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HELLO THERE

How are you all doing? I hope you are coping OK as we continue in this national lockdown.... not what we were expecting last year is it, but necessary it certainly is: to keep you lovely people as safe as possible as well as protecting our little yet lovely hospital from being overwhelmed.

I have a five-year diary, where you can record about 3 sentences for each day – it certainly focuses your mind I can tell you, there is no space for waffle! Writing my entries this week I have found it a little amusing but also sad to read my scribblings from last year: at the beginning of February last year, I was getting myself ready for my Sabbatical, a 3-month period of study leave and rest! I had it all sorted – I had some great ideas for a project, I had lunches planned with friends, I was going to clear out the junk from my house that had collected over the past 8 years of us being here.....it was going to be a brilliant 12 weeks: but then COVID came and changed everything.

But I know I am not alone in that I am sure every single one of you has had plans dashed over these past 11 months.... Nothing can be planned for and things are still moving every day. We are truly living in an ever-changing world at the moment – in the hope and light of a vaccination as they continue to roll out, yet new variants are being found around the world, the United States starts their first full month under the leadership of Joe Biden all the way through to extreme weather conditions – record amount of snowfall in Spain and temperatures of -25C and Australia suffering horrific thunderstorms and tropical cyclones in their summer season. Crazy, challenging times and currently without the lovely sun to lift our spirits.

One thing we have done this past year to keep our spirits up in the Collinson Household is to eat pancakes more regularly! I don't know about you, but we used to keep pancakes just to celebrate and commemorate Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent starts. Pancakes are associated with Shrove Tuesday, because they are a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the 'fasting season' of the 40 days of Lent. Whilst we don't necessarily fast through Lent (I have two always hungry boys in my house ladies and gentlemen, I don't think they would last 40 hours let alone 40 days!!!!) we do remember Lent and so always have pancakes the day before. However last year my youngest said 'We all love pancakes; they are a lovely desert or could even be a meal. Can we have them all the way through the year?'

We chatted about it and discussed it and decided to have them on the first Saturday of every month – eating them more regularly than that, we thought, would not keep them as a special treat! And so, we have done that for the whole of the year, so much so that my boys can now easily cook and flip pancakes themselves!!!

So, will Pancake day/Shrove Tuesday be any less important to us this year? No, not at all. It will remain a key date in our diary as we start Lent again this year. However, I think Lent will probably be more different this year.....

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the great celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus's 40 days of wilderness in the desert.

However, it could be argued that we have had enough ‘wilderness’ time this year already, perhaps not in a desert, but definitely many days and weeks of isolation and a sense of not knowing where we are going. And so, as a result, I am going to do Lent a bit differently this year.

This year I going to focus on being thankful each and every day: Being truly conscious of what I have, being grateful for it and writing something every day in my diary about it. And I am going to start by focussing on love – by re-reading the gospels and reflecting again on how Jesus showed God’s love to all he met and then looking around me and giving thanks for all the ways love is shown in my life: through examples of how we help one another, look out for one another, being selfless, working harder on relationships, focussing on WHO not WHAT is important in our lives etc - thanks to you dear community members being so kind and caring and generous there are so many examples!

Yes, it is probably still going to be a cold and blustery month but together let us radiate love, in this Valentine season, and warm ourselves from the inside out by remembering and giving thanks for what we have: from our family and friends, our homes and our community to brilliant scientists giving us hope for the future and caring NHS and other key workers looking after us now and make this the most heart warming and grateful Lent we have ever had.

Wishing you all a month full of love and thanks

REV Amanda

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MESSAGE FROM REV AMANDA COLLINSON

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 me, via phone or email listed above: I would be delighted 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. I am always here for you – because that's what the church is about!

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NORTHWOOD PARISH CHURCH
St John the Baptist Church, Chawton Lane, Northwood

February 2021

At the time of going to 'print' the church remains closed for Sunday Worship.

We will inform you of our reopening via our Facebook page (**St John the Baptist, Northwood Parish Church**) and on the village website (www.northwoodvillage.org.uk) so please keep an eye on them!

Should the church open, we will hold the services below whilst still working within the National COVID restrictions (ie a limited number at our services as well as the requirement to wear a mask and maintain a distance between groups and individuals.)

Booking a place will still be required so please contact Rev Di Netherway (298505 or dnetherway1@gmail.com) if you would like to join us any week.

If you would rather watch a service from your home, please do look on our YouTube channel - **Northwood, Gurnard and Cowes St Faiths parishes**. The link is as follows: www.youtube.com/channel/UCpp6tQitlusmJ10XEetGQgg

7th 2nd Before Lent

11.00am BCP Holy Communion

14th Sunday next before Lent

11.00am Service of the Word

21st 1st Sunday of Lent

11.00am Holy Communion

28th 2nd Sunday of Lent

11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP)

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MEETINGS

Meetings of the Parish Council are held monthly 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

Agendas and Minutes are available at www.northwoodparishcouncil.org

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT NORTHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL, WYATTS LANE, NORTHWOOD

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS ARE VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND

Northwood Parish Council Report Virtual Meeting held on the 5th January 2021

There were no members of the public and press present. All Council members were present.

Local Safety Neighbourhood issues. It was reported that there had been 10 incidents in December, involving crimes ranging from drugs, burglary, criminal damage and assault on Police. No details were available.

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 Planning. The application for a single storey rear/side extension to a property at 106 Nodes Road was considered and the council raised no material planning objections. It was decided to write to Barry Abraham, cabinet member for Planning and Housing, copy to Bob Seely, MP, outlining the concerns of the Parish Council over the decision by the IW Council to stop posting site notices advertising new planning applications. It was also agreed that Cllr David Jagger, chair of the Planning Committee would write to the IW councils director of regeneration, highlighting the lack of consistency in decisions taken by the Planning Authority.

Northwood Parish Precept. It was resolved there would be no increase in the precept budget for 2021/22.

Speeding in Northwood. This was discussed and Cllr Pullen is to pursue setting up a Speedwatch Group for Northwood, with Holly Deacon, the Citizens in Policing Coordinator.

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday the 18th of May 2021, subject to the Parish and Town Council continuing to take place on 6th of May.

The Annual meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 4th May.

Councillors reports. Cllr Fuller reported problems parking at the start and end of the school day outside Northwood Primary. This has been reported to the IW Council. Also fly tipping on Newport Road. He also gave details of an application to build 14 dwellings on land adjacent to 77 Place Road. This will be considered at the planning meeting on the 18th of January.

Cllr Nicholson has agreed to raise with Island Roads the problem of run off water along Pallance Road which freezes in cold weather. He will also raise with Samantha Kinnaird, the Environment Officer for Northwood, dog deposits left on pavements in Nodes Road.

It was decided that the next Parish meeting, in February would be via Zoom.

John Pullen
Chairman Northwood Parish Council

January/ February 2021



Cowes Medical Centre

Because of the magnitude of concerns being expressed through the Place Plan development, Social Media and other sources regarding difficulties in accessing services at Cowes Medical Centre, I felt that it was important, in the public interest, to air these concerns and formally ask for a response.

I am registered at Cowes and my own dealings with the Medical Centre have been minimal. I have never personally had a problem, but that is not the point. As elected representative I am charged to represent the concerns being expressed by residents of my Ward. I had also been told by sources close to the Patients Participation Group (PPG) that, despite the Group being very pro-active in its approach, it had resigned in frustration. On the other hand, I am told by the CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) that the Group disbanded due to Covid advice and restrictions.

Making such an address, off the agenda and without notice to those being addressed, broke protocol and normal ethical standards, yet, given the gravity of the representations being received and the fact that Health Scrutiny had already been asking questions about Cowes (such as why phlebotomy services weren’t available) and being told it was about to happen, then nothing happening, I sought the consent of the Officers and Leader then decided that the moment should not be lost because it was, after all, about airing concerns raised by patients, residents of my Ward and the Town and Parish Councils that I also serve on, concerns that it seemed were not being listened to or addressed.

Quite rightly, my action was criticised for breaking protocol, but I did have the support of the Committee, Scrutiny Officers the Leader and all those who had reported concern to me, including other Councillors. At the request of the director of CCG I issued a letter (email) to the Medical Centre, following the address, clarifying the reasons for making the address and apologising for any perceived inference on the ethical standards of the clinicians. The intention was always only to highlight concerns being expressed by patients on gaining access and service, never a reflection on that integrity of that service when reached. This point has largely been reinforced by subsequent feedback too.

Since publication of the address, Health Scrutiny has received a wave of support and thanks for airing the issue from the public, some accompanied by quite disturbing and distressing accounts. Even the County Press indicated that it had its sights on these issues already, before they were brought to notice at Health Scrutiny. We are now also told by the CCG that Cowes Medical Centre is under an improvement plan which includes providing a more patient friendly call handling system (like other Centres already have). None of this had been shared with Health Scrutiny previously, which is disappointing, as it is certainly very much in the public interest, and a matter of concern to the functions of Scrutiny.

Amongst all the feedback, which mainly consists of anger and frustration in people's experiences in gaining access to services, there has been some sympathy for the Centre, and we must recognise that they are under strain, maybe short staffed, over-burdened, anxious and struggling to cope. We need to get to the core of these issues and seek to help resolve the problems that are leading to such an unsatisfactory level of access and service; an undesirable situation for all, no doubt for the Medical Centre as well.

Thank you for your support in this most regretful situation. Please rest assured that we will jointly get to the core of this issue and see it resolved to the benefit of all concerned.

The Issue of Children and Nutrition

This issue is, indeed, a scandal, but it is not just the scandal that is being popularly portrayed. One of the major causes of medical conditions today, according to one of the leading experts, Prof Tim Spector, is malnutrition; poor diet, eating and drinking food processed with chemicals and artificial substances, the extensive use of sugars and chemical sweeteners and a labelling system that he claims as being misleading at best, down-right dangerous at worst. The scandal is how marketing of these products is allowed, marketing, which Prof Spector highlights is in total contrast to the rigorous testing that medicines have to go through to prove their safety. He suggests that it is no mere coincidence that rise in many modern conditions, including obesity, diabetes, and allergies, runs parallel to the growth in processed food with artificial ingredients, the rise of chemicals in producing our food and the decline in the use and availability of whole natural ingredients and a healthy varied diet. Anyone interested should read Prof Spector's latest book, Spoon Fed.

John Nicholson, Ward Councillor for Northwood & Cowes South
Chairman, Policy and Health Scrutiny Committee for Adult Social
Care & Health

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