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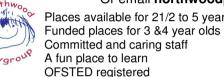
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MEETINGS

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.

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

Christmas Greetings From Northwood Parish Council

Another year has gone by, is it me or is time speeding up? We look forward to serving the villagers of Northwood in 2014. My I on behalf of the Parish Council wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT.

(Eileen Turner-Palmerton)

When you receive this edition, the village will have been planted out for the winter/spring season. It has been later than expected, as the plants were not ready.

During the year we have had some very enjoyable speakers at our regular Residents Events. The events have been very well supported and hopefully these will continue. In the New Year the Partnership will be looking out for grants to enable this to happen.

PLEASE NOTE - THERE WILL NOT BE AN EVENT IN DECEMBER.

On behalf of the Chairman and Committee of the Northwood Community Partnership, may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Our next Residents Event will be on

WEDNESDAY 15th JANUARY, 2014, 2.30 PM AT THE W. I. HALL, NORTHWOOD

As always, if you require transport, please phone 296020 or 282242. Everyone is very welcome to come and enjoy the afternoon with friendly people.

The next meeting of the NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP is on

TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY, 2014, 7.00 PM AT THE TRAVELLERS JOY, PALLANCE ROAD.

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√Tis the season to be iolly√....Whether we can believe it, like it or not, the Christmas period is upon us and all the craziness that come with it.... For the church we first go through the season of Advent which is more reflective than celebratory. Christians are asked to go through a period of expectant waiting and preparation before the time of celebration as it serves a reminder, both of the original waiting that was done by the Hebrews for the birth of their Messiah, as well as the waiting of Christians now for the Second Coming of Christ - basically it is a season of looking forward and waiting for something greater. And I suppose that would be a Visit the village website: www.northwoodvillage.org.uk for the latest local news and good summary to describe the feelings of our children – looking forward to Christmas day and waiting for all the presents and goodies that it beholds! But what does Christmas mean to you? Is it going to be a frantic family time or a time of peace? For me it will be a Christmas when my eldest is now aware of what it is and all the fun it brings whilst my youngest will still be amazed at the lights, have no idea what is going on and will probably play with the cardboard box instead of the toy!!

But in reality Christmas does not always mean a time of joy and celebration. I am blessed and honoured to know clergy around the world and am only too aware of the very different challenges that this season brings them. I have a dear friend who is a Bishop in Pakistan and he has told me that he has had to have a discussion with the Head of the Taliban in his area to ask for his permission to carry out their Christmas Day procession. This man is known to have killed a number of the locals and vet my friend has gone to his house, unarmed, and requested something for his church that potentially could put his life in danger! Similarly there is religious fighting between Muslims and Christians in Nigeria and with that and the political corruption as well as poverty and desperate need they too will not be facing Christmas with smiles, joy, full fridges and plenty of presents. I pray every day for the Ministers and Christians abroad whose daily life is a struggle and where practicing their faith is a dangerous activity.

However you do not have to go abroad to find people in poverty, stricken with illness or being persecuted and abused - unfortunately all these can be found in our country and indeed in our neighbourhoods. Living in a developed and wealthy country does not automatically protect you from infection, difficulties or harm: and with that Christmas does not always bring joy, but instead further sadness, isolation or danger.

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Wednesday 25th 10.00am CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Mr Den Brewin

Sunday 29th 10.30am HOLY COMMUNION

Rev Marie Attwood

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The LADIES SISTERHOOD will meet at 2.30pm on Tuesday 3rd December only. All ladies very welcome to come along.

The FELLOWSHIP GROUP will meet on Monday 2nd December at 2.30pm at 82 Wyatts Lane, Northwood.

Please come and see the display of LIGHTED CHRISTMAS TREES by local organisations in the church from WEDS.4th until SAT.7th December from 11am until 4pm each day with a late night FRI.6th from 6.30 to 8pm.

The annual TOWN COUNCIL LIGHTS OF LOVE CAROL SERVICE will be held in the church on Friday 20th December at 6.30pm. Everyone welcome.

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Sunday 5th 10.30am Mr Howard Burford

Sunday 12th 10.30am To be arranged

Sunday 19th 3.00pm COVENANT SERVICE

United Service with Churches Together in Cowes Rev Phyl Fanning

Sunday 26th 10.30am Mrs Marion Challoner

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The LADIES' SISTERHOOD and FELLOWSHIP GROUP will recommence in February 2014

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So for those of us who are, on reflection, happy, healthy and secure what should we concentrate on this Christmas? The Gospels invite us to make a difference in the world. How can this be done? We can make a difference with small things we do in the way we use our time; by the way we use of skills and of course, by the way we use our money. The Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight, the Ven Peter Sutton, came to our churches to preach a few weeks ago and spoke about a hero of his - the late Anglican priest Chad Varah who founded the Samaritans. In 1935, as curate in Lincoln he had to bury, in un-consecrated ground, because that's what the church did in those days, a 13 year old girl who starting her periods and having no idea what that meant, had committed suicide because she thought she had contracted some shameful disease. Standing over her grave Chad Varah said "Little Girl, I never knew you, but you have changed my life" and the Samaritans was born and since then has changed and saved the lives of many, many people. Archdeacon Peter challenged the congregations to think about what they were doing to serve the church and community and how they could make a difference. And, in a slightly different way, I am now challenging all you readers out there.....

How can you make a difference in our villages? What can you give or how can you help or support our community? Could you do some volunteering, help a group in your area or just look in on some elderly neighbours? Reflecting on the difference Reverend Chad has made to our nation through the work of the Samaritans I wonder whether in 80 years' time what we do now will be celebrated as we commend the work of the Samaritans – perhaps not on such a grand scale as that, but I hope and pray that the future residents of Northwood and readers of this magazine look back and thank the previous generations, us, for what we did in our local community, how we generously gave our time, talents and resources to make a difference in our area – our homes, our churches and our communities.

So as you start your own Christmas preparations, add on your list one extra thing to do – to try and do something good for someone or something in our community. I pray this Yuletide is a good one for you: I hope the cards get sent on time, the turkey fits into the oven, the cat doesn't attack the tree too many times etc etc.... In sum I hope it is whatever you wish for – be it a time for partying or a time of rest. And most importantly, just as a little baby did over 2000 years ago, I hope you make a lasting difference to something or someone this year.

Northwood Church Christmas Fair Thank You!

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11.15am All Age worship

Isaiah 42:1-9 Acts 10:34-43 Ma

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19th 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

11.15am Morning Prayer (BCP)

12.15am Holy Communion (said)

Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-12 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42

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DATE CHURCH BRASS Mrs P. Pledge, Mrs Heather Light 3rd Mrs J. Pearce **VOLUNTEER REQUIRED** 10th **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED** Mrs E. Banks, Mrs K. Welfoot Jane Peakall 17th 24th **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED VOLUNTEER REQUIRED VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED VOLUNTEER REQUIRED** 31st

NORTHWOOD PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

in St John the Baptist Church, Chawton Lane, Northwood

December 2013

1st 1st Sunday of Advent

11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-end Matthew 24:36-44

8th 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11.15am Family Service – Christingle and Toy Service

Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12

15th 3rd Sunday of Advent

11.15am Morning Prayer (BCP)

12.15am Holy Communion (said)

Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:4-end James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

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22nd 4th Sunday of Advent

11.15am Holy Communion

Isaiah 7:10-16 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-end

29th 1st Sunday of Christmas

11.15am Holy Communion

Isaiah 63:7-9 Hebrews 2:10-end Matthew 2:13-end

OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

7th 10.00am Thanksgiving service for bereaved families

15th 3.00pm Christingle service for baptism families

22nd 6.00pm Carols by Candlelight

24th 5.00pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass

25th 11.15am Family Christmas Communion

The Churchwardens
Peter Lambert & Anne Brooker
Wish everyone a
Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year



Rotary International Shoebox Scheme

A Big thank you to all those who donated a shoebox!

We collected 67 boxes in all

I would also like to give a personal Thank you to

NORTHWOOD STORES

For their help in collecting the boxes.

Pat Lambert

Northwood Church Collection Tins

Please return all collection tins to Northwood Church by Sunday 1st December 2013.

If you would like to arrange for your tin to be collected please call Sarah on 01983 527948.

Thank you for your continued support.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Locally grown at

LUTON FARM

Northwood

for over 29 years

(located on the main Newport-Cowes road opposite Chawton Lane, the turning to Northwood Church)

Beautiful Christmas Trees for sale All sizes, from approximately 4ft to 8ft

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Saturday December 14th 7.30pm in Church The Tritone Singers Tickets £7.00

CAROL SINGING AROUND NORTHWOOD

In support of

The Children's Society

We need your voices! Please join us. Any musicians are very welcome! Meet at 13 Wyatts Lane, Northwod Thursday 19th December at 6.15pm

> Followed by Coffee **Mulled Wine And Mince Pies**

Contact Linda Smallwood on 01983 298700

Cowes Art Group

Winter Exhibition and Sale of Art Saturday 14th to 15th December 2013-11-11 10am to 4pm Free entry

THE 17th BRIGHSTONE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 5th—8th December 2013

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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!

From the Parish Church Registers:

Baptisms

None

Marriages

2nd November 2013 Alex Prendergast and Candice Hughes Thomas

Died

11th August 2013 Richard David Price 14th October 2013 Emily Pendie 15th October 2013 Kenneth Gordon Ham 1st November 2013 William Tom George Davis

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

FLOWER ROTA FOR DECEMBER 2013/ JANUARY 2014



Please tell our

December 1st Jill Fry December 8th 15th 22nd 29th Volunteers required January 2014 5th 12th 19th 26th Volunteers required

PRAYER GROUP MEETING

Tuesday 17th December 2013 Tuesday 21st January 2014 10.30am at 89 Wyatt's Lane

