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Godshill Roadworks

We believe that work is still on schedule despite recent deterioration in the weather.

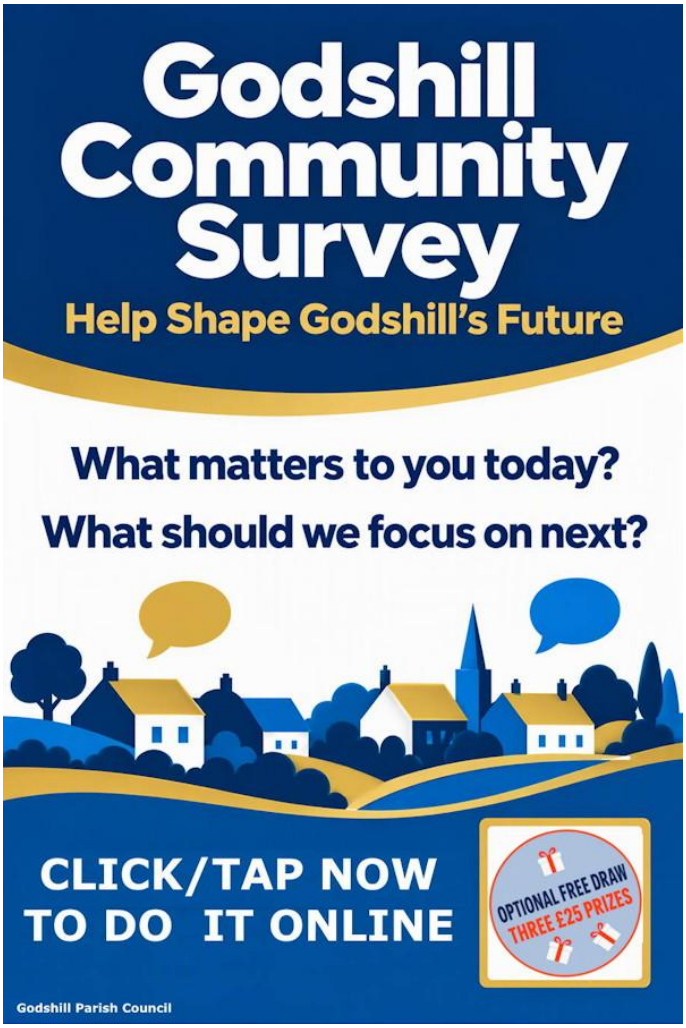
On site meetings between councillors and Island Roads have highlighted a number of additional issues which will be investigated and some are set to be addressed.

Other agencies have become involved with, for example, Southern Water tackling several manhole covers.

Of additional concern now is the heavy burden these roadworks are putting on minor roads in Godshill. Besides hedges, posts and other roadside furniture being damaged, the road surfaces in some areas are now breaking up.

Godshill Community Survey

The Survey is easier to do online. Printed copies can also be picked up from and returned to The Post Office, The Doctors' Surgery and The Taverners. Deadline is FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER.



Godshill Watergate



Very slow drainage of road surface water is threatening households in Moor View.

Recent bouts of heavy rainfall have proved that work done previously to clear drains has not been effective. As a result of further increased and ongoing pressure on Island Roads from the Parish Council and residents, we now stand a better chance of finally getting to grips with this very long-standing issue. Read more on page 15.

Remembrance Sunday

The Memorial Garden was packed for the Sunday morning ceremony which took place in beautiful sunshine.



Father Tony lead proceedings followed by the laying of wreaths.



The Godshill and Rookley Scouts, Cub and Beavers climbing Church hill having started their walk in the mists at May Close.







In the following week, our two WWII silhouettes arrived and they were securely cemented in place by Keith Crane and Carl Donoclift.

Many have said that they have never seen our memorial garden looking so splendid. Further sensitive treework and floral additions are planned, also signage to direct people to this wonderful village asset, available for use all year round.

Poppy-tastic!

BIG thanks and congratulations to all the organisations and individuals who helped make Poppies Galore such a phenomenal success.



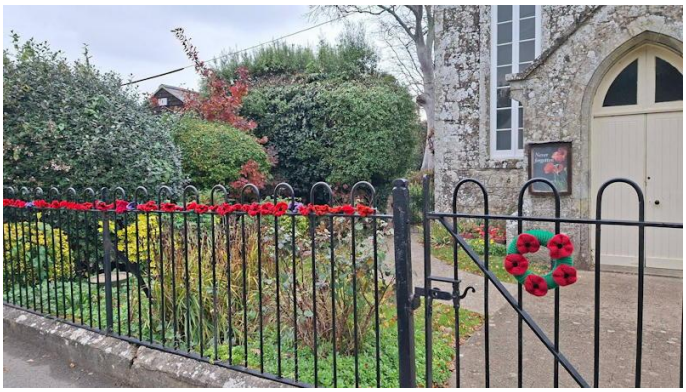
So many buildings and locations were adorned with red, purple and white poppies for Remembrance commemorations.



The inspiration came from the Knitting and Crochet Group who have decorated the Memorial Hall in previous years.



At least eight locations were decorated including Godshill School where every pupil made a poppy.



Well done Godshill, you should be proud of yourself.



Purple poppies for all the animals who fell in the world wars



The Altar in All Saints



Railings outside the Griffin



A large frieze by the Knitting and Crochet Group



Communion rail – All Saints







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Lantern Making Workshop

Community Lantern Making Workshop, Saturday 28th November.



Come along and make a lantern out of willow and tissue paper and take part in Godshill Lantern Parade on 5th December, the grand finale to Godshill Christmas Cracker.

It's a fun and creative activity for everyone. No experience necessary. Bring your children, come with friends, or join in on your own.

Free to attend and no need to book a place. 1.30pm at Godshill School.

Godshill Matters 100Club

November prize winners:
1st: £40 No 37 – Paula & Roy Hall
2nd: £10 No 47 – Paula & Roy Hall
3rd: £5 No 84 – Yvette Leppard



Godshill Summer Fair

Godshill Matters is delighted to share the news that plans for Godshill Summer Fair 2027 have started!

An initial planning meeting held in the Griffin in October was attended by over 20 people all keen to see the dream become a reality.

The fair will be help in Central Mead and a provisional date of Saturday 17th July was established. Various themes were discussed and this will be finalised very soon. The fair will need to be delivered in partnership with other Godshill organisations.

The next planning meeting will be on Tuesday 24th November 7:00pm at the Scout Hall, May Close. Everyone is encouraged to come along and have their say and the Scouts have offered free teas, coffees and biscuits for all.

Please do come along and support Godshill Summer Fair 2027! The meeting will also finalise details for the Christmas Cracker.

Godshill Christmas Cracker

Godshill Christmas Cracker 2026 is set to go with a massive BANG as there will be so much going on in the village.



Make sure you don't miss it - Saturday 5th December – and there is something for everyone and the action is all around Godshill from the top of Church Hill to the bottom of Munsley Bog (well, nearly) and from early morning to well after dark.



So, if you want a guided dog walk, or breakfast with Santa, or a Church Bazaar, an arty-crafty market you're in luck.



To add an extra sparkle to Cracker Day there will be Morris Dancing and Street Theatre performing in the streets and squares everywhere.



Many local businesses are supporting Christmas Cracker too, so look out for free treats and goodies. And to top it all there will be a colourful lantern parade from 6:00pm.



The full programme and detailed timetable will be published on Wednesday 25th.



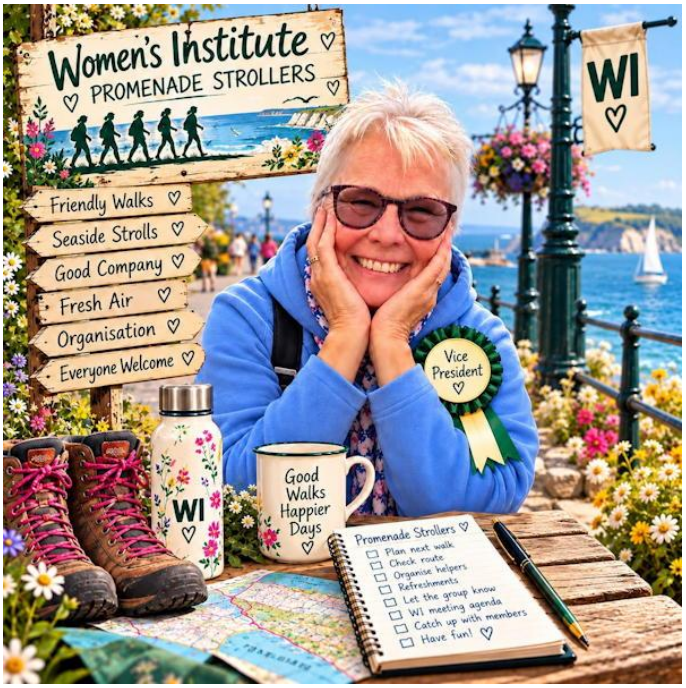
For now, enjoy some of the pictures of last years Christmas Cracker for a festive flavour of what's to come on Saturday 5th December!

Godshill Gems W.I.

Our October meeting saw the members of Godshill Gems WI welcome back Janet Kay, who stepped up to fill our recently vacated President's slot.

Janet was voted in with a unanimous show of hands and smiling faces. We may only be a small committee of 4, but our bond is strong and our support to all our members is unwavering.









The speaker held an enthralled audience, enlightening, amazing and shocking us, revealing grisly and extremely sad stories of children in the workhouse. Newport Workhouse featured, which had been deemed one of the better establishments. And who doesn't know about poor little chimney sweep Valentine Grey? Whose death changed the barbaric practices of child labour in this country.

Hands-on fun followed with friendship groups of 3 taking on the task of making a "mummy" in 30 minutes. To keep evoke a sugar rush, trick or treat sweets were passed around.



Step 1 – Choose your bear / Step 2 – Pick your decorating bits to transform teddy into a spooktacular terror / Step 3 – let your imagination run wild gifting wrapping your teddy / Step 4 – Tah Dah! Please note no bears were harmed in this process!

Other Activities:



Godshill Gems welcomed Niton WI to the Kurling afternoon. Niton took to the game like ducks to water, winning convincingly. After-match dissection discussions revealed that the Gems talk and laugh more than we concentrate and must try harder!

Gems Book Group met in The Griffin to discuss their latest read "God on the Rocks" with an evocative narrative told from a child's view point. Discussions also turned to the Griffins take over, the closure of the High Street, proposed (and scuppered) car parking charges, the pros and cons of a new Community Centre, where to hold the next meeting and most importantly when we would have our annual meal together.



Brollies, macs and arks had been dug out of storage, so that 12 Gems surfed, paddled or splashed their way to the Glass Museum. And it was well worth it.

Our fascinating talk and tour gave insight to the many beautiful pieces, where value was measured in house prices. We even got to fondle and pass on, very carefully, some of the rare, fragile art deco pieces. We ended our visit by toasting ourselves near the furnaces and flames, watching the skilful art of glass blowing.

Grub Club fell in line with the trip to Arreton Barns and nourished themselves at the Dairyman's Daughter, where the menu is extensive, the portions are generous and the food is hot and flavoursome, all delivered quickly and cheerfully.



Crafty Crafters turned up to their monthly get together and saw rolling pins, cookie cutters and bread boards. Was this going to be a bake off?! Nope. Air dry clay modelling, cutting and decorating door/tree Christmas hanging decorations was the actual itinerary.

Think damp plasticine, sloppy glue, pokey sticks and festive napkins ….. and lots of wet wipes.

PLEASE NOTE OUR DECEMBER PARTY MEETING IS FOR MEMBERS ONLY

There is a "YOUR SAY. YOUR WI. YOUR WAY. drop-in session in January

But we are open and would love to welcome guests to our February meeting in 2027

Want to know more? Want to see more? Try the Godshill Gems WI Facebook page.

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Contact: Sandy2471@gmail.com

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1st Godshill & Rookley Scouts

Remembrance Sunday - for the first time in many years the Scout Group walked from the Scout Hall in May close to the Memorial Garden.



The Scouts, Cub and Beavers proudly displayed their banners and a large number of parents and members of the general public joined us. It was an amazing turnout and how smart and impeccably behaved everyone was! They honoured those who we remember with respect and dignity and we were incredibly proud of all of them.



During the ceremony we heard the names of those from Godshill that lost their lives during the two World Wars. They would have left our little village, never to return, some possibly not much older than our young people.



We will remember them, and all those that give their lives during conflict, both past and present.

Gardening for Wildlife

As part of The Greening Campaign, 1st Godshill & Rookley Cubs, assisted by some of our Young Leaders, have planted 165 saplings, donated by the Woodland Trust, around the perimeter of the Scout Hall grounds in May Close recreation ground.

This will hopefully produce a wildlife friendly hedge comprising a mixture of hawthorn, blackthorn, hazel, rowan, crab apple, dogwood and dog rose.





Working as a team the Cubs sorted, planted and heeled in the saplings and then made plastic guards by recycling drink bottles.



Following their exertions they made pizzas for tea and then had movie night before settling down for a good night's sleep in the Scout Hall before joining the whole Scout Group in the morning walking from the Scout Hall to the Memorial Garden for the Service of Remembrance.

The Island Nature Newsletter Autumn 2026 featured our young people making space for wildlife with our bird box building: https://www.islandnature.org/news/island-nature-news-autumn-2026



The 1st Godshill and Rookley Scout Group meet at our Scout Hall in May Close Godshill where we provide fun and adventures for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts between the ages of 6 - 14.

We have spaces in our Beaver Colony for 6-8 year olds who would like to start Scouting and we keep a waiting list for Cubs and Scouts. Please contact Robin Kent for more details.

Our Scout Hall and grounds is available for hire for occasional and regular bookings (bookings@1stgodshillandrookley.org.uk) and is used by Army Cadets, a number of local community groups, and other Scouts, Guides and youth groups.

Come on in and join the fun…as a young person or as a volunteer to work with these amazing young people.

Robin Kent, Group Lead Volunteer (GLV), 1st Godshill & Rookley Scout Group

robin@1stgodshillandrookley.org.uk.

Godshill Walking Group

A wonderful "Whitwell Wander" took place on 20 November, with a group of 20 walkers enjoying a circular route from The White Horse Inn, Whitwell.



The walk got off to a great start with complimentary coffees from the pub before setting off.



The scenery was beautiful, the paths were relatively mud-free, and even the rain stayed away.



Most importantly, it was a fantastic opportunity for people to enjoy good company, conversation and a sociable walk together.



Our next walk is the "Christmas Choccy Walk" on Friday 18 December. Seasonal attire is very welcome! With the road due to be open by then, we will meet in the car park at 11.00 am before setting off.





The Godshill Community Charity Quizzes - GCCQ

Godshill Community Charity Quiz number 26 was held at the Griffin on Wednesday 21st October and 65 brainy people in 12 teams joined us to support Age UK Isle Of Wight.

Rounds 1 and 4 were the usual mix of "General Knowledge" questions, including "Which is the most southerly city in the UK?" and "On which part of a cat will you find 'Henry's Pocket'?" (answers at the end of this article).

Round 2 was "Misheard Lyrics" which proved to be both challenging and amusing, with points for both song title and artist, meaning 20 points were available on this round. Could you recognise "I own a single lettuce" as the hit song "Single Ladies" by Beyonce?

Round 3 was "Older or Younger". Is David Mitchell older or younger than his wife Victoria? Who is older – Rupert or Paddington?

First place went to "Godzillians" again with 52 points, narrowly beating "The Boomers" with 51 and "Ross' Barmy Army" with 50.

The accumulator question, which was worth £80, was another Roman name for an English town – Hortonium. Clue: it's in Yorkshire.

At the end of the evening, after the raffle prizes had been collected and the bottle of wine for the winning team was awarded, a total of £277.20 was "in the pot" to go to Age UK Isle of Wight.

Quiz No 27 on 4th November was supporting Godshill and Rookley Scouts, an organisation we try to include in our quiz timetable at least once a year. This was our last quiz to be held at The Griffin, as future Godshill Community Charity Quizzes will be hosted at the Taverners.

13 teams came along to support the Scouts, including the usual culprits and some new names, including "The Geriatric Millennials" and "The Woggles Team".

The themed rounds included "Spell It Out", where the initial letters of the answers to questions 1 to 9 spell out the answer to question 10 and a tricky "Connections" round. Would you know what connects Bugs Bunny, C-3PO and a McLaren MP/44 racing car? Answer at the end.

The puzzle round was a picture round of children's TV presenters, some recent and some from the dim and distant past. "The Godzillians" just beat the Godshill Matters team with a score of 50 to Godshill Matters score of 48, with the "Tornadoes" and the "Boomers" close behind, both with 46. "The Beachcombers" were randomly selected to attempt the accumulator question, but didn't know what year Yuri Gagarin became first man in space.

The raffle was as popular as ever and the evening raised a total of £291.00.

The first quiz back at The Taverners was held on Wednesday 18th November on what was a very wet and windy night, so well done all those hardy souls who ventured out of their cosy living rooms to support the Godshill Matters Christmas Cracker. Although the Christmas Cracker is organised and run by volunteers, there are still various expenses involved, not least of which is Public Liability Insurance, which is essential for an event like this. So the aim of the evening was to collect

enough money to cover this, which we achieved with a total pot of £285.50.



Everyone agreed it was great to be back in the Taverners, which will hopefully go from strength to strength with Sam at the helm. We wish her and her team, many of whom we know from the Griffin, good luck with the new challenge to put the Taverners back on the map.

The pub was fully booked for the Quiz with 12 teams taking part. The evening ended with 5 teams tying for first place with a score of 47 points. "The Godzillians", "The Jubilees", "The Wise Waggs", "The Naughty Corner" and "Dr's Orders" went in the hat to see who got the bottle of wine and "The Wise Waggs" were drawn, so enjoy your Prosecco!



The next quiz is on Wednesday 2nd December at 7pm, when we will be raising money for the Isle of Wight Radio Christmas Toy Appeal. All the money raised goes to buying toys to donate, so it means I get to go toy shopping at the weekend!

We will also be inviting you to nominate which charity you would like to benefit from our Christmas Special Quiz on 16th December, so come along and join in the fun and help to raise much needed funds for your favourite good cause.

Book your table at The Taverners in person or telephone 01983 722266.

Coming next :
2nd December – Isle of Wight Radio Christmas Toy Appeal
16th December – Christmas Special Quiz. Charity to be announced.

As usual, extra raffle prizes are always welcome. Tell me which charity you want to support and I'll do the necessary

A big thank you again for all your support.

Andy "The Quizmaster"

Answers - Truro is the most southerly city in the UK, "Henry's pocket" is part of a cat's ear, David Mitchell is younger than Victoria, Rupert is older than Paddington. Hortonium is the Roman name for Halifax, the connection is that they are all available as Lego sets and Yuri Gugarin went into space in 1961. Phew!

Tabletop Games

Fancy an afternoon of cards, games and good company?



Fancy an afternoon of cards, games and good company? Come along to Godshill Scout Hall, May Close, every Thursday from 2–4pm, for a friendly afternoon of cards, board games and a good old natter! Tea and biscuits included!

Everyone is welcome, whether you fancy a game or just want to come along for a chat. Donations of playing cards and board games would be very much appreciated! We'd love to see you there!

Moor View

This has been sent to Island Roads copied to our County Councillor and Island Roads.



Godshill Parish Council (GPC) is seeking clarification regarding the highway drainage arrangements serving Moor View, Godshill.

There have been recurring flooding concerns in this area, going back a number of years, and we are particularly interested in establishing where the surface water collected by the highway gullies and drains is ultimately discharged.

GPC would like confirmation of the following:

Where do the highway drains serving Moor View discharge?

Are they connected to a public surface-water sewer, an ordinary watercourse or a privately owned drainage system?

Who owns and maintains the receiving drainage system and its final outfall?

Has a survey or CCTV inspection been undertaken to establish condition, capacity and route of the highway drainage network? If not, can such a survey be undertaken as soon as possible?

Can copies of the relevant drainage plans be provided and any investigations undertaken following the reported flooding?

GPC is concerned that highway surface water may be entering a privately owned drainage system or watercourse, potentially creating problems for adjoining properties.

GPC would appreciate a detailed written response rather than a simple confirmation that the road gullies have been cleaned.

Flooding in this area is of great concern to the householders in Moor View & already this year reports of flooding have been received.

Cllr Keith Crane has frequent contact with Island Roads and receives good responses from them.

A District Steward has inspected the site and raised a job for 14 gullies to be cleared and if that is not satisfactory then a CCTV of the drains will be made.

Godshill Parish Council has worked hard to try to resolve the flooding situation in the Moor View area, and will continue to do so, however it is the responsibility of Island Roads and I.O.W. Council.



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 - 01983 594783.

To hire, please contact Mrs Margaret Cooper 614862 or email coopers@pm30h.plus.com

News from All Saints Pews

All services are running as normal.

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/

Ash Tree Removal

It is with much regret that we need to inform residents that the ash tree near the public toilets in Godshill has been affected by ash dieback disease.

Sadly, the tree above the Public Toilets now presents a safety risk, and the Parish Council has made the difficult decision to have it removed. The work is scheduled to take place on Monday 23rd November.

We know how much our village trees mean to the community, and removing one is never a decision taken lightly. However, the safety of residents and visitors must come first.

May Close

Gift to Nature have already started their annual conservation and maintenance work They have been working on Munsley Bog.

Weather recently has been against them and they will review the situation week beginning 23rd November.

Next, they will move over to the area of the spring and pond.

The spring feeds Munsley Bog, but over time, willow and other vegetation have restricted the natural flow of water. The work will involve clearing vegetation around the spring to help restore the flow of water into the bog.

Munsley Bog is a nationally important habitat, and careful management is essential to protecting its wildlife and ecology. Maintaining the water supply is particularly important to its long-term health.

For everyone's safety, we kindly ask residents and visitors to keep well clear of the areas where work is taking place and follow any instructions from the team on site.

We appreciate that some of the clearance work may look quite dramatic initially, but it is an important part of protecting this special place for the future.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Allotments Online!

The Parish Council has now had over 20 interested in becoming involved in new allotments to be made available adjacent to the northern end of Whitwell Road.



They will cover about 1.2 acres and the Parish Council is close to completing the legalities involved in registering the land.

First meetings will begin in the new year when those who will be initial involved will help decide how the allotments will operate. Work is ongoing in order to secure the space for our allotments. In the meantime, the group can keep in touch online via the Space for Nature and Growing Food group in the Godshill Community on WhatsApp.

If you aren't in that group and want to keep up to date on what is happening, especially as those interested in Allotments will need to start meeting in the new year, please join by using the form on the community website:

CLICK/TAP HERE

Fix My Street

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



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

Rural Beat Surgery

There will be no Beat Surgery this month unless there's a late change to plans.



Clerk's Corner



Dear residents of Godshill,

Less variety this past month but as busy as ever!

At the most recent meeting of the parish council, it was agreed the council would place a new bin within the village at the junction of Yarborough Close and Elodie Way on the new Lily cross development. It has been noted by residents and councillors that this location – and particularly the nearby bridleway – has attracted more than its fair share of littering. And, like all general waste bins on the island this bin will be suitable for dog waste as well as general litter.

We hope to have one installed within a couple of months at most. Lastly, we would like to thank Captiva onto whose land the bin will be placed.



Residents may also have noticed a new sign that has appeared on the roadway outside Bridgecourt cemetery. Bridgecourt was established in 1951 and has been under parish council management ever since. The cemetery is very well maintained and hopefully the addition of signage will make it a little less anonymous. Should you wish to enquire about space in the cemetery – or any other village matters – then please do not hesitate to contact me at:

clerk@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk

or **07763 665812**

Stephen Cockett – Clerk

NEW Godshill Community on WhatsApp

Have you joined the Godshill Community on WhatsApp?



A WhatsApp Community is an organizational feature that collects multiple individual group chats together under one secure umbrella.



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 or 'playing' 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.



The Godshill Roadworks group has been one of the most useful over the past few weeks with a number of important posts and useful information.



Emergency & Resilience is attracting much interest. It's about preparing for, responding to, and recovering from crises like severe weather, flooding, power cuts, or water shortages.

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

Your club or group can have its own WhatsApp group within this Godshill Community, managed by yourselves, if you wish. We can have up to 100 groups within the Godshill Community.

CLICK/TAP HERE

to go to a page on the Community website and fill in the simple form (or contact Stephen, parish clerk).

Godshill Parish Council

The November meeting took place on Monday, November 2nd. Here is a brief summary of the main points discussed.

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Cemetery Policy Reform: The council adopted a formalised "Rules and Regulations" document for Bridge Court Cemetery to address a lack of official governance. A new refund policy was ratified.

Infrastructure Investment: Approval was granted for a high-quality litter bin at the junction of Lily Cross and Yarborough Close.

Financial Health: The council remains liquid with £101,000 across accounts (£60,000 in savings, £41,000 in current). The Clerk plans to transfer an additional £30,000 to savings following the maturation of a six-month package. The new CCLI savings account yielded its first interest payment of £140 for a half-month period, projecting an annual yield of £3,500.

Armed Forces Funding & Covenants: It was agreed to discuss this with other parishes.

Shuttle Bus: Concerns expressed regarding its timings and connections.

Roadwork Oversight: Central Godshill roadworks have turned Hollow Lane and Church Hill into dangerous "rat runs" for large trucks.

Infrastructure & Maintenance

Memorial Garden: Maintenance for Remembrance Sunday is complete, including weeding, graveling, and painting memorial chains. Our thanks to Cllr Keith Crane.

Playground & Recreation: Access to May Close has been improved by contractor Kevin Rann. The pedestrian gate at Central Mead is scheduled for repair.

Speed Management: New equipment has arrived.

Planning & Development: Members discussed nationwide changes effective October 31st. While the Parish Council can still object, local opposition will no longer automatically trigger a committee hearing unless the development is strategic.

Village Intelligence

Commercial: The Griffin will close temporarily due to management changes, while The Taverners reopens this Saturday.

Community Engagement: The playground charity's recent forum attracted 60 residents. The community website saw 1,374 page views in October, and the secure digital community space has grown to 70 members.

Social Activities: Tabletop board games now take place Thursday afternoons (14:00–16:00) in the Scout Hall.

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GODSHILL HUB

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Open Forum – 19 October

About 60 people shared a frank and open discussion on many aspects of having a community hub.

The project aims to establish a communal space for community engagement, daytime and evenings. The previous village hall, once a successful establishment with a bar and sports teams, was sold in 2017 after income depleted and maintenance costs became untenable. The proceeds reside with the Village Hall Charity.

The current project, proposed by the Children's and Young People's Playground and Parish Recreation Ground Charity (CYPP), involves a £123,000 investment to satisfy an immediate need for an indoor communal space in Godshill which will then prove the facility's viability over the coming few years without significant financial risk. The Parish Council acts as the corporate trustee for the CYPP, managing the project's development.

Structure and Parking

Advice already taken suggests that the existing building in Central Mead which has been used as a communal space in the past, can be brought back into serviceable condition to then be used for many years. The current proposal delivers an attractive facility and addresses all current structural issues including the underpinning of the raft on which the building stands.

There is room to create 12 parking spaces with room for some overflow onto grass areas. During the day, there is also the extensive private car park at the Old Smithy, available until late afternoon.

Finance and Alternative Proposals

The project proposes that the funding comes jointly from the Parish Council and the Village Hall Charity. Both parties support there being a communal facility and recognise that finances are now far more limited given the National Lottery now prioritizes eco and food projects over village hall capital builds.

The Village Hall Charity requested that alternative building options be considered as they believe that a prefabricated building could be used and still be with budget.

The project team agreed to look at alternatives and share findings with the Village Hall Charity.

At the end of the meeting there was overwhelming support for a Community Hub in Godshill and as soon as possible.

Since the Meeting

The team has done extensive work to produce alternatives and have also obtained a fully costed independent quote for a prefabricated building. The information has been shared with the Village Hall Charity.:

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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 December 19-20.

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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