

## Welcome to our 2nd issue

Very many thanks for the great feedback on the first issue. Please remember the Gazette is mainly YOU talking about YOU.

Enjoy and let all of your friends in the village know what you're up to!

## Talking Points

### Road Safety and Church Path.

**ROAD SAFETY** – Godshill has a key message to get over to Police, IoW Council and Island Roads – help us to persuade drivers to **SLOW DOWN NOW!**

*Godshill Matters will be launching a campaign to engage all of us in a variety of ways to encourage drivers to respect our community by driving at safe and sensible speeds throughout the village.*

### Godshill Parish Council have submitted 2 TROs (Traffic Regulation Order).

These were regarding moving the 30mph signs on Newport road to the other side of the bridge and installing a more effective speed indicator on the eastern approach to the village.

We are now involving our Ward Councillor in getting some action underway.

### Godshill Parish Council has come up with a possible way of breaking the stalemate on Church Path, but we are still at the mercy of Island Roads.

We want to install scaffolding ASAP around the damaged walling so that pedestrians can pass safely. The property owner is happy for us to do that, but we still need Island Roads permission!

## NEW Parish Council Community Website

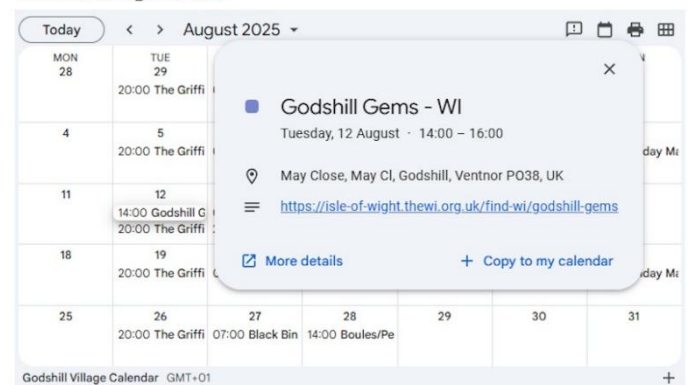
We have launched our new website:

[godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk](http://godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk)

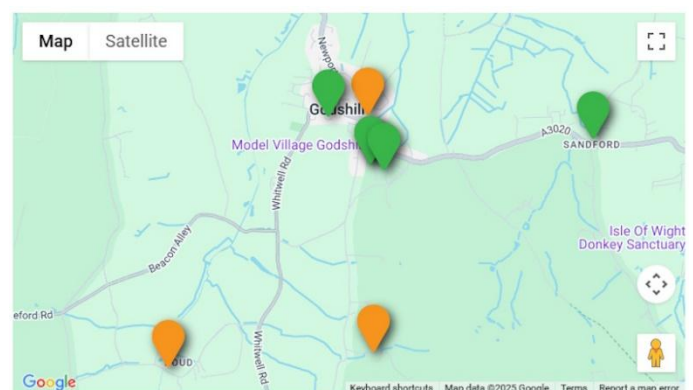


On this website, not only will you find everything you need to know about the Parish Council, but also everything that others living and working in Godshill want to share with you.

### Godshill Village Events



You'll find the Godshill Village Calendar on the home page. Here you will find info and access to further information on everything from Council meetings, through Pub Quizzes to which bin goes out this Wednesday.



The built-in Planning Tracker gives you the latest information on Godshill planning applications.

## Central Mead Defibrillator

Another defibrillator has arrived in Godshill as a result of the success of the PlayFest event.



We are so pleased to report that, with the support of IW Defibrillators, there is now a defib in the play park!

The optimum time to get access to a defibrillator, also known as an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), is within the first 3 minutes of a person collapsing from sudden cardiac arrest. So to have one on site is a really big deal.

Very many thanks to the PlayFest team for raising the money and we hope never to have to use it ♥

Plans are under way to run some open sessions to enable members of our community to learn how to use a defibrillator should they ever need to.

## Godshill Matters 100Club

**Godshill Matters is run by volunteers but still needs to raise funds to pay for such things as insurance, printing, prizes, etc.**

You can also support Godshill Matters by buying a 100 Club number – prizes to be won! You can find out more here:

<https://godshillmatters.uk/100-club/>

The next monthly draw is in the Griffin on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 8:00pm followed by our usual socializing, come and join us and have a chat.

## Godshill Matters!

Godshill Matters is looking forward to working with everyone in the village to offer the Christmas Cracker on Saturday 6th December (date tbc).



We want to encourage all of Godshill's community groups to offer an event on the day - a Christmas fair, a beetle drive, a small concert, make a lantern - the possibilities are endless.

BUT this is your celebration of Godshill so we want to know what you think. Please come to our next monthly Friends of Godshill Matters meeting on Wednesday 10th September at 6:30pm in the School Hall.

All ideas and thoughts are very welcome. Lets make Godshill Christmas Cracker 2025 a great celebration for the village (surely we won't get the storms and gales we had last year!)

If Godshill Matters to you, please get in touch via email [alison@godshillmatters.uk](mailto:alison@godshillmatters.uk) or 07710 881714 .



## All Saints Bells & the Ringers

**On Friday 18th July, visiting Bell Ringers from Brading and Sandown attended All Saints Church for a combined practice night. Good fun was had by all and the bells were given a good airing.**



There are numerous churches with bells on the island and we often welcome visiting ringers. Practice is normally held at the Church on Tuesday nights between 7.30-9pm. The bells at the church are also rung on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 10.30-11am.

The Tower Captain for many years has been Michael Marlow. Besides his ringing duties, Michael is very happy to give private tours of the bell towers for interested parties as well as welcome you on the Tuesday practice nights.

His contact phone number is 07811 712211 or by email on [4381bhc68@gmail.com](mailto:4381bhc68@gmail.com)

Did you know that the 6 bells have been in place for quite some time. The current bells were re-cast by Llewellyn and James of Bristol in 1887 and are the only ring of bells by this founder on the Island. The re-cast was from the old ring which had themselves been re-cast in 1815. A sixth bell, a new tenor, was added by casting the 1543 Godshill village gun!

You can find out more about All Saints Church at:

[www.achurchnearyou.com/church/16778/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/16778/)

## Central Rural Liaison Group

**The Central Rural parishes of Godshill, Arreton, Rookley and Chillerton & Gatcombe have agreed to work together on issues of mutual interest.**

This arrangement will allow us to act as a larger body, some 3,500 in number. What this arrangement does not do is take away any decision making from Godshill Parish Council.

Any joint action by the four parishes will require decisions to be made first by each parish council.

It seems as though our first joint venture will be associated with Greening Godshill. We have presented this Godshill project to the other three parishes who are all keen to be involved in the activities currently being planned.

## Godshill Medal Winner

**Mr Knight from Godshill Primary School was a medal winner at the Island Games in Orkney.**



Congratulations Mr Knight

Teams from 12 islands or island groups took part with the Isle of Wight coming seventh winning 6 golds, 3 silvers and 7 bronzes.

## Godshill Gems go Gad About

**July saw the Gems sparkling at many W.I. events across the island - a busy, busy month for the members.**



01.07.2 Gems Officers, were invited to attend, provide cakes & serve refreshments at the IOW British Citizenship Awards held in the Coroner's Court at Seaclose Park. A solemn, prestigious event saw 10 applicants sworn in, take the Kings Oath and gain their British status witnessed by friends, family and the representatives from the W.I.

08.07. Monthly meeting, short talk & demo by Georgina Moon on Zentangling, (doodling with a purpose), saw the members scribbling with vengeance to create some stunning images of the IOW. A mystery raffle was well supported. Who got what? Who knows!



12&13.07. The weekend of the IOW Royal County Show saw many of our members either attend or help man the IOW Federation Marquee. Homemade cakes, savouries and even dog biscuits were also baked by Gems members adding to those from W.I.s across the Island. The Gems Treasurer, did what she does best, relieved people of money.

16.07.9 Gems spent a wonderful sunny day together at Quarr Abbey. The group joined a very informative one hour tour, which also gave us access to usually private areas. Following lunch, a few of us visited the ecclesiastical art exhibition of paintings on loan from London's National Gallery archives. And of course, a visit to Quarr Abbey would be incomplete without seeing the piglets.

22.07.4 Gems attended the IOW W.I. Federation Annual Meeting at the spectacular Northwood House. We were treated to a talk and slide show from the IOW official Royal Photographer. Magical, intimate images were shared, covering the many Royal Family visits over the past years. Dimbola Lodge announced the collaboration with the IOW W.I.s for a photo competition and exhibition in 2026. Mike Christie from G4 spoke about introducing The Alternative Island Games with the support of the IOW W.I. The Gems are already discussing instigating "walking netball" ..... watch this space. The Wight Harmony Barbershop Chorus entertained.

24.07.7 Gems joined W.I. friends from Shorewell, Brighstone, Niton and Yarmouth, at the picturesque Crown pub in Shorewell. Relaxing, laughing and putting the world to rights were on the agenda, and of course more eating and drinking.

25.07. Committee meeting in the Griffin. 2 new committee members and our Vice President took on the additional role of Social Media Officer. Lots of planning ensued, great ideas raised and more events and speakers are in the pipeline.

I think we can say, Godshill Gems are well and truly on the map.

Would you like to be part of the fun? Join us on the 12 August in the Scouts Hall, May Close. Doors open at 1:40. £5.00 for guests.

Sandy - [sandy2471@gmail.com](mailto:sandy2471@gmail.com)

## 1st Godshill & Rookley Scout Group AGM

In July we celebrated the end of the academic year with our AGM and Awards evening at our Scout Hall in May Close. The meeting was well supported by numerous families and representatives from Isle of Wight Scouts.



The formal meeting reported that the Group is in a strong financial position but needs more adult support as volunteer leaders and trustees. No previous experience needed, just a willingness to help young people reach their full potential.

Sienna M, Elsie & Ed F received our Beaver, Cub and Scout of the year awards.

The evening concluded with a bar-b-que and bouncy castle.

If you are able to help the Scout Group in any way, whether as a leader, trustee, behind the scenes or by using the hall for events, please contact Mary Kershaw on 07407 370331 for further information.

## Godshill Taxi Service

### Home James.

My husband has recently started his own taxi service named Home James, he is based in Godshill and covers island wide. His 8 seater mini bus is fully wheelchair accessible and you'll always be greeted with a smile!

Please give him a call if you need picking up or have any enquiries 😊

Mobile: 07541 922177.

## Shanklin & Godshill Cricket Club

In the past month the club has played nearly 30 matches. The first XI have won their last four Hampshire League matches and are currently second in their division with 4 matches to go.



**Sunday 10th August 2025**  
**Westhill Road, Shanklin, PO37 6PU**

11am Official start of the fete

11.15am Dog Competition Judging starts and continues throughout the afternoon

12.30pm Vectis Brass Band

1.30pm Marie Smith Saxophonist

2.30pm Pete and Nigel Duo

4pm Close

Background music and m/c supplied by Matt Lambourne

Stalls, kitchen, BBQ available throughout the fete from 11am.

<https://shanklingodshillcc.co.uk/home>

## Central Mead & May Close



**BBQs are not permitted.**

## Greening Godshill becomes Greening Central Rural

**Bringing communities together for climate action and resilience.**

The *Greening Godshill* campaign is pleased to announce its expansion to cover the **entire Central Rural Ward**, encompassing Godshill, Arreton, Rookley and Chillerton & Gatcombe. This marks a bold step forward in our collective journey towards a greener, healthier, and more resilient landscape. The campaign also signals the first of hopefully many projects where all the parishes in Central Rural work together.

To launch this expanded phase, we're hosting a **community workshop** on **Thursday, 25th September at 6.30pm**, inviting residents from **all five parishes** to share their ideas, passions, and local knowledge about how we live with and care for our landscape.

Each parish will have **20 places** available. If there's strong demand, additional sessions will be arranged to ensure everyone who wants to can take part.

Our campaign stands on five core pillars—key areas we'll collaborate on to foster lasting, positive change:

1. **Space for Nature** – creating habitats, enhancing biodiversity, and encouraging wildlife to thrive in our local landscapes.
2. **Health Impacts of Climate Change** – raising awareness and responding to how a changing climate affects our wellbeing, with tailored community support and resilience-building.
3. **Energy Efficient, Warmer Homes** – galvanising households to make their homes kinder to the environment, more energy-efficient, and cosier.
4. **Waste Prevention** – shifting behaviours and raising awareness to reduce, reuse, and prevent waste across our communities.
5. **Cycle of the Seed** – promoting food security, encouraging people to grow their own produce, and deepening

connections with how food feeds both body and community.

This campaign is for **local people, shaped by local voices**, and rooted in our shared commitment to the land we live in. Please join Godshill Matters to see about lift shares.

### Workshop Details

- **When:** 6:30pm Thurs 25th September
- **Where:** Rookley Village Hall (tbc)
- **Spaces:** 20 per parish; a second workshop will be arranged if needed
- **To register interest or find out more:** Please phone 07974 235000 or email [greening@godshillmatters.uk](mailto:greening@godshillmatters.uk)

You can find more information at <https://greening-campaign.org/>

**Join us in co-creating a greener, healthier future for our ward, one rooted in nature, community, and collective wisdom.**

## Wight Grown Wool at Quarr Abbey

**Kathy Domaille took part in a Celebration of Wool at Quarr Abbey**



Kathy has a variety of rare breed sheep which she uses to create beautiful blankets and garments.

For more information please go to <https://www.godshillparkfarm.net/wight-grown-wool/>

## Godshill Walking Group

**Next walk is on Friday 15th August at 11am. Meet in Godshill car park, opposite The Griffin PH. This is a 5-mile, circular walk, allow about 2.5 hours**



The route takes us southwest from Godshill, via Roud before winding our way back.

Some of the pathways were new to the walk leaders, so may be to the walkers too.



Expect beautiful scenery and a varied landscape -nothing too challenging and with just one stile. A fun and social walk and talk.

All welcome, including well-behaved dogs on leads.

No need to book, just come along on the day.

Contact [alison@godshillmatters.uk](mailto:alison@godshillmatters.uk) for any further information.



## Award for Island Gems

**Isle of Wight Fossil Hunting Trips have received a @tripadvisor 'Travellers Choice Award' again in 2025!**



It is always so lovely to receive awards and recognition for the hard work our team put in, but it is extra special with awards like the Tripadvisor awards (2014-2019, 2021-2025) and @redfunnellferry 'Isle of Wight Awards', (in 2012-2014, 2016, and 2019-2023) as the public, those who've been on our trips, have such a big role in us receiving those awards!

Thank you to all our guides, including @gregandfelicity and Martin Simpson and James who can be seen alongside Jenny and Jackie collecting awards in some of the pictures, and to everyone who has nominated or voted for us for different awards, or left us reviews on Tripadvisor, they really do help small family businesses like ours!

Do experience the Fossil Trips for yourself by getting in touch to book!

## Glorious Godshill in Print

**A lovely little write up about glorious Godshill in the July edition of Wightlife Magazine.**



You can pick up a free copy in most major supermarkets on the Island.

## Godshill Orchards – County Show Winners

Congratulations to Simeon Medway and the Godshill Orchards team.



### Wight Marque Food Business of the Year

Winner – **Godshill Orchards**

Finalists – IOW Fudge Company, IW Deer Farm.



Godshill Orchards at the Chale Show

## Our new logo



## Model Village – Quiet Hour

Did you know that they have a **QUIET HOUR** on a Wednesday morning from 9am to 10am?



The Model Village sits within a large, peaceful garden setting however we appreciate that it can get busy.

This can make it a challenging experience for those with autism, learning difficulties and other neurodiverse conditions. Our Quiet Hour aims to give a calm space to make the Model Village accessible for all our customers.

You need to book this online - <https://modelvillagegodshill.digitickets.co.uk/event-tickets/55958?catID=26028&>.

## Hosepipe Ban

**The Temporary Use Ban, which is in place for an undetermined period, comes after the warmest June on record.**



The last time a ban was in place, back in 2022, it lasted for 3 months. Anyone caught using a hosepipe during this period is liable for criminal prosecution under Section 36 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.

## 7 (Godshill) Troop, Army Cadet Force Groups

**Isle of Wight Army Cadet Force – Annual Camp Adventures. 17 Godshill cadets and 2 adult supporters have spent the past week on maneuvers on Dartmoor.**



Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025 marked the exciting start of Annual Camp 2025, as 487 Army Cadets from across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight travelled to Dorset for a week of military training, fun activities and building new friendships.

Cadets were welcomed by over 100 Cadet Force Adult Volunteers ready to deliver a safe, engaging and unforgettable week of activities. From the moment the coaches rolled in, the camp buzzed with energy as old friends reunited and new recruits experienced their very first taste of Annual Camp.

Day 2 brought the first full day of structured training with the Junior Cadets taking part in a variety of high-energy adventurous training activities including high ropes, mountain biking, climbing, axe throwing and gorge walking — all designed to develop confidence, teamwork and personal resilience in a thrilling outdoor setting.

Elsewhere more senior Cadets were underpinning their First Aid, shooting and navigation knowledge to reinforce discipline, readiness and confidence in preparation for a night time exercise in the field.



No rest for the Cadets though as, after dinner each evening, the group move straight to Command Tasks, expertly delivered by the Island's very own Gallipoli Company.



Command tasks are a bit like the Krypton Factor (for those of us old to remember the show!) with practical leadership and problem-solving activities from communication drills to physical team challenges, designed to test Cadets thinking and teamwork in a fun and supportive environment — perfect for building trust and leadership skills.

Day 3 saw senior Cadets out on the Dartmoor training area for an overnight fieldcraft exercise, putting classroom knowledge into practice focusing on tactical awareness, patrolling and living in the field — an experience many look forward to all year.

At the time of writing, the Cadets are less than half way through their week away and this author wonders what else might be in store for these young people. Whatever it might be I am sure, on their return home, they will be exhausted, but also exhilarated with a real sense of pride and achievement on what they have accomplished.

For further information visit [www.https://armycadets.com/find-a-detachment/](https://armycadets.com/find-a-detachment/) and enter PO38 1BA

## Our Village Store & Post Office

**Your council taxes help keep the store open. You, through the Parish Council, support it to the tune of £7,000 per year.**

The Parish Council has to now plan its commitment to our post office for 2026.

We are well aware that it our share of support for it in 2026 is certainly going to be higher than in 2025. We have to decide if this is money well spent.

How important is the post office and store to you? Could you make more use of it? The more we use it, the less we collectively need to pay to support it. We have already lost Rookley Post Office.

Our post office has several other post offices underneath it, also supported by their parish councils and Community Action. Should Godshill close, then they would all have to close.

What would the centre of the village be like without the PO/Store? What would appear in its place?

You can let us know your thoughts & ideas by using the contact form on the new website.

[Contact - Godshill Parish Council, Godshill, Ventnor](#)

## Be a Godshill Parish Councillor

**Godshill Parish Council has a vacant position and will therefore consider the co-option of a person to fill the role and serve on the Council..**

Would you or do you know anyone who might be interested in becoming one of our Parish Councillors. It could be someone who lives in Godshill or within 3 miles of the parish boundaries.

A formal advertisement will appear in the coming weeks. In the meantime, anyone interested is welcome to contact the Parish Council by email: [clerk@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk)

## Godshill Parish Council needs a new Parish Clerk

**With Gareth leaving us at the end of August, the parish council is looking to recruit a new clerk. We are not going to rush into it and would love to find someone who will enjoy the position as long as Gareth.**

Godshill Parish Council is looking for an enthusiastic and committed Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) to join our team.

This is a key role supporting the parish council's work to make our parish a safe, enjoyable, and welcoming place to live, work, and visit.

A couple of people have already expressed interest.

A formal advertisement will appear in the coming weeks. In the meantime, anyone interested can, in the first instance, contact:

[colin.mansell@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk](mailto:colin.mansell@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk)

## Have Your Say!

**Simply email what you want to say, ideally including an appropriate photo and we will do our best to include it. It can be anonymous if you wish.**

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.

If technology scares the living daylights out of you (it does for very many of us!) get in touch by phoning the Parish Clerk (07763 665812) – you may need to leave a message – and we'll come and have a chat about what you'd like to say.

Email your submissions to:

[comms@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk](mailto:comms@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk)

## Godshill Matters helping keep our village tidy

Members of the public notified the Parish Council of some unsightly rubbish by the Godshill sign on Newport Road.



Godshill Matters volunteer, Keith, kindly set about clearing up a bag full of the stuff and litter picked to surrounding area too, thank you Keith!



Whilst we could have reported the rubbish and asked for the IoW Council to remove it, we may well have been waiting some time.

The Parish Council also recognizes and thanks others who regularly pick up items, especially a number of our dog-walking community. Very many thanks.

## Godshill Matters helping keep the speed warning working

The volunteers at Godshill Matters have been at it again.



The speed warning sign on Shanklin Road was in a sorry state as you can see from the image above. But look at it now!



Whilst there, they noticed the drain was completely blocked, it isn't anymore? Do you know of other drains around the village that are in need of clearing before the rains appear? You can report them yourselves by using the online Fix My Street application - <https://fms.islandroads.com/>

## Sharing Your Gazette

**If you're reading an electronic copy, why not forward a copy to friends and family, even to those over on north island.**

Also:

### Print a copy for your neighbours

We hope, with the help of volunteers, to be able to distribute a number of copies free to those who do not use the internet or prefer a printed version.

## To print or not to print

**Yes, that is the question. In order to have the Godshill Gazette available in print on a large scale requires funds.**

A number of businesses have already told us that they are willing to advertise with us.

If we start to see an advertising revenue stream, then we can produce more printed copies. These would go out initially to those in the parish who do not use the internet or perhaps prefer or find it easier to have a paper version.

If you'd like to help support the availability of printed copies of the Godshill Gazette by placing adverts, please contact us at [comms@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk](mailto:comms@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk)

## Would You Like to Join Our Comms Team?

**Bringing out the Godshill Gazette every month and supporting the website with Godshill news needs a variety of skills and knowledge.**

The Godshill Gazette is about Godshill people talking about Godshill matters to other Godshill people. If you'd like to find the stories, write news items or short articles, if you have an eye for a good photo, if you're keen on layout, if social media is your thing, if journalism might be your thing when leaving school, college. If if if- there are so many ways you can be part of helping Godshill know about Godshill.

To find out more please email us at: [comms@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk](mailto:comms@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk)

## The September issue

**It will be published on September 6<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**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](mailto:comms@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk)

## PLEASE NOTE

**In line with the government directive, Godshill Parish Council is now using secure government e-mail accounts and website.**

You can now contact the Parish Council at:

[clerk@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk)

The Parish Council now has a dedicated mobile phone:

**07763 665812**

This number will be answered by the clerk or one of the Parish Councillors during our office hours:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday  
10am to 1pm

At all other times the phone will be monitored but calls are likely to go to answer phone.

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