



Garden of Remembrance

The garden will be erected under the Oak tree at the beginning of November.

If any residents would like to place a cross in the garden, in memory of a loved one, they will be available from The Fishbourne pub.



Fishbourne Lane Resurfacing Works

When you receive this newsletter the final phase of the major work to improve Fishbourne Lane will be well underway. At the time of writing, phase 2 has almost been completed. It has not been without issues. A number of cars were parked on the road causing obstructions, on the areas where, a few hours before, the double yellow lines had disappeared under new tarmac. These were reported both by parish councillors and local people, and were (all but one) removed. Delays to road users were significant at times. Regular contact was maintained between the Parish and the Island Roads team, to try and keep them to a minimum.

The night-time work of phase 3 to reconstruct further sections of Fishbourne Lane to address weak

foundations and resurfacing of the entire length between Eleanors Grove and the Wightlink Terminal, is scheduled to finish on the 1st November.

We have been warned that weather and other external factors can cause delays, but will hope this is not to be the case.

Keith Gourlay, Island Roads' Construction Manager, said: "As well as Fishbourne Lane looking better, the work will mean it will also have a much better ride quality which should also reduce the noise of traffic travelling across it.

"Once again we would like to thank residents, local businesses and Wightlink and their customers for their ongoing co-operation and understanding during this project."

'Log Jams' in Fishbourne Lane

On Monday 12th August, the Wightlink ferry St. Claire had to be withdrawn from service and as a result traffic in Fishbourne Lane was at a standstill and the queue for the terminal reached back to the main road. The PC requested a meeting with the relevant Wightlink managers to discuss the incident and plan what could be done differently to prevent a re-occurrence. On Friday 13th September the overall Port Manager, the Island Port Manager and the Communications Director of Wightlink met with myself and Councillors Talbot and Honeywill.

We had a very open discussion; the Managers agreed that this should not have happened. Wightlink have since made some contingency plans to avoid disruption as much as possible. These plans were discussed in detail and providing they are implemented we are happy that they will help prevent queues in Fishbourne Lane. The Island Port manager had only recently been appointed and it's fair to say that once he was on site the situation improved. We also have direct contact details

with the relevant managers and an invitation to meet with the local port manager at anytime he is onsite at Fishbourne. (He also manages Ryde Pier Head and Yarmouth).

If you are delayed there is a compensation system similar to that on the railways. The details are:

- 25% of the fare paid for that crossing if the arrival of your sailing is delayed between 60 and 120 minutes.

- 50% of the fare for that crossing if the arrival of your sailing is delayed over 120 minutes.

- You can also claim a mileage allowance for your vehicle of £26.28 if you were diverted to another one of our ports.

If you request to receive your compensation in travel vouchers, an extra 10% premium is added to the claim. To make a claim go to this web address – <https://www.wightlink.co.uk/go/service-status/ferry-disruption-compensation/>

Malcolm Hector

Our New Councillor

Ed Hopper moved to the Parish in 2018, and lives on Kite Hill with his wife and two daughters. He was previously a unitary authority Councillor on the mainland and has a special interest in Planning and Transport issues. Ed said "I'm really pleased to have the chance to sit on Fishbourne Parish Council and am looking forward to working with my fellow parish councillors for the good of residents and the local area."





A Busy RVYC Summer, and an invite for all

The Merrydown Regatta over the weekend of 14/15th September brought a very busy summer sailing season to an end.

We have had very successful turnouts on Thursdays and Sundays for the TST and Wightlink series of races and the Autumn race calendar continues with the Harrison Black Series, and the Frostbite from 27th October through till prize-giving on 15 December.

Adult sailing on Wednesdays was at capacity with members new and old. Cadet afloat evenings have now ended, with up to 30 cadets enjoying

tricky conditions. Cadet Week in early August was a huge success with all gaining RYA certificates – and most importantly having fun!

Off the water, members have enjoyed Ladies lunches, themed catering events along with the Summer Ball and Commodores Cocktails. The Clubhouse hosted many visiting boats enjoying the summer weather, however we are now looking forward to the winter talks starting on 16th and our Laying Up Supper on Saturday 26th October. Don't forget Club Fireworks on 1st November

(remember to keep your pets indoors!) and prize-giving and Carols on Sunday 15th December.

We welcome all Fishbourne residents to the Club for any of our sailing and social functions. Call Rachel on 882325 or visit the website on www.rvyc.org.uk.

RVYC

Winter Talks at the RVYC

Wednesday 30th October
Simonne Mason, Bloto and Bertie sail around Britain

Wednesday 6th November
Adrian Robson, Bringin D'angela Back Home

Wednesday 13th November
Hilary Martin, Tale of Two Harbours – Mulberry Project and Normandy Beaches 1944

Wednesday 20th November
Colin Palmer, The Rise of Electric Vehicles

Wednesday 27th November
Ian Murray, And now for something completely different

Wednesday 4th December
Nigel Gee, Whisky Galore

Wednesday 11th December
Stepnen Payne OBE, QE2 – 50 Years of Greatness

What's happening in our area in the coming months

The Fishbourne

Our special "Two for One" offer has returned.

November 9th

Game Night! As the shooting season nears its peak we will be producing dishes from our Island's abundant natural larder. This is a popular evening so remember to reserve your places early.

December

It's party season! Take advantage of our amazing 2 for 1 offer on The Fishbourne's Christmas Party menu. See our website for details of this year's community carol concert and Christmas raffle. Don't forget to book your NYE party to end the year with a bang!

Book online www.thefishbourne.co.uk

Reservations for all events can be made at the pub or by telephone 01983 882823.

Quarr Abbey Art Gallery

Below are the dates for forthcoming exhibitions in the gallery at Quarr.

31st October – 5th November
Jeanne Mills Holland

7th November – 12th November
5 Bells Art Group

14th November – 19th November
St Lawrence Art Club

9th and 10th November
The Crafty Artists Christmas fair (Meeting Room)

21st November – 26th November
Fishbourne Arts Group

23rd and 24th November
Sam Kurtul (Meeting Room)

28th November – 3rd December
TRAC

5th December – 10th December
Christmas Crafts

January 2020 gallery closed

The Church of the Holy Cross, Binstead

Social Programme

November – December 2019

1st November 7.30pm

Talk by Colin Pope at Havenstreet Community Centre (St Peter's)

15th November 7.30pm

Talk by Mitch Jones – former Beefeater (Holy Cross)

23rd November 10.30am – 12.30pm

Festive Fayre (Holy Cross)

30th November 10am – 12pm

Christmas Market at Havenstreet Community Centre (St Peter's)

6th and 7th December 7.30pm

Come and Sing Carols at Holy Cross

13th December 6.30pm

Roving Nativity (Wootton)

20th December

Display of Decorated Christmas Trees (St Peter's)

Nature Notes

What to see in November

The re-introduction of six White-tailed Eagles to the Isle of Wight has caused a great deal of interest at both a local and national level. One bird, coincidentally named Culver, grabbed national attention by flying over Westminster to Essex before returning to the Island via Culver Cliff where the last pair of White-tailed Eagles was thought to have bred in the county 240 years ago.

The project is a partnership between Forestry England and the Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation with additional support from conservation organisations and other key stakeholders who form the project steering group and monitoring and evaluation group. Any concerns about the birds can be highlighted and addressed accordingly by the group.

We are very fortunate to have two of the most experienced people in raptor reintroductions, Roy Dennis and Tim Mackrill, spearheading this project. The Island based officer, Steve Egerton-Read, previously worked on the Island for the Hampshire and IW Wildlife Trust and is responsible for day-to-day operations.

The white-tailed Eagle is Britain's largest bird of prey with an eight-foot wingspan, and is a generalist predator who tends to favour prey which is most seasonally abundant, such as fish from spring to early autumn – but once the fish move to deeper waters attention is turned to carrion, as they are part of the scientific family related to old world vultures. The eagles'

winter diet is also supplemented by injured or dead waterbirds, small to medium mammals and washed up carrion at the tideline.

Being apex predators there has been concern from some areas about their presence on the Isle of Wight. The White-tailed Eagle poses no threat to the Island's red squirrel population. Due to their size they are not agile enough to catch red squirrels in wooded areas. Many hundred hours of observations in Scotland at nest sites where both species co-exist, shows there has been no instance where a squirrel has been brought to a nest.

Similarly cats and dogs are not under threat. Evidence from lowland Europe where the birds live in similar close proximity to man have shown no instance of cats and dogs being taken. An immature bird spent last winter in the New Forest where there are a vast number of dogs running loose off leads and there were no reports of any being attacked. The bird spent most of its time feeding on deer carcasses put out by the forest keepers.

The sight of an airborne White-tailed Eagle lingers long in the memory. Buzzards alongside them look like wood pigeons!

They can spend 16 hours or more sitting on a tree branch doing nothing each day and are very elusive, but if you should see any of the Island's birds, please try not to disturb them. Many are young birds learning landscape and life skills. All of the birds are satellite tagged so their whereabouts are being monitored by the project team. If you do see one please note its behaviour and where and when you saw the bird. I am happy to receive your sightings/



One of the Island's White-tailed Eagles with a Common Buzzard (left) – please note the size difference!

Photo: Jim Baldwin

photos and pass them to the project or you can contact them direct through their two websites which hold further information: <http://www.roydennis.org/> and two blogs on <https://www.forestryengland.uk/blog>

Jim Baldwin

The Friends of Quarr

The Friends of Quarr continue to raise money for The Accessible Paths Project, and are selling the last few tickets for the "Lecture and Lunch" at the Three Buoys Restaurant in Ryde (£35 for lunch and welcome drink).

It promises to be a great event with a fascinating illustrated talk on George Brannon, by Dr Nigel Cook.

On Saturday 7th December The Friends of Quarr and the Community are holding their one day Advent Retreat. It is free and all are welcome. For further information regarding the programme for the day please email: chair.friends@quarr.org (lunch not included)

Rebecca Ashton

Eleanor of Aquitaine *A Local Connection*

Your Parish Councillors have just received copy of a very interesting document produced by the Forestry Commission. It is the WOODLAND MANAGEMENT PLAN for New Copse, the area of woodland to the south of the A3054 between Ryde and Newport. We learn from the plan that New Copse is a 'semi natural ancient coppice woodland'.

Eyes were caught by the second paragraph of the description of the property, laying claim to a local link with one of the most remarkable women of the Middle Ages – Eleanor of Aquitaine, Queen of France from 1137 to 1152, then Queen of England between 1154 and 1189.

"It was part of a larger estate dating

back to the 15th century and known locally as 'Eleanor's Grove'. Eleanor of Guienne, the wife of Henry 2nd (King of England between 1154 and 1189) was imprisoned for some time at nearby Quarr Abbey. The link to Eleanor is reflected in the name of the main road (the A3054) that runs adjacent to the wood – still called Elenor's Grove."

As the teenage heiress to Duke William X of Aquitaine, Eleanor of Aquitaine was the most eligible bride in Europe. Her father, shortly before his death in 1137, placed his daughter in the care of King Louis VI of France. Louis glimpsed the opportunity to enrich his own kingdom with the lands of the most desirable duchy

in France. Eleanor would bring her vast inheritance to Louis, his own son and heir. The young couple were married in Bordeaux. Within days of the wedding, King Louis was dead and Eleanor was Queen of France.

It was an ill-starred marriage and in 1152, was annulled. Eleanor soon married Henry Plantagenet, but that match too became toxic. Henry deprived his wife of her liberty, and she was kept in isolation for fifteen years, possibly in the Island. Legend says that Quarr Abbey, remote and peaceful would have been the ideal 'safe house'. So we remember the image of a beautiful Queen stepping gracefully in the secluded grove to which tradition has given her name.

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Please note: the web address is www.fishbourneiow.org.uk
It may also be accessed through the Isle of Wight website using the link www.iwight.com/parish_councils/

Dates of Parish Council Meetings for 2019/2020

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

Thursday 14 November 7pm
Thursday 12 December 7pm
Thursday 9 January (2020) 7pm

Planning Committee meetings will be convened as required.

Please note that there will be no Tuesday surgeries on December 24th and 31st.

Copy for the next issue of the Newsletter by 15th January at the latest. Please send to sarah.talbot44@btinternet.com



Clerk's Corner

Summer is over, so it is back to business as usual. We are still need to move the bins on the Lower Green and to resolve the parking problems in the area. There is now a new litter bin at Quarr Abbey, next to the dog bin.

The Wootton Creek Pontoon Strategy, agreed 2003, has come to our attention. It was compiled to reconcile the the requirements of those residents who want pontoons and moorings in the Creek and the needs of wildlife, particularly overwintering birds in the area. A copy can be found on the Parish Council website as Appendix I at the end of the Supplementary Planning Document – <http://www.fishbourneiow.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Adopted-Supplementary-Planning-Documents-Aug-2014.pdf> or click on 'Parish Business', then on 'Documents'. Please note that it is the Planning Document and not the Parish Plan.

Reluctantly I have decided to leave my post as Parish Clerk after four years. My successor, Mrs Maxine Warr is the Clerk at Gatcombe and Chillerton, where she will continue in post. She has a wealth of experience and the Parish business will be in good hands. This is therefore my last 'Corner' and I would like to take the opportunity to thank the PC members past and present and the residents who have made my time in post very pleasant. My special thanks go to those who go the extra mile to help out. My reasons for leaving are purely personal and have nothing to do with any personalities or parochial issues – not even Wightlink! Thank you and goodbye.

Sheila

On behalf of Fishbourne Parish we would like to extend our thanks to Sheila for all she has done over the last four years, and wish her well for the future.

Small Businesses in our area you may wish to use

This letter aims to provide information for the local community

A1 Sean Thrippleton
Garage door specialists, supply automatic gates, roller shutters, same day repairs.
Tel: 884600
www.a1specialists.co.uk

Amber
Experienced beauty therapist, using natural skin care products; facials, massage, tinting, manicures, pedicures
Tel: 643643. Mob: 0778 9716422

Blue Lamp Security
Provides free home safety and security advice for the vulnerable. Will fit locks, spy holes, alarms, smoke detectors.
Tel: 0300 777 0157
www.bluelamptrust.org.uk

Rob Fraser
Design, landscaping and small construction jobs, including bathrooms and kitchens. Tel: 07484 722337
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Fishbourne Garage
Dave, Dan and team
Complete car servicing from bulb replacement to engine rebuild. Vehicle diagnostics, MOTs, used car sales.
Tel: 884444
e-mail: fishbournegarage.com/service

Hartwood Tree Care Christian Hart
Qualified Arborist and Tree Surgeon. All aspects of tree work undertaken.
Tel: 716885 or 07717 248057

Little Zebra Services
Professional help with tax returns, book keeping, payroll services
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Natural holistic therapies offering aromatherapy, deep tissue massages, facials, reflexology. Organic products
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Skippered RIB and power boat charters. RYA training centre. Paddle board sales, boatyard services, storage (small boats).
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Experienced handymen; plumbing, boilers, electrics, pipework, air con, green energy, garden/house repairs
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