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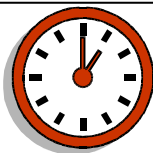
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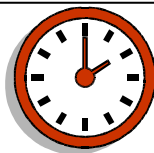
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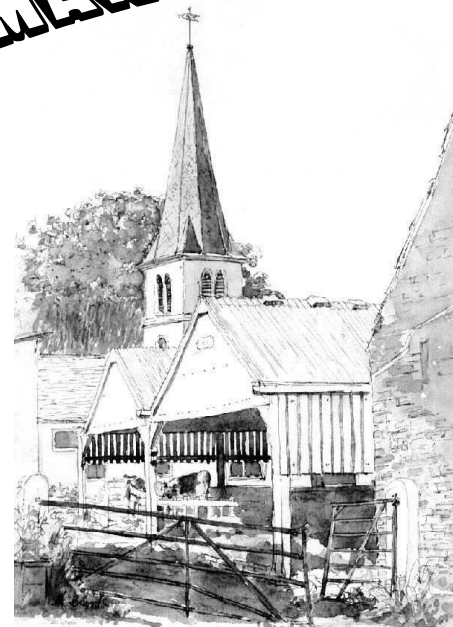
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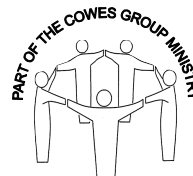
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News and Events of the Churches and Organisations in and around the Parish of Northwood, Isle of Wight

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 For membership details contact Mary Mead on **01983 298154**
 or visit the **CREEA** webpage in the **Local Groups** section of the village website
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SPEAKER: SARAH LANG - "Beatrix Potter"

COMPETITIONS: Spring posy; Best Garden Bloom

LUNCH & GAMES: Thursday 10th March

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GUEST SPEAKER: MIKE ARNELL - "Apollo Theatre"

COMPETITION: A Theatrical Memento; Best Bloom

REFRESHMENTS: American Supper - (The Committee)

SALES TABLE

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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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PARISH COUNCIL ROUND-UP

At the meeting of the Parish Council on 1st February the following matters were covered:

The application for a Street Trading Licence for *Julie's Ice Creams* had been granted.

The council raised no material objections to two planning applications, in Green Lane and Oxford Street.

The withdrawal of the Wightbus service was raised, and opportunities to replace it were discussed. (see following article: **Community Transport Scheme**)

It was agreed that an official opening of the Venner Avenue Play Park should be held, at a date and time to be announced.

It was agreed that Councillors' surgeries should continue for the immediate

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future, but noted that the need was debatable since there had been no attendance to date.

The future of the Island's Libraries was raised, and it was agreed that the council would make an objection to the current proposals. *Anyone interested in becoming a library volunteer can contact Cllr Mazillius for more information.*

That the Parish Annual General Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 17th May at 6.45pm. More details and a reminder closer to the time.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME

Many thanks to all those who have responded by expressing their concerns about losing the bus service.

The Northwood, Cowes & Gurnard Community Transport Forum met again on 3rd February, and apart from an update on actions taken since the 13/1/11 meeting most of the meeting was spent talking to 2 representatives from Southern Vectis who had heard about the Forum and were keen to see how far we had progressed.

The current Wightbus service apparently only covers about 50% of its costs. Southern Vectis is keen to work with the Forum to find a way forward, and to assist with providing a service that would complement and feed into the No 1 route/service from the outlying areas.

The company has buses available due to having 35 of the 60 buses involved with school runs lying idle between the 2 school run times and would have no problem supplying a service similar to that which is already being provided by Wightbus, with a view to combining the 30 & 32 in one route/service, and may even be able to extend the current provision.

The service can only be viable **if volunteer drivers could be found** – the company has no desire to make huge profits, just to cover all costs. It was explained that there are great PR opportunities in providing a combined Southern Vectis and Community Bus Scheme – it would be a 1st nationally! He would also be prepared to train drivers up to PCV licence qualification (Passenger Carrying Vehicle) free of charge, providing a commitment was given to complete the course, and the buses on the route would be “branded” to recognise the Parish Councils and Communities involved. Concessionary fares should also be able to be included. It is envisaged there would be 6 weekly shifts for the drivers.

So, to summarise:

- We need at least 6 volunteer drivers from the community**
- Southern Vectis will train the drivers up to gaining their PCV licences**
- Drivers must be able to pass a medical**

Once the drivers are trained, Southern Vectis says there may be opportunities for those drivers, if they wished, to take on the occasional shift for Southern Vectis, for which they would be paid.

So, this plea is to everyone - spread the word and try and find some volunteers for this project. You might think this is impossible, but actually those involved

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don't believe it's such a long shot, and by the way one driver has already come forward to volunteer. If you feel you could contribute, or would like to volunteer, then you can contact any of your local councillors.

So ... OVER TO YOU!

LOCAL CRIME - Cllr John Pullen

January had again been a very quiet month, with virtually no crime of any note within Northwood. Particular mention however, was made of the following:

- One incident of a person arrested on suspicion of a drug offence. As this case was still under investigation PC Thomas was unable to advise of any further details.
- There had been no more reported thefts from motor vehicles in Northwood.

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BIRD FAECES (Colin Cramp Tel: 01983 289996)

A Northwood resident has spoken to me about bird faeces on the windows, etc. of their house, and on their car. Please do not feed seagulls and other large birds such as pigeons as this can lead to the problems listed below. Please feed the small birds by, for example, using a dispenser.

Health issues - infection from the faeces;

Feeding will attract other vermin such as rats and mice;

Faeces has been proved to eat into paintwork on vehicles and buildings;

Seagulls will swoop and attack humans in their quest for food;

Seagulls will kill other small garden birds, detrimental to the smaller birds' survival;

The nuisance may incite neighbour hostilities

WILDLIFE HABITAT (or birds in the garden) - Cllr Pat Bentley

In support of Colin Cramp's article above, I would like to add a few pointers to creating a bird friendly habitat in the garden. The main problem is the dominance of larger species (corvids, pigeons etc.) who will not only eat all the food you put out, but also take both eggs and young of smaller birds. Rather than put food out directly, a far better option is to encourage the provision of hedges planted with fruiting species, providing habitat for insects. They also provide excellent opportunities for nesting, allowing the gradual build-up of a healthy local population.

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Sunday 27th 10.30am Mrs Marion Challoner

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THERE WILL BE A TRADICRAFT STALL

Speaker: Alan Wells, Cowes Town Mayor

All are welcome, including men.

'How Many Loaves Have You?'

On Friday March 4th 2011, women from around the world will celebrate the Women's World Day of Prayer. The service this year has been written by the women of Chile. It is an appropriate theme for bread is eaten at every meal and is very much part of everyday life. The women of Chile offer what it means to them as they share this service with us.

Jean Hackett, president of the National Committee of the Women's World Day of Prayer Movement said:

This is always an exciting day as a great wave of prayer sweeps the world, beginning when the first service is held in Tonga and continuing around the world until the final service takes place, some 35 hours later, in neighbouring Western Samoa. By then, the day will have been celebrated in over 170 countries and over 5,000 services will have been held in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Stretching from Peru to Antarctica, the Republic of Chile occupies a long, narrow strip of land 2,640 miles long and 110 miles wide. It is a land of incredible contrasts. It also has the highest incidence of domestic violence in Latin America and most women suffer from discrimination in some form or other. Equal opportunities are being pursued.

Although organised and led by women, this is essentially a day of prayer for everybody as we demonstrate our solidarity with our sisters and brothers in other countries and all are welcome to attend.

Further information can be found at www.wwdp-natcomm.org

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NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

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NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT

(Eileen Turner-Palmerton, Secretary)

The Residents Events are still very popular and more people are attending.

At our January event we celebrated the New Year and our February one had a "Valentine Theme". We had a short talk from Don of the **Footprint Trust**, explaining their work. He was very well received when he handed out some "goodies". Amongst other agencies represented were the **Rural Health Trainer, Age UK**, the **Isle of Wight Society for the Blind**, and the **Safer Neighbourhood Team**.

The next

RESIDENTS EVENT

is on

Wednesday 16th March 2011

in the W.I. Hall, Northwood

from 2.30pm - 4.30pm.

If you would like to attend and require transport,
please telephone **01983 298060** or **01983 282242**.

The

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the

NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

will be held on

Tuesday 22nd March 2011 at 7.45pm

in the W.I. Hall, Northwood

**All Residents and Guests are very welcome
to attend both of these events.**

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The Rev'd Keith Adlam
c/o The Rectory, Chawton Lane, Northwood

One of our grandsons is studying Romeo and Juliet in English Literature. As part of his work he has to express Shakespeare's language in today's English. When I saw him recently he'd found a website that translated the work and he was enjoying reading and understanding the play much better.

I read recently that there are probably around a million English words and phrases that come down to us from various sources and it is changing all the time. When did we first start the new use of old words icon, mouse, and window?

In 1611, the year that King James's Bible (also known as the Authorised Version) was published, Shakespeare began work on his last play, *The Tempest*. Shakespeare stretched the lexicon of English words to the very limit of his brain, using a vocabulary of 30,000 words. The translators of the King James Bible (and there was quite a team), seeking to turn ancient documents in ancient languages into poetic prose that would be read to, and increasingly by, ordinary people, used a vocabulary of a mere 8,000 English words, with phrases that have entered deep into this worldwide, common tongue ("good Samaritan", "by the skin of your teeth", "no peace for the wicked", "salt of the earth", "go the extra mile" etc.).

Apparently it was always the intention of the translators that their version should evolve linguistically (Cranmer, by the way, had the same view about the Book of Common Prayer).

I value reading the Bible in different translations and one of the resources I use is the website www.biblegateway.com - worth a browse perhaps?

One of God's gifts to us in creation is to give us brains which are wired for speech, not just a practical, grunting kind of speech, but all the wonderful ways that human linguistic creativity has spoken in poetry and drama, in laws and ecstatic song, in lullabies and slang. In the beginning God ... spoke; in the beginning was the Word. And the Bible, the Authorised Version and all its successors, has been translated again and again into the daily speech of millions of people in thousands of languages. It, too, is filled with song and parable, history and poetry, allegory and dream, prophecy, law and apocalyptic vision, biography and letters. It is indeed God's word to the world.

To quote from Psalm 150: Praise the Lord! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

God's blessings on you all.

Keith Adlam
 Associate Priest

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all I can to support the Parish Councils' initiatives in time to see a good new service in place by this August when the existing service is due to end.

COWES POLICE STATION

Police Sergeant Mike Sizer confirmed in answer to a question from me at a recent Cowes Town Council meeting that whilst the civilian Station Enquiry Officer has had his application for voluntary redundancy accepted and as a result he will leave on 31st March (and he was due to retire in any event in July this year), the front office services and opening hours of Cowes Police Station are currently under review.

However, Sergeant Sizer confirmed that there are no plans to reduce the number of Police Officers or Police Community Support Officers currently working in the Cowes Safer Neighbourhoods Team (which includes Northwood). Further the Chief Constable has stated that he wishes to protect the total number of officers in Targeted Patrol Teams, Safer Neighbourhood Teams and local crime management until at least April 2012 with the ambition of maintaining this number through to 2015.

COUNCIL TAX 2011/12

At the Council's last Cabinet meeting, appropriate recommendations were made to the Full Council meeting for 23rd February to ensure, if those recommendations are accepted, that there is NO increase in the level of Council Tax for the forthcoming financial year 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012.

This is possible, despite the requirement for the Council to spend nearly £18m less next year, by a careful programme of substantial senior staff reductions, changes to the way many services are run and funded, and prudent procurement. It is vital the Council sets a balanced budget for this difficult upcoming year because the following year further savings of around £8m will have to be found in addition to continuing to have to operate carrying forward the near £18m from the 2011/12 budget.

As a member of the administration, I can assure you that we are doing all we can in these most difficult of financial times to balance the budget whilst continuing to deliver the best possible services with our reduced resources.

I will be pleased to speak to any local resident to discuss budget or any other matters further. All my contact details are at the top of this report. Also, as I am usually in County Hall every weekday for several hours each day, if it is more convenient to you to pop in for a chat whilst in Newport, just call in to Customer Services and ask for me. If I am in a meeting, they will let me know you called.

SOUTHERN WATER

Our local water company has recently announced a programme of capital spend improvements over the next 5 years in the region of £7.5m. This is aimed at reduced flooding in certain areas and making other environmental improvements throughout the Island.

Best wishes

Roger Mazillius

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REPORT - MARCH 2011

ISLAND LIBRARIES

Further to my report last month, the consultation period on libraries has now ended with a very gratifying total response. This consultation was about a model of future operation that was considered practical by our professional libraries management and that would make a significant contributory saving to the overall Council requirement to reduce Council expenditure by up to £32m in the next four years.

These responses have ranged from "make no change to the present library service" to positive encouragement for greater community involvement. To assist the process of the core libraries in Sandown, Ventnor, Freshwater and Cowes moving more easily towards the introduction of cooperative IW Council and community library service model, the Council proposes extending the hours of operation for these sites to 21 hours per week.

All of these libraries will continue to be fully supported by the Council's central library service which will include free training for volunteers prepared to assist in these libraries during usual opening and indeed what we hope will be extended opening hours.

It is my intention to volunteer to be trained for this most interesting and worthwhile purpose and I would welcome hearing from any others who feel the same.

Whilst Newport Library, which I know is popular with many local residents, continues to be the main library for our area I am hoping that with enhanced community involvement we will increase the number of regular Cowes library users.

In the meantime, Cowes Town Council has set up a Working Party to see how it might assist in any community involvement with Cowes Library. I expect to have further news about this in my next report.

WIGHTBUS SERVICES 30 and 32

I am pleased to confirm the excellent work of the Joint Working Party between Northwood and Gurnard Parish Councils which has met with Southern Vectis to see if replacement services for our local Wightbus can be agreed.

I understand Parish Chairman John Pullen will be updating more fully on this matter in his Parish Report but I am most heartened by certain positive news emanating from that Working Party.

I fully recognise the importance of this really local service to residents and will do

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NORTHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are half way through the year already and still learning as fast as we can! Our year 5 children recently went on a trip to Southampton University as part of the Aim Higher Programme. They really enjoyed workshops in fashion and animation.

We recently invited our parents into school to work alongside their children and it was a great success.

We are very much looking forward to September when we will be a 4-11 primary school and the plans for temporary accommodation are moving forward.

The **Supporters of Northwood** would like to mention their annual **LADIES NIGHT** which will be on Friday 1st April between 7.00pm and 9.30pm. It is £3 entry with a complimentary drink and cheese and biscuits. There will be stalls of cakes, home wear and various beauty treatments on offer. It will be a great evening and the money raised will go toward an outdoor class room which we are hoping to have by September.

Sarah Hussey, Headteacher

LENT GROUPS 2011

It's that time of year again when we have the opportunity to meet together to 'discuss and debate' God's call upon our lives, the relevance of the Church and many other topics which might arise in a group discussion. Yes, we are again holding Lent groups for the whole of the plurality and shall be using a course produced by 'USPG Anglicans in World Mission'. The course is entitled *Growing the Church* and there will be two groups – one on Thursday mornings at 10.15am for 10.30am and Thursday evenings at 7.30pm. Both will be held in All Saints Church Garden Room starting on Thursday 17th March 2011. It doesn't matter if you can't attend all five sessions – come when you can.

If you've never been to a Lent group before, why not give it a try this year.

We try to be friendly and relaxed. Why not encourage a friend to come with you.

For further information contact Rita Goddard on 292400.

JOIN THE SUPER SOUP LUNCH TO HELP BOWL OVER POVERTY **at Northwood W.I. Hall on Friday March 25th 2011 from 12 – 2pm.**

People across Britain are getting together to enjoy some hearty home-made soup and crusty bread as part of **Christian Aid's Super Soup Lunch**.

The money raised will help some of the world's poorest people lift themselves out of poverty. Come and taste the delicious variety of soups, meet or make friends and no washing up!!

Everyone very welcome!

Just turn up or telephone Jill on 01983 295556 with any queries.

CHRISTIAN AID MAY 2011 - HELP WANTED

We are in need of volunteers to help deliver and collect the Christian Aid envelopes in May 2011. This involves delivering an envelope to each house and then collecting the same envelopes at a later date.

There are seven rounds where we need help, listed below with the approximate number of houses in each round:

Cowes Road - 59; Oxford Street - 64; Venner Avenue - 63;
Horsebridge Hill - 93; Greenways/Greenways Close - 57;
Uplands Road/Fieldway Crescent - 70;
Wroxall Close/Lower Venner Avenue - 33.

If you think you can help please contact Peter Lambert on 01983 526385.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GURNARD

Sandown and Shanklin Military Band concert 2nd March 7.45pm.
 Music to suit all tastes. Interval refreshments available. Free entry.
 Retiring collection in aid of Church and Band funds.

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MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

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 let Lyn know or 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:

No Baptisms

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No Marriages

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We remember in our thoughts and prayers those who have died recently,
 remembering especially their families:

WINIFRED GRANT on 3rd January 2011

PEGGY KATHLEEN ARMSTRONG on 21st January 2011

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For Baptism, Wedding, Funeral and other enquiries please telephone  
 The Rev'd Lyn McRostie on 01983 298370

### FLOWER ROTA FOR MARCH 2011

6th - PAULINE PLEDGE;  
 13th, 20th & 27th - LENT - Flowers not required

### PRAYER GROUP MEETING FOR MARCH 2011

Tuesday 15th 10.30am at 89 Wyatts Lane



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## NORTHWOOD PARISH CHURCH SERVICES in St John the Baptist Church, Chawton Lane, Northwood MARCH 2011

### 6th - Sunday next before Lent

11.15am **HOLY COMMUNION** CW with Baptism

*Readings: Exodus 24.12-end; 2 Peter 1.16-end; Matthew 17.1-9.*

### 9th - Ash Wednesday

7.00pm **EVENING SERVICE**

*Readings: Joel 2.1-2, 12-17; 2 Corinthians 5.20 - 6.10; Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21.*

### 13th - 1st Sunday of Lent

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION** BCP

11.15am **FAMILY SERVICE**

*Readings: Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11.*

### 20th - 2nd Sunday of Lent

11.15am **MORNING PRAYER** BCP

12.15pm **HOLY COMMUNION** CW

*Readings: Genesis 12.1-4a; Romans 4.1-5, 13-17; John 3.1-17.*

### 27th - 3rd Sunday of Lent

11.15am **HOLY COMMUNION** CW

*Readings: Exodus 17.1-7; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42.*

### 3rd April - 4th Sunday of Lent - MOTHERING SUNDAY

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION** BCP

11.15am **FAMILY SERVICE** -

**all Parents and Children Welcome !**

*Readings: Exodus 2.1-10; Colossians 3.12-17; John 19.25b-27.*

### 10th April - 5th Sunday of Lent - PASSION SUNDAY

11.15am **HOLY COMMUNION** BCP

*Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45.*

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN SERVICE PATTERN  
 FOR THE FIRST TWO SUNDAYS IN APRIL**

### CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR MARCH 2011

| DATE | CHURCH                          | BRASS                     |
|------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 4th  | JILL MAZILLIUS & PAULINE PLEDGE | JACQUIE PEARCE            |
| 11th | SARAH & DEN HALLAM              | JAY SHIPLEY               |
| 18th | KAY WELFOOT & ELIZABETH BANKS   | JANE PEAKALL              |
| 25th | <b>VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED</b>      | <b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b> |