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Springtime snow



SNOW just before Easter, when spring flowers are blooming in the village, is both unexpected and, for us on the Isle of Wight, a rare occurrence.

Despite the cold, daffodils in the churchyard were bravely blooming through the snow, providing a promise of warmer days to come.

Second time around for Richard

THE first performance of Richard Smout's Carisbrooke Quartet for 2018 was a victim of bad weather at the beginning of March. For those who missed it there will be a repeat presentation on Saturday 28th April, starting at 2.30pm in Carisbrooke Church Hall, with the possibility of an extra evening if there is demand for it.

Richard's programme will again consist of four short talks, this year on the subjects of 'Village Life in WW2', 'Carisbrooke's Tea Gardens', 'Why did Sir Francis chop the Chancel?' and Digging Carisbrooke: allotments and nurseries'. Entry will cost £2.50 per person with all proceeds going to Carisbrooke Parish News funds.

On this occasion the downstairs hall will be used to facilitate access for those unable to manage the stairs. As before refreshments will be available during the interval. These talks are always very popular so, as numbers are limited by safety considerations, come along early to be sure of a place!

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-Garden notes for the Spring from the Hole in the Hedge.

-Plant sale in Gunville

-April opening for the Parson's Pantry.

--Photo competition from the Friends of Carisbrooke Church

-Easter egg hunt for Gunville Methodists

Picture perfect for the Friends

CARISBROOKE Life Today is the name of a photographic competition to be launched by the Friends of Carisbrooke Church. Last year Peter Ednay staged a popular exhibition of Carisbrooke in Times Past. To follow on we would like to see your pictures of Carisbrooke in 2018.

The competition is being launched by Ian Pratt, one of the judges, when he comes to Carisbrooke Church Hall on

21st April at 7.30pm to give us hints and tips on taking prize winning photos. Then it is up to you to take photos on the themes of Buildings and Countryside, People and Pets during 2018. Deliver the photos to us by 31st December ready for judging in January and February 2019. The judges will let us have their decision at an exhibition of the photos in the Spring. At the exhibition you will also be able to come and vote for the "People's Choice" winner.

The photographs have to be taken within the parish of Carisbrooke. This is quite a large area so there are opportunities for extensive countryside views, dogs playing in the garden, houses old and new, walkers, shoppers, footballers – the choice is yours.

Watch the Parish News for information through the year and keep taking your photos.

Mary Blake
Friends of Carisbrooke Church

Not from these parts?

THE Isle of Wight West Country Association has been in existence for 71 years. Anyone who originates from or has connections with that part of the country is most welcome to join us at our monthly meetings.

We meet at Carisbrooke Church Hall on the 4th Monday afternoon of the month during the winter, with a speaker followed by light refreshments. In October and December this is usually preceded by a meal and in March we usually go out for a lunch.

Ever since the association started we have had a Church service as one of our meetings because one of the inaugural members was an Anglican clergyman, so on the second Sunday in May we join the congregation at Newtown Church for their afternoon service and this is followed by afternoon tea. In June we go somewhere for a cream tea. I hope if you have West Country connections you may be interested in joining us.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 23rd April at 2pm in Carisbrooke Church Hall when the Revd Canon Graham Morris will speak about his work in Ghana. New members would be most welcome and can contact me on 525630 for more details.

Mary Groves

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April

Sunday Services at 10.30 am and 6.30 pm

1st	Gordon Holmes	Mr. Richard Salmon
8th	Mr. Bernard Cooke	Mr. Geoffrey Russell
15th	Mr. David Lavell	Mr. Peter Young
22nd	Mr John Wrigley	Evening Worship
29th	Rev. Graham Akers	Dr. David Green

Coffee Morning: Wednesdays 10am - 11.30am

Prayer and Bible Study Meeting
2nd and 4th Wednesdays 7.30 – 8.30 pm

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Thought for the month

IT seems a little strange to be writing about Easter right now, knowing that by the time many of you read this it may well all be over! Or rather, Easter Day and its associated celebrations will be over. We will have had our donkey-led Palm Sunday procession down from the Castle to the church (hopefully without any snow); we will have gone through the horror of Good Friday, as all seems lost, and hope seems vain; and we will have celebrated the joy and wonder of Easter itself, as hope is more than just restored, and all becomes light again.

Now usually I try to give a message that is filled with peace, but we can't get to our Easter celebrations without first having the experience of Good Friday. Throughout Lent, at St Mary's, we have had a weekly 'Stations of the cross'. This has been a time to relive the last hours of Jesus, from Jesus standing before Pontius Pilot to being laid in a borrowed tomb. And it is that first station that I want to consider now.

Some of you may know the story of Jesus' trials, but perhaps it's worth reminding ourselves of them. After his arrest, Jesus first appears before the Sanhedrin (the Jewish ruling council), where even the false witnesses that come forward can't agree on exactly what Jesus has done wrong. Eventually they find him guilty of blasphemy, and seek the death penalty by taking

him to the court of Pontius Pilot. Here, once more, Pilot the governor can find nothing that he is guilty of, and seeks a way to release him. But the chief priests aren't finished yet and stir up the crowd against Jesus. Eventually, it is through fear that Pilot literally washes his hands of the whole affair, and hands Jesus over to be crucified.

But how often do we wash our hands of affairs when we should actually be standing up for justice, or ignore the pleas of help from our neighbours instead of responding in love? In the resurrected Jesus we see how God was willing to go that extra mile to bring us into his presence. And that means that instead of being stuck in the gloom and despair of Good Friday, we have passed through into the light and joy of Easter, with all its gifts and promises. So let's not be like Pilot, ignoring truth and passing up on a great opportunity, but instead be like Jesus and live in the full realisation that the tomb is empty and that Easter joy doesn't have to end as the sun goes down on Easter Day!

Rev Marcus Bagg

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St Mary's Church Carisbrooke

Services during April

*Said Evensong with hymns
but no choir

SUNDAY, 1st APRIL EASTER DAY

Holy Communion 8am
 Family Communion 9.30am
 with Easter activities
 Evensong* 6.30pm

TUESDAY, 3rd APRIL

Holy Communion 9.30am

SUNDAY, 8th APRIL

Holy Communion 8am
 Holy Communion 9.30am
 with baptism
 Evensong* 6.30pm

SUNDAY, 15th APRIL

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SUNDAY, 22nd APRIL

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 Holy Communion 9.30am
 Evensong* 6.30pm

SUNDAY, 29th APRIL

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 Evensong* 6.30pm

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Gaps in the garden?

HAS the cold spell we had damaged some of your plants beyond recovery? Why not come along to the **Plant Sale** on Saturday 28th April, 10am-12 noon in Gunville church hall to find just the right plant for that space! All donations of plants for sale will be gratefully accepted: doors open 9am for bringing plants in - or ring 529697 to make arrangements for collection. Refreshments will be available. Proceeds will go to the upkeep of flower tubs in Gunville Road and Broadwood Lane.

Saturday Club: No Afternoon Teas in April, as we had an extra one in March to accompany the Friends of the Animals sale.

Short Mat Bowls: Thursday evenings are now **fortnightly**, 7pm-9pm. This month's dates are 12th and 26th April. Ring Martin on 529697 for information. Monday afternoons continue weekly, 2pm-4pm (sometimes quite full, but ring Sandra on 521360). Only £2 a session, to cover hire, heating and insurance.

Nellie's: Our award-winning Wednesday afternoons of coffee, cake and chat continue, 2pm-4pm. The Footprint Trust's Warmer Wight team visited us in March to tell us how to save significant amounts on our energy bills. If you missed it, come along and we can tell you about it.

Valuation Evening: This went well. 30+ items were submitted for valuation. Rex Gully from Hose Rhodes Dickson talked about each item in turn, with some very interesting insights and background information. The items ranged from pocket watches to pictures, from a decorated horn to a famous-named trinket dish. Estimated values ranged from nil (except for sentimental value) to several hundred pounds.

Dates for your diary:

Next Afternoon Teas: Saturday 5th May.
Annual Meeting: Wednesday 13th June.
Community Fun Day: Saturday 25th August.

Environmental concerns: Rumours about imminent developments on the proposals for the end of Ash Lane are about, but the Isle of Wight Council is not aware of any moves on the question of sewerage arrangements. Watch this space.

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 9th April for the next visit, in the church car park, Broadwood Lane, 1.30-2pm (please note the new times).

Martin Cooper
Gunville Community Association

Finding an answer to the puzzles

MY mum loved to do puzzles. Whether finding hidden words in a 'Wordsearch' or working out where letters went in a 'Codebreaker', she would spend hours puzzling them out.

The events on the first Easter Sunday morning should have been straight forward. The small group of ladies - followers of Jesus - had everything they needed to have Jesus' body properly laid out for burial. It appeared to be the final act of kindness they could do for him. The only 'puzzle' that they would face was how to move the stone covering the mouth of the tomb where Jesus' body had been left.

Distressed as they already were, it's hard to imagine their dismay at finding the stone already pushed back and no body in the tomb. What was going on?

Perhaps they should have been a bit more alert when Jesus talked about his death and gave them 'clues' in earlier times, but it's easy for us to be wise so long after the event.

Well, Jesus had to reveal himself and

give them the answers to everything they were still puzzled about. After suffering so much, after burdening himself with the sins of the world, here he was alive and ready for all those questions.

For those who care to seek him out today, Jesus still has the answer.

Happy Easter.

April Services at Bowcombe

April 1st	11am	Easter Celebration
April 8th	6.30am	Rev Izzard with sacrament
April 15th	10.30am	at Quay St, Newport
April 22nd	10.30am	at Quay St, Newport
April 29th	11am	Mrs Geddes Visitors are warmly welcomed Contact Linda on 529065

Eggciting Easter service!

AT Easter we celebrate what can be considered 'the greatest day in history, where death is beaten because Jesus is alive'. Come and join the celebrations and fun at Gunville Methodist Church – including an Easter egg hunt after the service. Margaret Steer is preaching.

Easter continues at Messy Church: Friday April 6th from 3.45pm to 6pm, for games, craft, food (meal together), celebration (short service). Our theme is 'The importance of the Easter message today'. All ages welcome.



Photo: Gunville Methodist Church

In January Katie Burke joined Gunville's team to work with them as a youth leader, particularly with the Young People's groups run by the church.

Holiday Club - Important Correction
Our holiday club is planned for the end of July, (NOT August as printed in last month's press).

Exciting Sunday programme

8th April Bite Size Service with a theme of 'How can I make the most of the rest of my life?' This is a short (45 minutes), snappy, all action service for all ages.

15th April, 'How can I resist evil?' with John Izzard

22nd April, 'Why and how should I tell others?' with Simon Judah

29th April, Chris Reddecliff will be preaching

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

The Ark Toddlers' Group is on Tuesdays in term time, 10am - 11.30am (£1.80)

Find more information about us on our web site at www.gunville.org.uk.

Andy Smith

Open in April

THE Parson's Pantry will be opening in the village on April 16th. Taking place in Carisbrooke Church Hall every Monday from 10am-12 noon, it will provide a meeting place where tea, coffee and cakes will be served.

Whether your taste is for filter coffee, cappuccino, latte or a nice cup of tea, you will find something to your liking in the Parson's Pantry. Add to this delicious cakes and it deserves a visit with friends. Conveniently in the centre of the village, the Parson's Pantry will be open each Monday from 10am - 12 noon.

All proceeds from the Parson's Pantry will go to St Mary's Church.

Thanks from Parish Council

COUNCILLORS Terry Martin and John Hobart would like to thank residents, emergency services and all the voluntary groups that pulled together and showed tremendous resilience during the treacherous snowy and icy weather conditions we experienced at the beginning of March. A special mention must also go to the volunteer 4x4 drivers who assisted getting emergency services' staff and key workers to their places of work.

Danny Faulkner
Clerk to Parish Council

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Fire prevention for Carisbrooke W. I.

CARISBROOKE WI's President, Rosie welcomed two new members and two visitors to the afternoon meeting.

Sandra told us about her visit, with others, to Denman College to hear a talk on the subject of the Suffragette Movement, the lecturer concentrating on the women taking part and the horrors they suffered. Sandra really enjoyed her day and was impressed by the whole experience so decided to book for a different course in November when the Federation takes

over the college.

There is a free Taster Session on crochet in WI House on 20th April.

IW Federation Annual meeting is to take place in Northwood House in June with four places allocated to us. Sheila is kindly opening her house for a coffee morning on 30th April 10am-12.30pm with raffle and Bring and Buy stall.

Our speaker was Wayne Jones from Ryde Fire Crew. He brought quite a collection of electrical appliances that had been badly abused, including a kettle with the base burnt out. He told us not to overload multi switches and to realise the whole plug is 13 amp, so if there is a heater, hairdryer or any-

thing that gets hot then only plug one thing in. We saw melted plugs and irons with cracked and broken leads. He also told us of some horrific fires he had been to. The fire service will fit fire alarms for free, change rubber ferrules on walking sticks if they are worn, or they will come to our houses and advise us on safety in the home, telling us which switches we can safely leave on all the time.

Our competition, an oven glove, was won by Margaret, 2nd Lorna, 3rd Rosemary 4th Laura.

The next meeting is on 9th April at 2pm in the church hall when we have a talk about the donkey sanctuary, (no donkey!)
Laura Hunt

Wool Festival 2018

BACK for a fifth year, Carisbrooke SOCKs (Society of Crocheters and Knitters) are excited to announce plans for this year's wool festival are underway. We are working on a display of wool-related creations on the theme "Life's Celebrations".

We need your help! We are hoping to create a large display piece made from 4 inch white squares. The squares can be either knitted or crocheted, in any fibre or weight of yarn! For further information, please contact Emily Bagg on 718908



Part of last year's 'Spring' display at the Wool Festival

A touch of colour

Of all our spring butterflies, one of the most distinctive, and best named, is the orange-tip. This is a white butterfly, and the males have bright orange tips to each of the forewings. The females are not so distinctively marked but their wings have their own beauty. Like the males, the underside of their hindwings is marbled green, which is very striking if one is seen at rest but is also remarkably good camouflage. Their alternative name reflects something of their elegance: The Lady of the Woods.

Male orange-tips emerge first, usually about a week before the female. They appear in the second half of April and are on the wing through to early June. They have a habit of patrolling up and down a roadside verge, and woodland edges, as if eager to be seen. In a sense this is what they are

doing, because they are looking for a mate, the females usually sheltering in bushes nearby.

The bright distinctive markings might be thought to be rather risky, as this species is very visible. However, this species is particularly bitter to the taste, and so the colour is an uncomfortable reminder to birds that they are going to catch an unpleasant meal. That said, each bird has to find this out for the first time, so no doubt a number of these butterflies do fall victim in this way. It is thought that this happens because the food plant for the caterpillar is a common spring plant, garlic mustard, which contains the bitter oils that last through the life of this species. Lady's Smock is also a popular food plant for this species, where it exists on heavier soils. The eggs are laid on the undersides of the leaves, and turn first pink and then orange as they grow older.

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Sunday 6.30am to 12 noon

April at the Priory Fundraising with coffee 'n' cakes

A range of activities take place at Carisbrooke Priory each month.

During April Anne Lington is looking at 'Poetry Past and Present' on Friday 13th at 10.30am, while on Monday 16th between 2pm and 3.30pm June Cox will be bringing 'Music and Melodies'.

Open Door meetings take place every Thursday at 12 noon, followed by a light lunch.

Details from www.carisbrookepriory.org.uk or ring 01983 523354.



At the recent very successful coffee morning and cake sale nearly £200 was raised for Parish News funds. Many thanks to all who came along to support us!

Notes from the Hole in the Hedge

WRITING this with snow outside underlines the fact that this year March did not fulfil its usual promise of sunnier, drier weather when we could all start outside work on our gardens!

So we'll start with **April** (sunshine and showers), with the hope that Spring will soon be in evidence with all the beautiful Spring flowers and trees in full bloom. It's an exciting month, with indoor-sown seeds well into growth, and should be time to start sowing outdoors. Just watch out for frosts!

Important jobs for this month:

Keep weeds under control; protect fruit blossom from late frosts; sow hardy annuals and herb seeds;

increase watering to house plants;

Feed hungry shrubs and roses; on dry days sow new lawns or repair broken edges or bare patches on established lawns. In the pond, divide water lilies, feed the fish more often and remove pond heaters.

May (Summer's on the way)

As bulbs fade and herbaceous borders grow in leaps and bound, it is clear that summer is approaching. Sowing and planting out bedding can begin, depending on the weather conditions. This is the time also to take soft wood cuttings. The lawn should now be in full cutting and trimming mode with the warmer temperatures this month brings.

Important jobs for this month:

Watch out for late frosts, protect tender plants; earth up potatoes and plant any still remaining late varieties; plant out Summer bedding at the end of the month; regularly hoe off weeds; keep lawns mown and weed free; lift and divide overcrowded daffodils and other Spring flowering bulbs; watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs.

Finally, before cutting hedges look out for nesting birds.

So that's it for the Spring; I'll be back in June with jobs for the Summer. Stay happy and healthy in your garden, don't overdo the work and just enjoy what you can do.

Bye for now from the Hole in the Hedge.

Allan Timbrell

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Diary of Events for April

Wednesday, 4th April— 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!

Sunday, 8th April - NGS Open Garden at The Dairy, 196 Carisbrooke Road, from 2pm-5pm. £3.50 entry, children free. Plant stall and home-made teas raising money for the Alzheimer's Society.

Monday, 9th April— the W.I. meets in Carisbrooke Church Hall at 2pm when the talk will be on the Donkey Sanctuary.

Monday, 9th April— the **Annual Parish Meeting** of Newport Parish Council will take place in Gunville Methodist Church starting at 6pm. There will be an opportunity to listen to a presentation from Steve Ashman of Island Roads and ask questions regarding highways-related matters and the PFI contract. There will also be an opportunity to hear exciting plans for the toilet block re-development at Post Office Lane.

Wednesday, 11th April — the **IW Branch of the Historical Association** will be welcoming Dr John Rodney Atwood, BA, PhD, to give a talk entitled "1918: the end of the Great War and beginning of a New World Order?" at 7.30 pm at the Riverside Centre, Newport. Details from IW 524410

Monday, 16th April — **Opening day for The Parson's Pantry!** Come along and bring a friend to enjoy tea or one of our coffees with a slice of delicious cake. Open 10am-12noon each Monday in Carisbrooke Church Hall. All proceeds to St Mary's Parish Church.

Wednesday, 18th April — **Friends of Carisbrooke Castle Museum** are presenting a talk entitled 'Movements in Isle of Wight Architecture 1840-1937'. 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, 19th April — 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.

Monday, 16th April - Bee-jay's lunch club will meet in the church hall at 12.15pm. Please check with Jill on 528287 or Brenda on 520666 for details or to book a place.

Monday 23rd April — **The I.W. West Country Association** will be meeting at 2pm in Carisbrooke Church Hall. The speaker will be the Revd Canon Graham Morris talking about his work in Ghana, followed by light refreshments. New members would be most welcome; see page 2 for more details.

Saturday, 28th April — **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, 13th April is the copy date for the May 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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