THE GURNARD NEWS

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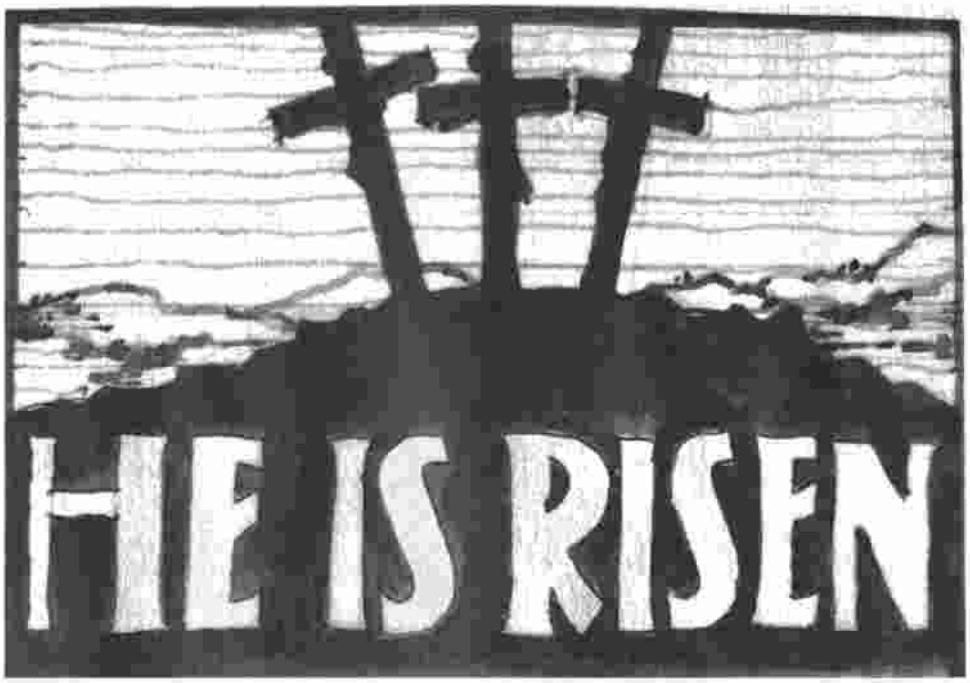

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A LETTER FROM ALL SAINTS'

Hello there!

What is the biggest surprise you have ever had? The one that caught your breath, made you scream? One of mine was when my husband proposed to me – I knew it was going to happen, indeed I had given him a deadline of 28th Feb, otherwise I was going to propose to him the following day as it was a leap year, but I didn't expect him to do it where and when he did: I screamed and then cried a lot.....he would tell you that he never actually heard me say 'Yes'!

Another surprise I remember was when my military colleague surprised his children by being in a box at a birthday party. Not due home for months he was able to get a short mid-deployment break, but his wife hadn't told the children. When he jumped out of the box I am sure his children caused many eardrums to split, but there was the most amazing feeling of joy, love and happiness in the room with us, and yes there were more tears.

However, what was the biggest surprise for me was when Jacob, our eldest son, had his 'ears', or their real name cochlear implants, turned on. We had been warned that he would not react straight away – profoundly deaf from birth Jacob had never heard anything EVER in his 14 months of life so it was going to take time for his brain to start processing the noises that were now coming in through the implants. The audiologist turned the electrodes on inside his head and we held our breath. She them banged a drum..... His head whipped around towards her so quickly. We all screamed. The audiologist banged it again and Jacob smiled – she said that this reaction was very unusual and very special. We gave the drum to Jacob who started hitting the drum himself with a big wide smile on his face. Yes, there were a whole world of tears that day.

For us, it was nothing short of a miracle and many people have had similar experiences when medicine has achieved things we not thought possible – paralysed people walking again, cancer disappearing, even the blind beginning to see.

Miracles. Whatever you may think of them, I would argue that they are still happening – not only the medical advance ones but also the ones that cannot be explained by doctors. There is a website that details the 'List of Approved Lourdes Miracles' the last of which dates back to 2002; back in 2016 I went to see the film 'Miracles from heaven' based on a true story of a young girl with an incurable disease which was cured; even Billy Graham, who died recently, was cited to be part of a miraculous healing at the beginning of his crusade work. All significant, but this month we celebrate one of the greatest miracles...

Despite Jesus telling his followers a good number of times that he was going to die but rise again, his resurrection still came a big surprise for them. Most were still

stunned by his barbaric death on the cross, a sudden ending to his ministry. Many of his friends had gone into hiding, fearful that they would be next..... and then the women come back on the 3rd morning and say 'He is not there. He is risen.'

For those of us who know the story, we cannot even begin to truly understand the surprise, the joy, the turmoil those disciples must have felt when they heard this. But if we remember the event that gave us the biggest surprise and multiple that by about 1000% we may start to appreciate what a monumental event this was for them but also for the world.

And indeed, it remains a monumental event for us Christians today. It has just been over a year since I returned from the Holy Land and yet I can still vividly remember my time, in the early morning, when I sat by the Sea of Galilee where Jesus was alleged to have cooked breakfast for his disciples after he had risen from the dead. And on this year's Easter Sunday I will have stood on the beach of Gurnard at sunrise, looking out to sea and celebrated the risen Lord. Two very different experiences in two very different countries but both remembering this one amazing miracle, the greatest of surprises, when Jesus rose from the dead. And as one of his present-day disciples I will keep on doing what he told his followers to do nearly 2000 years ago – to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to tell them of God's love and share his peace with everyone I meet.

Wishing you a blessed Easter and a month of wonderful surprises!

Rev Amanda

FROM THE REGISTERS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

In our thoughts and prayers we remember:- David Nurse, Jean Rodgers and Ronald Hall who recently passed away, our thoughts and prayers are also with their families and friends.

We welcome Barbie Rose Parkmen who was recently baptised and we remember her parents, godparents, family and friends

For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact
Rev'd Amanda Collinson 294913 :

CHURCH SERVICES FOR ALL SAINTS'

April 2018

1st **EASTER DAY**
6.30 am Sunrise Service at Gurnard beach
9.30 am Holy Communion
3.00 pm Songs of Praise

5th *Thursday services*
9.00 am Morning Prayer
9.30 am Holy Communion (said)

8th **2nd Sunday of Easter**
8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am All Age Worship (refreshments available from 9.30 am)

12th *Thursday services*
9.00 am Morning Prayer
9.30 am Holy Communion (said)

15th **3rd Sunday of Easter**
9.30 am Holy Communion

19th *Thursday services*
9.00 am Morning Prayer
9.30 am Holy Communion (said)

22nd **4th Sunday of Easter**
9.30 am Holy Communion

26th *Thursday services*
9.00 am Morning Prayer
9.30 am Holy Communion (said)

29th **5th Sunday of Easter**
9.30 am Informal Holy Communion

All Saints' Junior Church happens EVERY SUNDAY DURING TERM TIME at 9.30am in the Garden Room, behind the church, except the first Sunday of the month! Ages from 4*-14 all welcome (*under 4s also welcome but must be accompanied by an adult!)

COWES METHODIST CHURCH, Birmingham Road, Cowes

SERVICES FOR APRIL 2018

Sunday	1st	10.30am	EASTER SUNDAY Mr Wesley Watson
Sunday	8th	10.30am	To be arranged
Sunday	15th	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION Miss Margaret Potts
Sunday	22nd	10.30am	Mr John Yates
Sunday	29th	10.30am	Mrs Marian Izzard

Tea and coffee is served after the services

The Sunday School meets at 10.15am each Sunday and would welcome more young people to join them.

The **LADIES' SISTERHOOD** will meet at
2.30pm on Tuesdays 10th and 24th April.
All ladies would be made very welcome.

The **ALTZHEIMERS CAFE** will meet on **Wednesday 11th April 2-4.30pm**.

On **Saturday April 7th** we are holding an
APRIL SALE
in the church from 10.00am to 12.30pm. there will be various stalls, including tombola, cakes, books, white elephants, plants etc. Tea and coffee will be served.
All welcome, proceeds for church funds.

Table Top Sale,

Saturday April 21st
Cowes Methodist Church 11am to 2pm
Raising funds for The Island Homeless and Cancer Research U.K.
Tickets for 'New to You Fashion Show' will also be on sale

Isle of Wight Councillor's Report from Paul Fuller,Councillor for Cowes West and Gurnard: February2018.

If you require support please call 01983 289595 (24 hrs) or 07 935 090 835 (mobile), email: paulfulleriw@gmail.com, or write to me at: 74 Wyatts Lane, Cowes. Further details and updates can be found at: paulfullercc.blogspot.com
Alternatively, please call the National Debt Line on 0808 808 4000,
or visit: https://www.nationaldebtline.org.
Surgeries
4:30-5pm, Tuesday 3rd April, Cowes Library, Beckford Road, Cowes.
5:30-6pm, Tuesday 3rd April, Sports Bar, Isle of Wight Community Club, Park Road, Cowes.
10:30-11:30am, Friday 6th April, Gurnard Press, Worsley Road, Gurnard.
11:45-12:15pm, Wednesday 11th April, The Woodvale, Princes Esplanade, Gurnard.
6-6:30pm, Wednesday 11th April, The Portland, Worsley Road, Gurnard.
3-3:30pm, Wednesday 18th April, Cowes Enterprise College, Crossfield Avenue, Cowes.
5:30-6pm, Wednesday 25th April, The Portland, Worsley Road, Gurnard.
10:30-11:30am, Thursday 26th April, Coffee and Chat at All Saints Church, Tuttons Hill, Gurnard.
12-1pm, Thursday 26th April, Eegon's Café, 72 High Street, Cowes.
4:30-5pm, Tuesday 1st May, Cowes Library, Beckford Road, Cowes.

Place Road Development updates.
Consultations on second and third phases are still under consideration of Planning Officers. The third phase was advertised in February and comprises of 20 houses and 10 bungalows within this new development. This phase is located opposite Place Side and of the 30 properties, 16 are categorised as 'affordable'. This stipulates that the rental costs will be set at 80% of market rental value.

Dogs to be restricted from cemeteries?
Consideration is being given to banning dogs from IW Council cemeteries. This follows a restriction being in place ensuring dogs are kept on leads. Despite the restriction being in place this has not prevented fouling and the distress caused when dogs foul on graves. Please let me know your views!

School Governors.
Please let me know if you are interested in becoming a school governor? There are currently vacancies which have arisen at Gurnard Primary School and Cowes Primary School.

Isle of Wight Council Budget.

Councillors increased Council Tax by the 6%. Despite this increase, there remains a number of services that will be cutback or withdrawn.

This includes the support for cross-Solent Travel support for healthcare (saving £30k), reduced support for non-residential care charges (£1,600k), reduced support for Council Tax Benefit claimants (£492k), withdrawal of Youth Offer support (£223k), removal of discretionary elements of concessionary fares for mental health/ mobility impaired (£100k) and reduced support for domestic abuse (£16k).

Alongside other 'opposition' Councillors I voted against proposals, holding the view that finances being used to fund capital schemes elsewhere (and some reserves), could and where possible should be diverted to protect some of the most important services due to be cut.

Less controversial (at the moment!) other proposals included the onset of reviewing car parking arrangements (£550k), increasing revenue from Leisure Centres (£200k), the introduction of wheelie bins for garden waste (£100k), the introduction of in-house debt collection (£90k) and the closure/ disposal of Branstone Farm (£70k)

Within the budget there continues to be a greater necessity and reliance to work closer with the voluntary sector, neighbouring authorities, and shared working between Town and Parish Councils.

Details can be found at: https://www.iwight.com/Meetings/committees/mod-council/28-2-18/agenda.pdf?%20636558454582699024

No Cold Calling Stickers.

Please let me know if you require No Cold Calling stickers. A few has been left at Cowes Library!

St Mary's Roundabout.

Cowes Town Council has challenged proposals to reconfigure the St Mary's Roundabout later this year.

Concerns were expressed regarding the lack of consultation and concerns that in the long term proposals will not reduce congestion and delays on the Cowes to Newport Road. Other concerns raised included the need to invest in cost effective schemes that promoted walking, cycling and the use of public transport.

Traffic Orders.

Residents will be aware of recent traffic order proposals. Despite feedback from residents, myself and through our Town and Parish Councils it was frustrating that not all suggestions were included. One location where Island Roads were not convinced that safety would be improved was the junction with Church Road and Worsley Road in Gurnard. The rationale from Island Roads, the IWC and the police to opposing these suggestions, was the fear that by removing parking the speed of

traffic entering Gurnard would increase. Because, in the past there was support for traffic calming measures to be introduced at this junction, it made the case to impose a parking restriction difficult to justify- Although I did try! !Subsequently, officers have looked at the junction and Island Roads have suggested sight lines could be improved by reducing the density of foliage on the junction verges
Other locations also disregarded similarly did not show any marked improvement to safety.

Police Matters.
Cowes Councillors met with the police last month. Issues discussed included the following: Under Aged drinking The importance for the police to receive first-hand information concerning criminal activity. Reassurance given concerning anonymity of those reporting offences on 101 and via Crimestoppers. Future discussions being required concerning lighting, camera surveillance and path closures. Perceived concerns on drug dealing, how this was prioritised and of action pending.
Cowes is, and remains a very low crime area. For details visit Hants Police on social media. Crimes should be reported to 999 (in emergency), 101 and via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Boundary Review.
The Boundary Commission are intending to review Isle of Wight Council wards, as a large proportion deviate by 10% from the average ward size of 2732 (3129 electors live within Cowes West & Gurnard). This review may also result in a change to the number of IW Councillors.
As the second largest single Councillor ward, it seems likely the boundary for Cowes West and Gurnard will change. This is particularly relevant, as Gurnard's population growth is predicted to increase by 141 electors within 6 years. The only other areas where population growth exceeds that of Gurnard is: Ryde East (this includes proposals for Pennyfeathers), Newport East (Pan Meadows) and Seaview (Harcourt Sands).
Understanding that Town and Parish Council boundaries do not alter, what may happen when looking at Cowes, Gurnard and Northwood is so long as the numbers of Isle of Wight Councillors remain at 40, part of Cowes West may be incorporated within the Cowes North ward which has 2488 current electors.

Date for your diary
Friday May 18th at 7.30 Concert in All Saints' Church by Gurnard Community and IW Nightingales choirs

GURNARD VILLAGE HALL

(charity number XT 6178)

The Village Hall at Westbrook Lane PO31 8EU is fully accessible for those with disabilities including some parking outside the hall. The hall is equipped with furniture and crockery for groups up to 100 with a small well equipped kitchen for food service and an enclosed garden. It has an overhead projector, and a large pull-down screen, P.A. system, and blue-ray player, for power-point presentations, home videos etc. The hall may be rented at £12per hour, (there are discounts available for regular users) to see full T&C's go to gvhall.org.uk To book the hall or to report faults/damage or to donate time/money goods for sale on donations table telephone Carolyn Sibley 01983297154 or email sibleycarolyn@yahoo.com or contact Gurnard Parish Council.

Hall Booking Enquiries gvhall.org
The Village Hall has the following Regular Groups.

MONDAY
9.30-11am Judith Didham Yoga
1.30 – 3.30 p.m. Art Group
7.00 – 9.00 p.m. Cowes Art Group
TUESDAY
10.AM. – 12 noon Spinney Quilters
7.30 – 9.00 p.m. International Dance
WEDNESDAY
10-12 noon Art Group
1st And 3rd 2 - 4 p.m. Cyber Café
1st 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. Gurnard Cottage Garden Society
2nd and last 6,15 to 10.pm Gurnard Parish Council
3rd Gurnard Bay W.I. 6.30 – 9.30 p.m.
THURSDAY
9.30-11am Judith Didham Yoga
12 - 1.30 Keep Active Exercise Group.
2nd Thursday C.A.M.E.O. 2 – 4 p.m.
4th Thursday 2-4pm Creative Writing
FRIDAY
9.30 - 11.30 Parents and Toddlers
12 - 1.30 Yoga (E Bolwell)
2- 4 p.m. Ladies Choir; Solent Singers
1st Friday 7 p.m. Gurnard Film Society

Vacancies Tuesday afternoons and Thursday evenings

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There are currently two vacancies. Please contact the clerk for details how to apply.

NORTHWOOD CHURCH

Vectis Brass Band Spring Concert
In Church 19th April 2018 at 7.30pm
Free Admission

Coffee Morning
In aid of Church Funds
On Saturday 14th April 2018 from 10.00am to 12noon
In St John the Baptist Church Chawton Lane Northwood
Stalls – Cakes – Raffle – Bring & Buy
All Welcome

COWES MEDINA LADIES

Would you like to meet new people and learn a leisurely sport?
Do you enjoy being outside? Come and have a little exercise, keep fit, socialise and bowl on a flat terrain.
Cowes Medina Ladies would welcome you to our club, and teach you how to bowl, in very pleasant surroundings… No previous experience necessary.

Interested?

Come and join us for a Coffee and a chat, at the clubhouse in Northwood Park, Cowes.
On Friday 20th April and Thursday 3rd May at 2pm,
Please bring flat soled shoes to wear on the Green…

For more information call Christine on 07841 374 866 or email liz.b50@btinternet.com

SCOUT REPORT

The Scouts were busy in February making Bird Boxes for Blue Tits, Great Tits and House Sparrows, the latter of which have been in severe decline in recent years. This was part of National Bird Box week.

It was pan cakes on Shrove Tuesday with mixed results, some were overcooked so stayed in the frying pan, most were perfect and eaten quickly. The challenge is always clearing up by the end of the evening.

Thanks again to UKSA for an evening session at there pool which is helping some Scouts towards the swimming badge.

Now that we seem to be getting some spring weather two short evening hikes have taken place in Carisbrooke and around Cowes.

We are always looking for adult help with the Troop. Are you up for the challenge?

Peter Harris. tel.01983825959

Gurnard Parish Council

GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL

QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL

.At the March meeting of the Parish Council the main topics discussed were:

POLICE REPORT

PSCO Derek Howard provided a written report and attended the meeting with PSCO Lisa Gray. There were no reported crimes in Gurnard during February this year compared with ten for the same period last year. The community priorities remain the same.

TOILETS ON THE GREEN

The recent bad weather resulted in five burst pipes in the roof of the toilet block. The block was closed for nearly two weeks whilst emergency repairs took place. To help prevent this happening in the future, the Parish Council has arranged for the pipes to be lagged and install some frost heaters in the lost space where the leaks occurred. Now that the Parish Councils owns the block, a minor refurbishment programme is being considered.

GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

Unfortunately, the two litter picks were cancelled due to the bad weather as councillors were worried about the safety of the volunteers. Councillors Bugden and Orrey are leading a litter pick on Saturday 7 April 2018 – meet outside the village hall at 10am. Costa Coffee has kindly agreed to sponsor the event supplying litter pickers, bag handles and bags. They will be issuing vouchers for free "drink and cake" to all who take part.

BOLLARDS TO PROTECT USERS OF THE PLAY AREA

Following concerns raised by Councillor Nolan, the Isle of Wight Council has now ordered the bollards which will be installed along the kerbstone to help protect users of the play area from vehicles mounting the kerb and driving down the grass. Due to limited funds, the IWC has requested financial assistance from the Parish Council towards extending the bollard scheme along the whole area. Councillors decided that to ensure that the project is not delayed, that they will consider this option once costs have been received from the Isle of Wight Council.

LITTER ON THE GREEN

For some years, the Parish Council has been funding the rental and empting of a red Biffa bin on the seafront placed by the Sailing Club/Watersedge cafe. This was due to the increased amount of litter in the area. Over the last four years, the emptying pattern has been increased to cope with the amount of litter in the area. The Environment officer has advised that the system is being abused by commercial rubbish, and suggested that the Parish Council remove it. Councillors decided to keep the bin as it was clearly needed by local residents and visitors and to increase the emptying. The clerk has been given power to increase the emptying pattern should there be a period of good weather outside of the summer season. The clerk is also investigating if a permanent sign could be attached to the railings. The Environment Officer has been asked to monitor the situation.

GURNARD IN BLOOM

Jennie and Ellis has been successful in gaining £100.00 from the High Sherriff's fund towards a project with Gurnard Primary School. They are waiting for the weather to improve before they start their programme of replacing broken planters, cutting back and weeding the verges, and planting summer bedding to improve the appearance of the village. Any help for them would be appreciated. Please contact the clerk in the first instance.

FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next full Parish Council meeting will be at **7.00 pm** on **Wednesday 11 April 2018.** Residents are welcome to attend all meetings, which are usually held at the **Gurnard Village Hall, Westbrook Lane**. Please check the Parish notice board and/or the Parish Council's website for meeting confirmation and the agendas - www.gurnardpc.co.uk.

QUERIES AND QUESTIONS

If you have any queries or questions that you feel that the Parish Council could help with, please contact the Parish Clerk: **Mrs. Sue Waters, telephone 07443 656480 or email: gurnardparishcouncil@gmail.com**.

All Saints, Gurnard
Reaching Out–Inviting In
COMMUNITY
COFFEE AND CHAT
THURSDAY
10.30am
26th April 2018
Just drinking coffee and chatting with friends
It's that easy not to be lonely

The BECKFORD CENTRE in COWES
would be pleased to see new faces at

The Island's Past – Monday 10.00am
Art for All – Monday 1.30pm and Thursday 1.30pm
Knit Knat – Tuesday 10.00am
French Discussion – Tuesday 1.30pm
Discussion Group – Thursday 10.00am
The room is also available for hire, please contact the centre on 294744

GURNARD BAY W.I

MARCH 2018

The speaker at our March meeting was Alan Doe who gave an interesting talk on the "History of Bembridge Harbour", Alan has lived in Bembridge for many years and takes a great interest in the history of the village and also steam trains. His talk incorporated both as he told us about the way that Bembridge Harbour changed with the building of the railway connections between Brading, St Helens and Bembridge in the 1800's. The slideshow presentation gave a clear picture of "then and now".

Our members are looking forward to the annual Bowls match at the end of the month which is always popular. We are also joining our friends in the Solent Group on April 17th when Dr Ruth Waller will be talking about the artefacts that were discovered when the site was being prepared for the Aldi store at Northwood. The evening is open to all and will be held at 7pm in the Northwood Village Hall. Tickets are £2.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th April at 7pm in the Village Hall when Vic Farrow will be talking about Shanklin Theatre. If you fancy joining us for friendship, tea and cake you will be made very welcome!"

Cynthia Ash

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Ambulance (Transport)	825111	Health Centre (general)	295251
Citizens Advice Bureau	0845 1202959	Hospital (St Mary's)	524081
Electricity (Emergencies)	0800 072 7282	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	Marie Bugden	296721
All Saints' Vicar	Rev'd Amanda Collinson	294913
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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 Sandie Munt	295258
All Saints' Church, Secretary	Mrs Rosemary Butler	200980
All Saints' Church, Treasurer	Mrs Wendy Peskett	292145
All Saints' Church, Organist	Mrs Yvonne Mills	292256
Junior Church (Sunday School)	Rev'd Amanda Collinson	294913
Cowes Methodist Church, Minister	Rev'd David Plumb	884694
Cowes Methodist Church, Contact	Mrs Pat Chessell	295898
Gurnard Primary School (website)	www.gurnardprimaryschool.co.uk	295713
Gurnard Bay Evening W. I.	Mrs Cynthia Ash	293619
CAMEO Group	Mrs Carolyn Sibley	297154
Cyber Cafe	Mrs Carolyn Sibley	297154
Gurnard Village Hall Bookings	Mrs Carolyn Sibley	297154
Gurnard Village Hall Assoc. Chairman	Mrs Carolyn Sibley	297154
Gurnard Village Cottage Garden Society	Mrs Emma Glasbey	293130
Gurnard in Bloom	Jennie Lewis	643323
Gurnard Sailing Club Membership Secretary, Sally France , gurnardsc.org.uk		291888
IOW Councillor	Mr Paul Fuller	289595
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Island Storytellers is a group which exists to promote the art of storytelling in the oral tradition for all ages. Our monthly meetings are held in pubs round the island and on 16th April from 7:30pm we will be at the Portland Inn, Gurnard. We would welcome anyone to join us to either listen or tell a story. No pressure to tell, after all a story needs one mouth to tell but two ears to listen.

Cowes Heritage AGM

Tuesday 10th April 2018 7.00pm Birmingham Rd Methodist Church
Followed by a talk about the Classic Boat Museum
All welcome.

Hello Villagers

1st Gurnard Management Committee is the group of volunteers who maintain and improve the local scout and Guide Hall in our village. We also run the May Queen weekend which is the main annual community event and has been running in its current format for over 11 years. MQ18 is over the 6th and 7th May and this year's theme is "Magic". Think Fairies and wizards...

We have successfully gathered some new helpers for this year's main event, but we still need many more. Marshalls, stewards, first aiders, and people to run stalls are some of the roles we need to fill. E.g. We are hoping to have a "magic bean" garden stall with donated plants but need someone to coordinate this for us. Also, if you any ideas on activities for youngsters at the fayre let us know. We will have some dream catchers up on 7th May but that will be too late to get great ideas for 2018.

The quicker you can offer just one hour's help the less anxious we get about holding the event for the village. Other Island villages have been cancelling their annual events due to lack of planning support, I wouldn't want that to happen to yours. Please phone Paul to say when you can help either on **Sunday 6th May between 1400 and 2300 or Monday 7th May 1200-1800.**

Look out for the poster detailing what is happening.

Remember MQ18 weekend not only financially supports our children's meeting place, it is also a great community event bringing so many different people together.

Thank you, please get in touch.
Paul
07548 918810

SUPPORTING GURNARD SCOUT AND GUIDE HALL AND LOCAL CAUSES

GURNARD May Queen 2018 Festival

IN SPENCER'S FIELD, GURNARD

SUNDAY 6TH MAY

DOG SHOW

REGISTRATION FROM **1.30** · FIRST CLASS **2.30** · PRIZES · ROSETTES · REFRESHMENTS

BARN DANCE

7.30 - 11PM · CONCORD CEILIDH BAND & CALLER IAN WATTERSON · FESTIVAL BAR · HOT FOOD

★ TICKETS: **£7.50** ADULTS · **£3** UNDER 16 · FROM **GURNARD PRESS** & **THE PORTLAND** ★

MONDAY 7TH MAY

MAY DAY PARADE STARTS 1PM

VILLAGE FETE

KIDS GAMES · ARCHERY · BOUNCY CASTLE · STALLS · SNAKES · MAGICAL THEMED FUN!
PRIZE DRAW · TEAS · CAKES · ICE CREAM · HOT FOOD

For more info, visit: facebook.com/GurnardMayQueen

Gurnard Film Society

ENCHANTED APRIL

UK 1991 Comedy/Drama
Directed by Mike Newell

This slow-paced gem is about the civilizing influence of Italy on 4 dissimilar 1920s London females who travel to an Italian castle to come to terms with their lives. Golden globe awards for **Miranda Richardson** and **Josie Lawrence**

Friday 6th April 7.30 pm

Cert: U 1 hr 35 mins. Admission £5.00.
Gurnard Village Hall, Westbrook Lane (off Worsley Road), Gurnard PO31 8EU.

Tel: 240615 or gurnardfilmsociety@gmail.com

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH GURNARD

are delighted to welcome back

COWES CONCERT BAND

(conductor: Andy Norman) with their

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THE FRIENDS OF NORTHWOOD CEMETERY CELEBRATES ITS 10th BIRTHDAY

The Friends of Northwood Cemetery will celebrate its 10th birthday on Easter Saturday with an open day in the Cemetery from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Everyone will be welcome.

The Friends were formed in 2008 as a voluntary group with the aim of restoring the twin Victorian chapels which were then in danger of collapse or demolition. In 2011 it became a Registered Charity as it realised that funding would then be more accessible. "We went down several blind alleys seeking a funder that would back our aspirations" said Jon Matthews, the Friends' founder, "but it was not until 2013 that the Heritage Lottery Fund expressed serious interest in supporting our goals. After a two year evaluation phase it granted £1.6million to pay not only for the restoration work of the chapels but also for a host of other activities designed to bring benefits to the local community".

As well as saving the chapels other initiatives have been undertaken. A new Natural Burial Ground has been created, a gazebo erected, colourful signage has been installed and documentation has been produced for the first time in the Cemetery's 160 year history. Within the grounds new benches and litter bins have been installed and the main roadways and paths have been resurfaced.

Peter Almond, the Friends' Chairman, added "The last 5 years have been monumental in getting us to the successful outcome we see today thanks to the partnership the Friends formed with the Isle of Wight Council, the landowners. The chapels have been rescued with the west chapel becoming a Heritage Resource Centre and available for hire to community groups". "The Isle of Wight Family History Society has taken up residence on Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday mornings and Saturday mornings and the east chapel is once again a fully functioning chapel available for funeral services.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the support of the Isle of Wight Council; whilst it was not in a position to make any capital investment its officers have been 100% behind our efforts all the way through".

A dedicated group of conservation volunteers have cleared decades of bramble and undergrowth so that visitors can now see nearly all of the headstones of the graves throughout the Cemetery's 17acres. The burial records have been digitised and finding aids produced so that families can locate the resting places of their loved ones. The Friends have been very careful not to disturb the natural

habitat - and the increase in the sightings of red squirrels in recent years suggests that wildlife has also benefited from the attention they have given to the grounds. There is still plenty to do so new faces are always welcome to join the happy band of volunteers who meet on Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

On its 10th birthday the Friends are planning guided walks, family trails to involve the younger children of the community, exhibitions, craft demonstrations and suitable live music. A raffle and light refreshments will be available throughout the day and of course a birthday cake.

The restored east chapel bell will be rung at midday to commemorate this special day

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It costs £1 and bring a raffle prize of about £1 value. It takes place every 2nd Thursday of each month from 2 to 4pm in the Village Hall.

All Saints' Church Gurnard

Spring Flower Festival

1st – 5th April

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Gurnard Church invites you be part of the festival and design a cross. It can be any size, made from any material and even be a picture or photo.

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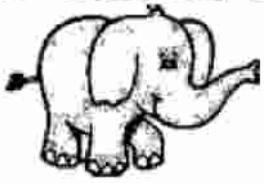

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THE ELEPHANT CLUB
CIRCLE DANCING

A new group, specifically for people suffering from memory loss or dementia, is starting in Cowes.

The Elephant Club Circle Dancing is a group activity, developed by Dementia Pathfinders. The sessions are free, fun, and gentle, and aimed at helping participants gain physical and mental confidence.

Starting on Thursday 5th April 2018, the sessions will be monthly on the 1st Thursday of each month

Venue: St Andrew's Hall, St Andrew's St, Cowes
Time: 2.15 – 3.45pm

No need for special clothing or equipment, just a willingness to give it a go and be with others!! Free parking is available in the hall carpark and free refreshments are served during the session.

For more information contact:
Mandy on 07812 131359.

We look forward to welcoming you and having fun together!

Gurnard Village Cottage Garden Society

Last month Mr John Langley came to the meeting and gave a talk "The Solar System and Beyond"
Our next meeting in April will be a talk by Mark Earp, entitled "Moments in IW Architecture 1830-1937"
This will be on Wednesday 4th April at 7 30 pm in the Village Hall.
Competition is the bulbs which we planted last Autumn.
Please come along and support us, remember, members, new members and visitors always welcome.

Note for your diary. . . .
The May meeting is on Wednesday 2nd May 7 30 pm in the Village Hall Gurnard.
This meeting will be a different format.
We will be holding a Coffee Evening with raffle and plant sale.
Same time, same place! Do come and join us!

Gurnard Village Hall

to all those who have contributed towards £180 donated to the heating fund for the Village Hall, especially those who created the Christmas Yarn bomb of the Village. GVHA hope to install new heaters for next winter with extra financial help from the Parish Council.

CYBER CAFE

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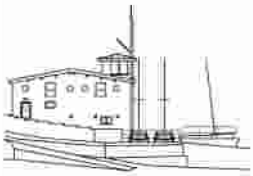

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