chairman. The one-off payment should be received within two months of the date of the Deed being signed by all parties. The Offer had to be used for the benefit of the community. In discussion it was agreed that this could provide

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