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Surgeries:

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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

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