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Letter for May

Hello there!

Images are powerful things.....I have often said the sense I would hate to lose would be my sight – it gives you so much more of an insight to the world than hearing, smell, touch or taste. As the old saying goes photos, pictures, paintings can say a thousand words, without saying anything at all. Furthermore the same image can affect a number of people in very different ways: they can make you cry, be horrified, shocked or bring you great joy! And now due to the increase of social media and the fact that so many things we own can take photos (phone, tablet etc) we are surrounded by photos of everyday life, and not just those special moments we capture on our camera.

There are of course benefits of this – my best friend in Australia daily sees my boys through photos streamed on the internet and we chat each week on Skype and I will be honest with you I take it for granted now, which is crazy as in my lifetime I have survived, yes survived ladies and gentlemen, without a mobile, dealt with putting only one image on a floppy disc and coped with the only communication with my folks, whilst on deployment in the Middle East, being a 10 minutes' weekly phone call. But the disadvantages are that we have now been saturated by images and perhaps their shock and awe effect does not have the same impact on us anymore, and yet regrettably there seems to be more and more sadness and desperation than ever before around the world.

I was chatting to a couple last week and we all agreed that having children has had a profound effect on us all – we all now struggle to watch things on the television where a child is hurt or in great distress. It invokes great emotion in us, and can do so in such a short space of time, and sometimes so much that we have to turn away or turn off the TV. And I am sure it is the same for many of you out there. But whilst we would rather not see the horrendous situation people worse off than us are in, we NEED to see it because hopefully that will kick us into action.

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May is traditionally a lovely month with the sun shining more brightly and all of us tending to start spending more time outside – in the garden, walking along the beach, at the park. Let's make our community shine even more with love by giving a few coins or notes, whatever you can afford, to making someone's life better.

Wishing you a blessed month,

Rev Amanda

PS Apologies for the confusion last month – the front article was written by Di Netherway not Amanda Collinson....Amanda has only been ordained for 8 years not 20!!!!

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From the Parish Church Registers:

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Marriages

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11.00am All Age worship (refreshments from 10.30am)
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- 29th 1st Sunday after Trinity**
11.00am Informal Holy Communion

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Sunday 15th 10.30am Mrs Marion Challoner

Sunday 22nd 10.30am Mr Den Brewin

Sunday 29th 10.30am Mrs Gill Murray

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The FELLOWSHIP GROUP will meet on Mondays 2nd and 30th May, 2.30pm at 8 Pallance Road, Northwood. Everyone welcome to come along.

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We will also be doing a Christian Aid breakfast at Northwood church on 21st May from 8.30am – do come along for a great start of the day: everyone is welcome and all proceeds will go to Christian Aid!

Whilst we know that times remain tough, with your help and support we can make life changing differences to people – families like Morsheda's, every penny will count and will be much appreciated.

Thank you, in advance, to those of you who donate to this fantastic charity and help turn people's lives around.

Rev Amanda, Northwood church

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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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the developers had David Thornton, head of Visit Isle of Wight, speak for it. There were lots of serious conditions attached to the Approval, many to be carried out before any development can start, and, I hope that dialogue will open between the developer and residents, now that it has permission.

Ferry Ports

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You will, I expect, have seen, too, that the Red Funnel proposal was turned down by Committee, and the reasons that I saw, were over dominance of the town, displacement of burgeoning businesses, including placing a new hotel alongside valuable deep water birthing, instead of retaining it for industry, and unjustified demolition of houses, a pub and shops. It is difficult to understand why Red Funnel did not see this coming, especially as, it seems, the Town Council and local voices were all telling them so, but then, the HCA are involved in this, and, personally, I have no confidence in the judgement of an organisation who spend our money bolting barriers down to a pavement that they insist needs renewing, for the sake of it, and this scheme rings of that same mentality! It is a great shame and missed opportunity that they did not listen to the loud voice of the people. On the other hand, a new high level ramp was approved for loading at the Fishbourne terminal, giving the message that we are not anti-ferry on the Island, as long as people talk to us and properly consider our needs and wants.

Beer & Vintage Busses Weekend 2016

For anyone who hasn't experienced this new phenomenon on the Isle of Wight, make sure that you don't miss this year's event on the weekend 15th & 16th October. Last year it became the biggest event of its type in the Country, and forecasts are that it will be even bigger and busier this year. Basically, what happens is that the Island comes alive with people traveling on vintage busses, for free, busses that come from all over the Country for the experience, and pubs are the bus stops (talk about utopia!). But, you don't need to be a drinker to enjoy



Survey of New Road Surfaces

My survey of the new road surfaces has been constructively received by Island Roads, and I am awaiting confirmation of the items that will be rectified and how and when that will be done.

Southern Water Major Engineering Works

There was a delay in getting past the Northwood Garage/ Oxford Street junction area due to the asphalt plant breaking down, but time has not been wasted, and, it is anticipated that the works will reach their destination earlier than anticipated, possibly, around the end of this month. Although these essential works have caused more frustration to some people than others, I believe that their impact, in consideration, has been relatively minimal, on the whole, and most people have showed tolerance and cooperation. I know that Southern Water say that the works have been relatively trouble free, compared with some of their mainland jobs, and wish to thank residents and travellers for their understanding. I think it right that, in turn, that I should thank Southern Water and Island Roads for their work and efforts. It is difficult, even impossible to get all the peripherals right on such large works, and we can all tell someone how they could do their job better, especially in hindsight, but, in my small involvement, I have been impressed by the way the job was managed and executed.

Hillis Gate Holiday Development

The small holiday development at Hillis Meadows, opposite the turning to Marks Corner, was approved at Planning Committee on 13th April. This follows a long fight by the residents to oppose it, first, back in 2008, when it was proposed as a caravan park, but refused at Committee and then at Appeal, and now as a series of wooden chalets with an eco-theme. I spoke against it, with some of the residents, and

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Police Report

PCSO Derek Howard presented the report of the Local Safety Neighbourhood (LSN) team on matters arising since the last meeting. Particular mention was made of the following:

- ◆ the change of leadership of the team, with temporary Inspector Andy Mcdonald having now taken over from Inspector Henderson-Parish;
- ◆ eight crimes had been committed during March, compared to only two for the same period in 2015. Councillors expressed their disappointment that the Crime Reports web site had been discontinued. PCSO Howard was unable to provide any explanation as to the reason why. Councillors suggested that a letter of complaint be sent to the Hampshire Constabulary and to the Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner. PCSO Howard advised of the website Police.UK. However, the information this site provided was generally two months out of date.

Memorandum of Understanding

It was approved that the Chairman signed the Memorandum of Understanding between the Parish Council and Northwood Community Partnership. The clerk advised that although the six wooden seats showed no signs of deterioration and would need little maintenance, they all required some upkeep to bring them back to good order. Cllrs Smith and M Nicholson and a local resident had volunteered to undertake this task. Reference was made to the Condition report on the Parish and Community Notice Board, that had been compiled and circulated to councillors in January. This detailed the works necessary, as little had been done since its installation, and could cost upwards from £350. Some minor urgent works were required and councillors were reminded that approval had been granted for these in January. It was decided the clerk obtains quotations, in line with Financial Regulations, for the refurbishment of the Parish and Community Notice Board.

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Big Tidy Up

Cllr J Nicholson advised that the scouts would be prepared to assist, where appropriate, in any tidy up of Northwood. Mindful that the judging of the Best Kept Village competition was due to take place in May and June, councillors initially suggested for the event to take place on 2 May. During further discussion, it was considered that this could pose a risk to the health and safety of the scouts should they assist in any litter pick along a roadway. Clearing the Cut between Venner Avenue and Nodes Road, would be a more suitable venue, on any day or time convenient to them. The clerk had a small supply of litter pickers, green bibs and bags if required.

Cllr J Nicholson agreed to request Island Roads to undertake a litter pick, in particular along the lower end of Pallance Road, Hillis Gate Road, Saunders Road and the Newport Road.

The clerk confirmed that she had written to three local businesses as requested at the last meeting. BAE Systems had responded stating that they fully supported the campaign to keep Northwood clean. However, their site plans showed the fence in Place Road as their boundary, not the hedgerow. Cllr Fuller was of the view that this had been planted by a now disbanded voluntary organisation, many years ago. Cllr J Nicholson agreed to contact Island Roads with a view to having it trimmed back.

Monthly Meetings?

Two councillors had approached the Chairman requesting for a discussion be held on the possibility of reducing the number of Parish Council meetings held in each year. A debate ensued highlighting possible advantages and disadvantages for a change in the frequency of meetings. It was suggested for each councillor to set out, in time for the next meeting, parameters as to how they considered the proposal could be achieved or not. The clerk advised of certain timeframes, which had to be adhered to for the setting of the annual Precept and for holding the annual meeting of the Council.

It was decided that further consideration of the necessity of holding monthly meetings to form an agenda item for the annual meeting of the Parish Council, in May.

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NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT

(Eileen Turner-Palmerton)

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The last Residents Event was very interesting and enjoyable. Tom came along and gave a talk about keeping fit. He demonstrated some easy exercises that can be done by most of us in the comfort of our home, which will keep our circulation going and our muscles supple.

As the weather is getting warmer (and hope it will stay for a while), the Safer Neighbourhoods Team is giving a reminder about being observant and keeping all doors and windows locked when no one is at home. Also if you are out in your back garden, make sure your front door is secure.

The next Residents Event is on

Wednesday 18th May, 2016, 2.30pm in the W. I. Hall, Northwood.

As always, if you need transport to our events, please contact 296020 or 282242.

Why not come along and join us. It is a chance to meet old friends and also make new ones.

The next meeting of the Northwood Community Partnership is on Tuesday 17th May, 2016, 7pm at the Travellers Joy Public House, Pallance Lane.

Anyone who would like to join us and help to keep the events and floral decorations going in Northwood would be very welcome. We do not ask for a great deal of your time, but every little helps.