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Love is.....

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HELLO THERE!

This February is a month The Collinson family is really looking forward – for me it is when I start my three-month sabbatical (long study leave), for the boys they are simply excited about experiencing a leap year! ‘Do you know anyone who is due to have their baby this month? One boy asked. ‘How cool would it be for them to have the baby on the 29th.’ ‘But what about any of your girl friends Mum, do you know any female who is going to propose to their boyfriend?’ Its amazing what runs through their minds – I know I have mentioned in the past to the boys one mealtime around the table that I threatened their Dad, my husband James, at the beginning of 2008 that if he didn’t propose by the 29th Feb I would be asking him: I couldn’t believe they had remembered that! By the way he ensured that didn’t happen by asking me before!!!!

Being 9 and 7 years old, our boys have obviously lived through a couple of leap years, but never before have they actually been aware of enjoying the extra day and as a result it is really meaning something to them. For most of us adults, we may note it, but certainly not dwell on it (unless you are a Leap Day baby!), do anything special on it or make it more than any other day. But then thinking about it, I don’t think James, or I set many days aside as special – just birthdays and our anniversary outside the normal ones of Christmas etc!

Yes, it’s true, we do not really celebrate Valentine’s Day in an over-the-top way: we may buy cards, but perhaps that is more out of pressure from society than a wish to show our affection to one another....because we like to do that at other times! Don’t worry, I am not going to be all romantic and slushy telling you how much we adore one another and give each other gifts every other week, we are a realistic couple with full time jobs and two boys who consume every spare minute we have, but we do go for meals, just the two of us throughout the year and randomly treat one another when we see something that the other would like. I would rather that, than having him feel forced to buy something which has doubled in price since 10th Feb just because it has a heart on it! You could say ‘Random acts of love’ is what makes my heart squeeze, not a restaurant outing on 14th Feb.

And that is what I was shown over the Christmas period. I was shown love by wonderful people who dropped angels through my door or left them in the church. I was touched by the number of people who opened their hearts to me, somewhat of a stranger to them, when I gave them an angel and thanked them for all they do for our community.

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Some of you may be thinking 'What is she talking about?' Hopefully some of you do remember the 'Angels' project which I wrote about in the December edition of this magazine – well my plan went a bit loopy! It changed from just knitted angels to any angel, so we had a greater variety of angels to hand out to the community; I added a 'bag of blessings' to the angel went I went delivering; We didn't get to all the places we had intended to do due to a whole world of fastballs that came our way in the lead up to Christmas.....But we spoke to many people around the community as we gave out the beautiful angels, we adorned our church with angels and we are still receiving more now!

Am I frustrated that I didn't achieve my goal and visit all the people I wanted to? Yes. But do I think we succeeded in the aim of sharing hope, joy and love to the people I met? Yes definitely. And furthermore, I received hope, joy and love from the people I met....

'Love is....' - I talked about those little cartoons from the 60s and 70s in the February 2019 magazine and amusingly this phrase came straight back to my mind again this month – hence why I put the words on the front of the magazine. And after all what happened over Christmas with these lovely angels my new favourite phrase is 'Love is.... people making angels to share hope and love to others they will never meet.'

A very talented young lady that I know recently wrote a short story which won an island-wide competition. It was about a Christmas Tree Angel who had lost her eyes.... but you only find that out at the end of the story! Anyway she poignantly ends her story by saying 'you don't have to have eyes to feel the magic of Christmas' – she's right because love and kindness is palatable, it can be heard in voices when you smile, it can be felt in a hug.....the list is endless. And that is what you all did – shared the magic and love of Christmas. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

And that is why, thanks to you the lovely people of our wonderful village, I am going to start my sabbatical with a heart full of love and blessings. I hope the month and year ahead is the same for you.

With love and blessings to you all!

Rev Amanda

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11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9th 3rd Sunday before Lent**
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Classical Christmas Concert

An enjoyable evening of song interspersed with carol singing filled the church at Saint John the Baptist, Northwood. On Friday, the 20th of December, Abbie Revert and Nathan Stubbings entertained a crowd of over 60 listeners in aid of the Wight Brainy

Bunch. Nathan, a singing pupil of Tressa Lambert, sang a varied repertoire of diploma songs in French, Italian, German and English.

In particular, his rendition of Ivor Gurney's sleep was sympathetically sung. Nathan then invited Abbie Revert to sing, another pupil of Tressa and a singing scholar at Ryde-School. Abbie sang a mixture of musical theatre songs including a passionate rendition of 'If I loved you' by Rogers and Hammerstein and 'Still hurting' from the musical, The last five years. The real treat came when Nathan and Abbie prepared Christmas duets, sung in

flawless harmony. They were competently accompanied by Deborah Grub, also a teacher at Ryde-School, and Iain Briggs accompanied the Carols on the organ. Kathryn Grimes from the Wight brainy Bunch was delighted to receive a donation of £275.60 that was raised on the night. Many thanks goes to Rev, Amanda Collinson at Northwood church for hosting the event.

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Contacting Me

It has been brought to my attention that some people may be trying to contact me via media channels that I just don't use. Although registered, I am afraid that I have never really used Facebook, Twitter and I am not even sure if I am registered for anything else.

Good old-fashioned email is best
(cllr.john.nicholson@btconnect.com) or my mobile (07918 757843).

Sorry if this is a disappointment to other avid users, but I have never got into social media, but happy to speak to people face to face as well.

***John Nicholson, Ward Councillor for Northwood & Cowes
South - 07918 757 843
Chairman, Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Adult Social Care
& Health***

Carol Singing around Northwood

Carol Singing around Northwood on Monday 16th December
raised £267 for The Children's Society.

Many thanks to all singers and musicians and to those who gave so generously, and a special thank you to Paul at the Horseshoe Inn and those who joined us there. Linda Smallwood

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(Eileen Turner-Palmerton)

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Cowes and Northwood have a unique heritage and culture, they also have world-class businesses that, some would say, whose true significance and potential have not been given due regard in recent years. The Cowes area, too, has unique amenities and attractions that, many say, have been overlooked and underappreciated in recent years. A Place Plan will give opportunity for the stakeholders in that area to redress this issues and take some control of their destiny by assuming a level of joint responsibility for determining the Place Plan.

Not only this, but I have also been discussing the prospect with our Health Services, and they too are very keen to be involved, as they see a Place Plan as potential means to develop greater links with local communities, both to give out and receive information that will improve their services.

Pallance Road Safety Update

I am updated that the small steps requested to improve safety for people walking and using mobility scooters, etc, up and down Pallance Road are in process. These are all minor measures, and should all be low cost as well, but each one will deliver some tangible benefit, in that we will be better off with them than without them. It would be fantastic to get a proper pavement and many other things that I know many would like to see, but in the current financial climate, I think we will have done well to get the 'shadow'

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C O W E S N O R T H W O O D

Northwood & Cowes South Ward Councillor's Report – January 2020



A New Year, A New Way – Time for Reflection

If New Year resolutions are about making a new start and Christmas is about birth or rebirth of a salvatorial entity, then surely it is a time for reflection.

One thought is to think on thought itself. We are, after all products of our thoughts. That is not to say that we are what we think we are, that can be patently untrue. We all know someone who thinks they are great at something when they are not – tone deaf, but think they are great at singing, etc!

What I am talking about by saying that we are what we think, is that our thoughts determine our emotions, beliefs and reactions. So, if you are angry on something and that anger dominates, then your emotions and behaviours will reflect that, as will what you believe about whatever it is that you are angry about. The same goes for being happy, but no one complains about that.

Have you ever wondered how some people react completely differently to similar situations? How some people tend to look for and see something negative in any situation and others always tend to see something positive in the same or similar situation. The fact is that if you focus (by thinking) on negative, that is what you tend to see and get bogged down in a self-perpetuating outlook. The same goes for seeing the sunny side, too, of course. Its all down to what you think. Top athletes realise this – that whether they think they can or they can't, they are right! So, they spend an awful lot of time and energy in training their thoughts to promote their performance and chances, Why don't they teach us this in school? It is not strange that people with a happy approach tend to get more done and find people more cooperative. Positivity (happiness) naturally attracts people. If everyone realised this, then I am sure they would work hard at it? By the way, it tends to be healthier too!

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GROUPS

NORTHWOOD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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Topic: Pier into the Past

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Refreshments: Tea & Biscuits (Valerie W. & Rosemary)

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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

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

Northwood Parish Council Report Meeting held on the 7th January 2020

Local Neighbourhood Issues. There was no reported crimes during December and the Police Local Safety Team have set the same three priorities. SPEEDING and the prevention of, Nationwide KNIFE initiative and prevention and YOUTH related antisocial behaviour. Discussions are taking place to reinstate SPEED WATCH events once new equipment has been purchased.

Please tell our advertisers that you saw them in NORTHWOOD NEWS! Following the Parish Councils long campaign to get the Isle of Wight Council to join with them in persuading the Government to set a more sustainable and realistic figure for new housing, the IOW council said they would produce a Housing Needs Survey template for all areas. They have set up a survey form on the Council's website. The link to this is <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/IWHousingNeeds2020>

Please use this chance to let your views be known The Parish Council will discuss this at future meetings and discuss undertaking our own survey for the Village.

Parish Precept for 2020/21, subject to a reduction of £1,500 for Housing Needs Survey, the Precept of £21,500 be approved.

Some of the Benches around the Village will be designated Happy Chat Benches in the Summer months. Happy Chat signs will be displayed and has been proved to be a good way to combat loneliness and isolation.

An update was given on the action to be taken by Island Roads and the IW Council to safeguard local residents when using Pallance Road. This includes No Waiting Restrictions at the top of Pallance Road, additional Signage and a Ghost Pavement.

The New Parish Council WEBSITE is now up and running. Any comments on this, including suggestions for contents will be most welcome.

The winter has been fairly mild this year, but high winds and rain can cause problems. In line with our Emergency Plan we are actively seeking volunteers willing to keep a check on their elderly or vulnerable neighbours during these long dark nights and especially should we get adverse weather conditions. If you would like to be one of the Key Contacts please contact myself or Cllr David Jaggar

John Pullen
Chairman Northwood Parish Council