

SLOW DOWN

Slow Down campaign update – Godshill Matters have now received the grant of £8000 to purchase and install two 'visual speed indicator devices' in the village over the coming financial year..



The two proposed sites are at the junction of School Crescent and School Road and near the bus stop at the foot of Hollow Lane. We are still awaiting feedback from Island Roads regarding the suitability of these sites before applying for planning permission. To coincide with these developments the Speed Watch team will be out and about from the beginning of May, so SLOW DOWN – twenty is plenty...you have been warned!

Best Kept Large Village



There are annual best kept village awards. We are in the large village category. How are we looking?

Kira can help.

Judging begins in May, how do things look outside your front gate. If we all make sure the space nearest to our homes is neat and tidy, the whole of Godshill will be an even more wonderful place for us all to enjoy!

If you know of any part of Godshill that could do with some TLC, let us know by contacting Stephen, our parish clerk. We can arrange for Kira and a few volunteers to take a look and see what we can do.

Annual Parish Meeting



This is YOUR meeting, your chance to meet Godshill's many groups and for them to share with you their plans for 2026.

The meeting takes place on Tuesday May

5th in the school hall. Doors open at 7pm.

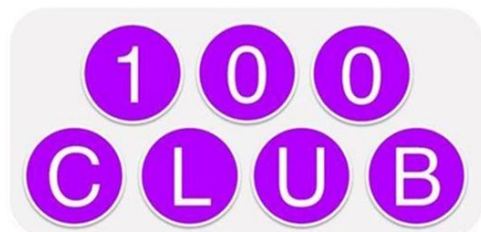
Hear from all of our wonderful groups in the village – what they have been up to in the past year and what they are planning for 2026 and beyond.

We hope to have as many of the groups in Godshill represented at the meeting. Groups can have a display table making it easier to chat to individuals and families before and after a number of short presentations.

Refreshments will be available when you arrive, between 7pm and 7:30pm. Grab a hot or cold drink, a nibble and wander around and have a chat to the various groups, or each other!

You don't have to run away after the presentations. You can stay and chat to anyone and there might even be some nibbles left to finish off!

Godshill Matters



April winners:

1st Prize: £40 No 98 - Yvonne Evans

2nd Prize: £10 No 35 - Kelly Patterson

3rd Prize: £5 No 75 - Frances Shelley

A few numbers for the 2026 competition are still available – [CLICK/TAP HERE](#) or email treasurer@godshillmatters.org.uk.

Godshill Gems W.I.

With March being the official month of spring, the Godshill Gems W.I. certainly sprung into action.



The speaker for our meeting gave an insightful and thought-provoking presentation on the history of the W.I. from conception to the end of the First World War. Utterly surprised to learn that men had been very instrumental in the creation of The Women's Institute! The Gems Officers spoke enthusiastically about their roles and with our annual meeting looming in 2 months' time, recruitment for the new committee saw encouragement, enticement, cajoling, wheedling and pleading for members to think about stepping forward.

In recognition of International Woman's Day (9th March), members shared some enlightening and at times, emotional memories, with their named inspirational women. Mums, Daughters, Sisters, Jane Eyre, Princess Catherine, an old schoolteacher, Emily Pankhurst and Dr Helen Sharman, were all honoured.

IN OTHER NEWS:

Our outing to the Apollo Theatre in Newport for a behind the scenes talk and tour was enjoyed so much, that another subgroup maybe in the offing – The Theatre Thespians. History, facts, funny anecdotes, filter coffee and choccie biscuits were shared before being led through the labyrinth of corridors - upstairs, downstairs and in the actors' chambers (changing rooms to you and I). We were granted access to all backstage areas, including the vast jaw dropping costume store in the attic, and prop storage areas in the theatre's equivalent of the basement (where we found a bottle of fake blood)! Our visit concluded in the main auditorium where one lucky member took part on stage, enacting a "play to stage" tutorial, emphasising the nuances on speech and its projected inflections.



The Walking Netball Group officially launched. Without PhD's in DIY the poles were put together correctly and more surprisingly, were still standing at the end of the 1st session. By our 2nd session we were at full, 2 team compliment and modelling our brand-new bibs.



We've learnt how to throw and catch the ball correctly yes, who knew there was such a thing! Debates held (more than one) on the definition of "walking", many impromptu visits to the loo through laughing so much, and goals galore. We have expert tuition, a certificated referee, lightweight bouncy balls, and juicy oranges at half time.



The Grub Club visited the Wight Mouse at Chale, renowned for traditional pub style, wholesome, well-cooked food and plentiful portions. With an exhaustive menu, a few glasses of wine and lots of chatter and laughter, appetites and senses were satisfied. The Gems definitely out shone the sparkly canopy of lights above our tables.



The Craft Group was led this month by one of our talented members and Vice President, Marilyn O'Loughlin. Quilling was on the agenda. What is quilling? I hear you ask. It's taking thin strips of coloured paper, twiddling them round a special "pen", then sticking the twirly shape, along with others, to create a design. Easter was the theme and some beautiful hanging decorations were produced.



For more information, contact Sandy - sandy2471@gmail.com

7 (Godshill) Troop, Army Cadet Force Groups

This month Godshill Army Cadets have been preparing for a once a year event – Expedition – where they have to use a variety of skills learnt including map reading, navigation along a given route, menu planning, cooking in the field and setting up shelters.



The junior One Star group only have to stay out for 1 night and walk 10-15 km, but for the more senior 2 Star Cadets they stay out for 2 nights and the distance to navigate is 27km in total.



This is a very important event for all of our Cadets as they are able to pass two subjects in one go from their ACF Training Syllabus - Navigation and Expedition. In addition, those Cadets working towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award can pass Expedition – so 3 ticks from 1 event, result!



If you have a 12+ year old in your life who might benefit from joining Army Cadets please visit <https://armycadets.com/find-a-detachment> or visit the Scout Hall in May Close on a Thursday at 7pm. We are also looking for Adult Volunteers across our 6 Troops across the Island.

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Godshill Pirates Day

Ahoy there, me hearties! The annual Godshill Pirates' Treasure Trail took place on Easter Monday, bringing together pirates old and new for a memorable day of adventure and fun.



This year saw a record number of participants, with many donning the latest pirate fashions straight from the gang plank, adding vibrant colour and character to the festivities.



Over 80 families accepted the Trail challenge organised by Godshill Matters, setting off on foot on a one-mile journey around the village.



Armed with clue sheets, they navigated a route that included the High Street, the Church, the School, Central Mead, the Old Smithy, Horseshoe Passage, and finally arrived at The Griffin PH Garden.



Along the way, participants worked in teams to solve a series of devious clues. Those who completed their clue sheets were entered into a prize draw for an Easter Treats Hamper, which was ultimately won by a family from Shanklin.





Young adventurers who completed the trail enjoyed a free lucky dip, while adults had the opportunity to participate in a tombola featuring a range of prizes.



These included a bottle of rum, a bottle of whisky, a Griffin family meal voucher, and various other goodies generously donated by local businesses and friends of Godshill Matters.



The event was further enlivened by live entertainment from the Sea Gels Shanty Band, as the sun shone all afternoon.



The event raised an impressive £285 for Godshill Matters. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the individuals and local businesses who donated prizes, ensuring the success of the Treasure Trail. Their support made the day possible and contributed greatly to the community spirit.



1st Godshill & Rookley Scouts

Scouts take part in The Great Tommy Sleep Out.



On Saturday 28th March, 10 Scouts from 1st Godshill & Rookley gave up the comfort of a bed for the night to experience a glimpse of the harsh realities of homelessness faced by veterans.



The Scouts built structures from pallets, trellis, tarpaulins and cardboard and braved the elements.



This is a UK wide fundraising event where participants sleep outdoors to raise awareness and support for homeless veterans.



The Scout Group raised £200 which will be donated to Royal British Veterans Enterprise (RBVE).



Mary Kershaw - Scout Volunteer - 1st Godshill & Rookley Scout Group.

To find out more email, call or message:

Robin Kent, Group Lead Volunteer:

robin@1stgodshillandrookley.org.uk ,
07770 588698



L&L Bakes – Newport Road



A new small business has popped up in Godshill. Loz & Lou have extensive catering experience and are selling from their Cake Shed at 16 Newport Road.



We're Loz & Lou, two mums, baking from the heart and starting something small and meaningful of our own.

Lou brings years of experience creating beautiful celebration cakes, while Loz has spent years adapting her baking to suit her children's allergies, understanding just how important it is for everyone to feel included around the table.

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Watch what's to come 🍰 🍪 🧁

THIS WEEKENDS MENU

- Chocolate Tiffin (Vegan)
- Flapjack (Gluten Free & Vegan)
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- Coffee Cake
- Rice Crispie Bars
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UNESCO Biosphere Reserve

ISLE OF WIGHT BIOSPHERE

The Isle of Wight is one of only three designated

UNESCO Biosphere Reserves in England. **WOW! That's impressive!!**

To celebrate this there is an annual Biosphere Festival and this year Godshill Matters are hoping we, as a village, can make a really significant contribution to the overall. We'd like to offer an environmentally friendly community event / celebration on Saturday 27th June 11:00 - 4:00 at the May Close Recreation Ground and Scout Hall. Stalls, displays, craft demonstrations, participatory activities.

But we need help. The next planning meeting for our event is on Tuesday 21st April 5:30 - 6:30ish at The Taveners PH. Please come and join us with your ideas and inspiration. If you can't make it, but want to help or be involved in some way please drop an email to chris@godshillmatters.org.uk

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The Godshill Community Charity Quizzes - GCCQ



Another month has flown by and the World has become even more bonkers, so what better way to distract from all the madness than by joining a Godshill Community Charity Quiz at the Griffin?

Which is exactly what 60 or more people did on Wednesday 18th March for quiz No 12, supporting Wessex Cancer Support in the process and answering questions on stuff like Bilbo Baggin's birthday, where Nutella comes from and Buddha's real name. The puzzle round was about Oscar winning films and The Godzillians emerged victorious once again with a score of 53, with the Buccaneer's hot on their heels with 52. points. The accumulator question went unanswered again, which means it was worth £320 for the next quiz. £235 was raised, so thanks to all who contributed.

By Wednesday April 1st, the World situation was even more mad, so 70 plus people in 13 teams decided to come along to the Griffin for Quiz number 13, which was in aid of the Wildheart Animal Sanctuary, which is always a popular choice of charity.

The puzzle round involved identifying well known films from a series of cartoons, and the quiz rounds included "April Fools" which consisted of questions on TV comedy and a round on money. They say "money talks", but all mine says is "goodbye".

The Godzillians once again took first place with 49 points (even though they were missing some players), but this time the Boomers were one point behind with 48 points.

The accumulator question was unanswered again - would you have known in which decade Polo mints were sold for the first time? (answer at the end).

The raffle had loads of prizes, many donated by supporters, including a "Pasty Voucher" donated by Pete at Godshill Bakehouse so the total raised was £309.

The next Godshill Community Charity Quiz @ The Griffin is on Wednesday 6th May at 7pm and is in aid of the IOW Defibrilators. Book your table on 01983 211115 or at www.heritagepubs.co.uk/griffin-godshill.

Coming next :

6th May - IOW Defibrilators
20th May - The Monkey Haven
3rd June - The Wight Brainsy Bunch

If you are keen to support a particular charity, why not donate a raffle prize? If you tell me which charity you want to support I will make sure the prize goes in to the raffle on that charity's quiz night.

The answer to the Polo mint question is 1940's (1948)! The film is "(K)Notting Hill".

A big thank you again for all your support. Please keep supporting us through the summer! You won't be able to buy fuel for your car so you might as well walk to the Griffin for the quiz night!!

Andy "The Quizmaster"

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Godshill Primary School

At the end of March, year 5 had a fun filled few days at PGL Osmington Bay.



PGL at Osmington Bay near Weymouth is an adventure activity centre. It is set in 45 acres of grounds with its own access to a beautiful pebble beach and stunning cliff top views of Weymouth and Portland.



Activities include Zip Wire, Climbing, Archery, Giant Swing, Aeroball, Jacobs Ladder, Problem Solving, Abseiling and many more.



Accommodation is in 4-6 bed chalets, all with en-suite bathrooms.

Join FROGS - Our school PTA!

Are you passionate about supporting our school community? Do you want to make a real difference in the lives of our students? Then FROGS (Friends of Godshill School) needs YOU!

Email us at frogsiow23@gmail.com or speak to a member of the FROGS team. Let's hop to it and make a difference together!

Godshill Walking Group

A fantastic walk with Godshill Walking Group took place on Friday 20th March.



An incredible 46 walkers and 8 dogs set out on a "A Grand Circuit of Godshill", a circular walk that circumnavigated the village.



From Moor Farm and Munsley Bog, across fields to Beacon Alley and back via Sainham and Beech Copse to complete the circuit.



It was perfect walking and talking weather and many of us ended with refreshments in The Griffin garden.



Our walk yesterday (Friday 17th April), took us to Freemantle Gate then on to Froghill Farm and beyond. Here's a couple of photos, hot off the press.

There will be more about the walk and more photos in next month's Gazette.



These Godshill Matters walks take place monthly, usually on the third Friday of each month. Everyone and their dog are welcome, and it's free.

For more details:
alison@godshillmatters.org.uk

Godshill Garage Gallop

Godshill Matters are delighted to announce that the annual Godshill Garage Gallop will return on Sunday 7th June, from 10:00am to 2:00pm.



It's just like a car boot sale — but with a twist. Instead of gathering in one place, sellers set up for sale tables on their own driveways/ garages or in their gardens, while visitors wander around the village hunting for bargains.

Registration is just £8 per driveway. Godshill Matters will produce a public map of all participating addresses and will supply sellers with corporate bunting and official signage. Every penny you make on the day is yours.

If you'd love to take part but don't have a suitable spot, we have a limited number of outdoor spaces available in the village. If you don't have enough items yourself, why not share a space with a neighbour or friend.

Registrations are going well, but we do need a few more to make the day a real success.



To register, please email:
Alison, Godshill Matters Secretary:
alison@godshillmatters.org.uk
or phone **07710 881714**.

All Saints Church

Did you know that a lot of All Saints treasury is held at Carisbrooke Castle Museum, for safety and to be seen.

L53 - All Saints' Church

Record number	Object simple name	Brief Description	Image
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NETCC: 1985.5194	flagon	engraved silver flagon from All Saints Church, Godshill	
NETCC: 1985.5195	dish	silver (gilt) alms dish - parish plate from All Saints Church, Godshill	
NETCC: 1985.5196	paten	silver (gilt) paten from All Saints Church, Godshill	
NETCC: 1985.5197	chalice	silver (gilt) chalice from All Saints Church, Godshill	
NETCC: 1985.5201	chalice	chalice from All Saints Church, Godshill, Stuart era	
NETCC: 1985.5202	cover	cover for chalice from All Saints Church, Godshill	
NETCC: 2000.48	chalice	Elizabethan chalice from All Saints Church, Godshill	
NETCC: 2000.49	cover	cover for chalice (NETCC : 2000.48) from All Saints Church, Godshill.	

You can find the most up to date information regarding All Saints at:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/16778/>

Olive Garden -> Village Teapot

It's all change as the Olive Garden becomes the Village Teapot.



May Close Regeneration Started

It's finally dry enough to gain access to May Close and Central Mead and start clearing years and years of rubbish.



Here is the first load about to leave May Close at the end of March. Once all the heavy work has been done, it would be great if you could volunteer to start on the general litter tidy-up. Would you have an hour or two once a month to have a bit of fun keeping the village clean and tidy - families welcome. Contact Stephen on 07763 665812 or clerk@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk.

New Model Village Arrivals

Every year you will find new things to see in the Model Village. Season tickets are excellent value if you live in Godshill and pop in to enjoy the village many times.



The villagers have taken up bee keeping and rumour is they have been collecting some good honey.



Yes, it has happened! Fred and Martin have been recreated as models and you can now find them in the garden.

Martin can be found painting and Fred can be found cutting the bushes just like the giant versions.

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GODSHILL COMMUNITY CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY 2026
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Clerk's Corner



This last month at the clerk's desk has been busy-busy-busy, what with the year end and compiling a large number of reports for the April 7th full council meeting.

At that meeting the council reviewed a number of items related to our governance requirements, that included reviewing our risk assessment to cover the council's activities, an audit of the data that the council holds to ensure compliance with GDPR regulations and the appointment of an internal auditor who will mark my homework and take an outsiders 'look at the books' in the next month.

Along with the administration items we also agreed two-year grass cutting contracts to take care of the village's green spaces which includes both Central Mead and May Close playing fields, Bridgecourt cemetery, the Memorial Garden on Church Hill, the village green and the parcel of grass next to the public toilets.

On that topic we would like to offer our warmest thanks to Eddie Read who has looked after a number of council green spaces for around 30 years.

The last item for discussion at council this month was the employment of the council's first ever second member of staff.

We would like to warmly welcome Kira Glasspool onto the team. Kira lives in the village and will be supporting us by looking after the loos and generally keeping things tidy around the playgrounds and village. We are sure she will be a great asset to the community!

As ever, if you have questions about the council's work then I am always happy to chat, either by email or on the phone.

clerk@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk or
07763 665812

Stephen Cockett – Clerk



GODSHILL GARAGE GALLOP!



An opportunity for residents to sell their unwanted items on their driveways or out of their garages — and it's the perfect chance to wander around our beautiful village and pick up a few bargains!

SUNDAY 7 JUNE from 10 TO 2PM

If you are interested in taking part, please contact us for a Registration Form. Some larger sites may be available for shared space if you don't have a drive of your own.

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- ★ **Toasted Marshmallows** from the Scouts Fire Pit
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Godshill Working Groups

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Amenities & Environment

There was a meeting with the village hall charity. Cllr Donoclift has responded to their questions. At a second meeting it was agreed that an indoor meeting space was needed most urgently.

Cllr Donoclift with assistance, cleared many years of dumped rubbish from May Close (behind the Scout Hut) and disposed of appropriately.

Cllr Donoclift carried out a survey of the old Cricket Pavilion with local builder and discussed 'plan of attack' also drawn up much important documentation and has had vital discussions with IoW Planning.

Cllr Jackman has spoken to Artology and Georgia Newman from Creative Island re May Close. Cllrs Jackman and Mansell met Ian Boyd and Ian Leah at May Close to discuss May Close and Munsley bog and seek advice and support.

At a meeting on the Biosphere event, it was agreed that the event should be extended with more activities and act as our first step towards the resurrection of the annual Godshill Fair last run by the Horticultural Society probably last century – tentatively named "Godshill Wild".

Communications & Community Engagement

No longer able to have Gazette archive in the PO. Now 3 Gazette advertisers and maybe 4 or 5 next month. Cllr Mansell attended "What Does It Mean To Be A 21st-Century Parish And Town Councillor?" Cllrs Jackman and Mansell attended 2 meetings with Godshill Matters.

Emergency and Resilience

Cllr Jackman produced list of equipment for which a grant is being sought.

Planning, Roads & Byways

Cllr Donoclift contacted IOW Council / Island Roads / PFI regarding timescale for opening the Bats Wing Foot Path now owner has had the wall reinstated. Cllr Dyke has also been applying pressure by phone.

Cllr Donoclift contacted IOW Council / Island Roads / PFI regarding the timescale for repair of the low wall on the corner outside the Post Office. Previous correspondence said by the end of April for completion. Cllr Dyke has also been applying pressure by phone.

Cllr Donoclift contacted Island roads and Police regarding dumped van in the bus stop on the A3020 at the bottom of the road to Godshill Park Farm – Vehicle now removed.

Cllr Crane continued his quest to get Island Roads to understand the surface water drainage system in the Moor View area.

Speedwatch Team – there are now a dozen volunteers and a training session has been run. They are due to have their first official meeting in the next couple of weeks and will be in action very soon after, probably early May.

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Godshill Community Projects



From the November 2025 survey we learnt a lot about the preferences of residents and where they are prepared to offer help.

In its budget, the Parish Council has made available funds to support new initiatives that will help us to continue to grow **OUR GODSHILL COMMUNITY**.

Your community needs a little of your time, effort, expertise and moral support.

Why not get involved and give it a try, you'll love the community spirit. Did you join in Pirate Day on Easter Monday? Community spirit is growing!

But if you then find it's not for you, we thank you and hope that we can continue to have your moral support

We need you to step forward and find out about getting involved, leave your contact details with Stephen, our parish clerk.

NONE OF THESE PROJECTS CAN MOVE FORWARD WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS

1. Central Mead Community Hub

The survey told us that a real, easily accessible indoor space was a vital and urgent need in the village **AND MUST BE AVAILABLE THIS YEAR**. We believe there could be real positive news next month!

We do have a few skilled volunteers but we could do with many more hands. This is one of our top two most important projects.

2. May Close – a space for all

The Parish Council is investing a significant sum to get this underway and will be looking for external funding to build on this groundwork that has now started. Next the play equipment is to be renovated.

3. Speedwatch

Now, with a dozen volunteers, the team will be in action within the next few weeks.

4. Godshill Wild

An event in May Close in support of the Biosphere Week is planned but a few more VOLUNTEERS are needed.

5. Worsley Wombles

Now that we have Kira on board, we need a group of willing litter pickers to support her in keeping the village clean and tidy. This could be a fun and worthwhile activity for families.

IF VOLUNTEERS COME FORWARD AMAZING THINGS CAN HAPPEN IT IS UP TO YOU!

Contact Stephen the Parish Clerk or any member of the Parish Council or Godshill Matters to offer to help.

Hants & IoW Neighbourhood Watch



These incident reports are produced by a team of Neighbourhood Watch Police volunteers. They cover burglary, theft, vehicle crime & criminal damage incidents on the Island. The information provided is strictly limited so as not to compromise future police investigations.

Visit <https://ourwatch.org.uk> click on JOIN US. Scroll down the page and click on SIGN UP HERE. Follow the instructions and once you have completed the registration, you will be invited to join a local scheme. Click on JOIN alongside Godshill and you are in!

Summary – In the last month, there were no incidents reported for Central Rural and therefore none for Godshill.

Councillors' Chat

Friday afternoons, 4:30pm in the Griffin – table 4 (in the front window near the fireplace) for an hour or so.



Pop in and say hello. The Griffin is kindly providing a space for you to meet us face-to-face, informally. No need to buy a drink, a soda or even a cup of tea. If you have a question, a suggestion, pop in for a few minutes. At least one councillor will be on hand, honestly, we don't bite!

It has been suggested that we could call these sessions the Parish Pump. Why? Well, there may well have been one in Godshill back in the 19th and early 20th century. Not only were they the village's source of water, they were also the place where you met people and kept up to date on what was going on in the village.

Thanks!

Many thanks to our three local advertisers:

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Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Caroline Gladwin was unable to attend the Parish Council meeting on 6th April. Following is a summary of her report

I am continuing with my road safety campaign. I am currently petitioning Highways to reduce the speed limit on Whitwell Road from 60mph to 40mph and to install sufficient signage for the Roud junction.

I am pressing for all serious road safety concerns across the Island raised by residents and supported by their Councillor to be treated urgently and for a full investigation to take place into these road safety concerns.

I am still continuing my total opposition to any school closures on the Island.

I have had no response from Richard Quigley's Parliamentary Assistant regarding an update on funding for the Hospice. I will continue to pursue.

You can contact Caroline at:
Caroline.Gladwin@iow.gov.uk

Printed Copies Available

We currently have a small but growing budget available to enable us to print some black and white copies of the Gazette for those without the internet.

If you would like a printed copy or you know of someone who needs or prefers to have a printed copy delivered, contact Stephen, the Parish Clerk and give him name and address.

Sharing Your Gazette

If you're reading an electronic copy, why not forward a copy to friends and family, even to those across the water.



Have Your Say!

Is it me or are we incredibly shy and private in Godshill? I don't think so and it would be great to hear from residents, children and teenagers alike.

There are a number of activities going on in the village who we haven't heard from and would love to include in the Gazette each month. Please get in touch if you have a knitting, crocheting, boules playing, walking, car enthusiasts, cribbage, etc. group. Simply email what you want to say, ideally including an appropriate photo and we will certainly include it.

Godshill Gazette is for everyone in our community. If there's something that matters to you, it probably matters to others. Let us share that for you.

You can also phone the Parish Clerk (07763 665812) – you may need to leave a message – but we'll get back to you.

Email your submissions to:

comms@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk

Last Word

Next month's Gazette will be published on Saturday May 16th along with draft minutes from the March Parish Council meeting.

DON'T FORGET – we also have latest news items on the website and our Facebook page. We also have less frequent updates on X (Twitter) and Instagram. So, if you have anything you'd like to share, email it to:

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If you know of a group that has not yet appeared in the Gazette, please let us know and we will get them in the next issue.

Same goes for events that are not currently included in the Village Calendar on the home page of the website.

PLEASE don't wait to be asked, get writing or ringing and let us know what you want to share with the rest of the village.

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PLEASE NOTE

Contacting the Parish Council.

You can contact the Parish Council at:
clerk@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk

Phone: **07763 665812**

This number will normally be answered by Stephen Cockett, our parish clerk.

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