

Young People's Surveys

The Parish Council want the younger members of our community to tell us what their needs are in Godshill. Tell them **NOW!**



There are two separate surveys, one for 5-10 year olds and a different survey for 11-17 year olds.

This is for those who live in the village and also for any youngsters who spend any time in the village or are involved in any of the activities that currently go on, such as the scout group or the cadets.

The easiest way to give your views is via the online questionnaires.

Alternatively, questionnaire forms can be picked up from and returned to Jodie and Russell at the Cider Barn in the village.

The objective is to provide facilities and opportunities that will benefit the younger members of our community in a way that best suits both themselves and their families.

The input should be from our younger people with assistance from their parents or carers, as appropriate.

Here is the link to the online questionnaires:

**[YOUNG PEOPLE'S
QUESTIONNAIRES](#)**
[CLICK HERE](#)

Erica – The Real Story

Godshill recently hit the Nationals when the story came out that our famous Erica has not appeared in the Model Village this year.



You can read the full and real story of Erica as kindly provided by Stuart at the Model Village on page 7.

NEW Godshill Community on WhatsApp

We are continuing to grow our community by bringing our groups on WhatsApp under one single community presence.

This enables us to have a closed community for Godshill in which members can choose to be involved in any of the groups that interest them and also receive vital and urgent messages that are important to the whole community.

Find out more on page 14.

Godshill Matters 100Club



August prize winners:

1st: £40 No 91 – Mike Jones

2nd: £10 No 18 - Andy & Bernie Snart

3rd: £5 No 22 – Abi Breach

Just 2 numbers, 52 & 94 for the 2026 competition are still available

[CLICK/TAP HERE](#) or email treasurer@godshillmatters.org.uk.

Godshill Gems W.I.

July may have been scorching hot but Godshill Gems W.I. did not rest or stop. When it came to having laughs and fun we were all out there enjoying the sun.



07 July – Kurling with Seaview W.I.

With mix and match ladies to form teams of Red versus Blue different techniques explored, stones rolled many times not few. Competitiveness gave up cries and whoops of delight. Cheerful ribbing and banter saw new friendships ignite.



08 July – GG W.I. Book Club

In Fran's beautiful garden, under the shade of a tree the group debated at leisure, whilst enjoying afternoon tea. Sebastian Faulks "A Week In December" the worst pick of the year. Not a book to remember!



11 & 12 July – The Royal IOW County Show

A new privilege bestowed and an honour to serve gave volunteers an opportunity to help, then roam and observe. Twelve Gems took turns manning "white" entrance with smiles directing, guiding, chatting, welcoming visitors from miles



14 July – GG W.I. Meeting – Theme "The Seaside"

Sea Shanties were sung, encouraging stomping and clapping. The competition table full and not found to be lacking. Homemade cakes disappeared in the wink of an eye. Foam Seahorses made, everybody gave them a try.

15 July – Kurling – Gems Only

Once again members, to the white line stepped up enthusiastically aiming their stones and hoping for luck. The target seemed to grow smaller or the distance longer the scoring became dodgy, the laughter got stronger.



21 July – Promenade Strollers @ Ventnor

Off we marched for an amble not a hike sun, sea, chatter, what was not to like? Coffee stops, rests a plenty, ice creams with flake Seagulls had my brunch! For goodness sake!



22 July – Talk and Guided Tour of Farringford House and Gardens

We walked in the steps of Lord Tennyson, the poet, the muse through his gorgeously restored home, so much beauty to choose to look at, and to hear of his life full of music, family and friends. The gardens were exquisite - a trip none of us wanted to end.



28 July – IOW Federation WI Annual Meeting, Northwood House

At the Island WI's yearly sum up, showcasing prominent speakers 4 nominated Gems languished with coffee and drinks in beakers. Awards and honours bestowed amid much applause and cheering Wonkey Donkey joined dressed mascots, sitting nicely, not rearing

29 July – Craft Club

The aim at this month's meet up in the Methodist Hall? To produce die cut 3D decoupage cards made by all. Saw hands-on ladies concentrating, focused, intent tongues out, eyes squinting, over our creations we bent

Onward into August!

Contact: Sandy2471@gmail.com

The People's Emergency Briefing

As Chair of Godshill Matters I was pleased to attend the Parish Councils screening of The Peoples Emergency Briefing.



The short 45-minute film, presented by Chris Packham, brings together leading UK scientists and experts to outline risks from climate change and nature loss whilst campaigning for an official, prime-time televised broadcast of the previously mentioned 'Briefing'.

Following the showing many of us there enjoyed an animated discussion on the conclusions presented.

Whilst I did not necessarily agree with all the assertions made by the film it was certainly thought-provoking and discussed risks from climate change, like national security, that I had never considered.



Within days of this local screening, the wildfires here on the Island at Headon Warren took hold and this reinforced my belief that the film should be shown again, to a wider audience, in Godshill, and as soon as possible on national tv.

If you think there is values in a national screening please sign the petition here: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/767687>

If you'd like to see the film, you really, really should and share your thoughts with others afterwards then **TELL ME NOW**. Email chris@godshillmatters.org.uk

Chris Slann



In the film, Jennifer Saunders says: "I'd make sure that everybody in every school and every place of work had to sit down and listen to this."

You can see a trailer on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/9tLUnWHkGG4?si=E9-G4R4p7Wb0wC75>

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Rockenend Rum and Shimmer Vodka also available.

Godshill Matters Gearing Up

The next action-packed meeting of the friends of Godshill Matters will be on **Wednesday 12th September 6:30 – 8:00** in the School Hall.



This meeting will be a corker, so please do come and join in. As well as the AGM (a boring but brief bit) we will be discussing what is coming up in the next few months.

What is 'poppies galore' and how can we all (yes all) be involved? What will the Godshill Guisers (who?) be up to this year? How can we all pull together to make Godshill Christmas Cracker (sorry to mention Christmas during a heatwave) the biggest and best ever.



BUT this can't all be done unless we all work together, so please, come to the meeting in September and join in the fun. There are serious bits too, like Speedwatch!

FOSSILS REACH YAVERLAND

With Summer upon us, Ian & Di still have some time available in these chalets, so, if you have last minute visitors or are struggling to accommodate them all, please call us and we will try to help. Thank you.



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Superfast broadband

Peaceful location

Bespoke outside space

Sea and Downland views

Access to the Island's coastal path and to the wonderful (and dog friendly) beach at Yaverland.

Contact us at: fossils.reach@outlook.com
or through our website; fossilsreachholidaychalets.com

Allotments are Coming!

The Parish Council have had a dozen or so actual enquiries regarding the provision of allotments in Godshill.



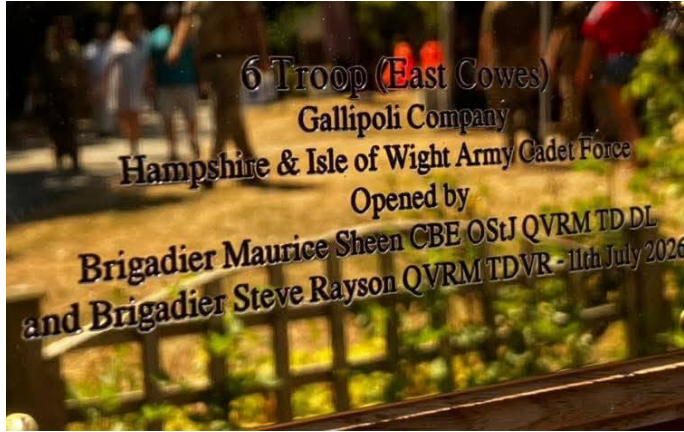
If you think you might be interested please let us know by using a form you will find on the community website:

[**CLICK/TAP HERE**](#)

Alternatively, leave your details with the parish clerk.

7 (Godshill) Troop, Army Cadet Force Groups

The Summer holidays are upon us and Gallipoli Company are getting ready to go on their Annual Camp – this year a week in Kent for the grand total all-in of £70 (£45 if on free school meals), so hopefully pictures to see in next month's issue of the Gazette!



This month Cadets from Godshill Troop have been helping to support activities around the Island. We recently opened a new Troop at Holy Cross Primary School in East Cowes and had a big VIP Open Day where the Cadets showcased the activities they do to visiting members of the Regular and Reserve Army, dignitaries from the Council, members of the general public and their friends and family.



Stands included First Aid scenarios displays, Laser weapon shooting and Kim's Games (a test of observation). A popular stall was Cooking in the Field where Cadets showed people the ration packs used during our Spring and Summer weekend camps – the warmed through sticky toffee pudding was a popular tasting choice!



Additionally, Cadets supported our Recruitment stand at the East Cowes Fair, an event run over 3 days which included the wonderful Cowes Week Firework Display on the Friday night – an event they all enjoyed.



During Cowes Week we had the honour of being invited on board the Royal Navy escort ship, HMS Severn. The Crew made our Cadets and staff most welcome and showed them many aspects of the ship including anti-aircraft guns, the Bridge and the water cannons, the latter of which they all got to try out. A great school holiday bonus of being in the Army Cadet Force!

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 at our 6 Troops across the Island.

Erica – The Real Story

Stuart Dyer reports as follows:

Our stalker was made in the 1980's and inspired by the antics of Erica Roe at Twickenham in 1982 where she took a topless dash across the pitch.



Our figure was made by Helen Woodhouse (still our fantastic model design artist) and first appeared for a bit of fun in mid 1980s.

A few complaints led to her removal and she retired to the workshop. In 2004 when we bought the business, I reinstated her onto the football pitch where she remained until October 2025.

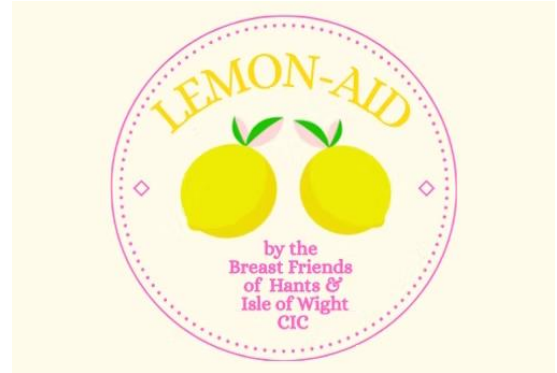
Each year we might have the occasional comment about her but in 2025 we noticed a few more than usual. Was this a trend? At the end of each season all the figures are cleared away for the winter period to allow our team to carry out maintenance etc. We decided at the start of this season not to put her out again as we felt maybe her time was finally up and it was quite possible that no one would really miss her.

A recent visitor wrote to the County Press 'concerned' about her absence and they asked us for a comment. This we did, mentioning that we received a few complaints last year and that maybe she has less relevance in 2026 compared to 1986.

Also, as a family tourist attraction, we want all visitors to enjoy their time here so we decided to leave her in the workshop. The story was then picked up by the national press and she went viral overnight catching us all completely by surprise.

The rest you know. We set up an online vote and over 5000 people voted for her return and she is now back but with a new mission

to raise awareness and funds for a local breast cancer charity - Lemon Aid by the Breast Friends of Hants and Isle of Wight.



So, she is now out and about in the garden in different locations and if a visitor does spot her, we hope they will make a small donation to this worthy cause.



The Godshill Community Charity Quizzes - GCCQ

So here we are in the middle of summer when people are off on holiday and generally enjoying the warm sunny weather. Which means less people want to spend the evening indoors listening to me waffling on!.

So for Godshill Community Charity Quiz number 20, in aid of Carers IOW, the number of teams joining us was down on usual numbers, with only 7 teams entered. We still had a fun night and it appears we had the brainier quizzers in attendance, as all the teams scored over 45 points (75%), and the top spot was a tie between "Doctor's Orders" and "The Godzillians", both scoring 50 points, a fine achievement!

Despite the lower turn out, we still raised a total of £209, so well done to those who joined us.



Quiz number 21 was held two weeks later on the 5th August and the charity was Sight For Wight, which started out as the Isle of Wight Society for the Blind in 1865, making it one of the oldest independent charities on the island.

Attendance was well up on the previous quiz, a total of 14 teams entered, "The Quizzical Women" making the trip all the way from Freshwater.

As well as the usual "Allsorts" rounds, we had a round called "Hot or Not?" with questions about ice lollies and the Scoville Scale (which is a method of measuring the spiciness of peppers) and a slightly tricky "Connections" round, with questions about Brain's faggots and the Morris Marina. Can you make the connection from just these two answers? (answer at the end of this article)

"Doctor's Orders" took first place with a score of 43, narrowly beating "The Quizzical Women" and "Godshill Matters Elite"(?!) who both scored 41 points. A number of people commented that they thought the quiz was a "bit hard". I can only say that eleven of the teams that took part achieved a score over 50% of the possible maximum, which is my way of gauging the level of difficulty. If most teams get over half the questions correct, then I'm happy the level is about right. The puzzle round was a picture round again, this time the task being to identify pictures of people (or things) called "Nigel".

Can you identify the "Nigel" in this picture?



The accumulator question went unanswered, so the fund is now at £80. I had lots of positive comments from folks saying they had had an enjoyable evening, so it doesn't matter if you find the questions, shall we say "challenging", you can still have fun.

The raffle was as popular as ever, with a range of prizes to suit everyone, including wine, biscuits and chocolate and the usual cuddly toy. The total raised from the quiz and raffle was a healthy £285.60. Thanks again to all who donated prizes and all who took part.

We do it all again on Wednesday 19th August at 8pm, when we will be raising money for Sandown and Shanklin Independent Lifeboat. If you've not joined us before, why not come along and join in the fun?

Book your table on 01983 211115 or at www.heritagepubs.co.uk/griffin-godshill

Coming next :

19th Aug – Sandown and Shanklin Independent Lifeboat (8pm start)

2nd Sept – IOW Prostate Cancer Support Group (back to 7pm start)

16th Sept – Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance (7pm start)

7th Oct – Wight SAR (7pm start)

As usual, extra raffle prizes are always welcome. 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.

A big thank you again for all your support.

Oh, I nearly forgot! The connection referred to above is "Gerry Anderson TV shows" and the "Nigel" is "Sir Nigel Gresley". See, I told you it was easy!

Andy "The Quizmaster"

Brighstone Beans

They are coming along nicely, all over Godshill! These are special heritage beans from the National Heritage Seed Library to which we have access through our membership of the Greening Campaign.



Brighstone Beans growing in Judie's garden

The National Seed Library has given us several hundred heritage bush runner beans known as "Brighstone Beans" as they first arrived on the island courtesy of a shipwreck in the 1800s.

These are now coming up nicely, all over Godshill!

Beans have started to be picked and we will have tasting reports next month.



Beans picked this morning, thanks for the photo, Suzette

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Godshill Walking Group

The July walk was one of the 'irregular walks' in that it did not start, or finish in Godshill!!!

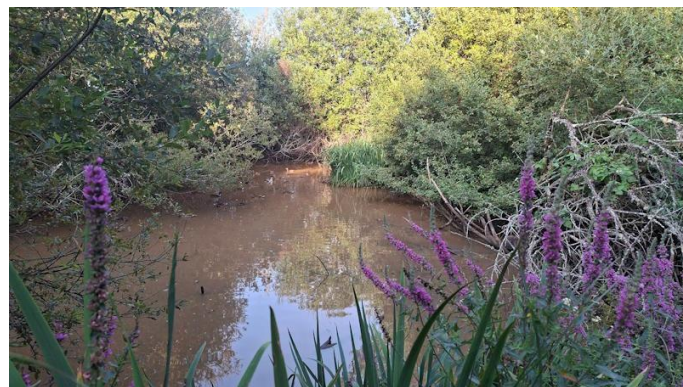


Instead, 15 intrepid adventurers went 'all the way' to Newchurch for a delightful figure of eight walk starting near The Pointer PH.



We set off downhill, through Martins Wood before crossing the cycle path to join a little used path passing Alverstone Mill. Then along the cycle path towards Sandown before doubling back passing the Squirrel Hide and over duckboards through Alverstone Mead Nature Reserve.

From there it was an easy stroll back along part of the Yar River Trail for well earned refreshments at the local pub!



These Godshill Matters walks are proving very popular so here is some feedback.

Linda said, "thank you Godshill Matters for a great sociable walk, a lovely route and scenery plus a welcome cold drink at the Pointers after."

"It was a lovely walk, thank you", said Shani and Tim added "Thanks walk leaders for today's lovely walk."

So, Godshill hikers, what's next? Well, the next Godshill walk is next Friday, 21st August, 11am starting at the Old Smithy car park.



This one is called the Stenbury Surprise! Be among the first to traipse the brand new GL54a footpath, take a jump in a muddy puddle, navigate a ford that still carries

water, enjoy views right across to Tennyson Down, walk shady riverside paths, cross bridges, duckboards and some very interesting stiles!



At just over five and a half miles this one is for adventurous walkers and is probably not suitable for our canine companions (due to some very narrow paths and many sheep in fields).



It's a fabulous route, we just LOVE it! So, please, come and join us!

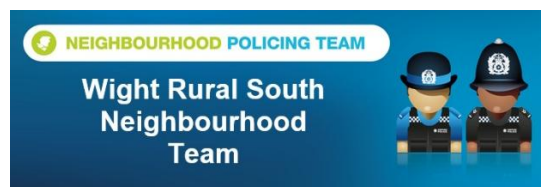


For further information contact – alison@godshillmatters.org.uk



Rural Beat Surgery

Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team will be at Godshill Post Office on Friday 21st August from 9:30-10:00am.



Please take this opportunity to raise any concerns you have and to find out what we are doing to tackle issues that matter to you.

Everyone is welcome and it would be great to see you there. For more information, please contact me - PCSO Justin KEEFE on 07901 102302

PEM - discussion



Following the screening of the 'People's Emergency Briefing' (PEB), the group discussed the transition from global climate anxiety to tangible,

hyper-local resilience – what we ourselves can do to adapt our community and make it more resilient.

The conversation focused on food security, water independence, and community-led energy solutions for the Isle of Wight, specifically Godshill. Here's the 'flavour' of the discussion.

Community Resilience & The "Middle Ground"

A central theme was the shift away from "old-style" activism—characterised by shouting or disruptive protests—towards a "quiet" activism of doing.

- **Convincing the Middle:** Participants noted that aggressive activism often alienates the "middle ground" of the population. The consensus was that demonstrating practical benefits—such as free food and lower energy bills—is more effective than "ramming" ideology down people's throats.
- **The "Ants" Philosophy:** One participant likened prepared activists to the ants in the Grasshopper and the Ant fable: they have already secured their solar panels, vegetable plots, and insulation, and are now focused on helping others rather than arguing with "non-believers."

Water & Food Security

The group identified the island's heavy reliance on the mainland for food (90%) and fuel as a critical vulnerability.

- **Emergency Storage:** There is an urgent need for community-led water storage. Suggestions included investing in underground tanks or reservoirs to ensure resilience during droughts or infrastructure failures.

- **Godshill Pilot:** Plans are being discussed for a pilot in Godshill. This includes mapping private wells and investigating the legalities of large-scale rainwater harvesting.
- **Greywater Innovation:** One resident shared a practical method of recycling washing machine "economy wash" water (8–10 buckets per cycle) to water gardens, significantly reducing costs and water waste.
- **Community Growing:** The group discussed grass verges and creating a community orchard. One suggestion is to replace grass with edible plants like mallow, fennel, and chamomile.

Energy & Technology

- **Local Power:** Inspired by the film Power Station, there is interest in a community-funded solar scheme where the savings from the first few houses are used to fund the next, eventually powering whole areas in the village.
- **AI Energy Costs:** A participant highlighted the hidden environmental cost of AI data centres, noting the massive energy and water consumption required to maintain the digital infrastructure everyone now relies on.

Nuance & Friction

- **The "Naysayer" Strategy:** It was argued that the best way to move a community is to get the most vocal critics on board first; if they are convinced, the rest of the village will follow.
- **Aesthetic vs. Utility:** There is ongoing tension regarding "messy" grass verges. While some residents complain about long grass, the group suggested the use of signage to explain the purpose of wildflower meadows and "edible" verges to mitigate complaints.

Next Steps

The initiative will move forward under the banner of Sustainable Godshill. Residents are encouraged to join the "Sustainable Godshill" WhatsApp group. A follow-up meeting is tentatively planned for late summer to review the progress of the Godshill water pilot, orchard plan and other ideas that will develop.

Lady Ann at Sports Day

Lady Ann was at Rookley for the Godshill Primary School Sports Day.



She met all the children and it was great for those who had designed her look and her outfit to see her in all her glory.



We hope to see more of Lady Ann over the coming months and she is really looking forward to Christmas Cracker in the village on Saturday 5th December.



Parish Pump

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 or a suggestion, pop in for a few minutes. At least one councillor and even a few Godshill Matters friends, will be on hand.

NEW Godshill Community on WhatsApp

Over the past few years a number of Godshill related groups have grown up on Facebook and WhatsApp. Keeping track of them has grown harder! So, to make life simpler, we have set up a Godshill Community on WhatsApp.



A WhatsApp Community is an organizational feature that links multiple individual group chats together under one umbrella. It includes a central announcement group for admins to broadcast messages to everyone, while letting members chat separately in smaller, topic-focused subgroups.



It gives you one place to go, accessed by this icon (or similar) once you are in WhatsApp. It is a closed community just for those who live or work in Godshill.

Members can choose to join and leave any of the groups within the community. Members can request new groups and any member can be given rights to administer a group.

This Godshill Community is just days old. We are slowly building and slowly learning.

To date, we have created the following active groups within the Godshill Community:

Fundraising

Let's work together to raise money and support local needs. Share ideas and pitch in.

Godshill Gazette

This group is a dedicated space to share, discuss, and curate interesting articles, links, and stories for the Gazette.

Sustainable Godshill

Neighbours coming together to look after the place we all share. Everyone has something to contribute—whether that's a love of wildlife, practical ideas for reducing waste, tips for saving energy, growing, time to volunteer, or simply a willingness to get involved. By learning from one another and taking small, shared actions, we can strengthen local connections, help our green spaces flourish, support households across Godshill, and create a healthier, more resilient future for everyone. Be part of what we can do together.

Space for Nature and Growing Food

This is the group for the green fingered amongst us. Help us develop our new allotments, grow food and encourage beautiful spaces for the nature around us.

General

Any new community members will be automatically added to this group. All community members can use this chat to talk with each other.

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There is no reason groups and clubs can't have their own WhatsApp groups within this Godshill Community Hub, managing them themselves, if they wish. We can have up to 50 groups within the Godshill Community Hub.

Even though it is early days, why not join in and take a look. You can leave at any time.

We need your First name, Surname, Postcode and Mobile number and confirmation that you are at least 13 years old in order to add you to the Godshill Community.

You can email these to:

comms@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk

OR

[CLICK/TAP HERE](#) to go to a page on the Community website and fill in the simple form.

COME AND JOIN IN!!!

Path Repairs at Gat Cliff

Isle of Wight National Landscape work closely with partner organisations and landowners to improve access into the countryside.



Before

Very recently they have been hard at work improving the climb up Gat Cliff which is to the south of the village.



After

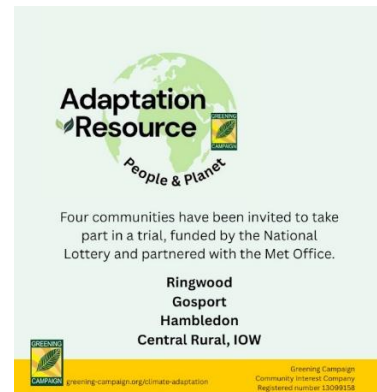
Not only have the steps themselves been painstakingly rebuilt, new handrails have been erected making the climb a lot less arduous and safe.

Making these improvements for the benefit of all involves working in partnership to ensure the natural environment is improved whilst farmland activity is supported.

[Click Here](#) to see more photos and for more about the Isle of Wight National Landscape on their website.

Adaptation with Met Office

The project moves on and we now need to chat with the community to get stories that give us the cascade of events that occurred during extreme weather events.



In simple terms, the project is about bringing together Met Office data on weather events and anecdotal evidence collected locally.

Together this information will allow us to better understand the cascade of events that occur when an extreme weather event occurs.

We will be one of the very first communities to put in place a plan to deal with these issues using the Adaptation Resource.

Our team will create a **Central Rural Community Adaptation Plan** to share with our residents. This will show identified risks and opportunities and who we think should be responsible for acting.

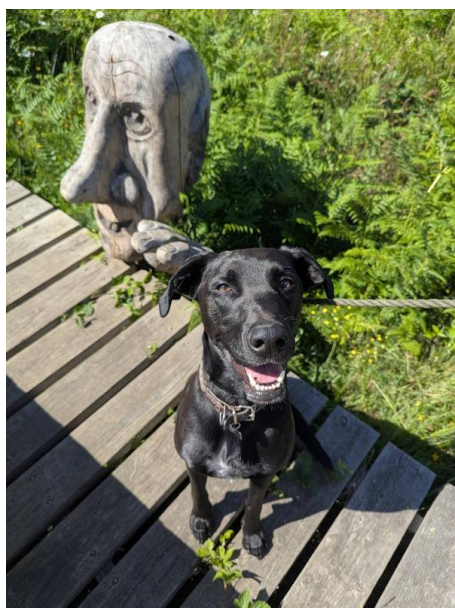
You can still join the team. Please contact Stephen, our clerk, clerk@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk or **07763 665812**

1st Godshill & Rookley Scouts

Visit the new swings and May Close Recreation Ground and take in the story of *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* as beautifully narrated by the Beavers themselves.



If you walk beyond the swings you will come to the steps down to the walkway across Munsley Bog. Here you will see this notice on a post with the QR code enabling you to have a listen.



This is what Oscar did recently and met the Munsley Bog Troll when he went trip trap, trip trap over his bridge.



Munsley Bog is an absolute haven for wild flowers, dragon-flies and butterflies.

Our Group offers scouting at its best for young people and adults alike: Loads of laughs, lots of fun and happy faces, friends and memories made for life.

The best way to keep up with our weekly adventures is to follow us on Facebook where you will also find lots of photos: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61572948352459>.

Robin Kent,
Group Lead Volunteer,
1st Godshill & Rookley Scout Group,
Robin@1stgodshillandrookley.org.uk

News from All Saints Pews

Thursdays 10am said service 30mins with refreshments afterwards

Saturdays 11am said service 30mins with refreshments afterwards

Sundays 2nd and 4th in month 11am full sung service 1hr with refreshments afterwards.

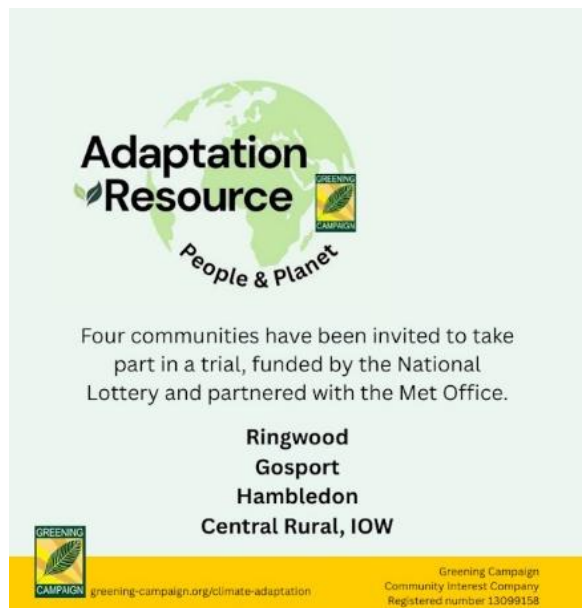
You can contact me, Fr Tony, on tonyschickens@btinternet.com

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

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

Adaptation with Met Office

This project is making a slow start and is in need of a few volunteers to help gather stories and residents to tell us about their experiences.



In simple terms, the project is about bringing together Met Office data on weather events and anecdotal evidence collected locally.

Together this information will allow us to better understand the cascade of events that occur when an extreme weather event occurs.

Whilst there are not that many hot weather events, until very recently, there were many very cold periods within living memory. We have plenty of residents who recall the big freeze of 1963.

It is now time to share the experience we have so far gained with others.

So, whose up for it?

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Join the team NOW. Please contact Stephen, our clerk, clerk@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk or **07763 665812**

Godshill Methodist Church

We have a monthly service on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30am – everyone is most welcome!



Reverend Lin Francis can be contacted on 01983 594783.

Godshill Methodist Knitting & Crochet club meet Mondays 11am-1pm Thursdays 2-4pm

Godshill Gems W.I. craft group meet on the last Wednesday in month 2-4pm

If you wish to hire Godshill Methodist Church, please contact Mrs Margaret Cooper 614862 or email coopers@pm30h.plus.com



GODSHILL COMMUNITY CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT Wednesday 2nd September 2026 in aid of

IOW Prostate Cancer Support Group

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Accumulator Prize

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Bar open till 9pm

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The Griffin, Godshill PO38 3JD

TEL 01983 211115

S	Support	Support for group members, men and their families affected by Prostate Cancer
A	Awareness	Awareness to all about our existence and the danger of Prostate cancer
F	Fund raising	Fund raising to enable us to make everyone aware and support them especially with PSA testing
E	Educate	Educate the public as to the dangers of Prostate Cancer, the diagnostic needs of all men the treatments choices and living with the cancer

Clerk's Corner



Dear residents, summer is upon us and there is a slight relief for the clerk of the council as there was no full council meeting in August.

That said my time is still used well preparing for items that will crop up in the autumn. Such as preparing quotes for various ground works and hedge trimmings that cannot be carried out during the summer due to concerns around nesting birds.

Among work being considered are items around Bridgecourt cemetery to make space around graves that are being encroached upon by hedges and works to widen the entrance for safety and to create space for signage.

As well as those works the council needs to consider the removal of an ash tree that might be succumbing to the ash die back disease that has swept the nation over the last decade, quotes are being sought for that.

Along with this work – and other miscellaneous tasks – is the regular management of the villages assets such as the public conveniences – that will always generate calls about stuck 20p's, sticks and stones forced into coin slots... and the green spaces which require regular inspections and occasional maintenance.

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

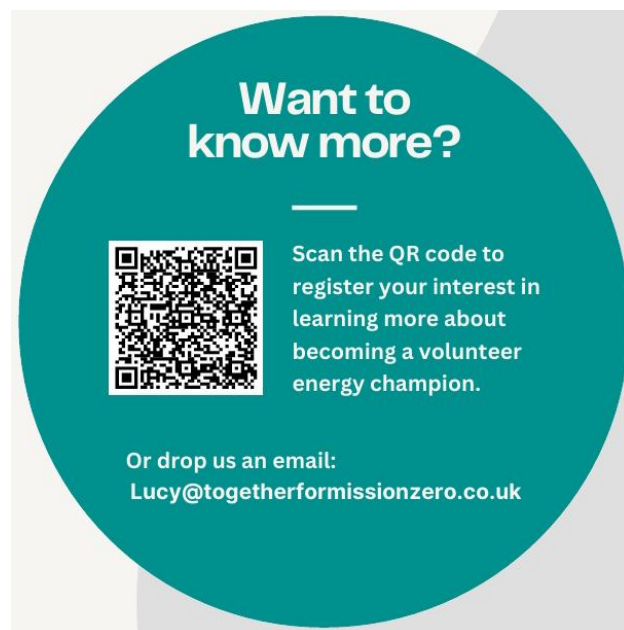
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Stephen Cockett – Clerk

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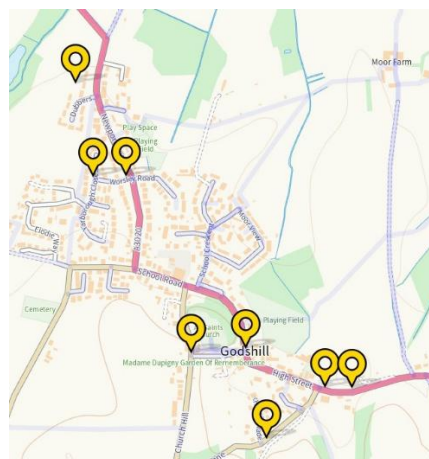


We the 33 are looking for people across the Island who are willing to do just that: have friendly conversations and point people towards practical help with energy costs and creating healthier, warmer homes.

You don't need to be an expert. Champions are trained and supported by a community of local energy organisations and fellow champions. Your job is simply to be a trusted face and helpful point of contact in Godshill.

Fix My Street

Don't forget to use Fix My Street to report any road and path issues, no matter how small.



Fix My Street really does work.

Go to: <https://fms.islandroads.com/>

News from All Saints Pews

Father Tony reports:.

All services are running as normal.

Thursdays 10am said service 30mins with refreshments afterwards

Saturdays 11am said service 30mins with refreshments afterwards

Sundays 2nd and 4th in month 11am full sung service 1hr with refreshments afterwards.

You can contact me, Fr Tony, on tonyschickens@btinternet.com

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

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

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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!

You can now use the group within the WhatsApp Godshill Community to get in touch.

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



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Last Word

Next month's Gazette will be published over the weekend of September 12-13th.

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:

comms@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk

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.

Email us at:

comms@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk

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.

www.godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk

Please bear in mind that Stephen only works part-time, so you may get the answerphone.

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