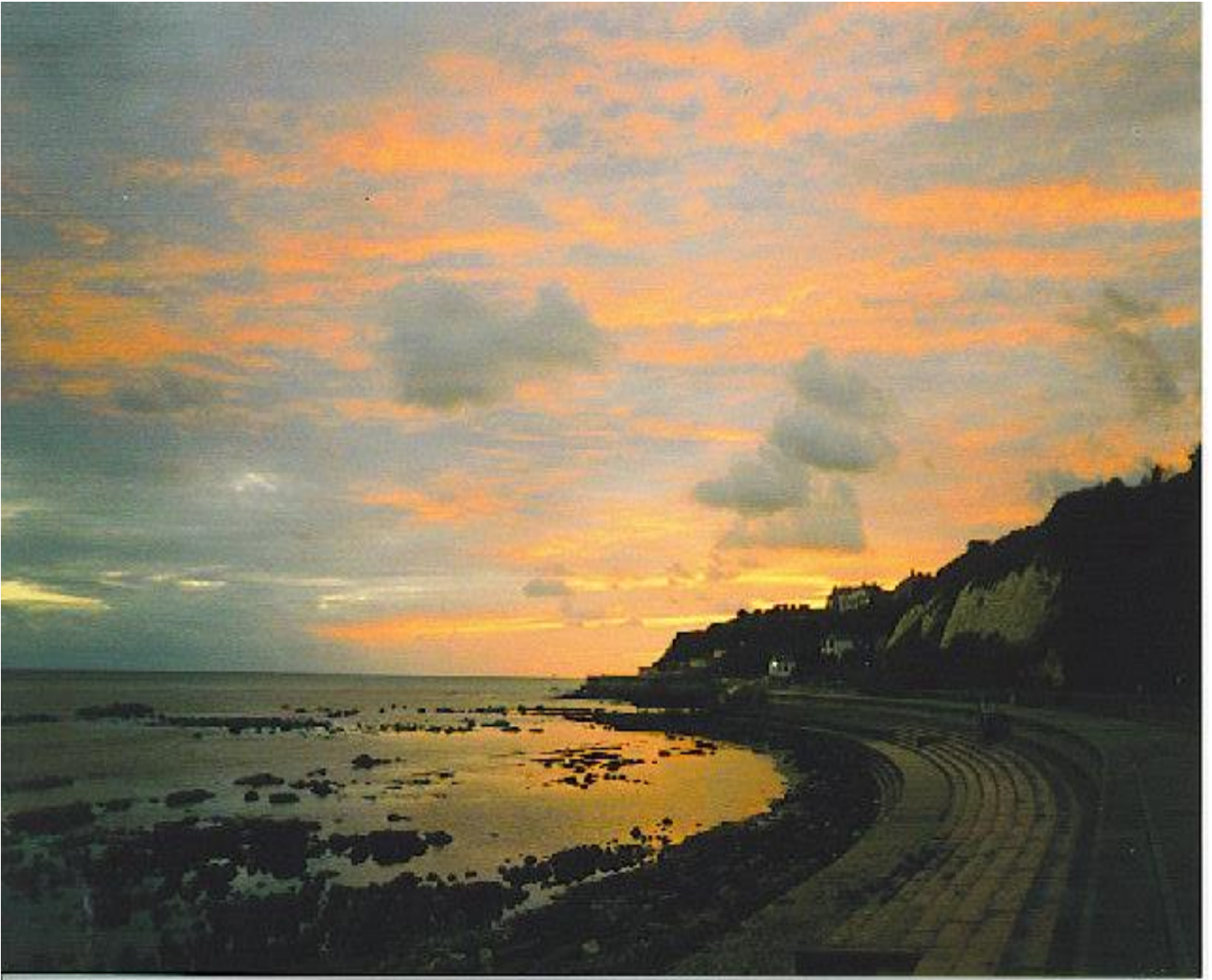


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July 2020 EDITION



# WROXALL'S PARISH MAGAZINE

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*Dear Residents,*

It's been a strange time since lock down begun on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The village has seen a tremendous community spirit with volunteers collecting shopping and prescriptions, delivering shopping and various other requests.

As we emerge into the new world on the other side, the new normal with such things as social distancing and cash not being accepted at a lot of outlets, social bubbles and all manner of other systems and risk assessments it does make you wonder if some things will ever go back to the 'old way'

At least shops and pubs are now open which we all need to support to get the country's finances back to normal.

Students will all be returning to school in September but again, it will be far from normal with students working in bubbles. Hopefully the new buildings at Wroxall Primary will be ready for the start of the new term.

Let's hope we don't get a second spike and the current restrictions can be eased further which should see church activities recommence giving much needed social events for some of our villagers.

The Wroxall free food has been set up at the Stenbury Hall, thanks to the efforts of the Soup Kitchen Jon Steele and Jan Dyer. This is for anyone directly affected financially by the corona virus.

Clive Rickard has resigned as a member of the Parish council. He has been a valued member of the parish council and also vice chairman. I would like to thank him for his work over many years. There is now a vacancy for a parish councillor which will be advertised in due course.

*Adrian Gallop, Chairman, Wroxall Parish Council*

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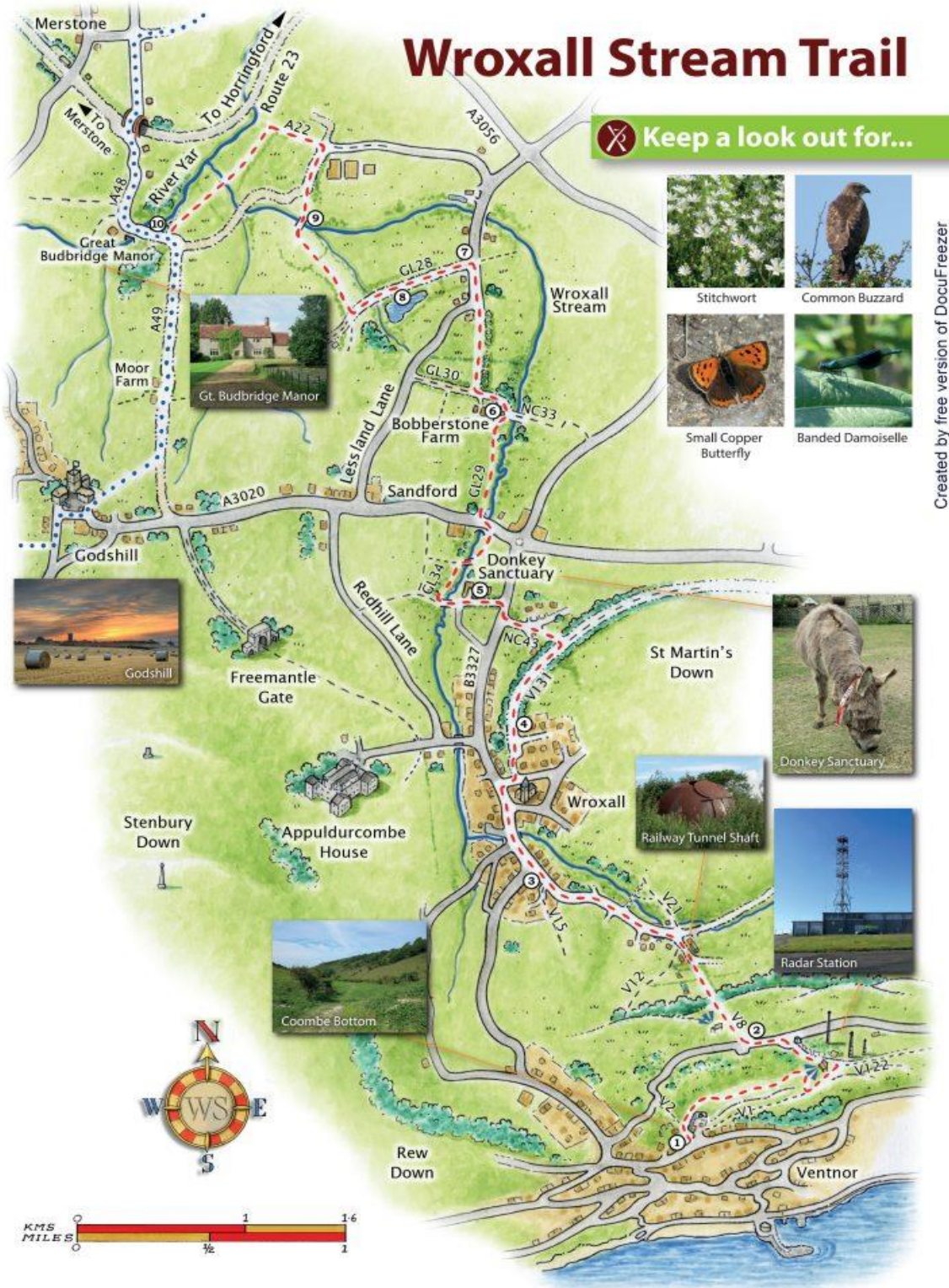
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## **Musings From the Manse**

It has been a very strange spring and summer. The beautiful weather and for many, restrictions on how much we could get out to enjoy it. Some freedoms have returned and people are appreciating the space and the beauty of the countryside around us. I have heard many people expressing gratitude for living in this beautiful village and appreciating this opportunity to reconnect with each other.

There has been kindness and care offered by so many people and received and welcomed by others. I hope and pray that we do not lose this as things start to return to a semblance of normal.

This time out has given me some time to stop and reflect, to watch the butterflies, to realise how many different types of bees there are, and how good they are at getting trapped on the wrong side of the window.

I've also come to realise that technology can be useful in unexpected ways, it has been a means for some to be able to stay in touch. I'm also aware that for others technology is not helpful. We have been able to get written services out to some who do not have the tech. It is going to be a little longer before we are going to be able to start services again at the Methodist Church though we are starting the planning. If anyone would like a written service please let me know.

In this uncertain time as at all times may each one know the presence and love of God with them.

Rev. Helen Millward

## **Wroxall Clubs and Organisations**

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## Country watch with Jackie Gallop

### What's going on in the countryside around Wroxall in July

We have had a few welcome showers but not as much as the North of the Island which always seems to get more than this side. Hopefully this will make the countryside a little greener and help the growing crops and gardens. By this time next month, we will start to see the combine harvesters out harvesting wheat and barley. We have some good vegetables growing in the garden and the village allotments are looking good.



The cattle trough on the end of Manor Road is looking beautiful. Thank you to all concerned for the planting and watering. Wroxall is starting to look more alive with visitors returning to Appuldurcombe Holiday Park. A few other premises are open including the Pub but it is a very different set up with all the Covid rules. Hopefully, we won't see a spike in Covid and the rules can be relaxed further in the coming months.

#### **A New Normal?!!**

Over the last few months a lot of new words have been added to our everyday language; how quickly the likes of 'Furlough', 'Social Distance', 'The R number' and the dreaded 'Coronavirus' have become part of many conversations. However, the one that I dislike the most, for some reason is, 'The new normal'. We will be living in a 'new normal' so the commentators tell us. Perhaps the problem I have is that I was quite happy with the old one!

However, we cannot escape the fact that life is very different now than it was before Christmas; how we took for granted meeting up with friends, hugging our family and going to church on Sunday or to celebrate Weddings and Baptisms, or to gather to say goodbye to loved ones. It is good that the lockdown is beginning to be lifted but we are having to learn a new way doing what were easy tasks like going shopping or travelling on the bus. Now we have to remember hand sanitisers and masks and be prepared to wait and queue to go in; follow the arrows, keep apart and don't touch things!

From the beginning of July, we have been told that we can open churches once more for public worship, but that too will subject to risk assessments and guidelines. All this has brought about a change in perspective on life in general and it has not been all bad; far from it. I enjoyed taking my daily exercise in spring and being able to breath fresh air rather than traffic fumes. I enjoyed hearing the bird song rather than the hum of traffic and the noise of planes in the sky. I enjoyed being a human 'being' rather than a human who was always 'doing', and I am sure that I am not the only one,

However, this new perspective brings with it the knowledge that the virus is still out there, hiding in plain sight and I pray that as we begin to shop more, go to the pub or a café we don't become complacent.

But at the same time as we emerge from this pandemic we have a chance to do things differently; to capture the spirit of love, compassion and kindness that has been expressed by so many communities as they have looked after friends and neighbours. We have a change to re-create a world of love where we all matter regardless of the colour of our skin, our sexual orientation, our religion or what job we have or not. A world where we do not judge others just because they are 'different' from us. We have the chance to build a 'new normal' based on love and kindness. That is the sort of 'New Normal' I would be happy to be part of.

**God Bless, Rev Kath-x-**

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I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who has supported the Macmillan Charity in Wroxall over the past few years and feel proud of the community spirit that always shines through. I am hoping to organise something smaller in the future when I know it is safe to do so. I hope you have all stayed safe in the past few months and look forward to seeing you soon.

Jenny Gardner and Marianne Roper (Helper)



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**IW Councillor Rodney Downer**

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After this edition of the Way has been delivered the road surface where the water leak was in St Johns Road should have been attended to.

In Clarence Road test holes have been drilled to ascertain why the new road surface has failed. I will let residents know of the results when advised by Island Roads.

The hole at the bus stop by the church has been attended to, but the rest of the surface is still a bit rough. I will keep making representations.

Along the old railway line, a ditch has been dug out so water runs into a gully correctly, also here a tree had fallen into another on the opposite side, this has been removed by Island Roads. Growth needs to be cut back along the railway line and I have made representations about this.

The bank at the bus stop opposite Appuldurcombe Road needs to be cut back to improve visibility at the bus stop and this has been requested. This is an annual occurrence.

Unfortunately, the steps leading up to the old railway line have had to be closed. This is due to the second platform being unsafe. There is also the issue of the steep step down to join the road. These problems should be addressed when capital funding becomes available.

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*Kind regards, Rodney Downer*

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