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HELLO THERE!

So how are we all doing with our Lent promises? I cannot believe how many people I have heard on the TV, on the radio, in the shops all talking about what they have given up for Lent and yet many admitted that they don't go to church.....How strange, interesting but nevertheless strange for me to think that this very Christian festival has become a secular event - I have spent some time reflecting upon that. And that is what Lent is all about – it is an important time of reflection and prayer and not just as others would describe it, the 40 very long days of giving up something we love. However if you have given something up you are now over half way there! So keep going, don't lose your nerve now. Whatever you have done. I hope this Lent has been a good, albeit challenging time for you (how many of you are making a note to NEVER AGAIN give up chocolate or alcohol!?) and I hope you have given yourselves some time, even if it was just a little time, to get off the crazy ride of normal life and make some space for yourselves, as well as God. In a world of immediacy - when you are frustrated within minutes if you cannot find the answer on the computer. get through to the right person on the telephone line, or know what is going on in a sports game or news bulletin at any time of the day or night, sitting, waiting and reflecting for 40 DAYS seems like an impossible task to do – we are too busy, we need to finish our list of things to do, we cannot sit and relax.....there are also so many excuses for us to fill our days and to stop ourselves from 'do'ing and start 'be'ina.

We are brilliant at making up excuses or blaming other people – when my boys were playing recently I heard a big crash and ran in to find some cars against a glass cabinet: I asked 3 ½ yr. old Jacob who did this – he pointed at 2yr old Samuel who subsequently pointed to his toy Buzz Lightyear! Brilliant. But it doesn't stop with youngsters, 'denial' carries on all the way through to old age when we start blaming other people for whispering and not talking properly (it certainly wouldn't be due to our increasing deafness!) And I am confident this is not a new fad, in fact I am sure the guards who were outside Jesus' tomb thought of some good ones to avoid taking the blame for the disappearance of Jesus' body - I was putting another denarius in the chariot meter, you told us to secure the tomb as best as we know how. We did! May I suggest an assessment of our current training program or perhaps even Hey! What'd you expect? Did you tell us we were guarding the Son of God? — NO!

Whether we like it or not that is what Christians are encouraged to do during Lent – to stop making excuses, start looking at their own lives and see where they could improve and spend some quality time with God, so that when Easter arrives we can start afresh. And as the festival heralds hope for all people through the death of Jesus on the cross, even the season rings in a new change. We are all blessed with the enchanting beauty of Spring and the majesty of the Easter season. Easter is the time when earth wakes up from a deep slumber and

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heralds the beginning on new life with the re-emergence of animals and flowers but more importantly it is the time to FEEL the real blessings of God and thank him for his eternal gift that he has conferred on us as Easter, and that is the message of hope and by golly we all need that message in some way, shape or form at the moment. There are many dark places in our country and around the world where people find themselves feeling isolated and alone, longing for a ray of light to pierce the darkness and new possibilities to emerge. Jesus gave us hope, peace and eternal life through his suffering – we need to ensure his death was not in vain and make sure we are grateful for what we have and pass on hope and peace to those in our community that do not have them and are in desperate need of them....this can cost nothing and yet can make such a difference to someone.

I pray that the sun shines not only in the sky and thus in our eyes but also in all our hearts this Easter time so that we are full of joy and truly able to enjoy God's gifts and creation around us.

> Wishing you all a blessed Easter! Rev'd Amanda Collinson

Art & Craft Exhibition

Northwood Church will be holding an exhibition and sale of art and crafts on Friday 18th to Saturday 19th July from 10am - 4pm.

Do you have items that you have made but not shared with others? or do you have an excess of items vou've made that you'd like to sell? We could help.

We would like to exhibit all kinds of art and hobby craft: knitting, sewing, wood turning, embroidery, crochet and any other craft. This exhibition is intended for amateurs and hobbyists so if you have some items you would like to put on show or sell please contact

Sarah or Den on 293884 to book your free limited space.

You may by now have been given details of the NVPA April meeting by Colin Palmerton. However we have had to make a change to the schedule which he will only now be aware of. April's meeting will now be a floral art demonstration by Janice Frohnsdorff: how to make a buttonhole.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIEST IN CHARGE

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 Rev'd Amanda Collinson whose details are given above. Amanda is 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. I am always here for you – because that's what the church is about!

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Marriages

None

Died

Jean Collinson 13th February 2014

For Baptism, Wedding, Funeral and other enquiries please contact Rev'd Amanda Collinson

Election of Churchwardens

The Annual Meeting to elect the Churchwardens will be held at 12 noon on Sunday 27th April 2014 at Northwood Church. This meeting is open to all Registered electors in the parish .It will be followed Immediately by the Annual Church Meeting, open to those on the church electoral roll

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Matthew 21:1-11

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Exodus 12:1-4. 11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17. 31b-35

Good Friday

11.15am Meditation John 18:1-end of 19

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COUNCILLOR LETTER—JOHN NICHOLSON **April 2014**

The perpetual and worsening potholes in Nodes Road are to be made good soon. The problem being that to do the work properly, the road will have to be closed; that is why they have been left for as long as possible. It has been a nightmare for the roads program, this winter, with the constant rainfall.

Asphalt cannot be laid in the rain, so time lost, now has to be tried to be regained. And, this is why roads like Cockleton Lane have been done in advance of, perhaps, more urgent. but, potentially, more disruptive main roads. If a main road gets started and cannot proceed due to inclement weather, then the operation period and disruption period is prolonged accordingly.

Likewise, when a road is renewed or resurfaced, the existing ironmongery is overlaid, then, cut out and re-levelled afterwards. You might think that this should be done first, but, the disadvantage with that is that, for emergency services and access, the road would, then, become guite dangerous, and, besides, the new road levels can be more accurately matched afterwards, as well.

Good news is that an initial speed-watch exercise in Pallance Road has shown that speeding is more of a perception than a reality, whether this is due to the number of cars parked down the road now and the flooding and road damage down the bottom (now repaired), we don't know, but it is reassuring to find that tests have shown that there are not as many reckless drivers traversing the road as was suspected, and maybe have been in the past. I think we should just keep the pressure up to make sure it stays that way! It has been agreed, with IW Council Parks, that it is worth boring holes in the flooded NW corner of Northwood Recreation Ground, so that the rainwater can more easily reach the porous gravel substrate to drain away naturally. At the NE corner, a ditch dug in desperation by affected residents will be utilised and made safe, retaining function as a proven effective drainage channel, by IW Council Parks. Simple solutions, we just needed to all get together, to find them!

Visit the village website: www.northwoodvillage.org.uk Those parliament watchers among you will have noted our MP. Andrew Turner, raising the subject of Complementary and Alternative Medicine in debate at the House of Commons on Friday 28th February citing the case for cost savings and wider benefits and my successful Motion for inclusive representation in the Island's Health and Wellbeing Board. The result, on consideration by the Board, is that mechanism for representation will be sought through one of the already existing strategic Board member organisations. A final note for anyone visiting the Travellers Joy who may have noticed, among all the changes, that there is a new beer blackboard displaying, not only prices and strength of the beers, but temperature as well. Real Ale is a living food and is highly sensitive to temperature. If the temperature is too high or low, it can have adverse effect on the live veast, tainting the flavour and can alter the condition of the beer and how you enjoy it. Ideal temperature for Real Ale is around 11 or 12 degrees Centigrade.

We are entering a time when community spirit and work is becoming increasingly important again, so, please, those who have time and a desire to be involved in the community, whether it be in planting schemes, tidying up, caring and helping neighbours need an extra hand, or who just plain need some company and someone to talk to, please come forward and let your parish know.

Best wishes!

John Nicholson Ward Member Cowes South & Northwood

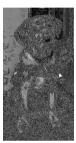
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New Members are always Welcome

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NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT

(Eileen Turner-Palmerton)

In our last report, we mentioned about the support given to the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team, by Residents, in the Speed Watch venture. At February's Residents Event, we had a very informative talk and demonstration from 2 members of the Speed Watch team. They reported that in the areas they were observing a noticeable reduction in speed has been recorded. Regular speed watches will continue to be carried out within the village. If any Resident is interested to take part and assist the Police, please contact me (details above) and I will pass on your details to the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Congratulations go to Northwood Village Produce Association for winning the Carrot Trophy Quiz, against Gurnard Cottage Garden Club. It was a very close contest, which was enjoyed by all who participated. Thanks to Gurnard for their generous hospitality.

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WEDNESDAY, 16th APRIL, 2014, 2.30 PM AT THE W. I. HALL, NORTHWOOD

As always, if you require transport, please phone any of the above numbers.

Everyone is very welcome to come and enjoy the afternoon with friendly Please t people.

The next meeting of the Northwood Community Partnership will be on TUESDAY 27TH MAY, 2014, 7.PM At the TRAVELLERS JOY, PALLANCE ROAD

The Clerk read from an email that she had received from Southern Water in respect of the concerns raised with regard to the surface water drainage along Pallance Road. It confirmed that their service partners, Clancy Docwra, will investigating the sewer system in the road. They had been requested to check if the size of the sewer changed throughout the length of Pallance Road, to see if that was the cause of the surface water drainage issues. Cllr Nicholson reported that Richard Baker, of Island Roads was to review the sewer system in May.

BYE BYE ASHPHELT PLANT APPLICATION

It was noted by the Parish Council, with much pleasure, that application for a proposed asphalt plant, together with associated ancillary facilities including a mobile cold recycling plant, mobile crusher, weighbridge, offices, lorry park, storage bays, workshop and access at Medina Wharf was withdrawn.

ISLAND ROADS TO ATTEND THE APRIL MEETING

Malcom Smith of Island Roads will be attending the April meeting of the Council. If you have any questions regarding Highway matters in **NORTHWOOD**, please come along. The meeting is on Tuesday April 1st, 6.30pm at Northwood Primary School, alternatively, you can email the Clerk, barbara.herbert@sky.com.

NORTHWOOD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next event is on Thursday 3rd April at 2pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

SPEAKER: Jill Scott

SUBJECT: Thompsons Nurseries re-hanging baskets **COMPETITIONS:** Favourite garden tool, Best Garden Bloom

HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR HIRING

To hire the Hall please contact Mary Chick on 01983 296020 Visitors & New Members are always Welcome

MEDHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next event is on Monday 14th April at 7.30pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

GUEST SPEAKER: Harriet robinson

TOPIC: It's in the Bag

COMPETITIONS: A favourite bag

REFRESHMENTS: Tea & Biscuits (Shirley & Paddy)

Bring & Buy Best Garden bloom

Visitors & New Members are always Welcome

NORTHWOOD VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

The next meeting is on FRIDAY 11th APRIL, 2014

7.30 pm in the W. I. Hall, Northwood.

Speaker:- Janice Frohnsdorff, Floral Button Hole Making

Competition:- Decorated Egg.

Visitors & New Members are always very Welcome - Contact 01983 248287

COWES AMATEUR OPERATIC & DRAMATIC SOCIETY

TRINITY THEATRE

Film@Trinity Theatre Returns

The season of Thursday night film shows return to

Trinity Theatre in Cowes.

Forthcoming films are

and much more

Visit the village website: www.northwoodvillage.org.uk for the latest local news and events

Salmon Fishing in the Yemen 20th March West Side Story 17th April Argo 15th May

Doors open at 6:45pm, film starts at 7:30pm. Licensed Bar, Dolby Sound. Everyone Welcome

Easter Fayre Saturday 5th April. 10am to 1pm.

Selections of Stalls, Tombola, Raffle and scrumptious refreshments.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's Carousel 25th, 26th April & 2nd, 3rd May at 7:30pm

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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

The comments made in the following articles represent the views of the individual contributors, rather than Northwood Parish Council.

MARCH MEETING

News from the March meeting of Northwood Parish Council, with Cllr. Chris Riddet in the Chair.

POLICE REPORT

PCSO Steve Anker 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 very low levels of crime in Northwood. Only five crimes had been reported this year, to date, which matched the same level as last year Speed Watch events had again taken place within the Northwood and Gurnard areas. The need for further volunteers to undertake the use of the hand held speed gun was highlighted. It was agreed that the perception of speeding was far greater than that actually recorded. Although any recorded speeding was unenforceable, the driver would be

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sent an educational letter.

Among the planning applications discussed, were;

Camp Hill Wind Farm - Proposals to transport the wind turbines to the application site from the Medina Dock, at its junction with Arctic Road. It was explained that although the Parish Council had submitted representations to the application previously, these had centred on the actual site itself.

Following discussion on the matter, members of the public then spoke highlighting their highway related concerns should the application receive planning permission.

Councillors, as their attention had recently been drawn in more detail to the proposals to facilitate the conveyance of the blades up Arctic Road into Newport Road.

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The Council decided to make further objections on the loss of vegetation, including trees to allow for navigation. The visual appearance and the consequences on those properties at the junction of Arctic Road and Newport Road, which would result should the suggested levelling of the ground and permanent installation of lockable bollards be implemented, was considered to be untenable.