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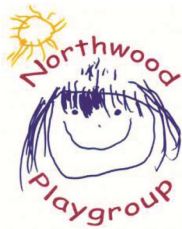
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TEA ROTA: Joan Day and Sheila Chaplow

CRAFT DAY: Thursday 24th May

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Resolutions Meeting

COMPETITIONS: Bring a "keepsake", tell it's story, best garden bloom

REFRESHMENTS: Fish & chip supper

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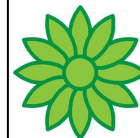
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MEETINGS

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.

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Presentation

The Chairman welcomed Peter Griffiths, Principal Planning Officer - Housing at the IW Council, who gave a presentation referring to the Island Plan Core Strategy and some of the associated documents. Councillors confirmed that they considered the production of a Neighbourhood Plan untenable due to the workload and particularly the

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costs involved. The most feasible option would be for the Parish Council to work with the IW Council in the development of the Area Action Plan for the Medina Valley. To this end the Parish Council proposed to update and augment the Parish Plan, to include the results of a reliable Housing Needs survey that would provide an accurate picture of actual housing need.

Mr Griffiths mentioned the Guidance document produced for communities to undertake Housing Needs surveys. Although unable to provide a guesstimate of the costs involved, Mr Griffiths suggested that contact be made with Wootton Bridge Parish Council who was further down this route.

The next step for IW Council officers would be, in April, to map all the sites put forward for potential housing allocations. In May, subject to the consent of the landowners, a site visit would then be undertaken. It was suggested that the involvement of the Parish Council in this stage would be useful. Mr Griffiths would liaise with Cllr Bentley, as lead councillor of the Parish Plan Working Party, during the next few weeks.

Planters Around the Village

Discussion ensued on the planters and tubs around the village. The Northwood in Bloom Working Party had still to undertake a complete review of their condition. However, should any require replacement it was suggested that the two planters at the top of Coronation Avenue could be moved from their position. Alternatively, these could be moved to sites near to entrances to the village, at the lower end of Pallance Road or Noke Common. A suggestion was also made as to possible summer bulb planting along the grass verges in these areas, similar to that found in other parishes across the island. This would require prior approval of the IW Council.

Quotations had been obtained to water all the planters/tubs on a similar basis as the previous year. The clerk reminded that the application for up to £750 matched funding for the costs of planting and the watering thereof had been successful. The need to replace the soil in the planters had been raised at a previous meeting. It was now an opportune time to investigate the costings for so doing.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The agreed to provide a mug as a memento for all the 225 children who attend Northwood Primary school, to include the name of the Parish Council within the design and of a similar quality to those being provided by Gurnard Parish Council and Cowes Town Council.

Transport and Traffic

Reference was made to the Minutes of the meeting of the Cowes, Northwood and Gurnard Community Transport forum held on 14 March. 320 timetables had been printed and displayed in 12 timetable holders at key locations. Thanks and appreciation were expressed to Mr Charlie Barnard for his work in this regard, and at no charge.

Councillors rode on the bus on the first day of the new timetable to ensure all went well and reported no problems. The timetable now allowed for the drivers to have a short comfort break at the Co-op, in Cowes.

The clerk reported difficulties in receiving the monies collected on the Route 32. No money had been passed over for 6 weeks.

Attention was drawn to the number of road closures and roadworks taking place in the Cowes wider area, which affected the bus reliability. It was suggested that Mr Peter Hayward of the IW Council be invited to a future meeting so that councillors concerns could be raised, an invitation has been sent for him to attend the June meeting.

Safer Neighbourhood Report

Bottles of milk have been taken from residences in Oxford Street. This seems to happen every now and again.

A bike was stolen from a garden.

There has been an incidence of graffiti in a bus shelter in Nodes Road. This being similar to an incident that occurred in Gurnard and formed part of an on-going investigation being undertaken by PC Pringle.

In connection with the graffiti issue, compensation could form part of any sentence of the guilty persons, providing those affected submitted details of any costs incurred for the removal of the graffiti. The same 'tag' had occurred in the current spate of damage. The police had a description of the person they would be interested in speaking to.

Within the Parish of Northwood a couple of commercial burglaries had taken place. A person had been arrested and charged.

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NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT

(Eileen Turner-Palmerton, Secretary)

Our monthly Residents Events are still proving to be very popular and well supported. At our March afternoon we had a very enlightening talk and video on the work of the Street Pastors on the Island. To show our appreciation, a donation was given to help in their work.

The next Residents Event is on

**WEDNESDAY 16th MAY 2012 at 2.30pm in the W. I. HALL,
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As always there will be a speaker, tea and biscuits, chat, quiz and raffle. If anyone wishing to come along needs transport, please telephone 01983 292060

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – These are getting finalised now and hopefully the afternoon will be a great success and enjoyed by all. Quite a lot of attractions, entertainment and fun have been arranged. Don't forget there will be a prize for the best Fancy Dress for both adults and children. The refreshments and BBQ will be available all afternoon.

DON'T FORGET THE DATE AND PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY
**SATURDAY 9th JUNE, 2012, COMMENCING AT 2pm, at the SCOUT
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The next meeting for the event is on **Tuesday 8th May at 7.45pm** in the W. I. Hall. As was said before, if you are interested in helping on the day or have any ideas, please come along and join us at the meeting, you are very welcome. This is a Village Celebration!!

The next meeting of the Northwood Community Partnership will be held on:

TUESDAY 22nd MAY at 7.45pm in the W. I. HALL.

The Agenda is displayed in the Village Notice Board outside the Horseshoe Inn.

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Jacquie Pearce (*congregation member*) St John The Baptist, Northwood

What Northwood church means to me

The ancient village churches of England are a precious part of our nation's heritage. Our church of St John the Baptist began in the late twelfth century – the age of Robin Hood of Sherwood Forest. In those days the north of the Island too was covered by forest after which church and village are named with more deer, wild boar and wolves than human beings. After his conquest of England, King William gave the Island to his childhood friend, William FitzOsbern. A typical Norman, William combined warfare with concern for his soul. He in turn gave several parishes including Carisbrooke to his favourite abbey of Lyre back in Normandy.

Lyre set up a Priory at Carisbrooke to administer their booty. The Priory set up four chapels, one of which was our first church. It was probably a simple stone box with a door at one end, altar at the other, earthen floor and thatched roof. Why John the Baptist? He preached in the wilderness; his rough dress and manners would make him the ideal patron for a church in the wild woods. Its purpose was less spiritual than mercenary. Northwood acted as a collection point for tithes (10% of produce church tax) shipped along the Medina to the Priory or away to Lyre. Tithe-payers would swear a solemn oath in church that they hadn't dodged their tax.

Over the centuries the church survived wars, famine and plague. In the 14th century the medieval village surrounding it died out hence its distance from today's Northwood. It was "one of the ruins Cromwell knocked about a bit". Unlike St Mary's, Whippingham and Newport it escaped the Victorians' zeal for rebuilding churches. Through its ups and downs it has continued at the heart of the community marking the great seasons of the year – Christmas, Easter, Harvest and the rites of passage – baptism, weddings, funerals.

Over the years buildings and worship have changed but as we pass beneath the chevroned archway – perhaps that of the original tiny chapel in the woods - we walk in the footsteps of past generations of Englishmen and women who came here to worship their God. Let us hope we can hand it on to future generations sound in fabric and vibrant in spirit.

Jacquie Pearce

St John the Baptist Church Keys

Church keys are now available from

NORTHWOOD STORES

Mon-Sat 5:00am - 7:00pm Sun 6:30am - 6:00pm

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Keys must be signed for and returned the same day.

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proposals to be confirmed as soon as possible thereafter. Details are available via www.iwight.com or I can email a map of the proposed change if asked.

New Waste Contract Procurement Process

The present waste contract with Biffa expires in 2015. There are several elements of the present contract which need addressing in any new contract. It is widely recognised that a new contract of this nature, which apart from involving the collection and recycling arrangements will also need to find and operate a new landfill and depot site, needs to be of sufficient length to justify the large amount of capital expenditure any successful bidder will need to invest in such a contract.

This means long-term planning and operations of probably 25 years with a value over that time of as much as £120 million. This in turn means the Council will need to use highly qualified consultants for financial, technical and legal specialist advice to ensure that the best possible value for money and environmental considerations is obtained throughout the long life of the new contract.

Of course this will come at a cost and it is expected up to £500,000 will be spent in the current financial year for this vital expert advice.

Considering the length and value of the expected new contract and the importance of getting it right from the outset, I do not consider such costs to be unreasonable,

More on this important matter will be published as the year progresses but I think it right that I report facts to residents at this early stage. I will naturally be glad to respond to any residents' queries if asked.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Charity Concert

Cowes Town Council is holding a charity concert at The Event Centre, Cowes Yacht Haven on Friday 1st June at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available shortly and can be ordered through me, the Town Council on 209022 or email roger.hendey@btconnect.com. Tickets can be collected at the Council Offices in Denmark Road. The concert will feature the I.W. Youth Orchestra, the combined I.W Youth Wind Band and Concert Band as well as solo musicians and singers with the emphasis on Island local performers. I do hope residents will be able to support this important and high quality concert. Tickets cost £10 or £5 for school/college students.

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Best Wishes to all, **Roger**

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REPORT - MAY 2012

Energy Saving in Island Schools

The Isle of Wight Council is working in partnership with the Isle of Wight Schools' Forum to help reduce the amount of energy used in schools. Currently schools account for 43 per cent of the council's total carbon footprint, which costs the council around £100,000 per year in carbon taxes, which were introduced by the Government as part of its Carbon Reduction Commitment scheme.

As part of the work to make schools more energy efficient, the council has recruited an energy and carbon management officer on a two-year fixed term post funded by the Isle of Wight Schools' Forum.

Mason Murray, who has a background in facilities management, will work with schools to help them identify ways of saving energy – which will both save money and help contribute towards the council's target of reducing its carbon footprint by six per cent each year. Part of his work will be to monitor data from smart meters that the council has installed at every Island school. These provide detailed information about gas and electricity usage, making it easier to identify potential savings.

For my part I am pleased the council has set tough targets to reduce its carbon footprint. This appointment shows our commitment to achieving these reductions which will not only be better for the environment but will save the schools and the council money.

Changes to Width Restrictions in Pallance Road

Draft proposals have been published by Highways to correct an historical error in the extent of the present Pallance Road width restriction limiting the size of large commercial vehicles using Pallance Road via Hillis Corner and Rolls Hill as a short cut through to Thorness and Yarmouth etc. The original order incorrectly missed out the Hillis Gate Road section, so this Order will rectify this omission and correctly designate the roads covered by the restriction which the police have now stated must be done to legally limit the amount of large commercial traffic using these roads.

I know local residents wish to see such traffic restricted and this is a matter that the Parish Council will be commenting on at their May meeting. I have already signified my agreement. I would expect the

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2012 Show is on
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PLANT SALE

Saturday 5th May 2012 10am - 12pm

In the grounds of Northwood Church, Chawton Lane (or in the Church if wet)

Any donations of plants would be gratefully received,
Please bring at 9.30am on the day

Raffle ~ Bring and buy ~ Refreshments
 All proceeds will be in aid of the Church Organ Fund.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2012

Is on Sunday 13th May until Saturday 19th May 2012

Please give as generously as you can to this very worthwhile cause.

Would anyone who does not wish to contribute money
 Please respect the volunteer who has kindly given up his/her time
 and just say "no thank you".



Gurnard Guides

BRING & BUY SALE

Wednesday 23rd May 6:30pm

Gurnard Scout & Guide Hut, Worsley Road



The 2012 Baby & Toddler Event this year will take place at
 the Riverside Centre in Newport
 on Saturday 5th May from 10 - 4pm

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH WARDENS

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 one of the Churchwardens whose details are given above. We're 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. We are always here for you - because that's what we're about!

From the Parish Church Registers:

Baptisms

31st March 2012 ELIAS PEDDER

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Marriages

31st March 2012 STEVEN PEDDER and VERONICA WALSH

7th April 2012 JAY SHIRLOW and ISABEL JENNINGS

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For Baptism, Wedding, Funeral and other enquiries please telephone
 The Rev'd Roger Whatley on 01983 825938

FLOWER ROTA FOR MAY 2012

6th **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**
 13th **SALLY MARTIN**
 20th **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**
 27th **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**



PRAYER GROUP MEETING FOR MAY 2012

Tuesday 15th 10.30am at 89 Wyatts Lane



NORTHWOOD PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

in St John the Baptist Church, Chawton Lane, Northwood

May 2012

Sunday 6th - 5th Sunday of Easter

11:15am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP)
Readings: Acts 8.26-end, John 15.1-8

Sunday 13th - 6th Sunday of Easter

8:00am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP)
 11:15am **FAMILY SERVICE**
Readings: Acts 10.44-end, John 15.9-17

Thursday 17th - Ascension Day

7:30pm **HOLY COMMUNION** (CW)
Readings: Acts 1.1-11, Luke 24.44-end

Sunday 20th - 7th Sunday of Easter

11:15am **MORNING PRAYER** (BCP)
 12:15pm **HOLY COMMUNION** (CW said)
Readings: Acts 1.15-17 and 21-end, John 17.6-9, Psalm 1

Sunday 27th - Pentecost

11:15am **HOLY COMMUNION** (CW)
Readings: Acts 2.1-21, John 15.26-27 and 16.4-15

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CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR MAY 2012

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
4th	Mrs P. PLEDGE & Mrs J. MAZILLIUS	Mrs J. PEARCE
11th	VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
18th	Mrs E. BANKS & Mrs K. WELFOOT	JANE PEAKALL
25th	VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED