

THE WAY

WROXALL'S PARISH MAGAZINE
APRIL 2025



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Dear Residents,

It's fair to say that I am not a keen gardener, and my wife's passion for allotments, soil moving, manure spreading and anything to do with the garden regularly reminds me of this fact.

Having said that, even as a 'grumpy gardener' it is lovely to get out in the sun, absorb that vitamin D and start to enjoy Spring. The daffodils planted at the Rec last year, (all 900 of them), are starting to show their heads and, even for a cynic like me, they're lovely to see. It's a visible reference to the summer ahead. As you may recall, the Parish Council pays a fee for the services of an Environmental Officer. They are responsible for the identification of dog

fouling, damage to communal or council property, stream blockages, monitoring of recycling bins, etc and have some authority to issue penalty notices for, in particular, owners who fail to clear up after their dogs. It is always a topic that encourages much conversation; suffice to say, if you are a dog owner, please do the right thing and pick up after your pet. If you happen to observe offenders, please forward any evidence, photographs, etc, to anyone on the Parish Council (See rear page). I have been Chairman for nearly a year and I am recognising the abilities and limitations that Parish Councils enjoy. I have recently attended a IW Council meeting with Jackie Gallop and our Ward Councillor Rodney Downer about the state of the roads in our village. I am quite sure that Rodney will be delighted to announce any works to address the numerous issues when they are announced. Much of the work that Rodney undertakes is behind the scenes. His enthusiasm is unwavering and I would like to personally thank him for what he does for our village. In respect of Island wide road closures these are posted and updated at <https://islandroads.com/current-works/> . Together with Jackie Gallop, our parish clerk, I attended a recent meeting with our East Wight Member of Parliament, Joe Robinson, concerning Wroxall School. The diocese of Portsmouth has raised, what amounts to a complaint, to the IW Council that the consultation process hasn't been correctly followed. Although the public consultation period has ended this complaint may yet have a bearing on the action taken. The lettering above the public notice board opposite the (old?) Worsley Public House, has been refreshed and they really stand out. Our community volunteers are steadfastly working their way around the village, tidying, cleaning, clearing and even planting. We are most grateful for their voluntary work. Thank you. I would like to thank Josie for doing the planting by the old Notice board, just opposite our shop, and we are arranging for a small plaque to be put in place recognising the volunteer's work.

And, finally, I have heard concerning reports about a suspicious man last month. His actions were captured on 'Ring' doorbell footage. His image was apparently placed on Facebook, though it is now removed. But if you're like me and avoid social media, I knew nothing about it. If you see someone or something suspicious, please report it to the Police on 101, or in an emergency 999. Police attendance is dependent on the strength of the call, potential evidence and often the number of calls. Police do not monitor or respond to social media. Stay safe and report it.

Kind regards, Steve Clarke, Chairman Wroxall Parish Council

VE Day 8th May 2025

Wroxall Primary School along with other schools in the Shanklin and Sandown Area are designing mugs to commemorate this day. The Parish Council will be buying and presenting the mug to all children at the Primary School and Wroxall Robins. If you have a child in the Parish under school age, or not attending the school up to year 6, please email Wroxallparishcouncil@gmail.com by 10th April and we will arrange for you to receive one.





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and I think for her, it is best.

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And she had an important owner,
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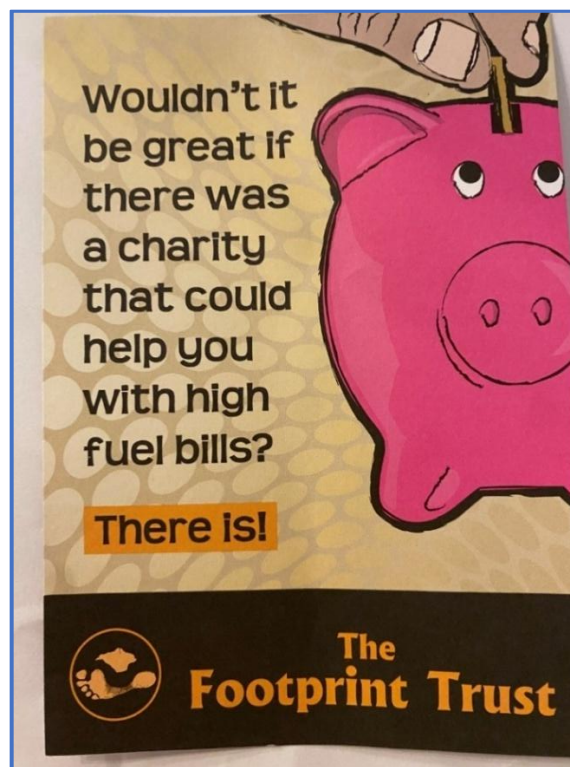
But in those days 'Oakhill', she was called,
I knew her by that name.
I've played there many times before,
but nothing stays the same.

~

But memories we keep inside our hearts,
and always ours to treasure.
There's nothing else in this old world,
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~

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27th April 9.30am This is the last service to be taken by Revd Kath, it will be at Newchurch. We at Wroxall wish her a very happy retirement

Quiz night

Wednesday 9th April 7.30pm in the Church Hall All welcome max 6 to a team

Scrabble

Monday 7th April 2pm All welcome

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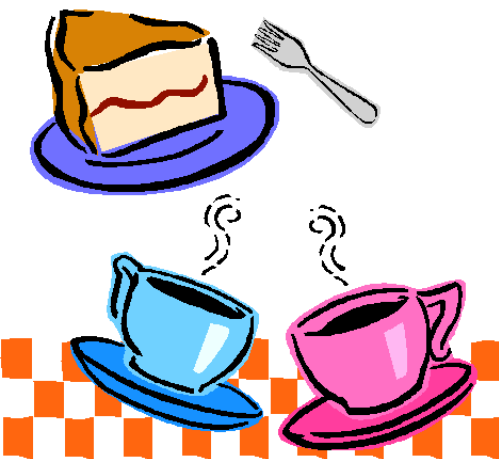
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Asda voucher for the winner, this is a free game. also on that day...no biscuits...it's cake.

It would be good to have new members as we are a lively bunch and there is so much more on offer than just coffee and biscuits. Come and join us and discover all that is on offer.

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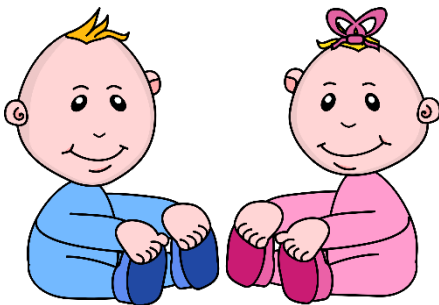
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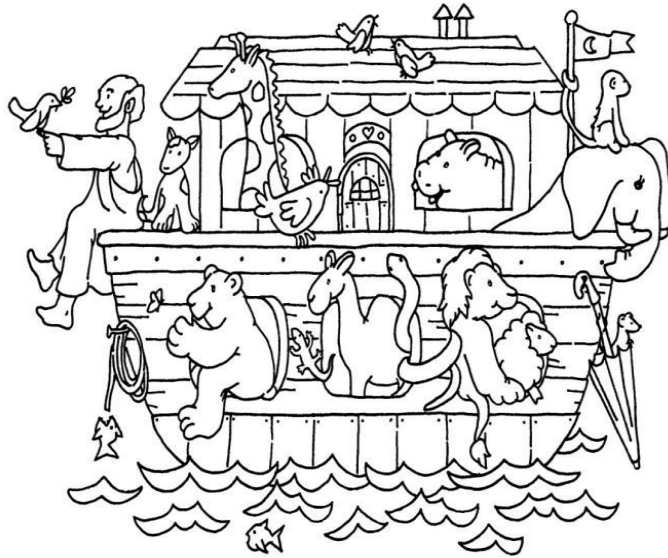
We would like to add items of local announcements to The Way. Births, Marriage's, Obituaries, special anniversaries.

Often it takes a few weeks to hear the happy or sad news. Please feel free to send in details for publication

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13 APRIL

Morning Service
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20 APRIL

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27 APRIL

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We have had an exciting start to the half term with World Book Day when the whole school came together to celebrate the magic of reading. There were a wide variety of costumes on display from our littlest Robins, all the way up to our older Ravens, and everyone in between.

The staff in school also made a wonderful effort and everyone looked fantastic. It is always great seeing all the effort and thought that families put into their costumes.

Next week we are looking forward to running a Scholastic Book Fair in school when children can choose from a range of books to purchase, many with big discounts.

Another exciting event in school was a visit from the Wildheart Sanctuary who ran a White Eagle Workshop for our Nightingale and Puffin Classes. The children were incredibly engaged and enthused by this and learnt a lot about a range of birds.

This week we also have a visit from Mountbatten to launch the schools Walk



the Wight. We are hoping lots of our school community will sign up.

We also have a trip planned for Nightingale Class to Havenstreet Railway, a visit to Dimbola Lodge for Kookaburra Class, and a visit to watch Hamilton at Southampton Mayflower for Raven Class. All this before the end of term!

Puffin class have been learning about senses in science this week. They discovered what it might be like if they didn't have their power of sight by



going on a blindfolded walk around school. They soon realized how important it was to have a guide! They also learnt to write their name in Braille.

Raven Class have continued their work on the short film The Lighthouse in English. They created interviews for each character and thought about how to convert their notes into a more formal style. For World Book Day their focus was on The Wizard of Oz. They wrote about the events in Kansas in a journalistic style and compared the difference in styles between the

original Wizard of Oz and Wicked. It has been lovely to see the sun shining recently and to see the children out taking part in games and activities on the playground and field. Each class now has a box full of resources for outside activities and it has been great to see these being used so well. Fingers crossed for more sunshine to come!



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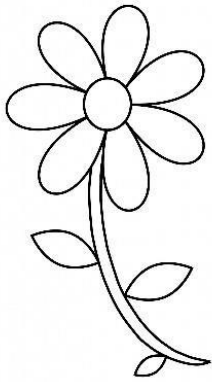
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Corporate Scrutiny meeting on March 18th to discuss the papers and then Cabinet meets again to decide on school closures on March 20th.

Cemetery – I have been in contact with IW Council Bereavement Services about supplying more gravel for the paths at the Cemetery. This will be supplied. I have also been in touch with Community Payback about getting their input on clearing the paths and spreading the gravel.

I arranged a meeting for members of the Parish Council to meet with Island Roads about the condition of the roads in Wroxall. Parts of Clarence Road have been patched and some of St John's Road. The problem is that digging down further into the affected stretches of road will mean a road closure as these works cannot be done at night.

Devolution – I read out some bullet points about the Government Devolution proposals at the Parish Council meeting. Fuller details can be found on the Isle of Wight Council website and at: www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hampshire-and-the-solent-devolution

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 07594581076 or email Rodney.downer@iow.gov.uk

Kind regards Rodney Downer.

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The village is being spoiled at the moment by irresponsible dog owners not picking up after their dogs. This is unlawful and there are fines for this; but it is often difficult to catch the culprits, as at this time of year it normally occurs during dark mornings and evenings.

While most dog owners are caring, responsible individuals, there are still some people who do not clean up after their pets.

Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000.

The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled, or not having a suitable dog poo bag is not a reasonable excuse.

If someone does fail to clean up after their pet, it falls to the IW Council to get rid of it, with the cost passing to council taxpayers. More than 90% of councils have dog wardens and Wroxall Parish Council has the Environment Officer who covers these duties for us.

We are grateful that Sally Page has put out poo bags in dispensers around the village, and the Parish Council plan to increase the number of these. So hopefully, wherever you are, it will not be many steps to pick up a bag, pick up your dog's poo and then dispose of it in one of the 10 dog bins in the village. If you are not near a dog bin, it can be placed in your black refuse bin or an ordinary litter bin. So, dog owners there is no excuse to foul our beautiful village, we thank you in anticipation of your cooperation in this matter.

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News from the Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary

Spring is in the air at the Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary. With the days getting longer we're all looking forward to a wonderful spring at the sanctuary. Here's a roundup of what's new!

New arrivals - donkey and human!

Over the winter we've welcomed 12 new donkeys to the Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary. Aged from 5 to 21 years, Amberley and Buster, Paddy and Murphy, Lavender and Evie and Gabby, Lenny, Desmond, Treacle, Jack & Jill have been much loved but sadly in need of somewhere new to live.

Six of the donkeys came from a sanctuary in Cornwall that has downsized, while others have come from owners who could no longer care for them. It's a privilege to be able to offer a forever home to these wonderful animals.

Earlier this year **Stephen Tobitt took up the role of General Manager** at the sanctuary. A lifelong animal lover and Island resident for nearly 30 years, Stephen brings extensive experience in finance, operations, and leadership. His previous roles include CEO of Neal's Yard Remedies and nine years at Liz Earle Beauty Co.

Seven day opening returns from 1 April 2025

From 1 April to 30 September 2025, we will be open seven days a week, 10am to 4.30pm. Our new guided tours will take people behind the scenes to see how the donkeys are cared for, while donkey experience sessions offer the chance to help the farm team with their daily care and meet some of our donkeys up close.

Upcoming event

Please do come along to Pawsitive Animal Care's Spring Dog Fayre on Saturday 29 March. We love and welcome dogs at the sanctuary, so we're delighted to host this event organised by Pawsitive Animal Care

Treat Mum!

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We look forward to seeing you soon. **Abigail Fox**

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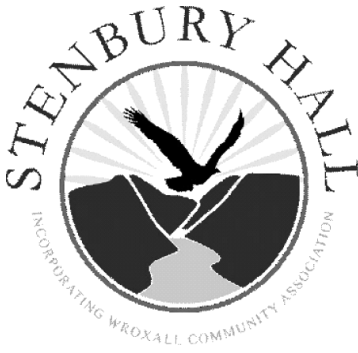
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Would you like to join the Wroxall Community Association team? Do you feel you have something you can offer the village and would you be prepared to give up a couple of hours a week to help improve the facilities at Stenbury Hall?

Benefits are available for volunteers and we are constantly reviewing how to improve those benefits. The committee meet once a month and work together to see how we can both raise funds to repair and update the hall as well as provide some fun for the village.

Wroxall Community Association - Annual General Meeting – The W.C.A have their AGM set for the 4th April. The AGM is a great opportunity for those who are thinking about stepping forward to volunteer to come and see what we do and maybe even join the team. We are only a small team and as well as dealing with the running and upkeep of our community centre we do like to get involved in projects for the benefit of the whole community where possible. The more volunteers we have, the more opportunities we can explore. There's a lot of great community spirit in Wroxall, we'd love to see you there. The AGM will be held in the Worsley Lounge, Stenbury Hall at 7pm on Friday the 4th April. All are welcome and new members are invited to apply by 2nd April. Anyone who would like to join will need their details filled in and put in the post box inside the main entrance of the hall. Applications will be in the library.

Wroxall Warriors – The Wroxall Table Tennis team, sponsored by MRC Joinery and Construction as well as Stenbury Hall, are currently, at time of writing, sat at the top of division 3. Well done to Andrew, Mark, Kevin, Jon and their team Captain Vernon who makes a great cup of tea!

Pickleball – If you've never heard of it, it's a sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis. We are very excited by this new club addition. We have a fully booked Thursday session which runs from 1pm till 3pm and a **Tuesday session** that has some spaces and runs from 2pm till 4pm. It only costs £3 to play if you're interested. Please message us at info@stenburyhall.org.uk if you're interested in either playing or running a club on our behalf.

Wroxall Foodbank - opening times Monday 14:00 till 15:30, Thursday 08:30 till 10:30am. Accessed through the kitchen side door. The foodbank is open to all who require it. A **BIG** thank you to the volunteer team who run our foodbank. You make a huge difference and it's really appreciated.

Community Library - open Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm for all residents, the door is open. If you use the library, let us know what you think. We'd love to hear your feedback. Thank you. We are in need of new or better shelving for the number of

books we have. If anyone is able to help please at the first point make contact with the halls committee, thank you. We are also on the lookout for a new librarian to sort through and replace, rotate the books. If you're interested, please get in contact.

The Book Club – Held in the Community Library on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 16:30 by Mic and Penny. Every month they choose a new book and vary the theme, then meet to discuss it. If you like reading and a good chat with friendly like minded people, you are welcome to join. No subscription costs apart from the books you choose.

Bingo - every Tuesday at 19:30 in the Worsley Lounge from the 8th April. Bar open. This is a really fun group and a really welcoming atmosphere, come along and join in the fun. Run by Jan and Linda.

Quiz night – the last Wednesday of every month, doors open from 18:30 in the Worsley Lounge. £3 per person. Maximum 6 people per team. Bar open. Hosted by Quizmaster Steve! Bar run by Chris and Mandy

Karaoke Fundraisers – Once a month in the Worsley Lounge helping to raise money for your community hall and for our tireless Treasurer Jan's number one passion, animal shelters in Ukraine. Bar open all evening and all are welcome. Raffles, bad singing and occasionally some good singing too! Come and join the fun, new dates released via our Facebook page and the Wroxall Community and Information Page. At the moment just the 22nd March at 8pm.

Roller Skating – Every other Friday – Times have been adjusted slightly with a 6pm till 8pm single session – own skates and safety equipment required - £3 per person. Bar open during the session and open to all residents, not just skaters. Upcoming confirmed dates 14th March, 28th March, 11th April. Please see the hall Facebook page for updates to skating sessions. **Curry On Wheels orders can be eaten in the lounge during skate sessions.** No other outside food or drinks allowed.

Curry On Wheels – Charles is back! Every Friday night between 6pm and 7pm the curry van is setup in the front car park at Stenbury Hall. Please place your orders in advance by text or WhatsApp to 07534 021153

Table Tennis – Adult sessions £3pp, Monday 10:30 till 12:30, Wednesday 19:00 till 21:00. Junior sessions £1.50pp Wednesday 18:00 till 19:00 – introductory session is free! All equipment provided.

Parkinson's Table Tennis and Social Group £3pp – the **first & third** Wednesday of every month 2pm till 4pm.

Pilates – Every Tuesday from 6pm. WhatsApp 07851 366459 to book. Pre-booking essential.

Dance Classes with Miss Eloise – Learn tap, contemporary, modern, jazz and ballet. Every Monday - kids dance class 4pm till 5pm beginners', 5pm till 6pm Grade 3 Ballet and fun dance, 6pm till 7pm Fun Adult contemporary dance. More info – 07548 987728

Slimming World 09:00 till 11:30 every Friday in the main hall

Rural Beat Surgeries from your local policing team. Please see the hall entrance noticeboard for dates. You can also call PCSO Justin Keefe on 07901 102302 if you are unable to attend one of the sessions.

Wroxall Village Lottery – Tickets cost just £1 and we have winners every single week in the village! All funds raised from the lottery go directly towards hall improvements. This year so far, the lotto has raised £215 keeping us on track to raise nearly £1900 this year. To date, since inception the Wroxall Lottery has raised £7,901! If you'd like to play, go to www.onelottery.co.uk/support/wca or call 01865 678679



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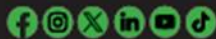
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"Get ready for the Great Wroxall Easter Egg Hunt, taking place on Easter Sunday, 20th April. Come solve the clues for your chance to win - who will find the most eggs? Will you find them all?"

Pick up a clue sheet at Stenbury hall at 11 am. See Facebook - Wroxall Community Information & Central Wroxall for further details