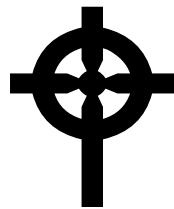
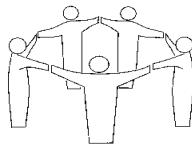


GURNARD NEWS



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NEWS AND EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE OF GURNARD



Possibly this should have been the front cover of the last edition!!

Copy for March Edition
by Friday February 12th

FROM RITA GODDARD, LAY MINISTER, ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

“Snow and ice cause travel chaos! Many peoples’ journeys are disrupted!” These words almost became part of our staple diet in the early days of the New Year of 2010. How did you fare? For me personally it just meant that any journey I undertook involved more walking and with a little more caution than usual. There were also, though, the times when my routine journeys became more stressful as I tried to avoid the car slipping on the frozen ice, especially along Gurnard seafront not wanting to end up in the Solent!

The news coverage, the constant attention to weather forecasting whether on the radio, TV or computer and my own experience caused me at some point to reflect that our lives are made up of journeys. There are the obvious journeys, those made to get to and from our destination. Often we use public transport to make such journeys and that can be bus, train, plane or as Islanders ferries. We make these journeys to travel to work or school, to do the shopping or to see the family. We also make similar journeys as we take that well-earned break, looking forward to appreciating the lifestyle of other countries, of marvelling at their beautiful yet different scenery and customs and enjoying a holiday in a different environment to the one we normally live in. And that doesn’t necessarily mean travelling overseas. There are many beautiful places we can journey to in our own country.

These are, what I call, the physical journeys of life. What about other journeys of life, though? Indeed what about the whole journey of life itself? As people carefully negotiated frozen pavements during the severe winter weather, it was often apparent that they were intent on taking one step at a time. The journey of life is just like that. It’s a journey where we take one step and one day at a time. Our experiences in life are like the different parts of a journey. Yes, we are all on a journey. For some, the journey will be full of great things – rewarding careers, loving family, active social lives. Sometimes it may feel as if life just couldn’t get any better. Others may have grown weary and hold little hope for what each day may bring. Still many others are probably somewhere in-between.

The choices we make along the way greatly affect our journey. Each choice has an impact on our lives and the lives of those around us. And the most important choice we will ever make on this journey is the choice we make about our relationship with God. As we journey through life it is good to remember to take each step carefully, to travel light and to remember the need for something or someone to guide us. Just as ancient sailors used the stars to help them navigate and modern explorers use maps, Christians look to the Bible to guide them through life.

In this connection, we would like to invite you to join with us on another journey. February 17th 2010 is Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent in the church’s calendar. How about accompanying us as we journey through Lent into Holy Week and Easter by joining one of our Lent courses which will take place each week from the 25th February 2010? Look out for further details in this magazine. Wherever you are on your own journey, straightforward events, the interplay of divine and human actions, troubling and joyful experiences – all play a part in a journey of faith.

SERVICES at ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



February

7th 2nd Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Communion

Readings: Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-25, Revelation 4, Luke 8.22-25

9.45am B2B

14th Sunday next before Lent

9.45am Sung Eucharist

Readings: Exodus 34.29-35, 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2, Luke 9.28-43a

6pm Informal Service

17th Ash Wednesday

7pm. Evening service

Readings: Joel 2.1-2, 12-17, 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10, Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

21st 1st Sunday of Lent

9.45am Sung Eucharist

Readings: Deuteronomy 26.1-11, Romans 10.8b-13, Luke 4.1-13

28th 2nd Sunday of Lent

9.45am Sung Eucharist

Readings: Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18, Philippians 3.17-4.1, Luke 13.31-35

March

7th 3rd Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 55.1-9, 1 Corinthians 10.1-13, Luke 13.1-9

9.45am B2B

Ebay 4 Church: items wanted to sell to support the work of your village church, All Saints. Please contact Wendy Peskett (292145) or Sue Gibbs (298704). Alternatively, donations of old jewellery can now be left in a collection box at Gurnard Newsagents. Many thanks to Brian and Chris.

All Saints, Gurnard – Junior Church

Do your children enjoy having fun, playing games, craft activities, drama?

Would you like them to learn about Christianity?

Invitation to all children and young people to join one of our existing groups:

Pebbles, Rocks & Boulders meet 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sunday of the month 9.45 a.m.

For more information contact Linda Nicholls 280442 or email llnicholls@fsmail.net

COWES METHODIST CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM ROAD, COWES.



SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2010

Sunday	7th	10.30am	Mrs Diane Wiles
Sunday	14th	10.30am	Mrs Maralyn Hollingshead
Sunday	21st	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Robert Delap
Sunday	28th	10.30am	Mr Den Brewin

Cups of tea and coffee are served after the morning services.

The LADIES SISTERHOOD meets every Tuesday at 2.30pm.

All ladies are very welcome to join in our fellowship.

The fortnightly FELLOWSHIP GROUP will recommence at 7.30pm on Monday 8th February at 8 Pallance Road, Northwood.

FROM THE REGISTERS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



In our thoughts and prayers we remember Joan Munt, Alan Bearwish,
Edith Saunders and John Bines who have died recently,
together with their families and friends.

For Weddings or Funerals, please contact Reverend Lyn McRostie – Tel. 298370

A Message from the Vicar

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 (the Vicar) know (298370) or contact one of the Churchwardens whose details are given elsewhere in the magazine. 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!

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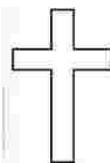
COFFEE MORNING

Jointly in aid of Church Funds and the Windows Appeal
Saturday 6th February 2010 from 10.00am to 12 noon
St John the Baptist Church, Chawton Lane, Northwood.
STALLS ~ CAKES ~ RAFFLE ~ BRING & BUY
ALL WELCOME!

LENT STUDY GROUPS

Two Lent groups will be held each Thursday from the 25th February 2010 until and including the 25th March 2010. They will both be held in the Garden Room at All Saints' Church, Gurnard and they are for everyone in the plurality of St John the Baptist, Northwood, All Saints, Gurnard and St Faith, Cowes. There will be a group on Thursday morning commencing at 10.30 am and an evening group commencing at 7.30 pm. Watch out for further details later about the actual course we shall be studying. Everyone is very welcome to join either group.

For any further information please contact the Rev'd Lyn McRostie Tel: 298370.



1st GURNARD GUIDES



During November we attended the Remembrance Parade along with the Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and Brownies. We had a parents' evening to show what we had been doing and to inform them of what we have planned for next year, our Centenary Year. The local Police popped into see us and gave us the warnings about the taking of drinking and drugs. We also had a fun evening making people from vegetables and fruit and were able to eat them afterwards.

If you are interested in coming to join us, either as an adult or child please contact the Guide Leader Helen Coleman on 247475

SCOUTS



The District Scout night hike took place over a very wet weekend in December. This year we entered three teams, one team of younger scouts who were accompanied by a leader and two teams of older, experienced scouts.

The hike had a theme of 65th anniversary of the D Day landings and started at Gunville Methodist Church Hall, with a route that took them through Parkhurst Forest and on to Northwood Scout hut, with 8 incident base challenges on the way.

A total of 21 teams took part, including 4 Explorer Scout teams, so we were pleased with our 'B' team who came 8th and ahead of one of the explorer teams.

It was a long night with groups taking up to 5 and a half hours to complete the course, so spare a thought for those people on the bases who didn't get home until 5am!

On our last night of term, all the sections joined together for an evening at LA Bowl, Ryde. It was good evening of bowling and followed by eating together.

Finally on 21st December our Group Scout Leader attended a service of thanksgiving at All Saints' Church, Freshwater, for Major General Oliver Roome, who died in November. From 1976-1983 he was a well respected County Commissioner and until recently was President of IW Scout association.

The Souts would also like to take this opportunity to wish the Brownies and Guides a very happy year as they celebrate 100 years of Girlguiding.

A few months ago, I asked for contributions about interesting people or happenings in Gurnard. I was sent this article and I am happy to reproduce it courtesy of the Isle of Wight County Press. It would have appeared very early in the 1900s during the Boer War.

THE LATE TROOPER SISERA DREDGE

The late Trooper Sisera Dredge was killed in action near Senekal, Orange Free State, at the end of last week whilst taking part in an engagement in which Capt. Seely and his men of the Island Imperial Yeomanry were conspicuous for their gallantry.

One of the first Islanders to volunteer for active service at the front with our county Yeomanry, Trooper Dredge has been the first of Capt. Seely's brave island contingent to lose his life in actual conflict with the Boers, though two of his colleagues in arms had previously succumbed to disease. The late Trooper Dredge had for many years lived at Gurnard, having been the popular host of the Gurnard Hotel and he was well known in connection with public work in the Island. Manifesting a great interest in parochial matters, the deceased was a very useful member of the Northwood Parish Council from its commencement, and he attained to the chairmanship of that body at a time when the parish was very much exercised over the proposed annexation of Gurnard. He was prominently identified with the opposition to the annexation proposal of Cowes, and from the first he worked with unflagging zeal and devotion in what he regarded as the best interests of Gurnard and the parish generally. He was also a contractor for various public works on the Island, his latest undertakings in this direction including the construction of the approach to the new Recreation ground at Newport, the laying of the Carisbrooke sewer and the new watermain to Idlecombe.

Sport found in him a good friend and keen follower and he was closely identified with the Gurnard Bowling Club of which he had been captain. Genial and good natured, he had many friends and his death is greatly deplored. He was one of the oldest members of the Island troop of Yeomanry and he had previously gained valued experience as a cavalryman.

He leaves a widow and several children for whom the deepest sympathy is felt. That this sympathy will assume practical form we feel certain and the opening by the Mayor of Newport (Mr GB Purkis (?George of George B Prukis & Sons, outfitters of Lower St James St, Newport? – ed.)) of a "shilling" fund for the bereaved widow and children affords our readers a convenient opportunity of supporting so deserving a movement as the Mayor has, with characteristic kindness and forethought, started in our midst.

Anybody else have anything of local interest? Please contact editor.



FROM LOCAL COUNTY COUNCILLOR, PAUL FULLER

Tel: **289595** (24 hrs)/ **07935 090 835** (mobile); Email: [**paulfuller@onwight.net**](mailto:paulfuller@onwight.net)

I am happy to meet residents at their convenience, and I hold surgeries as follows:

- 6 - 6.30pm, Wednesday 3rd February at Northwood House, Cowes.
- 6 - 6.30pm, Tuesday 9th February at the IW Community Club, Cowes.
- 11 - 11.30am, Wednesday 17th February at the Woodvale Inn, Gurnard.
- 6 - 6.30pm, Wednesday 3rd March at Northwood House, Cowes.

Due to the winter opening times at the Outlook Café, my surgery is due to move to the Woodvale Inn. I would like to place on record my thanks to Dave and Zanna for being absolutely brilliant in accommodating me, and look forward to recommencing my surgery at the Outlook in the spring. In the meantime, I look forward to meeting residents at the Woodvale, which I hope will continue following the Outlook Café reopening. Residents are always most welcome to come along and see me whether it is for any concerns you have, or just to chat. Also, I always welcome the opportunity to visit you at your convenience. This is what I am elected to do and one of my favourite aspects of being ward councillor!

Adverse Weather.

The snow falls in January saw both Cowes and Gurnard grind to a halt. The Council focused its efforts to first clear the primary links between the main town centres of snow, and this was followed by the clearance of the same roads from ice.

Six days on from the initial snowfall secondary roads were due to be gritted, with priority given to maintain access to local schools.

Because of the Christmas break, the weather conditions and the potential effects which the thaw is likely to have upon highway conditions, there remains a number of highways matters locally which are outstanding. I ask that residents are patient and mindful of how busy the Highways Department are, and look forward to a respite in the weather conditions to allow these long-standing issues to be resolved. If residents can advise me of pot holes which appear following any thaw(!), please let me know so these can be reported as a matter of urgency.

Gurnard School Site Community Asset Transfer.

At the second meeting of the Working Party tasked into investigating options for the Gurnard School site, (if the Isle of Wight Council considers this surplus to its requirements once the school relocates in 2011) the members are investigating the commercial viability of various options. These include the creation of a Community Hub/ Village Hall/ Post Office, Affordable Housing Project, Allotments/ Market Garden Scheme and creating a Family Learning and Pre-School facility whilst maintaining (or not) the swimming pool. Please let me know if you require further information.

Independent Group.

In December, I took over as the Co-ordinator of the 10 strong Group of Independents. This position is to be alternated between members on a 6 monthly basis, and will prove to be challenging for me!

Street Mapping.

The Safer Neighbourhoods Forum have completed their consultation in Gurnard. Gurnard's priorities focus very much on parking, speeding and other concerns which relate to highways and transport issues. A fuller report on this will feature on the Gurnard Parish Council website under 'Documents'

The Police are currently undertaking a survey on behalf of residents of Cowes. Once I have details of the findings and how the Isle of Wight Council are likely to deal with these, I'll let residents know.

Combating Junk Mail/ Telephone Services.

Although No Cold Calling has been rolled out throughout Gurnard, Cowes and Northwood, I still receive complaints from residents concerning Junk Mail and Telesales. By enrolling with the Mailing Preference Service and the Telephone Preference Service you can prevent a great deal of unsolicited mailings being sent to residents. Residents can apply to be taken off mailing lists by contacting the Mailing Preference Service direct on:

Mailing Preference Service (MPS), DMA House, 70 Margaret Street, London, W1W 8SS or by phoning the MPS Registration line on 0845 703 4599, or by accessing the website

www.mpsonline.org.uk

Residents can apply to be taken off telesales lists by contacting the Telephone Preference Service direct on:

*Telephone Preference Service (MPS), (address as above), by phoning the MPS Registration line on 0845 070 0707, or by accessing the website ***www.tpsonline.org.uk****

All Saints' Church are holding a JUMBLE SALE

**on Saturday February 27th at 2.30pm
in Gurnard Village Hall.**

**Please start bagging up any jumble that you have and contact either
Pauline Lloyd (299051) or Wendy Peskett (292145)
to arrange collection.**

**Jumble can also be left at the Hall on the morning of the sale or at the
back of the Church at any time.**

Proceeds to Church funds.

There are two meetings to report on in this issue. Liz welcomed 48 members and 3 visitors to the AGM in November. Having completed three years as a very successful President, Liz is now stepping down, although still remaining on the Committee. Judith Westbrook, as Secretary, gave the annual report, detailing all the many activities undertaken by our group over the past year. We now have a grand total of 73 members.

Liz gave her final report in which she thanked her supportive committee, the tea ladies, Val Cleary for organising the Birthday Party and Betty Parker for organising such a varied programme of speakers.

Liz mentioned the amalgamation of Gurnard WI with the Gurnard Bay Evening WI. This resulted in the emergence of the new Village Hall, which has become such a wonderful asset to the Village, thanks to Carolyn Sibley and the management team which has shown such dedication. The existing WI Committee were re-elected. Jan Munro is the new President, Judith Westbrook, the Secretary and Liz Scott, the Treasurer. We are grateful to Liz Downer for presiding over us so ably for the last three years. The evening ended with a 'Call my Bluff' session against the Probus Club, who emerged as winners again!

The competition winners for the year were announced and trophies and prizes presented. Nettie Bizzell was the Best Bloom winner and June Powis the overall competition winner.

Our new President, Jan Munro, welcomed us all in December to our Christmas Party evening. The Hall showed a glittering display of decorations with greenery and candles on each table. The theme for the evening was 'black and gold'. After the welcoming mulled wine, the evening began with minimum time being spent on 'business'. We enjoyed a fabulous American Supper after which the Wight Satin Barbershop Singers gave us excellent entertainment.

The competition winners were announced. There were some beautiful entries for the hand made Christmas Card and Chris Dawson was judged the winner. The best bloom was brought by Maureen Wheeler and the main winner of the festive raffle was Sylvia Winter.

The February meeting is on Wednesday 17th at 7.30pm when Bert Paice will talk on 'The Incredible Universe'. Competitions are for the best bloom and a photo with the subject 'The Sky'. Visitors and new members welcome. Don't forget Country Dancing which is held every 2nd and 4th Wednesday evening starting at 7pm

Sheila Baker

ADVERTISEMENTS IN GURNARD NEWS

The New Year for advertisements starts with the April issue. The cost is just £20 per unit (14 units per page) for 10 editions. New advertisers are welcome and should contact Graham Lloyd (email g.lloyd@onwight.net or phone 299051). Current advertisers have already been contacted by Graham.



GURNARD SAILING CLUB



The monthly club quiz for February has been cancelled as the semi-final of the RNLI inter-club quiz will take place at the Club on

Friday February 26th. Supper will be served at 6.30pm and the quiz starts at 8pm.

All members should, by now, have received their copy of the sailing programme for 2010, and what a long list it is!! It would be good to have a large turnout on the first Sunday, March 7th, and it is never too early to start getting your boat prepared.

Please note that there will be a working party at the Club on the previous morning to get it all ready for the season. All help willingly accepted!!!

Mike Peskett

NEW HAIRDRESSING SALON OPENS IN GURNARD

A local lady, Sophie Edwards, educated at Gurnard Primary, Solent Middle and Cowes High Schools followed by a hairdressing course at IW College has just opened a unisex salon 'Evella Hair' on the site of the old Post Office. All ages welcome.

Opening hours are: Mon-Fri 9 - 5.30, Wed 4 - 8 and Saturday 9 - 4.

Ring Sophie on 295223 for further information or to make an appointment.

GURNARD VILLAGE COTTAGE GARDEN SOCIETY

The annual 'Carrot Trophy' formed our December meeting when we entertained Northwood Village Produce Society to a quiz and supper. Congratulations to Northwood who won the quiz, thereby retaining the Trophy. A delicious supper, provided by the Gurnard members, and a Christmas raffle followed. Our thanks go to the Village Hall Committee who had decorated the hall so beautifully for all the festive occasions held there.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday February 3rd when the Friends of Northwood Cemetery will give a presentation.

We wish everyone a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Irene Silver

ISLE of WIGHT SOCIETY - COWES BRANCH

The next meeting will be on Wednesday February 3rd in the Beckford Centre, Cowes.

It will start at 7.30pm and the speaker is Police Sergeant Julie Cocks. All welcome

DATES for your DIARY:

2. The Annual Women's Day of Prayer event will take place on Friday, March 5th at St. Thomas of Canterbury Roman Catholic Church in Cowes starting at 11am. The speaker will be the Island's Archdeacon, Caroline Baston, followed by Bring and Share lunch. All invited (including men!!!)
3. The Vicar (Lyn) will give a talk entitled 'Out of Africa' in All Saints on Friday March 19th at 7pm. All very welcome.

Further information on both of these events in next month's Gurnard News.

GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL (7 seats)

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Mr Richard Day		



GURNARD VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION

The Hall in Worsley Road is a traditional hall with easy access and some car parking. It has a loop system and an accessible W.C. The hall is large, light and well heated, and suitably furnished for about 100 (it is possible to hire crockery and cutlery) - making it ideal for family gatherings, concerts, club events, sales of work, craft or produce, yoga, keep fit and children's activities/parties.

The hall can be rented for £8.00 per hour (no extra cost for use of kitchen).

Contact Liz Downer on 295550 for bookings.

Full information about the Association is on the website

www.gvhall.org.uk



GURNARD PARISH **COUNCIL**



GREEN SLOT

Another New Year is underway – don't forget the basics:

- Use your Island Waste black bin for newspapers, magazines and glass bottles & jars and textiles this year - Call Island Waste on 821234 to order one if you don't have one.
- Use a 10 litre green bucket for kitchen waste etc – Island Waste provide these free of charge too and collect fortnightly – they can be used for fruit & vegetable peelings, tea bags and coffee grounds, egg shells & food leftovers (both cooked and uncooked) - Call Island Waste on 821234 to order one if you don't have one.
- Hope your Christmas trees (real ones of course) and Christmas cards were recycled – do you know that for every metric tonne of card and paper recycled, 17 trees are saved?

Finally, if you ever have any unwanted items, clothes, gifts etc. – do give them to charity shops instead of throwing them away – this not only means the items/goods will continue to be used, but will save on the environment – this was an “official” request from the Environment Agency earlier.

NEW FOOTPATH PROJECT (Worsley Lane to Woodvale Road)

This was a project considered by the Community Projects Committee, in response to the need for a new footpath (safe routes to school) being identified in the Parish Plan action plan. Consultation took place during November and December with residents who would be affected by these proposals, but the response proved to be so negative to the idea that the project has been abandoned in this location.

REPLACEMENT GAS MAIN FOR THE ISLE OF WIGHT

As mentioned in December, a new cross-Solent gas main for the Island is needed and this will make a landfall on farm land west-south-west of Hornhill, accessed from Rew Street, and a new pressure reduction station will be erected too. An information day to show the proposals is being staged at the Village Hall on Thursday February 25th from noon to 8pm, and there will also be the chance to see the plans, the working schedule and to meet the team. Do pop along if you can to see what's planned and how it's going to affect the Village.

GURNARD PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE

A small working party of residents and Councillors under the leadership of Councillor Paul Fuller met on 26th November to look at the various options there may be for the future use of the primary school site once the relocation of the school to the Solent site has taken place. Several ideas were floated at the meeting and most went away with a small personal project to investigate and respond to at the following meeting. This 2nd meeting was set for 25th January and at the time of writing there is nothing to report from that meeting. If you would like to be involved with this, as extra people will be needed when consultation starts, and the only qualification needed is to care, then please make contact urgently with the Parish Clerk, Rusty Adams, by calling 567522 or emailing gurnardpc@tiscali.co.uk

YOUTH ADVISOR SCHEME

In October the Parish Council Chairman and the Parish Clerk gave a presentation to Year 8 at Solent Middle School, to encourage 2 pupils to come forward to serve on a committee and a working party. The school then held an election and two youngsters were elected, namely Zoe Divers and Harry Collier, and they now join the 3 we currently have from Cowes High School. They will serve on the Community Projects Committee and the Traffic Plan Working Party.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL – YOUR SUPPORT PLEASE

The Sustainable Communities Act is all about improving and maintaining services in local communities such as Gurnard, and brings other bodies on board “that can make a difference” to this end. The remit is wide ranging, but one example is to ensure local shops remain, and remain viable. It is now hoped to have the Bill made law before May 2010, and local communities are being asked to write to their MP’s to request their support in ensuring the Bill becomes law during this parliamentary sessions and, if required, to give the Bill extra time or to agree to ways in which the procedure could be sped up in this short session. We are being asked to write to Andrew Turner MP, 24, The Mall, Carisbrooke Road, Newport PO30 1BW and your assistance would be much appreciated.

HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH COLLECTION DAYS

With the recent cold weather there have been increased incidents of rats and foxes getting into the bags of household waste being left out in driveways and on the highway. **Often this is because the bags are being put out too early** and so a general request is being made to delay putting your rubbish out until as late as possible, or else ensuring the bags are enclosed in a container that is vermin-proof. Many thanks

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

The Department of Health has asked for everyone to make a resolution this New Year to look out for our older neighbours. Amazingly there are about 180,000 older people who admit to not having made contact with anyone for a whole week, and over a million people over 65 feel trapped in their homes with TV being their only companionship! Whilst I am sure in Gurnard this is not the case it does no harm to give this some thought, especially if you live next door to someone who may be at risk of suffering in this way.

GURNARD REGATTA

Another date for your diaries – Gurnard Sailing Club and the Parish Council will be forming a working party to jointly arrange waterborne and land-based events, perhaps including a community picnic on the Village Green, for Saturday 14th August 2010. If you’d like to assist on the working party contact the Parish Clerk a.s.a.p. please

SCAMNESTY 2010

Trading Standards has partnered with the Scamnesty 2010 organisation in an attempt to crack down on scam letters, which often cause loss to Island residents. During the month of February a media campaign is being run to encourage people who receive scam letters to respond to an appeal by dropping these letters off to a local collection point. It is hoped to collate the details of all scammers in order to help the office of fair trading preventing these scams from reaching residents. If you receive any of these letters during February, please drop them off in the special box at the newsagents in Worsley Road, and the Parish Council is very grateful to Brian and Chris for their assistance with this project. Trading Standards assures residents that any personal contact details will be kept safe.

PARISH AWARD SCHEME 2010

The Parish Council is considering whether to run the Parish Award Scheme again this year, and so would be pleased to hear from residents who know of someone in the Village who is deserving of recognition in one way or another, particularly in ways of sacrificially serving others and the Gurnard community in some specific or general way – you may recall that Mark & Vicky Spencer were recognised in this way last year for their untiring efforts on the Community's behalf in so many ways, not least of all the firework nights and harvest festival events. Please send your nominations **in writing** by e-mail or "snail-mail" to Rusty Adams (gurnardpc@tiscali.co.uk or 63, Wellington Road, RYDE, PO33 3QJ), with as much detail as possible on the person and why he/she should be given the award a.s.a.p..

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICER AND NEIGHBOURHOOD & ENVIRONMENT OFFICER

The IW Council's Neighbourhood and Environment Officer Jacqui Darby was not able to attend the January meeting, but Safer Neighbourhoods Officer PC Mark Thomas reported in January that December had been a quiet month with only one incident of criminal damage reported. However, on or around 18th December it seems there was a walk-in burglary from a house in The Avenue, and 3 distinctive rings were taken. 2 of these are very distinctive, with one having a bumble bee on the ring with diamond eyes and the other having the form of a cluster of gold ringlets in its design. If anyone has any information please contact PC Mark Thomas through the usual number 0845 045 45 45.

FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The full Parish Council meets next on Tuesday 9th February at 7pm. There may also be committee meetings during February and residents are welcome to attend all these meetings, which will all be held in the main hall at Gurnard Primary School. Check the Parish Noticeboard and/or the Parish Council's website for meeting confirmation and the agendas. To remind you again the address is www.gurnardpc.co.uk.

USEFUL NAMES & TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Age Concern		525282
Ambulance (Transport)		825111
Citizens Advice Bureau		0845 1202959
Electricity (Emergencies)		0845 7708090
Gas (Emergencies)		0800 111999
Water (Emergencies)		0845 2720845
Health centre (appointments)		294902
Health Centre (general)		295251
Hospital (St Mary's)		524081
Library (24hr renewal line)		822123
Police		0845 0454545
Out of Hours GP & Dentist		0845 6031007
Flood-line (Mon -Fri 8am - 8pm W/ends 10am - 4pm)		0845 9881188
Local Neighbourhood Watch	Mr Ken Chapman	289735
All Saints' Church, Vicar	Rev'd Lyn McRostie	298370
All Saints' Church, Associate Priest	Rev'd Keith Adlam	281574
All Saints' Church, Curate	Rev'd Diana Netherway	298505
All Saints' Church, Lay Minister	Miss Rita Goddard	292400
All Saints' Churchwardens	Mr. Graham Lloyd	299051
	Mrs Diana Cave	292744
All Saints' Churchwarden Emeritus	Mr. Paul Rock	295717
All Saints' Church, Secretary	Mrs Pauline Lloyd	299051
All Saints' Church, Treasurer	Mrs Wendy Peskett	292145
All Saints' Church, Organist	Mrs Yvonne Mills	292256
Junior Church (Sunday School)	Mrs Lynda Nicholls	280442
Cowes Methodist Church, Minister	Rev'd Malcolm Stinton	884205
Cowes Methodist Church, Contact	Mrs Pat Chessell	295898
Gurnard Primary School (website)	www.gurnardprimary.ik.org	295923
Gurnard Bay Evening W. I.	Mrs Judith Westbrook	295690
CAMEO Group	Mrs Joyce Hutchinson	281634
Gurnard Village Hall Bookings	Mrs. Liz Downer	295550
Gurnard Village Hall Association Vice-Chairman	Mrs Carolyn Sibley	297154
GV Cottage Garden Society	Mrs. Emma Glasbey	293130
Gurnard in Bloom	Mrs. Emma Glasbey	293130
Gurnard Sailing Club	Membership Secretary Mr Mark Southwell	299104
IOW Councillor	Mr Paul Fuller	289595
Island Member of Parliament	Mr Andrew Turner MP.	530808
Gurnard Parish Council	Rusty Adams	567522
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Parish Council website		www.gurnardpc.co.uk
1st Gurnard Brownies	Mrs Jackie Cooper	297788
Gurnard Scouts	Mr Paul Savill	293481
1st Gurnard Guides	Mrs Helen Coleman	
		247475
Gurnard News Editor	Mr Mike Peskett	292145
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