THE WAY

WROXALL'S PARISH MAGAZINE SEPTEMBER 2025



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Chairmans Report

Welcome to the September edition of the Way. The magazine is funded by the Parish Council and delivered free to each and every household in the village. It's a way to promote local events and to offer support for the various clubs and groups that exist within the village. Advertisers pay a fee to promote their business but much of the content is promoted without charge. The magazine is not compiled by the Parish Council, but volunteers are happy to walk around the village every month and post it. If you have

events that you'd like to promote please forward it to our Parish Clerk, Jackie (See back page). The Parish Council has two new councillors. Welcome to Judith Lassam and Karen Stokes. We look forward to their future contributions. We still have one further vacancy and if you'd like to come along to one of the meetings, held each month in Stenbury Hall at 7:30 pm on the second Monday of each month, to see what happens you'd be welcome. It may not be for you, but it's the best way of assessing what's likely to be involved. Our meetings are open to the public and at the end of each meeting there is time for members of the public to ask questions and have an input. The Parish Council is publicly accountable so the meetings are minuted, and a record kept of all financial transactions, donations, etc. Indeed, we have recently distributed several thousand pounds to local organisations and clubs who were successful with their grant applications. Our Parish Clerk, Jackie, is a very busy lady. She is currently filling in application forms for grants to do some further work at the Rec; wild-flowers, and the like. I fully realise and appreciate the amount of unpaid work she does for the village and I would like to publicly acknowledge that.

The Parish Council are attempting, once again, to sort something out in respect of the football club changing rooms in the Rec. The building is an eyesore and no longer fit for purpose, but it is owned by the Isle of Wight Council and it is their responsibility. Whilst we understand that all funds are limited, we feel its continued existence is untenable and we are trying to arrange meetings to address the issue. On a similar note, the Bothey, the building in the cemetery, is earmarked for some improvement works, though we don't know when that may start. There will be a cleaning team from the Victoria Cross Trust on site at the Diamond Jubilee Victoria Monument, opposite the Central Convenience store during September, when temporary traffic lights will be in operation. The Parish Council have contributed towards the cost of the cleaning team, and Island Roads have kindly agreed to provide the lights without cost – our thanks to Iain Thornton. The reinstating of a Village Fayre was recently discussed on social media. The Parish Council responded by inviting anyone with an interest to attend the recent parish council meeting on the 11th August - where ideas could be heard, but unfortunately, no-one came. However, a local resident (Terri), is hoping to organise a Gardens Visit day next June. Please see articles in this edition for further details. Enjoy the remainder of the good weather Kind regards, Steve Clarke (Chairman)

WROXALL PARISH COUNCIL HAVE A VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PUTTING SOMETHING BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH CLERK FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHATS INVOLVED. TEL 07817634516, CLERK@WROXALLPARISHCOUNCIL.GOV.UK

Michael & Me

Our early days together growing up in Wroxall
When mum and dad were married in 1932
they longed to start a family but in mum, no baby grew.
For five long years they tried, but no baby came along so, mum said to dad one day, something must be wrong.

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There must be a baby somewhere in need of care and love mum would pray for a miracle to the lord above.

They adopted a baby boy to love and call their own so that's how Michael became my brother and moved into our home.

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But not many months had come and gone
Before I, a little sister came along.
So, the two of us grew up together
and the closeness we shared went on forever.

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We played together in the early years, and spent Saturdays on the farm.

Auntie Ash was always there, to keep us safe from harm.

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We had fizzy lemonade to drink, and new laid eggs for tea. It was a happy time for us, filled with love and security.

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We'd run around in fields of clover, our imaginations running rife. Back in those days when we were young, ours was a happy life.

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At seventeen, you said goodbye and walked out of the door you're off to join the Navy and make it your career

I hugged you and wished you well, although my heart shed a tear.

For we're born not far apart

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Services in September

7th Sept. 10am Brunch in the hall everyone welcome 14th Sept. 10am Communion 21st Sept. 10am Communion 28th Sept. 10am Communion Our Services will be taken by a visiting minister

Please note that as we are without a minister, any questions regarding Weddings, Funerals or Baptisms please contact a church warden.

Quiz Night

This will be on Wednesday 10th September 7-30 in the church hall £2 per person to include tea/coffee

Wroxall Woollies

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A perfect summer for our donkeys

This very dry weather has made summer 2025 just right for our donkeys! On the rare occasions we've had a shower, they've headed straight into their shelter and only reappearing once the last raindrops have gone!

It's been a busy season here at the sanctuary, with visitors making the most of our free entry and free parking to meet the donkeys and enjoy our beautiful countryside.

Meet Jimmy - our newest resident

Our newest arrival, Jimmy joined us at the end of June and has settled in really well. Jimmy previously lived at Tilgate Zoo on the mainland, but after his brother sadly passed away, he found himself without any donkey friends.

After a quarantine period, he's now happily living in our Fresh Air Donkeys herd, as he has asthma and benefits from being outdoors alongside his medication. Do pop by and say hello to him!

Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary Dog Show – Sunday 21 September, 1 to 4pm

Bring your four-legged friends and join in our fun dog show, hosted by the Wight Agility Group. With classes ranging from Best Pedigree to Most Like the Owner, there's something for everyone.

Entry is £3 per class, £5 for two or £10 for four payable on the day. We'll also have live music in the courtyard and gin tasting with the Isle of Wight Gin Company. Make a day of it - we'd love to see you!

Wightrider – Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 October

We're delighted to be a terminus for Wightrider once again. Bus riders can take advantage of our free all-day parking, enjoy a visit to the sanctuary and then hop aboard the vintage buses for a nostalgic ride.

Find out more at: www.wightrider.co.uk

Community visits

We love being part of our local community. If you're part of a community group and would like to arrange a visit, please get in touch—we'd be delighted to welcome you.

Contact: tracy.hawkes@iowdonkeysanctuary.org or call 852963 for a chat.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

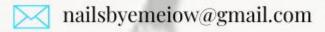
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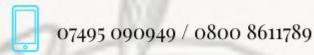
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AS ALWAYS, WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME EVERYONE TO OUR COFFEE MORNING. IT WOULD BE SO GOOD TO SEE MORE MEN ATTEND AS WE ARE QUITE LOW ON MALE COMPANY.

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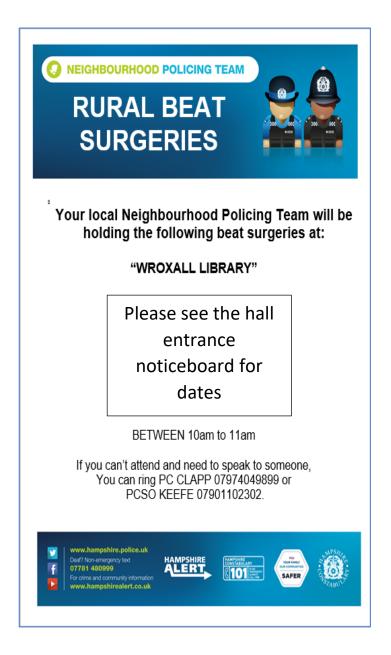


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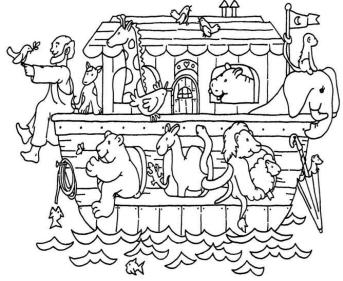
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Open for drop in

Monday 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Thursday 8:30am - 10:30am

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14 SEPTEMBER

Morning Service
Jane Dronfield

10.30 AM

21 SEPTEMBER

Tea ServiceRev Gina Hoff

3.00 PM

28 SEPTEMBER

Morning Service
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WROXALL GARAGE GALLOP 21ST JUNE 2026 FURTHER INFORMATION IN 2026



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A Household with a person with health issues>
On a Low Income?

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.

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Do you have a business in Wroxall? Do the 870 households in Wroxall know about it? You may advertise online or by other means, however many people still do not have internet access. Did you know that you can advertise in the Way. Sadly, we have been faced with a substantial increase in printing costs and therefore advertising will now be as follows:

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To find out more about our volunteer roles please pop into the Wroxall library & fill out a volunteer form or email info@stenburyhall.org.uk. 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.

The View Café

Continues to be a roaring success with support from all corners of the village. Adam and Aviv are now offering a hot panini option to their ever-expanding local café business. The Bubble Teas are very popular and have you tried their beetroot latte yet? The View café is being run out of the Worsley Lounge up at the hall. Local couple Aviv and Adam hire 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 more. Alongside that they also offer a lovely selection of freshly baked and delicious cakes. 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. Please be aware that sometimes during the busier months times may vary slightly as our volunteers are busy people. 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. Run by volunteer Jan

Roller Skating – Every other Friday – Times vary slightly with either a 6pm or 6:30pm start 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. No outside food or drinks allowed. Sessions are run by our volunteers Jon and Jess.

Curry On Wheels – Farewell to Charles who has moved to the mainland and pastures new. We wish him all the best in his new life and thank him for providing the village with it's own takeaway option. If there is anyone you know of who could possibly fill the vacancy the hall committee would love to hear from you.

Table Tennis – NEW SESSIONS ADDED - Adult sessions £3pp, Monday 10:00 till 12:30 and 14:00 till 16:00, Wednesday 19:00 till 21:00. Friday 14:00 till 16:00. Junior Coaching Sessions with a top Island Coach, £3pp Wednesday 18:00 till 19:00 – introductory sessions are free for all sessions except coaching sessions. All equipment provided. Run by volunteers Jon and Mark. Parkinson's Table Tennis and Social Group £3pp – the **first** & **third** Wednesday of every month 2pm till 4pm. This now also includes monthly coaching sessions as well. Run by volunteers Jim and Jenny.

Pilates – Every Tuesday from 6pm in the Worsley Lounge. WhatsApp 07851 366459 to book. Prebooking 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 £1034.00 keeping us on track to raise nearly £1600 this year. To date, since inception the Wroxall Lottery has raised £8,720! If you'd like to play, go to www.onelottery.co.uk/support/wca or call 01865 678679



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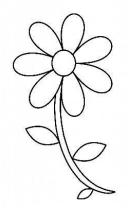
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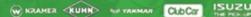
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Spot and protect yourself from scams

It can be hard to tell if something is a scam - that's why they work. Fraudsters are cunning and adapt quickly to convince you into parting with your money.

Ask yourself the following questions. If you answer yes to any of them, there's a good chance it's a scam

Have you been contacted out of the blue?

Cold calls or unexpected emails or messages should raise suspicion, especially if you're asked to give personal or payment details. It's very unusual for legitimate organisations to contact you and ask for sensitive information if you're not expecting them to. If you're not 100% convinced about the identity of the caller, hang up and contact the company directly.

Have you been asked to share personal details?

Never share your personal details with anyone if you can't confirm they are who they say they are. Scammers will often try and get valuable personal data from you, and they can use this to steal your money, or even to steal your identity. You should also be wary of anyone who asks you to pay in an unusual way, such as through Western Union or by using Cryptocurrency.

Are the contact details vague?

Scam websites often have vague contact details. Remember that legitimate companies will have a place of business, phone number or email address to contact them on. Sometimes scammers also use premium rate numbers (starting '09') to squeeze every penny they can out of you.

Are you being asked to keep it secret?

It's important you can discuss any agreements with your friends, family or advisors as outside perspectives can provide valuable voices of reason. Fraudsters use grooming techniques including isolating you so that you don't tell anyone about the situation you're in and fall deeper into the scam. Asking you to keep quiet is a way to keep you away from the advice and support you need in making a decision.

Is the offer too good to be true?

Scams will often promise high returns for very little financial commitment. They may even say that a deal is too good to miss. Use your common sense, if a deal seems too good to be true, it inevitably is.

Are you being pressured to make a decision?

Fraudsters often try to hurry your decision making. Don't let anyone make you feel under pressure - it's OK to take a break and think things through if you're not sure. It's also a common technique for scammers to use a countdown timer on scam websites to pile on further pressure. Genuine companies should always give you time and space to make an informed decision - anyone who tries to rush you should not be trusted.

Are there spelling and grammar mistakes?

Emails or messages littered with spelling and grammar mistakes are a scam giveaway. Legitimate organisations will rarely, if ever, make spelling or grammatical mistakes in their emails to you because they've been put together by professionals and checked before they're sent.

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