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# NORTHWOOD NEWS

March 2018



**Don't forget—Clocks go forward 25th March**

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## HELLO THERE!

Spring cleaning – its sounds like a good idea, we want to do it.... but how many of us actually get around to achieving it? In our house, that ‘deep clean’ happens when we move a cupboard to find something that has fallen down the back or when we replace something! I sadly (or perhaps joyfully!) have never undertaken the mammoth task of spring cleaning my house.

Some researchers trace the origins of spring cleaning to the celebration of the Persian New Year, which falls on the first day of spring. Many Iranians continue the practice of “khooneh tekouni” which literally means ‘shaking the house’ just before their new year, where everything in the house is thoroughly cleaned from the curtains to the furniture: what a relief I am not Iranian, I would be failing horribly in my cultural traditions, thank goodness spring cleaning is an option for us Brits!!!

However, what is not an option for me is observing Lent - this month is completely within this time of reflection when Christians are encouraged to be more reserved in our choices, think less of ourselves and more of others and ultimately God. During this time, we remember when Jesus was in the wilderness, when he had no luxuries, did not surround himself with any distractions but just focused on His Father and the job he was to undertake on earth - which would ultimately result in his giving the greatest sacrifice of his life for us.

Giving - it's a theme of lent. Many people, interestingly even those who do not go to church, try and give something up for 40 days before Easter (and yes you are right there are more than 40 days between Ash Wed and Easter Day- the church doesn't count the six Sundays as they don't think you should fast et al on days you worship God....I know it is a bit confusing!). However, a more modern trend is of giving something away - one suggestion is getting a black bin liner and putting one item in it each day of lent from your wardrobe or cupboards that you no longer use and give it to charity at Easter or perhaps even taking something up over the period - helping someone every day or doing something kind to strangers.... the list is endless.

And the best thing about this approach to Lent is that it doesn't cost anything and doesn't make you miserable... whereas giving up chocolate or alcohol certainly does!!!

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Whilst I was thinking about this I came across a poem which says this, but it a much better way than I ever could. I am not a huge fan of poetry, but this poem really struck a chord with me. It is called 'Brighten your corner' and it is written by Helen Steiner-Rice. It goes as follows:

We cannot all be famous,  
 or be listed in "Who's Who,"  
 But every person, great or small  
 has important work to do.  
 For it's not the big celebrity  
 in a world of fame and praise,  
 But it's doing unpretentiously  
 in an undistinguished way.

For seldom do we realize  
 the importance of small deeds,  
 Or to what degree of greatness  
 unnoticed kindness leads.  
 The work that God assigned to us,  
 unimportant as it seems,  
 That makes our task outstanding,  
 and brings reality to dreams.

So, do not sit and idly wish  
 for wider, new dimensions  
 where you can put into practice,  
 your many good intentions.

But at the spot God placed  
 you begin at once to do,  
 Little things to brighten up  
 the lives surrounding you.

If everybody brightened up  
 the spot where their standing,  
 By being more considerate,  
 and a little less demanding.

This dark old world would  
 very soon eclipse the evening star,  
 If everybody brightened up  
 the corner where they are!

Cut out this poem, stick it on your fridge and try to live by it during this time of Lent. However, many days you succeed with it, be it only 1 or every one of the days of this month, you will have made a difference....and that little difference could have changed someone's life forever!

*Wishing you a blessed, reflective but  
 productive month.*

*Rev Amanda*

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**March 2018**

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11.00 am Communion Service (BCP)

**11<sup>th</sup> MOTHERING SUNDAY**

11.00 All Age Worship (refreshments from 10.30 am)

**18<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

11.00 am Holy Communion

**25<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**

11.00 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

**29<sup>th</sup> MAUNDY THURSDAY AT NORTHWOOD**

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**30<sup>th</sup> GOOD FRIDAY**

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Sunday	11th	10.30am	Mrs Margaret Steer
Sunday	18th	10.30am	HOLY COMUNION Rev David Plumb
Sunday	25th	10.30am	PALM SUNDAY Rev Graham Akers
Friday	30th	10.30am	GOOD FRIDAY Rev David Plumb

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### Travellers Joy Changes Hands

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Also, we are a relatively small NHS Trust, and we cannot specialise in everything, because, a/. there is not the local demand to justify or maintain practice experience and equipment, b/. we do not have the room to cater for everything, nor the number in staff to do it. As medical procedures advance, so they become more technically reliant and treatment becomes more specialist led. I think that we can all accept that. Many can remember procedures, that take, literally, hours today, often involved an extended stay of days in hospital, plus complications and risks that are greatly negated under modern methods.

Specialisation is already creating a situation where certain hospitals deal with certain procedures, as centres of excellence, and recognising that, and working with it, then allows authorities to rationalise treatment. Meaning, only sending patients to specialist centres for the duration of that core specialist treatment, and taking them back into their local care as soon as possible, thus relieving the specialist centre valuable space and resource for other patients awaiting specialist attention. As I understand it, under the Transformation, the overall management of patient's care will be retained locally, even though core specialist treatment may be at another centre, so there is better patient focused consistency.

There are, of course, obstacles to be overcome, many of them are organisational and communication issues, but, the biggest challenge for us, on the Island, is transfer on and off the Island. It is recognised that improved transit facilities need to be secured, both, for reliability and patient care, and work is being done, now, to try to address this fundamental issue, as part of the medical service.

Under preliminary studies, the end result of Transformation will be more patient centred, enabling better patient care at locations that are best facilitated to deliver it, whether that is at home, on the Island, or at a centre with specialist knowledge and ability, but only for the duration needed for the level of care required, and, at a net reduction in patient travel off the Island, compared with what is happening currently. In other words, the Transformation process is aimed at delivering more intelligently managed patient care. Rumours that there are plans to ship all care facilities off the Island are simply not true, and completely unworkable, either financially or from a care delivery point of view, and the preliminary studies have included this option just so that it can be demonstrated as being a non-starter.

There will be opportunity for people to share their views on these proposed arrangements through a formal consultation, likely to take place towards the end of this year.



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### **NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT**

(Eileen Turner-Palmerton)

At our February Residents Event we had a very interesting and informative talk by Mr. Mark O'Sullivan from Age UK. He explained their new projects. Everyone enjoyed this months Quiz and also the belated Valentine chocolates.

The next Residents Event is on

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2018 at 2.30 pm at the Northwood Village Hall

(formerly known as the Northwood W. I. Hall)

Our Residents Events for the Year are:-

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018                      May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018                      June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018                      August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018                      September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018                      November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018

If you require transport, please contact 282242 or 296020.

The next meeting of the Northwood Community Partnership will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, 7.pm. 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 meetings.

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In addition, in the event that the land might be used for motor car or motor cycling for a restricted number of days in a year, it was thought that the Planning Authority and Environmental Health Officers should give careful consideration to the nature of any hedging being proposed to prevent any potential noise nuisance which would have a serious adverse impact on neighbouring properties in this area.

**“Permit to Work”** – approval has been given to a document for all contractors and sub-contractors to sign and adhere to when undertaking work for the Parish Council. This will ensure adequate procedures are in place to co-operate fully with the Health and Safety at Work policy and comply with relevant Codes of Practice.

**Venner Avenue play area** – the goal posts are to be moved to a different position by the IW Council as a result of the ground being churned up due to constant wear and tear during the wet winter period. The IW Council will provide advice on the best ways to reinstate the area.

**Traffic Congestion** – consideration has been given to the IW Council’s consultation on the first phase of a £9m project to improve traffic congestion in Newport. The initial stage relates to proposed improvements to the St Mary’s junction designed to reduce bus journey times between Cowes and Newport, reduce traffic delays and create a new cycle link to the hospital from Hunnyhill. The Parish Council had serious reservations as to whether the proposed traffic measures would be successful in reducing congestion at St Mary’s roundabout and for those travelling to and from Northwood. It considered that the amount of money allocated for the proposals would be more effectively spent on improvements to pedestrian access to the hospital and college, with more dropped kerbs to accommodate walking, increased cycling, mobility improvements and better bus services. It was also decided that any proposed traffic lights scheme should operate during peak times only and that thought should be given to improving the junction of Nodes Road and Newport Road, near to Northwood Garage, which had already been identified by the IW Council as being close to or over capacity.

**Community Waste Forum** – a report was given of the meeting held on 31 January. It was stated that the Chinese ban on types of plastic waste material did not affect the Isle of Wight. The construction of the Energy Recovery Facility and the Mechanical Treatment Plant was on target and with regard to bins blown over in high winds, it was Amey’s responsibility to pick up any rubbish blown about out of the bins.

CLlr David Jaggar

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## GROUPS

### **NORTHWOOD WOMEN’S INSTITUTE**

The next event is on Thursday 1st March at 2pm in the Northwood Village Hall.

**Speaker:** Jane Pelham

**Topic:** Amusing anecdotes of playing in the orchestra for operatics

**Competitions:** Hare ornament, 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 12th March at 7.30pm in the Northwood Village Hall.

**Guest speaker:** Sally Martin

**Topic:** Spring Flower Arrangement

**Competition:** Fresh Buttonhole, Best garden bloom. Bring & Buy

**REFRESHMENTS:** Tea & Biscuits (Margaret B. & Sue W.)

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### **1st NORTHWOOD SCOUT GROUP - SCOUT H.Q. Wyatts Lane**

Beavers Thursday 5.45pm to 6:50pm

Scouts Monday 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Cubs Friday 6.45pm to 8.15pm

For more information contact Derek Finch on 292904

### **CREEA - COWES RADAR EX-EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

The next event is on Thursday 8th March at 2:30pm

**Looking Up Into the Night Sky—Paul England**

**Wednesday 14th March—Lunch—Venue and time TBC**

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 2018 Programme and view photos of past events.

**New Members are always Welcome**

### **NORTHWOOD FLORAL ART GROUP**

The next meeting is on **Monday 26th March at 7.30pm** in the Northwood Village Hall.

**Eggstravaganza**

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 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

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## Northwood Parish Council Report

Report of the February 2018 meeting of the Parish Council

**Co-option** – following the resignation of William Bossman, the Parish Council was very pleased to appoint as a co-opted councillor Margaret Clark of Mallard Point, Medham. However, we are still two councillors short and would ask anyone who might be interested to contact our clerk ([clerk@northwoodparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@northwoodparishcouncil.org)). Please also see our website ([www.northwoodparishcouncil.org](http://www.northwoodparishcouncil.org))

**Local safety neighbourhood issues** – three crimes had been reported during January, compared with only one crime for the same period last year. Two assaults had taken place on or near Green Lane and there had been one incident of criminal damage on or near to Pallance Road. It was noted that Age UK Isle of Wight had been informed of a bogus caller who had been knocking on doors and purporting to be from the charity, which stressed that the person was not employed by it or affiliated with it in any way. Its advice was to refuse entry to such a caller and not give any personal information or money. Any suspicious visits should be reported to the charity on 525282 during office hours or to the Police using 101.

**Regeneration** – Mr Chris Ashman, the IW Council's Director of Regeneration attended to outline some of the key measures to improve the Island's regeneration. He suggested that there could be a partnership between the two Councils to undertake a business audit in the Northwood area. If successful, the format could be rolled out to other parish and town councils. It was considered vital to have relevant information on all the businesses in the area, including what they had to offer the community and whether they were experiencing any problems in operating their businesses. This could be obtained by employing a specialist media company to undertake an online questionnaire survey which would then collate the results. The Parish Council supported the principle of taking part in the pilot study of local businesses, subject to consideration of the exact details and costings of the proposed scheme.

**Planning applications** – the Parish Council raised no material planning objections to the application for revised proposed residential development, Pear Tree Cottage, Pallance Lane but in respect of the proposed re-siting of an access with hardstanding and landscaping on land adjacent to Rose Cottage, off Pallance Road, concerns were raised about the limited visibility for road users along Pallance Road and those intending to egress from the site.

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