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Hello there!

Well we have made it through another Winter – and it certainly have been a wet and cold one! Meteorologically speaking Spring starts on the first of the month, and at the end of the month we move into British Summer time. At last we can start to see life returning to our gardens and parks, chicks, lambs and kids arriving in the farms; the sun gaining in strength and warmth - all is well.... well it feels as though it is certainly better than it was during the dark winter days!

March is also a significantly Sainly month – with St David’s day at the beginning and St Patrick’s in the middle. Saint David, the patron saint of Wales, became renowned as a teacher and preacher, founding monastic settlements and churches in Wales and ended being a Welsh bishop of Mynyw during the 6th century. He allegedly died on 1st March, when we celebrate St David’s Day. Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was not an active believer despite his father being a Deacon and his grandfather a Priest. The story goes that Patrick, at the age of just sixteen, was captured by a group of Irish pirates who brought him to Ireland where he was enslaved and held captive for six years. It was during this time that he faith developed – he was one of those people that in their darkest hour who found the light and hope of God! Two very diverse lives of men who both ended up becoming Saints, but they are not the only ones with unusual stories, there are others many others including St Margaret of Cortona who started out as a reckless teenager and ran away at the age of 17 to live with her lover. She stayed with him for ten years until he was murdered. Her illegitimate son became a friar! So, in sum, there is still time for all of us to become saints....

There have only been two new saints in the 17 years of this century – Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul.... but the thing is you don’t have to be this super-saintly to affect the world. You don’t have to perform huge miracles just something significant which could be small. Reflect for a moment - what do we want from our 21st Century saints? Is it kindness, compassion, selflessness, humility? Is it passion and fight for those with no voice? It is great wisdom and vision? Is it a person, miles away, caring about you when you know they are struggling with their own worries and illness...? if you think about it for a moment I am sure every one of us knows someone in our lives that does have these attributes and characteristics, that is this caring, that has been a real saint to us when we have felt low, when we have needed that extra help.

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And we all can be a saint for someone else – for a family member, a neighbour, a friend. We don't have to perform miracles like Mother Teresa or John Paul have performed, we just have to be selfless, to give up some of our time, to care for others deeply and not just superficially. Not huge tasks and yet the difference you can make to someone's life could be life-changing and momentous. As Dr Seuss once said 'To the world you may be one person but to one person you may be the world.'

So, following on from my letter last month, **find time** to be a Saint – it probably won't cost you too much time or effort, but the rewards and effects could last a lifetime. Don't let it just be the daffodils in our gardens that brighten up our day, let it be all the Saints around us that shine with their love and care.... the days may be getting longer and lighter but the world still definitely could do with some more positivity and care at the moment. Do your bit, and together we can make our community a great place to live in.

Wishing you a blessed and saintly month
Rev Amanda

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From the Parish Church Registers:

Baptisms

None

Marriages

None

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5th 1st Sunday of Lent
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12th 2nd Sunday of Lent
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00 am All Age Worship (refreshments from 10.30 am)

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Sunday	19th	10.30am	Mrs Marian Challoner
Sunday	26th	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION Rev David Plumb

Tea and coffee is served after the services.

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

The LADIES SISTERHOOD will meet at 2.30pm on Tuesdays 7th and 21st March. All ladies would be very welcome to join in our fellowship.

The FELLOWSHIP GROUP will meet at 2.30pm on Tuesdays 14th and 28th March at 8 Pallance Road, Northwood. All welcome.

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FRONT PAGE

Thank you to Cheryl Vaughan for the lovely photo on the front this month of some daffodils she has growing in her garden! Cheryl would not describe herself as a photographer of any type but just a person who loves taking photos on her phone – which is what she used to take this one! Many thanks Cheryl

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Bringing Local Culture and History to Life with Communities

We are extremely rich in our culture and history, in this Country, and on the Island; every town and village has its stories. In other Countries, they combine culture and education, and local Councils get involved in the celebrations that bring culture and history to life, as part of the community, that gets people involved, and brings in interest from further afield. This is good for community spirit, wellbeing, education, local products, tradition, trade and tourism. In fact, I can't see any downside.

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With a lot of the stuff that we do on the Island, we tend not to personalise it, we have a walking festival, a cycling festival (even Cowes Week is trademarked, and has no representation from our Council), almost ignoring the strengths of the local interesting stories that are right under our noses. Look at the phenomenal success of the, now, annual Beer and Vintage Buses Weekend, that celebrates heritage and community in such a way that elevates and inspires people all over the Island, and the Country. And, with another hat on, I have been one of the organisers for the recent Historic Walk of Cowes, starting at the Kingston and finishing at the Union, but taking in some of the many interesting landmarks in between like the dry-dock, Cowes Stations, items marking the development of Cowes as a significant marine town, and culminating in a private talk at the RYS. We had over 40 walkers, from all over the South of England and the Island, all declaring it a fabulous insight to the history, culture and community of Cowes, and thoroughly enjoying the many and amusing anecdotes from our hosts at the scheduled stops and in between. This, I am thinking is one way how we could be bringing our history and culture alive amongst local communities, and we have other such event planned for elsewhere on the Island. Please contact me if you would like to be involved or to partake.

John Nicholson, Ward Member for Northwood & Cowes South
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Ward Councillor's Report –February 2017

Northwood WI Hall – A Community Asset

As many who have read my newsletter reports will know, I am very keen to encourage more engagement and involvement in the local community. I believe that this is good for building and maintaining a strong sense of community, security and wellbeing, and, over the years, I have introduced many ideas and initiatives to, both, Northwood and Cowes, to this point. In Northwood, there, now, exists a wonderful opportunity, with the Northwood WI seeking other means of maintaining their Hall as a community asset; a matter in which the Parish Council is in talks over. The particular reason why I view this as a good opportunity is that Cllr Pullen and I have also taken Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Northwood Community Partnership, an organisation that predates the Parish Council and that has continued to organise and facilitate community involvement in a very significant way. It is my belief that, if the Parish can agree terms for use or involvement in the management and running of the WI Hall as a community asset, we might be able to better actively promote events that are for, and involve, the community, picking up and expanding on the great work that the likes of the Community Partnership and the WI have done already, and, maybe seek the involvement of other community groups and interests, so that the Hall becomes a real centre working for all the local community.

Utility's Neglect

Some progress appears to be being made in getting better cooperation and coordination from the Utility Companies, but the proof will be when we actually see it being delivered, and, at the moment, particularly, with BT, I don't see this happening. BT's continued failure to respond to calls for attendance to the inspection cover at the traffic lights, has, again, caused Island Roads to take positive action themselves to deal with the matter in the immediate short term. Island Roads have removed the cover completely, infilled the hole with removeable ballast and laid tarmac over the position, flush with the surrounding road. They have already had to take similar measures with a BT cover outside the Showground, due to failure of BT to respond, and, I would expect them to have to take similar steps with the fast sinking BT cover at the Wyatts Lane junction, such is BT's apparent apathy. This sort of response and sense of responsibility is unacceptable, and I am taking my concern up with the Authority.

Measures are, also, now under discussion, to improve co-ordination and quality of repair work with all the Utility Companies. There are means which other Council's take, that can be exemplified, and that is what I am driving for – no need to reinvent the wheel, and we must be robust in regulating such works.



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Local Answer to the Island's Question

Dear reader,

My name is William Bossman, I live at Coronation Avenue in Northwood. I lived in the village until I left for university. After teaching English in Spain for several years after university, I am now working in education on the Island, enjoying time with family and friends while undertaking training with a view to practice in law.

As a result of my long held interest in politics I am standing for **Island Labour** for the Northwood and Cowes South ward, in the local elections on 4th May, 2017.

My proposal

The issue of a fixed link for the Island is one on which many residents have a view, and it has been raised many times previously though channels including this magazine. My view is that it's a topic which warrants a full debate.

The proposal is to have a **parish vote** preceded by organised public debates on the issue, open to all residents of Northwood parish (approximately 2,000 voters). This type of vote is legal and permitted under statute.

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I pledge a vote would be undertaken within 18 months of my election as councillor on May 4th, 2017.

I welcome your views on this proposal.

Yours faithfully,

William Bossman

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NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT

(Eileen Turner-Palmerton)

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At our Residents Event in February, we had a very interesting talk by Kathy, giving us an insight into the very valuable work undertaken by The Samaritans. They help so many people with problems and difficulties.

On **15th March** our Event takes a slight change of plan. We will be having a Lunch at the Isle of Wight College. This will be at **12.30**. Anyone who has not already indicated they are attending, please inform me on the above telephone number (282242) by **11th March**, so that I can book the lunch. It will cost £5.00 per person for a 3 course lunch. (Please note that this is in place of the Event at the W. I. Hall that afternoon)

Our Residents Events for 2017 are as follows:

April 19 th	May 17 th	June 21 st	July 19 th
August 16 th	September 20 th	October 18 th	November 15 th

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

The next Northwood Community Partnership Meeting is on Tuesday 14th March, 2017, 7.pm at the Travellers Joy, Pallance Road. 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.

Meeting with ANDREW TURNER M.P.

A brief summary of the meeting between with Andrew Turner MP and representatives of the three parish and town councils. The closure of Lloyds Bank and HSBC would leave only one ATM presence in Cowes, which it was suggested, would not be satisfactory, particularly during the peak tourist period. Andrew Turner MP agreed to write to the banks and to the Post Office to ascertain their position on the current situation.

OTHER NEWS

The clerk advised that some of the tubs and planters were beginning to require some remedial work. Cllrs M Nicholson and Jaggar volunteered to undertake an inspection and weed where necessary.

Cllr Jaggar highlighted the need for an amendable copy of the Parish Plan. Cllr Ward agreed to investigate if it was feasible to download a copy from the website. If unsuccessful then the purchase of Adobe Acrobat might be necessary. The second picnic table has now been delivered

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at 2pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

Guest speaker: Judith Morgan

Topic: RNLI Guild fund raising & Friends on Inshore Lifeboat operations

COMPETITIONS: Prettiest necklace, Best Garden Bloom

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MEDHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next event is on Monday March 13th
at 7.30pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

Guest speaker: Michelle Newton

Topic: Four seasons Academy

Competition: Four Homemade Biscuits, Best garden bloom. Bring &
Buy

REFRESHMENTS: Tea & biscuits (Susan D. & Sue W.)

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CREEA - COWES RADAR EX-EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

The next event is on Thursday 9th March at 2:30pm

Radar on the Isle of Wight—Tim Wander

Also

Thursday 14th March—Lunch, venue 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 2016 Programme
and view photos of past events.

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NORTHWOOD FLORAL ART GROUP

The next meeting is on **Monday 27th March at 7.30pm** in the
Northwood W.I. Hall.

Raised Horizontal

Tea/Coffee and Cake £1.00

Membership is £18.00 per year

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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 FEBRUARY MEETING OF NORTHWOOD P.C.

POLICE NEWS

PCSO Derek Howard, a representative of the local Cowes Neighbourhood Police team (NPT) was present and referred to his report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. This provided particulars of the current Cowes team together with details of the two crimes committed in Northwood, during January, in comparison to the six crimes that had taken place during the same period in 2016.

PCSO Howard confirmed that the Cowes team had moved into their new premises in Cowes Fire station and the arrangement seemed to be working very well. The current community priorities remained unchanged. However, the next PACT meeting was due to take place later in the month when these would be reviewed.

A question was raised regarding the effectiveness of the team, as it appeared to be quite stretched, due to the low number of personnel. PCSO Howard reassured councillors that the team continued to work efficiently and competently.

W.I. WORKING PARTY

Councillors considered the proposals suggested by the Northwood Women's Institute (NWI) for an agreement with the Parish Council to lease the NWI hall for a period of 99 years. Councillors, however, expressed their concern, particularly with regard to item 5. This expected the Management Committee to take overall responsibility of the running, maintenance, repair and cleaning of the hall, also keeping it in good order and sound condition, including payment of the Utilities and insurance during the lifetime of the lease. Unfortunately, no financial accounts had been provided setting out the details of the current income and expenditure. During discussion, councillors were reminded of their earlier decision in December in that no financial implications should fall to the Parish Council.

It was decided that councillors are not satisfied of the need for the Parish Council to enter into a lease agreement for the hall, in addition councillors confirm their decision that no financial costs should be incurred by the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Parish Council should provide a support role only, as part of the Management Committee and that the matter be deferred for consideration by the new Parish Council in May.

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