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A LETTER FROM ALL SAINTS'

Hello there

How are you all doing? I hope you are coping OK as we continue in this national lockdown.... not what we were expecting last year is it, but necessary it certainly is: to keep you lovely people as safe as possible as well as protecting our little yet lovely hospital from being overwhelmed.

I have a five-year diary, where you can record about 3 sentences for each day – it certainly focuses your mind I can tell you, there is no space for waffle! Writing my entries this week I have found it a little amusing but also sad to read my scribblings from last year: at the beginning of February last year, I was getting myself ready for my Sabbatical, a 3-month period of study leave and rest! I had it all sorted – I had some great ideas for a project, I had lunches planned with friends, I was going to clear out the junk from my house that had collected over the past 8 years of us being here.....it was going to be a brilliant 12 weeks: but then COVID came and changed everything.

But I know I am not alone in that I am sure every single one of you has had plans dashed over these past 11 months.... Nothing can be planned for and things are still moving every day. We are truly living in an ever-changing world at the moment – in the hope and light of a vaccination as they continue to roll out, yet new variants are being found around the world, the United States starts their first full month under the leadership of Joe Biden all the way through to extreme weather conditions – record amount of snowfall in Spain and temperatures of -25C and Australia suffering horrific thunderstorms and tropical cyclones in their summer season. Crazy, challenging times and currently without the lovely sun to lift our spirits.

One thing we have done this past year to keep our spirits up in the Collinson Household is to eat pancakes more regularly! I don't know about you, but we used to keep pancakes just to celebrate and commemorate Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent starts. Pancakes are associated with Shrove Tuesday, because they are a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the 'fasting season' of the 40 days of Lent. Whilst we don't necessarily fast through Lent (I have two always hungry boys in my house ladies and gentlemen, I don't think they would last 40 hours let alone 40 days!!!!) we do remember Lent and so always have pancakes the day before. However last year my youngest said 'We all love pancakes; they are a lovely dessert or could even be a meal. Can we have them all the way through the year?

We chatted about it and discussed it and decided to have them on the first Saturday of every month – eating them more regularly than that, we thought,

would not keep them as a special treat! And so, we have done that for the whole of the year, so much so that my boys can now easily cook and flip pancakes themselves!!!

So, will Pancake day/Shrove Tuesday be any less important to us this year? No, not at all. It will remain a key date in our diary as we start Lent again this year. However, I think Lent will probably be more different this year..... **Lent** is a season of reflection and preparation before the great celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus's 40 days of wilderness in the desert.

However, it could be argued that we have had enough 'wilderness' time this year already, perhaps not in a desert, but definitely many days and weeks of isolation and a sense of not knowing where we are going. And so, as a result, I am going to do Lent a bit differently this year.

This year I going to focus on being thankful each and every day: Being truly conscious of what I have, being grateful for it and writing something every day in my diary about it. And I am going to start by focussing on love – by re-reading the gospels and reflecting again on how Jesus showed God's love to all he met and then looking around me and giving thanks for all the ways love is shown in my life: through examples of how we help one another, look out for one another, being selfless (like the 20 household that decorated a window in December for our Big Advent Calendar – thank you again!), working harder on relationships, focussing on WHO not WHAT is important in our lives etc - thanks to you dear community members being so kind and caring and generous there are so many examples!

Yes, it is probably still going to be a cold and blustery month but together let us radiate love, in this Valentine season, and warm ourselves from the inside out by remembering and giving thanks for what we have: from our family and friends, our homes and our community to brilliant scientists giving us hope for the future and caring NHS and other key workers looking after us now and make this the most heart warming and grateful Lent we have ever had.

***Wishing you all a month full of love and thanks
Rev Amanda***

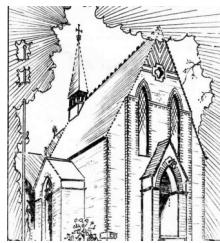


For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact
Rev'd Amanda Collinson 294913

CHURCH SERVICES FOR ALL SAINTS'

February 2021

At the time of going to 'print' the church remains closed for Sunday Worship.



We will inform you of our reopening via our Facebook page (**All Saints' church, Gurnard**) and website (www.allSaintsgurnard.co.uk) so please keep an eye on them!

Should the church open, we will hold the services below whilst still working within the National COVID restrictions (ie a limited number at our services as well as the requirement to wear a mask and maintain a distance between groups and individuals.)

Booking a place will still be required so please contact Rev Di Netherway (298505 or dnetherway1@gmail.com) if you would like to join us any week.

If you would rather watch a service from your home, please do look on our YouTube channel - **Northwood, Gurnard and Cowes St Faiths parishes**. The link is as follows:
www.youtube.com/channel/UCpp6tQjtlusmJ10XEetGQqg

7th 2nd Before Lent
 9.30am Celtic Morning Prayer

14th Sunday next before Lent
 9.30am Holy Communion

21st 1st Sunday of Lent
 9.30am Service of the word (non-Communion)

28th 2nd Sunday of Lent
 9.30am Celtic Communion



**Wednesday between the hours of
11am and 1pm.**

Depending on the numbers of people who attend this may alter in the future.

With love, thoughts and prayers as we slowly come out of this difficult time.

Amanda
Priest in Charge, Gurnard Church

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH GURNARD COMMUNITY GROUPS

Please note that due to the current health situation the following 3 community groups run by All Saints' will be suspended until further notice.

- CIRCLE DANCING
- ELEPHANT CLUB
- COFFEE & CHAT

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

Crafty Cowes – Tuesday 10.00am

Stitchcraft – Tuesday 2.00pm

Simply Photography – every other Wednesday 2.00pm

Discussion Group – Thursday 10.00am

For more information please contact the Centre on 294744 or e-mail
beckfordcentre@outlook.com



GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The Parish Council is pleased to welcome Mr. Mark Franklin as a new member of Gurnard Parish Council following his co-option at December's meeting. We still have one more vacancy, if you are interested in becoming a Councillor, we would encourage and welcome your attendance at one of our meetings, currently held remotely, to see what goes on. Please contact the Clerk for further information.

We are progressing with the wishes of Rosie's family for a picnic table in memorial to her on the concrete plinth at the bottom of the Green, and given the space available and popularity of these tables, the Parish Council have agreed to fund a second table to go alongside it. At January's meeting Council members perused the wide variety of options currently available made from heavy duty recycled plastic in a variety of colours, and would like to proceed with two accessible tables that provide 'walk in' and wheelchair access.

It may not be a well-known fact but not all of Gurnard Green has formal Village Green Status (VGS) due to the fact that there used to be a commercial Putting Green in the middle which meant this part of the Green didn't meet the criteria for VGS when the rest of the Green was first registered. It has been over 20 years since the Putting Green was in operation and so according to the rules for VGS we should now be able to proceed with an application to register the whole Green, and the Parish Council has agreed to make two separate applications for VGS; one for the old Putting Green area as a whole, and one for the concrete plinth at the bottom of the Green.

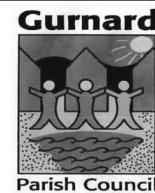
At December's meeting Council members agreed the budget and required precept of £59,590 for 2021-2022. This represents a 1% increase on last year, and subject to the grant issued by the IWC and tax base remaining the same as last year, will equate to a precept of £1.30 per week for band D residents.

It was resolved last year that any remaining balance at the end of this financial year will be ring fenced towards a future upgrade of the playground and we continue to have discussions with the Isle of Wight Council about repairs necessary in the short term, and longer term investment plans.

The next full Parish Council meeting will be held remotely at a new time of 6.30 pm on Wednesday 10th February 2021. There is always an opportunity at the start of the meeting for members of the public to make comments and ask questions. Meeting confirmation and the agenda can be found on the Parish Council notice

board on Worsley Road and the Parish Council's website www.gurnardpc.co.uk

If there is anything you feel that the Parish Council could help with, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Mrs. Katie Riley, telephone 07305 013718 or email: gurnardparishcouncil@gmail.com



MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Gurnard Parish Council is calling on residents passionate about their community to join the Council



Councillors are the champions of their community and give residents a voice on the decisions the council makes. This will allow you to make a real difference by engaging with residents, local groups and businesses to find out their needs and deciding on which services and projects should be taken forward. Also you can get involved locally to ensure the services are meeting the communities needs.

There are only a few rules to stand for co-option You must be

- A British citizen or a citizen of the commonwealth or at present the E.U
- 18 years of age or older
- Live within 3 miles of Gurnard

Contact the clerk to Gurnard Parish Council
gurnardparishcouncil@gmail.com to find out more

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The Village Hall has the following Regular Groups.

to join a group pop in or contact bookings
carolynsibley@icloud.com

MONDAY

9.30 - 11am Judith Didham Yoga (restart FEB 2020)

1.30 – 3.30 p.m. Art Group (Tony Westmore)

5 - 6 pm Tai Kwando (Pete Scotcher)

7.00 – 9.00 p.m. Cowes Art Group (Ian Dawkins)

TUESDAY

10-12 noon Spinney Quilters (Val Clearey) not yet

(3 times a year from 12 t0 3pm Village Lunch. W.I.)

4 - 7.30 -Yoga Elizabeth Bolwell

7.30 – 9.00 p.m. International Dance (Mavis Bownas)

WEDNESDAY

10-12 noon Art Group (Tony Westmore)

1st And 3rd 2 - 4 p.m. Cyber Café not yet

1st 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. Gurnard Cottage Garden Society(Emma Glasbey) not yet

2nd and last 5pm to 8 pm Gurnard Parish Council (Katie Riley) virtual

3rd Gurnard Bay W.I. 6.30 – 9.30 p.m. (Judith Westbrook) not yet

THURSDAY

9.30 - 11 am Judith Didham Yoga

12 - 1.30 Keep Active Exercise Group (Andy Savage)

4th Thursday 2-4pm Creative Writing (Chris Lund)

5 - 6 pm Tae Kwando (Pete Scotcher) not yet

6.50-8pm Fit Steps (Donna Stimson) NEW!!

FRIDAY

9.30 - 11 am Parents and Toddlers (Polly Segar, Sally France) not yet

12 - 1. 30 Yoga (E Bolwell)

2- 4 p.m. Solent Singers (ladies)) Suzanne Longstone) not yet

(every 1st) 7 p.m. Gurnard Film Society (Janet White)

The Village Hall may be hired subject to Terms and Conditions

www.gvhall.org

(discounts may be available

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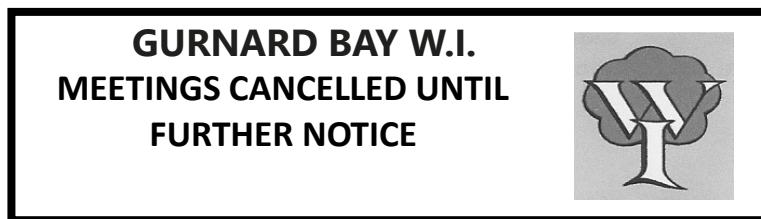
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USEFUL NAMES & TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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)	0800 072 7282	Library (24hr renewal line)	822123
Gas (Emergencies)	0800 111999	Police	999
Water (Emergencies)	0845 2720845	Out of Hours GP & Dentist	0840508345
Flood-line (Mon -Fri 8am - 8pm W/ends 10am - 4pm)	0845 9881188		
Local Neighbourhood Watch	Nicki Wood		292690
All Saints' Vicar	Rev'd Amanda Collinson		294913
	Email	amandacollinson01@gmail.com	
All Saints' Church Curate	Rev'd Steve Sutcliffe		652506
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
Gurnard Primary School (website)	www.gurnardprimaryschool.co.uk		295713
Gurnard Bay Evening W. I.	Mrs Judith Westbrook		295690
293619			
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	
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- I continue to receive complaints concerning walkers, dogs and vehicles being targeted in car parks around Parkhurst Forest. If you have witnessed any suspicious/ anti-social behaviour, please report incidents to: olivia.peachey@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
- I am offering my support to Cllr John Nicholson, whose Scrutiny Committee are investigating local health care provision for Cowes residents.
- A request has been made for Island Roads to clarify the position with respect to Cowes bound vehicles leaving St Mary's Hospital being permitted to avoid the B&Q roundabout.
- A big thank you to volunteers who have joined Cowes and Gurnard Speedwatch. With new volunteers we are now up to the minimum requirement of 6. Please let me know, if you would like to join us.



Gurnard Village Cottage Garden Society
 MEETINGS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Isle of Wight Councillors Report from Paul Fuller, Councillor for Cowes West and Gurnard.

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Surgeries.

6-7pm, Monday 1st February. Telephone Surgery. Please call me on 01983 289595.

6-7pm, Monday 8th February. Telephone Surgery. Please call me on 01983 289595.

6-7pm, Monday 15th February. Telephone Surgery. Please call me on 01983 289595.

6-6:30pm, Monday 22nd February. Telephone Surgery. Please call me on 01983 289595.

6:30-7pm, Monday 22nd February. Zoom Surgery*.

*Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78907951289?pwd=VDVhNDMrN2FMd05vOFUvcDRGSE1qUT09>

COVID-19 VACCINES.

Vaccinations for Covid-19 are being provided to those with greatest need and prioritised as such by government (Details can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/priority-groups-for-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-advice-from-the-jcvi-30-december-2020>

residents in a care home for older adults and their carers
 all those 80 years of age and over and frontline health and social care workers
 all those 75 years of age and over
 all those 70 years of age and over and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals
 (These residents are timetabled to be immunised by mid February- if all goes to plan!)
 all those 65 years of age and over
 all those 16-64 years with underlying health conditions at higher risk of serious disease and mortality.
 all those 60 years of age and over
 all those 55 years of age and over
 all those 50 years of age and over

Updates are being supplied by Cowes Medical Centre via:
<https://www.cowesmedicalcentre.co.uk/>

PLANNING MATTERS:

Proposed **Lower Church Road** development for 7 dwellings. Refused.

Proposed **Baring Road** development for 6 dwellings. Call-In made, should approval be recommended.

Proposed **Place Road** development for 14 dwellings. Call-In made, should approval be recommended.

Proposed **Woodvale Road (Drive)** dwelling. Application under consideration with Planning Officers.

Planning Enforcement are satisfied that the containers stored off Rew Street is now 'mobile'.

Following a lack of feedback from the Planning Department on several matters by Northwood Parish Council, I support the Parish Council's motion of no confidence in the IW Planning Department. It is noted that pressures upon Northwood may increase due to the fact that the Island Plan is now considered to be out of date. Unlike Gurnard, Northwood does not have a Parish Plan to safeguard its local environment.

I received support from the MP at a Meeting concerning the Government's Housing and Planning and Development Bill. At Planning Committee I led objections in refusing an application to develop on a green field site in Apse Heath.

Seafront Parking Proposals

Writing this in advance, The IW Council Cabinet considered proposals to charge for seafront parking on Thursday 14th January. From the outset it seemed likely that the IW Council would forge ahead with proposals despite alternatives made to raise revenue, 449 objections and 3000 residents signing the petition against these ill-conceived charges.

My grateful thanks to everybody who supported this fight! An update will be provided on my website.

Milk and More No More.

Last month Milk and More ceased their doorstep deliveries locally. In response to advice provided through the [website Mr Venables](https://www.findmeamilkman.net/) of Newport Road (**Tel: 01983 290040**) and **EJ Griffin** of Briddlesford Dairy, Wootton (**Tel: 01983 884178**) offer delivery services.

PHISHING SCAMS.

Councillors continue to have identities used as part of a phishing scam. Please note, if an email doesn't originate from paulfulleriw@gmail.com it will not be from me!

BEACH DEBRIS.

Steps are underway to clear beach debris on the foreshore between Hamstead Ledge and Gurnard Sailing Club. Please let me know if you wish to volunteer to support this initiative.

COWES TRAFFIC ORDERS.

I was advised that proposals were due to be consulted upon in December. Although this did not happen, it allowed a further opportunity for engagement with Town Councillors. Following this, I was advised this may in January. However, with the current lockdown again this may again not occur. Once I know more, I will share information regarding proposals, that will include further safety measures close to Gurnard School.

E-SCOOTERS.

Last month Beryl in partnership with the IW Council agreed locations for E-Scooters in Cowes.

Locally, as I am aware the two locations identified are on the junctions of Ward Avenue in **Crossfield Avenue** and **Reynolds Close**.

Following letters circulated to residents by the operator Beryl, I have confirmed that I do not support this roll-out until assurance can be provided that the e-scooters will be used safely, lawfully and will be rigorously enforced in Cowes.

Also This month.

- Last month, Isle of Wight Healthwatch commissioned a survey on dentistry provision on the Island. In response to this, I referred a number of residents to the consultation which ended on 31st December (However, I noticed the survey was still live this month). For further details please visit: <https://www.healthwatchisleofwight.co.uk/>
- I am continuing to chase up repairs to a damaged retaining wall in Crossfield Action. Following the lack of action over the past 12 months, I have notified the IW Council for their support to resolve this longstanding matter.
- Advice was provided to Church Road residents concerning dropped kerbs, where planning consent applies and what constitutes formal carriageways (a,b & c roads), where planning consent is required.
- Last month I attended virtual meetings of the Cowes Harbour Commission and The IW Council's Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services.