

## Clerk's Corner

**Neighbourhood Watch** – Your Councillors have decided to revisit and support the Neighbourhood Watch initiative in an attempt to get all areas in the Parish covered. At the moment there are representatives covering Ashlake Copse Road and Lane, Ranelagh Drive and The Poplars, Ashlake Farm Lane, The Boltons, Firestone Glade, Oaklands Close and Elenors Grove. Fishbourne Lane (including Quarr Lane) is covered from the pub to the sea-front. To cover the whole parish we are therefore looking for four representatives, 2 to cover Kite Hill and 2 to cover the remainder of Fishbourne Lane. It is suggested this could be from the lights to the garage and Ashlake Copse Road (1) and from

there to the pub (2). Kite Hill could be split to best suit the volunteers. I hope you feel able to help with this project. It isn't onerous, anyone wanting more information can either contact me (883907) or contact Janet at [nwisleofwight@googlemail.com](mailto:nwisleofwight@googlemail.com) Also if anyone would like their contact details passing on to their representative, please let me know through the Parish email address [fishbournepc@btinternet.com](mailto:fishbournepc@btinternet.com) and I will pass them on.

**Dog Waste Bins** – The Council have been asked by residents of Ashlake Copse Road for a new waste bin. The IWC were unable to provide this because of lack of funding. To overcome this problem the bins on the shore and the Green have been re-sited to the bottom of Quarr Lane (opposite the pub) and the R1 footpath

between Ashlake Copse Road and Fishbourne Lane (by the telephone kiosk). It is hoped that this will overcome the concerns which have been expressed, without involving the Parish in additional cost.

**Boundary Commission** – The Council has been asked by the Boundary Commission to publicise the 2013 Review of Parliamentary constituencies review which runs until 5th December. Please visit the website [www.independent.gov.uk/boundarycommissionforengland](http://www.independent.gov.uk/boundarycommissionforengland) if you would like more information.

**Website** – Finally, please remember to look at our website [www.fishbourneiow.org.uk](http://www.fishbourneiow.org.uk) for details of local events, links, agendas, minutes and more. Your feed back on the site would be welcome.

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Please note: the web address is [www.fishbourneiow.org.uk](http://www.fishbourneiow.org.uk)  
It may be accessed through the Isle of Wight website using the link [www.iwight.com/parishcouncils/](http://www.iwight.com/parishcouncils/)



Brother Francis Verrey OSB

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Brother Francis celebrated the golden jubilee of his monastic profession on 12 October. The Abbey celebrated the event with Mass followed by a buffet lunch in the refectory where the Community and many friends shared his special day.

## Editor's Note

The Newsletter is for all Fishbourne Parish residents. I am conscious that a high-percentage of this and earlier Newsletters covers Fishbourne Lane, the Ferry terminal and Quarr Abbey matters. I would very much appreciate news and views from other parts of the Parish. If you have something to raise or query – or have suggestions to improve our general lot, please get in touch.

C N Reed

## Waste Collection Service

From 30 January 2012, the household waste collection service will change. Briefly, households will be given 2 food caddies – a small one for the kitchen and a larger one with a secure lid for keeping outside. The contents will be collected weekly from the kerbside. In addition all recyclable waste (paper, card, plastic, glass, etc) will be collected fortnightly from the kerbside using a 240 litre wheelie bin which will be supplied. The IW Council will send out detailed information to all residents during January.

## Dates of Parish Council Meetings for 2011 and 2012

Please note that ALL meetings will be held at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club.

Thurs 10th November

Thurs 8th December

Thurs 12 January

Thurs 9 February

Thurs 8 March

Thurs 12 April

All meetings will start at 7pm.

In addition, the Clerk and one or two Councillors attend a 'surgery' every Tuesday morning at 10am at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club when parishioners can discuss matters of concern.

# Fishbourne Parish



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Lindsay Maggs

## Fishbourne Parish Council's New Councillor

Lindsay Maggs was born in 1969. She was educated at Holy Cross RC school, East Cowes, Archbishop King Middle School and Carisbrooke and Cowes High.

She worked as a manager for Ladbroke Racing for 20 years, 5 years as a groom on a small National Hunt stud farm in the Exmoor National Park and since 2004 has been a full-time carer for her disabled granddaughter Shakira.

On her return to the Island in 2010, Lindsay has become a member of 'No Barriers to Disability' a group who campaign for, and raise awareness of social inclusion issues facing people

with physical, mental and/or sensory impairments.

Lindsay's interests include playing 'World of Warcraft' on the computer, being with her family, gardening, felt-making, knitting, reading, cooking and listening to music.

She says "we have a mad house that is usually full of random people and animals including a parrot, two parakeets, four ex-battery hens, a cat and a massive white rabbit as well as a retriever puppy who eats everything. In spite of all this, I look forward to serving the community".

## Traffic Issues

If it is not tempting fate, the improvement made to the traffic lights at the junction of Kite Hill and Fishbourne Lane should make this junction safer. After lengthy and sometimes robust correspondence with the traffic experts at IW Council, louvres have now been fitted to the filter lights visible to traffic coming up Kite Hill and wishing to turn left into Fishbourne Lane. It is now much more difficult for drivers in the right-hand lane wishing to go forward towards Ryde, seeing the filter light turn to green. Let's hope this will significantly reduce the number of reported near misses. The Parish Council thank the IWC Traffic Department for their help.

The 30mph sign situated just round the corner into the Lane is too close to the lights to be of much use and we will continue to ask IWC to move the sign 40 to 50 metres down the Lane. Money constraints are widespread and obvious, so this will not be high on the IWC's priority list; nor, indeed will the replacement of the speed-activated sign.

We still await the outcome of residents' parking issues – opposite the Garage and down on the lower green.

## All Quiet on the Wightlink Front (well, almost)

The Parish Council are enjoying a relative calm in their relationship with the largest 'body' in the Parish. Communications are cordial and as frequent as is necessary. Those residents who live near the Terminal continue to enjoy a much quieter night since Wightlink discontinued their drop-trailer procedures. The difference is remarkable and we like to think our long campaign protesting about the night-time noise played a part in Wightlink's change of mind. However, the Company's continued insistence of leaving the bright red LED message drifting across the large information screen all night is baffling. It is, we believe, a source of light pollution and surely quite unnecessary. The relatively few night-time travellers

don't need to be continuously reminded to 'pre-book during school holidays' or 'bring their vehicle length card' or 'switch off headlights and use sidelights only . . .' Any pertinent information about sailing schedules can be put on the small, discreet message board at the entrance. So we will continue to press for the large red letter stream be shut down between 8pm and 8am. Wightlink may even save some costs – they would certainly gain some friends.

Ironically, since the installation of the LED customer information board, the terminal staff seem to be using their tannoy loudspeaker system even more! We shall be addressing that matter, too.



'Before' . . .



'and After'

# Further News from Quarr's Bees

Following on from the July Newsletter, Liz Van Wyke of the Isle of Wight Beekeepers' Association reports:

"Our breeding programme will begin next year, but already we have colonies to breed from, two of which were donated and two of which simply arrived as swarms. It was extremely lucky for us that both swarms arrived on days when we were at Quarr – one taking up residence in a ventilation gap in our old storeroom, no doubt attracted by the smell of wax on the equipment there, and one of which gathered in a hedge. Both posed interesting challenges and our new recruits eagerly pitched in to help get them hived; both colonies are now busy gathering nectar to see them through the winter.



Thanks to an 'Awards for All' grant, we have the necessary equipment for these new residents and a wonderful storage shed and workroom on site which has made our work so much easier. Now we are able to fetch equipment quickly when one of the colonies springs a surprise on us rather than having to trudge back to the old storeroom. We are very grateful to Fishbourne Parish Council for supporting our application for this workroom which we also hope to use for theory training.

Now the season has wound down we have the opportunity to evaluate what we have achieved in the past eight months – far more than we expected, in fact – and to plan for next Spring. Already the list of those interested in taking up this fascinating craft is growing and we hope to welcome many more pupils in the future."

## Inn is Out!

The Fishbourne (Inn) has new owners and a new name. From the end of October Martin and Lisa Bullock will welcome customers to the *Fishbourne* which has had a complete refurbishment. Everything has been replaced, cleaned and painted – from the five bedrooms, the kitchen, the bar to the garden and carparks.

The new owners will offer good food and attentive service, hallmarks of the two other pubs they own – one at Shalfleet (*The New Inn*) and the other at Seaview (*The Boathouse*).

*Martin and Lisa Bullock*



*The new sign*

Important members of the new team are Dan, the Chef transferring from *The Boathouse* and Richard, the Bar Supervisor. We wish the Bullocks well and hope the *Fishbourne* will be an integral part of our parish life.



*Monday Group members (left to right). James Barnickel, Alan Kew, Renita Vanner, Andy Blackham and Michael Shepherd.*



*Father Gregory, Naomi Somerville and Michael Shepherd*

## The Monday Group at Quarr Abbey

The Monday Group is a group of adults with learning disabilities, based in Ryde. Members of the group live in supported accommodation or registered care run by Southern Housing Group. As a Group they arrange weekly social nights, with monthly special events for adults Islandwide with a learning disability.

The monies raised from these events helps to part fund larger trips and outings to places such as Dorset Steam Fair, Marwell Zoo, and shopping trips to Bournemouth and Lymington.

The Monday Group promotes social action amongst their peer group of Adults With Learning Disabilities. They originally formed as a social group to enable other adults with learning disabilities to meet and make friends in 'normal environments' away from the structure of more traditional methods of inclusion.

The Monday Group needed to find new ways of becoming sustainable. Locally and nationally funding cuts have made the Group and the staff that work with them have to think of alternatives to day care, and empower the Group and other adults to be creative in what they do.

The Monday Group now runs a food garden at Quarr Abbey. The Abbey has donated some land to the Group for no fee, on the condition that it is looked after and managed by Monday Group members.

The Monday Group grows produce on this land, approximately half an acre, and sells through the Abbey's farm

shop. The Group will sell produce to the new farm shop and any profit will go towards club funds.

The Monday Group is also benefitting physically from working on site in their garden, and from learning about fresh produce and eating healthier meals as a result.

Members of the Group meet with other residents as the project grows to include other people supported by Southern Housing Group. This includes young people, older people in sheltered accommodation, adults with mental health problems, and our young mums hostel.

Attendance by others at social events continues to increase, and the Club is starting to become self sustainable. By

putting in the hard work at the Abbey, they can progress to becoming a social enterprise and be fully self funded.

The Group is very welcoming to all newcomers, and is looking to include the other adults with disabilities that attend the social events to form a volunteer pool to work in the Abbey garden. The site at Quarr Abbey has been specially designed to accommodate wheelchairs. We need help to maintain the gardens and to construct raised beds for our wheelchair users.

If you would like to help out and volunteer with the Monday Group, please get in touch with Dennis O'Hearn on 565964, or pop in to our garden and have a chat with us.

