

Carisbrooke Parish News

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Award-winning Community Newsletter

February 2018

Katie joins Gunville's team

IN January Gunville Methodist Church welcomed a new youth leader, Katie Burke. She has worked in a factory, taught English in Japan, is a squash champion, plays the cello, enjoys outdoor pursuits and has both a degree in theology (Durham) and a Masters in Youth and Community work. We look forward to working with her as she engages with the young people at Gunville.

MESSY CHURCH RETURNS!

The popular Messy Church will be returning on Friday, February 2nd from 3.45pm to 6pm, with games,

craft, food (a meal together) and celebration (a short service).

Our theme is 'Forgiveness'. We will be thinking about how both we and our world can be in a much better place because of it. All ages welcome.

EXCITING SUNDAY PROGRAMME!

Join us as we find out about how we can have true purpose and meaning in life because of what Jesus has done for us. Services start at 10.30am.

4th February: Bite size service entitled 'Why did Jesus die?' A short (45 minutes), snappy, all action service for all ages.

11th February: 'How can I have faith'?

18th February: 'Why and how do I pray'?

25th February: 'Why and how should I read the Bible'?

Young people's programme

In CONNECT (our Sunday young people's group) we'll be continuing to look at ways we can get to know God more and live out our faith in Christ in our day-to-day lives.

HUNGRY is for school years 9-13 and takes place on Mondays from 5pm-7pm (during term time), at 'Homestead' which is situated behind Bethany Church in Newport. There will be pizza, games, lively Bible discussions, creative prayer, sung worship and social action.

ROCK SOLID, for school years 6-8, takes place on Mondays from 7pm-8.30pm (term time), with games, fun, food, discussions and short reflective times.

THE ARK TODDLERS GROUP meets on Tuesdays in term time from 10 - 11.30am (£1.80)

Finally, a big thank to our local trades folk for the fast and efficient work on installing the new heating in the Hall at Gunville Church, just in time as the coldest part of the year arrives. Those involved were Lui at Primo, Paul at Bowcombe Builders and Arthur at RJR Electricians

You will find more information about us on our web site at www.gunville.org.uk.

New talks from Richard

HE'S back - Richard Smout has bravely agreed to tackle another four subjects based on Carisbrooke in the past, delivering the resulting talks in the

Church Hall during the Spring. So make a note in your diaries for either Saturday, 3rd March at 7.30pm in the upstairs hall or Saturday, 28th April at 2.30pm in the downstairs hall.

This year we have given the Trustees choice of subjects, leading to talks entitled: 'Village Life in World War 2'; 'Carisbrooke's Tea Gardens'; 'Why did Sir Francis chop the chancel?' and 'Digging Carisbrooke: allotments & nurseries'. Entry to the talks will cost £2.50 per person, with refreshments available during the interval.

Numbers are strictly limited, so make sure you arrive early!



Andy Smith

Gunville's 'Antiques Roadshow'

JOIN the Gunville Community Association this month to discover what is happening in the neighbourhood.

Christmas Lights: The judges awarded the 2017 trophy to the Hayden family of Gunville West for a great display which also raised money for charity. Thank you to all those who helped to brighten up Gunville over the Christmas season.

Christmas Tree: Many commented on what a good tree we had this year, funded by the Parish Council and the Community Association, and it was good to see (and hear) around 40 people from the community singing carols round it.

Valuation Evening: We are holding another 'Antiques Roadshow'-type evening on Monday 12th February in

the Methodist hall at 7pm with Rex Gully, who is very interesting and informative. There will be a charge of £1 for each item valued. Please come and bring those mysterious heirlooms.

Winter Warmers: 3rd February (first Saturday of the month) for our next Winter Warmers. There will be soup & a roll, and tea or coffee with a biscuit – good helpings for just £2.50. Everyone is welcome.

Nellie's: Our award-winning Wednesday afternoons of coffee, cake and chat continue, 2pm-4pm. Our annual post-Christmas lunch was well attended; thanks to Ursula and her team, and to the Parish Council for their support.

Short Mat Bowls: Monday afternoons, 2pm-4pm (sometimes quite full, but ring Sandra on 521360), and

Thursday evenings, 7pm-9pm (Martin on 529697). Only £2 a session, to cover hire, heating, insurance, etc.

Coffee Pods: If you use Nespresso or similar coffee capsules, advice from waste management is that used ones should go in the black bag rubbish. Of course, with a little effort you can put the coffee on your compost and use the containers for art work...

Notice Boards: Don't forget to look on our community notice boards outside the Methodist Church and by the Central shop car park for information about events and useful contact information.

Library Bus: Monday 5th February for the next visit, 1.20pm-1.35pm in Broadwood Lane.

Martin Cooper
Gunville Community Association

The Wayfarers' Fellowship Evangelical Church

Castle Street, Carisbrooke

Services for February

	10.30am	6.30pm
4th	Mr Peter Wells	Evening Worship
11th	Mr Peter Johnson	Mr Robert Wills
18th	Rev Graham Akers	Dr. David Green
25th	Mr Roger Fruen	Mr Alastair Cole

Prayer and Bible Study meeting:
2nd & 4th Wednesday 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Coffee mornings: Wednesday 10am - 11.30am

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost". (Romans Ch15 v 13)

Enjoy 2018 with the Friends

THE Friends of Carisbrooke Church enjoyed a very successful 2017, which ended with a well-attended Christmas quiz in the Eight Bells.

There are now events planned for the whole of 2018, the next being a beetle drive on Wednesday, 7th February, followed by a fun quiz on Thursday, 15th February in the Eight Bells. See page 8 for more details of these events.

Watch out for the new events planned for 2018, and for more details of this year's popular village fete which will be on 23rd June in the grounds of the Eight Bells. Please keep the date free. We will soon be starting to collect Bric a brac, books, unwanted gifts, etc, so if you are spring cleaning we'd be grateful for anything you can offer.

Peter Ednay
Friends of Carisbrooke Church

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Thought for the month

THERE are many traditions, all around us: some are useful, some merely benign. One tradition that many of us will be familiar with is one associated with the 'start' of Lent. Actually, to be more accurate, it's the last thing that we do as a preparation for Lent: making pancakes. On Shrove Tuesday (from the old Middle English word 'shripen', meaning 'to have confessed one's sins') people prepared for a time of Lenten fasting by using up all the fattening ingredients in the larder. The two most common ingredients needing to be used up were eggs and milk, and so the tradition of Pancake Day was born.

And it's a tradition that has in turn spawned traditions of its own. My two favourites are the Olney street race and Westminster School's Pancake Grease. In Olney, Buckinghamshire, the story goes that in 1445 a woman heard the church bell ringing while she was frying pancakes, and raced to the church still wearing her apron and carrying her frying pan. Each year, competitors (who must be local housewives, and dressed in an apron or scarf) have a pancake race, with the winner being the first to get to the church, give her pancake to a bell ringer, and get a kiss of thanks in return! In Westminster, an Abbey verger leads a procession of schoolchildren into the playground, where they attempt to grab the largest portion of a special large pancake which has been

flipped over a five-meter high bar by the school cook.

But no matter what traditions we like to enjoy, they are all embellishments on something that has a more or less prosaic origin: preparation for Lent. Historically, Christians fasted or semi-fasted during Lent. Richer foods such as meat, fish, eggs and milky foods would be cut out, to give people an opportunity to imitate Jesus's withdrawal into the desert for 40 days without the need to find a wilderness of our own! Even our giving up of a favourite food, treat, or perhaps vice, for Lent, is an acknowledgement of Jesus's trials, and a test of our own self-discipline.

So as you enjoy your Shrove Tuesday pancakes, whether truly tossed or merely spatula-flipped, spare a thought for what you can do to prepare for your Easter celebrations. I'll be trying to give up chocolate for Lent, which is a challenge, but nothing compared to what Jesus went through for me. Is there anything you need to give up, take up, or change?

Rev Marcus Bagg

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St Mary's Church Carisbrooke

Services during February

SUNDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY

Holy Communion 8am
Parish Communion 9.30am
Evensong 6.30pm

TUESDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY

Holy Communion 9.30am

SUNDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY

Holy Communion 8am
Parish Communion 9.30am
Evensong 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY (ASH WEDNESDAY)

Holy Communion 7pm
at St Olave's, Gatcombe

SUNDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY

Holy Communion 8am
New All-Age service 9.30am

TUESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY

Holy Communion 9.30am
Stations of the Cross 7pm

SUNDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY

Holy Communion 8am
Parish Communion 9.30am
Evensong 6.30pm

TUESDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY

Stations of the Cross 7pm

MORNING & EVENING PRAYER:
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No grey days at Bowcombe

AT this time of year I think a lot about light, or the lack of it. I'm sure I'm not the only one who dislikes the grey days of winter.

My father, Harold, always looked forward to the 7th February, not just because it was his birthday, but also because by then he could see the days lengthening and knew it would not be long before spring arrived. We all need something to look forward to - 'Hope springs eternal', as they say.

One of the many thoughts from Christmas, which seems

an awfully long time ago now, doesn't it, is this, 'God is light and there is no darkness at all in Him' (GNB). God just doesn't

do grey and extends to us an invitation to share in his light with his Son, Jesus Christ.

Linda Humber

February Services at Bowcombe

February 4th	6pm	Circuit Praise at Shanklin Methodist
February 11th	11am	Rev Izzard, with sacrament
February 18th	No service	
February 25th	11am	Ms S Whittingstall

Visitors are warmly welcomed

Contact Linda on 529065

Lunch out with friends Visit the Priory



JILL Baybut (the J in Bee-Jays) serves lunch to some of the participants at the very successful lunch club run by St Mary's Church. Bee-Jay's, which has been running now for nearly two years, meets twice during the month, on the first Monday of the month as an afternoon get-together for games, chat, tea & cakes and general meeting up with friends, and on the third Monday of the month for lunch.

If you are interested in joining Bee-Jay's, for afternoons, lunch or both, please contact Jill on 528287 or Brenda on 520666.

CARISBROOKE Priory hosts a number of activities each month, in addition to the main Open Door Meeting which takes place every Thursday at 12 noon, followed by a light lunch. Activities during February include 'Poetry Past & Present' with Anne Linington on Friday, 9th February from 10.30a.m. - 11.45 a.m. and 'Music and Melodies' with June Cox on Monday 26th February from 2pm. - 3.30p.m.

All enquiries should be made to Carisbrooke Priory Trust on 01983 523354

Goodbye to the Church Shop

SADLY St Mary's Church Shop closed at the end of December after over 20 years. The shop was run completely by volunteers through the years - were you one of them? If so we would love to see you for a reunion in February. Please call Jill on 528287 for more details, or just for a chat!

A busy year planned for the W.I.

OUR President, Rosie, welcomed 28 ladies and 2 visitors to the first meeting of 2018 and there were 3 ladies with birthday this month, and hoped we had all enjoyed Christmas and had a Good New Year. She thanked all who had attended and supported the fashion show.

Rosie said the County Trustees are keen to promote the National Plastic Soup Campaign and have arranged to discuss this matter in a meeting to be held in W.I. House.

Five members read out this year's National Resolutions explaining what they were about and why they were to be considered. Salient points were emphasised for the ladies to think about before making up their minds which one to vote for.

The Medina Group's day trip to Jane Austen's and Gilbert White's museums was advertised and the cost and date announced.

For "Show the Love" next month

Laura showed two green felt hearts she had made saying she hoped everyone would make one to wear at our meeting in February, have our photograph taken and show we cared about the environment. Green hearts are also wanted to decorate the small tree in W.I. House.

A photographic competition is to be held at the end of the year depicting the activities of members through the months. This was thought to be a good idea which should be encouraged.

Medham W.I. will visit Carisbrooke Castle Museum on 30th January at 2pm for a talk on Princess Elizabeth Stuart (cost £6), returning on 20th March for a talk, with examples, on Sand Pictures that are held in the museum archives, mostly Island ones. As there are still places left the ladies were asked if they would like to attend.

The monthly competition for a Snowman Christmas Card had record entries, so it is hoped the com-



Photo: Sheila Hall

The winning entry in the Snowman Christmas Card competition.

petitions will be better supported in the future. Our next meeting is on February 12th at 2pm. We have Mr Case talking about "Wool and Sheep Farming"

**Laura Hunt
Carisbrooke W.I.**

Winter at Carisbrooke Board School

THE log books for the old Board School on School Lane contain a wide range of entries which cast some interesting light on village life between 1895 and 1906.

Wed 27th Feb 1895: *Since the beginning of the year we have had several cases of dinners being stolen. Another case was reported today. I have cautioned the children and have instructed the teachers to keep their eyes on the*

cap-lobby. A small cupboard or safe would be a good arrangement for storing dinners during school-hours, with a key to be kept by one of the teachers.

Tues 15th Jan 1900: *One of the teachers reported to me that some of the scholars had been at the Railway Station tampering with the signals. They were two of the Parkhurst boys, I reprimanded them, and explained to them the danger they ran of imprisonment.*

(More on p7)

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A new year for the Parish Council

NEWPORT Parish Council would like to wish its residents a happy new year and we are delighted to contribute to this edition of the Carisbrooke Parish News.

Newport Festival of Christmas – the annual Christmas lights switch on in St. Thomas Square on 2nd December was a huge success and we were thrilled so many residents turned out to enjoy the festivities.

Great War 1914-1918 projects – the parish council is embarking on a series of projects to commemorate the centenary of the Great War

armistice in November 1918, including: installing two commemorative benches – one at Victoria Recreation Ground and the other at the Simeon Green, in addition to maintaining and improving our existing memorials. On November 10th we held a short wreath-laying ceremony at the Simeon Green memorial.

Carisbrooke – local councillors Hobart and Martin continue to monitor the new development in Alvington Manor View, where work has recently begun, to ensure that planning regulations are adhered to and that disruption to residents is kept to a minimum. The resignation of a road crossing patrol officer has resulted in the Carisbrooke Road patrol being temporarily unmanned. Local schools have been advised so that parents of affected children are fully-informed. A new officer has been recruited and the crossing should return to normal very soon.

Newport West – local councillors Coburn and Whiteman continue to raise concerns about teachers, students and contractors parking on Wellington Road and the nearby roads around the Christ the King College, rather than using the temporary car park available to them. They continue to meet regularly with the contractors, McAlpines, on both school sites, to highlight problems and address issues affecting residents caused by the construction work, such as the recent instances of contractor lorries inadvertently depositing mud on

Wellington Road and Mountbatten Drive. Wellington Road continues to be disrupted by buses, but it is hoped that the use of Taylor Road for buses and other heavy vehicles will improve the situation.

Other news – several incidents have occurred at Victoria Recreation Ground in recent months and we urge residents to be cautious and to report any crimes or suspicious activity to the Police using the 101 number. Having taken over Victoria Recreation Ground from the Isle of Wight Council in 2015 the parish council continues to make improvements to the facility – including recent works to re-surface sections of the driveway and car park. Moreover, we hope to take over management of the recreation ground and pavilion building from Newport Victoria Sports & Social Club in the near future and we would like to take this opportunity to assure residents and current users that we intend to make any transition as smooth as possible.

Finally, the parish council has a new clerk! Its long-serving clerk, Maxine Yule, left the parish council at the end of December after 10 years dedicated service. Our new clerk, Daniel Faulkner, can be contacted by email using clerk@newportwight.org.uk or by telephone on 01983 559119. For dates of all parish council meetings, please visit our website: www.newportwight.org.uk.

Daniel Faulkner
Clerk to the Parish Council

Parish News

Coffee morning

COME and join us for coffee and delicious cakes on Saturday, 17th February from 10am to 12 noon in Carisbrooke Church Hall. Bring a friend to enjoy a relaxing chat with a cup of coffee. Hope to see you there!

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A year of hymns for the Wayfarers

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Visiting speakers select the hymns so that they can have their favourite ones or hymns which they think the congregation will know, or to complement their sermon theme; all were taken from Mission Praise (Vols. 1-3) or 600 Essential Worship Songs. Four hymns were used five times viz: "All I held once dear" (Graham Kendrick 1993), "Be still in the presence of the Lord" (David Evans 1886), "Before the throne of God" (Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863) and Charles Wesley's hymn "Love Divine, all Loves excelling" (c1747).

One modern hymn was sung 6 times. "In Christ alone my hope is found" (Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, 2001) and David J Mansell's "Jesus Is Lord, creation's voice proclaims it" (1975) was placed on the Hymn Board 7 times.

However, the favourite was Thomas Chisholm's (1866- 1960) "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father". It was written in 1925 at the age of 59 years, reflecting God's faithfulness to him after poor health made him retire at 36 from the Ministry and take a desk job. His poetry and hymns avoid flippancy and include scripture, with Lamentations Ch 3 v 22 being the inspiration for this popular hymn.

Terence Blunden

Christmas angels



Among the beautiful displays created for Christmas in St Mary's Church, were these angels sitting below the 'Angel Window' on the south wall of the building.

Carisbrooke Board School log books (from p5)..

Fri 17th Feb 1905: The older boys will in future take Cottage Gardening as a School Subject. The School Garden is immediately next to the School. During the week the boys have, under the superintendence of the Head Teacher, pruned some of the fruit trees, and cut back others in readiness for grafting.

The weather is cold and as the boys are about to use their Scholars' Exam Books, the master takes them this morning for a few minutes run to warm their hands.

Thurs 21st Dec 1905: A return has just been made showing the expenses and receipts in connection with the school garden. (A net profit of £1 3s 6d was made, offsetting the sale of produce against the 11s 6d spent on manure and sticks for peas etc. The money would be meet the cost of seeds and tools, with the help of a grant from the Education Committee).

A very interesting lesson was given on the structure of the Skin, and lessons on personal cleanliness deduced therefrom.

Richard Smout

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Diary of Events for February

Monday, 5th February – the next meeting of Bee-Jays social club, for anyone wanting to enjoy a sociable afternoon and make new friends. Tea or coffee and cakes served during the afternoon. More details if needed from Brenda on 520666 or Jill on 528287.

Wednesday 7th February – a Beetle Drive organised by the Friends of Carisbrooke Church, 7pm in the Church Hall, costing £2.50 per person including refreshments. No experience needed, just come and join us for an evening of light hearted fun!

Wednesday 7th February – The IW Branch of the Historical Association will be welcoming Edward Towne FHA, to give a talk entitled "Reluctant Warrior: Lord Salisbury and the Boer War 1899 - 1902" starting at 7.30 pm at the Riverside Centre, Newport. Details from IW 524410

Thursday 8th February – quiz night on behalf of The Isle of Wight Society for the Blind. Start time is 7.00pm at the Waverley Hotel and costs £3 per person. Teams of 4 or you can join up with others to make up a team. There is also a raffle with good prizes on behalf of the Society. Please phone the Waverley on 522338 to book a table.

Saturday 10th February – Quiz night at Gunville Methodist Church, starting at 7pm. Teams of up to six people with an entry of £2 per person. Light refreshments will be provided and there will be a raffle. Money raised will go to Uzima in our hands'. To book a team or individuals please contact Chris on 07804646644

Monday, 12th February – the W.I. meets in Carisbrooke Church Hall at 2pm when the speaker will be Mr Case talking about "Wool and Sheep Farming".

Monday 12th February – 'Antiques Roadshow'-type evening in Gunville Methodist hall at 7pm with Rex Gully. There will be a charge of £1 for each item valued.

Thursday, 15th February – a Fun Quiz organised by the Friends of Carisbrooke Church, 8pm at the Eight Bells, with teams of up to 4 people, £2.50 per person. Ring The Eight Bells to book in your team.

Saturday, 17th February – a coffee morning in aid of the Parish News, from 10am – 12 noon in Carisbrooke church hall. Come along to meet a friend and enjoy coffee and cake, then take home some of our delicious cakes for later!

Monday, 19th February – Bee-jay's lunch club meets in the church hall from 12.15pm-3pm. Please check with Jill on 528287 or Brenda on 520666 for details or to book a place.

Wednesday, 21st February – Friends of Carisbrooke Castle Museum will be holding their AGM in the Castle Museum, followed by a talk on Gardening on the Isle of Wight, by Richard Smout.

Saturday, 24th February – Handicraft Group (SOCKS) meeting in the Eight Bells from 10am to 12noon. Bring a handicraft project of your own or join in with the group activities. Refreshments available, everyone welcome.

NEXT COPY DATE
FRIDAY, 9th February is the copy date for the March issue. If you would like to contribute news or an article please contact the editor, Brenda Hall, on tel: 520666, or send an e-mail to carisbrooke.editor@aim.com

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