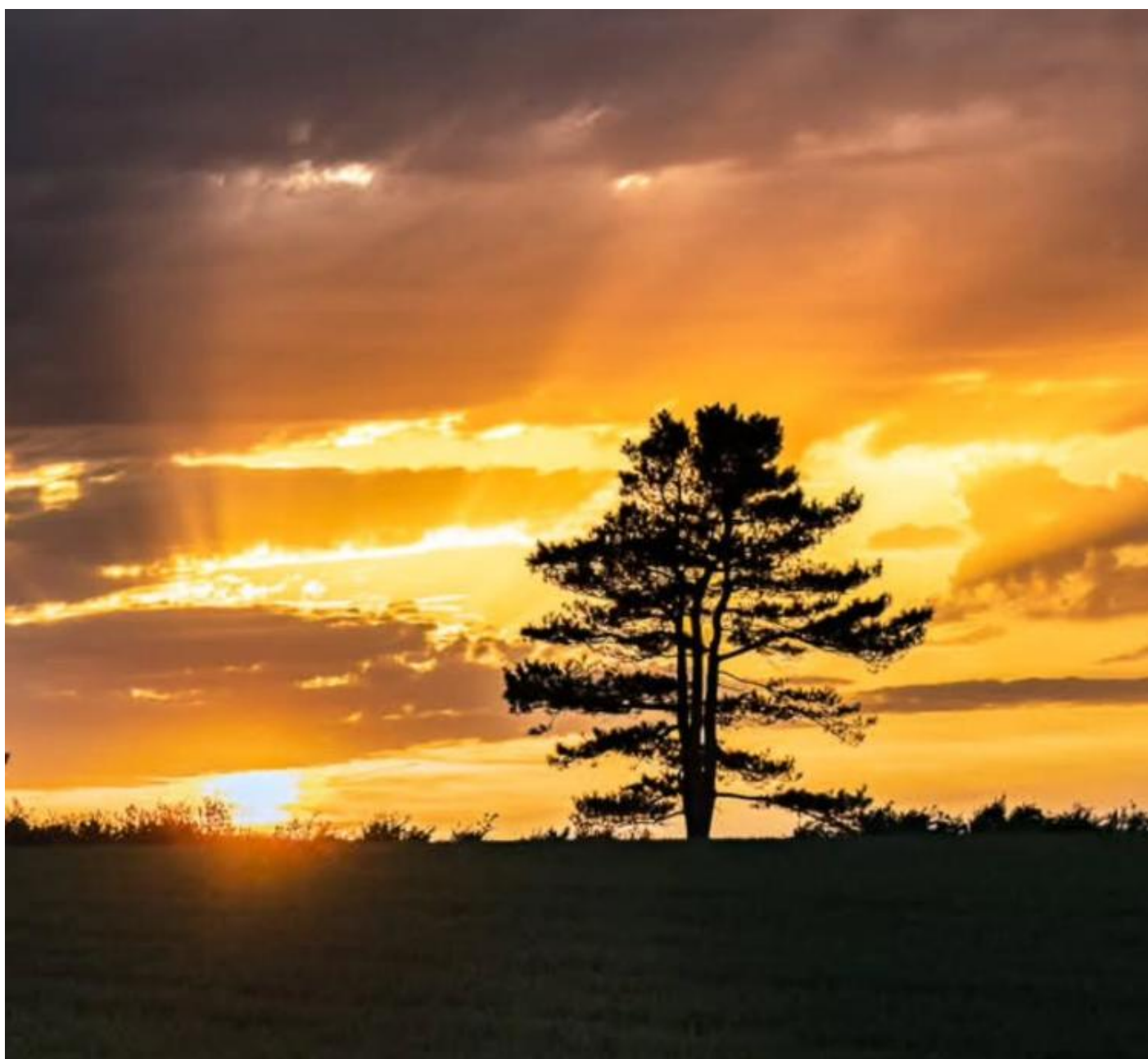


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AUGUST 2025



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Chairmans Report

Dear residents.

The recent elections to select a new Councillor for the wards of Lowtherville, Upper Ventnor and Wroxall have taken place. The successful candidate was Mr Mark Jefferies who secured something approaching 48% of the vote. I would personally like to offer my congratulations to him. He has immersed himself in village life for several years now. He attends virtually every Parish Council meeting and I know he

was the candidate of choice of the out-going Councillor, Rodney Downer. Mark recently helped with one of the two BBQs for the Garage Gallop in June and I am quite sure he will continue to be a great asset to the village.

For his part Rodney and Adrian Gallop (who retired from the Parish Council in May) were honoured recently in a tribute evening at Stenbury Hall. There was a band, The Hillmans, which included Mick Taylor, a founding member of the Rolling Stones. There were a few short speeches and plaudits a-plenty. In a final word thank you both for all your service to the village for what amounts to almost 50 years.

The Parish Council are volunteers. We aim to assist the residents and have a little money that we can distribute to organisations in the village that may help continue their services. The assigning of funds has just taken place for 2025 and will be available to read in the minutes published each month on-line and posted in the notice board opposite the old Worsley site. Despite our best efforts though, sometimes we cannot assist. The matter is perhaps for the Police or the Council to deal with but if we can signpost any issue that you may have, please contact us.

I run a small quiz night on the last Wednesday of each month at Stenbury Hall and it was my honour to be asked to be a quizmaster for a one-off event to raise funds for our school on the 12th July. There were about 30 quizzers and we raised £130. This will go towards some new books which the children earn when they achieve milestones dojo points - for every 100 dojos they win a book. Any congratulations should go to John and Jess Steele who organised the event, bought the raffle prizes and ran the bar on the night. My thanks to you both. Finally, the Wildflowers in the Rec haven't really emerged. A few have poked their flowering heads about the Rye grass have but they are few and far between. We have sought advice and rather than give up we are going to persevere and consider the replanting of a short stretch near the Commemoration Board. More to follow. If at first

Kind regards Steve CLARKE

Dear residents, I would like to express my thanks to the village of Wroxall. It has been a privilege to serve this past sixteen years. My thanks to the Parish Council for their support and in particular Adrian Gallop for his support. Also, Jackie Gallop. It was very touching and kind to have a party for Adrian and myself at Stenbury Hall - many thanks for this. Thank you to residents who came along, it was a great evening. I would like to wish your new Councillor Mark Jefferies all the best in his new role. Wishing you all the very best, kind regards Rodney Downer.



NEWLY ELECTED IWC WARD COUNCILLOR

**Wroxall, Lowtherville and
Bonchurch**

Dear Residents,
My name is Mark Jefferies, and I am your new county councillor. Firstly, I would like to thank all residents of the ward that voted me in to be your representative for the ward of Wroxall, Lowtherville and Bonchurch.

My thanks also go out to former councillor Rodney Downer. For the work he has done over the last 16 years, and the guidance he has given me. I will do my utmost to address your concerns as it has always been the people and their issues that concerns me. I can be contacted on 07870701652 or email mark.jefferies@iow.gov.uk. I do work full time, so if do not get an answer please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

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17th August 10am Holy Communion with a visiting minister
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Please note that as we have no Priest at the moment our Services will still be held. Any questions regarding Weddings, Baptism or Funerals please contact a church warden Your support at this time would be much appreciated.

QUIZ NIGHT

This will be on Wednesday 13th August at 7,30 in the hall, £2 per person to include tea/coffee

WROXALL WOOLLIES

We meet every Thursday at 10am in the church hall. We are a very friendly group so whether you craft or not join us for a cuppa and biscuits for just £2 each

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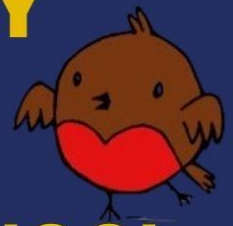
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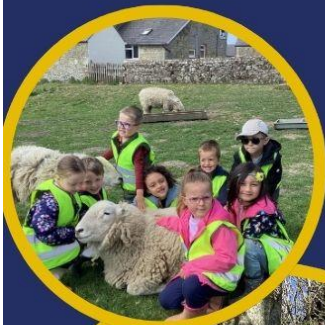
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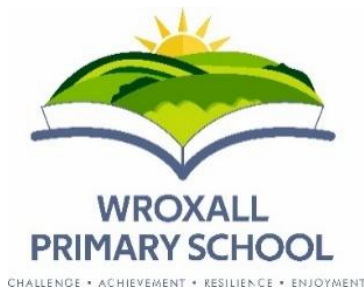
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What a busy summer term we have had!

We started with an exciting residential trip for year 6 to London. It was a jam packed few days full of exciting activities from Legoland to the London Eye, Lion King to the Science Museum

and so much more in between. The children were an absolute delight to spend time with and a real credit to the school. They were well behaved, polite and made the most of every opportunity.



We received the call from Ofsted this term and welcomed two inspectors

into school for a graded inspection. The process ran smoothly and, as you would expect, our incredible staffing team rose to the occasion, remaining calm and focused on ensuring the days ran as normal for the children. This really was their chance to shine. The stars of the two days were our children who spoke honestly, animatedly and



passionately about our school and their learning. They made us so proud with their behavior, focus and the way they took the whole visit in their stride.

The full report

should arrive mid-September. Carnival club took part in Ryde Mardis Gras. We had a fantastic turnout and the children looked amazing in their handmade costumes. They

very proudly walked the route despite the weather looking a little unsettled.



We enjoyed a brilliant sports day and we were overwhelmed with the turnout from families and members of our community who came to support the day. The children were all superstars, participating so well and supporting their friends and peers across school. It was a very hot day but they coped so well.

This week Reception class have enjoyed a beach trip,

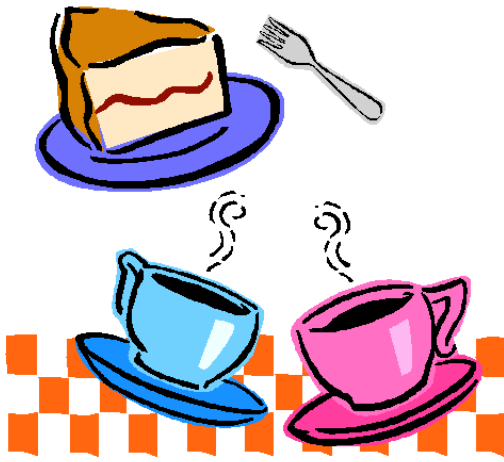
exploring the route between Ventnor and Bonchurch and enjoying ice creams along the way. Kookaburra class are looking forward to a trip to Nettlecombe Farm tomorrow.

Year 6 are eagerly anticipating their leavers outing to Blackgang Chine next week as well as performing their play “Ye Hah!” to the whole school and their families in the final week of term. They have worked so hard on it and we can’t wait to see it.

I must finish by thanking the PTFA for putting on an excellent fundraising quiz at the weekend. I wasn’t able to attend due to other commitments but I have heard it was well attended by both families, staff and community members. It sounds like everyone had an excellent time and £130 was raised to go towards new books for the children to receive as Dojo prizes. A huge thank you to our Parish Council Chair Steve Clarke who was quiz master for the evening. He really does put on a great quiz and we are so grateful for the time he put into putting this together and running it for us.

At the time of writing we are two weeks away from a very well-earned summer break. Fingers crossed the sun will keep shining!

Miss Hopkinson – Headteacher



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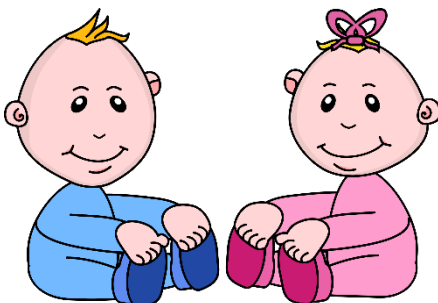
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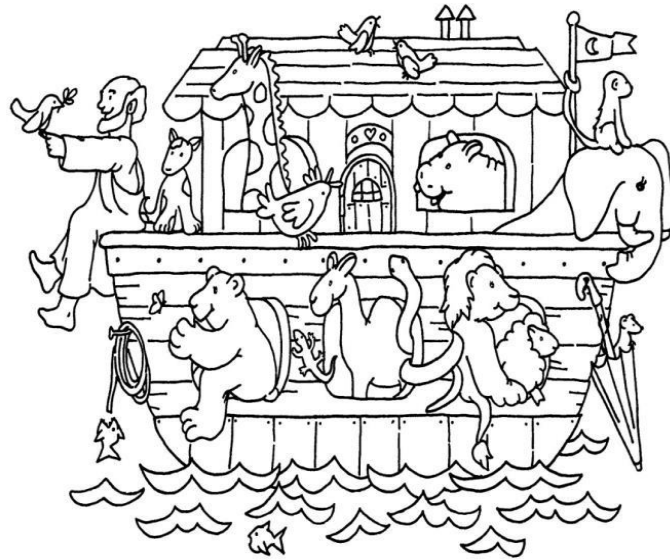
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Under the proposals being considered, the Isle of Wight would remain a unitary authority. Meanwhile, the mainland councils are exploring the creation of four new unitary councils to replace the existing 15-council structure.

This joint survey marks the next phase of the LGR process, following the submission of an interim plan for change earlier this year.

It focuses on gathering feedback from across the area, with a particular emphasis on local community identity.

Island residents are being encouraged to take part and make their voices heard before **27 July 2025**.

- **Take the survey**

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The View Café

Passers-by will have noticed our new permanent addition to the hall, with the ever expanding 'View café' being run out of the Worsley Lounge up at the hall. Local couple Aviv and Adam who are hiring the venue from Thursday to Sunday every week and open 8:30am till 4pm for customers. They offer a huge range of drinks including freshly ground coffees of all varieties, hot chocolates, teas and even the hugely popular Bubble teas. Alongside that they also offer a lovely selection of freshly baked and delicious cakes. In the future Aviv has plans to expand into hot foods as well. All of this can be consumed indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather, as they have also refreshed and rejuvenated the outside patio area and included tables, seating and some lovely planters with flowers. We invite you all to come along and enjoy The View!

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.

Roller Skating – Every other Friday – Times have been adjusted slightly with a 6:30pm till 8pm mix in disco 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.

Table Tennis – Adult sessions £3pp, Monday 10:00 till 12:30, Wednesday 19:00 till 21:00. Junior Coaching Sessions with Top Island 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 in the Worsley Lounge. 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

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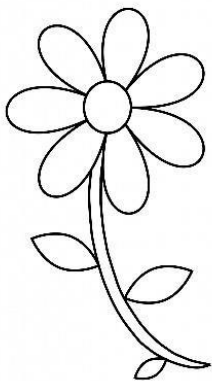
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News from the Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary

Our donkeys have been enjoying the heat and many just love rolling around in the dust. On very hot days they've been cooling down with homemade fruit ice lollies made by our yard team – everyone deserves a summer treat every now and again!

As well as over 100 donkeys, ponies and a mule to meet, there's lots happening at the sanctuary over the summer:

26 July to 30 August - free daily guided tours at 11.30am. Book online or try on the day (subject to availability)

- Free daily Q&A at 11am – no need to book
- 20 July and 27 August - meet author David Goodday. David's launching his children's book *The Search for Donkey Paradise*
- 20 July and 24 August - Music in the Courtyard
- Nature catch ups - meet other local nature organisations on Wednesdays inc. Wight Squirrel Project, Save our Hedgehogs and Isle of Wight Badger Trust
- 13 August - diabetes testing for young people with The Elsa Study.

Sunny's 10th birthday!

Save the date for the 27 July when we're celebrating Sunny's 10th birthday. Born at the sanctuary, Sunny was named for the beautiful day he was born on, with we believe, the children of Wroxall Primary helping to name him. We're celebrating his birthday by building a new sandpark for him and his friends to enjoy. We hope you can join us on the 27th when there will be live music and we'll be opening Sunny's Sandpark for the first time.

Other things on this summer include:

Don't forget we're open 7 days a week, 10am to 4.30pm and it's free to enter and free to park – we'd love to see you soon!

Get more details and book tours: www.iowdonkeysanctuary.org

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