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# NORTHWOOD NEWS

October 2019



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## HELLO THERE!

I met an old family friend a while ago and taking my face, the dear elderly lady said, 'You haven't changed a bit.' Now she is a wonderful person but sadly as I look in the mirror, I see that she is very much mistaken....in oh so many ways! Last time she saw me my hair was much longer (and less grey), I was a lot thinner, in my teens I loved Wham and was rarely seen without wearing Doc Martens, I spent my free time swimming, dancing....and reading! Aha, perhaps there is something that has remained with me since my childhood!

I have always loved reading. My Mum used to continually tell me to 'put down the book' so I can walk down the stairs, come to the table to eat, get ready for school.... you know live a normal life! However, the tables have now turned and I am sure she is inwardly laughing every time she hears me saying the same words to my eldest who is a complete bookworm and now even to the younger one who has not been able to put down a series of books over the summer! But ladies and gentlemen, do not think I am complaining, definitely not! I started reading to my boys whilst they were still in my womb and it is certainly one of my greatest joys when they now read stories to me!

Frederick Douglass once said, '**Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.**' And I have the pleasure of sharing that freedom and joy with some amazing women in a Book Club that I have the privilege to be part of. We have enjoyed reading a variety of diverse books over the past few months, fiction and non-fiction, and discussing them which always gives me a different insight to the one I had. Stimulating and challenging for my old brain cells but the best thing I get out of these get togethers is just being with dear friends.

What is it that I love so much? Down time from work? Being with fun people? Yes of course those are two big reasons, but you get so much more than that when you are with people who care about you. In a book I have recently read (!!) it talked about ensuring that you should try to make sure the negative input of your life is outweighed by positive input otherwise you can become like a stone that has a perpetual dripping tap above it, slowly eroding you away. Whereas if your positive input is greater than your negative you will have joy in your hearts, flourish and be able to look forward with hope.

The thing is, so many of us adults think we have nothing positive to give, no skill someone would find useful, nothing worthy of listening to.....the list is endless and varied and we have all felt like that some time or other and before we know it, the negative input is clearly outweighing the positive. And things are compounded when we think always think we are useless and not just in certain circumstances.

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One son has recently been reading a Ninja book and has told us a whole world of interesting facts about Ninja training and their way of life. He has even started to adopt parts into his every day. I asked him why he was doing that - his reply was so he could be a Ninja.

Of course, silly me.

But do you know what - he believes in himself and I believe in him. I truly believe that my son, this little pocket rocket, could do anything he puts his mind to – his determination and self-belief is awesome....me, well that's a different story, but then I wasn't like this all my life. Thinking about it, what was the age when I stopped believing I could do anything I wanted to? When did I suddenly think I couldn't be one of the great characters from the books I read?

I spoke to some Mums at school today and every one of us admitted that we had missed out on doing something because we either didn't think we were good enough, were afraid of failing or didn't want to be rejected. And yet I can confidently say that every single one of those women was an awesome Mum with great gifts..... So maybe we all need to return to the books for inspiration, for confidence, for strength. And as a Christian I have one of the best books to hand in the Bible, where God continually gives His followers encouragement, confidence, strength and love, and that includes us reading it today.

So why not pick up a book this month and submerged yourself again in stories of adventure, of mystery, of love, of joy – whatever is your favourite genre. Submerge yourself in another time and place and have some fun doing it. And hopefully you will return to the younger version of yourself with a larger dose of confidence and motivation so you can go and do something which you thought you would never do! Live out your potential – for your sake and I am sure your family, friends and perhaps even our community will benefit too: never has there been a time when we have needed more heroes in our society!

*Wishing you a wonderful 'reading and inspiring' month!*

*Rev Amanda*

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### MESSAGE FROM REV AMANDA COLLINSON

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## NORTHWOOD PARISH CHURCH SERVICES in St John the Baptist Church, Chawton Lane, Northwood October 2019

### 6<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

### 13<sup>th</sup> HARVEST

11.00 am Our Harvest festival (refreshments available from 10.30 am)

### 20<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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allowing traffic space to go back to the correct side of the road in time for the bend and junction. Paint a white line down the left-hand side (going downhill) of Pallance Road below the Wyatts Lane junction, creating a shadow pavement (where the road is wide enough to take it) and put up signs to warn drivers that there are pedestrians in the road. This might not be a perfect solution, but it does something to raise awareness of the risk and offers a bit more security for pedestrians. Another issue is to look at effective speed controls. We already have a speed limit, but it is often ignored.

### New Northwood Historic Pub Walk Launched

With the help of a local historian (wishes to maintain privacy), Dave Jones out of Cowes Heritage, members of the Parish Council, my friend, Jeff Sechiara (national chairman of the Brewery History Society), we have completed an historic pub walk through Northwood in time for this year's Beer, Buses and Walks Festival in mid-October. Because it is an historic view, we have used license to take Northwood beyond its present boundaries to start the walk at the Stag and finish at the Kingston, with the Horseshoe and Travellers Joy as the main featured stops within today's village. The guide should be available for download from the Parish and Village websites as well as the Beer & Buses website, Visit IW and IW CAMRA websites (<https://www.wightwash.org.uk/>).

This is one of a series of popular historic walks developed by Jeff and I in conjunction with local historians, and we are just finishing Carisbrooke and Ryde walks too, to join others that we have already produced (Cowes, Cowes Blitz, Gurnard, Newport, Shanklin, Ventnor, West Wight). This year we have engaged with Solent printers who are reformatting and lifting the walks to another level as well.

### Health Service Transformation

With the transformation of the CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group), now operating in combined resource with neighbouring mainland CCGs, and the great news of effective progress of our Hospital in climbing out of special measures towards the very real potential of being good. The Hospital already has recognition in certain departments of reaching outstanding service. Please, for your part, do continue to give constructive feedback to our public services whenever you can, as that serves as a useful check for them to feed back into the improvement drive.

John Nicholson, Ward Councillor for Northwood & Cowes South  
Chairman, Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Adult Social Care & Health

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## Northwood & Cowes South Ward Councillor's Report –September 2019

### Credit Where Credit is Due

Scheduled for 3 weeks, but finished in 2 (resurfacing to be done over a couple of nights), Island Roads have excelled in their execution of the rebuilding of the sections of broken carriageway at Northwood Lights. As a further consideration, they were also able to completely open the road for the weekend in between!

This is great stuff, as everyone recognises that the road really needed doing, and there was never going to be a right time. So, I hope that I can thank Island Roads on behalf of residents for managing the works so well and trying to minimise the inevitable impact on travelling times that the works would have.

### Rising Concern on Safety in Pallance Road

As many of you know, I have been raising the issue of safety, concerning traffic in Pallance Road, for some time, several years in fact. Lack of a footpath below Wyatts Lane and speeding impatient traffic are hazards that have got worse due to the increase of traffic flow and the frequency of diversions from the main Cowes – Newport road and the inevitable increase in road parking.

Also, of concern is the issue of forcing traffic on to the wrong side of the road travelling down Pallance Road, on a blind bend and road junction! This is caused by the parking just above Wyatts Lane. How this ever got through a safety assessment is unbelievable as it defies every principal of risk avoidance let alone common sense! It is quite obvious too, that the priority at the pinch point is the wrong way round, so, at busy times, traffic can stack back into Nodes Road. My request, on behalf of residents, to extend the yellow lines from Wyatts Lane junction by 2 spaces was well received by Island Roads but dismissed by IW Council Highways with the ridiculous response that if someone cut their hedge down it would make it all safe!

Some of the fixes for these issues are very easy and cheap, and I have the weight of the Parish Council supporting the plea to get them implemented. But, what might help to trigger improvements is a comment to me by the Leader, who, during the Pallance Light's roadworks used the advised diversion and experienced at first hand the issues that we have in Pallance Road and asked me what I thought, so I told him that I have been pressing for resolution and the fixes were easy, cheap and very cost effective:

Reverse the priority at the pinch points to stop back up into Nodes Road. Extend the double yellows from Wyatts Lane junction up for 2 spaces,



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### NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT

(Eileen Turner-Palmerton)

We are still continuing to meet each month, while trying very hard to obtain some grant or funding. It is not easy to apply. At the moment we are just able to run the Event. At our September Event we had a very interesting and enjoyable talk by Revd Steve Sutcliffe.

Our next Residents Event is on Wednesday 16th October, 2019, 2.30 pm at the Northwood Village Hall. As always we are looking forward to seeing you. Please try and bring a friend, we would love to see them.

If you need transport please call 292060 or 282242

### Northwood Parish Church Harvest Services

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019

11.00am Our Harvest family service (refreshments available from 10.30am)

All Welcome

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The next meeting will be **Monday 28th October at 7.30pm**, Northwood Village Hall.

**Craft Night**

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



#### **NORTHWOOD VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION**

Next meeting – Friday October 11th – 2 pm  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
in All Saints Church, Gurnard, Garden Room.  
Contact Val on 472583 or Janice on 200143

#### **Trinity Theatre Cowes**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October from 10am to noon at Trinity Theatre, Cowes.**

#### **Coffee Morning**

Come along and enjoy a chat and a drink with some cake or a scrummy bacon roll and even a game of table tennis!.  
Everyone Welcome.

**29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> November, 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> December at Trinity Theatre, Cowes.**

**Aladdin – A Traditional Pantomime**

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#### **COWES HERITAGE EXHIBITION**

#### **Made in Cowes**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Sunday 10 November inclusive at the Regatta House  
Bath Road. Cowes 10 am – 4 pm daily. All welcome, free admission

#### **Northwood Church Collection Tins**

Please return all collection tins by 13th October 2019

in Church or 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

#### **Mountbatten Hospice**

On their go yellow Day Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

All Saints Church from 10am-4pm

Tea Coffees, Cakes etc.

Raffle

Please wear Yellow

#### **Don't Forget**

**Clocks go back 27th October 2019**

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We begin our countdown to Christmas with 4 craft evenings.  
An invitation is extended to anyone wishing to make festive gifts and decorations for family and friends.

The classes have proved very successful over the past 4 years and numbers are limited so please book as soon as you can.

We do ask that once you have booked, you let us know as soon as possible if you can't make it.



Homemade cake and refreshments are included.

**Please call PAT LAMBERT 01983 526385**



Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 7-10pm – **Beautiful material baubles** (No sewing) - £12

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 7-10pm – **Button canvas creations** - £12

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 7-10pm – **Fresh floral Christmas wreaths** - £15



**Planning** - Northwood Parish Council strongly recommended refusal of the application 19/00677/OUT on land adjacent to 403 Newport Road, Northwood for five detached houses.

An update from the IW Council's Planning Enforcement officer regarding the breach of planning regulations for the installation of the new entrance/gates to New House Farm, 471 Newport Road, Northwood was noted at this stage.

**Unsociable Parking** - Discussion ensued on the growing problem of unsociable parking in Northwood. There had been times when the contractor for maintaining the play area in Venner Avenue had been unable to cut along the grass edge due to vehicles parked on the pavement. Increasingly, vehicles were also being parked on double yellow lines or too close to road junctions making it difficult for those entering or leaving a street. Mention was also made of the garages in Horseshoe Close, with the suggestion that maybe a conversation should be held with the Housing Association as to whether better use of the land would be to remove the garages completely and install parking bays in their place. Employees should also be encouraged to park at their place of work rather than on the local streets. It was agreed that this was a very difficult situation to try and resolve as additional double yellow lines would only reduce the area available for parking and exacerbate some of the problems. Car ownership per household appeared to be increasing, but not the ability to park them off-road.

**Councillors requested the views of local residents on how to resolve some of the problems caused by unsociable parking.**

**Parish Council Enhancements** - Councillors were referred to the list of potential ideas that could, if undertaken, enhance the Parish by highlighting local points of historical or cultural interest or environmental or social interest.

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## GROUPS

### **NORTHWOOD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

The next meeting will be Thursday 3rd October at 2pm in the Village Hall.

**Speaker:** Sue Edwards

**Topic:** Wreath Making Demonstration

**Competitions:** Bell Ornament, Best garden bloom

### **HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR HIRING**

To hire the Hall please contact Karen Fuller [karenfuller@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:karenfuller@hotmail.co.uk) or 07704487310

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### **MEDHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

The next meeting will be Monday 14th October at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

**Guest Speaker:** Sylvia Williams

**Topic:** Pyramid Boxes (Hands on)

**Competition:** A Favourite small Box, Best garden bloom. Bring & Buy

**Refreshments:** Tea & Biscuits (Rosemary Jill Fry)

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### **1st NORTHWOOD SCOUT GROUP - SCOUT H.Q. Wyatts Lane**

Beavers Thursday 5.45pm to 7.00pm

Scouts Monday 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Cubs Friday 6.45pm to 8.15pm

For more information contact Dave Searle, General Scout Leader, 07503 373106

[firstnorthwoodscoutgroup@hotmail.com](mailto:firstnorthwoodscoutgroup@hotmail.com)

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

The next meeting is Thursday 10th October at 2:30pm in the Isle of Wight Community Club, Park Road, Cowes

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—followed by QUIZ**

For membership details contact Joy Ash, 01983 298731.

or visit the **CREEA** webpage in the **Local Groups** section of the village website where you can also download a copy of our 2019 Programme and view photos of past events.

*New Members are always Welcome*

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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](http://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**

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## Northwood Parish Council Report Parish Meeting held on 3 September 2019

Apologies were received from Cllrs Clark and Pullen.

**Proposed Housing Figures** - The Vice Chairman welcomed IW Cllrs Stewart and Abrahams to the meeting and made reference to the letter received from the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, which stated that the local housing needs figure, calculated by using the standard methodology set out in the National Planning Policy Framework, was not a mandatory target. Local authorities should make a realistic assessment of the number of homes their communities actually need. The introduction of local occupancy clauses could be introduced by the IW Council through the planning system to ensure new homes could only be occupied by those with a local connection. Cllr Jaggar also highlighted the population of various counties in comparison with that of the Isle of Wight, questioning whether the need for more housing was actually for those living on the Island at the present time when the population appeared to be static or only marginally increasing. It appeared to the Parish Council that the main rationale in both the Regeneration Strategy and the draft Island Planning Strategy appeared to be that a large increase in housing would generate a large increase in Council tax revenue, although that was disputed by the Leader of the IW Council, Cllr Stewart.

Cllr Stewart explained that the IW Council was keen to work with Bob Seely, MP in his campaign against the housing targets, with a view to persuading Government to treat the Island as an Exceptional Circumstance. However, to succeed the case had to be evidenced based. Councillors queried the reference to settlement boundaries in the draft Island Planning Strategy. This policy had been expanded from that set out in the Core Strategy to now state that proposed development within or immediately adjacent to the red line would be prioritised, including those sites situated on the opposite side of the highway. Councillors strongly suggested that either a site was in the settlement boundary or it was not. Both Cllrs Stewart and Abraham expressed their concerns with the "immediately adjacent to the Red Line" policy and of the necessity to ensure that the right type of housing was built in the right place. Each town and parish council could assist in providing accurate data of housing needs in their area now and for future periods of time. To facilitate this a uniform approach was required asking the same core questions to provide accurate figures and qualitative data. It was agreed with Cllr Stewart that Cllr Abraham and Ollie Boulter, the Strategic Manager Planning & Infrastructure Delivery, would draft a firm, succinct Housing Need guidance template for use by all Parish and Town Councils across the island.

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