



Chillerton & Gatcombe Parish Council

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Welcome from The Chairman

Welcome to another newsletter from your Parish Council. It has been a difficult few months but we have done our best to serve the community throughout. Lockdown is finally easing and we hope to get back to a more normal way of life.

Our Annual Meeting is coming up on the 18th May. This is where I report to you, on behalf of the Council, on our actions over the past year. You are also able to question us. So please contact Maxine for the Zoom link to come and take part.

Nigel Phillips

Elections

The parish council has been elected unopposed and the councillor details are listed overleaf. Gillian Belben has stepped down as a parish councillor after eight years. Gillian served as Chairman, and more recently, Vice Chairman, and her service to the Council has been invaluable. She will be particularly missed for her input with environmental matters.



Our new Councillor is Sara McWilliam and below is a short introduction, in her own words:

As part of my childhood, I lived in Gatcombe in the 1960s/70s and attended Chillerton school; returning to live in Chillerton in 1994. I worked for the Isle of Wight Council in Children & Family Services for 29 years, taking early retirement about four years ago. I am so fortunate to live in such lovely countryside and one of my greatest pleasures is walking my dog, Evie, in the village and surrounding areas.

Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 18th May at 6pm
This is a meeting of the electorate hosted by the Chairman of the Parish Council. This will be a chance to meet the newly elected IW Ward Councillor, following the boundary change, and hear annual reports from the Parish Council and the Police.



Parish Council Meetings

We are delighted to say that we will return to hybrid meetings at the Village Hall from 18th May.

Our normal meeting time is 7pm.



All residents are welcome to attend - please contact the Clerk if you would like to attend via the video link.

Tuesday 18th May - starting at 6pm with the Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 6th July

No meeting in August

Tuesday 7th September

Parish Updates

No 6 Sunday Winter Service – discussions continue with Southern Vectis regarding the winter Sunday provision and it is hoped that some service will continue, thanks to efforts by Niton and Whitwell Parish Council.

Verge Project – the monitoring of the verges will continue and if you would like to get involved please contact Gillian Belben.

Speeding – the IW Council will be carrying out an Island-wide speed restriction survey later this year. There will be local consultation and several areas in the parish have been noted for discussion.



Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team Update



The Beat Surgeries were put on hold and face-to-face visits were changed to phone calls. Due to the 'lock-down', we have seen a rise in 'domestics' and neighbour disputes. Otherwise, very little has happened within the Parish.

For more information search www.police.uk

Unfortunately, there has been a rise in various scams across the Island. DVLA, TV Licencing and Covid vaccinations are just a few.

Here are the contact details of your local Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Team.

Email: west.wight.police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Telephone: 101 and leave a message for either of the following Officers:

PCSO 13341 Justin Keefe

PCSO 13229 Stephen Oatley

IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS RING 999

Gallybagger Re-opening!

At last, the moment you have all been waiting for - the reopening of the refurbished, re-branded Reading



Room as The Gallybagger!!!

Come and join us on June 21st for tea and cakes between 1pm and 4pm and then the big bang – SATURDAY JUNE 26th from 6pm with magic from Huxley, music by 2ndTA and David Thorpe, and much, much more!!!

We are delighted that Bob Seely, MP has agreed to attend and declare us 'officially' OPEN!

FUNDRAISING FOR THE IW FOOD BANK

Throughout May we will be repeating last year's successful sale of garden plants and produce on parish benches.

On any Saturday in May please bring any garden surplus you have to place on four benches in Chillerton and one in Gatcombe. There will be a poster and honesty box on the bench for donations. Then have a stroll yourself and you might find something to take home. So far we have pledges of tomato, cabbage and kale plants, seed potatoes, flower seedlings, rhubarb and honey. There's bound to be much more as the month goes on and the weather warms up.

On Saturday May 29th from 10am to 12 noon there'll be a cafe on Chillerton Green serving the delicious cakes and drinks we used to have at the monthly markets (freshly made, of course!). Please come along and help us get back on the (suitably socially distanced) road of strong community support. Everything will be served outside by volunteer waiters and please bring your own chairs, if possible.

All proceeds of the cafe and bench markets will go to the IW Food Bank. *Gillian Belben*



Save our School

Most of you will be aware of the move to amalgamate Chillerton and Rookley Primary School with Godshill Primary School and carry out all teaching there. The Parish Council unanimously opposes this proposal and was instrumental in establishing the Save our School group fighting against it.

Our chairman also chairs meetings of the group.

It is an uphill struggle, but we think we are making progress.



YOUR PARISH MATTERS!!

Sign up to receive YPM emails to keep in touch with everything that's going on in the parish!

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