

THE WAY

WROXALL'S PARISH MAGAZINE

JUNE 2025



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Chairmans Report

It is delightful that we can enjoy village life in the midst of what amounts to be an unseasonably warm, early summer. Doubtless, there'll be a hose-pipe ban anytime now. The wild flowers planted last September have proved resistant to the good weather and there is little to show for the 1000s that we planted last September. When the rain finally does arrive, (probably August?) maybe the little seedlings will emerge and provide colour and fragrance.

The Parish Council are working hard to ensure that the inaugural Garage Gallop goes ahead on Sunday the 15th June with as few issues as possible. We have, I believe, about 25 households each holding their own car boot sales on their drives. Some other villages are also running their own Garage Gallop this summer, and many are making charges; ours is running at no cost to the participants at all. We are about to go to print with the 'flyers' to promote the day that will be in Stenbury Hall and the Village shop. Speaking of which, Manager Jack is shortly to be replaced. I have visited him and thanked him for his time and efforts. It is clear to me that his involvement has re-generated the shop; so, in formal recognition, "Thank you Jack."

A recent charitable event took place at Stenbury Hall on Saturday the 3rd May when I hosted a pub quiz in aid of the Ukrainian appeal. We managed to raise several hundred pounds and I found it very humbling that a little village like ours can pull together for people thousands of miles away. We, together with Holy Trinity Church in Bembridge, contributed towards the funeral costs of a victim, Michael, a resident of Kherson, killed in a drone attack. I sincerely thank Jan Dyer for everything that she did.

My role as Chairman is many and varied. I am due to attend a Highways meeting which I will report on next month, to discuss the condition of the main road - a subject which prompts much discussion. The Wroxall Minibus Association is being wound down and legal advice is being sought to confirm what may be done with the funds that remain. I recently had the privilege of presenting the pupils of our school with mugs that they designed to commemorate VE day. The pupils were well informed as to what the celebrations were all about and it was clear to me that they are mindful of the past.

We currently have two vacancies on the Parish Council. If you fancy coming along to a meeting or two to familiarise yourself with what we do, you would be most welcome. At the end of Parish proceedings there is space and time for public questions. We meet on the second Monday of each month - next one June the 9th. You might even want to become involved?

Finally, as we go to print there is one allotment now free. As one looks at them from the 'gates' the top right-hand pitch is available. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you're interested (see email addresses within the back cover). Wishing you all a peaceful, safe, happy and warm summer

Steve Clarke (Chairman, Parish Council)

Polite request

The residents of Worsley Court, St Martin's Road would ask that dog walkers are respectful of the open plan grass area at the front of their properties and keep their dogs under control. Please could dog owners ensure that they pick up any dog mess as it's extremely unpleasant to walk it indoors accidentally.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Funeral Notice for Eileen Rann

Mrs. Eileen Rann, former Church Warden and member of Wroxall Church, sadly passed away, very peacefully, after a short illness, on the 2nd of May. Her funeral will take place at Wroxall Church on Tuesday the 10th of June at 12 Noon, followed by the committal at The IOW Crematorium. There will be afternoon tea served at the Church Hall afterwards and all are welcome to attend. Family flowers only, donations are to The Mountbatten Hospice via William Hall or on the day.

So, I hear Mr Wroxall Peacock...

So, I hear you chose to migrate from grounds of splendour, to now roam our St Johns Road. You claimed your place to roost each night above a bus stop; in a tree I believe.

By day venturing slowly and majestically across the road, you make your way to the houses of those that offer daily feed. Drivers slow to a halt. Making your way from one side to the next, trailing your train of iridescent colours of blue and green.

Unaccompanied you roam, affectionately named as Percy, short for Perseus or Percival, which should it be? A visit to Wroxall Stables, there you are known only as Peter. We are left to only wonder why and when you left the Grounds of Appuldurcombe. Were there others as handsome as you together surrounded by a muster of Peahens? These questions I sometimes ponder.

I look forward to a day when I too will slow my car to a halt to let you pass. In that moment I will say 'Hello Percy, I and others are glad you chose St Johns Road as your home'.

Fireworks Alert at Appuldurcombe

A wedding is being held at Appuldurcombe on 19th of July, and there will be fireworks at the end of the reception around 10.00pm ish. The fireworks are being put on professionally by Mike Crookes of Titanium Fireworks, who is aware of the need for slightly quieter fireworks. Thank you for your understanding.



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GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Wroxall Parish Council will again be considering providing grants to local organisations. Application forms are available from Jackie Gallop clerk@wroxallparishcouncil.gov.uk or on our website www.wroxallparishcouncil.org.uk The closing date is 23rd June and late applications will not be accepted. Please see grant form for financial requirements, and you will be required to attend the Parish Meeting on 14th July to answer any questions Councillors may have.

COOPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Parish Council has agreed to the co-option of a person to serve on Wroxall Parish Council. Anyone wishing to be considered and who is eligible* to serve as a Parish Councillor should notify the Clerk to The Council by email or letter by 1st July 2025.

Date 13th May 2025 Signed.....*Jackie Gallop*.....Clerk to Wroxall Parish Council

Jackie Gallop, Barncourt Farm, Redhill Lane, Wroxall, Isle of Wight, PO38 3ER
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Email: Clerk@Wroxallparishcouncil.gov.uk

*A LOCAL COUNCILLOR MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER AND A British subject or qualifying commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a citizen of another Member State of the European Community.

He or she must also fulfil at least one of the following criteria:

1. During the whole of the 12 months before nomination occupied land or premises as owner or tenant in the parish area or,
2. During the same period resided in the Parish, or within 4.8km thereof, or
3. During the same period had her/his principle or only place of work in the Parish, or
4. At the time of nomination be registered as a local government elector for the administration area of the Parish.

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Services in June

8th June. 10am Brunch in the hall a song and a prayer no sermon followed by breakfast

22nd June 10 am. Communion Service with a visiting Minister

Please remember that even though we have no Priest our services will still be held

Also any questions about Christening, Weddings and Funerals please contact a warden

Your support at this time would be very much appreciated

Quiz night

This will be on Wednesday 11th June at 7.30

All are very welcome £2 per person includes tea/coffee and biscuits

Wroxall Woollies

Every Thursday at 10am in the hall

This is a very friendly group you don't have to knit or crochet just come along for a cuppa and a chat you might make new friends £2 per person. We have taken a selection of toys to St Mary's Children's ward and £20 to friends of St Mary's which we collect in 5pence pieces

Our last fund-raising event was in aid of MND and raised £135 A very big thank you to all who came.

Bingo and Beetle drive

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"This is a fantastic school. I would recommend it to anyone and everyone!" – Parent Survey

We have had a fabulous few weeks in school. The sun is shining which makes everyone feel a bit brighter and it has been wonderful to see lots more outdoor learning happening across the school.

Wroxall Robins enjoyed a lovely trip to the Wildheart Sanctuary recently. It was a beautiful day and the children really enjoyed seeing all the animals up close. I heard the lion was a big favourite! We are already planning our leavers trip for the Robins moving up to big school and I am so proud that we can make these wonderful memories for them.

Nightingale class also enjoyed an animal encounter with a trip to Nettlecombe Farm.

They got to feed and hold so many different animals. It was a wonderful, hands-on experience which is only offered to schools and we are hoping to book again next year.



Lots of children and staff took part in Walk the Wight last weekend. The weather was perfect and children have been proudly displaying their medals in school. A very well done to everyone who got involved in this worthwhile event.

We welcomed Steve and Jackie from the Parish Council into school to present the children with their VE mugs commemorating the 80th anniversary of this historic day. We ran a competition in school for children to design the mugs that were created and their submissions were excellent. We are told the Judges found

it really difficult to choose their winners. The winning designs from Dotty and Scarlett were given out to children in their key stages. A big thank you goes to Wroxall Parish Council for collaborating with us on this project and for purchasing the mugs.

At the time of writing we are in the middle of KS2 SATS week. The children have been working so hard to prepare and this is their chance to shine. No matter the result, we want them to have a positive experience of the week and we know they are doing their very best. We are so proud of them all.

We have so much more to look forward to this term including a very exciting residential trip to London for year 6. Fingers crossed the sunshine will continue!

Miss Hopkinson – Headteacher

The Lonely Peacock by Tabitha Steele, age 10

The Lonely Peacock, Sits in the tree
It lost its flock, it lost its glee
It needs a friend, A mate, A date
It needs a pal, A buddy, A gal



I noticed one day, it looked quite sad
It wants to play, But with who?
And I just knew, it must be so blue
With its lovely green tail, but no female, to show it to
The lonely peacock, Sits in the tree
It lost its flock, it lost its glee
To bring it back, it needs a pack
And it will cry out, With glee

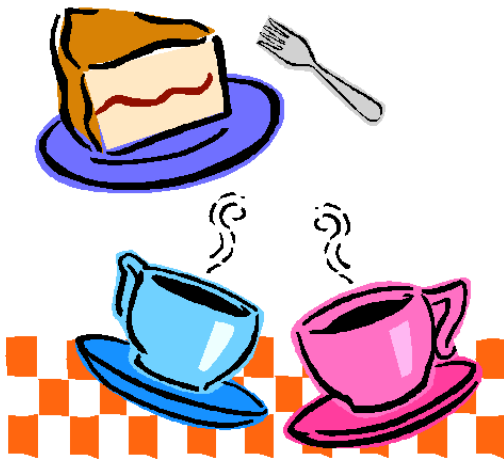


QUIZ NIGHT

Held in the bar at Stenbury Hall
on the last Wednesday of every
month.

7pm - 9pm, 3.00 per person

With a prize for each member of
the winning team (max: 6 persons per team). Come along
for a light hearted evening of quizzing; includes Music,
Art, TV, History, Science, etc



WROXALL VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

AS ALWAYS, WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME EVERYONE TO OUR COFFEE MORNING. IT WOULD BE SO GOOD TO SEE MORE MEN ATTEND AS WE ARE QUITE LOW ON MALE COMPANY.

IT TAKES PLACE EVERY TUESDAY IN ST JOHNS CHURCH HALL BETWEEN 10 - 12 WITH COFFEE, TEA, BISCUITS AND A RAFFLE TICKET FOR JUST £3 ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH WE HAVE ONE GAME OF BINGO WITH

AN ASDA VOUCHER FOR THE WINNER, THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS GAME, IT IS INCLUDED IN THE £3. ALSO ON THAT DAY....NO BISCUITS....IT'S CAKE.

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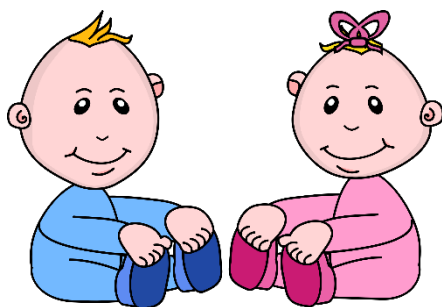
We would like to add items of local announcements to The Way. Births, Marriage's, Obituaries, special

anniversaries.

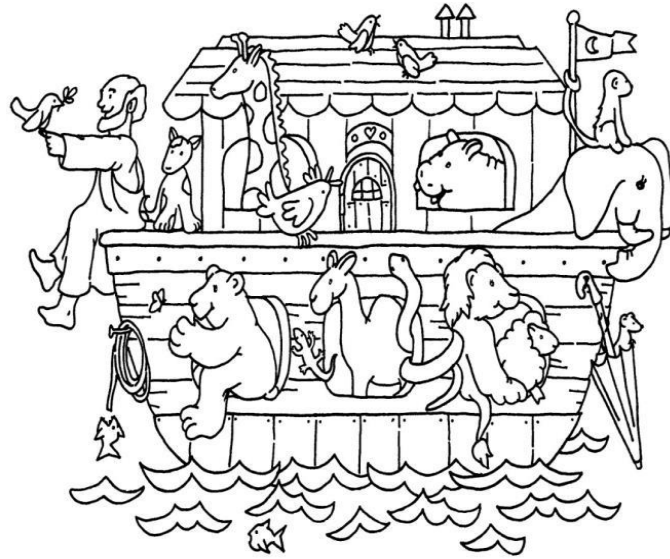
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8 JUNE

Morning Service
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10.30 am

15 JUNE

Tea Service
Neil McCarthy

3.00pm

22 JUNE

Morning Service
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10.30 am

29 JUNE

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As you know it's not all sunbathing in the paddocks – we care for many elderly and poorly donkeys. Two recently rescued donkeys needed urgent treatment costing over £4,000 at the mainland hospital – and that was before they could come and live with us. Now happily settled and greeting visitors near to the entrance, they will require on going love and care.

To help with our continuously rising costs, we have just launched our very own lottery. For £1 a ticket you go into a weekly draw with a £25,000 jackpot! If you'd like to play and support our donkeys head to

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Thank you so much for all your support. Don't forget we're free to enter and we're open every day. Whether you enjoy a picnic in the meadow, a gentle stroll around the site or something delicious in our café, we'd love to see you soon.

All of us at the Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary

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A Special Thank You – We have lots of volunteers behind the scenes here at Stenbury Hall but sometimes there's volunteers who are absolute rocks, there all the time to quietly do jobs that you may not even know about. So, this month we'd like to say a huge thank you to Hev, who puts up all our flags throughout the year and as the seasons and holidays change. We'd also like to say another huge thank you to Di who washes all of the hall's tea towels. Small jobs that make a massive difference. Thank you to you both.

WightAid & Parkinsons Table Tennis – A huge thank you to our Hall Manager, Teresa Preston, who secured a huge £3580 grant with WightAid for the purchase of new table tennis equipment including a new robot, two new tables, a rebound board and some new balls. Over the coming weeks these new items will be arriving with direct benefit to our Parkinsons Table Tennis Group. Table Tennis is a great sport for all, but it has particular benefit for those with Parkinsons and encourages hand-eye coordination and stimulates mental awareness as well as being a great social event to build friendships and exchange information between sufferers. The sessions are run by volunteers Jim and Jenny.

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** (run by El Capitano, Vernon) 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. Private hire of this equipment is also available.

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. Run by volunteers Mic, Ann, Gill, Jo & Tesni.

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 need new or better shelving for the number of books we have. If anyone can help please at the first point contact 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. 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 likeminded people, you are welcome to join. No subscription costs apart from the books you choose. Run by volunteers Mic and Penny.

Bingo - every Tuesday at 19:30 in the Worsley Lounge from the 8th April. Bar open. This is a fun group and a welcoming atmosphere, come along and join in the fun. Run by volunteers 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! Run by volunteers 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. NEXT CONFIRMED DATE 21st JUNE. Run by volunteer Jan

Roller Skating – Every other Friday – Times have been adjusted slightly with a 6:30pm till 8pm mix in disco session followed by an 8pm till 9pm adult session – own skates and safety equipment required - £3 per person. Bar open during the session and open to all residents, not just skaters. Please see the hall Facebook page for updates to skating sessions as dates can vary. **Curry On Wheels orders can be eaten in the lounge during skate sessions.** No other outside food or drinks allowed. Sessions are run by our volunteers Jon and Jess.

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 10:00 till 12:30, Wednesday 19:00 till 21:00. Junior Coaching Sessions with Top Coach, Don Hobbs £3pp Wednesday 18:00 till 19:00 – introductory sessions are free for all sessions except coaching sessions. All equipment provided. Run by volunteer Jon.

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

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

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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 £660 keeping us on track to raise nearly £1551 this year. To date, since inception the Wroxall Lottery has raised £8,346! If you'd like to play go to www.onelottery.co.uk/support/wca or call 01865 678679

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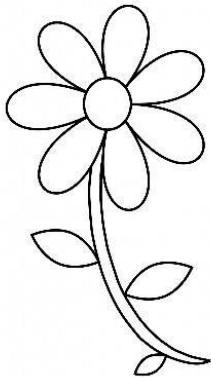
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Good news regarding the Bothy in the Cemetery.

I have been speaking with a senior officer of Property Services within Isle of Wight Council. As you may know local craftsmen volunteered to fix the Bothy roof but this proved impossible because of insurance and Health and Safety. The officer has

permission from his line manager to get quotes for a new roof for the Bothy.

Bus stop - the hole in front of the Church bus stop is to be repaired properly soon. Temporary repairs have taken place but have proved unsatisfactory because the buses pushed out the tarmac placed in the hole.

Not on a Council note it is amazing how much (May) Hawthorn blossom is out this year. I don't think I've ever seen so much. It is spectacular especially in St John's Road.

As was stated in a previous report a meeting was held on May 15th with the Parish Council and Isle of Wight Council Highways Dept about the state of the roads in Wroxall.

Kind regards Rodney Downer.

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

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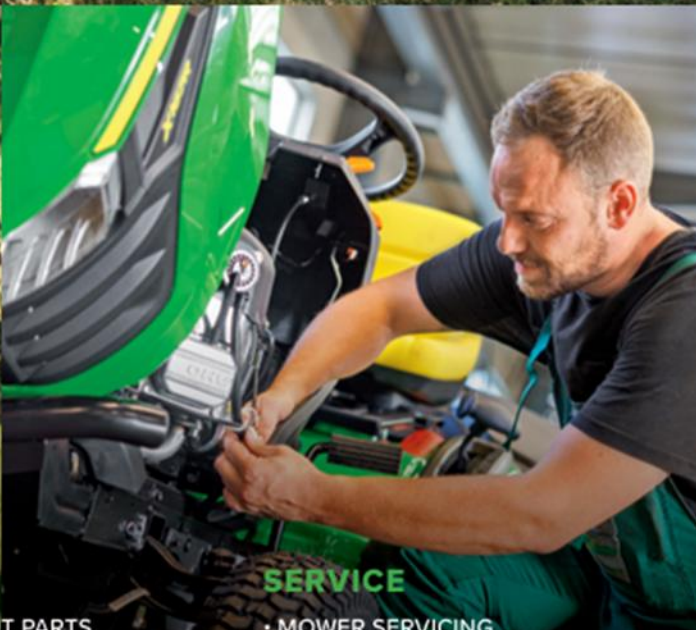
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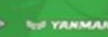
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We have been granted funding for Electric Throws. Yes- I know the weather is warmer now. We did apply in January! If you would like to be considered please email your details to wroxallparishcouncil@gmail.com or visit the Foodbank for a chat with Mic Prior. They are open on Monday afternoons between 2 and 3.30p.m. or Thursday mornings between 8.30 and 10.30 a.m. All dealings will be confidential, although for audit purposes, we will need to disclose your name and address to IW Council.



Isle of Wight Armed Forces Day will return this year, paying tribute to the Island's dedicated forces community with a day of honour and recognition.

The event, on **Sunday, 29 June**, will once again be held beachside at Eastern Gardens in Ryde, where last year large crowds were treated to an awe-inspiring display by the Red Arrows.

While many exciting details for 2025 are still under wraps, attractions already confirmed include thrilling cannon and

musket displays, promising plenty of booms and bangs, and an impressive marching parade with four bands and more than 100 cadets.

Additionally, the Army Air Corps is bringing back their Gazelle helicopter, offering attendees a chance to step into the cockpit, handle the controls, and snap a memorable selfie! It's a day to reflect on the courage and service of our Armed Forces, while offering unique experiences for all who attend.

Event organiser, Ian Dore, said: "With the Red Arrows soaring over the Solent skies last year, Isle of Wight Armed Forces Day was packed to the rafters in support of the Island's forces community.

Isle of Wight Armed Forces Day is a chance for Islanders to show their support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community.

From currently serving troops to service families, veterans, reservists and cadets, the popular event provides a much-valued morale boost for the troops and their families. The location itself provides the perfect opportunity to display land, sea and air attractions, along with all you'd expect at an Armed Forces Day.

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Literally minutes after switching on the caller in Wroxall Church steeple this evening we had one, two... then up to ten or more swifts appear from nowhere, swooping, circling and showing great interest !
A great result.

Hopefully, young swifts will investigate and stay, or return to claim the boxes for breeding next year.

Swifts are rapidly running out of spaces to raise their young as buildings are renovated and effectively sealed up. New builds can easily, and cheaply, incorporate 'Swift bricks' that include self contained nest spaces.

Many thanks to Mark and Richard Larter for all their hard work making, and then custom- fitting the four nest boxes behind the louvres, whilst squeezing themselves into such a small space !

Should anyone **be interested in helping the Island's declining Swift population by providing them with a specially designed Swift nestbox**, please contact the IW Swift Box Scheme at iwswifts@gmail.com. The boxes need to be placed under overhanging eaves at least 4.5 metres (15 feet) up a wall with no obstacles immediately below such as lower buildings. The cost of each box includes installation.

Many thanks to **Caroline Dudley** for all her advice and help (fb Wight Swifts), the Church for granting permission, and to **Pat Green** for walking down with the key each time we needed access.

Now to persuade the builders to incorporate swift bricks when the houses are built on the old Worsley Pub site across the road...





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