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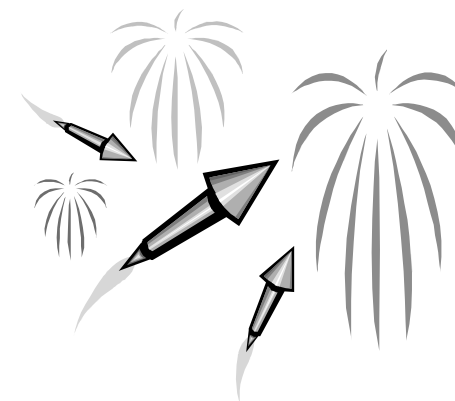
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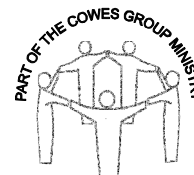
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## NOVEMBER LETTER

When my mother was alive she was always unhappy when November began. I do not know if it was the long dark evenings or the weather getting colder and windier. As a boy it was one of my favourite times of the year. I always looked forward to Remembrance Sunday with the associated military parade we always had in Portsmouth. All Saints Day or Hallowe'en wasn't the commercial event it is today but a group of us used to gather in our shed and scare each other with ghost stories before eating potatoes and chestnuts cooked on a fire in our garden. Then there was, of course, the 5th of November, the most exciting day of the year.

Next to our house was a bomb site where we built a very large bonfire having gathered material for about a fortnight from the surrounding area. The beginning of the month was a tense time in case a rival gang pinched any of our material, something we would not have dreamed of doing ourselves. Guys were made and we had turns at a busy bus stop collecting pennies to buy fireworks. Although there was little problem in purchasing bangers and rockets in those days I always bought mine in the company of my mother because I knew she could not resist buying a box to go with those we bought with our pennies. On the night of the fifth we had a party and once the fire was lit all our fireworks were let off. I'm sure we were not very alert the next day at school after such an exciting evening.

Now a responsible adult [?] I couldn't possibly advocate the sale of fireworks to the under twelves. But in those days, possibly because the war had not long finished, we as a neighbourhood worked together to turn an act of terrorism, the attempt to blow up parliament, into a memorable event. Children and adults changed a dark, cold winter evening into an enjoyable, colourful night. I do not remember anyone getting hurt apart from my grown up cousin, who when supervising us fell into what had been the cellar of the house.

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The young ones learned that proper preparation gives maximum enjoyment to any event.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of November the church celebrates Advent Sunday which is when Christians begin the preparation for Christmas. To get the most out of the Christmas season start thinking about what the holiday is all about on that day. Buy an Advent calendar which not only dispenses chocolate but also explains the Nativity so by the time Christmas day arrives the true meaning of the season is understood by all the family. And if you find, like my mum, that November is a depressing month remember that chocolate is available all the year round!

R.J.W



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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

28<sup>th</sup> September Dexter Mack Morris

#### Marriages

13th September 2014 Lee Chilcott and Valerie Hackling

13th September 2014 Christopher Elliott and Lauren Crews

17th September 2014 Rob Shove and Sandra Westmore

#### Died

8th September 2014 Thomas Smith Wain

16th September 2014 Margaret Annie Shepherd

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

### FLOWER ROTA FOR NOVEMBER 2014

2nd Volunteers Required

9<sup>th</sup> Volunteers required

16<sup>th</sup> Volunteers required

23rd Volunteers required

### PRAYER GROUP MEETING

No prayer group this month



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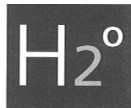
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November 2014

### 2<sup>nd</sup> ALL SAINTS PATRONAL FESTIVAL **NO SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S NORTHWOOD ONLY ALL SAINTS GURNARD**

10.30am Holy Communion **NOTE SPECIAL TIME!**

Revelation 7:9-end

1 John 4:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

### 9<sup>th</sup> REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.45am Remembrance Service **NOTE SPECIAL TIME!**

Tea and coffee will be served **after** the service.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-end

Matthew 25:1-13

### 16<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

11.15am Morning Prayer (BCP)

12.15pm Holy Communion (said)

Zephaniah 1:7,12-end

Psalms 90:1-8

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

### 23<sup>rd</sup> CHRIST THE KING

11.15am Holy Communion

Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24 Ephesians 1:15-end Matthew 25:31-end

### 30<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

11.15am Informal Communion

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-end

## CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR NOVEMBER 2014

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
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There also will be a small exhibition by the group on the history established to date, at Northwood House on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November 2014 between the hours of 1000 and 1600. Cowes Heritage will also be exhibiting some content from their "Decade of Change 1910-1920" exhibition.

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Northwood Playgroup, Northwood County Primary School, Wyatts Lane PO31 8PU  
Northwood Playgroup is a registered charity (No: 1086436)

## CREEA - COWES RADAR EX-EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

The next event is on Thursday 20th November at 2.30pm

in Isle of Wight Community Club, Park Road, Cowes

**A Financial Guide for Life and After-Life**—Paul St John Martin

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 2014 Programme  
and view photos of past events.

**New Members are always Welcome**

## NORTHWOOD FLORAL ART GROUP

**Sunday 15th November—Christmas Show**

The next meeting is on Monday 24th November

**Title: All-round Christmas Table Arrangement**

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

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**



## COWES-DEAUVILLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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

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### November at Carisbrooke Priory

Open Door Speakers for November  
 November 6th Canon Alan Brown. (Communion)  
 November 13th. Kath Abbott  
 November 20th. Gwen Brailsford  
 November 27th. Jenny Knight

Open Door Service every Thursday at 12noon.  
 Lunch in Dining room approx 1.00pm.

The Priory and Garden is open Mon – Friday 10.00am-4.00pm.  
 Tea room open Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday. 10.00am.-4.00pm.  
 Priory Art Group. meets Mondays 9.30am-4.00pm

Carisbrooke Priory is a Member of the Quiet Garden Scheme.  
 Prayer Ministry available by arrangement. Please ring 01983 523354 for appointment.

All enquiries to Carisbrooke Priory Trust Phone:- 01983 523354.

### All Saints Church Gurnard

Christmas Fair  
 Saturday November 29th  
 2.00pm in Church



### Northwood Church Quiz

In aid of Church Funds  
 Forms from  
 Northwood Church  
 Northwood Stores  
 From the 1st November 2014  
 Return forms to  
 Northwood Church  
 Northwood Stores  
 65 Wyatts Lane  
 By 30th November 2014  
 Cost £1.00 per Person

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### NORTHWOOD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**COMPETITIONS:** 4 Rock cakes, 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 November  
 at 7.30pm in the Northwood W.I. Hall.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**—in attendance WI Advisor Joan Finch  
**Open Evening**

**COMPETITIONS:** Small Craft Item, any medium  
**REFRESHMENTS:** Tea & biscuits (Audrey & Sue)

**Bring & Buy Best Garden bloom**

**Soeltn Group Meeting TBA**

*Visitors & New Members are always Welcome*

### NORTHWOOD GARDEN AND SOCIAL CLUB

(Formally Northwood Village Produce Association)

The next meeting is on

**FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2014**

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

Speaker: Michelle Newton – Four Seasons Catering Academy  
 Competition – A Houseplant

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

### COWES AMATEUR OPERATIC & DRAMATIC SOCIETY

TRINITY THEATRE

### All the Fun of the Fayre at Trinity Theatre

Trinity Theatre is holding their annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 10am to 1pm.

All the usual attractions will be their including cake stall, tombola, plants, Phoenix Cards, raffle, jewellery and loads of mouth-watering refreshments. – Not to be missed!

## 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**

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This issue, which is not just concerning older people, should, I believe, be an item for regular review, and I will be discussing ways of effectively implementing this with our Parish Council.

Meanwhile, we are on countdown to Christmas again, and I would ask people to consider some basic points for the season. If you are going away, let somebody (a good neighbour or friend) know, and leave means of contact, just in case the unexpected happens. In the season of goodwill, please take some time to make sure neighbours, especially the elderly, handicapped or infirm, are warm enough, have sufficient provisions and not left physically or emotionally stranded. If you have any concerns regarding somebody, please let me know and I will do my best to make sure they are looked after. Lastly, it has become evident to me that there are people in our community who have some great ideas on what we could be doing or how we could do things better, this is a largely untapped resource and would welcome anyone who wants to share their ideas coming forward to let me know what they think.

John Nicholson, Ward Member for Northwood & Cowes South

### Northwood Church Collection Tins

Please return all collection tins by Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2014  
(at the Coffee Morning) or in Church at any time before  
If you would like to arrange for your tin to be collected please call  
Sarah on 01983 527948.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Cowes Art Group Winter Exhibition

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd November, 10am to 4pm  
Gurnard Village Hall  
Free entry - all welcome

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## COUNCILLOR LETTER—JOHN NICHOLSON

### November 2014



It seems, nowadays, that never a month goes by without a new concern or crisis. This month it has been regarding the roads, particularly what has happened at Wyatts Lane, the break-up of the new middle section in lower Pallance Lane and lack of information or response on what is planned for Pallance Road; all these concerns affecting the local community to a greater or lesser degree.

The problem with Wyatts Lane, so I am told, was the amount of services that were not at the correct level, requiring greater care and causing complications in the work. The Island, apparently, has more services at the wrong levels (too shallow, that would be) than is usually found, which may be the legacy of decades of poor supervision and enforcement. I think we can all sympathise with Island Roads if this was, indeed, the case, but their distinct lack of effective reactive communication does nothing to help their case. I would say, though, that when I raised concern about continuing to resurface the last section of Pallance Lane using the same specification that has so obviously failed in such short time in the previous, middle section, the matter was quickly responded to, and an upgraded specification was used. I have to say that the workmanship was markedly better too! Any response or information to the forthcoming works to Pallance Road is still awaited. Maybe they don't know themselves, but the silence hardly builds confidence. Nevertheless, I will continue to pursue.

Many thanks to those people who responded to my thoughts regarding people in the community who need help or company, and those who have the time and ability to give it. It is very heart-warming to see that such a level of human compassion resides in Northwood. One of the foremost organisations doing excellent island-wide work in this regard is Age UK ([www.ageuk.org.uk/isleofwight](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/isleofwight) 525282), with Mark O'Sullivan heading the Good Neighbours Scheme. I am exploring ways that we can raise awareness in the community, perhaps via one of our local organisations (offers welcome).

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## NORTHWOOD PC REPORT OCTOBER

### POLICE NEWS

Crime Update for September. Three crimes had been reported during this month, the same as in September 2013.

The police priority remained the prevention of cycling and cars using the High Street in Cowes, during the times of prohibition. The Police had stopped four cyclists during the past month. They had all been issued with a verbal warning, together with an educational letter. Their details had been taken so if caught again, then formal action would be taken against them.

The relocation of the local police team. Although it had been hoped the move to the Cowes Enterprise College would take place at the end of October, that was now unlikely to be the case. The Parish Council would be duly informed once a date had been firmly agreed with all relevant parties.

### FUTURE OF THE POST OFFICE

Councillors noted the response received from the Post Office Ltd to the letter sent by the clerk.

The clerk advised that Gurnard Parish Council had appointed Cllr M Bugden to the Working Party. A copy of the letter from the National Federation of Sub Postmasters addressed to the current postmistress of the Pallance Road Post Office, had also been circulated to councillors, for their information. It was confirmed that the landlord of the Travellers Joy had submitted an expression of interest in the Post Office counter being re-sited within the pub. However, he was awaiting a response to his application. It was suggested that if the move proved to be successful then an invitation be sent to the landlord, suggesting that he attend a future meeting of the Parish Council to outline his plans.

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## REFUGE COLLECTION DAY

Cowes Town Council had discussed the issues regarding “fly-tipping” in Cowes. The view had been taken that this was generated particularly by second home owners who came to the Island for the weekend, leaving their rubbish out on a Sunday evening, even though the collection day for Cowes was a Thursday. It had been suggested that an exchange with the Monday collection day for the majority of Northwood residents could help to resolve the problem. The Council rejected the proposal.

## MATTERS RAISED BY THE CLERK

**Football Pitch on Venner Avenue** – Works had started. The contractors initially cultivated and re-soiled the area and had now levelled off and re-seeded the pitch. The goal nets had also been replaced. The area was currently fenced off and the Parish Council should be advised when it was ready for use again.

The clerk requested progress on the proposal to re-furbish the memorial seat on the play park. Cllr Pullen confirmed that he was due to undertake this task along with Cllr Smith.

**Community Highways Fund** – Mr Tony Toynton, the IW Council's Interim Highways PFI Contract Manager had advised that the IW Council had a number of suggestions for highway schemes to be undertaken in Northwood. He would gather these together and then advise further.

**Tubs and Planters** – The clerk requested progress on the planned creosoting of the tubs and planters. Cllr Pullen advised that he had a supply of green creosote and a tin of white paint suitable for painting the Northwood sign, situated along Nodes Road. He would make contact with Cllr M Nicholson, so to carry out the works together at no cost to the Parish Council.

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## NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

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## NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT (Eileen Turner-Palmerton)

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At our last Residents Event, Sally Martin from the Northwood Floral Art Group gave a talk and demonstration of flower arranging. This proved to be very interesting and appreciated by all.

As stated in our last report, there will not be an event at the W. I. Hall in November. The reason being we are celebrating Christmas early. by a lunch at the Best Western New Holmwood Hotel in Cowes. Details have been distributed to most friends who regularly attend. If you have not received them and would like to attend, please contact me by phone 4<sup>th</sup> November, for the details. After this date we cannot accept applications.

Details of future events will be in our December report.

Planting of the Village will, hopefully be complete by the beginning of November.

As you may have noticed the Northwood Village Produce Association has changed their name to Northwood Garden & Social Club. In the hope of attracting new members, the focus on the meetings will be information, advice, demonstrations on various subjects referring to gardening ad top tips sessions They will, however, take care to retain the social aspect of the group.