

Godshill Speedwatch

They're up and running and are already doing a great job slowing down the traffic through the village.



The team is currently eleven strong and has already run a couple of sessions, having started on Bank Holiday Monday. Their main observation has been that their presence definitely leads to a slowing down of the traffic.

They'd also like to thank the many drivers who give them a 'thumbs up' as they go by – it helps make their day.

They are aiming at doing one session a week at one of a number of different locations in the village and at differing times of day.

If you have an odd hour or so and would like to join the team, please email chris@godshillmatters.org.uk.

New Central Rural Councillor

On May 7th, James Whelan was elected to be our IoW Councillor.



James will be attending the parish council meeting on Monday 1st June, 7pm in the School Hall.

Village Green – Finally !?!

Below is the entry from this coming week's Island Roads Works Programme.



By the end of the coming week, will we see the back of this orange eyesore and our wall and village green back to its former glory?

Service Provider Programme	Island RoadsWorks Weekly Programme Update
Week Commencing:	Monday 18th May 2026
ML	510010
Location	High Street, Godshill - j/w Church Hollow
Estimated Start	Mon 18/05/2026
Estimated Finish	Fri 22/05/2026
Traffic Management	3 way lights / At all times
Status	
Details & Explanation	Structures work / One week's work

Godshill Matters 100Club



May prize winners:

1st: £40 No 37 - Paula & Roy Hall
2nd: £10 No 80 - Keith & Denise Crane
3rd: £5 No 77 - Frankie Goldspink

Just 5 numbers for the 2026 competition are still available – [CLICK/TAP HERE](#) or email treasurer@godshillmatters.org.uk.

Godshill Gems W.I.

Godshill Gems W.I. went from stylish to creative at their April meeting. We steered away from easter bonnets and then focused on who was sitting opposite.



It was annual membership renewal time at our April meeting, so the committee sat, like little ducks in a row, taking completed forms, membership monies, registrations for the various sub groups, clubs and events. 38 members completed the process in extra quick time so that we could move onto the art of enjoying ourselves.

Chris Rickards gave a fantastic demonstration, with the aid of some very enthusiastic volunteers, on the art of scarf tying, exploring the diverse, cultural and religious significance

behind scarves – from fashion statements to expressions of modesty. Everyone was then let loose to experiment and tie each other up in knots.

After the obligatory tea and cake, we all took on the challenge of sketching the person sitting opposite. It soon became clear, that some Gems sparkled, possessing a natural flair for portraiture. The result – every picture drawn was recognisable.

Other News:



The Theatre Thespians first group venture out, was to The Trinity Theatre in Cowes to watch an Alan Ayckbourn farce "Table Manners". Being so eager to get there, we were the first to arrive! Obviously, we took the opportunity to fortify ourselves at the bar.



On a very windy day, a number of Gems blew into St Mildred's Church at Whippingham to enjoy a deep dive talk on its history, architecture and fascinating royal connections.

A strolling, seek and find mission around the beautiful scenic graveyard, led us eventually to the onsite café, where a light, laughter filled lunch, saw us basking in the sunny conservatory.



The Grub Club sampled the delights of the Garlic Farm, first in the shop, enthusiastically dipping sticks and licking them clean to sample various sauces, pestos, pickles and piccalillis, which were deemed to be enough for our starter.

Main course saw us in the newly arranged restaurant, eating great food. We all left with full tummies and garlic breath!



The Crafty Crafters saw us in a new venue, the Methodist Hall, tackling a very absorbing and stunning craft of parchment work. After

navigating a few serious moments, intense concentration, an occasional bit of frustration, the fun far outweighed the fuss and we all produced 3 amazing pieces of artwork each.

And the walking netball managed a 2 team full complement, where we received expert tuition and practice on defending tactics and sneaky passing – a cross between stealthy Ninjas and Mission Impossible stunts. However, there were so many goals, we lost score. Obviously, we still need more defending practice!

Finally, both book groups met, different dates and times, different venues, to discuss, explore, and dissect their equally different choices of books – The Book of Lost Things (mythical fantasy) and Langbourne (historical drama). Both enjoyable and thought provoking.

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

FOSSILS REACH

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With the Summer nearly here, and most of us expecting family to join us in Godshill, we may not have enough space in our houses, so Diane and Ian can offer their holiday chalets on the clifftop at Yaverland.



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7 (Godshill) Troop, Army Cadet Force Groups

This month, Godshill Army Cadets have been preparing for a once-a-year event – Expedition.



Whilst on Expedition they have to use a variety of skills learnt including map reading, navigation along a given route, menu planning, cooking in the field and setting up shelters.

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

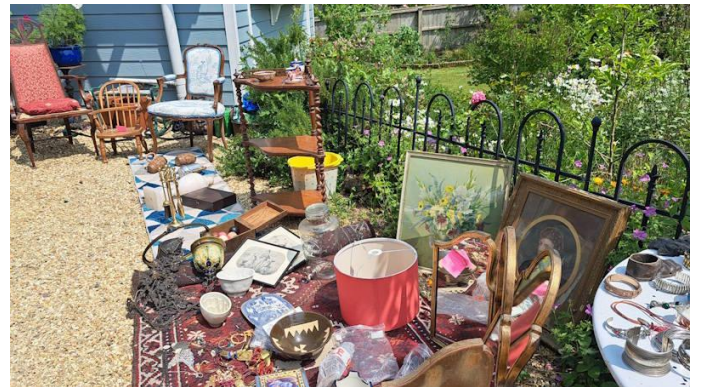
This is a very important event for all of our Cadets as they are able to pass two subjects in one go from their ACF Training Syllabus - Navigation and Expedition. In addition, those Cadets working towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award can pass Expedition – so 3 ticks from 1 event, result!



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

Godshill Garage Gallop

Following last year's fantastic success, the Godshill Garage Gallop is back. Take a stroll through the village and discover all sorts of bargains around every corner, driveway, and garden.



Sunday 7th June - 10am to 2pm

We already have 30 registrations — an amazing number — stretching from one end of the village to the other.

Maps will be available online and via social media a few days before the event, with a limited number of printed copies available at key points along the route on the day.

There's free parking and plenty of places in the village for refreshments, making it the perfect way to spend a summer Sunday.



Registration deadline - Fri 22nd May

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

1st Godshill & Rookley Scouts

On Thursday 30th April the 1st Godshill & Rookley Beavers were hosted by the Brighstone Beavers. They took us on a welly walk to see the amazing Dragon Tree in the village.



Legend has it that a dragon once terrorised the village which when defeated was turned into an oak tree. Over the years this tree has grown into the multi-limbed, twisted, beautiful tree that we can see today, oh and the joys of splashing water, stepping stones and branch climbing added to the enjoyment!

A prototype 'cork boat' was also tested, in preparation for cork boat races later in the year!

St George's Day Ceremony and Fun



St George's Day is a major date in the Scout calendar because St George is the patron saint of Scouting. Scouts renew their Promise, hold parades, and have fun, celebrating our patron saint and our Scout values.

34 1st Godshill & Rookley Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, together with the adult leadership team, a young leader, and Godzilla the dragon had a fantastic time.

On Saturday 25th April we spent the morning on our camp site at Corf Camp, the County HQ for Scouting on The Island, taking part in an amazing range of activities organised by Mary and the team: making and firing stomp rockets and ballistas, making and eating dough twists and popcorn, pioneering and making dragon masks.

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If you contact IW Grooming Shed, please mention Godshill Gazette.

After lunch over 250 Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from across The Island paraded to the centre of Corf Camp where we all renewed our Scout promises and sang camp fire songs, concluding with the National Anthem.



The Beavers from all Groups paraded their dragons and the 1st Godshill and Rookley Godzilla won first prize.

Scouting fun and tradition at its best!

Maintenance Day

On Saturday 12th April 25 friends of all ages of the 1st Godshill & Rookley Scout Group spent the morning tackling a number of tasks around the site. The aim was two-fold; firstly to improve the general maintenance and safety of the site and secondly to provide new facilities for the site users.



Particularly exciting is the tomahawk range and the camp kitchen, new safety fencing and vegetable beds.

Fuelled by bacon sarnies (vegan alternatives were available) and a constant supply of hot drinks and cake, it was heart warming to see young and old working side by side, youngsters being taught new skills and people getting to know one another. Well done all, this was community at its best!

The scout group would also like to thank CliffordJMatthews.co.uk, RichardCarter.co.uk, David Nicolle, Sam Creed and westridge-skip-hire.co.uk for donations of materials and The Rookley Co-Op for donating a voucher for the refreshments.

We plan to hold future working days. Any contribution would be appreciated, however big or small. Contact

robin@1stgodshillandrookley.org.uk

To put your child's name down for joining any of our groups please contact us on

robin@1stgodshillandrookley.org.uk

GODSHILL GARAGE GALLOP



Following last year's fantastic success, the Godshill Gallop returns! Take a stroll through our beautiful village and discover a treasure trove of bargains as residents open up their gardens and driveways for a village-wide clear out.



Godshill Matters

Contact:
07710 881714
alison@godshillmatters.org.uk

Sunday 7th June 10am - 2pm

Godshill WILD!

ISLE OF WIGHT BIOSPHERE

The Isle of Wight is one of only three designated

UNESCO Biosphere Reserves in England. WOW! That's impressive!! So, we're going to celebrate this with a day of celebration - Godshill WILD.



Godshill Matters presents

GODSHILL WILD

Saturday 27 June 11-4pm
May Close Recreation Ground
and Scout Hall, Godshill

A nature inspired family fun day for
Isle of Wight
Biosphere Festival!

Stalls, crafts, activities,
entertainment
refreshments
village walks
and more

Godshill Matters

For more information contact alison@godshillmatters.org.uk

The growing events team at Godshill Matters have been hard at work this month planning for this original and exciting new event for the village

GODSHILL WILD

An exciting new event

Saturday 27th June

from 11am – 4pm

May Close Rec. Ground

and Scout Hall

Godshill Wild will be part of the island-wide Biosphere Festival and will promote sustainability and celebrate our local village environment. So, expect local craft stalls, fun

family activities, information stands, refreshments, village walks and who knows what else!

One of the highlights of the day will be the first outing for our giant puppet of Lady Ann Worsley, original benefactor of our local school. The beautiful puppet is to be designed by Year 5 students at the school and then created by Godshill Matters creative volunteers.

A 'three-metre high' Lady Ann and accompanying supporters will process from the school, up Newport Road to May Close.

The full programme for Godshill Wild will be published in the June edition of the Gazette and elsewhere, but, for the time being just put the date in you diary as you won't want to miss this!

If you can help or would like to be involved in some way please drop an email to chris@godshillmatters.org.uk



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The Godshill Community Charity Quizzes - GCCQ

Godshill Community Charity Quiz No 14 was held at the Griffin on Wednesday 15th April and was raising funds for the Firefighters Charity.



57 quizzers joined us in 11 teams and the first round included questions about the name of the Isle of Man parliament, which TV cartoon has a character called Chief Wiggum and where does chimmichurri sauce originate? Round 2 was called "What, what, what?" where each answer consisted of a word or short phrase repeated three times, EG. What call is used by a Town Crier to attract attention? Round 3 was a connection round where the connection turned out to be "Trumpton Fire Brigade". The last round included questions about the Rock N' Roll Hall of Fame and a land mine detecting rat!

The puzzle round was about identifying people called Dennis, which was inspired by the fact that when I was a child, all fire engines seemed to be called "Dennis"!

"The Wight Stuff" were winners with 52 points, beating "The Jubillees" by one point. "The Godzillians" slipped down to third place with 48 points. The accumulator question went unanswered again, which means it rose to £360 for the next quiz. £286 was raised, so thanks to all who contributed.



Two weeks later, on Wednesday 6th May we gathered at the Griffin again for Quiz number 15, which was in aid of IOW Defibrillators. Steve, the man behind the charity, joined us

for the evening and brought along lots of extra raffle prizes.

The themed rounds were "Anyone Who Had a Heart" (of course!) which had heart related questions, and "One to Nine Equals Ten" where the first letter of answers to questions 1 to 9, when arranged in the correct order, gave the answer to question 10.

The puzzle round involved identifying well known logos from heavily cropped images.

"The Godzillians" were back on form, as were "The Boomers", tying for first place with 49 points, "The Boomers" winning the tie break to be declared the winners.

The Godshill Matters team were selected to attempt the accumulator question, but were unable to recall in which decade the school leaving age was raised to 16.

The raffle had loads of prizes, many donated by supporters, including another "Pasty Voucher" donated by Pete at Godshill Bakehouse and the total raised was £232.

The next Godshill Community Charity Quiz @ The Griffin is on Wednesday 20th May at 7pm and is in aid of the the Monkey Haven. Book your table on 01983 211115 or at www.heritagepubs.co.uk/griffin-godshill.

Coming next:

20th May – The Monkey haven
3rd June - The Wight Brainy Bunch
17th June – Vectis Radio 4Ps.

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

A big thank you again for all your support. Previously, we've had no quizzes in July and August as the holiday season is in full swing. This year we have decided to continue through the summer, with July and August start times being later at 8pm.

We are on target to break the £20,000 barrier for funds raised by the quiz since it started, so please keep supporting us through the summer!

Andy "The Quizmaster"

Godshill Primary School

Godshill, the school that doesn't stand still! Take a look at just a few of the wonderful experiences and activities enjoyed by the Godshill youngsters.



Bikeability level 1 in full swing. The children had a great morning with instructor Archie.



Year 4 had a lovely time at Nature Zones.



Team Godshill competing at the London Marathon.



Year 5 had an amazing time sailing.

Rural Beat Surgery

Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team will be at Godshill Post Office on Friday 29th May at 09.30am.

 NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Wight Rural South
Neighbourhood
Team



Please take this opportunity to raise any concerns you may have and to find out what we are doing to tackle the 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

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Fr. Tony in Walsingham

If you had to name shrines dedicated to Mary; mother of Jesus, would Lourdes in France, Medjugorje in Bosnia or Fatima in Portugal be the first to spring to mind. But I wonder if you have ever heard of 'The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham'? No... well it's in England, in Norfolk in fact.



In the eleventh century, when this story begins, the village of Little Walsingham was a thriving place, located mid-way between Norwich (then England's second city) and the wealthy town of King's Lynn. Richeldis de Faverches was a Saxon noblewoman, married to the Lord of the Manor of Walsingham Parva. We know that Richeldis had a deep faith in God and devotion to Mary. We know too of her reputation for good works in care and generosity towards those around her.

Her life of prayer and good works was rewarded by a vision in the year 1061. In this vision she was taken by Mary to be shown the house in Nazareth where Gabriel had announced the news of the birth of Jesus. Mary asked Richeldis to build an exact replica of that house in Walsingham. This is how Walsingham became known as England's Nazareth. The vision was repeated three times, according to legend. The materials given by Richeldis were finally constructed miraculously one night into the Holy House, while she kept a vigil of prayer.

The simple wooden structure Richeldis had been asked to build, became the focus of pilgrimage to Walsingham. Royal patronage helped the Shrine to grow in wealth and popularity, receiving visits from Henry III, Edward II, Edward III, Henry IV, Edward IV, Henry VII and Henry VIII, who finally

brought about its destruction in 1538. After nearly four hundred years, the 20th century saw the restoration of pilgrimage to Walsingham as a regular feature of Christian life in these islands, and indeed beyond. Fr Hope Patten, appointed as Vicar of Walsingham in 1921, ignited Anglican interest in the pre-Reformation pilgrimage. It was his idea to base a new statue of Our Lady of Walsingham on the image depicted on the seal of the medieval Priory. In 1922, this statue was set up in the Parish Church of St. Mary, and regular pilgrimage devotion followed. From the first night that the statue was placed there, people gathered around it to pray, asking Mary to join her powerful prayer with theirs. This work of intercession continues to this day.

Over the centuries thousands of people have come to Walsingham to find Spiritual fulfilment and healing. I myself have been many times over the last twenty years. It is a place where you have the permission to just be still and listen. I have brought many pilgrims from the Island to Walsingham, who also return year after year. It is a most special, sacred place.

As I type, I am here in Walsingham with twelve pilgrims from my four churches. In Oct I bring a coach with 45 pilgrims from around the Island, even picking a few up from Southsea.

If you would like to find out more then have a look at their website www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk and if you fancy trying out a pilgrimage, how about coming along with us, you'd be most welcome.

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

May 31st sees our 5th Sunday service when all four parishes meet up together for an additional service. Join us if you can. This will be at All Saints at 11am with Fr Greg as Fr Tony will be away on the mainland visiting his son.

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

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

Godshill Walking Group

A fantastic walk with Godshill Walking Group took place on Friday 17th April. An incredible 42 walkers and 8 dogs set out on a " Freemantle Gate to Froghill Farm and beyond" route.



Glorious weather made the walk even more enjoyable, and some of us rounded things off with refreshments in the Griffin garden.



It was a varied circular walk from Godshill, taking in woodland paths, bluebells, open fields, and a mix of familiar and newly explored pathways.



Next Walk



Our next walk took place on Friday 15th May. "Godshill to Appledurcombe and Back", which is a scenic and interesting undulating 5-mile walk.

It passes the historic Appledurcombe House, the beautiful chalk down at Stenbury and ends back near The Griffin PH in Godshill.

There will be more about the walk, along with photos, in next month's Gazette.

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

For more details:
alison@godshillmatters.org.uk

Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting took place in the School Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 5th May.



Ahead of the reports, those attending were able to chat with each of the groups with information tables.

The Parish Council Clerk and the Parish Council Chair gave reports on finance and the activities of the council. Summaries of these can be found on the Godshill Community Website under Annual Parish Meetings, [CLICK/TAP HERE](#).

There were information tables on behalf of the Knit & Crochet Group, Village Hall Charity, 7 (Godshill) Troop Army Cadets, 1st Godshill & Rookley Scouts, All Saints Church Gift to Nature and Godshill Matters.



Each of these gave a short report and there were further reports from the SpeedWatch team, the Pétanque Group, Godshill Walking Group, Godshill Gems W.I. and Godshill Community Charity Quizzes.

It was a great opportunity for all of us to meet those behind our many groups and those present learnt a lot about the wonderful activities available in Godshill.

The poster is for the "BEST KEPT VILLAGE AWARDS". It features a colorful illustration of a park scene with a red bench, a black trash bin, a street lamp, and trees. Below the illustration, it says "JUDGING COMMENCES Friday 1st May 2026" and "PLEASE KEEP YOUR VILLAGE LITTER FREE!". It also lists sponsors: BKVA, Honor & Jeffrey Garden Centres, Biltmore PRINTERS, Biltmore SIGNS, and Hose Rhodes Dickson.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE AWARDS

JUDGING COMMENCES
Friday 1st May 2026

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Best Kept Large Village



As you can see from the poster above, judging has now started. Please make an extra effort to pick up any litter you find lying

around and report to the Parish Clerk any litter bins that are overflowing.

Kira, our village caretaker can also be seen out and about doing her bit.

How do things look outside your home? If we all make sure the space nearest to us is neat and tidy, the whole of Godshill will be an even more wonderful place for us all to enjoy!

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

Lottery Funded Trial with Met

Godshill, as part of Central Rural, has been selected to be part of this trial to work alongside the Met Office for the benefit of our community.

Adaptation Resource
People & Planet

Four communities have been invited to take part in a trial, funded by the National Lottery and partnered with the Met Office.

Ringwood
Gosport
Hambleton
Central Rural, IOW

Greening Campaign
Community Interest Company
Registered number 13099158

greening-campaign.org/climate-adaptation

Whatever the cause, summers are getting hotter and dryer, winters are getting warmer and wetter.

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



Between NOW and next January, a team of volunteer residents from Godshill and the other 3 parishes will be given three days of training delivered by the Met Office, the Greening Campaign and others. They will also attend three workshop sessions to support putting that learning into practice.

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

It will be a plan that:

- Outlines a future we want to see
- Identifies climate risks and timelines
- Identifies opportunities
- Gives us a chance to create a new positive future
- Outlines who can do what and when

A PLAN that gives everyone a chance to have a say about

OUR Future and OUR Community



HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO BE PART OF THIS TEAM?

Firstly, you need to be available to attend the first training session on the mainland on SUNDAY, 14 JUNE.

An interest in any of weather, climate, potential changes in the future, risks and opportunities for Godshill would be an advantage.

We will arrange a get together later in May for those who want to find out more.

In the first instance, contact Stephen, our clerk, clerk@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk or **07763 665812**

Clerk's Corner



During April much of the work of the council's clerk revolves around the management of finances. That management is overseen annually by both an independent local auditor and then again by an auditor appointed by the government. That entails a lot of preparation of reports to ensure that every penny can be accounted for.

Thanks to modern software and accounting programs, this isn't as difficult as it might sound. Every expenditure that the council makes throughout the year is recorded at the time and with a few clicks of the mouse those items can be corralled and summed up to be compared with the bank balances. The end result of all that tallying up is seeing a satisfying £0.00, meaning no difference between what's in the bank and what should be in the bank!

Apart from money matters: The council has now received planning permission to improve the access to Bridgeport cemetery which will be progressed in the autumn.

The village's second member of staff – Kira – has made a good start cleaning in and around the public loos to a very good standard.

The play equipment at May Close has seen significant renovation and a welcome splash of colour, we are now awaiting some spare parts to reinstate the swings.

And lastly some might have noticed that there is now an additional wheely bin in Central Mead, that will remain in place for the summer as the existing two litter bins cannot cope with the amount of litter that is generated when the playground starts attracts so many visitors.

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

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

Stephen Cockett – Clerk

Talented Locals on Show

It's Isle of Wight Open Studios week from the 15th to the 25th May. We have been made aware of two locals taking part -Kathy with her Wight grown wools, yarns and weaving and Nina with here beautiful sculptures.



Nina's work varies from Ballet dancers which she is mostly known for & her African heads, amongst a variety of other sculptures showing what has influenced her.

Nina has a range of small sculptures on show in her small studio in her home in the centre of Godshill, next door to the Griffin.

You can pop in to take a look on the 16th, 22nd and 25th May between 10:30am and 3:30pm.



Kathy is, amongst other things, a shepherd of rare breed sheep (Boreray and Castlemilk Moorit) and also a few llamas and alpacas, to be found grazing on their farm in the Godshill countryside.

Kathy has had fleeces processed for some years and has built up a range of different products. Whilst her main products on sale are wools and yarns, Kathy also weaves blankets, throws, scarves and ponchos and knit mainly jumpers.

Come along to Godshill Park Farm and see a demonstration of weaving in action and look at the lovely products at the following times:

May 16, 19, 20, 22, 23 and 24 May between 11am and 4pm.



Amenities & Environment

In addition to the public conveniences, Kira has started some litter picking. We need to purchase appropriate litter picking equipment. The public conveniences are now well stocked with supplies and additional keys have been cut.

Public Conveniences takings for April were £240.65 which is 20% down on last year.

Meeting held with the Village Hall Charity. We agreed to have the building surveyed and they stated they were about to submit a funding request to the Lottery. There was general acceptance that the need for an indoor meeting space is urgent.

The cemetery chapel has now been accessed and houses several mowers and bags of rubbish. The cemetery chapel in urgent need of painting.

Cemetery – the planning application for the work on hedge and the addition of a sign has been approved by IoW Planning.

Church Path – still closed as IoW Council now concerned about bulge in ancient wall on the north side of the path. Cllr Donoclift has challenged this. IoW council now seem more aware of the urgency needed to get the path open.



Parish councillors have given up more of their time to remove the green growth from around the pavilion.

Communications & Community Engagement

April Gazette (18 pages) published.

Table 4 in the Griffin is now booked for every Friday at 4:30pm to 6pm for the new Parish Pump.

Possibility of a noticeboard for the front wall of the loos between the disabled and the next loo has been discussed informally. Besides giving info about the facilities, it could carry tourist info and maybe village businesses paid ads.

www.godshillwild.uk has been set up. It currently routes to Godshill Matters website until such time that it might occupy its own space. The webmasters concerned are in discussion.

It has been noted that some of the information on the map side of the parish council noticeboard is now out of date. Cllrs Dyke and Mansell will ensure that this is updated ahead of the summer holidays.

Emergency and Resilience

Equipment funding by way of a grant application is to be discussed with Godshill Matters.

Planning, Roads & Byways

There has been damage caused by an unknown vehicle to the Memorial Garden Bank at the top of Church Hollow - repairs complete.



The Speedwatch Team has had its first official meeting and successfully ran its first recording session on Bank Holiday Monday morning. Fortunately, there are some 'old hands' in the team, so the learning curve for the newbies has been gentler than it might otherwise have been.

Strategy and Long-Term Plan

Existing policies and procedures have been reviewed and annual updates required have been listed. Additional policies and procedures which are needed have been drafted and are to be approved and added after the next parish council meeting.

Unmanned Traffic Surveys

We have very recently received from Ian Middleton, Road Safety Engineer, Island Roads, two spreadsheets of results from surveys carried out back in February.



The first survey was in School Road from the 4th to the 11th of February. The second was in the High Street from the 11th to 22nd of February.

In the two-week period, close on 100,000 vehicle movements were recorded. That is in excess of 7,000 per day!

The average, yes, average speed of traffic was 21.5 mph in our 20mph zone.

Approximately 57% of traffic appeared to be exceeding the speed limit.

On the other hand, only a very few vehicles were clocked at speeds greater than 30mph.

The Parish Council will be taking a closer look at this information and will publish here in the Gazette. Further observations from the data in these spreadsheets.

Parish Pump

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



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

It has been suggested that we call these sessions the Parish Pump. Why? Centuries ago, there may well have been a parish water pump in the centre of Godshill. Not only would it have been the village's main source of water, it was also the place where you bumped into people and kept up to date on village gossip and what was going on in the community.

Hants & IoW Neighbourhood Watch



These incident reports cover burglary, theft, vehicle crime & criminal damage incidents on the IoW. The information provided is strictly limited so as not to compromise future police investigations.

Visit <https://ourwatch.org.uk> click on JOIN US. Scroll down the page and click on SIGN UP HERE. Follow the instructions. Click on JOIN alongside Godshill and you are in!

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

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



Have Your Say!

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

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

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

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

Email your submissions to:

comms@godshill-iow-parish.gov.uk

Coming Next Month

CENTRAL MEAD PAVILION – we should know whether there is a way forward for this to become a cost-effective indoor meeting and activity space this year.

VILLAGE HALL CHARITY LOTTERY SUBMISSION – due to be going in right now, so we could well have sight of what is being proposed.

CENTRAL MEAD ZIP WIRE – currently out of action because of the damage and the very significant cost for replacement. Other solutions are being sought, keep your fingers crossed!

GODSHILL WILD – full details of the programme and maybe a few glimpses of Lady Ann in creation.

REPORTING NEAR MISSES – mainly due to dangerous or careless driving in Godshill. It is vital that all are reported to the police. Only if they have the stats will they accept that there is a problem. We will look at the best way to go about it.

FOOTPATHS AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS IN WHITWELL ROAD, WEST STREET, JUBILEE CLOSE AND NEWPORT ROAD – last the council heard, this work was being held up in the legal department of the IoW Council. It appears to have been stuck there for a year! Your parish council will chase this up again and report back in the next Gazette.

Last Word

Next month's Gazette will be published on Saturday June 13th along with draft minutes from the March Parish Council meeting.

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

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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