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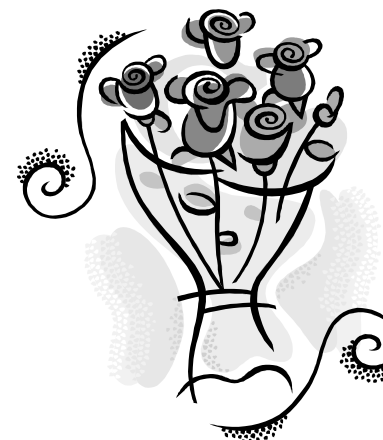
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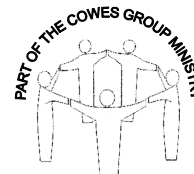
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FEBRUARY LETTER

Hello to you all!

If I asked you the question 'what does February mean to you?' what would your answer be? It's the shortest month? The month which gives us an extra day every four years? The start of the Six Nations Rugby tournament (hurrah!)? The last month of winter? Lengthening days? Spring around the corner? Groundhog Day? For those of you who don't know what Groundhog Day is - it is a crazy American tradition where a groundhog's behaviour allegedly predicts the weather (mad concept but it was made into a brilliant film - watch it if you haven't seen it!)

However I am sure many of you, with or without sighs, said somewhere in your list Valentine's Day. Yes, whether you like it or not, the world is taken over by shops and the media forcing Valentine's Day upon us - a time when those of us in a relationship are obliged/encouraged/forced to show our other halves how much they are loved (should this not be happening more than one day a year?) and those who are single or widowed feel even more alone. I am not a fan of Valentine's Day, as you may have gathered: there is way too much commercialism for one day when we should be showing love and care all the time and to everyone, not just one particular person in our life on one specific day, but who am I to say? I will move on before I am tempted to get on my soap box!

The church also celebrates St Valentine's Day but amusingly it has nothing to do with lovers! The Church of England commemorates a martyr called Valentine - a priest from Terni and was killed in Rome around 269. Not very romantic at all! The link with the celebration of lovers might be associated with a pagan festival in Rome connected to fertility but then others say that 'valentine' and 'love' was only later connected together by Chaucer. Whatever the origins, for Christians, this day also marks an acknowledgement of an all loving God who blesses those who love one another, as Jesus implored his own disciples to do. So perhaps we shouldn't have just bought that one card for our beloveds but one for each member of the congregation! Good lord, what am I saying, I'm encouraging even more commercialism!

Normally lent starts in February but this year Easter is so late that it doesn't start until March. I was asked last year why Easter moves so much: The reason is that the early church fathers wished to keep the observance of Easter in correlation to the Jewish Passover. Because the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus happened after the Passover, they wanted Easter to always be celebrated subsequent to the Passover. Since the Jewish holiday calendar is based on solar and lunar cycles, each feast day is movable, with dates shifting from year to year. So, in Western Christianity, Easter is always celebrated on the Sunday immediately following the Paschal Full Moon.

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To add to the complication the date of the Paschal Full Moon is not set by lunar events but from historical tables. It isn't a simple answer but this is as short an explanation as I could make it with all the information included.....if you want further detail or a better explanation, ask Archdeacon Peter Sutton next time you see him!!!

However one festival that the church celebrates which is always in February is Candlemas. This is a Christian festival celebrated annually on February 2 when we commemorate 40 days after Jesus' birth when Mary and Joseph took him to the Temple. Mary had observed the traditional period of purification (of mothers) following the birth of a son. According to a New Testament gospel, during this visitation a Jewish man named Simeon held the baby Jesus in his arms and said that he would be 'a light for the nations'. This image of Christ as the light has led to the celebration of light countering darkness and it is for this reason that this festival is called Candlemas.

So as you can see, there are plenty of great reasons to celebrate February. There should be no reason why an artificial lover's holiday, hyped up by the greeting card industry should take all the attention for February. So next time you dread this month and all its lovey-dovey commercialism, I hope you can instead focus on February's other worthwhile qualities and if nothing else light a candle on 2 February and remember the love of Jesus and that he is the light of the world.

*Wishing you a short but happy month!
Take care,*

*Rev'd Amanda***Women's World Day of Prayer**

This year's Women's World Day of Prayer Service and Lunch will be held on **Friday 7th** March at 11.00am in Holy Trinity Church.

Reverend Amanda will be the speaker. The theme of the service this year is 'Streams in the Desert' and we are asked to reflect on our Christian role of being a 'stream in the desert' for those who experience spiritual 'drought'. The form of service is from Egypt, which is home to the Coptic Church. Since the uprising in 2011 there has been conflict between religious groupings. Political change affects individual lives and we pray with the women of Egypt for peace. Lunch will be 'bring and share'.

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From the Parish Church Registers:

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Benjamin Stephen Herbert-Duff 22nd December 2013

Marriages

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John Frederick Cass 15th November 2013

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Malachi 3:1-5 Hebrews 2:14-end Luke 2:22-40
- 9th 4th Sunday before Lent**
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Family Service
Isaiah 58:1-9a 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 Matthew 5:13-20
- 16th 3rd Sunday before Lent**
11.15am Morning Prayer (BCP)
12.15am Holy Communion (said)
*Deuteronomy 30:15-end Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37*
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COUNCILLOR LETTER—JOHN NICHOLSON

February 2014



2014 has surely washed in with a vengeance, the whole Country suffering from relentless flooding; even high ground in Northwood being flooded and needing to call on the ever supportive fire brigade. I was travelling back from London on the Monday before Christmas, and it took us 7hrs on the train, 12hrs to get home, drenched, but we considered ourselves lucky to get home at all. It will be a winter never to be forgotten.

You will have seen how the infrastructure is straining to cope. The drains that have consistently flooded down Pallance Road, because they are collapsed or root filled, are beyond repair and cannot cope, so we have to wait for their renewal to come into program, meanwhile, we suffer damage to the road surface – and we have got off lightly!

Good news is that community spirit is high, and Northwood is peculiarly good at this. In general, we are a pretty contended parish, and, as such, we are full of good souls who look out for each other, and it is about time we gave some public recognition and thanks for this and all those good souls that make our community. Talking about community, the new Travellers Joy remains as a thriving community pub, with a reputation for excellent good food and a place for clam, if not diverse, discourse spreading fast. It is nice, too, to be able to see Derek and Ruth frequenting the place, relaxing and enjoying themselves. Derek still runs the ever popular quiz on Sunday evenings. The Horseshoe, too, remains a popular venue, with many people hovering between the two.

You may or may not know, but I succeeded in getting a unanimous vote on a Motion that I proposed at November Full Council. It was, basically, to actively promote our excellent Island products whenever there is a hospitality event. The IW Council don't really do those nowadays, but, the recognition is there. To be honest, my main focus was to promote and include Island beer, instead of the chemical rubbish and foreign bland products that get tabled at these events (there's a surprise, I can hear some of you say!), and, in fairness, the intent was broadened to be, rightly, more inclusive. Impact was immediate and is building up momentum, with the Island MP taking up the case, the County Press writing an excellent article to promote the excellence of Island pubs, and the principal now filtering down to Wards, Parishes, businesses and local community.

Motions that I had deferred to January Full Council are for constructive inclusivity of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) in our Island Health and Wellbeing, and better communication, understanding and involvement with the Police, who are facing £25m cuts and more. Response, so far has been good, and I am hoping that these Motions with take-off in the same war as the Beer Motion, as their potential impact and benefit is far-reaching.

Just a final note, please do bear in mind any neighbour that you know who might struggle, especially in adverse conditions. A kindly word or deed very often costs nothing, can make you feel good and very often makes a significant difference to someone else.

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John Nicholson Ward Member Cowes South & Northwood

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This Association was formed in 1964 with a view to furthering social, cultural and sporting exchanges between the citizens of both towns.

Anyone with an interest in France and the French and who have, or have had, some connection with Cowes, Gurnard, Northwood, East Cowes and Whippingham are very welcome to apply for membership.

New members are always welcome

Chairman: Barrie Clarke 882334 Secretary: Barry Bates 296303

NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Chairman: Ron Willis, 3, Uplands Road, Northwood. Tel: 01983 200452

Vice Chairman: Alan Chick, 75 Pallance Road, Northwood. Tel: 01983 296020

Secretary: Eileen Turner-Palmerton, 40, Greenways, Northwood.

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(Eileen Turner-Palmerton)

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On behalf of the Chairman and Committee, we hope that you had a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Hoping that you have not been too affected by the terrible weather we have been experiencing lately.

As stated in the last report, we are looking for funding, so that we can continue our monthly events. This unfortunately takes time and some effort. At the moment we are still continuing with your support.

Our next Residents Event will be on

WEDNESDAY 19th FEBRUARY, 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 people.

For information, here are the dates of the Residents Events for the rest of 2014:

(All Wednesdays) March 19th, April 16th, May 21st, June 18th, July 16th, August 20th, September 17th, October 15th, November 19th.

REMEMBRANCE ORCHARD SCHEME

Councillors noted that the Parish Council's interest in taking part in the Remembrance Orchards scheme, had been submitted. An application was due to be made to the Heritage Lottery Fund for grant funding. Information on the outcome was awaited.

STATE OF THE ROADS IN THE VILLAGE

The clerk explained that this item had been requested by Cllr Mew. However, in his absence the clerk advised that the problem stemmed from the number of large potholes along Oxford Street. The clerk had reported the matter to Island Roads and had suggested to Cllr Mew that he and the complainants should do the same. In discussion, Councillors highlighted the volume of surface water racing down Pallance Road, during the current period of excessive rain. The rain water was causing the top road surface to lift, displacing gravel, which subsequently blocked the drains thereby exacerbating the problem. The clerk was requested to report the matter to Southern Water.

Northwood and Gurnard Great War Memorial Group

To commemorate the forthcoming centenary of the 1914-1918 Great War (World War I) our group is researching the histories of 48 men who gave their lives and whose names are listed on the war memorials in Northwood and Gurnard churches. We hope to produce a booklet for sale through church and community outlets with the proceeds going to the British Legion and Help the Heroes. If you have any information about these men (photographs, family stories) please can you contact Hazel Pullen 86 Wyatts Lane Cowes PO31 8PY / hazelf86@hotmail.com / Tel. 281250. The names can be viewed online at the Memorials and Monuments of the Isle of Wight web-site reference :

<http://www.isle-of-wight-memorials.org.uk/towns/northwood.htm>

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NORTHWOOD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next event is on Thursday 6th February
at 2pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

SPEAKER: Kathy Barter

SUBJECT: Serving at Osborne

COMPETITIONS: Unusual brooch, 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 10th February
at 7.30pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

GUEST SPEAKER: Anna Hayward

TOPIC: Hand made jewellery

COMPETITIONS: A piece of costume jewellery

REFRESHMENTS: Tea & Biscuits (Rosemary & Jen)

Bring & Buy

Best Garden bloom

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NORTHWOOD VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

The next meeting is on

FRIDAY 14th FEBRUARY, 2014

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

Speaker: Michael Arnell from The Apollo Theatre

Competition:- Handmade Valentine Card

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

COWES AMATEUR OPERATIC & DRAMATIC SOCIETY

TRINITY THEATRE

An Evening of Games & Improvisation

Saturday 1st February at 7:30pm

An evening of drama based games and improvisation exercises.
This is a session for everyone to be involved in. Just bring along an
open mind and plenty of enthusiasm.

Everyone Welcome.

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, 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.

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NORTHWOOD PARISH COUNCIL NEWS FROM THE JANUARY MEETING

POLICE REPORT

PCSO Lisa Paul presented the report of the Local Safety Neighbourhood (LSN) team, on events that had taken place since the last meeting. Particular mention was made of the following:

The Speed Watch, which had taken place on December 18th in Pallance Road and other local areas. A couple of vehicles had been recorded of just exceeding the speed limit, but none were sufficient to warrant a letter of caution being sent. A further event was held last month outside of the Travellers Joy. Councillors noted that a similar exercise conducted along Rew Street, Gurnard resulted in 7 or 8 letters being sent out to speeding drivers. Speed Watch was a continuing exercise with three more dates planned in the Gurnard/Northwood areas.

Pleasingly there had been very little crime committed in Northwood since the last meeting. A couple of incidents of door to door selling had been reported. This had been committed by a small group of family members, who no longer lived on the island.

ISLAND COUNCIL ASSERTS IN NORTHWOOD

Councillors were referred to the list of discretionary services, which the Isle of Wight Council had invited Town and Parish Councils to enter into joint discussions, so to consider providing an alternative means of their continued delivery. The Clerk had written requesting the past two years' financial costings and whether pump priming was to be provided. However, no further details had been received.

It was decided that consideration of taking over of any of the IW Council's assets or in the provision of services within Northwood form a future agenda item, when further details on the implications of so doing had been received from the IW Council.

VENNER AVENUE FOOTBALL PITCH

Councillors noted the response received from Mr Lee Matthews, Head of the IW Council's Parks section. Mr Matthews advised that he was happy to support in principal (50%) of the approximate £532.00 costs for the required works. However, he wished to defer making a final decision until the full extent of the required savings his section would need to make, was known.

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