

Christmas is Coming!



JOIN US FOR
GODSHILL
CHRISTMAS CRACKER
05 December 2026

A full day of activities throughout the village, from Breakfast with Santa to Lantern Parade finale. Includes an arts and crafts market and church bazaar, street entertainers and more.

If you have something you would like to do or sell please get in touch!

www.godshillmatters.uk
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 **Godshill Matters**

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Godshill Community on WhatsApp

We are continuing to grow and support our Godshill Community by providing space for groups on WhatsApp under one single Godshill community banner.

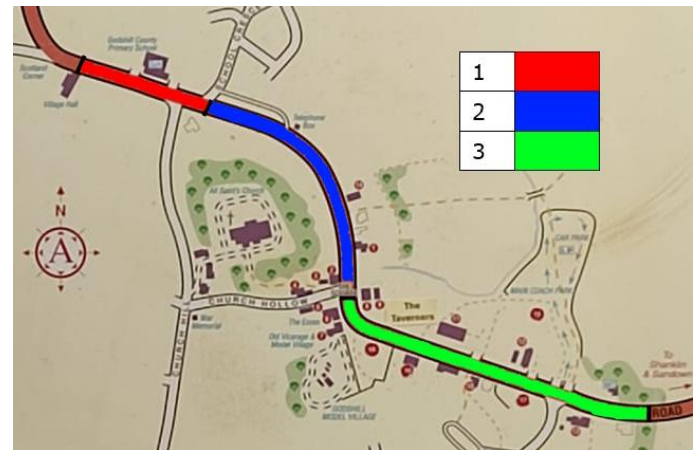


This enables us to have a closed community for Godshill in which you can choose to be involved in any of the groups that interest you, have a group just for your club or activity and also receive vital and urgent messages that are important to the whole community. All collected together.

Find out more on page 14.

Major Roadworks in Godshill

School Road and High Street to be closed in sections for about 8 weeks starting on Monday 19th October.



Information will drop through all Godshill letterboxes shortly. The work will be done in sections and is expected to take about eight weeks unless there are unexpected hold-ups.

The work is being done in three sections starting outside the school. This first phase is scheduled to coincide with the school half term holiday and to be completed and fully open again for first day back after that holiday.

The second phase involves the road from School Crescent to the junction with Church Hollow outside of the Post Office.

The third phase is from Church Hollow down to a point just beyond the Griffin close to the 20/30 sign.

Each week, parts of the section on which they are working will be closed from 07:30 on the Monday morning through to no later than 18:00 on the Friday. All the road will be open at weekends, but not guaranteed.

Pedestrian access will be maintained as long as it is safe (heavy machinery at work).

Equipment will be stored/parked in part of the free car park.

Target completion date is 12th December.

This is the best info we have at the moment.

Godshill Gems W.I.

When other W.I.s take a break in the month of August, Godshill Gems W.I. just keeps on going. So much to do! So much to enjoy! So little time to do it all in!



Our monthly W.I. meeting dispensed with serving traditional tea and cake and in keeping with the seasonal hot weather, saw an orderly queue form for ice creams and lollies on sticks. The speaker, Keith Jones, gave an insightful and fascinating talk on the judiciary process and the workings of the Isle of Wight courts, after which, the hall transformed into a courtroom, allowing some of our members to re-enact a mock trial. The accused – Alex (aka Mary) developed a very broad East End of London accent for reasons unbeknown to everyone else in the room, became a bit bolshie and after failing to follow her Counsel's direction, glared at all 3 Magistrates and snarled at the witness, pleading "not guilty" to her shop lifting capers. Debate amongst the audience after all evidence and statements had been presented, gave a surprising "innocent" majority verdict. After acquittal it was revealed that Alex had previously been convicted 3 times before, for shoplifting charges!



Our guests for Kurling this month were members from Shanklin Hyde W.I. who enjoyed their session so much, have already re-booked to come back in September. Although we try to keep our sessions friendly and non-competitive, the Gems team decided to do some energetic limbering up exercises.



Did we intimidate our guests? No! Perhaps next time we might all do the Maori All Blacks Hacker dance? I suspect whatever we do, our level of play and the fun we all have, won't change at all.



Mottistone Manor and gardens was the outing destination. First, assembly, roll call and photo shoot opportunity before everyone scattered across the site.



Up Hills – stunning views from the top out across the fields to the sea; Down Dales – admiring the pretty well tended terraces and gardens; In My Lady’s Chamber – well into the Manor’s open rooms to view the stunning 17th century wall hangings.



We were also treated to an impromptu classical piano recital and entertained with modern tunes from our very own W.I. member, Yvonne. Eventually everyone reconvened in the tea gardens for lunch and chatter, and more chatter, and more chatter! In fact there was so much to laugh and talk about, a hard core 8 members stayed for afternoon tea and cake as well..... Maybe they’re still there?

Still feeling extremely sociable, 6 Gems accepted a kind invitation from The Rydettes W.I. to join them for a private Aquacise hour in the Shoreside aquadome pool in Ryde. It was HILARIOUS. 1980s music, bath warm water and splashing with abandonment under the evening sky, loosened up all inhibitions. Water pistols, spinning each other around, playing tag and statues, ringa ringa roses, riding foam cylinders like seahorses, trying to scoop up as many tiny floating balls as possible, saw everyone shrieking with laughter whilst bobbing up and down. Drinks, cakes and a pool themed raffle rounded off a lovely alternative way to spend an evening. If Aquacise classes were always that much fun, I would never be out of the pool.



After the free light show, courtesy of Mother Nature’s partial solar eclipse, 5 Gems amassed at Shanklin Theatre to see Sister Act. We practised our dance moves on the theatre’s steps, before settling into the air conditioned bliss of the auditorium. All I’m going to say about the show is WOW! The performance was spectacular, uplifting and professional and we were all so delighted we decided to see it.

Stroll on September.

Contact: Sandy2471@gmail.com



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INSPIRING WOMEN

Godshill Matters AGM

Godshill Matters has been a fully constituted community association for two years now and the September meeting was the essential AGM.



The meeting was well attended by individuals and representatives of many of the village clubs and organisations. Chris Slann was re-elected as Chair as was Alison Knapman as Secretary and Colin Mansell as Treasurer.

The Chairs report reflected on many of the successes of the organisation over the past 12 months including Christmas Cracker 2025, the Pirate Treasure Trail and the Garage Gollop. The Treasurer reported that in addition to external grant funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner (£8,000 for road safety initiatives) and Scottish and Southern Electric (£2,720 for emergency and resilience equipment) the fundraising and events programme generated a profit of £1,303.

A revised and appropriate constitution was approved and to ensure Godshill Matters remains an independent and relevant local organisation a small executive group was appointed.

Chris rounded off the AGM by thanking everyone across the village for supporting the organisation stating "we couldn't do it without you! Thank you everyone!!":

Godshill Matters 100Club



September prize winners:

1st: £40 No 84 – Julia Laursen

2nd: £10 No 99 – Paula & Roy Hall

3rd: £5 No 20 – Tim Moore

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

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



Allotments are Coming!

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



These have come from a mix of experienced gardeners through to those interested in trying it for the first time. Ideally, we'd like to start in some way, next spring. 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.

Godshill Christmas Cracker

This year, Godshill Christmas Cracker will be on Saturday 5th December with an all-day programme of activities to do and entertainments to see.



Plans are still in the early stages, but we can confirm some of the activities that will going on to ensure it will be a cracker of a day for everyone to enjoy.



Sam at The Griffin will be hosting Breakfast with Santa followed by a full day of family activities.



There will be an art and craft market at the school and a Christmas Fair up at the Church.



Special guests Mr Bakers Dozen will be Morris Dancing all over the place. And, of course, the Godshill Guisers will also be touring around the village performing their unique and hilarious mummers play King George and the Turkish Knight.



The day will be rounded off with the annual Lantern Parade and a community singalong in the garden at The Griffin.



BUT..... there's still time to add activities and events into the day, so if you have something to offer, please get in touch with alison@godshillmatters.org.uk asap .



7 (Godshill) Troop, Army Cadet Force Groups

Army Cadets in Godshill and across the Island are back in full swing after the ACF Annual Camp and school summer holidays, buoyed by fun, camaraderie and promotions!



Earlier in the year, one of our Cadets spotted a chimney fire when leaving after a Troop night and had the good sense to stop, knock on the door and let the homeowner know. For his prompt actions he received a prestigious fire safety award in front of his peers at Annual Camp.



This month saw Island Cadets join forces with another ACF Company on the mainland to compete in the prestigious Connaught Cup. The Competition brought together Cadets from different organisations to test and challenge their individual and team skills in different scenarios. The ACF team did brilliantly and came out on top against the best of the best across Hampshire.



Also this month, a brave team of 8 from the Island, including 2 Senior Cadets and an Adult Instructor from Godshill, had the opportunity to train and complete a parachute jump. An amazing experience, subsidised by the Army Cadet Community Fund, gave them a once-in-a-lifetime experience and helped them complete their Adventurous Training syllabus subject, as well as earn a rare ACF parachute badge!



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.

News from All Saints Pews

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, refreshments afterwards.

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/>

The Godshill Community Charity Quizzes - GCCQ

So, the rains came at last! All that chanting and dancing did the trick!



But, despite the weather, 12 teams made it to the Griffin on 19th August for Godshill Community Charity Quiz number 22, in aid of Sandown and Shanklin Independent Lifeboat. All the usual suspects were there plus a few teams we haven't seen before, including "We thought it was Bingo" and "The Seagals", a group of shanty singing ladies.

The first and last rounds were the usual mix of general knowledge questions while round one was "Music by Numbers" and round three "New or Old". "Doctor's Orders" and "The Naughty Corner" tied for first place with 45 points and "The Seagals" were next with 42. "The Boomers" were close behind with 41 points.

"The Boomers" got lucky and were drawn to attempt the Accumulator question, which was "In what decade were the chimes from Big Ben at Midnight on New Year's Eve first broadcast on radio?" Tim got it right (1920's) and shared £80 with his team.

The puzzle round involved matching occupations with their old traditional names, many of which were adopted as surnames. Did you know a "Hayward" was a fence inspector and a

"Cordwainer" was a shoemaker who works in leather (as opposed to a "Cobbler", who repairs shoes!)



The raffle was as popular as ever, with the usual mix of prizes, including a pair of miniature walkie talkies, a crocheted seagull (very cute!) and various things to eat or drink. The total raised was a healthy £280, so thanks to all who joined us and helped make the evening a success.

Quiz number 23 was held on 2nd September and was in aid of IOW Prostate Cancer Support Group, who entered a team of six called "The Old Wrinklies".

As well as the usual "Allsorts" rounds, we had a round called "Bunch of Fives" which included questions about the Tracy brothers from "Thunderbirds" and the Jackson Five.

The other themed round was called "The Weakest Link" and it was what is known in quizzing circles as a "Wipeout Round" whereby an incorrect answer cancels out your score in the round up to that point. Unfortunately, five teams scored a zero for this round, which had a profound effect on the final result!

"The Boomers" took first prize with a score of 47, with "The Naughty Corner" close behind with a score of 46.

The puzzle round consisted of twenty pictures of pub signs with the names removed. Some were fairly obvious, like "The Wheatsheaf" and "The Royal Oak", while some were a bit more obscure, such as "The Cow and Snuffers" and "The Brickmould".

Sarah from "The Jubilees" was chosen to attempt the Accumulator question, which had dropped back to £20, so she wasn't too disappointed that she couldn't remember the name of Tyrone's pet greyhound on Coronation Street! (It's Monica).

Lots of raffle prizes and the total raised from quiz and raffle was £263.05. Thanks again to all who donated prizes and all who took part.

The next quiz is on Wed 7th October at 7pm, in aid of Isle of Wight Search and Rescue (Wight SAR). Come along and join in the fun and help to raise much needed funds.

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

Coming next :

7th October – Wight SAR

21st October – Age UK IOW

4th November – Godshill and Rookley Scouts

18th November – Godshill Matters

As usual, extra raffle prizes are always welcome. If you tell me which charity you want to support. I'll make sure the prize goes into the raffle on that charity's quiz night.

A big thank you again for all your support.

PS. I don't want to panic you by mentioning Christmas, but I want to give you advance warning that the Christmas Special Quiz on 16th December will be raising funds for..... A charity that you nominate! We will be asking participants to nominate their favourite charity at the quiz on 2nd December and whichever gets the most votes will benefit on the 16th.

Andy "The Quizmaster"

Godshill SpeedWatch

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The results were

Locations	Recorded	Confirmed, letter sent	Confirmed, second letter
Shanklin Rd	3	3	
Shanklin Rd	5	3	
School Rd	42	36	
Newport Rd	1	1	1

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.



2 bedrooms that suit 4 persons

Fully equipped with everything we think you might need

Dog friendly, the location is great for dog walking

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

To explain – the team has to record so much information in such a small space of time and so not all vehicles are counted. The info required includes time of offence, speed of vehicle, registration plate, and any two of make, model and colour. This information is sent to Police HQ who verify each recording. If the results are deemed to be correct letters are sent to offenders. Hence, for instance at the School road location, the team registered 42 offences, but the police double check could only verify 36 of these. So, only 36 letters were sent.

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.

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

Poppies Galore in Godshill

Poppies, Poppies everywhere in Godshill this November so we can appropriately commemorate Remembrance Day.



Godshill Knitting and Crochet Group in collaboration with Godshill Matters and encouraging everyone (**YES, EVERONE**) to knit or crochet a poppy or 10 or 20 or even more. These will then be gathered together and used to adorn various buildings around Godshill during the first two weeks of November. So far, the Scout Hall, The Griffin, the School and various individual domestic houses have agreed that poppy decorations can be installed.



To support this initiative the Knitting and Crochet Group will open their doors to anyone for one free 'training' session on Mondays from 11.00 until 1:00 or Thursdays from 2:00 until 4:00 at their new venue, the Scout Hall, May Close. Poppy collection points will be available at The Griffin and the Post Office from the beginning of October. For further details on Poppies Galore including patterns and where to access free crochet hooks and wool please contact alison@godshillmatters.org.uk

www.godshillorchards.co.uk

Farm Shop

Our Orchard Gate Farm Shop, Vivienne's Larder, is open 24/7

Local produce including
Milk & other dairy products, Eggs, Fresh Fruit & Veg in season
Jams, Juices, Honey & Chutneys
Lavender Products

Hollow Lane
Godshill
PO38 3JA
Behind the Griffin Pub

Godshill Orchards
Isle of Wight

Rural Beat Surgery

Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team will be at Godshill Post Office in October, date still to be confirmed.



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

(Once we have a date we'll add a news item and add a date to the village calendar on the front page of the Godshill Community website – www.godshill.org.uk)

Godshill Walking Group

Godshill Walking Group continues to go from strength to strength, taking real joy in exploring the countryside together.



21st August – “Stenbury Surprise”



A fabulous Stenbury Surprise saw 37 walkers head out on an almost 6 mile foray south and east of the village.



The route offered far reaching Stenbury views and a delightful section of the Yar Valley Trail, with riverside paths, bridges, duckboards, and some very interesting stiles adding plenty of character to the walk.

18th September – “A Four Farms Frolic”



Our most recent outing was the Four Farms Frolic, a 5 mile circular walk taking in — as promised — four farms along the route. 29 walkers and 3 dogs joined us.



It was a varied route that took us past Mill Bank, Bobberstone, Green Acres and Moor Farms along the way. Another friendly, scenic wander enjoyed by all.



Our next walk will be on Friday 16th October.

Everyone is welcome. Watch out for the details on the Godshill Matters Facebook page.

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



1st Godshill & Rookley Scouts

A New Scouting Year Starts.



**Ready for
fun and
friends?**

Aged between 6 and 8? Looking for new adventures, fun and friends?

In Beavers, everyone's welcome. Every week we play games, learn skills, earn badges and yes, even eat a marshmallow or two.

For Fun, Friendship and Activities that get you thinking as well as doing

Start your adventure today

Scouts 
1st Godshill & Rookley

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61572948352459>

Beavers meet at 1st Godshill & Rookley Scout HQ, May Close, Godshill, PO38 3HB

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/9HDv4iUYGe6GjBX16>
Tuesdays 5.30 – 6.45 p.m.

Contact Mary Kershaw
T: 07407 370331
E: mary@1stgodshillandrookley.org.uk

BEAVERS

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We're Back!: Scouting has started again and we have a great programme of adventures planned. We have spaces in our Beaver Colony for 6-8 year olds who would like to start Scouting. Please see the advert for contact details. Unfortunately our Cub Pack and Scout Troop are full but we do have a waiting list and are always on the look out for more volunteers so that we can provide more places for young people to enjoy Scouting.



Maintenance Day: A fantastic turnout of 30 people of all ages came together for our working party on Sunday 6th September to get the Scout Hall and grounds spruced up and ready for the return of Scouting. We got everything done on our list of things we wanted to achieve including clearing a huge length of ditch of bracken, nettles and brambles ready for remedial work to improve drainage and revitalise our pond, and painting the perimeter fence. Also, special thanks go to Brett and Bash who worked so hard to create an amazing tomahawk range.



As always we were fuelled by hot dogs, cake and drinks. What a wonderful community we have at 1st Godshill & Rookley.





Summer Scouting

Whilst our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts only meet every week in term time there was still lots going on over the summer.



Sandcastle Competition: To celebrate the end of another great Scouting year at 1st Godshill & Rookley Scout Group, and the start of the summer holidays, about 50 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, together with their parents and carers, the Leadership Team and some of our Young Leaders, got together for a sandcastle competition on Small Hope Beach.

With certificates for the best sandcastle by a Beaver, Cub and Scout and prizes for everyone it was a fantastic evening.

Expedition Challenge: Our Top Awards are designed to be challenging, relevant and rewarding, but, most of all, they allow young people to have fun, make new friends and gain some amazing memories in Scouting. All our Top Awards are a really big achievement and the Chief Scout's Gold Award is the highest award a Scout can earn. To complete it a Scout needs to complete all nine of the Challenge Awards, plus six Activity or Staged Activity badges.

A really important part of the Gold Award is the Expedition Challenge. On one of the hottest weekends of the summer 8 of our Scouts hiked The Island from North to South, planning their route from starting in Cowes on Saturday morning, camping in Godshill on Saturday night, cooking their dinner and breakfast, and navigating their way with maps to the finish in Niton on Sunday afternoon.

After successfully completing their expedition these 8 Scouts are now well on their way to achieving their Chief Scout's Gold Award. Well done everyone. A fantastic achievement and they all had good fun along the way. As one parent put it: "he had a great time, big achievement for him who normally moans taking the dog for a walk 🐾".



Circus Fun: On a special night at Jay Miller's circus 104 1st Godshill and Rookley Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and their families joined groups from across The Island for a fabulous, fun-packed, evening of circus fun at a special performance just for Scouts and Guides.

Coming Up...

Shush, don't mention the C word: Our Christmas Fair will be held at the Scout Hall on Saturday 28th November, followed by our Wreath Making Workshop on Sunday 29th November.

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



GODSHILL COMMUNITY CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT
Wednesday 7th October 2026
in aid of
Wight SAR
Starts at 7pm
Teams of up to 8
£2 per person
Cash Entry/Raffle
Accumulator Prize

Kitchen open till 8pm
Bar open till 9pm
Book a table at
www.heritagepubs.co.uk/griffin-godshill
The Griffin, Godshill PO38 3JD
TEL 01983 211115



WightSAR
Isle of Wight Search and Rescue (WightSAR) is a team of trained volunteers who make themselves available 24 hrs a day, 365 days a year to support Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary and other agencies in searches for high risk, vulnerable missing persons on the Isle of Wight.

Clerk's Corner



Dear residents,

I hope you enjoyed the long summer, even if it has been tough on our lawns!

The full council met after its summer break on the 7th of

September. We were joined by James Whelan our county councillor who gave us an update on his activity at county hall, and who then remained through our meeting to hear about the work of the council both presently and into the future.

At the meeting after formalities, we discussed several issues including the required felling of an ash tree that sadly has the disease 'ash die-back', the loss of a tree is never a good thing, but the council needs to consider safety above all. We also approved the quotes received for works to take place at Bridgecourt cemetery, they are: significant hedge works inside the cemetery and works at the entrance to improve visibility for those leaving the site by car, additionally the council is seeking to install a sign at the entrance as currently the site is rather anonymous.

Two other items were nature related, firstly the council approved a request to reallocate existing funding for the charity that takes care of May Close recreation ground, the funding will now be available for nature based improvements at that location, and lastly the council agreed to approach a local landowner about managing a small parcel of land as a wildflower meadow, I hope to be able to update residents on that in the next edition of the Gazette.

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.

clerk@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk

or **07763 665812**

Stephen Cockett – Clerk

The People's Emergency Briefing

We do have the film in the village if you want to see it.



If you'd like to see the film, you really, really should and share your thoughts with others afterwards then **TELL US NOW**. Email comms@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk



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>

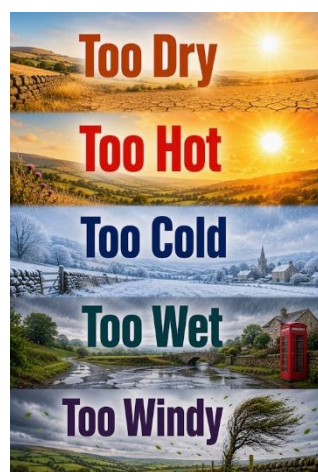
If you think there is values in a national public broadcasting screening, please sign the petition here:
<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/767687>

How Will We Cope in Godshill?

Lots is going on behind the scenes in Godshill and the time is fast approaching for everyone to get involved, yes, EVERYONE.

Join the WhatsApp group in Godshill Community and take a look at:

**SUSTAINABLE
GODSHILL**



We'll also tell you more in next month's Gazette, by which time the number of people sharing their thoughts and ideas in our Godshill Community on Whatsapp will have grown!

NEW Godshill Community on WhatsApp

Have you joined the 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 of us living in Godshill.

Members can choose to join and leave any groups within the community. Members can request new groups and any member can be given rights to administer their group. If your club has a group in here, it can be seen by other Godshillians who might then join you.

This Godshill Community is slowly growing and a few of the groups are starting to gain activity.

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.

[**CLICK/TAP HERE**](#) to go to a page on the Community website and fill in the simple form (or contact Stephen, parish clerk).

COME AND JOIN IN

Godshill Parish Council

The September meeting took place on Monday, September 7th. Here is a summary of what was discussed.



SERVING GODSHILL, SUPPORTING OUR FUTURE

This monthly meeting of the Godshill Parish Council focused on infrastructure maintenance, environmental initiatives, and financial oversight. Key outcomes included the approval of essential tree works at the public conveniences and the progression of the Bridgecourt Cemetery entrance improvements.

Planning & Infrastructure

National Planning Policy Framework: The council discussed the new framework and the delegation of authority. A primary concern is ensuring safeguards are in place so that significant developments (e.g., large-scale land splitting) are flagged to the committee rather than being decided solely by planning officers.

Roadworks & Transport:

West Street: The council will chase progress on the West Street project to resolve long-standing hazardous conditions.

Public Transport: A dangerous drain hole at the bus stop near Godshill Cider Barn was flagged following multiple accidents, including a mobility scooter incident today.

Speeding: Residents raised concerns regarding the 50mph limit on Newport Road, citing blind bends and proximity to a nursery. The council noted the difficulty in securing speed limit reductions from Island Roads without evidence of serious accidents but will explore community speed awareness options.

Bridgecourt Cemetery: The council approved a £530 quote for hedge removal to improve visibility and an £833 (plus VAT) quote for a

durable aluminium sign from Signpost Express.

Environment & Amenities

Public Conveniences: The council resolved to proceed with a £2,000 quote from the existing contractor to remove an ash tree suffering from ash dieback and to prune overhanging sycamore branches. This is a preventative measure to protect the recently refurbished toilets roof.

Flux Meadow Wildflower Project: A proposal to take on and manage a piece of land owned by the Flux family as a community wildflower meadow was approved. The project will rely on volunteers and donated seeds, with a review scheduled annually to ensure sustainability.

Emergency Resilience: The council supported the successful achievement of a £2,700 grant from SSE (increased from an initial £1,200 request) for emergency resilience equipment.

Hedge Maintenance: Clarification was provided that roadside hedges are the responsibility of landowners, though the council can issue enforcement notices via Island Roads if they become a hazard.

Finance & Administration

Audit Conclusion: The external audit for the financial year has concluded. The council was noted for having "excessive" reserves (finishing the year with more than the typical three-month requirement). Administrative corrections regarding rounding and public rights periods were noted for future filings.

Banking: A new savings account with CCLA is now open, with a £60,000 deposit planned to improve interest yields.

Land Registry: The council is seeking a map specialist to define boundaries for land parcels in Bridgecourt and May Close. BCM was suggested as a potential local contact.

Grants: A £300 contribution to All Saints Church for autumn grass cutting was approved, consistent with previous years.

Community & Social Services

Immigration Planning: In response to resident queries, it was noted that while a high-level plan exists for potential arrivals on the South Coast, the Isle of Wight currently lacks the facilities for large-scale processing.

Communication Issues: The council addressed reports of residents being unable to contact our IoW councillor due to email failures.



Godshill Parish Council & Burial Authority

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E-mail: clerk@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: -

1. A vacancy has occurred for a Councillor to serve on Godshill Parish Council.
2. If ten local government electors for the Parish wish for an election to be held to fill the vacancy then notice in writing on or before the 6th of October 2026 should be sent to:

Proper Officer
Isle of Wight Council
County Hall
Newport
Isle of Wight
PO30 1UD

then a by-election will be held.

3. If notice is not given the Parish Council will proceed to fill the before-mentioned vacancy by co-option.

Signed:

Stephen Cockett – Parish Clerk

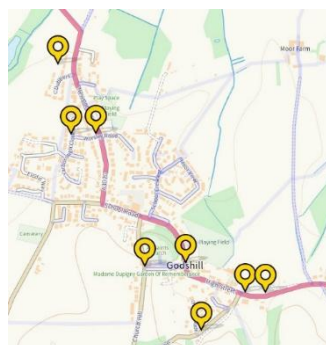
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Fix My Street

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/>



Godshill Primary

The school is getting back into the swing of things. We'll have lots more to tell you in the next issue!

Congratulations to Sienna who, over the summer, attended trials and successfully got selected to join Portsmouth FC's emerging talent centre for the 2026 season! We are all very proud of your achievements.

Team Godshill ⚽



Annual Parish Survey

The calendar rolls around again and there will be our second annual parish survey in Oct/Nov to find out how YOU would like YOUR money spent!



We will endeavour to get a copy of the survey through every letterbox – but it will be much easier to complete it online. It doesn't take very long.

The Parish Council is happy to receive any suggestions you might like to make ahead of the survey. You may have a question you think we should put on the survey. If you don't ask, you don't get!

Anything you want to say can be sent using the contact form on the website (www.godshill.org.uk) or by sending an email to Stephen, our clerk at clerk@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk

Brighstone Beans

These are special heritage beans from the National Heritage Seed Library to which we have access through our membership of the Greening Campaign.



People have been saying they only had a few pods to start with, but once they had picked a few, loads more started appearing.

Get yourselves seeds for next year by leaving them on the plant until everything has gone brown and dry and the seeds rattle in the pods. Bring the pods indoors and help them to dry out fully. Keep the seeds cool and dry in paper envelopes ready to be planted out next year.

We are working on setting up a local seed library, hopefully we will have more to tell you soon.

Parish Pump

Friday afternoons, 4:30pm in the Griffin –for an hour or so. Pop in and say hello, we'll be sitting round the Parish Pump.



The Griffin kindly provides a space for you to meet parish councillors 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.

Alternatively, contact our clerk if you would like to arrange a meeting elsewhere at any time, or perhaps, even, just a phone conversation.

Interactive live music evenings

At The Gallybagger, Chillerton, twice a month



Come along, bring an instrument (if you play one!), or get involved by singing, on your own or with others! Or just come to listen.

A fun, relaxed evening with musical friends. All are welcome!

Sessions take place on the second and last Thursday of each month. Arrive from 7pm for 7.30pm start. – just turn up and say you saw it in the Godshill Gazette!



GODSHILL COMMUNITY CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT
Wednesday 21st October 2026

in aid of Age UK IOW
Starts at 7pm
Teams of up to 8
£2 per person
Cash Entry/Raffle
Accumulator Prize

Kitchen open till 8pm
Bar open till 9pm
Book a table at

www.heritagepubs.co.uk/griffin-godshill
The Griffin, Godshill PO38 3JD
TEL 01983 211115

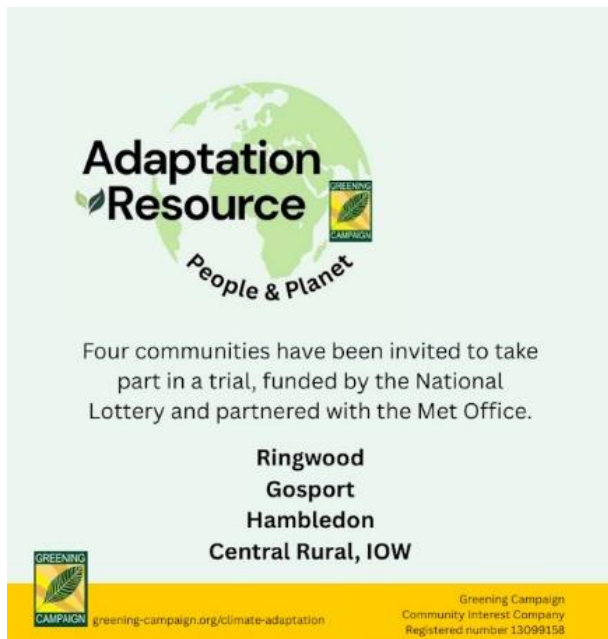
Make a difference

You can help positively change an older persons' life

Our services can only touch the tip of the iceberg of older people that need our help and support. We are meeting the increasing demand for our services as best we can but we need help to make sure we can continue to be there for older Islanders.

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 we have extreme weather events.

When we say extreme weather, it includes anything that results in power cuts, bus services stopped, flooding or ill health. So, it includes spells of hot or cold weather, high winds, flash floods, long periods of rain.

What do you remember from this year or going back as long as you like?

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**

Bonfires – Please Think



We are now into September and those hedges, etc. can finally be tackled and brought back under control. But wait, if you plan to burn your cutting please consider your neighbours which includes those within half a mile or more, of you. If there is little or no wind, you will be smoking them out.

Please think of your community, you might be asking them for a favour at some time.

There is no single national law that bans garden bonfires outright in the UK, but creating excessive smoke can lead to legal action. Local authorities treat heavy or frequent smoke as a statutory nuisance under the Environmental Protection Act.

The Scouts logo, featuring a fleur-de-lis with a star in the center.

GODSHILL COMMUNITY CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT
in aid of
Godshill and Rookley Scouts
Wednesday 4th November 2026

Starts at 7pm
Teams of up to 8
£2 per person
Cash entry/Raffle
Accumulator Prize

Kitchen open till 8pm
Bar open till 9pm
Book a table at
www.heritagepubs.co.uk/griffin-godshill

The Griffin, Godshill PO38 3JD
TEL 01983 211115

Scouts are do-ers and give-it-a-go-ers. Yes, we go camping, hiking, swimming, abseiling, cycling and canoeing.
But, we also get to hang out with our friends every week – having fun, playing games, working in a team and taking on new challenges.

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Icons for Twitter, YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.



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VILLAGE ASSOCIATION
OUR VILLAGE
OUR COMMUNITY

NEW TRUSTEES WANTED

HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN ROOKLEY

Rookley Village Association is looking for two enthusiastic people to join our small team of trustees.

As a trustee, you'll share responsibility for the effective running of our charity, which provides recreational and leisure activities for local residents.



SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

Help maintain and develop activities and facilities for local people.



BE PART OF A SMALL TEAM

Work with friendly, like-minded people who care about Rookley.



MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT

Help shape the future of our village and support wellbeing in our community.



NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NEEDED

A willingness to get involved and support a local charity is all that's required.



INTERESTED?

If you'd like to find out more or discuss the role, please get in touch with:

Ian Leah (Treasurer)

Email: ianleah@icloud.com

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We can take a few more quarter page adverts each month – just £10 per month.

Email comms@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk for more information.

Have a Copy Emailed to You

We can add you to our email list so you get a copy soon after it is published.

You'll find a small form to submit on the Gazette page on the Community website

<https://www.godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk/community/godshill-parish-community-20899/godshill-gazette1/> .

Printed Copies Available

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

Please check with your neighbours to see if they read the Gazette, they may even never have heard of it! If technology is not their thing, tell them that they can have a free (mainly monochrome) copy delivered.

If you would like a printed copy or you know someone who needs or prefers to have a printed copy delivered, contact our clerk.

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!

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

Last Word

Next month's Gazette will be published over the weekend of October 17-18th.

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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