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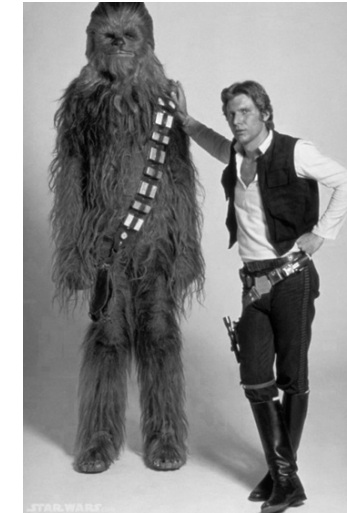
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Hello there!

I am sitting at my desk trying to think about what I should write about this month, what is key about this month, what we need to reflect on and after a while of pondering I have come to realise that I really like May – it is normally sunny, it always has two bank holidays in it, it always has a connection with Star Wars (May the fourth/force be with you: Hence the photo on the front – I have not gone mad, well any more than I was already!), there is always a half term in it, distant memories of May Pole dancing are remembered fondly.....and then there's the actual word itself: it's a lovely name coming from Maia, the Roman fertility goddess and it is one of the gentlest and most polite verbs in the dictionary! If I had to pick a month, I think it would be in my top three – which, thinking about it, is rather strange: I don't celebrate my birthday in it, no major things, apart from the birth of my first child, has ever happened in May, it's the month when exams are sat....why I like it so much, I really don't know.

But then why we like or dislike things never really have a logic to them do they? Why do children from the same family have different interests, favourite food? Why can good and firm friends always argue over which is the best song? Why can a number of us look at the same picture and have a multitude of opinions over it? Well probably because we are all unique... I write that with a smile on my face as I remember the scene from Monty Python's Life of Brian when the whole crowd says 'we are all individuals'...a brilliant film, despite the swearing!!!

However to a greater or lesser degree, it seems we all try to remove our uniqueness and become the same – we endeavour to get rid of any differences we may have as youngsters to ensure we do not stand out in any way and conform with the cool kids and not much changes when we become adults – the majority of us keep silent when we don't agree with someone's opinions, we keep our heads down at work, especially if we are struggling, to ensure management are not watching us, we strive to look as good as those role models we have – be they on TV, in magazines or on social media. Only a small percentage of people happily and confidently make themselves stand out – they have the confidence to do it, and I doff my caps to them....and wish I was as brave as them!

And talking of bravery, there is the Whistleblowers – people who can no longer stand whatever injustice is happening round them and risk everything to try and change it. They try and remain 'in the system' yet report to organisations or authorities to try and rectify the wrong. So very brave and so desperately needed in the world we live in.

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We are still in the Easter season and so in church we continue to celebrate the Risen Jesus Christ, giving thanks for him and his uniqueness, his willingness to go against authority, against society norms and not just putting his head above the parapet but paying the ultimate sacrifice for us by dying on the cross which ultimately opened the gates of heaven to all who believe. He wasn't afraid to stand out in the crowd, had the confidence to say or do what others were not brave enough to do....and he did it all for the love of mankind.

As you enjoy this month, think about whether you are trying to be like the RIGHT role model – are you following the wrong type of person? Are you letting injustice continue? Are you ignoring the loner, the weak, indeed anyone struggling simply because they do not fit in to society's 'norm'? Be brave, be strong, be a bit more confident than you normally are and stand up to what is right and proper and just.....it may be unnerving, but it will be so rewarding in the long run!

*Wishing you a brave and successful month!*

*Rev Amanda*

### **Northwood Parish Church**

Plant Sale will be held on Saturday May 13th 2017  
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Jan Price

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May 2017

- 7th 4th Sunday of Easter**  
11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 14th 5th Sunday of Easter**  
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.00 am All Age Worship  
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- 21st 6th Sunday of Easter**  
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- 28th 7th Sunday of Easter**  
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Commemoration in Northwood Park & St Mary's church

6.30pm CIRCUIT SERVICE at Godshill Methodist Church

Sunday 14th 10.30am Mrs Diana Wiles

Sunday 21st 10.30am Mrs Margaret Steer

Sunday 28th 10.30am To be arranged

Tea/coffee is served after the services.

The Sunday School meets at 10.15am and would welcome more young people to join them.

The LADIES' SISTERHOOD will meet at 2.30pm on Tuesdays 2nd, 16th & 30th May. All ladies would be very welcome to join our fellowship.

The FELLOWSHIP GROUP will meet at 2.30pm on Tuesdays 9th & 23rd May at 8 Pallance road, Northwood. All welcome to come along.

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### **The Island's first Balloon Festival will be held at Northwood church on Saturday 20th May from 10am-4.30pm**

There will be displays of balloons all around the church by Twisted Inflatons as well as activities during the day including a free bouncy castle, Andy Vance – Magician and The beautiful Belle will meet and greet our visitors from Enchanted Isle. There will also be refreshments, face painting and craft stalls available throughout the day.

In the evening, the Church will be playing host to a brass quartet and vocal trio Trinity. Commencing at 7pm.

On Sunday 21st May at 2pm, we will be having a service of remembrance for anyone who has lost a loved one. There will be a balloon release after the service. All activities are Free. Donations welcome.

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Another of my long standing campaigns that is just starting to bare awareness is to raise recognition and awareness instigate action in addressing the wide issues around mental state. It was because of my work and understanding in this regard that I am universally nominated as champion Mental Health for the Council. It is essential that this work has continuity, especially when the, yet fragile, fruits of this labour are just starting to show. It was nearly two years ago that I introduced members of the Council, Police and Education to Professor Steve Peter's Chimp Management programme (a performance tool that addresses mental state issues across a wide platform of situations – schools, crime, health and personal performance - and which has been credited in our recent Olympic sports success phenomenon), and right now the CCG are considering the programme in their work. Many will understand just how important this work is from its burgeoning note in the media and from my reports and work, locally.

I have also been stating for years, how important business is to the local community, and that it is through supporting and developing local industry and employment that the Island will grow and prosper. In this regard, I was the only Councillor to join the local Technology Group and have supported and promoted events that have served to raise the profile of the little know and incredible business resource that we have on the Island. This too, thankfully, is now being widely recognised, and there are many more voices in the community (who understand far more than I do) stating the same message, so, now this has become a self-perpetuating mantra for the Island, now, quite independent of my lone voice, as years ago.

It is not just in Council that I am active on community matters, I am the long-standing chairman of CAMRA, have brought Cowes to be a major venue in the annual Beer and Vintage Buses festival, also, co-developing an acclaimed Historic Walk through Cowes, that maps its social history in its rise to become a significant sea port, and, I am currently engaged in co-developing a Cowes Blitz Walk for the 75th Anniversary Commemoration of the Blyskawica, the Polish battleship that saved Cowes during WWII.

Your vote, in my support of you, is appreciated.

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### Election Letter

I am hoping that you will return me as your representative Councillor for the next 4-year term, regardless of what your politics are. I hope and feel that I have served you and the community well. I am committed to building community strengths, as those who know me and have read my newsletters will know, and this is reflected in the positions that I have taken, as a Councillor, and, also, in my business life and my social life.

As a County Councillor, the first thing I did was to commit myself to the local Town and Parish Councils, who, also, represent the local community in Cowes, where I was involved in the reformation of the Council to a more efficient and business-like structure, I accepted chairmanship of the dynamic Projects Committee. In Northwood, I became vice chairman of the long-standing Community Partnership and introduced Community Wellbeing as an agenda item at the Parish Council (the first, I believe, to do so on the Island). That commitment will continue to build, as my applications for Town and Parish have already been successful, but, for County (Cowes South and Northwood), I still need your vote! At County level, it was me that proposed the motion for recognition and inclusion of Complimentary Medicine in Health and Wellbeing, not least because so many people use these services to good effect. This led to me facilitating high level dialogue with the CNHC (Council for Natural Health Care – a body set up by the government, and supported by the Prince of Wales, to do just what I was proposing). And, just this year my motion to adopt Policy for regulating scaffolding on the Public Highway (as exemplified by Hampshire County Council), so as to ensure public safety is properly addressed and standards properly maintained, was accepted without debate, as was another motion to adopt better controls on the work of the Utility Companies on our Highways, to regulate the duration and quality of works, again, as exemplified by other Authorities.

My focus and interest in our Island community, and the way it functions, led me to serve on the Planning Committee, the Children's Committee, the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee, and the Environment & Transport Committee. Importantly, leading up to the current special measures crisis in the NHS Trust, I have led a campaign criticising the quality and timeliness of the information that has been presented at health and care committees, and the lack of joined up thinking that fails to connect with the wider community, also, expressed concern on the reports of bullying at the Hospital. This whole system needs to be tightened up, and that is a work in progress for me, for which I need to be returned as an elected member.



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Sat. 6 May	10am	Coffee Morning
Sat. 6 May	7:30pm	Community Quiz in aid of Alzheimer Cafes
12,13,14,19,20, 21 May		CAODS present <i>The Lion, The Witch &amp; The Wardrobe</i>
Sat. 3 June	10am	Coffee Morning

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**NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

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**NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT**

(Eileen Turner-Palmerton)

Unfortunately this report had to be submitted before the April Residents Event. Mr. Marc. Earp was our speaker. A review of his talk will be in the next report, but we are sure it will be very interesting.

It is that time again when the plants have to be changed in the Village, probably the end of May. Some of the troughs are in need of repair or replacement. They have been around for 10 years.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team are still sending out a reminder to all Residents regarding the safety and security of your houses, cars and property, especially as it is getting warmer. Make sure you lock downstairs windows and doors when you leave the property, also your cars and vans.

Our next Residents Event will be on Wednesday May 17th, 2.30pm at the W. I. Hall.

Our Residents Events for 2017 are as follows:

June 21st	July 19th	August 16th
September 20th	October 18th	November 15th

For future events, please contact 282242 or 296020 if you are in need of transport.

The next Northwood Community Partnership meeting is on Tuesday May 16th, 2017, 7.pm at the Travellers Joy Public House.

If you are interested in what happens in the Village, like the upkeep of the flowers and the Residents Events, we would appreciate anyone who has a spare hour to help, to come along and see what we are trying to do for the Residents of the Village. Please contact any of the above telephone numbers for more information.

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**PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES**  
**NORTHWOOD PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU**  
**DON'T DELAY, APPLY TODAY!**

After the Parish and Town Council elections on 4 May, there will be **four vacancies** on Northwood Parish Council. If you feel you have two/three hours a week to spare and want to make a difference locally, please submit an application in writing to the Clerk, Mrs Barbara Herbert of 11 Wyatts Lane, Northwood, PO31 8QB, by **Friday, 5 May 2017** or contact her on 01983 290086 for more details. The Parish Council would welcome hearing from any persons who are interested in standing as a parish councillor, providing they fulfil the eligibility criteria\* set out below.

If five or more applications are received then prospective candidates will be asked to make a short presentation on how they can contribute to the Parish Council and the community of Northwood. This would be immediately prior to the meeting scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 16 May 2017.

\* A local councillor must be 18 years of age or over and a British subject or citizen of the Irish republic. He/she must also be a local government elector of the Parish or a person who has:

- i) During the whole of the 12 months before nomination occupied land or premises as owner or tenant in the parish or,
- i) During the same period resided in the Parish, or within 4.8km thereof or,
- i) During the same period had his/her principal or only place of work in that area.

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**NORTHWOOD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

The next event is on Thursday 18th May  
at 2pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.  
Resolutions

**COMPETITIONS:** 3 or 4 photos of themselves( start early and progress), Best Garden Bloom

**HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR HIRING**

To hire the Hall please contact **Anne Jonas** on **295437**  
**Visitors & New Members are always Welcome**

**MEDHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

The next event is on Monday May 8th  
at 7.30pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.  
Resolution Meeting

**Competition:** Show & Tell!, Best garden bloom. Bring & Buy

**REFRESHMENTS:** Tea & cake (Valerie S & Jean C)  
Spring Fayre 13th May

Annual Meeting at Quay Arts Wednesday 24th May  
**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

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

The next event is on Thursday 11th May at 2:30pm  
**Island Mills—Joe Lashmar**

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 2017 Programme and view photos of past events.

**New Members are always Welcome**

**NORTHWOOD FLORAL ART GROUP**

The next meeting is on **Monday 22nd May at 7.30pm** in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

**Wight Flowers** (demo/talk by two ladies who own company)  
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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## NOTES FROM THE APRIL MEETING OF NORTHWOOD P.C.

### Public Forum

There was one member of the public in attendance who referred to the matter of alleged speeding along Nodes Road, particularly in the vicinity of the junction at Four Cross, Northwood. The clerk was requested to write to Hampshire Police suggesting for a meeting to take place, on site, between all the relevant parties

### To consider the appointment of a contractor for pruning and ongoing maintenance of the six gardens in Northwood

The clerk advised of the problems in obtaining three quotations for undertaking the necessary work. Mr T Hewitt had provided an excellent service during 2016, going beyond the specification outlined. His quotation had also not increased. It was decided Mr T Hewitt of Follow Your Dreams2016 be appointed to prune and provide ongoing maintenance of the six gardens in Northwood, at a total cost of £360.

### To consider the purchase of Adobe Acrobat Pro

The cost to purchase Adobe Acrobat Pro was £285 for the Standard version and £445 for the Pro version. Cllr J Nicholson volunteered to investigate whether there were any other applications/software available, which could prove just as suitable for the Parish Council's needs.

### To note the latest proposals regarding the Post Office service in Cowes

Councillors noted the letter from Mr N Ennis, Network Transformation Programme Director to Miss S Calver, the Postmistress at the Pallance Road Post Office. This confirmed her existing contract until 30 September 2017. It was reported the Andrew Turner MP continued to press for a suitable resolution on the relocation of the Post Office service in Cowes. However, there was no further update on the matter to report. It was advised that Cowes Town Council were to consider making inquiries into possible, suitable venues for further ATM machines in the town, due to the closures of HSBC and Lloyds Bank, since the beginning of the year.

### Picnic table

The clerk advised that the second picnic table had been delivered to the residence of Mr Derek Smith. He had kindly installed this on the play area with the assistance of Ian and Charlie Lallow and Paul Kirkpatrick. Councillors expressed their grateful thanks to them all. There was no further update on the position of the first picnic table, which had not weathered very well since its installation, and had been collected by HMP IW.

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