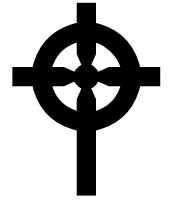
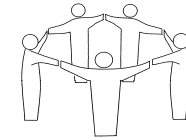


# GURNARD NEWS



February 2012



part of the Cowes Group Ministry

## NEWS AND EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE OF GURNARD



### FEBRUARY



Copy for March Edition  
by February 15th

**From Rev'd Diana Netherway, Assistant Curate, Parish Deacon.**

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Church family at All Saints / St Faith, I wish you all a belated but very HAPPY NEW YEAR.

It has been only a few weeks since Rev'd Lyn McRostie returned to Aussie. Lyn was the last in a mass exodus from the Church between September and November 2011. We also bid farewell to Rev'd Keith Adlam, Rita Goddard and the Archdeacon of the I.O.W, The Venerable Caroline Baston, all of whom have contributed greatly to the life and ministry of Church and Community.

In each case, their departure came rather suddenly and unexpectedly, leaving us anxious and concerned about how we'd manage without them. But we need not have worried, because our 'Knight in Shining Armour' the Rev'd Roger Whatley, has made it his duty, with the support of the church wardens, to ensure that all aspects of the Church life including the worship, pastoral care and support in the wider community will continue to take place according to plan. And indeed it has.

On December 3rd the Toy Service showed the generosity of folk who gladly and lovingly gave gifts and money for the charity 'Frontline' to distribute to needy families in the Cowes area.

Roger and I had the joy and privilege of welcoming Gurnard Primary and the Pre - School in to the church on December 16th when we thoroughly enjoyed two very lovely Nativity Plays which were excellently performed and beautifully sung by the children. Then came the Candlelit Nine Lessons and Carols, which is always popular and attracts a large congregation. In fact all the Christmas services were extremely well - attended and enjoyed by all. Not least the Crib Service on Christmas Eve which saw a 'packed to the brim' church with adults and children re-enacting those events of Bethlehem 2000 years ago.

Later, we had the pleasure of the ministry of Rev'd Mike Exell who celebrated the first Holy Communion of Christmas, when the Christ-child was placed in the crib and the last Advent candle lit to declare Him as the Light shining in the world. Rev'd Roger was back with us again on Christmas morning to celebrate the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are now fast approaching Lent which begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb 22nd. But don't forget to have your fill of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday Feb 21st. Or, if you like there is the chance to whet your appetite before at the Pancake and Quiz night on Feb 17th at 6pm in the Village Hall. See you there !!!

Rev'd Roger has already won our hearts ( but we can't keep him forever). So we we'll make the most of his ministry among us as we look forward to facing with him all the challenges ahead of us in 2012.

With love in Christ

Diana

## Services at All Saints' Church



### February Services

Sunday 5th 8.00 9.45	Christingle <i>Holy Communion BCP To be confirmed</i> Christingle/Candlemass Readings Malachi 3.1-5, Hebrews 2.14-18, Luke 2.22-40
Sunday 12th 9.45	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent Sung Eucharist Readings Proverbs 8 : 1, 22 – 31, Colossians 1 : 15 – 20, John 1 : 1 – 14
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> 09.45	Sunday next before Lent Sung Eucharist Readings 2 Kings 2 : 1 – 12, 2 Corinthians 4 : 3 – 6, Mark 9 : 2 – 9
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 19.00	Ash Wednesday Holy communion with Imposition of Ashes. Readings Joel 2 : 1 – 2, 12 – 17, 2 Corinthians 5 : 20b – 6 : 10, John 8 : 1 – 11
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> 09.45	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent Sung Eucharist Readings Genesis 9 : 6 – 17, 1 Peter 3 : 18 – end, Mark 1 : - 15

### March Services

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> 08.00 09.45	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Holy Communion (BCP) B2B Readings Genesis 17 : 1 – 7, 15. 16, Romans 4 ; 13 – end, Mark 8 : 31 - end
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### FROM THE REGISTERS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

We rejoice with Brian Biddulph-Pritchard and Linda-Jayne Quinn who were married recently as they begin their new lives together.



In our thoughts and prayers we remember Royston King, Joyce Hutchinson and Iris Fleming who have died recently, together with their families and friends.

For Baptisms , please contact Revd Di Netherway – Tel. 298505,  
For Weddings and Funerals please contact Graham Lloyd –Tel 299051



**SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2012**

Sunday 5th 10.30am Mrs Gina Hoff

Sunday 12th 10.30am Mr Alan Pullinger

Sunday 19th 10.30am Mrs Alison Geddes

Sunday 26th 10.30am Mr Howard Burford

Tea and coffee is 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 **FELLOWSHIP GROUP** will meet on Mondays 6th and 20th February  
at 7.30pm at 8 Pallance Road, Northwood.

***MEDINA COMMUNITY CHOIR***

They are holding a concert here on

**Friday 17th February at 7.30pm**

In aid of the Church's Organ Repair Fund.



Tickets priced £4 adults, £2 children  
can be obtained in advance by phoning 295898 or 290289, or pay on admission.  
Please come along for an enjoyable evening's entertainment.

	<p><b>All Saints' Church, Gurnard</b> Christingle service Sunday February 5th at 9.45am Supporting The Children's Society. All welcome, especially children.</p>	
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**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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 9.45 a.m.  
For more information contact Mrs Elise Barnard 200205

**FROM LOCAL COUNTY COUNCILLOR, PAUL FULLER**

74, Wyatts Lane, Cowes PO31 8QA

Cllr. PAUL FULLER

Independent Isle of Wight Councillor for Cowes West and Gurnard

Tel: 01983 289595 (24 hrs)/ 07 935 090 835 (mob./text)

**NEW Email address: paulfulleriw@gmail.com; Blog: paulfullercc@blogspot.com**

Please feel free to contact me at any time, and I will arrange to meet at a time and place convenient for you.

Alternatively, I also hold surgeries at the following locations:

5:45-6:15pm, Thursday 2nd February, Portland Inn, Worsley Road, Gurnard.

4:30-5pm, Tuesday 7th February, Cowes Library, Beckford Road, Cowes.

5:30-6pm, Tuesday 7th February, Sports Bar, IW Community Club, Park Road, Cowes.

6pm-6:30pm, Tuesday 14th February, The Woodvale, Princes Esplanade, Gurnard.

6-6:30pm, Thursday 23rd February, Portland Inn, Worsley Road, Gurnard.

3-3:30pm, Wednesday 29th February, Cowes Enterprise College, Crossfield Avenue, Cowes.

**Cowes to retain its NHS Dentists.**

In response to concerns raised over NHS dental treatment in Cowes, I've spoken to the Primary Care Trust and can confirm that contrary to reports issued in the County Press there are no plans to withdraw the NHS dentist from Cowes Medical Centre.

**Storm Damage.**

I've asked for litter bins on Egypt and Princes Esplanade are re-anchored following corrosion during winter storms. Storm damage also arose on Shore Path. Because the path/ wall is within private ownership, the IW Council's Coastal Protection Team are limited in what support they offer; however given the 'Hold the Line' policy for Shore Path within the Shoreline Management Plan the wall can and is in the process of being restored.

**Isle of Wight Budget 2012/3.**

Many thanks to residents who contacted me with suggestions for next year's Isle of Wight Council Budget. If you have views, on what services the IW Council currently do or don't provide, please let me know!

**Cowes Community Bus Update**

During Christmas, I was out and about on the Community Bus listening to passengers and drivers for ideas for the new timetable, once it commences in April.

One of the top priorities for passengers is to re-direct some services via Rew Street rather than Cockleton Lane. A meeting of the Working Party, is due to take place later this month.

**Gurnard Village Green application, Gurnard Luck: I Got it wrong!**

In last month's Gurnard News, I incorrectly reported that 'Overwhelming evidence was given to the Council showing Private Property signage was in place between 1984 and 2004, when members went against officers advice in rejecting the Village Green Application.

Both Jim Green and supporters of the application have pointed out to me that it was wrong to imply that evidence was 'overwhelming', when this was not the case. I, therefore wish to place on record a genuine apology to Jim for getting this wrong, and am sorry for embarrassment caused!

### **Neighbourhood Plans and Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Update.**

I attended the first meeting of Gurnard's Neighbourhood Plan Working Party. At present there are still questions that need to be responded to before work can begin. Namely, what is being proposed specifically in the Island Plan; How many homes will be required in specific localities; What protection will there be for current development boundaries; What proposals are in place to protect green gaps and development envelopes, will funding be made available by government etc. and what exactly will Planning Guidance specify communities need to do?

Next month, working in partnership with Town and Parish Councillors I am meeting with Planners, on what could be the implications for Gurnard.

### **Dogs Off Leads: Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.**

I've received complaints from residents about dogs fouling whilst being walked off leads. I've requested that action be taken against dog owners, as under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act any resident not walking dogs on leads and/or fouling on the public highway can be issued a fixed penalty notice.

### **Telephone Scam- Corrupted Computer Files.**

One of the latest telephone scams underway is one which uses telephone operators to imply they're assisting people with problems associated with their computer. The operator then suggests that there are so-called corrupted files installed slowing down connections etc. Unless you have actually asked for support, it is very unlikely that this will be offered, and bogus callers are often calling to retrieve sensitive and personal information. If in doubt, contact your providers.

### **Waste Collection and Recycling**

New collection arrangements, commences on 30th January. Letters should by now have been sent out to all residents. In the meantime, I've been out and about speaking to those who have approached me concerning changes. If you still have questions, or have experienced problems please let me know.

### **In The Last Month:**

I joined Cowes Town Councillor Bob Robinson door-stepping and listening to the concerns of local business people operating from the Town in Cowes. Information that we have collated has been circulated to Cowes Town Council, the Cowes Business Association and the Isle of Wight Council.

During and after Christmas, I was kept busy reporting fly-tipped rubbish. I requested action to be taken to clear stones from Hilton Road which settled in Cockleton Lane. Car Parking Issues have been resolved for the time-being on the Crossfield Avenue Estate whilst I can report the Temporary Parking Restriction in place on Crossfield Avenue, is likely to remain in place until at least for a further 12 months, following discussions between residents, contractors, the school and highways

I joined dignitaries attending the 'Topping Out Ceremony' at Cowes Enterprise College, and understand an application was submitted to the IW Council to register Northwood Park as a Village Green. This application currently sits with the Council's Legal Team who are looking into the ramifications of registering land used as a Public Park.

Further details and updates feature on my blog [paulfullercc@blogspot.com](mailto:paulfullercc@blogspot.com)

### GURNARD BAY EVENING WI AGM

We held our AGM on the 16th November with 41 members present and 3 visitors. Mention was made of the Bowling Taster and lunch and the fun History day and lunch Both were well attended and enjoyed A delegate from our W.I and representing Medham and Cowes will be sent to the AGM at the Albert Hall in April. A village lunch has been arranged for the 1st December Bursary and our Christmas party will be a "glitzy and glittery" affair on the 21st December.



The President, Sheila Baker, and the rest of the committee members were willing to stand again and were accepted by the meeting The audited accounts were presented. Monies had been spent on a W.I. banner, the W.I. Bursary and our Birthday party. Over £1000.00 had been donated to our chosen charities. Members were reminded that Shirley Neill was running the Savings Club. The W.I. subscription was £31.50 due in January. Because of the difficulty in finding a new Treasurer, June Scott had been in the post for four years, which is good news for us, but to lighten her load another Committee member will be co-opted to help her. Betty Parker has managed the Speakers List very successfully for a number of years and we thank her for that. Val Cleary and Ann Walker will now take over. The report was adopted by a show of hands.

### DECEMBER MEETING

Sheila Baker welcomed 35 members, 4 apologies and 6 visitors, Avril, Joyce, Marie, Helen, Gwen and Pam. We were reminded that there was a box in the hall for food donations for the Food Bank.



Good vibes from the 90th birthday celebrations with a lot of young entertainers on stage. A letter had been sent to County praising the celebrations throughout the year. The speaker from the Mary Rose Trust was excellent at the Solent Group meeting and Sheila thanked the cake makers. The Winter Warmer lunch on the 1st December was very good and our thanks go to June Sly, Liz and Emma for cooking the meal and the Committee for the delicious deserts. The CAMEO group very thoughtfully provided the wine and Christmas crackers. whilst the decorations provided a festive background. Our thanks to all.

The Hon. Secretary had nothing to report whilst the Hon. Treasurer asked us to think about the charity we would be supporting next year. The voting forms for the Resolutions can be found in the November/December magazine plus a full explanation of the resolutions Some members had not received their magazines, Jan will provide photo copies next month. Liz Downer had volunteered herself as the delegate to the AGM and 4 other members had expressed an interest in attending. The format of the 2012 programme had been proposed by Joy Ash, the idea having come from a W.I. meeting she had attended whilst cruising with the P&O liner Azores (widely travelled bunch our members)

Wendy Peskett won Best Bloom. whilst June Powis won with her favourite Father Christmas.

Sheila asked members to let any Committee member know of any ideas or wishes they had for next years programme. A reminder that subs of £31.50 was due in January, to be collected by Lynn.





Isle of Wight Music Service  
2011/2012 Season

***All Saints  
Tuttons Hill  
Gurnard***

***Young Musicians  
Chamber Concert***

Featuring many of the Island's most talented young musicians

Senior County Music Award and  
Bursary Holders with Guests

**Thursday 2nd February 2012,  
7.30pm**



Come and listen to these talented young Island musicians. Entry free. Interval refreshments. Retiring collection.

## USEFUL NAMES & TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Age Concern	525282	Health centre (appointments)	294902
Ambulance (Transport)	825111	Health Centre (general)	295251
Citizens Advice Bureau	0845 1202959	Hospital (St Mary's)	524081
Electricity (Emergencies)	0845 7708090	Library (24hr renewal line)	822123
Gas (Emergencies)	0800 111999	Police	0845 0454545
Water (Emergencies)	0845 2720845	Out of Hours GP & Dentist	0845 0508345
Flood-line (Mon -Fri 8am - 8pm W/ends 10am - 4pm)			0845 9881188
Local Neighbourhood Watch	Mr Ken Chapman		289735
All Saints' Vicar	Vacant		
All Saints' Associate Priest	Rev'd Roger Whatley		825938
All Saints' Church, Curate	Rev'd Diana Netherway		298505
All Saints' Churchwardens	Mr Graham Lloyd		299051
	Mrs Diana Cave		292744
All Saints' Churchwarden Emeritus	Mr Paul Rock		
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 Elise Barnard		200205
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 Carolyn Sibley		297154
Gurnard Village Hall Bookings	Mrs Liz Downer		295550
Gurnard Village Hall Assoc. Chairman	Mrs Carolyn Sibley		297154
Gurnard Village 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	Mr Rusty Adams		567522
	Email gurnardpc@tiscali.co.uk		
Parish Council website	www.gurnardpc.co.uk		
1st Gurnard Brownies	Mrs Jackie Cooper		280415
Gurnard Scouts	Mr Paul Savill		293481
1st Gurnard Guides	Mrs Helen Coleman		247475
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“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives.”

**Great British Fish and Chip Supper –  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012**



Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Last year we had over 100 suppers taking part in England and Wales and we raised £6,000. In the three years we have been running the event we have raised £20,000 to support spinal cord injured people.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Officer, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives.”

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email [fishandchips@spinal.co.uk](mailto:fishandchips@spinal.co.uk) or visit [www.spinal.co.uk/fishandchips](http://www.spinal.co.uk/fishandchips)



'Starting on the 26th January 2012 KEEP ACTIVE is a new gentle exercise program that allows you to work at your own pace and is a sociable and fun way to exercise. Keep Active is aimed at the fifty plus age group, the sessions last one hour and are a mixture of chair based, cardiovascular and resistance exercises. Keep Active is designed to boost confidence and increase energy levels and self-esteem and is held on a Thursday lunch-time, 12.15 - 1.15pm at Gurnard Village Hall. Each participant records

and monitors their progress over 5 sessions with the option at the end of their 5 sessions to enrol for a further 5 sessions. Cost £18.00 for 5 sessions. Contact Instructor: Andy Savage - 01983 810932 for further information and to enrol.'

### GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL (9 seats)

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### Gurnard Village Cottage Garden Society

Back in December we hosted the annual Carrot Trophy Competition against Northwood. Unfortunately we lost and so now Northwood have taken the trophy back with them. A good time was had by all!

The February meeting will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and there will be a talk by Brian Greening

We look forward to seeing you there. Members and visitors always very welcome.

Note for your diary, the March meeting will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and there will be a talk on the Apollo Theatre By Michael Arnell.

### HEIGHTS FOOTPATH

Some of you may recall a project run by the Parish Council over a couple of years to get the footpath that runs behind some of the houses in Gurnard Heights incorporated into the IW Definitive Map through an application for a modification order under section 53(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Thanks to many residents in the

Gurnard Heights, Woodvale Close and Woodvale Road areas, we met the criteria for the order to be granted and the registered land owner, Davis Estates in Exeter, gave consent for the order to be made. The motivation for this project was for the footpath to come under Rights of Way maintenance, but at the last moment one of the Senior Officers at County Hall put the blocks on the process, due to budget cuts. The Parish Council has made some attempts to have the footpath strimmed by Rights of Way "as a favour", if you like, but has not made much progress. However, the Parish Council, at its December 2011 meeting, agreed to ask the IW Council to complete the footpath modification order process, and get the footpath added to the IW Definitive Map and "signed" as a right of way. This will not, unfortunately, solve the problem of maintenance but having the order in place is seen as paving the way for better times ahead when maintenance may be agreed.

### FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS (Note new venue!!)

The full Parish Council meets next at 7pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. There may also be committee meetings during February and residents are welcome to attend all these meetings, which are now held in the food hall at the new Gurnard Primary School in Baring Road. 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](http://www.gurnardpc.co.uk).



### GURNARD SAILING CLUB:

It's not long now before the sailing season starts (first gun 10.20am on Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup>) so now is the time to get your boat ready for the long season ahead. It would be good to have a large turnout for the first series.



There will be a quiz, with Fish and Chip supper on Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 7.30pm. Quiz person Olive Symons.

Teams of 4, but if you would like to be involved and are not in a team, please turn up and we will fit you in!

A Food Hygiene Course will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February from 9.30am to 4pm.

This is strictly for members only and will be free! Contact, by email please, Angie Silcox ([angie\\_iow@yahoo.com](mailto:angie_iow@yahoo.com)) or Wendy Peskett ([mandwp@onwight.net](mailto:mandwp@onwight.net)) for further information.

The kitchen will be closed for maintenance and upgrade from the beginning of February for about three weeks.



### GURNARD VILLAGE HALL

(charity number XT 6178).



The Village Hall at 50 Worsley Road has recently been renovated and has easy access for those with disabilities, an enclosed garden and limited off road parking. It is furnished for groups of up to 100 and has a small well-equipped kitchen for food and beverage service.

To see the full conditions of hiring, please go to [gvhall.org.uk](http://gvhall.org.uk) To book the hall, telephone Liz Downer on 295550.

## GURNARD PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE – ORCHARD & PLAYING FIELD FUTURE USE

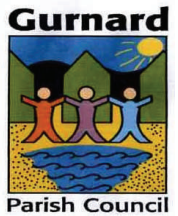
The 1<sup>st</sup> round of consultation on the use of these amenity areas was very disappointing, with only about 35 out of 950 questionnaires being returned. Accordingly a 2<sup>nd</sup> round took place from mid-December to 6<sup>th</sup> January, and members of the Community Projects Committee attended various group activities and functions to encourage participation, with much better results. Currently the responses are being analyzed – more details of this later on.

The Parish Council is still waiting on the deliberations of the IW Council's legal team, to see if the land can be gifted to the Parish Council instead of sold to it – we wait!

The Parish Council is currently in the process of applying for some grant funding which, if successful, will be used to support this project.



## GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



### QUALITY PARISH STATUS (QPS) REACCREDITATION

Following the Parish Council's Full Council meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December, an article and photo showing the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the IW Quality Accreditation Panel presenting a framed Quality Parish Scheme certificate to the Parish Council Vice-Chairman, Councillor Jane McKean, featured in the 30/1/12 edition of the IW County Press. For those if you who don't understand what this means, the Parish Council had to pass a series of stringent tests to prove to an accredited panel that it met certain standards in all it does, which included the following areas: Electoral Mandate, Qualifications of the Clerk, Council meeting procedural issues, Communication and Community Engagement, Annual Report produced, Accounts, Code of Conduct, Promoting Local Democracy and Citizenship, Terms and Conditions of Employment and Training. This now means Gurnard Parish Council holds the Quality Council Accolade for a further 4 years.

### GOING DIGITAL IN MARCH 2012

We benefit from the Rowridge Transmitter Group here on the IW. As mentioned at the end of last year stage one takes place on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012 when BBC 2 will go digital – if you haven't switched by then you will lose BBC 2 on analogue. If you already have Freeview, BT Vision or Top Up TV you will need to retune your equipment then. Stage Two takes place on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2012, by which time if you haven't switched to digital you will lose all analogue TV channel reception. If you have Freeview, BT Vision or Top Up TV you will need to freshly retune your equipment yet again then. If you have Sky TV, Freesat from Sky or from other Freesat providers you will not be affected. The lead organization for help with this on the Island is Age Concern, and you can call Kay Lunn on 525282 for guidance.

### HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION

As you will all be aware, the new system of waste collection started on 30<sup>th</sup> January – your usual collection day may well have changed! Both the IW Council and Island Waste are aware there may be some teething problems, but hopefully all will settle down soon. Wheelie bins for recycled goods and kitchen waste buckets were being distributed from 9<sup>th</sup> January and letters from the IW Council, together with the collection programme for 2012, should have dropped on your doormats during January. Go to [www.islandwaste.co.uk/](http://www.islandwaste.co.uk/) for further details, or call 821234. Bank holidays, with the exception of Christmas, will not affect your normal collection days. What is not yet clear is whether the green garden bag system will remain or not.

### PARISH AWARD SCHEME 2012

The Parish Council has agreed to run the Parish Award Scheme again this year, and so it 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 Brian & Chris Brazier at the Newsagent's and Mike & Wendy Peskett were recognised in this way last year for their efforts above and beyond. Please send your nominations in writing by e-mail or "snail-mail" to Rusty Adams ([gurnardpc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto: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., but by 31<sup>st</sup> March at the latest.

### GRANTS 2012

Applications to be considered for a small parish grant are invited from local organisations. Application forms are planned to be available through Gurnard newsagents from 27<sup>th</sup> January, or an e-mailed version can be requested at [gurnardpc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:gurnardpc@tiscali.co.uk) and a pdf form will also be available for downloading from the website homepage at [www.gurnardpc.co.uk](http://www.gurnardpc.co.uk). Please ensure that all applications are accompanied by a current set of the most recent accounts, and completed applications must be received before 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Please send completed applications to Mr Rusty Adams, Clerk to the Council, Gurnard Parish Council, 63, Wellington Road, Ryde, PO33 3QJ.

### THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF GURNARD ELECTORS 2012

A date for your diaries please – this has been set for Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm, hopefully at the Village Hall (to be confirmed), and there will be further details later on.

### GURNARD REGATTA 2012

As mentioned at the end of last year the 2012 event will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July. The Steering Group will meet for the 1<sup>st</sup> time on 29<sup>th</sup> March, and if anyone would like to commit now to helping out on the day or perhaps would like to be involved with the Steering Group work, please call Rusty on 567522.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD & PARISH PLAN (THIS IS MASSIVELY IMPORTANT!)

As you know from several previous entries in Gurnard News, Gurnard has had a Parish Plan in place for over 5 years now which has been of great value to the community in terms of some immediate, short term, medium term and long term aims and aspirations, and has been used successfully to provide evidence of need for fundraising ventures. The Parish Council agreed in December to combine a review of the Parish Plan with the production of a Neighbourhood Plan – the idea is to continue to identify projects for the Village as in the Parish Plan but also to cover, in depth, certain aspects of future development in the Village. Whilst the new Localism Act will not allow the Gurnard community to say "no" to development, there is ample scope to "tailor" future development in terms of location, design and type of development. .

The process will be a fairly lengthy one, which will hopefully involve a wide range of consultation methods (including public exhibitions etc), and the process will be led by a good mix of residents, local business and Councillors. The important point to highlight here is that you will all be asked for opinions on varying and wide ranging issues, and without responses from you the final information will not only lack true community representation, but also may not pass some fairly stringent scrutiny tests and so the document may not be adopted!! Provided we can prove that the final document is representative of the community's wishes, and a referendum will be held at the end to prove this, then we shall hopefully have a document that can not only be used to progress various projects for the benefit of the Gurnard community, but will also influence future development. This document, if passed by the referendum, WILL be adopted by the IW Council as a supplementary planning document, which will be very influential.

The exploratory meeting held just before Christmas was an opportunity for those who came along to discuss the probably process and what we hoped to gain from the project, and a Steering Group was formed to make a start – a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting was planned for 26<sup>th</sup> January and a 3<sup>rd</sup> is set for 23<sup>rd</sup> February. There is still a need for extra people and the type of help needed ranges from one or two more on the Steering Group through to those who may be prepared to assist with questionnaire delivery & collection and perhaps some of the open exhibition and consultation work. Everyone has skills they can bring to this process, so for further details or to put yourself forward to assist please contact the Clerk, Rusty Adams, on 567522 as soon as possible.

#### LITTER PICK EVENTS

The programme continues this year, and the 1<sup>st</sup> such event has been scheduled for Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2012 with everyone meeting up outside the Village Hall at 10.30am – do come along if you'd like to join in and help out. PLEASE do continue to consider if you'd be prepared to have your name added to our list – it would be great to have a bank of people who we know would like to be of help in principle! Please let Rusty Adams know (567522) if you'd like your name adding to the list.

#### GREEN SLOT

Did you know that well over 25% of carbon dioxide emissions from a household come from electrical appliances? Well done if you did, but I certainly didn't! Entertainment equipment and kitchen appliances are the most power-hungry items, with computers catching up quickly as a significant factor in all this (currently 13%). There are ways to reduce your emissions in the use of these items, such as the use of the stand-by mode – could it be switched off instead? Is all the equipment the most energy-efficient? Is the item marked as recommended by the Energy Savings Trust? Proof of how significant all this can be is highlighted by a family which, in the Autumn of 2011, worked with the Energy Savings Trust to compare the performance of an old fridge freezer with a modern energy-efficient model: the trial was for 3 weeks, and figures produced showed that the old model would cost £139 to run for the year, whereas the A+++ model would only cost £38 – this is real food for thought I think you'll agree – perfect sense for both your pocket and the environment. Check out the Energy Savings Trust website for more tips and ideas.



#### SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICER & ENVIRONMENT & NEIGHBOURHOODS OFFICER

PCSO Steve Oatley attended the January meeting and reported that there had been no crimes in the last month. However there had been 6 reports made on issues such as neighbourhood disputes and scams etc.. Cowes was quiet over Christmas but busier over the New Year. It was reported that PC Mark Thomas is very happy in his new post at Newport.

#### SOUTHERN GAS NETWORKS (SGN) CROSS-SOLENT GAS MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

There is nothing of real substance to add to what featured in the December/January edition of Gurnard News, save to repeat that further testing of the pipelines will be undertaken over a 4 week period in February, and the final commissioning ceremony, together with some final landscaping and planting, will take place in the Spring.

#### UNWANTED MAIL (SPAM)

There is a new service for householders to put a stop to the delivery of unwanted advertising mail. Environment Secretary Caroline Spelman has announced a new free-to-use website is being set up as part of a joint DEFRA and direct marketing industry deal, which will replace the old and now out of date system. The website is still being developed and is set to "go live" in April 2012, and HM Government has undertaken to support this project for at least 3 years. There will be more details later on, but there is some preliminary information on the deal itself, which can be viewed at [www.defra.gov.uk/news/2011/11/01/unwanted-advertising-mail/](http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2011/11/01/unwanted-advertising-mail/)

#### COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME

It has been quiet on this front for the past few weeks but the service continues to run, satisfactorily in the main. There are 7 or 8 new volunteer driver candidates on our books at the moment, waiting for an assessment day which hopefully will take place soon. It is believed that 2 more community bus schemes should come on line this month, which would make a total of 6 schemes across the Island.

The Cowes, Northwood & Gurnard Community Transport Forum was due to meet on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January, and this was the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting for a while – hopefully there will be more news from this next month. There is still a need:

**PLEASE NOTE: DRIVERS ARE STILL NEEDED ON A CONTINUING BASIS FROM COWES, NORTHWOOD & GURNARD**, so if anyone wants to put their name forward as a volunteer driver to be added to the waiting list, please call Rusty on 567522. **WITHOUT DRIVERS, OUR BUS SCHEME WILL STOP!**

#### HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2012

This was mentioned in the last couple of editions, but no response has been received yet. There is an extra bank holiday on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012 to mark this great event and, apart from beacons being lit across the UK, it is expected that many community groups across the Island will be arranging something to celebrate this landmark occasion in the Queen's reign. The Parish Council is keen to hear from anyone who may be interested in jointly arranging some sort of event on 4<sup>th</sup> June in Gurnard. If this appeals, then please contact Rusty on 567522.

