

A walk down the hill for Jack and Jill

PALM Sunday fell on 25th March this year, so on that morning, in line with what has become a tradition in the village, the congregation of St Mary's assembled not in the church but in the chapel of St Nicholas in Carisbrooke Castle.

After completing the first part of the day's service in the chapel, the congregation then moved outside carrying their palm crosses, where two of the castle donkeys, Jack and Jill, were waiting with English Heritage staff Amanda and Hannah. The donkeys had done this before, so knowing what was expected of them set off at a good pace to lead the congregation down the hill into the village.

Finally arriving at the entrance to the church yard the procession made its way into the church with Jack and Jill leading the way around the aisles where they left the congregation to complete the Palm Sunday service with Holy Communion.



The donkeys met the congregation outside St Nicholas in Castro, to lead them through the village and into the church.



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Afternoon teas back in Gunville

AS well as the welcome return of **Saturday Club Afternoon Teas**, Gunville Community Association continues to offer a wide range of activities.

Plant Sale: If you have received your Parish News by Saturday 28th April, come to the Plant Sale, 10am-12 noon in Gunville Hall.

Saturday Club: Saturday 5th May sees the resumption of our Afternoon Teas, 2-4pm in Gunville Hall. Following the teas served at the Friends of the Animals sale, the profit allowed the Club to buy an Easter egg for everyone at Nellie's, which was much appreciated.

Short Mat Bowls: This month's dates for Thursday evenings are 10th and 24th May, 7pm-9pm. Monday afternoons continue weekly, 2pm-4pm. Contacts for information: Mondays – Sandra on 521360; Thursdays – Martin on 529697.

Nellie's: Our award-winning Wednesday afternoons of coffee, cake and chat continue, 2pm-4pm.

Big Brekkie: Sausage or bacon rolls, cereal, toast, drinks – everyone is invited to

breakfast in the Methodist Church on Saturday 12th May, all to support the work of Christian Aid across the world. See page 4 for more details.

Benches: The benches bought for the garden behind the church will be installed soon, and we hope that users of the premises will be able to take advantage of some sunshine.

Dates for your diary:

Annual Meeting: Wednesday 13th June.

Community Fun Day: Saturday 25th August.

Local Development Proposals: Our members and our local Councillors have been keeping an eye on what is happening; there are still unresolved issues, and we shall maintain the watch.

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: Friday 4th May (because the Monday is a Bank Holiday) for the next visit, in the church car park, Broadwood Lane, 1.30-2pm. **Martin Cooper**

SLIME EVENING!

Thursday 24th May 7pm – 8.30pm

Come to Gunville Methodist Church to make your own slime!

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May

Sunday Services at 10.30 am and 6.30 pm

6th	Mr Peter Wells	Mr Richard Hill
13th	Mr. Nigel Ventress	Mr Alastair Wells
20th	Mr Christian Beasley	Mr Alastair Cole
27th	Mr Bernard Cooke	Evening Worship

Coffee Morning: Wednesdays 10am - 11.30am

Prayer and Bible Study Meeting

2nd and 4th Wednesdays 7.30 – 8.30 pm

“This is the day the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118 v 24 - New International Version NIV)“

Wanted ...

TIME for a reminder that Carisbrooke Village Fete is on 23rd June in the grounds of the Eight Bells, starting at 12 noon.

We would welcome YOUR help. We need books, toys, games, bric a brac and unwanted gifts for the stalls. Could you make us some jam, preserves or chutney or provide the ingredients for others to make it?

All donations gratefully received. Please ring Janet on 525729 or Allan on 825539 to arrange collection or email carisbrookefriends@btinternet.com.

Thought for the month

MAY this year brings two reasons to celebrate. Firstly, May is the month that is bracketed by a Bank Holiday at the beginning of the month, and a Bank Holiday at the end of the month. But the joy of having two extra days off pales into insignificance when we think about the other reason to celebrate: Ascension Day. Coming 39 days after Easter, Ascension Day marks the occasion of Jesus ascending back into heaven. It is a day of great celebration, as over thirty years of earthly ministry come to an end, and Jesus completes his mission in spectacular style.

It is also the traditional time when the parish bounds were 'beaten'. In this traditional ceremony, members of the parish would walk the boundaries of the parish and beat the boundary markers, to mark out their positions in the minds of the younger generations. (In some places, tradition says it was the boys that were beaten while over the boundary stones, which would certainly have impressed their location in their minds!) Unfortunately, like many traditions, this one has fallen into disuse across most parishes, although we may perhaps do something similar later in the year (when the weather's a little warmer).

But what I'd like to beat in to our lives is not where the parish boundaries lie but how marvelous the Ascension is. Imagine

being one of those disciples, with Jesus opening up the scriptures to you, giving you a greater understanding than you've ever had before. I'm sure that they were excited - after all, they had been through the roller coaster ride of emotions that took them from the crucifixion to the resurrection, and now were with Jesus once more. But this time would not be like the others, as the disciples were able to watch in awe as Jesus bodily ascended into heaven (see Luke 24: vv 50-53). From now on, the disciples would be going it alone, at least until Pentecost, but with renewed passion and even greater joy. What else could they do, after witnessing such a spectacular event?

So come and join us on Ascension Day, not to witness a miracle (although you can never rule that out, when Jesus is involved) but to celebrate the fact that Jesus reigns at God's right hand on high. Not only that, but we have the gift of the Holy Spirit as well, to accompany us just as Jesus accompanied his disciples! We are truly not alone.

Rev Marcus Bagg

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St Mary's Church Carisbrooke

Services during May

**Please note, Evensong is with hymns but no choir.*

TUESDAY, 1st MAY
Holy Communion 9.30am

SUNDAY, 6th MAY
Holy Communion 8am
Parish Communion 9.30am
Evensong* 6.30pm

**THURSDAY, 10th MAY
(ASCENSION DAY)**
Holy Communion 7pm

SUNDAY, 13th MAY
Holy Communion 8am
Parish Communion 9.30am
Evensong* 6.30pm

TUESDAY, 15th MAY
Holy Communion 9.30am

**SUNDAY, 20th MAY
(PENTECOST)**
Holy Communion 8am

Fruitful@9.30, 9.30am
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SUNDAY, 27th MAY
Holy Communion 8am
Parish Communion 9.30am
Evensong* 6.30pm

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THERE is plenty happening this month at Gunville Methodist.

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service). Our theme is 'Healthy Body, Healthy Soul' (All ages welcome)

EXCITING SUNDAY PROGRAMME!

FACT... the fastest growing religion in the world, also with most members, is...CHRISTIANITY (over

2,400,000,000 and tens of thousands becoming Christians every day). This month we will be examining why this might be so – how did the first church start and why are new churches still coming into existence? Why is the Christian message so relevant still in our modern age?

(Services start at 10.30 a.m.)

6th May BITE SIZE SERVICE

'What about the Church?' A short (45 minutes), snappy, all action service for all ages.

SPECIAL EVENING SERVICE: Circuit Praise Service 6.30 p.m.

13th May 'Will Jesus return?' with Geoff Russell

20th May 'Why Pentecost?' with Simon Judah

27th May 'Does God heal today?' with John Izzard

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.

SPLASH! is our Sunday morning group for children up to 11 years old where we have fun finding out what God wants to say to us today through the Bible.

GIRLS' GROUP is for school years 9-13 on Mondays 5.30pm-7pm (term time) at 'Homestead' behind Bethany Church, with pizza, games, lively Bible discussions, creative prayer, sung worship and social action.

ROCK SOLID 2, years 8-11 Mondays 7pm-8.30pm (term time) with games, fun, food, discussions and short reflective times.

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

More information about the church's activities can be found on our web site at www.gunville.org.uk **Andy Smith**

Learning lessons for life

I AM often entertained by the latest story about my two great nephews who are at the two to three year stage.

What havoc they cause, and mess – in all innocence of course! But they are having to understand what the word no means, and this is sometimes very hard. There is so much to learn at this age.

The time from the first Easter to Pentecost was a sharp learning curve for the disciples of Jesus too. From fear and half understanding things, they 'grew up' in a few short weeks to become active and 'alive' to share with whoever they met the gospel of Jesus. There had been many a hiccup on the way and sometimes, I'm sure, a few reprimands to remind them of how they should behave if they truly wanted to represent Jesus to others. I hope my nephews will soon 'get the message' and learn that their good behaviour

will please their family enormously.

Linda Humber

May Services at Bowcombe Chapel

May 6th	6pm	at Gunville Methodist, Circuit Service
May 13th	11am	Praise & Prayer service
May 20th	No service	
May 27th	10.30am	at Newport Methodist

Visitors are warmly welcomed

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Another good school for the village

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Mrs Katrina Rigby, Chair of Governors, said "The Governors are delighted that the inspectors recognised the dedication and teamwork from all the staff that have helped achieve this 'Good' outcome for the school. Their determination and hard work for the benefit of the pupils has succeeded in moving the school from Special Measures to Good in just over 3 years."



St Thomas of Canterbury School

Photograph: St Thomas of Canterbury Primary School

Donkey talk for Carisbrooke W.I.

ROSIE started the April meeting of Carisbrooke W.I. by welcoming two visitors and handing out 4 lovely birthday posies made by Lynn. She had attended a floral arranging demonstration at Rookley recently and had won a beautiful sample.

Lynn was thanked for booking a lunch at the Bear Café, which was enjoyed by all who went.

It was pointed out that the photograph of the "Show the Love" tree in the garden of WI house was printed in the WI Life magazine, for all to see.

There are still seats on the coach for the trip to Jane Austen's Museum on 24th May; please ring Lynn or Laura for details.

Members were asked to start knitting bunting etc. for the Church's Wool Fest in October.

A walk is planned for May 21st, details later.

Lynn won the cookery cup with her cheese scones, and Sue M. came first in the soft animal competition,

Rose 2nd, Claire 3rd and Margaret R. 4th.

Our speakers were Carol and Derek from the Donkey Sanctuary. Carol explained how they became involved with the Sanctuary and moved it from Luccombe to Wroxall, overcoming lots of difficulties with the donkey's health and financial problems.

Derek told us about individual donkeys and their foibles. He explained that they rely heavily on donations and legacies to keep the Sanctuary running and to pay the vet's bills, adding that the public can help by sponsoring a donkey. He also told us that with the help of a legacy they had recently built another bad weather barn for the animals.

Our next meeting is on May 14th at 2pm, when our speaker is Graham Hardy talking about "Woodland Products"

Laura Hunt

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Carisbrooke remembered

I WAS born in 1938 and lived most of my life at 'Fourways' on Clatterford Shute. I have many memories of Carisbrooke High Street as it was when I was a girl.

Starting up by the Waverley, I remember there being a blacksmith's very near where Dave Death's main area now is; Dunns the grocers were in what is now Valentinos, with the Toc H meeting place next door. Attrills, another grocers, were opposite the wedding steps. They sold their own small doughnuts and a "pen-neth" of broken biscuits.

Going on down the hill were the pottery and the paper shop. Priscilla's Pantry was on the corner of Castle Street, and on the other side was Webbs, the post office. Inside Webbs there was a public telephone. Next door again Miss Hall lived, a small lady who drove a taxi.

I went to the Brownies in the Sunday School, where at the end of the war I remember a special party when the Rev Ewbank threw small coins in the air for us.

I was sent to collect shoes repaired by 'Tiddles' Coward, where I had to go up rickety stairs at the back of the shop. Charlie Burt was the butcher, nearly next door. Further down was the Convent School, now the medical Centre.

There were many buses through the village then, both Southern Vectis and the old brown and cream Shotters buses which many people will remember.

More memories to come! Margaret Montrose (nee Carr)

A Spring revamp

THE rigours of the winter weather can play havoc on our hair and skin, just as the summer's heat and humidity does.

We are at the mercy of strong cold winds that batter our faces, and whip up our hair, causing dryness and frizzing. We then retreat into our warm centrally heated homes, which adds to the drying affect. With this in mind, we can give ourselves help in the form of moisturisers and conditioners. Why not give your hair conditioner a boost by adding a few drops of argon oil before applying to the hair. Pop on a plastic cap and leave for at least twenty minutes, once a week. This will penetrate the cuticle layer and act as a deep conditioner/mask. A light hair oil can also be used on dry hair. Style your hair as normal

and put a few drops of oil on to the fingertips then run through the hair. This will instantly smooth fluffy frizzy ends.

The changing of the seasons is the perfect time to re-think our hairstyles. A new cut will not only remove those weathered ends, but give a much needed boost going into Spring/Summer. A new hair colour can give our complexions a real lift, perhaps adding warmth to a dull and sallow skin tone. Even a natural grey head of hair can be beautifully brightened with the vast array of silverising tints and toners now available. A gorgeous silver grey is "The new blonde"! Such is the popularity of this new trend.

Let's hope we can all shed our winter hats and shake free our glossy bouncy hair this season!

Hillary Ward

A new skyline for the village



THE view at the top of Wellington Road is changing quickly at present as the new Carisbrooke College building grows apace. The building is expected to be finished early in 2019.

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This increase will be used to support youth services whose funding has been cut; to repair, upgrade and ultimately refurbish all the public toilets that we have taken on from the Isle of Wight Council (now to include South Street toilets); and to make contributions to improving our town and centres as part of regeneration plans. And as ever there are projects throughout the various neighbourhoods of Newport and Carisbrooke. Visit our website for details of current projects – www.newportwight.org.uk.

Lukely Brook

In recent weeks residents may have noticed surveyors in the Lukely Brook near the Wellington Road area, who have been surveying obstructions in the brook and looking at options to install 'fish passes' which will help fish migrate to the head of the stream. These will only be installed once it has been proven that they will not adversely affect the flood mitigation plan.

Great War – Parish Council to mark the centenary of the armistice

Cllrs Martin and Whiteman (pictured, right and centre) and Ray Harrington-Vail of the Footprint Trust (left) were joined by Cllr Hobart at the

Simeon Green on Sunday, 8th April to plant poppy bulbs in the beds around the stone war memorial. Later this year, on Friday, 9th November at 2pm, the Parish Council will be holding a short ceremony at the Simeon Green to commemorate the centenary of the armistice on 11th November 1918. We hope the ceremony will be well-attended by parish residents – please visit our website and Facebook page, closer to the time, for further information.

Victoria Recreation Ground

The Parish Council will be taking over management of the pavilion at Victoria Recreation Ground from 20th April. We recently recruited an Assets & Facilities Manager to run the pavilion building and manage other parish assets, such as the toilets and recreation grounds. If you are interested in using the pavilion building for community/sporting activities etc. (from the 20th April onwards) please contact us on 01983 559119 or email clerk@newportwight.org.uk.

We have received reports from residents of anti-social behaviour in Victoria Recreation Ground. We continue to pay a private security firm to make regular patrols at night times. We also continue to raise these incidents to the Newport Safer Neighbourhoods Team.

Annual Meeting & Upcoming Meetings

The Parish Council will be holding its Annual Meeting on Monday, 14th May at The Riverside Centre, commencing at 6.45pm. The ordinary



Photo: Newport Parish Council

May Full Council meeting will begin immediately afterwards.

Full Council meetings take place on the second Monday of the month at 6.45pm and the venue varies around the parish. The Planning & Licensing Committee meets fortnightly on a Thursday at The Riverside Centre at 6.30pm. The Devolved Services Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month at The Riverside Centre at 6.30pm. The press and public are welcome to all meetings.

Daniel Faulkner
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Diary of Events for May

Wednesday 2nd May – 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!

Friday 4th May – the Salvation Army In Concert at Carisbrooke Priory Chapel starting at 7p.m. There will be a retiring collection and refreshments to follow in the Priory Tea Room.

Monday, 7th May – no meeting of Bee-Jays social club today as it is a bank holiday. Back to normal next month!

Saturday 12th May – a Christian Aid BIG Brekkie! 9am - 11am in Gunville Methodist Church. Come and have breakfast with us, on the menu are bacon or sausage sarnies, cereal, toast, tea, coffee. Donations invited for Christian Aid.

Saturday, 12th May – a Beetle Drive starting at 7pm in Gunville Methodist Church. Prizes and a raffle, all proceeds to the Methodist Church. All welcome.

May 13th - 19th - Christian Aid Week. Please give generously to the house to house collection and support the Big Brekkie - see details on page 4.

Monday, May 14th, then every Monday – Parson’s Pantry is open in the church Hall, 10am - 12 noon, for a range of coffees, tea and cakes. Come with a friend for a relaxing get together!

Monday, May 14th – Carisbrooke WI meets at 2 pm in the church hall, when the speaker is Graham Hardy talking about “Woodland Products”.

Wednesday May 16th – Friends of Carisbrooke Castle Museum are presenting a talk entitled ‘Reg Denham’s War 1914-1918: Transcribed letters home and photographs from Reg, a Newport lad, to his family’, by Lin Watterson and David Langford. In the Castle Museum starting at 7.30pm, gates open at 7.15pm. Visitors are welcome but will be asked for a small donation.

Thursday, 17th May – 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 520666 or The Eight Bells to book in your team.

Monday, 21st May - Bee-jay’s lunch club meets in the church hall, this month from 2pm for a trip out. Please check with Jill on 528287 or Brenda on 520666 for details or to book a place.

Saturday 26th May– 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, 11th May is the copy date for the June 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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