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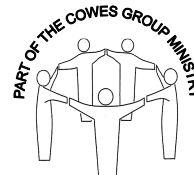


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NORTHWOOD PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS

(coordinated by Pete Brooker)

Future Meetings of Northwood Parish Council

The next meetings are currently scheduled for:

March 2nd Full Council
March 23rd Planning Committee
April 13th Full Council
April 20th Planning Committee

Please note the new meeting time and venue.....

Meetings are being held in Northwood Primary School hall and start at 6.30pm. Public attendance is welcomed and prior to each meeting there is an opportunity to ask questions of members of the Parish Council. Confirmation that any meeting is proceeding as scheduled may be obtained from the Clerk - contact details above. Minutes and agendas are displayed on the Community Notice Board.

Summary of Recent Parish Council Meeting(s)

The Full Council meeting scheduled for January 5th was adjourned due to the adverse weather and the business re-scheduled for January 19th, combined with the Planning Committee business. Topics discussed included:

- A presentation from Liz Mackenzie on the work of the Trustees of Northwood House
- The receipt of reports from the Local Safer Neighbourhood Officer and the Environment and Neighbourhood Officer
- Discussion on 4 planning applications
- Membership of the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils
- Approval of the precept for 2010/11 (see later)
- The Island Insulation Scheme
- The establishment of a discrete Northwood Parish Council website
- The traffic lights at Stag Lane
- The receipt of a letter from the Friends of Northwood Cemetery
- The 'Scamnesty 2010' scheme

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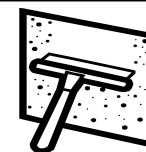
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- Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting (see later)
- Arrangements for the 2010 Parish Council elections
- Receipt of reports from the Parish Council working parties: Allotments, Transport and Traffic, Housing Needs, Play Builder and Northwood in Bloom
- Receipt of the report from the IWC Ward Member

Topics discussed at the Full Council meeting of February 2nd included:

- Reports from the Local Safer Neighbourhood, and Environment and Neighbourhood, Officers
- Further representations on the arrangements for holding the Parish Council elections in 2010
- The practicability and desirability of declaring the play park a dog free zone; and the continuing issue of dog fouling in general
- Receipt of reports from the Parish Council working parties: Transport and Traffic, Housing Needs and Allotments
- The establishment of an allotments allocation policy
- Receipt of the report of the IWC Ward Member Councillors' reports

NORTHWOOD PARISH COUNCIL - BUDGET 2010/11

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TRAINING	£200
ELECTION COSTS:	
SPEND	£1800
RESERVE FROM 2009/10	£(1800)
TOTAL	£0
INTEREST RECEIVED	£(200)
TOTAL ADMIN COSTS	£9174
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Annual Parish Meeting

Please note that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20th in Northwood Primary School at 6.30pm. Mr Jay Jayasundara, who is in charge of the Highways PFI bid, is to be the key note speaker.

The following reports are those of the named contributors, and any views expressed do not necessarily reflect those of Northwood Parish Council.

Neighbourhood Watch Report (Cllr Pullen, 01983 281250)

It has been another quiet period for reported crime. Some wheel trims were taken from a vehicle in Nodes Road between 10th and 14th January. Anyone with any information should contact the Police.

The Cowes Safer Neighbourhoods Police Team is conducting a Street Mapping exercise in Northwood over the next few months. A questionnaire is delivered to each household on which villagers can list their concerns. The responses will enable the Police to identify the main areas of concern in the village and hopefully address them.

During the recent cold spell it was nice to see people helping each other with snow clearance and collecting of food and prescriptions. Maybe this is something that, in the event of bad weather, we could put on a more organised structure in the future. Any useful thoughts on this to myself or any Parish Councillor please.

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POTTERY AND CERAMICS EXHIBITIONS

For the second year Ventnor Botanic Gardens will host I.W. ceramics exhibitions - from the past, to the present - organised by Lisa and Andrew Dowden. *At the end of a rainbow*, held in the Canna Room, is an historical exhibition of 20th century potters and features representative pieces of work by Harry Pritchett and work by Wendy Franklin, both of Northwood. There will be displays of traditional wheel-thrown pottery, sculptures, modelled animals, wall plaques and abstract forms, photographs, information and a slide-show of pieces from private collections. Other potters featured include Joe Lester, Chessell porcelain, I.W. Handcraft Pottery of Gunville, Bembridge Pottery, Bonchurch Pottery, Seaview Pottery and Yellowsands Pottery. *Turning Point*, held in the Echium Terrace Room is a solo exhibition of Andrew's individually-designed ceramics. Both take place on Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th March 2010, between 10.00am and 5.00pm, **ADMISSION FREE**. For more information please visit their website via the *Local Web Links* on our Northwood Village website - their entry is under *Other Websites*.



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NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT

(Colin Palmerton, Chairman)

A reminder that the Village Trail is an entry in the 2010 Isle of Wight Walking Festival. The walk will be on Friday 14th May 2010, starting from the Horseshoe Pub at 10am. The distance will be 8 miles and is scheduled to take 3 hours to complete. The walk will be led by Paul Fuller.

This Project is a wonderful example of what can be done for our village. Why not try the walk for yourselves? Hopefully, we may have better weather by May 14th.

The replacement planters are now in position and fully planted. They were paid for and are consequently owned by Northwood Parish Council. They will be maintained by Partnership members. £100 for planting was also granted by the Parish Council.

Cllr Paul Fuller was nominated and has agreed to be the Parish Council's representative on the Community Partnership. He has always been a great supporter of all our Projects and is a most welcome addition.

The last new village 'gateway' sign is now in position, in Pallance Road, and so completes the entire project.

Further to previous requests for help in maintaining the village planters, it is a great pleasure to note that we have two further village residents offering assistance with the scheme. This now leaves 6 troughs needing 'adoption'. At the risk of sounding repetitious - villagers of any age are welcome. No great gardening skills required, just the wish to see our village continuing to look its best.

Cllr Roger Mazillius felt it necessary to resign from the Partnership to concentrate on his many other activities on behalf of Northwood. His input, over many years, has been very much appreciated. A sincere request is made for any other villager to fill this vacancy. Experience is not a requirement.

The Partnership unanimously agreed to support the Parish Council in its attempts to eradicate the very unwholesome degree of dog fouling. This is particularly prevalent around Venner Avenue Play Park and the pedestrian pathway from Venner Avenue to Newport Road. Jacqui Darby, our Environment & Neighbourhood Officer is very aware of this problem and is taking various actions, in partnership with the Dog Wardens, to apprehend these irresponsible dog owners.

Thanks are expressed to our ENO for the pavement edge grass trimming that has recently taken place throughout the village.

At the time of writing there is no news as to whether there will be funding from the 'Wight in Bloom' scheme. In common with most other voluntary organisations, Partnership funds are decreasing and accessing grants is harder to achieve. We have a wonderful village in which to live but there is a cost. If you wish to help your village, any and all ideas for fundraising are not just welcome, they are critical to the Partnership's continuing existence. You can submit your ideas either through the village website or by coming to the next Community Partnership meeting on Tuesday, 23rd March, 2010 starting at 7.45pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall, Newport Road.

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The Rev'd Lyn McRostie
The Rectory, Chawton Lane, Northwood

I've been looking back at previous parish magazine articles. Just under a year ago I shared with you that I was wrestling with the question of what the church is for. It's a question I'm still looking at - because I've come to understand that it's a question I have to live with and this side of the Second Coming will probably not be fully answered - but we do what we can with faith in Christ, not in the world.

Our present culture wants us to have goals, targets, measurable success (or failure) over specific time periods. That's not what the church is about. We're about God, Jesus Christ and the love that God has for his creation - you, me, this world. That's why I was encouraged by what the new Bishop of Portsmouth, Christopher Foster, has to say.

Bishop Christopher's appointment to our Diocese was announced on 9th February. Modern life being what it is, his appointment was announced on the Internet at 0730 that day and his first multimedia interview was at 0740. He had several other interviews during the day, some of which were fascinated by his revelation that he is a very committed Wolves supporter and is looking forward to being at Fratton Park when Pompey and Wolves next meet ...!

He comes with a lot of life experience - he's already an assistant Bishop in the St Alban's Diocese; he worked in teaching before he was ordained; his first wife died of cancer.

He came to Portsmouth and the Island on the day his appointment was announced and here are his thoughts about being a bishop and about being Christian. "I haven't got a manifesto," he said. "Being bishop involves discernment and waiting on God. In my first months, I'll look forward to discovering more about the Church here, and listening to others before we discern the way forward. And it won't be my way, but God's way forward. "All Christians should have some guiding characteristics, qualities that can be seen in individual's lives and in the life of the Church. I'd like to identify four.

"Firstly, Christians are called to be compassionate in their caring for other people. Secondly, they are called to share in what God is doing already in the world in his mission and ministry. Thirdly, Christians are called to encourage discipleship, to draw other people into the love of God. And fourthly, they stand for truth, for justice and for peace. I'd like to lead a Church with those qualities."

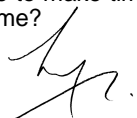
Do you find that exciting?

I do.

I think that we have to acknowledge the challenges that face us, to work out what we can do in response and to be realistic. I'm encouraged by the words of another bishop, Oscar Romero, who lived in South America. He wrote this:

"We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

We are now in the season of Lent, a time traditionally used to reflect and pray on how better we can serve God and the world. Are you able to make time to think and pray on what you would like the church to be and do at this time?



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It is, after all, YOUR Council and you will recall that NONE of the original eight Councillors were ACTUALLY ELECTED because there were only seven nominations. So we had to co-opt one other to make up the number.

I only stood myself in case we did not get enough nominations. If we had got nine or more, I would have stood down in the five day window allowing me to do this before election arrangements were finalised because I wanted to see fresh faces inputting into this local level of democracy.

Even if you don't want to stand, you can give your practical support to village life, e.g. help with the plant tubs weeding and watering, help with our litter-picking Saturday mornings and a whole host of other parish activities (I won't list them all as I don't want to put anyone off!)

All you need to stand is to complete a couple of simple forms and two signatures of local residents. For further information about this and for the forms you can email clive.joyes@iow.gov.uk

Clive is the I.W. Council's highly regarded elections specialist. Get in early before he gets really busy with General Election work.

NEW ALDI STORE AT BAE SYSTEMS SITE

By the time you are reading this I expect this planning application to have been decided. The recommendation before the Planning Committee is for approval and I will be supporting that recommendation, as is the Parish Council. If granted I would expect the store to be in use from approx. this time next year or possibly a little earlier. **UPDATE - APPLICATION APPROVED.**

The application also seeks outline permission for light industrial and office use for the site with all the extra employment opportunities this will bring in future years. I will be pressing for appropriate highway and traffic management improvements as conditions for approval. I will be updating this report on the northwoodvillage.org.uk website in the Village Forum threads.

ALLOTMENTS

As many of you will have read in last week's County Press, our stay at the allotments will end after September. I am looking for another suitable site and would be grateful to be told if anyone knows of such an area of land we could use for this popular activity.

In the meantime may I express my thanks to all who have worked so hard to establish their growing plots on the existing site and to the owner of the site for all the facilities she kindly provided to make the allotments a viable proposition. The Parish Councillors are keen to see this activity continue within the village and we will I am sure do all we can to facilitate this for the future.

Best wishes

Roger

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REPORT - MARCH 2010
VILLAGE GREEN

Further to my last Roger's Report in Northwood News, I can confirm the agreed settlement terms were approved by the I.W. Council's General Purposes Committee last Thursday.

In brief, this granted "village green" status for the lower approx. two-fifths of the field - this is the area nearest to the Pallance Road footpath. Residents have the right to use THIS area for "lawful sports and pastimes" as they have done for the past twenty-plus years. The designation does not grant any rights additional to those historic ones, i.e. generally walking, dog-walking and exercising, flying kites, blackberrying, playing with children, etc.

In addition the landowners have agreed to grant a permissive walking right around the perimeter of the remaining land, i.e. along the back of the Pallance Road gardens and round the back of Harry Cheek Gardens to join up with the public footpath running from the Wyatts Lane footpath, down the fence to the bottom and then northwards to the Pallance Road footpath. None of this affects the public's existing rights over this registered public footpath.

A fence of a temporary nature will be erected to clearly show the division between the two areas of land. A gate will be installed in this to allow a two metre width pedestrian access along the Pallance Road gardens boundary as referred to above. The fence will stop before the edge of the existing public footpath. Residents are urged to use this access responsibly, as in past usage.

May I repeat my sincere thanks to all residents who supported my application.

NORTHWOOD PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The entire Parish Council of eight places is up for election on 6th May 2010. However if the General Election does take place on this day, they will be postponed for about three weeks.

There will I suspect be several present Parish Councillors (including myself) who will not be standing again. Apart from this of course all EIGHT places will need candidates.

So the purpose of this article is to sincerely say to all you keen villagers out there to seriously consider standing for election to the Parish Council.

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THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Friday 5th March over 3 million people world-wide will be praying and worshipping together during an annual day of prayer, using a service prepared by Christian women in Cameroon.

Emma Wilcock, president of the National Committee of the Women's World Day of Prayer movement, said:

"This is always an exciting day as a great wave of prayer sweeps the world, beginning when the first service is held in the Queen Salote Girls' School in Tonga and continuing around the world until the final service takes place, some 35 hours later, in neighbouring Western Samoa. By then the day will have been celebrated in over 170 countries and over 5,000 services will have been held in the United Kingdom.

The Republic of Cameroon is said to be Africa in miniature. It is a country of great cultural diversity with more than 240 ethnic groups and languages. It faces many challenges as its people seek to move forward into a modern age without losing their distinctive characteristics. But at all times, in all circumstances, Cameroonians are able to praise God with joy and exuberance and the service reflects this."

In Cowes, this annual ecumenical service will take place at St Thomas of Canterbury RC Church at 11.00am on Friday 5th March. This year's speaker will be our own Archdeacon Caroline Baston. The service will be followed by a bring and share lunch; there will also be a Traidcraft stall. All, both men and women, are invited to join in this day of prayer.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be a concert by young local musicians in All Saints Church, Gurnard on 24th April at 7.30pm.

NORTHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We did enjoy the January snowfall here at school and we made the most of playing out in the snow and rolling giant snowballs.

This term KS2 are learning about life during World War two and we would love to hear from any Northwood residents who would be happy to come and chat to the children about their memories of that period. Please contact the school if you could spare some time to reminisce.

We are still hopeful that some local residents will attend our community choir sessions on Tuesdays from 3.10pm - 4.00pm. If you enjoy singing then do come along and join in.

Gill Miles, Acting Headteacher

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

Heather and Nimrod Light, of Noke Common, would like to thank their friends and neighbours for all their kind offers of help during the recent bad weather and while Heather's injury kept her from getting around. They wish it to be known that they feel privileged to live in such a wonderful caring neighbourhood.



British Summer Time officially begins at 01:00 GMT on Sunday 28th March, so don't forget to adjust your clocks

ONE HOUR FORWARD!



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MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

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 let Lyn know or contact one of the Churchwardens whose details are given above. We're 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. We are always here for you - because that's what we're about!

From the Parish Church Registers:

No Baptisms

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No Weddings

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We remember in our thoughts and prayers those who have died recently, remembering especially their families:

RUTH BALL on 4th February 2010

DAVID HOLBROOK on 16th February 2010

JEANNE HUNT on 16th February 2010

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For Baptism enquiries please telephone

Anne Brooker on 01983 296958

For Wedding, Funeral and other enquiries please telephone

The Rev'd Lyn McRostie on 01983 298370



### FLOWER ROTA FOR MARCH 2010

7th, 14th, 21st and 28th  
LENT - NO FLOWERS REQUIRED.



### PRAYER GROUP MEETING FOR MARCH 2010

Tuesday 16th March 10.30am at 89 Wyatts Lane

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## NORTHWOOD PARISH CHURCH SERVICES in St John the Baptist Church, Chawton Lane, Northwood MARCH 2010

### 7th Third Sunday of Lent

11.15am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP)

*Readings: Isaiah 55.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9.*

### 14th Fourth Sunday of Lent - MOTHERING SUNDAY

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP)

11.15am **FAMILY WORSHIP**

*Readings: Exodus 2.1-10; Colossians 3.12-17; John 19.25b-27.*

### 21st Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passion Sunday

11.15am **MORNING PRAYER** (BCP)

followed by said Holy Communion at 12.15pm.

*Readings: Isaiah 43.16-21; Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8.*

### 28th Palm Sunday

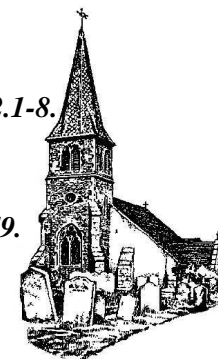
11.15am **HOLY COMMUNION** (CW)

*Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a; Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 23.1-49.*

### 4th April - EASTER DAY

11.15am **HOLY COMMUNION** (CW)

*Readings: Isaiah 65.17-25; Acts 10.34-43; John 20.1-18.*



### STEVE'S LONDON MARATHON FOR THE WINDOWS APPEAL

A Northwood man is set to run in the London Marathon in aid of the Church Windows Appeal. **STEVE RUMSEY**, son of Mick and Barbara who own Northwood Stores, regularly runs in Marathons, raising funds for different causes. This year he has chosen the Windows Appeal which is raising money to cover the costs of repairing the corrosive damage to the stained glass windows and surrounding stonework. If you would like to sponsor Steve, forms are available at Northwood Stores and in the Church.

### NORTHWOOD CHURCH COLLECTION BOXES

New boxes for 2010 are now available, so if you would like one please call Sarah on 01983 527948 or email her on [leggy.loulou@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:leggy.loulou@hotmail.co.uk)

The 2010 collection is for the upkeep of the fabric of the church.

### CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR MARCH 2010

| DATE | CHURCH                          | BRASS              |
|------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 5th  | JILL MAZILLIUS & PAULINE PLEDGE | JACQUIE PEARCE     |
| 12th | VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED             | JAY SHIPLEY        |
| 19th | KAY WELFOOT & ELIZABETH BANKS   | JANE PEAKALL       |
| 26th | VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED             | VOLUNTEER REQUIRED |