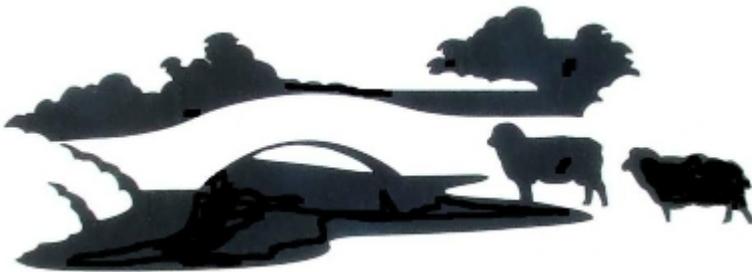


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Hello everybody...



Another year draws to a close as our final newsletter of the year hits the streets! It is a good one though!

While it is not exactly *The Christmas Story*, Annabel Hutchings's moving account of her two week trip to Ghana is a timely reminder that there are many people across the world for whom simply turning a tap on and having fresh clean water, and electricity at the flick of a switch, let alone the everyday things we take for granted, are things they might only dream of. Closer to home, there are also families on the Island for whom Christmas will be a struggle so perhaps we can spare a thought for them - and maybe make a donation to the IW Foodbank - and for those people for whom Christmas is not necessarily a time of joy and happiness, for whatever reason.

Elsewhere in this issue and something of a scoop for us - our 'Focus On' victim is none other than creator of *Doc Martin*, TV and film producer and writer, Dominic Minghella.

And ...just as the printers are ready to roll.... we have some *very good* and welcome news to report about the Number 6 bus service - a Sunday service is BACK!! We must and DO thank the Parish Council, IW Cllr Bob Seely and bus-users for their dogged determination and all their hard work! Pester-power - it does work! Ask any child!!

And finally, we wish you all a peaceful Christmas and New Year.

*The Editor.*

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Tel. 721483 or email [jillwebster@mail.com](mailto:jillwebster@mail.com))*

## **It's BACK!! - Number 6 Sunday Service!!!** **Starting on Sunday December 13th!!**

### **Ventnor/Whitwell**

9.45am (Whitwell)

11.40am

2.40pm

### **Newport**

10.45am

1.45pm

3.45pm

### **Chillerton (approx.)**

10.20am

12.20pm

3.20pm

### **Chillerton (approx.)**

11am

2pm

4pm

### **Newport**

10.37am

12.37pm

3.37pm

### **Ventnor/Whitwell**

11.40am

2.40pm

4.24pm (Whitwell)

# News and Views from your Parish Council

**STOP PRESS - A door-to-door Christmas shopping trip by minibus, organized by the Parish Council, is on offer to anyone who finds it difficult to get in and out of Newport with heavy bags. It is scheduled for Tuesday December 15th - this is a free service. If you would like to join this trip please contact Gillian Belben on 721519 as seats MAY still be available.**



Councillors have been debating, consulting with parishioners, negotiating with other organisations and making decisions in the following areas:

Research into the hardships caused by the reduced winter timetable for the No 6 bus and loss of the No 35 have resulted in the decision to share the cost of a restored Sunday timetable between Newport and Ventnor with Chale Parish Council. Southern Vectis has a driver on standby and is awaiting approval from England's Traffic Commissioner for an emergency timetable change.

**STOP PRESS -The Sunday service is to begin on SUNDAY DECEMBER 13th - very good news as we have been particularly concerned that bus users were not left stranded for four days when currently there would have been no service between December 25th and 28th. Information on the restored timetable will be found on the previous page, parish noticeboards, in the County Press and through Southern Vectis.**

Another negative effect of the reduced No 6 timetable is that many of the single-decker buses have become over-crowded, leaving parishioners, often elderly or with young children, without seats both into and out of Newport.

This problem has been raised with Southern Vectis, IW Councillors and Island Roads, leading to a route survey of overgrown trees and hedges in order to get double-decker buses back on the route at busy times. We are extremely grateful to our local landowners who have responded so rapidly to the requests from Island Roads to clear the route.

The Parish Council and the school have worked together to get a defibrillator - donated by the British Heart Foundation - installed on the outside wall of the school. Anyone interested in receiving training from the Ambulance Service can either contact our Clerk, Maxine Yule or the school, which is coordinating the training.

We have been contacted by the Rights of Way team concerning missing, damaged, or incorrect signage on paths, bridleways and open access areas in our parish. Parish Councillors are collecting details so that the signage can be replaced or corrected. If you notice these problems please either contact Maxine Yule or go direct to Rights of Way at the Council.

The Parish Council has been working with the IW Ramblers and their 'donate a gate' scheme to install up to three more accessible gates for walkers across Chillerton Down. The cost of one of the gates will be donated by a local resident. The Ramblers are now working with Rights of Way and local landowners to seek permissions for the changes.

The damaged and rather porous perimeter fencing in the children's play area will soon be replaced.

As part of an environmental improvement plan for the parish one thousand Spring bulbs have been planted amongst the trees on Chillerton village green. We are extremely grateful to the eight groups of adults with their children who turned out in poor weather to do the planting. Hopefully in Spring 2016 we'll see some beautiful colour on the green.

A Christmas lunch at the village hall on December 14th has been arranged by the Parish Council and Community Association. Transport is arranged for invitees who can't get to the hall and lunch will be delivered to those who are house-bound.

Chillerton & Gatcombe Parish Council have begun work on a five year plan. The steering group, comprising Councillors Sue Barber, Gillian Belben and Phil Slater and parishioner Mike Powell, met for the first time on Thursday 3rd December and agreed an initial programme of work. Parishioners are asked for their support and will be asked to share their views on what really matters to them about a number of aspects of life in our rural villages.

There are still places available on the steering group, so if you would like to join us in compiling what will become the work tool for the Parish Council, by which it will measure its achievements, please contact Councillor Sue Barber who is leading this piece of work. [sb.cgparish@gmail.com](mailto:sb.cgparish@gmail.com)

And finally: all the above items are about the Parish Council's activities that result in positive action. So far there has been little progress with our major objective to influence traffic behaviour in the parish, particularly the speed of vehicles around the school.

Despite visits and meetings with Island Roads, responsible IW Councillor Phil Jordan and head of contract management at the Council Bill Murphy, as well as the decision by the police to carry out their own speed survey, our requests are still languishing in the list of 600-plus requests to access the Community Highways Fund for initiatives not covered under the Highways PFI contract.

Through our planning for 2016 and beyond we will be redoubling our efforts, together with the school and concerned parishioners, to achieve that most urgent objective. *Gillian Belben (Vice Chair)*

Have you or do you know anybody who has moved into the parish in the last three months? Please let Gillian know (721519) and she will deliver a copy of the local directory to them.

# The Chillerton Quiz Nights present...!

Party-poppers, chocolates, festive hats, jumpers, glasses...and even earrings ... that can only mean one thing ... it was the Christmas Quiz!

Eleven teams took part in a very high-scoring quiz with Moresome (Paul and Julie, and John and Adrienne) tying for first place with The Fantastic Four (Brenda, Paula, Ian and Peter) on 93 points. The tie breaker gave The FF the victory ... good to see *them* back to winning-ways! Only twelve points separated the third and eleventh placed teams though!

Rivalries emerged as inter-company teams from Osborne House and IFPL were neck and neck throughout and finished in joint fifth place. Let's see what happens next time!

The Joker Round definitely adds an extra dimension with teams nervously debating which round to play it on - well done to The Ladies and a Scribe, Moresome, Arctic Roll and The Fantastic Four for scoring the maximum points on their Joker Rounds. It was VERY brave of the 4 Cs to play theirs on the notoriously random Christmas Round but it paid off as they top-scored in the round with 8, doubling up to 16.



Congratulations and a round of applause went to Maxine and Graham following the spoof Question 10 in Recent News - which couple got married in Las Vegas on November 12th? Answer? *They did!*

The Cat's Whiskers won the prize for being Nearest the Bull with their answer to the question - what is the world record for the fastest time taken to eat fifteen Ferrero Rocher chocolates!

Steve Holloway was in charge of the microphone and kept everybody in check *and* raised a big laugh when he inadvertently gave away one of the answers!!

As usual I must say thank you to the CCA and the church for the loan of various equipment, to everybody who comes along, to everybody who gets stuck in and restores the hall, post-quiz, to normality in record time, and to Steve and Peni for all their help before and afterwards.

If you'd like to pit your wits and come along to the next quiz (date to be arranged) ring or email me and I will let you know when it will be. In the meantime, the Christmas Round from Friday's quiz is on Page 29....see how you do!!

*Jill Webster (contact info on Page 3)*

# Refuse Collections including Revisions for Christmas.

Tuesday December 15

Black Bags

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<u>Tuesday December 22</u>	<u>Monday December 21</u>	Wheelie bin/Clear bags
<u>Wednesday December 23</u>	<u>Tuesday December 22</u>	Wheelie bin/Clear bags
<u>Friday December 25</u>	<u>Thursday December 24</u>	Wheelie bin/Clear bags
<u>Tuesday December 29</u>	<u>Unchanged</u>	Black bags
<u>Wednesday December 30</u>	<u>Unchanged</u>	Black bags
<u>Friday January 1</u>	<u>Saturday January 2</u>	Black bags



Tuesday January 5

Wheelie bin/Clear bags

Tuesday January 12

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Tuesday January 19

Wheelie bin/Clear bags

Tuesday January 26

Black bags

Tuesday February 2

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Tuesday February 23

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Tuesday March 1

Wheelie bin/Clear bags

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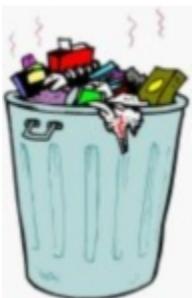
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# What's On, When & Where!

<b>KEEP FIT</b>	Tuesdays. Chillerton School. 7.45pm.
<b>BOOK CLUB</b>	2nd Tuesday of the month. Roslin. 2pm.
<b>BINGO</b>	2nd & 4th Fridays. Chillerton Club. 8pm.
<b>HAPPY CIRCLE</b>	2nd & 4th Mondays. Chillerton Club. 2.30pm.
<b>CHILLERTON CLUB</b>	Saturdays & Mondays. 8pm to 11pm.
<b>MOTHER &amp; TODDLER GROUP</b>	Fridays during term-time. Village Hall. 9.30am to 11.30am
<b>SCHOOL</b>	
December 18	Carol Concert at St Olave's Church. Term finishes.
January 4	New term begins.
<b>ST OLAVE'S</b>	
December 20	Carol Service. 6.30pm.
December 23	Crib Service. 4pm.
December 24	Late Night Communion Service. 11.30pm.
December 25	Christmas Day Service. 11am.
<b>PARISH COUNCIL</b>	<b>Chillerton School unless otherwise stated. 7pm.</b>
January 4	
February 1	
March 7	Village Hall.
<b>QUIZ</b>	<b>Chillerton School at 7.30pm</b>
	To be arranged.
<b>HORT. SOC.</b>	<b>Chillerton Club at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.</b>
January 22	Business Meeting & Show Arrangements. Village Hall.
February 5	Mark Earp - Ponds. Raffle.
March 4	Vicky Basford - Chillerton Down.
<b>VILLAGE MARKET</b>	<b>Chillerton Village Hall. 10am to noon.</b>
January 2	Market and Café.
February 6	Market and Café.
March 5	Market and Café.
<b>COMM. ASSOC.</b>	<b>Chillerton Village Hall.</b>
January 16	Bangers and Mash.
<b>CHILLERTON CLUB</b>	
December 21	Christmas Carols and Draw. 8.30pm.

# Chillerton Club

Everybody is very welcome to go along to Chillerton Club on Monday December 21st at 8.30pm for an evening of carol singing, mince pies and delicious festive nibbles.

The annual Christmas Draw will be made too.

Please note that in December, there will be only one Bingo evening - December 18th.

Normal service will be resumed in the New Year!!



## Christmas Lights

Don't forget to pop up and see David Hayden's amazing display of Christmas Lights at Hillside!

There will be a collection tin (on the fence at the top of the ramp) with all the money raised going to Parkinsons UK (Isle of Wight Branch) so please, if you can, give generously. Thank you.....

## Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Maxine Yule (our hard-working Parish Clerk) and Graham Warr who tied the marital knot in spectacular style in Las Vegas on November 12th! Following the ceremony, Max and Graham celebrated with a helicopter around the Grand Canyon! HUGE congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy marriage to them both!!



# Chillerton Community Association

The alterations to the Village Hall are now complete and there is now a disabled toilet and a much larger and fully refurbished kitchen. We are grateful to all those people who have assisted with the work, and helped to improve the facilities of the Hall.

Thanks to the visitors to the Scarecrow Festival who donated their kitchen for use as part of the refurbishment, to Doug Barber and Steve Hoyle for collecting it from Ryde, and to Doug Barber and Sally Cardew for storing the units until they could be fitted. A very big thank you to the Ventnor Rotary Club for their contribution towards the cost of the disabled toilet.

We apologise to those regular users of the Hall who were unable to use it for the three and a half weeks while the work was completed, but we think that you will all agree, the improvements are well worth it.

We hope that the people of the Village will continue to support us and the events that take place using the Hall in the new year when we will continue our fund raising to provide everyone with a continually improving facility. We now need to improve the exterior wall at the back of the Hall which needs attention to the stonework.

Our next event is the Bangers and Mash Supper on Friday January 15th 2016 when the Brighstone Barnacles will once again be providing the entertainment. Tickets are £5 and available from Carolyn Hoyle. Tel 721732.

*Carolyn Hoyle*

## Chillerton & Gatcombe Horticultural Society

The Horticultural Society starts 2016 with an interesting range of meetings.

All current and new show volunteers and members are invited to a key planning meeting for the show on Friday January 22nd at the village hall, when the new schedule will be available and decisions on venue and programme will be discussed.

On Friday February 5th at the Club our speaker is Mark Earp who will talk about Island ponds past and present.

On Friday March 4th at the Club we have a fascinating talk by archaeologist Vicky Basford who has been conducting a survey on the landscape history and archaeology of Chillerton Down on behalf of the National Trust. All are welcome to come.

All meetings start at 7.30pm.

**The deadline for items for the SPRING Chillerton and Gatcombe News is February 17th 2016.**



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Ryde School has been partnered with a small, rural, Anglican school in Nako, just outside of Wa in the Upper West region of Ghana since 2012. Since then we have been fundraising and sending money over in return for photos and progress reports on the work being done on the school where our money had built them two new school buildings.

When I found out that my school was running a trip to Ghana I was very keen to go. With space for only twelve students I was very lucky in being able to go and October half term came around quickly, so I got packing; one bag for me and one bag full of donated items I would be giving to the children and teachers of the school.

In the early morning of the 21st of October our group of eleven students, two teachers and two Canons set off on our long journey to Accra, Ghana. After a very long journey we were greeted in the airport by the Bishop of Accra and the secretary of the Archbishop of the West African province. After loading up the coach we were taken for dinner - our guide Solomon said we needed a taste of Britain and so took us to a KFC for our first meal in Ghana!

We didn't see much of Accra as we arrived at night and were up at 3am to return to the airport for our connecting flight to Tamale in the north. Unfortunately our flight was delayed by about two hours in order to wait for people returning from their pilgrimages. From here onwards we would travel by truck. We dropped our bags at the hostel and went straight out to a very traditional

village where we had a meeting with the chief and all the elders who welcomed us and allowed us to look in their homes and around their village. It was our first time experiencing the mid-day heat in Ghana and it was overwhelming, to say the least!



The next morning it was time for the last leg of our journey which was a six hour car journey to Wa, where we were warned by the people of Tamale that it was even hotter. Here we met Moses, a very dear friend of both Canons, and as the manager of Nako school, a friend of Ryde School. We were taken to our hostel where we made the shocking discovery there was no air conditioning, just a broken fan! In Wa the heat was sweltering, 35-40 degrees every day with the sun so powerful there was

no choice but to hide in any shade we could find.

We spent six days in Wa; we went to the school every day and one of my fondest memories of the whole trip was the welcome we got when we arrived for the first time.



Three hundred children had walked several kilometres to school, on a Saturday, just to greet us. They performed traditional dances and songs and rushed to say hello. The warmth and friendliness of all the children and adults was breathtaking.

As our second day in Wa was a Sunday we were up early and off to the church that Moses was a priest of. The service was quite something with so much music and liveliness, dancing in the aisles and singing as often as possible, and we were quick to get involved. It was after the service that we went to another rural village, however this one was where most of the kids from the school lived. Moses showed us round and gave us a real insight into their ways of life. It was emotional to see how happy they were with how little they had and it was inspiring to see the way in which their lives are built around the church and how fundamental it is in their lives.

After a long day Moses welcomed us to a traditional Ghanaian meal at his home cooked by his amazing wife, Mother Mary. Moses told us all about his background and what he's been through - he is a truly inspiring man and I think everyone was moved to tears at some point that night as we played with his four children, and sang and danced. *(To be continued.)*

*Annabel Hutchings (aged 16)*

## Can You Help?

The Horticultural Society is looking for a flower show secretary who will be able to learn the ropes in a handover year in 2016, and take over fully in 2017.

There is always a large and helpful team of volunteers in the days running up to the show day and on show day itself, but we need someone who can coordinate that team and work with a range of people during the year such as suppliers, stallholders and show judges. The work does not require expertise in horticulture, and the show secretary is supported by a strong committee who take on key roles such as show tent manager, treasurer and caterer, but it would suit someone (or a couple) with organisational and communication skills.

If you would like to find out more about the work of show secretary, (the 2016 Flower Show takes place on July 30th), please get in touch with Gillian Belben on 721519 or [sheat3@btinternet.com](mailto:sheat3@btinternet.com)

# News from your IW Ward Cllr Bob Seely

Dear Residents,

I hope you are all well and looking forward to Christmas. I have three issues for you this month.



First, buses. As you know both the Parish Council and I have been negotiating with Southern Vectis over bus closures. Over the summer both the Parish Council and myself found Southern Vectis very uncooperative. Therefore a group of local residents and I gathered outside the Southern Vectis office in September with placards calling for the company to talk to us. The County Press came along and recorded it and, surprise surprise, the day after it featured in the newspaper Southern Vectis contacted us. The Parish Council have since then done excellent work negotiating with both Southern Vectis and other Parish Councils with a view to re-launching a Sunday service for the No. 6 bus, sharing some of the costs with neighbouring parishes.

I am delighted that Carisbrooke College's business case has been accepted by the Department for Education. This will mean significant new funds to enhance the facilities at the college. Earlier this year I voted to keep the college open, against Council recommendations to shut it. I think this support from the Department of Education confirms that keeping the college open was the right decision.

A new waste collection contract has been signed between the Isle of Wight Council and Amey. This is a significant, 25-year contract, and is designed to save money on the current contract as well as increase recycling and minimize household waste sent for landfill. For residents there will be no change to bin collection times. However, new wheelie bins will be given to most households by mid-2016.

For those of you whom I don't see in person, I wish you a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Email to residents.

I am planning to send out an occasional email (no more than three or four per year) on local matters to residents. If you would like to be included on the list, please email me on [bob.seely@ymail.com](mailto:bob.seely@ymail.com) and let me know.

Speak to you all soon. Bob

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## Raising Money for MND

Thank you to everybody who made the jumble sale in support of Motor Neurone Disease such a great success.

“We did really well with the jumble sale and made about £400,” said Kathy Nightingale. “With the money raised by Kelly doing the Great South Run for MND, that brings our total to about £800. The Christmas message board is up and running and was popular but there is still space and time if you would like to write your own message on the board, and donate a minimum £5 to the MND charity.” Contact Kathy on 721621 for more information.



## Isle of Wight Foodbank

Most of the Island's supermarkets have collection points for donated items for the Isle of Wight Foodbank, so please, if you can, add an extra tin or packet of food to your shopping trolley and leave it at the collection point on your way out.

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## Excerpts From The Last Diaries of Prince Purrfect and The Last Church Mouse.

Drink - Still water in my bowl. No change there.

Smoking - Ugh!!!!

Weight - Still purrfect.

Stress - Cats are never stressed - but I am stressed now.

Stressed, fed up and cross. Every time I leave the house my beautiful fur gets wet and my paws get muddy. Will it never stop raining? I shall have to follow my cousin Puss and buy some boots, or better still I shall become a house cat. I have asked my humans to buy me not only a litter tray for indoors but a heated cat bed too. I have given up trying to catch that dratted mouse and am sitting on the back of the sofa in a huff, having a good wash and looking disdainful, far too upset to write a diary anymore and needing a small piece of smoked salmon to cheer me up.

*No time to worry about Drink, Smoking or Weight! If that cat thinks it's stressed it's nothing to my attack of mouse-stress!!*

*I went for a stroll in the churchyard to admire the work done by the Churchyard Autumn Clear-up Group and when I got home, my mouse-hole was flooded. All my possessions had floated away including my diary. I could have cried except I didn't want to get wetter still!!*

*I am writing this on the back of a flyer I found in the churchyard that was advertising a Christmas Market. I was in no mood to join in the fun when all the people came to the market, despite the rain, and later left the church full of smiles and cakes and carrying Christmas shopping.*

*Not a crumb was dropped for me to eat to cheer myself up, and I now hear they are building an indoor Tardis and food preparation area, so no more bits of meringue for me.*

*Sad doesn't cover it!! I am moving back in with my family. Mum says it's a bit of a squeeze but she's sure we will manage. No room to write a diary as I have to share a room with my brothers and sisters, so in the immortal words of Tom and Jerry - That's all folks.... from the cat and me!!!!*

*(As told to Harriet Robinson)*



**The collection at the Remembrance Day Service at  
St Olave's Church on Sunday November 8th  
raised £105 for The Royal British Legion.**

# Focus On.....Dominic Minghella

*Dominic is the creator of the very popular and successful TV series, Doc Martin (incidentally- did you know that 'Doc's' surname is an anagram of Minghella?). He was the chief writer for the BBC series Robin Hood, and has written for Hamish Macbeth.....now read on....*

**What are your connections with the Parish?** My partner Sarah Beardsall's family is from Chillerton, and her brother Toby, wife Ella and son Wilf live there now. I might know one or two other residents when I think about it. Will Gould for starters.

**If you were a contestant on Mastermind, what would be your Specialized Subject?** Whatever it is I'm writing at the time. I immerse myself, become almost expert – then when the job is done, it all slips away. At the moment, I know a lot about 1980s New York City, for a film I'm working on.

**What's your favourite holiday destination?** Umbria, Italy. In many ways it's like a land-locked version of the Isle of Wight.

**Do you have an unusual hobby /ability?** None whatsoever. Sob.

**If a film were made of your life, who would you choose to play you?** Matt Damon, because I am strong, handsome and could save the world! Also I love Matt Damon. Others might cast that nerdy bespectacled boy in The Inbetweeners to play me, but I can't imagine why!

**Europe and the Common Market ... in or out?** In. It's a club with membership costs, yes – but incredible benefits. It pays to belong.

**What's your favourite food?** Don't make me choose. All food is heaven! Bring me more food. Now. And ice cream!

**What's the best Christmas present you've ever received?** I'dge Beardsall bought me a Headworx fleece from a sports shop in Shanklin. I wear it every winter and it still looks new. Which is surprising, given that the Christmas in question was circa 1989.

**Do you think there should be a bridge connecting the Island to the mainland or not?** I would go back to Skye. I was last there before the bridge was built. And see how it has changed. Then make my judgment.



**Favourite book?** Flesh and Blood, poems by CK Williams.

**Last book you read?** The Barbary Coast, a history book about San Francisco in the late 1850s.

**Favourite film?** The English Patient. No, Truly, Madly, Deeply. No, The Talented Mr Ripley!!

**Last film you saw at the cinema?** Sicario. Amazing film-making.

**Favourite comedian?** Stewart Lee. Easy.

**Favourite piece of music/musician?** Oh God. Music is like food. Give me more. If I had to have one, I'd say Keith Jarrett. But then what about Van or Joni or John Martyn or Bach or Vivaldi? For live jazz vocals, you cannot beat my sister Edana and her world-class musicians. But then your readers probably know that!

**Monarchy or Republic?** I'm a tolerant Republican.

**Which newspaper do you read?** Guardian.

**What is "Must-See" TV for you?** Breaking Bad.

**When was the last time you rode a bike?** Couple of weeks ago. I have a normal bike and a folding bike for London's West End.

**Do you like Marmite?** I can take it or leave it (!)

**What is your earliest memory?** Learning to ride my bike with and without stabilisers behind the Commodore in Ryde. I was 2.5.

**Who would be your perfect dinner guest?** Tony Blair.

**Would you rather be a contestant on Masterchef or Strictly Come Dancing?** Can't dance, won't dance!

**If you were an animal - what would you like to be and why?** A cat. Lazy and loved.

**What would you do if the cash point at the bank overpaid you?** I'd probably give it back. Probably!

**What is your most embarrassing moment?** Crashing out of the confessional in church in Ryde during a mass. Everyone realised I had been in there on my own for ages. I thought the priest was just being quiet in the confessional, or was perhaps asleep. Instead, he was at the altar giving the mass.

**Would you consider cosmetic surgery?** No surgeon can save me.

**What is your greatest fear?** Lack of air.

**What car would you like to own?** To own but not drive: a Porsche 356. To drive: a Ferrari 488.

**Have you ever lied about your age?** Not since I was too young to get into Colonel Bogey's.

**Do you believe in ghosts/aliens?** No.

**What's the worst thing you have ever bought?** A 200kg Rank Xerox Laser Printer in 1991. It was bigger than my flat!

**Which item would you wish for if you were stranded on a desert island?** A high-end personal stereo, with a solar charger.

**When are you at your happiest?** Umbria, Italy.

**If you won the lottery, what would be your first purchase?** A house with fabulous Solent views.

**What do you most dislike about yourself?** My need to be everybody's friend.

**Have you ever been skinny-dipping?** Only on my own. Does that count? It doesn't, does it? I have not lived!

**Best Parish memory?** Visiting Uncle Harold in Chillerton and hearing him talk about the hard old days – and how rare it was to go as far as Newport!

**Do you have any unfulfilled ambitions?** Loads. Mostly in my creative career. But also I want to learn the piano, spend more relaxed time with my family and make a difference in politics.

**How would you like to be remembered?** As everybody's friend. DM

## The Chillerton Book Group

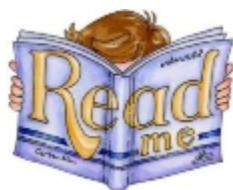
It is pleasing to report that after so many years the Club is still happily enjoying its meetings at Roslin and has recently enjoyed discussing lighter novels like "Vets in a Spin" by James Herriot and "Cold Comfort Farm".

Two new members, Audrey New and Joanna Shepherd have joined and made valued contributions to our discussions.

Our Christmas meeting in December will have members providing favourite Christmas readings before a "Lucky Dip" method of selecting books for 2016's book list is made; each member will place a wrapped book in a festive box and whoever selects it will then introduce it later in the new year.

There was the usual book stall at the jumble sale, with proceeds going towards the Village Hall's new kitchen and disabled facilities.

*Jill Luscombe*



## Chillerton Pre-School and Early Learners

Excitement is growing as Christmas draws nearer! We have got lots of Christmassy activities and events planned - the PTFA are running a Christmas Movie Night and have organized a Secret Santa Shop, with the help of Lorna Hills.

Rehearsals are going well and Pre-School will be joining Class 1 for our performance of the *The Sleepy Shepherd* this year.

Classes 2 and 3 will be performing *Snow White*, and the whole school will be going to St Olave's Church for a carol concert on Friday 18th December.

We wish everybody a very Merry Christmas.

*Christina Sweatman (Manager)*



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# St Olave's Church, Gatcombe

With Christmas almost upon us Autumn activities are beginning to fade. However, we have enjoyed a full programme of fund-raising and social events. Gatcombe Tea At The Ritz was hugely popular, again. The church does look unbelievably different when laid out with pretty tablecloths and china. The cakes and sandwiches are to die for and the stunning waitresses a sight to behold!! The singing talent of Cantobelle is the icing on the cake.

This was rapidly followed by a Coffee Morning and Produce Sale, which again was well supported. The fame of Roy Earley's produce goes before him and we are grateful for his generosity. We were able to give a donation to The Hampshire & Isle of Wight Historic Church's Trust with some of the proceeds from the coffee and cake sales.

Autumn time in the church is always associated with Harvest Festival and Harvest Supper. The church, as always, looked splendid for the Festival and the age old traditional hymns were enjoyed. Folk do love a good feast and they were not disappointed at the Harvest Supper. You would not believe how different Cottage Pie and Apple Crumble can taste when made by different cooks. All absolutely mouth-watering, I hasten to add. Proceeds from a hilarious "cheat's raffle" allowed us to make a generous donation to both RABI (Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution) and Haylands Farm.

Our last event for the Autumn was the Craft Market, both vibrant and colourful. The stall holders do bring along an amazing display of crafts for sale and St O's Cake & Preserve Stall was practically sold out. The Coffee Shop also did a busy trade.

We also had a massive Churchyard Tidy Up when the sound of chain saws, strimmers, scrapers and snippers could be heard all around the churchyard. When everyone sets-to with gusto a lot is achieved. Huge thanks must go to everyone who helps to make these events so successful, too many to mention, it really is a team effort.

Rev Marcus Bagg has not been well and off sick for three months but we are delighted to say he is now back at work. However, we are enormously grateful to Elizabeth Peace and visiting clergy who have managed to keep our Sunday Services going and also to a small group who have prepared and led weekday study groups including The Nicene Creed. The study group will be looking in greater depth at Isaiah's Life and Prophecies in the new year. If you would like to go along, please ring Roger Shepherd on 721482 for more information.

Mention must now be made of our Christmas Services. These are at the heart of our Christmas Celebrations so do join us for all or some, if you can, everyone is most welcome.



# St Olave's Church, Gatcombe

The school are holding their Nativity and Carol Service on Friday 18th December in the church (rehearsal in the morning, performance in the afternoon). Our traditional Carol Service, followed by fruit punch and mince pies, is at 6.30pm on December 20th. The singing quartet Cantobelle will be performing a couple of carols (and boosting our singing!). Children, drag your parents and friends along to the Crib Service at 4pm on December 23rd. This is always great fun - costumes (if wished) are provided along with some eatable goodies. The Christmas Eve late night Communion on December 24th at 11.30pm is a great time for quiet and reflection before the Christmas Day onslaught, which brings us into the 11am Family Worship on Christmas Day. Something for everyone, we believe.



P.S. There will be a Soup Lunch in the church on Saturday January 9th 2016 in aid of Christian Aid.

## VESTRY PROJECT

Fanfare if you will, Ta-Ran-Ta-Ra!!!! This was not quite finished in time for the Craft Market but makes a wonderful Christmas Present. Some last minute fixtures and fittings (like a toilet roll holder!) are being put in to place as I write. Hopefully the hand over from the builders will take place any day soon and then.....please form an orderly queue to visit 'The Loo'!

An official opening will take place at a date to be decided with a mystery dignitary to cut the tape. Could it be JMC who have loaned us a Portaloo on numerous occasions? School children? The Bishop? Hmmmm... I wonder... though probably *not* David Beckham or Peter Andre. *Hilary Jones*

*If you would like to receive the e-copy of the monthly church newsletter, (St Olave's News) free of charge, please email the editor:- [jillwebster@mail.com](mailto:jillwebster@mail.com)*

*The Rev Marcus Bagg can be contacted on 01983 718908 about any issues and welcomes enquiries about baptisms and marriages. Please note that his day off is usually Friday but if you leave him a message, he will ring you back.*

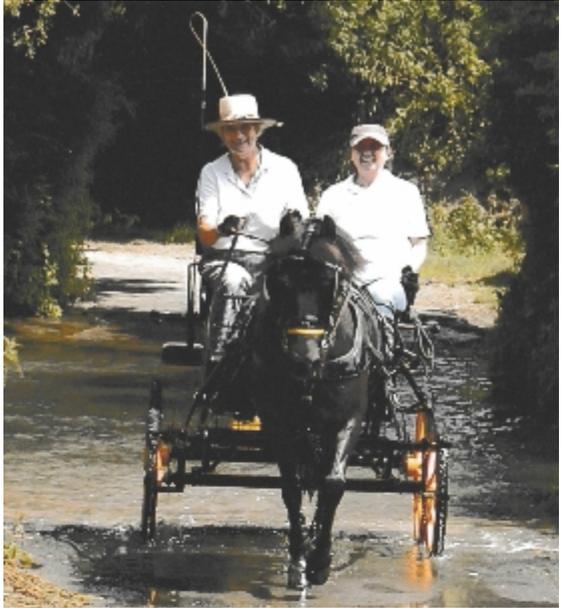
First Sunday	11am	Holy Communion
Second Sunday	11am	All-Age Worship
Third Sunday	6.30pm	Evensong
Fourth Sunday	11am	Holy Communion
Fifth Sunday	11am	Service format may vary

## Miss Ellie

Ellie, the pony, sadly passed away on Monday 26th October 2015 and is now having a lovely rest in pastures green.

Ellie was a 'pony-in-a-million' as far as Sue and I were concerned. She never put a foot wrong and always did everything that was asked of her.

Dressage cones, cross-country, indoor competition, taking family and friends around the Island. She took Father Christmas through the village, complete with jingle bells on her harness, and was part of the May Day celebrations carrying some of the schoolchildren up to the green, and then giving pony rides.



We have travelled across the Island - covering sixty miles over three days with friends from the mainland.

She was well-known in Godshill's tea-rooms as we used to drive there and have coffee and cakes...which Ellie would eat the most of!

Our grandchildren have ridden her both bare back and to saddle.

She will be greatly missed by family and friends but when I think of her, I have a smile on my face because she was so wonderful. *Jill Hawkes*

## The Chillerton Players (Woodwind Group)

Enjoyable sessions still give much pleasure and players will be glad to return to the Village Hall now that the kitchen and facilities have been so expertly completed.

They were lucky to find a temporary practice room at the Hub (old library) in Brighstone so there was still contact with one another and the music they enjoy playing.

Apparently a gentleman was enquiring about the group while I was away...it would be nice if he tried to make contact again as I was not in a position either to receive his message or to do anything about it!

Please contact me on 721247. *Jill Luscombe*



# Chillerton and Rookley Primary School

News and views from our village school...

I find it hard to believe that it is now over a year since I accepted the post of Acting Headteacher at Chillerton and Rookley School. The time has passed so quickly that I need to take a deep breath and enjoy the thrill of this rollercoaster ride - otherwise known as life in a primary school!

It is important, though, to catch my breath and reflect on our successes, and celebrate our achievements – the children, staff, parents and friends deserve to be congratulated! Everyone works exceptionally hard to drive the school forward to support our vision that every child deserves the very best education.

We celebrate all achievements - those at school and home - but that is just one part of the picture. Our school ethos is to CARE (Challenge, Achieve, Respect and Enjoy). It's about how well each child progresses both academically and emotionally so that our children are resilient, self-motivated and confident to succeed. Yes, we do celebrate our high standards, and this is often what the school will be measured by, but for me, it is the progress of the individual that counts – and that, I believe, is fundamental to the success of our small village school.

Over the year, we have encouraged children to face many different challenges. So far this term, the children have raised funds for the IW Foodbank (Harvest), Wessex Cancer Trust (collecting pennies) and the RNIB (wearing dots day) and no doubt there will be more for the New Year. They have also enjoyed joining in a variety of events such as horse-riding, football, science challenges and Greek myth writing challenges, archaeological digs, and an anti-bullying conference. It is the excitement and pride shining on the children's faces that make these events worthwhile and the good-will of staff and volunteers that enables these events to occur.

Recently, I sent out a parent questionnaire and the response was brilliant (a return of 34 out of 52 families) – the outcome of which could have gone in one of two ways! However, I was really pleased with the positive and thoughtful comments provided. There were sensible suggestions on how our school can continue to improve. We are actively seeking ways (and funds) to improve our outdoor environment and, I hope, with the help of the Parish Councils and local community, find some resolution to the issues on parking – not an easy task!

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. I hope to see many of you over the festive period and look forward to climbing aboard the next rollercoaster ride in the New Year.

*Gina Owrđ, Acting Headteacher*



# Is a Wood-Burning Stove Right for Me?

With their glass doors and sleek looks, today's high efficiency wood stoves can provide a visual centre-piece as well as winter warmth. However, there are practicalities to consider before buying one:



## **1. Do I have a chimney?**

You'll need to feed a flue up a chimney or out through a wall.

## **2. Can I store the wood?**

Do you have a dry space for a few cubic metres of wood? A tonne goes quickly in winter!

## **3. Am I fighting fit?**

Lugging and/or splitting wood is hard work. There will be wood ash to clear if you are burning logs rather than pellets.

## **4. Will I use it?**

A wood stove may be surplus to requirement if you have a good boiler and central heating.

## **5. Will I burn the right stuff?**

Will the wood you burn come from a sustainably managed forest?

For more wood stove Q&As, simply search the blog at [www.yougen.co.uk](http://www.yougen.co.uk)

*In answer to the question, 'Do I need to fit a carbon monoxide detector?' there is this advice; if you've got air brick vents in the same room, then you'd be unlucky to have issues with the stove and carbon monoxide because it's going to be drawing in plenty of fresh air.*

*However, if it's over a 5kW stove then fitting a monitor is supposed to be mandatory for new installs so you might invest in one of the cheaper monitors if that's the case. Ebay sells them from £1.99 for a spot that changes colour then from £5 upwards for an alarmed unit.*

## **Please keep saving your Stamps!**

If you are lucky enough to receive lots of Christmas cards through the post, please remember to cut the stamps off!

Thank you once more to everybody for saving their used stamps throughout the year. Please keep up the great work! I am very happy to come and collect them from you so please ring me on 721542 to arrange a time to suit you.



Lorna Hills

# A Visit to Big Ben

On September 1st myself and Rachel, another bell-ringer, caught the hovercraft to Southsea and then the coach to Victoria Coach Station in London. From there, we set off and after quite a long and interesting walk, we reached Big Ben, or The Elizabeth Tower, as it is now called.

We were quite early though and as we had been advised to visit the toilets before we took the climb, I knew where there were some public toilets and so we walked along the Embankment. We didn't realize they were such a long way though! AND they cost 50p to go in!!

After the long trek back, we arrived at Portcullis House where we met the rest of our group and the organizer of the visit.

We had to show some identification and our bags were put through a scanner before we had to leave them securely locked up... with our sandwiches and cameras.

Then we were taken by our guide under the road, to the bottom of Big Ben. From there you could look right up through the middle - it looked quite scary! I had been worried that the steps would be narrow but even with an iron railing for a banister, they were quite wide enough – they weren't even as bad as some of the church tower steps we have to climb when we go bell-ringing!

The steps climbed upwards in a spiral and the views from the windows were spectacular. There are 334 steps and halfway up we stopped for a rest and a talk.

Carrying on, we arrived at the clock faces. We walked around all of the four faces and they were huge! We then went along to the mechanism room which is a wonderful piece of engineering. We could see the pennies on a tray which was attached to the pendulum which helped to keep perfect time.

Finally we arrived at Big Ben. There are four quarter bells which ring the Westminster Chimes and I was standing right opposite the Big Ben bell when he struck 3pm. We had been issued with ear plugs but you could still hear him and feel the vibration.

We then went back down the steps – with another rest halfway down!

After thanking our guide, we retrieved our sandwiches and had a picnic in a small park. It had been a beautiful day but on the walk back to the coach station it began to pour with rain so we had a rather soggy rain home..... but it was worth it!

Mary Floyd.

*Did you know....*

*Each clock dial is set in an iron frame which is 23 feet in diameter. The hour hand is nine feet long and the minute hand is fourteen feet long.*

*Big Ben..... Weighs 13.5 tons and is seven feet six inches tall and nine feet in diameter.*



# Hilton Remembers...

## The Night of the Bombs...

I'd like to take you back to tell you about the sixteen bombs that fell between the Ramsdown reservoir and the small cow field between Glencoe Cottages and Brooklyn (now Cherry Down). One fell in the field above the Chapel (now Chapel Cottage) - only about twenty yards from it.

The damage was great. All of the glass windows smashed with the blast from Oakdene all the way down to Rome Cottage. All sixteen bombs went off within a few minutes as the searchlights fixed on just one plane.



Sixty searchlights lit up the sky at night in Chillerton. The one at Garn Lane in the middle was a worry at nighttime as it attracted unwanted attention. The one at Marl Pit Lane had a Bofors gun but was away from houses.

Just imagine sixteen bombs going off at night all within a few minutes when you are asleep, and smashing all of the windows. I can tell you that at Bank Cottage it did give us all a sleepless night. That must have been before August 17th 1941 as I was still a pupil at Chillerton School.

Here are the names of the residents who also had a sleepless night:-

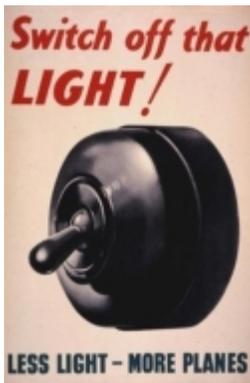
**1, Springvale** - Mr & Mrs S Cooke, Brian, Iris (Toby Beardsall's mum) and June; **2, Springvale** - Mr & Mrs Tom Westmore (gardener at Whitecroft); **3, Springvale** - Mr & Mrs Blow, and their daughter, Violet. (Mr Blow was a tractor driver).

**Cosy Nook** - the Jones family who were farm workers and thatchers;

**Rome Cottage** - Mr & Mrs Clarence Westmore, (Vectis Stone), Brian and Jean; **School** - Mr & Mrs L Downer (head teacher) and Enid and Graham; **Brooklyn** - Mr & Mrs AA Westmore (builder) and Roy and Dorothy; **Brookside** - Mr & Mrs W Groves (lorry driver) and Amy, Kathy and Muriel.

**2 Glencoe** - Mr & Mrs Alf Morris and my mate, Edgar, who was later a Bandmaster with The Coldstream Guards; **1 Glencoe** - Mr & Mrs Allen, Bert and Minnie, and Miss Brett who was the infant school teacher; **Verandah Villa** - Mr & Mrs H Allen (farmer) Joyce, Margaret and Bob; **Oakdene** - Ern Allen, who was my granddad.

*Hilton Taylor*



# Christmas Quiz!



Here is the Christmas round of questions from the last quiz.  
I dare you not to groan at the answer to Question 8!!  
The answers are on Page 31.

- 1 Stag and Hen are the male and female names for which festive bird?
- 2 Who switched on the Christmas lights on Oxford Street on November 2nd?
- 3 What is the chemical formula for snow?
- 4 In the song, the Twelve Days of Christmas, how many drummers were drumming?
- 5 Which pantomime character steals a bag of gold, a goose and a harp from a giant?
- 6 Which TV channel has broadcast an alternative message to the Queen's Speech since 1993?
- 7 Which of Santa's reindeers shares its name with a female fox?
- 8 Which seasonally-named band had hits in the mid 1980s with *When Love Breaks Down*, *Cars and Girls*, *King of Rock and Roll* and also performed the theme to the ITV series *Where the Heart Is*?
- 9 In the 1996 Christmas Special, how many Christmas Dinners did the Vicar of Dibley have to eat?
- 10 What's the name of the bright red plant from Mexico traditionally given at Christmas?

## A Report from our Environment Officer

Since my last report, issues that affect residents in both Chillerton and Gatcombe have been fairly quiet of late. I have continued to carry out regular patrols around both villages and have worked closely with Island Roads Steward, Derek Bean, to resolve many issues such as overhanging hedges, trees, potholes etc.

I stay in regular contact with Maxine, the parish clerk and will try my utmost to resolve any issues that may arise.

If any resident has any issues that need resolving please contact Maxine Yule, the clerk, in the first instance.

I look forward to the New Year.

Wishing the Parish Councillors, residents of both Chillerton and Gatcombe a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Bob Nelson



# Police & Neighbourhood Watch



PC Tim Campany and PCSOs Justin Keefe and Stephen Oatley are our Safer Neighbourhood Team. Fortunately we don't need to call them often but if you do, their contact details are on page 33.

The Isle of Wight Alert system is now up and running. The system is free to users and will ensure that the members still receive the latest up to date news from the team. Go to [www.iowalerts](http://www.iowalerts) and sign up. It is FREE to join.

*And now, a cautionary and timely tale. Fraudsters and scammers are always coming up with new ways to part us from our very hard-earned cash and the following is a report of an incident from the victim of a new credit card scam being carried out by fraudsters:*

*A week ago, I had a phone call from someone saying that he was from some outfit called Express Couriers (the name could be any courier company). He asked if I was going to be home because there was a package for me that required a signature.*

*The caller said that the delivery would arrive at my home in roughly an hour. Sure enough, about an hour later, a uniformed delivery man turned up with a beautiful basket of flowers and a bottle of wine. I was very surprised since there was no special occasion or holiday, and I certainly didn't expect anything like it. Intrigued, I inquired as to who the sender was. The courier replied, "I don't know, I'm only delivering the package." Apparently, a card was being sent separately... (the card has never arrived!). There was also a consignment note with the gift.*

*He then went on to explain that because the gift contained alcohol, there was a £3.50 delivery verification charge providing proof that he had actually delivered the package to an adult (of legal drinking age), and not just left it on the doorstep where it could be stolen or taken by anyone, especially a minor.*

*This sounded logical and I offered to pay him cash. He then said that the delivery company required payment to be by credit or debit card only, so that everything is properly accounted for, and this would help in keeping a legal record of the transaction. He added that couriers don't carry cash to avoid loss or likely targets for robbery.*

*My husband pulled out his credit card, and 'John,' the 'delivery man' asked him to swipe the card on a small mobile card machine with a small screen and keypad. My husband, was asked to enter his PIN number and a receipt was printed out. He was given a copy of the transaction. The guy said everything was in order, and wished us good day.*

*To our horrible surprise, between Thursday and the following Monday, £4,000 had been charged/withdrawn from our credit/debit account at various ATM machines. Apparently the mobile credit card machine which the delivery-man carried now had all the info necessary to create a dummy card with all our card details including the PIN number.*

*Upon finding out about the illegal transactions on our card, we immediately notified the bank and our credit/debit account was closed. We also personally went to the Police, where it was confirmed that it is definitely a scam because several households had been similarly hit.*

**WARNING:** *Be wary of accepting any surprise gift or package which you neither expected nor personally ordered, especially if it involves any kind of payment as a condition of receiving the gift or package. Also, never accept anything if you do not personally know or there is no proper identification of who the sender is.*

*Above all, the only time you should give out any personal credit/debit card information is when you yourself initiated the purchase or transaction.*

Finally, as Christmas approaches, be careful of leaving wrapped presents on view in your house and your car. Don't tempt the thieves!

Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas.

## Quiz Answers

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|---|------------------|----|---------------|
| 1 | Turkey           | 6  | Channel 4     |
| 2 | Kylie Minogue    | 7  | Vixen         |
| 3 | H <sub>2</sub> O | 8  | Prefab Sprout |
| 4 | Twelve           | 9  | Four          |
| 5 | Jack             | 10 | Poinsettia    |



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## **REFUSE & RECYCLING**

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**Parish Council meetings are held at Chillerton & Rookley Primary School, and start at 7pm unless otherwise stated.**

January 4

February 1

March 7  
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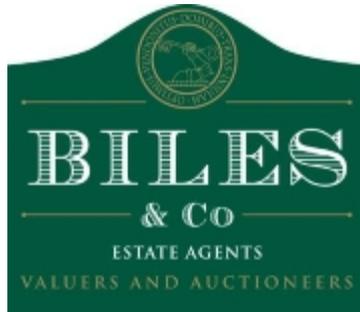
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