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#### Hello everybody...

I am guessing that our recent spell with no through traffic and no buses took people back to a time



when it was like this *all* the time! Nice and quiet, wasn't it??!! A BIG thank you must go to the kind people who helped friends and neighbours (who rely on the bus), by offering lifts during this time, when the Number 6 has not been running through Chillerton.

And on the subject of the Number 6, the Southern Vectis winter timetable begins on October 2nd. Again the Number 6 service has been drastically reduced - the new times and frequencies are in the newsletter.

We have recently lost two of our oldest parishioners - Jean Ackling and Joan Marshall - and we have some very moving tributes to much-loved Joan Marshall.

Our Focus On victim is somebody you *all* know and see most days of the week! Annabel Hutchings writes about her four days on a mountain in Scotland and as usual we have all the news and updates from around the parish.

Finally, a warm WELCOME to those people who have moved into the parish. .... we're a friendly bunch..... honestly!!

The Editor.

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### Look who Popped along to The Pop-Inn!

There was a very special moment at the recent Pop-Inn when Chillerton's oldest resident, Rene Watterson at a very sprightly 98, met Chillerton's newest resident... one week old, Sebastian James.... and his mum, Kelly.



The deadline for items for the WINTER Chillerton and Gatcombe News is November 17th 2016.

### Joan Olive Marshall

#### August 15th 1922 - August 18th 2016



I got to know Joan when she was a teacher at Chillerton School and lived in the School House. Both my children were in her class and Ann remembers her drawing fish and houses in her sums book with plus signs to teach them addition.

Brian remembers the weather chart she made to use each day with words such as 'sunny' and 'rain'. She was a very caring teacher and the children enjoyed coming to school.

I was the secretary there and after the children had gone home she would bring tea and biscuits from home and join Rob and me for a chat. Our friendship grew from there and continued through the years especially during the Show.

A lovely, happy, caring lady who will be greatly missed. Eve Robbins

My first memory of 'Marsh' was in 1967. I was five years old and she was my primary school teacher at Chillerton. She taught me to read and write. I remember she would use little drawings of yachts and dogs to do our sums, and also used the 'Janet and John' books to teach us to read.

I can remember I always wanted pointed boobs like Mrs Marshall's when I grew up! She laughed when I told her this years later. Little did I know then how important she would be to me and become such a good friend.

When my sons Tom and Henry started school I started helping Mrs Marshall in the house once a week - I was 30 years old and she was 70. We had some lovely shopping and coffee outings together and became close friends - she was a true inspiration to me.

When Hayley came along, she grew up coming to work with me which changed things for me. Instead of calling her Mrs Marshall she was given the nickname 'Marsh' by Hayley, as 'Mrs Marshall' was too much of a mouthful for a tot so Grandad and Grandma Marsh it was and it stuck. Marsh said 'I quite like that.' It has been a honour to be part of Marsh's life and her family for the last 24 years. I was glad to be there and help with her caring. I will miss her very much, miss her wise words, sense of humour and that lovely smile which will stay with me forever. She taught me so much more than just reading and writing - I will always be grateful.

**Arriving on the Island** some forty years ago as a young mum with a toddler and new baby (my husband's work with Plessey, as it was then known, had brought us here) I will be forever grateful to Joan.

My family lived a distance away on the mainland as did everyone I knew. I had barely heard of the Isle of Wight! Joan, as the epitome of a good Christian, friend and near-neighbour drew me into Gatcombe Church and The Mother's Union from where I was able to draw support, friendship and encouragement. With her cheerfulness, smile, generosity, hospitality and ability to put people at ease no-one could ever feel sad or lonely in her presence. These attributes, to be always treasured, remained with her to the end.

I hear her now - "how's the family?" Always asked with a genuine warmth and interest. How we will miss her but give thanks for all that she has done and for having known her.

Hilary Jones

**Joan was a loved** and valued member of St Olave's Church for many years. She was a member of the Parochial Church Council and for a long time she and Rob hosted the meetings at Oakdene.

Joan loved flowers and was responsible for the flowers at St Olave's for years. Her arrangements were beautiful and she encouraged and helped many to join her team. Joan was the Enrolling Member (President) of the Gatcombe branch of the Mothers' Union and also served as a Vice-President on the Isle of Wight. The Portsmouth Diocesan President visited Oakdene to present Joan with her certificate marking 60 years as a MU member.

The kneelers at church had become shabby due to damp and mice activity! Joan organised the making of the lovely kneelers we have in church today. She made quite a few herself including the long ones at the altar rail. Joan was queen of the White Elephant Stall at many a church fete!

Joan's Christian faith was very important to her. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Elizabeth Peace

In August we lost Joan Marshall, one of the most important women in our parish over many years: a member of the Mothers' Union, WI and Happy Circle, teacher and show stalwart, Joan has left her many friends feeling her loss and wishing to celebrate her long and happy life. Although the two families of Marshall and Belben have known each other for nearly 60 years, my first memory of Joan is very clearly dated in November 1963 when I was 7 years old. My sister was in hospital on the mainland and Joan and Rob had kindly offered to have me to stay while my parents visited Carolyn. As we entered the old school house in Chillerton the news of President Kennedy's assassination was on the radio.

My childhood was interwoven with many more happy times with our families: Joan with her signature green bag and flasks of tea having picnics in chalk pits along the Downs, camping trips to Scotland and France, annual Chillerton Flower Shows (Joan's flower arranging always did well) and serving her tea loaves in the tea tent.

Always a stylish dresser, our family photographs with Joan are full of 60s and 70s chic (just Joan, not the rest of us!). She and my mother spent lots of time together as 'beekeeper widows', as their husbands chased swarms (usually as lunch or tea was being put on the table), and collected honey and bee stings from all over the island.

Although they lost Nick their son at such a young age, both Joan and Rob were content in the next stage of life, at the centre of the village and church community, rarely missing Bingo and the Happy Circle with old friends.

I never saw Joan unhappy, she had kind words for everyone and everything.

Gillian Belben

I consider myself very fortunate to have known Joan Marshall for almost sixty years. She was a great friend to my parents and I have many happy memories of holidays in Scotland and France with our two families.

Since arriving as a teacher at Chillerton Primary School alongside her husband Rob, Joan has supported every organisation in Gatcombe and Chillerton. St Olave's Church have much to thank her for as do the Horticultural Society, the Club, Happy Circle and in the past the Mothers' Union and Women's Institute to name but a few.

In her home in Rookley she has hosted many fund raising events and meetings such as raising money for Christian Aid, Parochial Church Council meetings, the popular beekeeping events and the memorable New Year's Eve parties. Cheerful to the end. I will miss her.



# What's On, When & Where!

9.30am to

**KEEP FIT** Tuesdays. Chillerton School. 7.45pm.

BOOK CLUB 2nd Tuesday of the month. Roslin. 2pm.

BINGO 2nd & 4th Fridays. Chillerton Club. 8pm.

CHILLERTON CLUB Saturdays & Mondays. 8pm to 11pm.

MOTHER & Fridays during term-time. Village Hall.

TODDLER GROUP 11.30am.

**SCHOOL** 

October 21 Last day of term.

October 31 Pupils return after half term.

December 16 Last day of term.

ST OLAVE'S

October 15 Produce Sale & Coffee Morning. 10am - 12.30pm.

November 12 Christmas Craft Market. 10am - 2.30pm.

PARISH COUNCIL Chillerton School unless otherwise stated. 7pm.

October 3

November 7
December 5

**PARISH** 

September 24 Parish Walk. 3pm. Village Hall at 4.30pm.

QUIZ Chillerton School at 7.30pm

To be arranged.

HORT. SOC. Chillerton Club at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

September 16 AGM. 7.30pm. Village Hall.

VILLAGE MARKET Chillerton Village Hall. 10am to noon.

October 1 Market and Café.

November 5 Market and Café.

December 3 Market and Café.

CCA Chillerton Village Hall.

September 12 AGM. 6pm.

**CHILLERTON CLUB** 

September 17 AGM. 8pm.

#### The Number 6 Bus

Over the past few months the Parish Council has been in discussions with Southern Vectis regarding the winter service for the No 6 bus which begins on October 2nd. These meetings were attended by representatives from the other parishes along the route (Chale and Niton and Whitwell) as well as the Community Bus partnership. The meetings have been positive and productive with Southern Vectis taking on board a number of suggestions. The main changes are as follows:

- Additional running time to improve reliability.
- Lunchtime departure now 1 hour earlier.
- Re-timing of Newport departures to remove conflict with other routes.
- Slightly later last journey.
- Most journeys serving Buddle.
- All journeys serving Bannock Road.
- Revised Sunday timetable funded by Chillerton and Gatcombe, Chale and Niton and Whitwell Parish Councils.
- Bank holiday 26th and 27th December will run as a Sunday service but NO services on 1st or 2nd January.

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# The Chillerton Quiz Nights present ...!

To 'paraphrase' a line from a favourite film "if you *organize* it, they will come!" And they certainly did!

We decided to de-camp to the village hall for our quiz in August. So much for Carolyn commenting, "Well it's Bank Holiday Weekend so I suppose numbers will be down." No. Hard to believe but when the vicar's team had to pull-out a few days before, I admit to breathing a small sigh of relief!

Anyway... FOURTEEN teams arrived on the night to do battle! Confession time... how many people mugged up on the Olympics and the Referendum vote beforehand??!! Well there was a sprinkling of Olympic-related questions and it paid off for the 4Cs as they won the Nearest the Bull prize- and not just nearest, but spot on!!

Great Expectations (Phil, Lesley, Lesley and Hilary) played a great joker in the TV round which pushed them ahead of the field, and an excellent score in the photo round nudged them across the winning line in first place with 90 points. Congratulations to them! (*Great photobombing by Steve Burden!!*)



After successive runners-up spots and very keen to go 'one better' this time, the Ps and Qs, (Nigel, Gill, Julie and Kate) along with Designated Drinkers (Paul, Julie, Tim and Annabel) and Just 4 (Linda, Jameson, Terri and Carol) all finished in joint second place on 87 points. I don't think Just 4 will mind me saying that their last outing was a little disappointing so this result was very satisfying for them... made even sweeter as they left their rivals and work colleagues, V Gang trailing in their wake in 6th place!

Steve Holloway was our question master and as always managed mostly to keep it all under control!!

The raffle was extremely well supported - thank you to everybody who generously donated prizes, and it would have been rude not to have taken advantage of the fabulous CCA bakers so a wonderful selection of cakes were produced too for the evening. A total of £99 was raised for the CCA funds.

Thank you, as always, to everyone who comes along..... to Steve and Peni for all their work and support before and after, to Brenda, to Julie and Peni for doing the raffle and to those kind people who helped to get the hall back to its normal tidy state!

Another great night..... here's to the the next one!! Jill Webster

### Chillerton Community Association

The Chillerton Community Association has enjoyed a very busy session with many bookings. In addition to the usual groups like the Chillerton Players, the Toddlers' Group, Zumba and Dance sessions and of course, the ever popular monthly Village Market and Café, with weekly Saturday sales of fresh, local produce, much more has been happening in the Village Hall with its newly-equipped kitchen and in the Play Area outside.



Young actors have been rehearsing their Edinburgh Fringe drama; St Olave's held an important meeting there, and the Hall was the Referendum Polling Station. In addition there was the very well attended quiz.

The greatest events were the wonderful Chillerton Village Show attracting many to its new 'village hall and green' venue, and the third Pop-Inn; both of which brought much happiness and conviviality.

The CCA committee, with its welcome additional members, has been busy organising, cleaning, attending to general maintenance and planning ahead. Much needs to be done with regard to exterior walls and general decorating. However, everything is positive!

Thank you to all who come to help on special occasions - especially the bakers of those delicious cakes. Thank you to Andy who keeps the Play Area safe and tidy and to David for his careful tending of the Village Green.

Jill Luscombe

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And yes, the Scarecrow Festival returns again next year! If you would be kind enough to give me a call or E-mail me, I will come and collect from you.

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#### Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Glen Coe - July 2016

This summer I embarked on what was the most mentally and physically challenging thing I've ever experienced to date; my Gold DofE qualifier expedition. It took months of planning, everything from routes to meal plans and eventually in early summer the time came to set off. The 14 hour coach journey to the Scottish West Highlands was in itself gruelling and upon arrival Scotland certainly was living up to its reputation with regards to the weather as the downpour began. However the scenery was breathtaking; stunning valleys and harsh mountains cutting through the clouds and disappearing into the sky. I went to sleep in my tent that night very apprehensive as I drifted off to the patter of rain on the sheet above me.

Our first day was a training and acclimatisation day. This was our first real taste of Scotland, and we weren't disappointed to find a man playing the bagpipes as we set off. It was an 800m climb to the peak of the mountain we were climbing, and scaling a scree slope back down was very nerve-wracking as there was a steep drop below. The sky was completely clear with not a single cloud for miles. In hindsight I should have been more appreciative of this weather, not yet aware of what was in store for me and my group over the next couple of days.

It was the next morning our expedition properly began and we were officially being assessed. My group was the first to set off, there were five of us, these four people were the only people I'd see for the next four days.

Each carrying a 15kg rucksack containing everything we would need to survive for our time in the mountains, we were off. Day 1 was a 22km walk and a total height of a 1200m climb. This was physically our hardest day, not helped by the horrific weather we were hit by; extreme winds and rain. It didn't take long for every footpath to turn to sludge making walking extremely strenuous. The place we had planned to camp was almost completely bog so it took us over an hour to find somewhere to camp and then another to get camp set up and dinner cooking. By this point hypothermia had kicked in with several members of the group. Spirits were very low going to

To our surprise when we woke up for our second day the rain had eased to a mere dribble. The first half of the day was spent on a proper pathway little did we know it was the last we'd have until the end of our final day. We made good progress until we reached a river. Owing to the heavy rains it was impossible to get round due to hundreds of streams and smaller rivers. We were forced to wade through it, the water reached our thighs but we carried on through regardless.

sleep that night.

The rest of the day was miserable as were walking through tricky bog for about 10km. There was a bothy where we were camping that night so we were able to cook in shelter which made a nice change. We were halfway through.

We'd only ever done three day expeditions before so our third day was mentally tough, knowing we weren't to finish that night. Luckily our third day wasn't too long; only 15km. About 4km into our walk we experienced a white -out at the top of the mountain. This is where the cloud comes low down and is so thick you can't see around you. These can be very dangerous and difficult to navigate. Thankfully we made it back down and out of the cloud. The views we had on this day were beautiful, by far the best of the week. We camped at the foot of a huge and powerful waterfall, it was the most stunning view to cook, camp and eventually wake up to.

We were up and off by 6am on our last morning - the end was in sight and we couldn't wait to be welcomed back by warm showers and clean clothes. Our last day was relatively easy with it being rather flat, which made it the nicest of our days. By mid-afternoon we were home and (not so) dry. Our expedition was over and we'd passed, with just one more night in a tent then the long journey home in the morning.

DofE is a great opportunity with the sense of achievement at the end like nothing else! It has taught me so much and I'll never forget the many ups and downs of my trip.

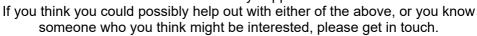
Annabel Hutchings (Age 17)

To mark the first ever Isle of Wight Day, on Saturday September 24th, please use your free pack of bunting, delivered along with your newsletter, to decorate your house front or garden!!!

#### Situations Vacant!

# The Scarecrow Festival Committee still desperately requires the following:

- 1) Secretary The position doesn't involve a great deal of work and is, as you know, only every other year.
- 2) Catering Co-ordinator Someone to co-ordinate the day-to-day catering arrangements including daily rota of helpers and cake bakers and ensuring there are sufficient daily supplies.



Many thanks, Doug Barber 721128 or mob 07891 136502.



### The "Pop-Inn" - Chillerton

So, we had only four days to convert the local village hall into a pub. This was indeed a challenge and quite possibly a step too far. What were we thinking? After all, for this venture to really work, we had to somehow create the feeling of a cosy folky ale house in quite a large airy space. For a moment it felt, well, quite impossible! However, thanks to an enthusiastic team of volunteers and a bit of creativity - I think we just about pulled it off.



On Saturday 20th August, The Pop-Inn flung open its doors for the third time to a 'staggering' 200 plus visitors. From the village elders, to a week old baby, Sebastian, people had come from far and wide to experience our little pop-up pub (now made complete with its very own pub sign). As usual, the bar was well stocked with refreshments including locally sourced Rumpy Pumpy Scrumpy and Goddard's real ale, with the delicious smell of homemade soup drifting from the kitchen seducing many rumbling tummies. Children played merrily outside on the straw bales while adults enjoyed relaxed conversation and soaked up the atmosphere.

There was much excitement and foot-tapping when the band 'Last Orders' played an amazing set of Irish folk music, later followed by the 'Chillerton Cockles' sea shanty singing creating a real sense of fun to the evening. Another successful Pop-Inn had been achieved, indicated by the selling-out of ale (all 160 pints!), wine and soup. From the money raised, we were pleased to be able donate £400.00 to local charities. Well done everyone!

A special thanks must go to all the kind people who gave their time and helped make this event what it was. From fellow members of 'Team Pop' organisers - Gareth, Paul and Steve, to the invaluable support of Carolyn and Kate. The wonderful removals of Doug and Sham (sorry Doug - it was rather a lot!), the chirpy bar crew Bob, James, Kathy and Marcus, the kitchen team Felicity, Kate, Lorraine and Sarah (AKA sublime cupcakes), the delicious soup ladies Carolyn, Jill Hawkes, Kate, Lorraine and Lynn, the amazing band Last Orders and their Galway Girl, the jolly good Chillerton Cockles, the Chillerton Community Association for allowing us to beer-wash the hall, Peni and Steve for the Insurance work, the bales and delivery from Steve Burden, the rope fencing from Tim Marshall, the additional parking spaces loaned by Jill and Robert Margham, the storage facilities of Jill Luscombe, Vince's Antiques for letting us use his lovely butterchurn and knick-knacks to decorate the pub and last but not least to our children Flora and Polly for allowing us to steal their pine desk, colouring pencils, kitchen stools and breakfast bowls...

If you are interested in being a future host of the Pop-Inn (perhaps you have an old building or barn in or around Chillerton or Gatcombe?) or if you are able to support a future event (in particular the physical part of transporting furniture) then please contact <a href="mailto:zoerhind@mac.com">zoerhind@mac.com</a> We'd very much love to hear from you.

See you next time (date for your diaries - Saturday 19th November 2016)...

Cheers! Zoë Rhind



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### The Chillerton Book Group

Our monthly meetings continue and are greatly enjoyed and looked forward to. Our September meeting should have been held on Tuesday September 13th but sadly, this was the same day as the the funeral of our much loved friend, Joan Marshall, and so we postponed our meeting until Tuesday September 20th, when the book for discussion will be 'This Boy' by Alan Johnson.

As usual - though at first there was doubt whether those members who always man this stall would be able to do so this year, the Book Stall at the Village Flower Show successfully raised over £80 to help with the Horticultural Society Show expenses. Thank you to Harriet and Alison, assisted at the start by Tracy. They had little help during a long session.

Thank you to those who contributed books for sale but could we ask that only attractive novels in good condition come our way, please? After the last sale we had a "purge" of many books that were not up to standard. Strangely, they were replaced by more out-of-date derelicts and their disposal necessitated some more heavy lifting and carriage to the charity shop where most were probably "pulped"!

#### Chillerton Club

The 2016 AGM will take place on Saturday 17th September at 8pm.

This is a particularly important AGM as it is the last one at which Roger Packer will take the chair. After many years of dedicated service he has advised he will be retiring as both Chairman and committee member.

Our thanks to Roger for his immeasurable contribution to Chillerton Club.

So, vacancies and opportunities exist to get involved with Chillerton Club and help it to evolve to meet the needs of the community in 2017 and beyond. Come along and make a difference.



### FOR SALE

A pair of Halfords professional car ramps - powder coated in orange and used only once. Cost £40 new two years ago.

Come and collect a bargain at only £10.00 721654 - Main Road, Chillerton.

# Brexit... it sounds like something you are supposed to eat!

Thursday June 23rd 2016 ... and our house, like many others up and down the country is wracked by the biggest decision for a generation; Prosciutto or Parma ham? Yes, Heatherbank was once again gripped by election buffet fever. We have form on this of course, with the seven-course extravaganza in May 2015 which was featured on these pages last year.

So what theme? 'Best of British' or 'Wurst of Germany' maybe? We settled on a 'Farewell to Europe' with courses composed of the things that we most like to eat from the continent. This was not only appetising but also pragmatic; who knows what we would be able to buy in the shops come Monday?!

I know that some people thought that seven courses was excessive for two people even if puddings aren't served until 2am. Taking this on board you will see from the menu that we trimmed this to a meagre four. The problem was that we simply didn't know how suspenseful this event would be. Would Sunderland, due in at midnight, confirm what the polls and bookmakers (and politicians, and bankers) had been saying all along? This meant the food might only need to last five hours rather than ten and nobody likes to bolt their food!

Well, we now know that Sunderland was just the start of the evening. By 2am Nigel had resigned twice and Paddy Ashdown was once again eating his own hat, and we had resorted to raiding the fridge for leftovers. At least I'd been ambitious with the alcohol budget even if the fizz was starting to fade second time around!

#### Post Script - August

Well, we have a new PM and Cabinet but it turns out that Sainsbury's are still selling smelly cheese and it seems likely that we won't now have to give back our German car.

Team GB were great and the public celebrated by going shopping. Not everyone is happy and there has been some talk of a fresh referendum but I'm not sure there is much appetite ... except of course at our house ... next time, however, we are definitely going the full seven! Steve Holloway



# The EU REFERENDUM

# **MENU**

#### HORS D'OEVRES

Italian Prosciutto ham with French artisan baked bread

#### **ENTREES**

French Camembert cheese baked in filo pastry with baby plum tomatoes and green salad

#### PLAT PRINCIPAL

Duck a L'Orange served with pommes frites

#### DESSERT

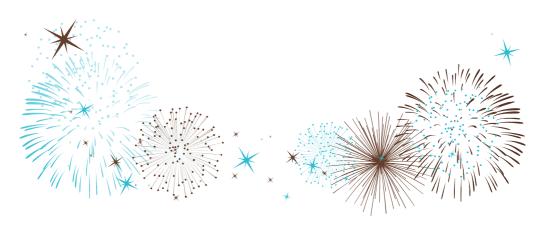
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## Focus On.....Clara, our 'Postie'!

What are your connections with the Parish? Delivering the post!

Best and worst things about being a 'postie' in Chillerton and Gatcombe? The best thing is the feeling of community and everybody knows me, my name and likes to chat. The worst thing is that there is no shop.

If you were a contestant on Mastermind, what would be your Specialized Subject? Dogs!

What's your favourite holiday destination? New Zealand.

**Do you have an unusual hobby/ability?** Not really, but I can juggle. (I'm really boring!)

If a film were made of your life, who would you choose to play you? Drew Barrymore.

What's your favourite food? Thai food.... I love it!

What's the best Christmas present you've ever received? My iPad!

Do you think there should be a bridge connecting the Island to the mainland or not? No.

**Favourite book?** Shantaram by Gregory D Roberts. It's the true story about an escaped convict in the Bombay underworld.

Favourite film? The English Patient.

**Favourite comedian?** I'm not really 'into' comedy at all, but if I had to choose, it would be Russell Brand.

Favourite piece of music/musician? Mr Blue Sky by ELO.

Monarchy or Republic? Monarchy.

Which newspaper do you read? None.

What is "Must-See" TV for you? NCIS and Without a Trace.

When was the last time you rode a bike? I hate to say but that was four years ago. I used to ride all the time!

Bacon sandwich- white or brown bread? Red or brown sauce? Buttered bread or dry? Brown bread, red sauce and no butter!

What was the last book you read? At the moment I am reading Birds of Prey by Wilbur Smith... for the second time!

What's the last film you saw at the cinema? The 3D Jurassic Park – The Lost World.

Do you like Marmite? YUK!! NO!

What is your earliest memory? Hiding a dead mouse in a shoe box under the bed because we felt sorry for it. But it soon stank like hell and mum would come into the room saying, "Ugh.... what is that smell?" Me and my sister still laugh about it!

**Do you have any pets?** My beautiful two and a half year old Doberman, Diesel.

If you could, would you go back in time or forward into the future? I'd love to go back in time... to the time of dinosaurs.

Have you had a life-changing experience? Can you tell us about it? Ok....well I didn't start drinking until I was 26 years old. Until then I was so shy, quiet and sensible – drinking gave me confidence and I discovered what 'fun' was!!

Who would be your three perfect dinner guests? A young Elvis Presley, Kate Hudson, and Jamie Oliver.

**Karaoke - what's your favourite song to sing?** I have been banned because my singing is so bad!

Would you rather be a contestant on Masterchef or Strictly Come Dancing? Strictly Come Dancing!

Are you an early bird or a night owl? Early bird - which is just as well!

If you were an animal- what would you like to be and why? A squirrel – I could hibernate in winter! And eat nuts!!

What is your most embarrassing moment? Probably falling through a restaurant door in Cowes and ending up on my back with everybody sitting on their chairs staring at me!! Yes, I had had a drink, but it really wasn't my fault!

Do you prefer to ring or text? Text.

Would you consider cosmetic surgery? Yes!

What is your greatest fear? Going blind.

What jobs have you done before being a 'postie'? A photographer at Blackgang Chine; worked in a pub doing bar work, cooking and cleaning; dog groomer; checkout girl; cleaner; putting pictures on mugs and banners.

Who would you like to be stuck in a lift with? Daniel Craig.

Who would you NOT like to be stuck in a lift with? Jeremy Kyle!

What car would you like to own? Oh.... anything NEW!!

Have you ever lied about your age? Not yet - but ask me again in ten years!

Do you believe in ghosts/aliens? Yes.

What's the worst thing you have ever bought? A very expensive exercise 'stepper' years ago. It probably got used five times!!

Which item would you wish for if you were stranded on a desert island? A radio, as I hate silence.

**When are you at your happiest?** Playing with Diesel the Doberman. He is so funny and mischievous!

If you won the lottery, what would be your first purchase? My own personal masseur.

What do you most dislike about yourself? Not being motivated enough to do my back exercises.

**Have you ever been skinny-dipping?** No. I had the chance in New Zealand but was too self-conscious! So I looked after everyone's clothes instead!

Best Parish memory? The Scarecrow Festival. I love it!

Do you have any unfulfilled ambitions? To go skiing.

How would you like to be remembered? As fun-loving! CS

#### Chillerton & Gatcombe Flower Show

What a lovely show we had this year; the weather was kind to us, and we decided the venue on the Green was intimate rather than cramped, the only casualties being the coconut shy (no space) and children's races (no track free of posts, water and trees). Luckily, despite whole families disappearing into herbaceous borders at times, we were able to stage the ever popular tug-ofwar, and get them out of the bushes in time to award prizes.

The show tent was full of interesting exhibits, in particular the display commemorating the Queen's 90th staged by Angie Afonso, Sarah Purrington and a team of cake bakers, which received a rare Gold Diploma from the judges. Also the children's classes were even bigger and better than usual, following for the first time, a sub-committee of children advising on content of the show schedule. The show tent also housed an impressive display of begonias from David Hayden, and a reproduction of the County Press show report from 1969 from Jill Luscombe, where so many of the child exhibitors then, are now grizzled adult exhibitors and show volunteers.

A special event this year was the toast to Queen Elizabeth for her 90th birthday, led by our own queen of Chillerton, Rene Watterson, who cut the cake. We thank the Parish Council for funding this item.

There are three things that make our show so unique and enjoyable:

- Year on year it retains its traditional atmosphere if you come to our show you know there'll be a big and interesting show tent, there'll be nice tea and cakes, hoopla and skittles, society stalls, a raffle, entertainment and things for the children to do.
- It is truly local and welcoming you'll meet up with old friends that you haven't seen since last year, chat with new neighbours and introduce new family members to the community.
- It only happens because of the 70-plus volunteers aged from 6 to 96 who do all the many jobs that make it the original 'pop-up' event opened and closed in three hours, the Green back to normal by the next day. There are too many to thank here but this year we are particularly grateful to Mr and Mrs Margham for letting us use a field for parking, Mr Staples for opening the show and the Police for advising on parking and being in attendance.

The Society is trying hard to put a team in place so that this 68th show won't be our last. If you'd like to take part in planning and running future shows and events, or have comments and advice, please come along to the show report session at our AGM on Friday September 16th at the village hall, starting at 7.30pm.

Gillian Belben

(Outgoing Show Secretary)

### Home Thoughts from A "Broad"!

Despite most of the USA and most of the UK sharing a common language (that being English, for those who may be in a little doubt), I find that Americans visiting Britain are often surprised at the number of things they find rather "foreign". Actually, the whole misconception that the languages are the same is where the problems start. After all, for example, there is a vast difference between a Yank and a Brit if both are wearing a vest and pants to a party. The Yank is considered quite nattily dressed, as that's what they call a waistcoat and trousers, while the Brit...well, he's obviously started partying way too much, way too soon!

Talking of parties, I'm reminded of another miscommunication completely due to coming from either one side of "the pond" or the other. When I lived in Florida there was quite a large ex-pat British yachting contingent who socialized frequently with US sailors. One weekend, Charlie (originally from Portsmouth as it happened) sent out invitations to a fancy dress party he decided to throw. It was quite amusing when we turned up in our gorilla suits and Batman costumes, much to the bewilderment of the Americans who arrived in ball gowns and tuxedos ...their fanciest dress!

Other differences between the two cultures are quite perplexing. For instance, I now live in New Mexico, a state which is consistently hot and arid, yet we all have electric clothes dryers in our homes and I don't believe I've seen a single clothesline out in that ever-present sunshine. Conversely, in England where, dare I say, the weather tends towards dampish, everyone hangs out the washing to dry. Aside from economic reasons, I think it's a lot to do with having always done it that way. I clearly remember winter's days in my childhood when I saw the clothing on the line frozen, literally, in a surreal moment in time.

The American also finds it very odd that water taps in England often are separated into two individual spigots for hot and cold. "Why?" they ask. "Why can't you combine them into one central faucet with the water mixed to your preferred temperature?" I have no answer except, again, that it's the way we've always done it. And I've not had the easiest time describing Morris Dancers to American friends, because even if I do a good job with the "what", I'm still left with the "why"! Well, because that's what we do in England and have done for a long time.



Another way of describing "the way we've always done it" is to use the word "tradition". The English way of life is woven from a fabric of tradition and I wouldn't have it any other way. Even if British ways make a foreigner scratch his head, there is a great comfort, at least to me, in knowing it's all part of a wonderful and complex history.

Jane Buckholz grew up in Bonchurch and went to Sandown Grammar School. She now lives in Carlsbad, New Mexico, USA, and can be reached at TheNomadBrit@yahoo.com

#### Proposed Cuts to the Mobile Library Service

The Parish Council has been advised that in order to reduce the annual expenditure by £14.2 million, the IW Council is reviewing its Library Service/Mobile Library services.

The IW Council recognizes that the service provides a valuable service to our isolated communities and therefore aim to reduce the amount spent annually on mobile services by £23,500 but hope to continue to provide an efficient and cost effective service. Data from 2015 shows that just 650 residents borrowed items across the whole Island.

As such, the proposal is to remove the Chillerton stop from its schedule. The stop has seen a steady decline and during 2015 an average of only one customer came on board at the stop.

As there is a well-used stop in Gatcombe, they hope that the customer will be able to transfer her custom. They will be contacting her directly to ensure that she is aware of the alternatives.

The IW Council would appreciate your feedback on these proposals. Please contact Andy Walker, Development Librarian, at Library HQ, Lord Louis Library, Orchard St., Newport. PO30 1LL or by email <a href="mailto:andrew.walker@iow.gov.uk">andrew.walker@iow.gov.uk</a>

The closing date for responses is September 30th 2016.

# Caption Competition!

Well, we had a great response to our
Caption Competition!

It'll come as no surprise to hear some of the captions were a little on the 'cheeky' side but Congratulations and the £10 M&S voucher go to Sue Barber with,

"Following recent financial cutbacks, the new Police Uniform was unveiled!"

Thank you to everybody who took part!



# St Olave's Church, Gatcombe

It is hard to think that one is already reflecting on Summer events and looking forward to autumn. Fortunately Gatcombe Church remains a constant for worship, prayer, reflection, baptisms, weddings and funerals. Two very special services were held this summer. One was to celebrate, along with the rest of the country, the Queen's 90th birthday after which the congregation joined together for a picnic.



The second was to celebrate, as is our custom, Gatcombe's Patron Saint, Olave. We were delighted to welcome to this service Bishop Christopher, from the

Portsmouth Diocese, who stayed during coffee and biscuits to chat to as many people as he was able.

As well as Sunday Services monthly Prayer Meetings began on September 5th. These will continue on the first Monday of the month and will be held in the church between 10am and 11am. Everybody is welcome.

The recent Quinquennial Inspection of the Church Building and fabric has, as usual, highlighted essential and non-essential work to be carried out as and when funds are available. The faculty (official permission) allowing us to restore the church path to good order has been granted. Hopefully that work will be carried out before winter storms set in. Fumigation to rid the church of woodworm is also currently being explored - a recommendation.

This ongoing maintenance programme highlights the need for our fund-raising activities. Two very popular events have taken place recently. A Sparkling Wine-Tasting & Supper was hugely enjoyed with Jim Miller once again explaining the merits of different sparkling wines (with wine flowing freely!). Similarly The Strawberry Afternoon Tea in church was a great success. How pretty the church looked with its dressed tables and flowers, and the food and entertainment were exceptional!

A non fund-raising social event is, of course, the recent Harvest Fish and Chip Supper which was followed by our Harvest Festival the next day. Harvest gifts were given to the I.W. Food Bank along with any monetary profit from the supper.

Events planned for the autumn - a **Produce Sale**, in church, on October 15th and a **Craft Fayre**, again in church, on November 12th.

The fund-raising group, who deserve great thanks, works extremely hard to organise these events to which *everyone* is invited and welcome.

Please come along, experience one or more of these events and support your local church. They usually are great fun. Notices are normally put up around the village advising of these events - do look out for them.

Hilary Jones

# St Olave's Church, Gatcombe



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.

If you would like to receive the e-copy of the monthly church newsletter free of charge, please email the editor:- jill.webster@outlook.com

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

#### The Chillerton Players (Woodwind Group)

We usually have a full complement on Monday mornings in the village hall and the sessions are always great fun.

Two of our group, Helen Davies and Helen Rapley, played at the Cowes Week lunchtime concerts at St Mary's, Cowes.

The photo shows most of us although Joy and Angela were busy at Cowes Week, and Helen was managing the camera! Jill Luscombe



#### News from your IW Ward Cllr Bob Seely

Dear residents,

I hope you are all enjoying the summer. I have one important subject for you. Devolution of power from central to local Government, and the plan for the Isle of Wight Council to become part of a Solent Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA).

I'd like to give you some thoughts on the devolution agenda as it seems to be happening quickly. There are some serious implications for the Island.

Following the 2014 Scottish Referendum, the UK Government decided to devolve more powers in England from central to local government. So far, most of the devolution 'deals' have involved big, northern, metropolitan Labour councils. However, the Government is keen to include southern English councils too, and the Isle of Wight has been offered the chance to take part in something called a Solent Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) with Portsmouth and Southampton city councils.

The MCA may in future include other councils such as East Hampshire District Council, Eastleigh, Fareham, etc. An initial plan for a Hampshire and Isle of Wight MCA fell through.

The proposed new powers to be devolved to the MCA include economic growth and housing, strategic planning; business productivity and job growth; adult education and training, as well as some transport issues. It will come with a directly elected mayor - whether we like it or not. If this is successful, more powers will be handed over to the Solent MCA. Manchester, for example, is now on its fourth stage of devolution.

The Council has announced an initial discussion phase, first with Parish Councils, and then with the public, over the summer. There will be a 12-week discussion period, and a formal vote from the Council.

There are good points and bad about the Solent MCA. The most important points for me to note are these:

- There will be £30 million pounds per year given to this Solent MCA. I suspect that much of this will be used to borrow money about £900 million to invest into infrastructure to drive development. The Isle of Wight will get only a smallish share of this, but any extra money for infrastructure is helpful. It may help to fund a new bridge across the Solent north of Newport, help preserve the Island railway line, or support new cycle routes.
- There is a justified concern about local democracy. Your councillors, who answer to you, may have to give up some powers of planning and other issues. I am concerned about this loss of power, especially if it allows the Solent MCA to push through unpopular planning decisions. More development will damage our environment and our tourism, which accounts for over 40 per cent of the Isle of Wight's GDP.
- Councillors voted at the June meeting for an Island-wide referendum. Personally, I am somewhat sceptical about this idea. A referendum will also

cost in the region of £180,000 - money that the council does not have. If we do agree a referendum, then we may lose our opportunity to join the MCA, and lose out on our share of the investment. So I suspect that there may be a rethink on this issue.

What concerns me most at the moment is the lack of information which both Councillors and members of the public have. For example, Parish Councils were asked to provide initial comments less than two weeks after receiving the documents (if anyone wants the documents, please email on bob.seely@ymail.com).



I arranged for the Council to discuss the bene-

fits and risks to the Island of the proposed MCA in a debate at Full Council on 20th July. As a result of this debate, the Council pledged to engage more with Islanders. For those of you who would like to know more, please log onto <a href="http://www.solentdeal.co.uk">http://www.solentdeal.co.uk</a>

I will update you in the next edition. In the meantime, I hope you all have a good summer.

Kind regards, Bob

Robert Seely (IW Councillor for Central Wight) 07714 750 151 – bob.seely@ymail.com – twitter: IoWBobSeely

# Letter to the editor...

In our home in Oxford, we read the report of the show in the County Press and we began reminiscing - we can all remember the Cooke family and noticed that Angie had a lot of entries.

We remember wheelbarrows coming down the road at first light on show day - everybody helped out - that was when it was on the plot of Brooklyn, with all of Uncle Roy's side shows.

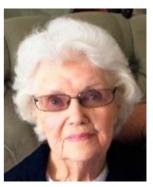
There was the 'bubbly-bubbly' and skittles etc. The bubbly-bubbly machine was our first recollection of the show... and we recalled Freddie Pragnell bidding in the auction at the end - he always bid against us when we were wanting the gladioli to put on our relatives' graves.

For many years Aunty Dor catered in Brooklyn for the judges. We would help to prepare the potatoes, etc.. The judges always had a very good lunch! Lovely memories... Rosewary Savim (Roy and Dorothy's miece)

# Jean Ackling August 24th 1919 - July 25th 2016

Jean Ackling, a longtime resident of Chillerton, passed away peacefully, aged 96, at the Lord Mount-batten Hospice on the 25th of July. She was married to Walter for 69 years, and was the proud mother of Roger and Jane (and their spouses Sylvia and Mark), and the adoring grandmother of Abigail Rose.

Born and raised in London, Jean lived through the Blitz, spending her 21st birthday in the safety of the Underground, often working as an Air Raid Warden and, prior to her marriage, served in the Women's Land Army. In the 1960s, Jean and Walter moved to the Isle of Wight where they bought and ran Bonchurch Manor



Hotel, before retiring to Chillerton, where they lived for almost 40 years.

Jean was an avid flower arranger and teacher (becoming a NAFAS judge) and she was active in the WRVS, the Good Samaritan Society, the Citizen's Advice Bureau and in teaching Adult Literacy. She took up painting in her 80s and produced many lovely watercolours of flowers and local scenes.

Jean loved family, art, poetry and nature and exhibited an extraordinary connection with wild birds, to the extent that some would even hop in through the kitchen window to take treats from her hand. Jean also had a mischievous sense of humour and enjoyed a good laugh with the many friends who would stop by.

A memorial service took place at St Olave's Church, Gatcombe on 24th August which would have been Jean's 97th birthday. Jane Buckholz.

#### Please keep saving your Stamps!



Thank you once more to everybody for saving their used stamps for me. 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

Out and about in our lovely parish... if you want to see a fine example of some beautiful traditional Island Coursing stonework, pop up the other side of Brook Lane (that backs onto Sheat Industrial Estate) to admire Alan Chandler's rebuilding and re-pointing work.

#### News and Views from your Parish Council

It has been a quiet few months since the last parish council update in June. We held our first meeting at Gatcombe Church in July, many thanks to the churchwardens for helping us do this, and took the usual month off from meetings in August. We started up again in September with items for discussion in the coming months to include-



- Southern Vectis winter services (a detailed report by our Clerk Maxine Yule, of our work with SV over the summer is in this newsletter).
- Liaison with Island Roads over re-surfacing plans, repairs, verge cutting, tree and ditch clearance and maintenance of shelters and street furniture.
- The whole issue of safety around the school as we continue to lobby the IW Council on speed controls and seek safer ways of organising parking along the main road in Chillerton.
- Action planning round the results of the 2016 parish survey.

Many thanks to the dedicated residents who regularly pick up rubbish on our roads, lanes and footpaths. In particular you may have seen Doug Barber dicing with the traffic to collect whole bags of strange and unattractive items along the main road from Billingham Shute to Whitecroft. If you would like to join this small group please let me know where you will be walking, the PC can help you with bags and gloves.

The four new walker and dog friendly gates have now been installed on Chillerton Down. We are grateful to the Ramblers, National Trust volunteers and two donors Jill Luscombe and Sally Cardew for their contributions.

If you were at the Flower Show in July you may have taken part in the mass cake-eating and toast to Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday year. This was funded by the Parish Council from its village events budget. We thank all the cake makers and Elizabeth Peace of Gatcombe Church for leading the toast.

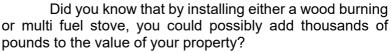
Gillian Belben (Chair)

# CALLING ALL PARISH WALKERS, DOGS, AND LOVERS OF CHILLERTON DOWN

On Saturday September 24th, there will be a parish walk to commemorate the installation of four gates under the Isle of Wight Ramblers Donate-a-Gate scheme.

This is the first time that so many gates have been installed at the same time, and gives us easy access to the whole Down from the North at Tolt Copse to the South above Berry Shute. The walk starts at 3pm and ends around 4.30pm at the village hall for tea and cake. Look out for further details on the noticeboards in the parish and by email.

#### **Wood Burning/Multi fuel Stoves.**



If you haven't moved house for a while, you may not realise that the law has changed, you now require an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) whenever you sell, or (as from October 2015), simply rent a property.

This EPC is a rating of your property's energy efficiency from A (being the most efficient) to G (being the least efficient).

Obviously people want energy efficient homes, and therefore this has a dramatic effect on the property's retail value.

Let's take, for example, a terraced house with an energy efficiency rating of C. The installation of an efficient wood/multi fuel stove will raise your energy rating up to B minimum and possibly up to A.

According to a Department of Energy report, using the above example, you could expect an increase of about 4% in the value of the property. So a terraced house valued at £150,000 could possibly see an increase of approximately £6,000.

Now there's something to think about!

Having spent a good chunk of my working life in the heating, plumbing and fireplace industry, I thought that I might use the knowledge that I have gained to write a few articles, especially as winter will be upon us again shortly.

If anyone has any queries relating to fires, fireplaces, stoves etc, or if there is a specific subject that you would like me to cover, please don't hesitate to give me a call. I will do my best to help.

Doug Barber (721128 - mob 07891 146502)

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#### **News and Views from our Village School**

Summer term proved to be a busy and challenging term! It is always full of activities and it was great to have the support from our community at our Rio themed Summer Fair and Sports Day. At both occasions, the hard-working PTFA members showed their dedication and raised much appreciated funds for the school.

In the final week, the whole school made their way to Parkhurst Forest for an adventure day as a prize for our enthusiastic approach to fund raising for the 40 Challenge. It certainly was adventurous: blindfold rope walk, cooking sausages on an open fire, and searching for clues by map reading.

Although summer weather was against us for the Carnival procession (torrential downpour), the Carnival club members were able to show their

amazing costumes at Rookley Summer Show. Also, we were delighted to display our Carnival themed artwork at both Rookley and Chillerton village shows over the summer and received some lovely feedback.

During the summer months, usually the school be-



comes quieter. However, this year, building work at the school has kept us busy. The outside area for Reception/ Year 1 has been smartened up with decking, storage, fencing and even the creation of a mud pit! Thank you to the PTFA and Jewsons for funding this project. Also, within the school, we have needed to create more space for learning and storage until outside building issues are resolved. The task of re-organisation of our resources has been Herculean (within the time-scale) and it is at these times that a strong team is invaluable. The resultant "spring clean" has revealed many interesting relics from the past with press cuttings, old registers (earliest dating from 1901) and school log books detailing corporal punishment for several misdemeanours including inattention!

I look forward to the new term; welcoming the new children and getting to know their families and seeing all the familiar faces return. Together, we will encourage the children to explore, challenge and question their learning and celebrate in their success. Giva Owrid (Activa Headteacher)

### Quarterly Report from Bob Nelson

#### - Environment Officer -

I continue to visit both villages every week and carry out regular foot patrols in Chillerton and Gatcombe,

The recent introduction of the black waste bins/sacks appears to have been a relative success as I have had very few site visits to undertake to access in both villages since the new arrangements were introduced.



The problems of black waste bags placed out on collection day were always a problem as some were often split, spilling unwanted waste onto verges, pavements etc., resulting in expensive call-outs to have the waste litter picked and removed.

I have in the past visited several residents where bags were placed out one or two days before collection resulting in litter being spread onto the highway, and having a serious impact on the visual appearance of the villages.

I have not received any reports of late regarding dog fouling which I find encouraging, and have not come across any on my walkabouts. Both Chillerton and Gatcombe obviously have responsible dog owners who take pride in where they live.

I have dealt with the odd case of discarded litter along the highway that has been discarded from travelling vehicles through the village - normally fast-food wrappers. This is appalling behaviour and a total disregard for the countryside.

If any resident ever witnesses this act of anti-social behaviour taking place, please try and make a note of the vehicle index plate number, time, location and occupants and I will do my utmost to follow up. This may end with a prosecution.

I will continue to visit both villages weekly and deal with any problems that may arise and work closely with the Parish Councillors and Clerk.

Bob Nelson (June 2016)

(If you wish to contact Bob about any local environmental issue, please do so via the parish clerk, Maxine Yule.)

#### Volunteers Needed!

Could you spare a couple of hours every now and then to join the church-cleaning rota to be able to keep St Olave's looking at its very best!!??

Please ring Liz Taylor on 721086 if you would like more details.

### 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 37.

Sadly, the Parish Council no longer receives a monthly crime statistics report from the police. Instead you have to go to <a href="www.police.co.uk">www.police.co.uk</a> and put in your postcode to find out about local crime. Let us know what you think about these changes and we'll pass your comments on.

#### YOUR PARISH MATTERS!

Do you ever stop to read the notices on the boards around the parish? No? Well, YOUR PARISH MATTERS! is a way of keeping you up to date with what's going on in the parish..... a kind of electronic notice board.

YPM has evolved from the local Neighbourhood Watch scheme which has now been 'replaced' by the IWAlerts. If you signed up to receive these, you'll know that many of the notifications simply are not relevant to us. YPM emails are specific to our parish.

In the last few weeks we have re-united a resident with his set of house keys, been able to keep residents up-to-date with the latest news about bus services and road works, sold a car, reminded people about local events, been able to warn people that thieves were targeting staddlestones, been able to advise people of last-minute ticket availability for a Strawberry Tea, put out a plea for a missing cat, and let you know that there will be a Driver's Awareness Course for the Elderly on September 30th in Newport Minster between 9.30am and 3pm... don't shoot the messenger, please!

It is free to use so if any clubs, associations etc have events they'd like promoting, or if there is anything going on that you think people should be aware of, any questions you'd like to ask, just let me know the details and we can send it out to the community! Apologies if you sometimes receive a YPM email and an IWAlert email too... but better to have it twice than not at all!



If you'd like to start receiving YOUR PARISH MATTERS! emails, just send me an email letting me know. (jill.webster@outlook.com)

Finally... a big thank you for all his hard work to Doug Barber who is stepping down from his Neighbourhood Watch co-coordinator's role. Our two areas will now be amalgamated into one.

#### **Community Defibrillator**

The defibrillator is contained in a box on the school wall and is very easy to use - it talks you through what to do.

- Dial 999 Location PO30 3EP Chillerton and Rookley School.
- 2. Take the defibrillator out of the casing.
  - 3. Take it to the patient.
- 3. The defibrillator unit will talk you through what to do next (for example there are separate pads for children and for adults).
  - 4. Ambulance arrives!



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# Local Information

#### **DOCTORS**

DOCTORS				
Carisbrooke Health Centre. 22, Carisbrooke High St., N'port. Godshill Surgery. 2, Yarborough Close, Godshill. The Dower House. 23-27, Pyle St., Newport. Medina Healthcare. 16, West St., Newport.				
CHEMISTS				
Boots 124-126 High St., Newport. Day Lewis 86-88 High St., Newport. Lloyds 41-42 Pyle St., Newport.	522595 522346 522638			
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