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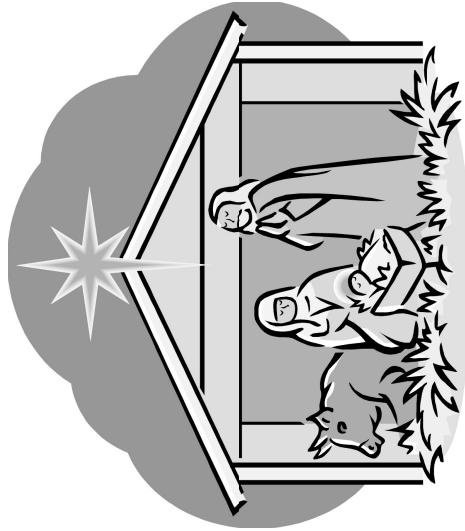
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## December letter

Hello there!

**By the time you read this I am sure you will have had enough of the Christmas adverts (which have already started as I write this at the beginning of November!!) and yet two have caught my eye this year: TK Maxx and John Lewis. John Lewis' Christmas Advert is always eagerly anticipated and I was quietly impressed with this year's creation, in partnership with Age UK, which gives us the great strapline of 'Show someone they're loved this Christmas' ...nice but I am sure the Man in the Moon would rather a satellite phone than a telescope!**

However I was really surprised and delighted with the TK Maxx advert which is about 'Love your neighbour'. With the brilliant combination of Otis Redding singing the immortal festive song of White Christmas in front of a collection of nice, bizarre, irritating and varied neighbours, we are asked to show those nearest to us, that we care.

'Love your neighbour' – amazingly this sentence is nearly as old as Christmas! Jesus was asked a question as to what were the greatest of the Jewish laws. Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...the second is this, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." In Jesus' teachings, our relationship with our fellow men, women and children is inseparable from our relationship with God. Loving our neighbours is as important as loving God, in fact they are really two parts of the same thing – you cannot do one without the other!

This is our first house on the island and we have a wonderful neighbour, who we know well, but it has been our experience on the mainland that people are not even managing to know their neighbours, let alone loving them! Communities are no longer as close-knit as they used to be: I remember spending so much of my childhood in my neighbours houses, now the main form of communication is no longer over the garden fence but via some type of electronic gadget!

Our first Winter in Clanfield (near Petersfield) included the very snowy January of 2010 and we had a foot of snow in a few hours. Our road was a very steep one and no one even attempted to get out of their house. However the next day we saw one of our neighbours digging and we asked why he was trying the impossible. He informed us that he was going to be fined if he didn't get to work: he was a tube driver in London. We immediately went and got our shovels and started helping him, and within

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I wish you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas!

Rev Amanda

an hour over 20 others had come out of their houses, asked what was happening and joined us. Ian was so touched by everyone willingness to help, however the most special time came at the end when we, the newbies of the road having moved in only a few months earlier, ended up introducing people who had never met one another, despite living in the street for years! We came together that day as neighbours, and from then on we continued to really look out for one another and care for each other. It was a very special home surrounded by some wonderful people.

James and I think it is important to know your neighbour (if nothing else to have a spare key somewhere!) but we try and go further than that and have them as part of our lives. It's important – us human beings are animals who thrive on relationships. We are not meant to be alone. And so the least we can do is make sure those living near to us know that they can rely on us for a cuppa, a chat or a hand in emergency.

However when we think of our neighbours, we think of those who live near us, but Jesus meant it to include all mankind - even our enemies! Jesus told His famous parable of the Good Samaritan to make it clear that "love your neighbour" means to love all persons, everywhere - not just our friends, allies and countrymen.

Like the unselfish Samaritan man of Jesus' parable, we are called to extend our love and concern to all persons everywhere, as though they are our neighbours. We should not exclude anyone or any group because of social status, a supposed character fault, religious difference, racial difference or ethnic difference.

With all the sadness, atrocities and terrorist attacks going on around the world, I admit this is no small or easy task to achieve, mentally spiritually or physically: life is very challenging in so many ways...so let's go back to the two simple lines the adverts give us: Show someone they're loved this Christmas and Love your neighbour.

Please tell our advertisers that you saw them in **NORTHWOOD NEWS**!  
Let's do our little bit to make this world a better place and work towards that peace which Jesus came to give, all those years ago, to the world and which is still so desperately needed.

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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

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##### Marriages

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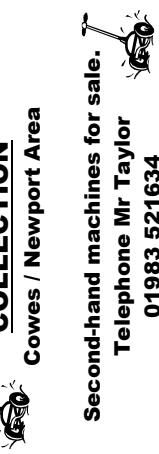
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## NORTHWOOD PARISH CHURCH SERVICES in **St John the Baptist Church, Chawton Lane, Northwood**

December 2015

**6th    2nd Sunday of Advent**  
11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

**13th    3rd Sunday of Advent**  
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.00am All age worship – Christingle and Toy Service (with refreshments before)  
3.00pm Christingle service for baptism families – everyone is welcome!

**20th    4th Sunday of Advent**  
11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP)  
6.00pm Carols by Candlelight

**27th    1st Sunday of Christmas**  
11.00am Holy Communion

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- 13th    3.00pm Christingle service for baptism families – everyone is welcome!
- 20th    6.00pm Carols by Candlelight (followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies)
- 24th    5.00pm Crib Service  
11.30pm Midnight Mass
- 25th    11.00am Family Christmas Communion

Church Cleaning Rota for December 2015		
DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
<b>4th</b>	Volunteers Required	Volunteer Required
<b>11th</b>	Mr D Hallam, Mrs S Hallam	Pam Clements
<b>18th</b>	Volunteers Required	Volunteer Required

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**NORTHWOOD PARISH CHURCH SERVICES  
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January 2016

**3rd Epiphany**  
11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

**10th Baptism of Christ (1st Sunday of Epiphany)**  
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.00am All Age worship (with refreshments before)

**17th 2nd Sunday of Epiphany**  
11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP)

**24th 3rd Sunday of Epiphany**  
11.00am Holy Communion

**31st 4th Sunday of Epiphany**

11.00am Informal Holy Communion

**Church Cleaning Rota for January 2016**

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
<b>1</b>	Mrs Heather Light	Mrs J Pearce
<b>8</b>	Volunteers Required	Volunteer Required
<b>15</b>	Mrs E Banks Mrs K Welfoot	Jane Peakall
<b>22</b>	Volunteers Required	Volunteer Required
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December 2015

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3rd 10th 17th 24th 31st

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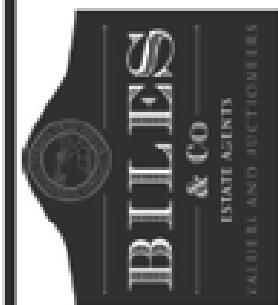
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Sunday 13th 10.30am  
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Thursday 10th 6.30pm    CAROL SERVICE

Thursday 24th 4.00pm    CHRISTINGLE SERVICE  
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Friday 25th 10.00am    CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 27th 10.30am    at East Cowes Methodist church

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Sunday 10th 10.30am Mr Den Brewin

Sunday 17th 10.30am Mrs Elizabeth Lilley

Sunday 24th 3.00pm COVENANT SERVICE  
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Sunday 31st 10.30am Mrs Sylvia Ash

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February 2016.



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**Northwood Church Christmas Fair Thank You!**

The grand total raised was £812.02 for Church Funds!  
Thank you to everyone who helped organise the Fair,  
those who manned the stalls,  
Donated the items for sale and to the huge number of  
people who supported us  
by turning up on the day and purchasing the goods,  
there were some real bargains

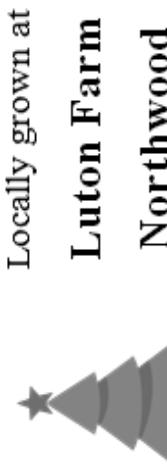
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**Rotary International Shoebox Scheme**

A Big thank you to all those who donated a shoebox!  
We collected 64 boxes in all an increase in last year  
I would also like to give a personal Thank you to  
**NORTHWOOD STORES**  
For their help in collecting the boxes.

Pat Lambert

**Christmas Trees**



Locally grown at

**Luton Farm**

**Northwood**

For over 30 years

**Available from 3rd December 2015**

Sizes available i.e. 4-8 feet and my contact phone number 753639

(Located on the main Newport-Cowes road

Opposite Chawton Lane, the turning to Northwood Church)

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, GURNARD

Why not come and join us for a Community Coffee and Chat in the Church on

**Thursday 17th December 2015  
at 10.15am  
and  
Thursday, January 28th 2016  
at 10.15am**

(and bring a friend?)  
You will be most welcome!

The Churchwardens

Peter Lambert & Pam Clements

Wish everyone a  
Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year



## All Saints Church Gurnard

The Cowes Concert Band  
Present  
A Christmas concert of  
Festive music and Carols  
Monday 7th December at 7.45pm  
Refreshment and Raffle  
Admission is free but a collection in aid of the Church and Band will  
be taken

## Northwood WI

Northwood WI's first meeting of 2016 is on the 7th January at 2 pm in their hall. The Speaker is Mrs Janet Price talking about her life with a Guide dog. Competitions are Pretty Scarf and Best Garden Bloom.

As Northwood WI will be 90 this year we are having a Birthday Lunch on the 26th January at the Holmwood Hotel. This is the date in 1926 that the WI was formed.

On the 23rd January 2016 we are holding a Jumble Sale starting at 2 pm.  
If any one has any jumble could they either bring it to the hall on the day from 11 am, or if collection is required please phone 296081 or 295437 to arrange a suitable date and time.

## Medham W.I.

Monday 11th January 2016 at 7.30  
In the Northwood W.I.Hall  
Speaker Hazel Breach on the History of the W.I.  
Competition Christmas Card and Best Bloom

**Northwood Church**  
Tea/ Coffee and Chat  
on Thursday 14th January 2016  
If no Snow

At Northwood Scout Hut 2pm-4pm  
Why not come and join us for a free cuppa and bring a friend  
You will be most welcome



**NORTHWOOD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

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

**TOPIC:** Christmas Floral Decoration

**SPEAKER:** Sally Martin

**COMPETITIONS:** 4 mince pies, Best Garden Bloom

(For January meeting details see page 9)  
**HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR HIRING**

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

**COWES AMATEUR OPERATIC & DRAMATIC SOCIETY**

TRINITY THEATRE IN COWES

**Santa Claus the Panto Show Dates**

4&11 December 2015 at 7:30pm

5&12 December at 2:30pm

13 December 2015 at 5:00pm

**Di & Viv & Rose by Amelia Bullmore**

28, 29, 30, January 2016

4, 5, 6, February 2016 all at 7:30pm

£8.00 on the night. 3for 2 on the first night  
01983 295259

**CREEA - COWES RADAR EX-EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

The next events are: Wednesday 9th December at 12pm  
**Christmas Lunch** - Appleby Manor Hotel, Ryde

Thursday 14th January at 2.30pm  
in Isle of Wight Community Club, Park Road, Cowes

**The Foodbank Charity** - Hannah King

Wednesday 20th January at 12.30pm for 1pm  
**New Year Lunch** - New Holmwood Hotel, Cowes

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 2015 Programme and view photos of past events.

**NORTHWOOD FLORAL ART GROUP**

The next meetings are: Monday 7th December 2015 at 7.30pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall—**Christmas Dinner**, Monday 25th January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall—**AGM and Glass with Class**

Tea/Coffee and Cake £1.00  
**Membership is £18.00 per year**

**Visitors & New Members are always Welcome**  
Please contact **Sally Martin on 01983 295416**



# GROUPS

## CAROL SINGING AROUND NORTHWOOD

in support of  
The Children's Society  
Everyone welcome  
Meet at 13 Wyatts Lane, Northwood on Monday 21st  
December at 6.15pm  
Followed by mulled wine and mince pies.  
Contact Linda Smallwood 298700

## Northwood Church Quiz

In aid of Church Funds  
Forms from  
Northwood Church  
Northwood Stores  
From the 7th November 2015  
Return forms to  
Northwood Church  
Northwood Stores  
65 Wyatts Lane

**By 14th December 2015**

Cost £1.00 per Person

Prizes for the first three most correct answers pulled out

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## **NORTHWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

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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, WHATTS 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.*

## **Governance, Education, Behaviour, Health & Wellbeing, and Performance**

I have just joined the IW Council Children's Committee, and was deeply disturbed to hear the starkly frank report fielded to the Committee illustrating how we are still failing our neediest children, and that progress made has slipped back, with a tangible link between school education achievement levels, absenteeism and exclusions. It doesn't take much intelligence to link this to rates of youth offending, alcohol and substance abuse, and, severe emotional and behavioural issues.

It is for this reason that I hail the step taken by Northwood Primary School, encouraged and supported by Hampshire County Council, in embarking on Prof Steve Peter's Chimp Management programme for Education, a programme that enables children and teachers to identify and learn to control emotional issues that some children are suffering, and that are so significant that it disables them from learning, participation and building normal relationships. I am horrified, too, at the thought that the remedy to the trauma that these children are suffering is exercised as punishment against their behaviour, which is merely the symptom of their distressed state. I would like to believe that we live in a more enlightened and civilised society, and that is why (if it's the only thing I do), give my support to Professor Rida Elkeir, our Director of Public Health, as he tries to win round the established and failing mode of service into recognising the significant and important, indeed, critical role that people's emotional states and mental wellbeing plays in their education, behaviour, contribution to society, community, work and family, their self-esteem and physical health. There are pockets of enlightenment and understanding, such as Northwood Primary, Isle of Wight Police mental health initiative and Isle of Wight Public Health Directorate, but, we still have an uphill struggle.

**John Nicholson, Ward Member for Northwood & Cowes South**

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## Is Regenerative Building Destroying our Economic Prospects?

Thank you to those residents who have contacted me with their ideas on how to boost the Island economy, especially concerning the proposed significant developments in Cowes and East Cowes waterfronts. It is true, that supporting and nurturing high-tech local business, will create demand and support for Island education to serve those businesses, and, in turn, will feed back into our economy, transforming it from a predominantly low wage high dependency economy to a high skill, high wage economy. I, and other Councillors, support the view that we must safeguard and enhance facilities for such business to operate and grow in the mouth of the Medina, particularly those that depend on access to deep water, and that in doing so, attract other high tech innovative business to the Island.

We have some remarkable award winning innovation and business on the Island, and failure to recognise and support them in favour of short-sighted development, will make the Island and its people suffer in the immediate and long terms. Worse than that, if we cause those business to relocate off the Island because of neglect towards their needs and nurture, we are more than biting the hand that feeds us, we are condemning the innovation that has the potential to lift the Island's employment and economic prospects, depriving Island people of the prosperity that goes hand in hand with successful high-end business, and depriving our educated and skilled children of a future living and working on their Island home.

## Sausage and Bacon Scare

There has been a backlash over the announcement that too much bacon and sausages can be dangerous for your health. Of course, too much of anything can be bad for you – even consuming too much water can be toxic, a condition called hyponatraemia. At least one UK butcher is threatening to sue over this, apparently, indiscriminate statement, others claim that it mainly refers to chemicals used in continental processed foods, but not in the UK. Experience and common sense might tell you that processed food, especially with chemical additives, cannot be good for you, and one of the best books that I have read on the subject is *In Defence of Food*, by Prof Michael Pollan. Personally, I cannot see how sausages made from whole natural product or natural bacon, like you might expect to find in a traditional butcher's, can be any worse for you than the meat from which they are derived. It's all a question of detail, context and proportion.



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Cllr Pullen indicated that the attendance of the delegated councillor representatives at meetings of the Community Partnership had not always been very regular. It had frequently fallen to him to provide an un-prepared report on Parish Council activities. Councillors considered it to be of value to attend these meetings, particularly as representatives from the Community Partnership assisted with the planting and maintenance of the tubs and planters around the village and provided a valuable resource in the village with their Residents Day events. Generally about 20 residents attended the events. However, it appeared they were running out of momentum due to the lack of financial resources. In discussion, it was highlighted that disappointingly no application had been submitted to the Parish Council for financial assistance. The number of active members of the Partnership was also diminishing.

It was decided that Cllr Pullen be appointed as the Parish Council's representative at future meetings of the Community Partnership and Cllrs Pullen and Fuller liaise with the Community Partnership to investigate how best the Parish Council could support the continuance of the organisation.

## VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

### Bench on Venner Play Park

The bench on the playpark, which had been donated many years ago by Roger Mozillius, was in need of urgent repair. Cllr Pullen advised he had made inquiries and to remove it would cost £30, or £150 to effect its repair. The IW Council had subsequently suggested that they were looking into the matter and if viable would undertake the repairs, or if not, take it away. They promised to keep the clerk informed.

### Wooden Posts at the junction of Upland, Road/Nodes, Road

The IW Council had advised that in their opinion the posts were installed by a neighbourhood group and as such they were not the responsibility of the IW Council or Island Roads. As the posts had been in situ for at least 22 years, councillors were unable to confirm this fact. At least eight of the twenty nine posts could be removed easily, the others were all beginning to rot. They would take some effort to remove or replace as they were cemented in place.

It was decided that quotations be obtained to remove the posts and make good where installed and to replace like for like. Cllrs Nicholson and Fuller to advise the clerk of an appropriate contractor to enable quotations to be presented to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

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## Picnic Table

The clerk advised that unfortunately due to the demand from the internal prison market, HMP Isle of Wight were unable to produce a picnic table for the play area at the current time. Although it was appreciated that the Parish Council was not in a particular rush, due to the prison's current workload it would not be possible for them to manufacture and supply the table for between 6 to 9 months. If, after this time, the Parish Council still required a picnic table from them then a further order should be submitted. Councillors were in agreement that the quality of picnic table that HMP Isle of Wight could provide, merited the wait.

## JOINT MEETING ISLAND ROADS

A copy of the notes of the joint meeting held last month had been circulated prior to the meeting. A series of questions had been raised by councillors and sent in advance to Island Roads. Some of them were answered at the meeting and the remainder would be responded to by email. Unfortunately, the meeting was not chaired and degenerated into a slight free for all, lacking focus and management. The main criticism made at the meeting was the perceived lack of communication from Island Roads. Richard Baker, the District Steward for the Cowes wider area received praise for his assistance with local problems. Small cluster meetings were viewed as an ideal forum to meet with Island Roads and discuss mutual issues.

## NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

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 Vice Chairman: Alan Chick, 75 Pallance Road, Northwood. Tel: 01983 296020  
 Secretary: Eileen Turner-Palmerton, 40 Greenways, Northwood.  
 Tel: 01983 282242 – Email: whitecross@onright.net

## NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT

(Eileen Turner-Palmerton)

At the time of writing this report, our Residents have not yet had the lunch at the Best Western New Holmwood Hotel to celebrate Christmas. It is anticipated that there will be about twenty five residents attending and it is sure to be a really memorable event. At our November Event, John Pullen gave us a very interesting talk on the work that is being done in the Northwood Cemetery. The Volunteers are trying to save the Chapels. Please note there will NOT be a Residents Event in December.

We are hopefully continuing our monthly events next year 2016 and are at the present moment arranging speakers and events. Dates of Events for 2016 are On Wednesdays as follows:-

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

At 2.30 pm at the Northwood WI Hall Northwood.

As always if you need transport to these events, please contact 296020 or 282242.

The Village should be looking very good now, as all the Winter plants should be in place and the troughs have had their coat of paint (thanks to John Pullen) and friends.

On behalf of the Northwood Community Partnership and the Northwood Village Produce Association, I wish you all a Very Happy & Healthy Christmas and a brilliant 2016.

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