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We wish all  
our readers a  
merry Christmas



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NHS good health guide



## Welcome



Welcome to the December issue of the council's magazine.

In this issue we bring you information on two significant developments of recent weeks which affect many of us on the Island. Firstly, the decision of the council's cabinet – following extensive consultation – to approve a new two-tier education system for the Island, and secondly the news that our adult services have been accredited as among the best in the country.

Further updates on developments with our education reforms will be given in future editions.

With the festive season almost upon us, we also in this edition include important information on opening times for council services over Christmas and the New Year, and for those of our partners at the Isle of Wight NHS Primary Care Trust.

The magazine also provides helpful guidance on issues such as food hygiene over Christmas and the One Journey initiative to keeping healthy via the council's Tone Zone gyms.

On behalf of councillors and staff, I would like to offer our very best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year, and for the year ahead.

**Councillor David Pugh,  
Leader of the Isle of Wight  
Council**

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#### Council (council chamber)

21 January (6pm)

25 February (6pm)

#### Cabinet (committee room one)

20 January (6pm)

10 February (6pm)

10 March (6pm)

#### Planning Committee (council chamber)

23 December (3pm)

27 January (4pm)

24 February (4pm)

#### Licensing Committee

(committee room one)

12 January (4pm)

9 February (4pm)

9 March (4pm)

#### General Purposes Committee

(committee room one)

5 January (4pm)

#### Ethical Standards Committee

(committee room one)

19 January (6pm)

#### Scrutiny Committee

(committee room one)

22 January (6pm)

5 March (6pm)

#### Policy Commission for Business and Infrastructure (committee room one)

7 January (6pm)

11 February (6pm)

#### Policy Commission for Care, Health and Housing (committee room one)

28 January (6pm)

11 March (6pm)

#### Policy Commission for Children and School Results (committee room one)

14 January (6pm)

18 February (6pm)

#### Policy Commission for Safer Communities (committee room one)

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(committee room one)

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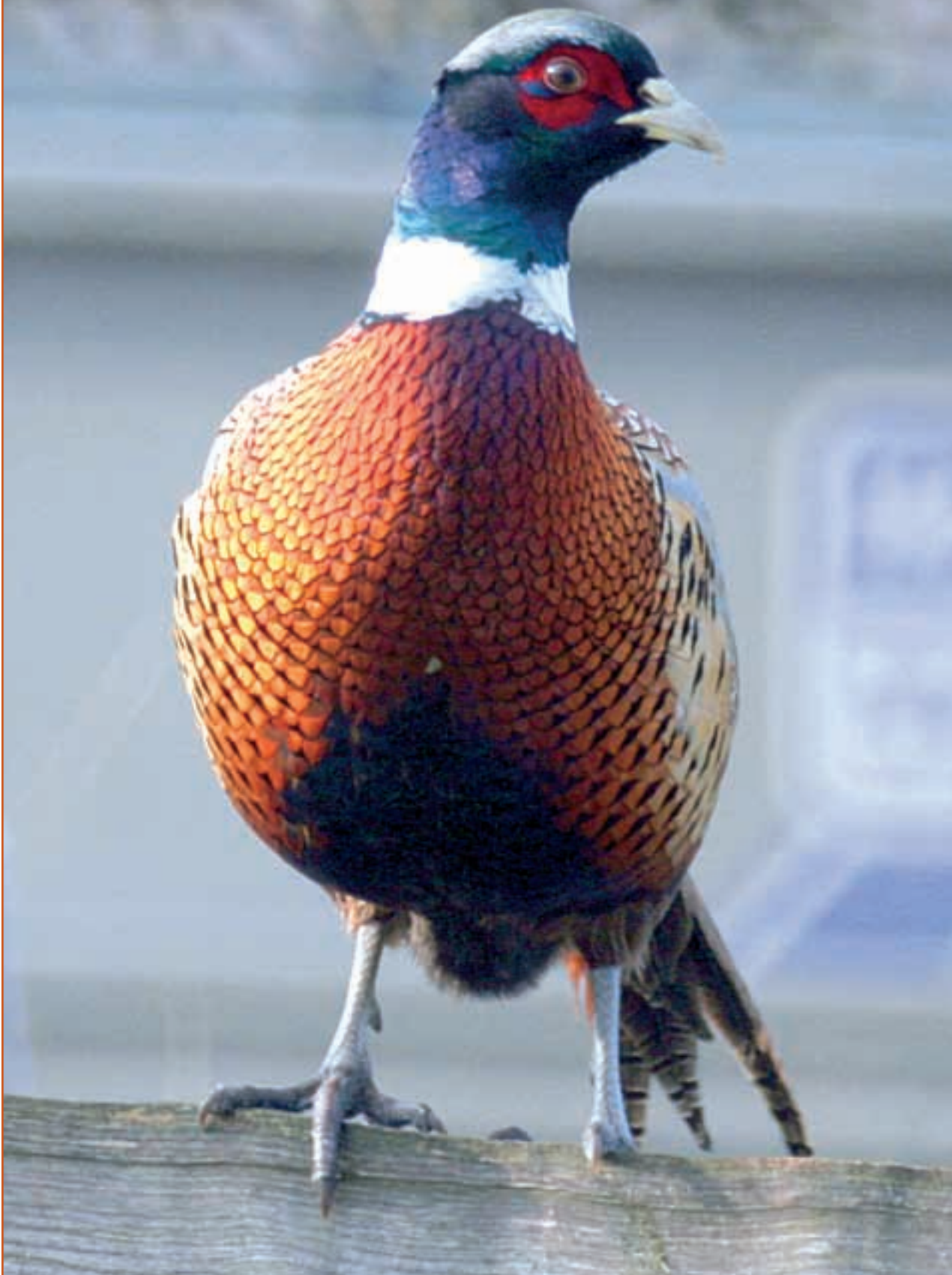
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Pheasant, by Peter Stott

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## Education reforms, two-tier system supported



A new two-tier education system for the Island has been approved by the council's cabinet following extensive consultations.

The proposals were those the council formally consulted upon from 23 June to 10 October 2008, with some amendments.

Full details of the amendments can be found at [www.iwight.com/council/meetings](http://www.iwight.com/council/meetings) and by following the links to the cabinet papers.

The main reforms agreed, were:

- to establish a new primary (four to 11 age range) and secondary (11 to 19 age range) school system – the primary sector will have no schools below a one form entry (a maximum of 30 new pupils in a year group) and no schools larger than a two form entry (a maximum of 60 new pupils in a year group);
- all community secondary schools will be established as new schools and be let under government competition rules – the

council will not bid to run these schools as this will allow the authority to adjudicate the submissions;

- to approve the recommendations in respect of individual schools, as detailed in the revised list (see cabinet papers at [www.iwight.com/council/meetings](http://www.iwight.com/council/meetings));
- that council officers should prepare a full business case analysis for the provision of an appropriate school transport system;
- in areas where there has been significant response to, or concern about the proposals, an independent education panel should be established to review the proposals and submit a report in February 2009 (this relates to two areas – Shalfeet Primary and Yarmouth Primary as one area, and St Helens Primary, Nettlestone Primary and Brading Primary as the other area)

For more information on the education system reforms please visit the council's [iwight.com](http://www.iwight.com) website.



Adult social care services provided by the Isle of Wight Council have been awarded a three-out-of-three star rating.

The council is one of 56 councils out of 150 to have been awarded the top mark by the Commission for Social Care inspection (CSCI) – the government body which regulates, inspects and reviews all adult social care services in England.

The service has been rated 'excellent' for leadership and use of resources and has also been judged to have 'excellent' prospects for further improvement.

Previously the Island had been rated at two out of three stars with only 'promising' prospects for improvement.

Councillor Dawn Cousins, cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "I am delighted with this judgement for adult social care and the Island. I know we will continue to seek bold solutions to providing first-class personalised social care for our residents."

Among key strengths identified by CSCI following its recent inspection were the council's innovative free home care scheme

for the over 80s; the development of the information prescription service that enables individuals to access information that meets their individual needs; and improved access to direct payments.

The review also highlighted the availability of timely access to assessments, as well as ensuring older people did not remain in hospital longer than clinically necessary.

The inspection also found a number of strengths in mental health provision, including the assistance given to residents in gaining and maintaining employment or voluntary work.

A number of key areas for development were also identified and will be addressed.

Sarah Mitchell, the council's director of community services, said: "While it is the council that has been given the rating, it is important to remember that this rating reflects the care that is being received by our residents. I am delighted that those people are receiving a three-out-of-three star service."



## Early success for truancy scheme

Positive early results have been achieved following the extension of the Island's Truancy Watch scheme to Sandown.

A special truancy sweep in the town at the start of this month found only one young person out of school without a valid reason.

Truancy sweeps are among a range of initiatives the council and its partners, including Hampshire Constabulary and local businesses, organise to reduce the number of young people skipping school.

The council's education welfare officers also work closely with schools and families to offer support and advice.

The Truancy Watch scheme involves businesses refusing to serve children of school age during term between 9am and 3pm each school day unless accompanied by an adult and with a good reason or a valid absence slip from their school. The scheme is also currently running in Shanklin, Newport and Ryde.



## MBE recipient says award is for the community

An Island man awarded an MBE in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours received the honour from Lord-Lieutenant Major General Martin White at a special ceremony at Newchurch recently.

John Smith (pictured above right), recognized for his services to the Newchurch community, chose to be presented with his honour on the Island so members of his community could take part in the celebrations.

More than 50 friends and guests joined him at Newchurch Pavilion, a community building in existence thanks in part to his fund raising efforts.

Mr Smith is a key figure in the Newchurch community and over the last 25 years has set up numerous organisations including the Newchurch Parish Sports and Community Association, which has raised

funds for many projects. The association was behind the Island's garlic festival, which has helped raise funds to buy a pavilion, create playing fields and part fund the cost of Newchurch Community Hall.

Mr Smith is also chairman of the Apse Heath Over 60s' Club, life president of the Newchurch Horticultural Society and co-ordinator of the Alverstoke Poetry Club. A keen astronomer, he was secretary of the Vectis Astronomical Society for 20 years, and instrumental in the creation of the Isle of Wight Observatory at Newchurch.

Mr Smith said: "I was delighted so many representatives of our community could be present at the ceremony, recognizing the valued support they have given me and various projects over many years."

## Stay safe over Christmas

Various agencies on the Island have been working together to help ensure the festive season this year is as safe as possible.

A range of schemes to better inform the public have been central to the initiative.

The focus has been on information about issues including drink driving, binge drinking, personal safety, domestic abuse and sexual health.

The council, Hampshire Constabulary and NHS Isle of Wight are among the agencies working together, under the umbrella of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and Drug Action Team.

One of the most visible campaigns is combating drink driving, with this year's theme about enforcement. The message is 'Over the Limit, Under Arrest' and 'If you are caught driving under the influence of drink or drugs, you will be prosecuted'. Strong images are being displayed on billboards around the Island.

Alcohol related crime and admissions to accident and emergency are also being highlighted through a 'Know your Limits' message from the Drug Action Team and the NHS. Alcohol awareness packs and advice for people on a night out are being piloted. There is also a website at [www.iwight.com/knowyourlimits](http://www.iwight.com/knowyourlimits)



## Community plantings will bring colour to cemetery



PICTURED: Pupils from Binstead Primary School planting bulbs

Binstead Cemetery is set to be brightened up next spring thanks to a community daffodil-planting initiative involving Binstead Primary School and the local community.

Binstead Community Partnership organised the project,

with pupils from the school planting bulbs earlier this month.

Two of the council's environment and neighbourhoods officers also took part in the planting, as part of their aim to build links with young people in the community and encourage good citizenship.

Binstead Primary School pupils have also planted bulbs in Binstead Rest Garden, erected bat boxes, and planted trees in their area.

Helen Flynn, head teacher, said: "The children learn a great deal from taking part in community activities like this. They gain a greater understanding of what it means to be a responsible citizen and learn to respect the environment in which they live, important skills which enhance their learning in the classroom."

The Binstead Community Partnership is made up of members of the local community, church groups, the local primary school, parish councillors and interested individuals living in Binstead.

## Scheme helps revive traditional skills



PICTURED: A student trying his hand at pointing skills at Bursledon Brickworks

Students from the Isle of Wight College at Newport have been developing their traditional craft skills with the help of the council and Heritage Lottery Fund-supported Ryde Townscape Heritage Scheme.

Ten students have attended a brickwork master class run by the Learning and Skills Council and Bursledon Brickworks near Southampton as part of the heritage scheme's emphasis on traditional skills.

The training courses offered through the scheme are designed to help remedy the shortage of skilled labour in the traditional crafts sector on the Island.

The Heritage Lottery-funded initiative specifically aims to regenerate Ryde through works of repair and enhancement to its historic buildings and areas.

The scheme places an emphasis on training Island contractors to be able to carry out the work, and so far has run 12 sessions, benefiting builders, surveyors, architects, and students and tutors from the construction department of the Isle of Wight College.

• For more information about the training sessions, you can email: [thitraining@iow.gov.uk](mailto:thitraining@iow.gov.uk).

## New climate change website for home owners

English Heritage has developed a new website for home owners, called Climate Change and Your Home – to help understanding about climate change effects on houses of traditional construction (those built before the Second World War).

It contains advice on how to improve the energy efficiency of traditionally constructed houses, and the use and installation of micro-renewable technologies.

A key feature of the website is the way information can be tailored to the user's chosen house period and location, with advice on how



improvements to energy efficiency might be made.

The new site can be found at [www.climatechangeandyourhome.org.uk](http://www.climatechangeandyourhome.org.uk)

## Conservation area reviews at Ryde and Freshwater Bay

The council's conservation team is working on re-designating, expanding and refining the conservation areas at Ryde and Freshwater Bay.

The review is part of a programme of updating 29 existing conservation areas across the Island and designating more than 20 new areas.

Conservation area designation does not mean development cannot take place, but that special consideration is needed for planning applications in the area. This is to ensure any demolition is justified and schemes are of a suitable design and high standard.

Conservation area considerations include the topography, street layout, boundaries, historical development, archaeological potential and landscape factors.

Councils have a duty under The Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to designate as conservation areas any areas considered to be of special architectural or historic interest.

## Take the One Journey route to feeling good



Island residents who are keen to improve their health and personal fitness are being encouraged to enrol in the One Journey initiative.

One Journey was introduced at the council's Tone Zone gyms at the beginning of August, and is already helping to boost the feel-good factor for many people.

One Journey focuses on a personal training approach and one-to-one advice, helping to decrease waistlines and improve muscle tone and cardio fitness.

The journey starts when a Tone Zone personal instructor meets with the customer and reviews what they want to achieve and agrees short and long-term

fitness goals. A personal programme is developed with key exercises and activities.

If you're interested in enrolling on One Journey, call or visit your local leisure centre and book a tour to see what's on offer. Staff will discuss your requirements and advise you of the membership and payment options best suited to you.

**The Heights Leisure Centre**, Sandown, tel: 405594.

**Medina Leisure Centre**, Newport, tel: 523767.

**Westridge Centre**, Ryde, tel: 566243.

Alternatively visit [leisure.iwight.com](http://leisure.iwight.com) for more information



## Special projects improve road safety

PICTURED: The relocated bus stop at Wootton has improved pedestrian safety

A number of schemes to make travel on Island roads safer and more comfortable are being undertaken by the council.

These include steps to make it safer for children and parents to travel to and from school, improvements to traffic signals and more major schemes to improve the highway network.

The next round of major works under the council's ongoing highway improvement programme will see the surfaces upgraded on Brading Road and Bullen Road at Ryde; Cedar Hill, Carisbrooke; Colwell Road/Hill Lane, Freshwater; Rolls Hill, between Thorness Lane and Rew Street; Godshill Road, between Cliff Bridge and Apse Manor Road; Clarence Road between West Street and the urban limit at Ventnor; and Freshwater Road from Chessell Cross to Calbourne Mill.

Work is also being done as part of the council's Safe Routes To School programme:

- At Arreton, safe and fully disabled compliant facilities will be created for pedestrians travelling between the community centre and Arreton primary school, and also the local pub and the community car park.
- At Haylands, there will be work to make school journeys safer in three locations – Upton Road, junction of Bettsworth Road which will include a new crossing and road crossing patrol officer; at Swanmore Road junction with Osborne Road/Ratcliff Avenue, where the scheme includes a new zebra crossing; and at the Pellhurst Road junction of Partlands Avenue/Playstreet Lane.

Other recently completed works include at Wootton, with the relocation of the Newport bound bus stop and the installation of a new zebra crossing, and at Sylvan Drive, Newport where there have been works to improve pedestrian safety and reduce vehicle speeds with disabled compliant crossing points, traffic islands and speed reactive signs.

## Time for views on new Island blueprint

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Consultations are underway on a new planning blueprint to help shape the way the Island is developed until 2026.

The document is called the Island Plan Core Strategy and sets out the Island's broad planning policies governing the locations, nature and timescale of development. It is the first part of the emerging overall Island Plan that will replace the existing Unitary Development Plan.

The core strategy covers issues including employment sites, housing, and the rates at which new homes should be built and renewable energy.

The council's cabinet gave the nod for an eight-week consultation period to begin on the strategy earlier this month, inviting submissions

kept under review annually to ensure it remains realistic and flexible.

Councillor George Brown, cabinet member for planning, said: "The plan will provide the essential framework for making decisions on proposed development and change of use. It has been drafted after a healthy amount of public representation and comment and strikes a crucial balance between the need for regeneration while protecting what is unique and good in the Island's landscape as its starting point."

- Copies of the Island Plan Core Strategy are available at all public libraries, the planning unit at Seaclose and Newport Help Centre at County Hall. It is also available on line at [iwight.com](http://iwight.com)

## Week of activities brightens Sandown

PICTURED: Foxes Bridge has benefited from the clean-up

A range of activities and improvements were staged as part of a recent multi-agency Crime Reduction Environment Week to brighten up and reduce the fear of crime in Sandown.

Litter picking, dog chipping and graffiti removal were among the events and activities which took place at the start of December.

Various organisations and services were involved, including the council's community safety services, environment and neighbourhoods officers and the local police safer neighbourhoods team.

The probation service helped clean up Foxes Bridge, removing litter and cutting back overgrown branches and painting goalposts in nearby playing fields. And a team of young people from the Wessex Restorative Justice Service removed graffiti from fencing in Los Altos Park and replaced it with a street art design spelling the name of the park.

The council's dog wardens were on hand in Sandown High Street to offer dog owners the chance to have their pets chipped at a reduced rate of just £5, and students at Sandown High School were given talks on road safety, the dangers of drugs and fake guns.

Litter sweeps were carried out around the town by groups including the Sandown Observers, and the probation service helped clear up Sandham Gardens, Jeals Lane and Station Approach.

A key event bringing the week to a close was a five-a-side football tournament and live music night at Sandham Gardens.



# Isle of Wight Council services - Christmas and new year arrangements

Most operations shut down from 4.30pm, Wednesday 24 December to Friday 2 January, but there will be special arrangements for certain services. For more information, call the Customer Service Centre on 823200, or ring 821000. Newport Help Centre and the Call Centre at County Hall, and Ryde Help Centre will be open on 24 December until 4pm. Newport Help Centre and the Call Centre will be open on 29, 30 and 31 December from 9am to 4pm.

## EMERGENCY SITUATIONS NOT REQUIRING A 999 CALL

### Highways emergencies

- Flooding, fallen trees, traffic lights not working, etc – tel: 525121.
- Non-emergencies – a message recording service will operate from pm Thursday 25 December to 8.30am, Friday 2 January.
- Severe weather (snow or exceptional rainfall) – the highways emergency control room will be set up – tel: 823777.

### Council buildings or land

For emergencies involving council-owned buildings, contact Wightcare on 821105.

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND TRADING STANDARDS

The offices at Jubilee Stores, Newport will be closed from 4.30pm, Wednesday 24 December to 8.30am, Friday 2 January. For emergencies, contact Wightcare on 821105.

## REVENUES AND BENEFITS

IW Council Offices, Broadway, Sandown: office closes 4pm, Wednesday 24 December, reopens 8.30am, Friday 2 January.

## CUSTOMER ACCOUNT SERVICES

Message-recording service from pm Wednesday 24 December to 8.30am, Friday 2 January.

Automated payment system available 24 hours a day, tel: 559310.

## COUNTY RECORD OFFICE

Closes 1pm, Wednesday 24 December. Re-opens 9am, Friday 2 January.

## LIBRARIES

- Branch libraries will be open until 1pm on Wednesday 24 December, with the exception of Brighstone and Sandown Libraries, which will be closed on 24 December.
- Branch libraries will be open until 4.30pm on Wednesday 31 December, with the exception of East Cowes Library (open until 2pm) and Niton Library (open until 1.30pm). Brighstone and Sandown Libraries will be closed on 31 December.
- Branch libraries resume normal opening hours, Friday 2 January.

## VENTNOR BOTANIC GARDEN

Visitor Centre open Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 December, then re-opens Saturday 3 January.



## ADULT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Community Services HQ, Wightcare Services (Bugle House), SSC offices at Newport, Cowes, Sandown and Ryde close 5pm, Wednesday 24 December and reopen on Friday 2 January at 8.30am.
- Newport SSC office – Adult Services' duty service open for emergency telephone callers only on Monday 29 December, Tuesday 30 December and Wednesday 31 December, 9am to 5pm, tel: 823340.

### Emergency duty service

available outside working hours through Wightcare Services, tel: 821105.

**All services for children** – via the Children's Service Centre, Atkinson Drive, Newport, tel: 525790. Switchboard in operation on 29, 30 and 31 December, all other times via the out of hours service.

**Housing services** – on-call arrangement for emergencies via Wightcare Services, tel: 821105.

Normal hours resume for all offices, Friday 2 January.

## ISLE OF WIGHT CREMATORIUM

- No cremations or burials 25 to 26 December or 1 January (the grounds, chapel and Book of Remembrance Room will be open to the public between 2pm and 4pm on these days, weekends and holiday dates).
- All cremation papers should be delivered to the crematorium by noon on the working day before the cremation.
- Burials will take place on all other days at the usual times. Burial forms should be delivered to the cemetery office (with coffin sizes) two clear working days prior to each burial.

## TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES

Tourist information centres will be open on:

- 24 December (10am to 3.30pm, all centres).
  - 27, 29, 30 December (10am to 3.30pm, Newport, Ryde and Sandown centres only).
- (Closed: 25, 26, 28, 31 December and 1 January.)

Normal winter opening resumes on Friday 2 January.

## REGISTER OFFICE

**Closed:** Thursday 25 December, Friday 26 December (registrar available for extreme emergencies, contact via Wightcare Services on 821105, 9am to 11am), Thursday 1 January.

### Normal office hours:

Monday 29 December, Tuesday 30 December, Wednesday 31 December. No wedding ceremonies pm 24 December or 29, 30, 31 December.

**Please note, priority will be given to death registrations on these days:** Saturday 27 December, by appointment only (and subject to registrar availability).

## MUSEUMS

- Dinosaur Isle: closed 24 to 26 December, 1 January.
- Cowes Maritime Museum: please refer to Cowes Library details.
- Museum of Island History, Newport Guildhall: please refer to Newport Tourist Information Centre details.

## REFUSE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING CHANGES

Refuse and recycling collections will be changed for **three weeks**.

Refuse normally collected on	Will be collected on
Thur 25 Dec	Sat 27 Dec
Fri 26 Dec	Mon 29 Dec
<b>Mon 29 Dec</b>	<b>Tues 30 Dec</b>
<b>Tues 30 Dec</b>	<b>Wed 31 Dec</b>
<b>Wed 31 Dec</b>	<b>Fri 2 Jan</b>
<b>Thur 1 Jan</b>	<b>Sat 3 Jan</b>
<b>Fri 2 Jan</b>	<b>Mon 5 Jan</b>
Mon 5 Jan	Tues 6 Jan
Tues 6 Jan	Wed 7 Jan
Wed 7 Jan	Thur 8 Jan
Thurs 8 Jan	Fri 9 Jan
Fri 9 Jan	Sat 10 Jan

### Kerbside recycling service (Week A collections shown in bold, above)

Please do not worry if your day of collection has moved into the next week. Just place your box kerbside by 7am on your revised collection day.

### Christmas tree recycling

Brighstone village car park, Ventnor Botanic Garden car park, Lake New Road car park, Ryde Waltzing Waters car park, Cowes St Mary's Road car park, East Cowes Esplanade car park.

Christmas trees can also be placed with garden waste at civic amenity sites (see next column for opening times).

### Christmas card recycling

Contact your local primary school to find out if they are taking part in this year's Christmas card recycling.

### Civic amenity sites

The main civic amenity site at Lynnbottom will only be closed on Christmas Day.

The weekend sites at Afton and Forest Road will be open as normal.

### Contact details

Isle of Wight Council, tel: 821000, website: [iwight.com](http://iwight.com)  
Island Waste Services, tel: 0800 3283851, website: [islandwaste.co.uk](http://islandwaste.co.uk)

## LEISURE SERVICES FACILITIES

Facilities and activities operated by the council at The Heights in Sandown, Medina Leisure Centre and Medina Theatre in Newport, Waterside Pool, Westridge Centre and The Venue at Ryde Theatre in Ryde, and Shanklin Theatre, will all have seasonally adjusted opening hours over the Christmas and new year holiday between Saturday 20 December and Monday 5 January.

Both Medina and Shanklin Theatres feature pantomimes during the holiday period. Contact the box office for show details.

Full details on opening times will be available in all centres or on the website [www.leisure.iwight.com](http://www.leisure.iwight.com)

Further details are also available by contacting The Heights 405594, Medina Leisure Centre 523767, Medina Theatre 527020, Waterside Pool 563656, Westridge Centre 566243, The Venue at Ryde Theatre 568099, and Shanklin Theatre 868000.

## It's official: the Isle of Wight is rural!

A recent piece of government research, which required a 30 page document to explain the methodology and a 49 page document to explain the results, has identified that the Isle of Wight is 'predominantly rural'.

No real surprises there – however, how we are viewed by the government is important, as it can influence how much funding we can access to support rural communities and the rural economy.

As I'm sure you'd agree, the Island's countryside is fantastic, adds much to our quality of life and the economy, and we owe a debt of gratitude to all those people who help maintain it.

However, rural areas are not without their problems, and issues of stimulating the rural economy, addressing shortages of affordable rural housing, ensuring the availability and accessibility of services for residents and the related transport barriers, are all presenting local challenges.

Through this regular 'Rural Focus' slot in *One Island* magazine we hope to raise the profile of certain rural issues and focus on the work that's being done to address them.

I hope you find it interesting.

**Mike Bulpitt,**  
chief executive,  
Isle of Wight Rural Community Council



## Introducing the rural champions

Two familiar faces in rural communities on the Island have recently taken up the challenge of acting as rural champions. They are David Langford (*right*), the regional director of the Country Land and Business Association, and John Brownscombe (*left*), former lead officer of the Isle of Wight Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership.

They will be leading the work of the Rural Community Council in championing rural community needs and will help point you in the right direction and give support in finding solutions to rural issues.

- The rural champions can be contacted via the Rural Community Council reception, tel: 524058 or by email: [rural@iwrcc.org.uk](mailto:rural@iwrcc.org.uk)

## Affordable housing success stories



A key issue facing rural communities on the Island is the lack of affordable housing for local people.

The credit crunch, a shortage of available mortgages, and the continuation of high house prices in rural areas, means many people are struggling to find a home in the

area they were brought up in.

On the Island there have been two recent success stories to help counter this.

Ten energy efficient family homes have been built at Nettlestone, and allocated to local families, who between them have local connections to the parish of more than 145 years.

A similar scheme, St Mary's Court (*pictured*) has also been completed in Brading, where the local connection of new tenants is more than 84 years.

One tenant at St Mary's Court said: "I have been on the housing register for about seven years and didn't think I would ever get a house like this in Brading. It's so quiet and peaceful, with so much space."

These schemes have made a real difference to local families, and the rural housing enabler, Sharon Packer, based at the Rural Community Council, is working with parish councils to achieve even more schemes.

- For more information or a leaflet on affordable rural housing, contact Sharon Packer, tel: 539383, email: [sharon.packer@iow.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.packer@iow.gov.uk)

## Brook's Seely Hall revived by community effort

Seely Hall at Brook has seen its use increase to 150-plus bookings in 2008, just a few years after its future was in peril.

In 2006 the community facility was in decline, with only seven bookings a year and an urgent need for repairs and updating.

Now thanks to a lot of hard work and fund raising the future is far brighter.

Belinda Walters, chairman of the Seely Hall management committee, said the turnaround had been achieved through organising events and activities which have breathed new life into the hall.

"We asked people if they wanted to keep the hall, but there also had to be a purpose to keeping it – meaning more use."

As well as increased use, further funding was needed for repairs and improvements.

The Brook Fete has been a particular success, and other events have helped to raise extra money for the hall's upkeep, as well as grant funding from Awards for All, the Isle of Wight Charitable Trust, the Isle of Wight Council, Brighstone Parish Council, timber firm Morey's,



and various donations.

Local people meanwhile have helped with surveying, painting and decorating, general repairs and gardening.

Belinda said: "There are three key challenges: funding – even small amounts of money are significant to us; insurance – the increasing cost of the public liability cover in particular; and changes to regulations – ensuring we comply with new rules and regulations can be time consuming and daunting."



## Volunteers help improve the Island's rural landscape



If you would like to help maintain or improve the rural landscape of the Island then the Isle of Wight Volunteer Centre can offer various opportunities:

- **Green Gym**

The Isle of Wight Green Gym (*pictured at work above*) meets every Wednesday (10am to 1pm) at various venues across the Island. You can help with activities like cutting back invasive undergrowth, planting trees or wildflowers, repairing steps on a public path, clearing out an overgrown pond, or even learn how to make benches and bat boxes.

- **Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust**

Join the trust and take part in one of its conservation days, helping with practical tasks that may include scrub clearance, ragwort pulling, coppicing, fencing and hurdle making.

- **Beachwatch**

The Beachwatch initiative is part of the Adopt-a-Beach scheme, which encourages volunteers to survey and clean up beach litter four times a year. There are local opportunities to help clean up Freshwater Bay and Totland beaches. For more information on any of these opportunities contact Helen, tel: 539377, email: [volunteer@iwrcc.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@iwrcc.org.uk)



The West Wight Landscape Partnership Scheme is a programme of 17 projects aimed at conserving and enhancing the historic landscape and giving people the chance to get involved in the heritage of the West Wight.

The scheme, which began in November and lasts for three years, has funding of £2.5 million – including almost £2 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Among the 17 projects is the Landscape Enhancement Grant Scheme, offering financial help for initiatives which protect and enhance the landscape while showing public benefits.

More information on the various projects can be found at [www.westwight.org](http://www.westwight.org)

Scheme manager, Peter Fellows, can be contacted by email at [peter.fellows@iow.gov.uk](mailto:peter.fellows@iow.gov.uk)

## Funding boost for the Island's rural economy

An extra £2.6 million of European Union grant funding has been secured to help the Island's rural economy over the next five years.

The funding will be managed by the Isle of Wight Economic Partnership via the Leader programme, and has four main aims: to help increase the economic value of land management and farming; to help the wider rural economy; to help projects promoting rural heritage; and to help schemes that benefit rural communities.

To find out more about the programme, you should contact Carol Flux at the economic partnership, tel: 535836.

## New life for village store



Husband and wife team Vernon Tyreman and Jenny Kerry have played a key role in the rural community at Chale Green by purchasing and turning the village store into a real success.

In 2004 the store was facing an uncertain future and possible closure, but today it has managed to find a formula that really works for the local community, marrying traditional and new services.

Vernon and Jenny, members of the Chale Village Partnership, took the business over in January 2005, giving it a general facelift with new layout, lighting and shop fittings. But it soon became clear that a larger store was needed with more storage space, so plans for

an extension were started, and two months ago the project was completed, with High Sheriff Alan Titchmarsh opening the new store.

As well as the features you would expect in a village shop and post office, the new Chale Green Stores (*pictured*) now has a large delicatessen and café with courtyard seating.

The improvements have been designed in an environmentally friendly way, with heating provided by a ground source system, rain water harvested for watering the gardens and flushing the toilets, light tubes bringing natural light into the shop and double insulation to keep the new building at a comfortable temperature all year round.

# Good Health

Staying healthy so you can  
What to do/who to contact

## Self care

### Be prepared



It is difficult to prevent you or your family from catching colds and flu, but a balanced diet and regular activity will help boost your immune system and your resistance.

No-one wants to think about becoming ill at a holiday time, but if you make sure that your home medicine chest contains a few simple remedies, you will be able to cope with most minor ailments and incidents. All of the basic items can be purchased from your local pharmacist – take this checklist with you next time you go shopping.



### Pain relief for headaches, sore throats and other aches and pains:

- paracetamol, soluble aspirin or ibuprofen
- children's paracetamol and/or children's ibuprofen syrup

### Easing the symptoms of coughs and colds:

- decongestant for adding to hot water, eg menthol and decongestant medicines
- decongestant for children

### For upset tummies and over-indulgence:

- mild laxative
- indigestion remedy, eg antacid
- anti-diarrhoeal solution

### Other basic first aid items:

- antiseptic solution
- thermometer
- selection of plasters in assorted sizes
- sterile dressings and triangular bandage
- two sterile eye pads
- cotton wool, safety pins, tweezers, sharp scissors and disposable gloves

**It is important that you keep the medicine chest in a secure place that cannot be reached by small children.**

IF YOU OR A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY HAVE REGULAR PRESCRIPTIONS, MAKE SURE YOU HAVE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF THE MEDICATION TO LAST INTO THE NEW YEAR.

## Pharmacist

### Ask your pharmacist



The winter months can bring a host of minor ailments. With many modern medicines available over the counter, a visit to your local pharmacy can provide the expert advice and remedy that you're looking for.



### Christmas and New Year pharmacy rota

#### Thursday 25 December 2008 (Christmas Day)

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| ■ Lloyds, Pyle Street, Newport               | 2pm to 3pm  |
| ■ Boots the Chemist, 1 High Street, Shanklin | 12pm to 1pm |
| ■ Gibbs and Gurnell, Union Street, Ryde      | 12pm to 1pm |
| ■ Totland Pharmacy, Totland                  | 12pm to 1pm |

#### Friday 26 December 2008 (Boxing Day)

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|---|-------------|
| ■ Boots the Chemist, High Street, Newport | 2pm to 3pm  |
| ■ Day Lewis, 51 Regent Street, Shanklin   | 12pm to 1pm |
| ■ Lloyds Pharmacy, 18 The Esplanade, Ryde | 12pm to 1pm |
| ■ Yarmouth Pharmacy, Yarmouth             | 12pm to 1pm |

#### Thursday 1 January 2009 (New Year's Day)

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| ■ Siddy's, High Street, Newport            | 2pm to 3pm  |
| ■ Regent Pharmacy, Regent Street, Shanklin | 12pm to 1pm |
| ■ Boots the Chemist, High Street, Ryde     | 12pm to 1pm |
| ■ Alliance Pharmacy, Freshwater            | 12pm to 1pm |

There is no rota service on a Saturday or Sunday. Tesco in Ryde is open on Sunday (10am to 4pm); Boots in Newport is open on Sunday (10.30am to 2.30pm); Yarmouth Pharmacy is open on Sunday (8.30am to 5pm).

## NHS Direct



NHS Direct is a nurse-led helpline providing confidential healthcare advice and information, at any time of the day or night. Calls are charged at local rates.

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**0845**  
**4647**



enjoy the Christmas and New Year celebrations  
if you become ill and need treatment

## GP surgery

If you need to see a doctor



Surgeries will provide a normal service up to 1pm on 24 December.

The out of hours service will provide emergency cover from:

- 1pm on 24 December until 8am on 29 December
- 6.30pm on 31 December until 8am on 2 January 2009
- 6.30pm on 2 January until 8am on 5 January 2009

The telephone numbers of local GP surgeries are listed below.



■ Cowes Medical Centre	295251
■ Sandown Medical Centre	0844 477 3001
■ Beech Grove Surgery, Brading	407558
■ Beech Grove Surgery, Lake	408408
■ East Cowes Health Centre	0844 477 3116
■ Shanklin Medical Centre	862245
■ Argyll House, West Street, Ryde	562955
■ South Wight Medical Practice, Brighstone	740219
■ South Wight Medical Practice, Niton	730257
■ South Wight Medical Practice, Godshell	840625
■ Medina Healthcare, West Street, Newport	522198
■ Medina Healthcare, Wootton	883520
■ Carisbrooke Health Centre	522150
■ Garfield Road, Ryde	565103
■ Tower House, Rink Road, Ryde	811431
■ Esplanade Surgery, Ryde	0844 477 0940
■ The Dower House, Pyle Street, Newport	523525
■ St Helens Medical Centre	0844 477 2454
■ Grove House Surgery, Ventnor	852427
■ Brookside Health Centre, Freshwater	0844 815 1428
■ Brookside Health Centre, Yarmouth	0844 815 1428
■ Ventnor Medical Centre, Ventnor	0844 576 9260

## Island Health Line

If you need to see a doctor out of normal surgery hours



**0845 6031 007**

If you think you need the help of a doctor out of normal surgery hours, you should ring the Island's Health Line on 0845 6031 007. All calls will be handled on the Island by highly trained NHS staff. They will take your details and may: give you advice on treating yourself; book you to see a GP at St Mary's; pass the information to a GP so that they can ring you back to give you further advice or arrange to see you; refer you to another appropriate healthcare professional.



## Emergency

A&E/999



**999**

Call 999 or visit A&E for emergencies only such as loss of consciousness, severe chest pain, serious accidents or serious loss of blood. For all other cases contact the Island Health Line. Emergency contraception can be obtained from the Maternity Unit at St Mary's Hospital at any time.

## Dentist

If you need to see a dentist



**0845 050 8345**

The Emergency Dental Service will be available on 25, 26, 27 and 28 December 2008, and 1 January 2009 for emergency appointments only from 8.30am to 12.45pm, by telephoning the Dental Helpline on 0845 050 8345. Normal service will be available at all other times. The Dental Helpline will be open 8.30am to 9.30pm throughout the Christmas period.

**814280** **Island Quitters**  
**Isle of Wight specialist stop smoking service**



## Top tips for your Christmas poultry

PROPERLY COOKED poultry and poultry products, including eggs, are safe to eat – but the spectre of food poisoning, particularly concerning the Christmas bird, is often lurking during the festive season.

To help ensure your poultry is prepared and cooked safely, the council's environmental health team has provided some useful tips.

### Thawing

- Frozen poultry must be completely thawed before cooking (details of thawing times depending on weight can be found at [www.iwight.com/eh](http://www.iwight.com/eh)).
- Place the bird in its bag on a plate in a cool place, such as a larder (preferably below 12°C). Never thaw in a warm place, this will allow bacteria to multiply.
- Test to see there are no ice crystals left in the cavity and that the legs and thighs are soft and move easily.
- Cook straight away, or refrigerate in the bottom part of the fridge, where it will not drip contaminated blood over any other food.

### Cooking

- Remove the giblets, wash the bird thoroughly inside, and dry with clean kitchen paper.
- Do not stuff until just before putting the bird into the oven. Only stuff the neck end, not the body cavity. Cook any extra stuffing separately.
- As a rough guide the bird should be roasted at 190°C/375°F/Gas 5, for a duration determined by its weight and whether it is in foil or not (details of weights and cooking times can be found at [www.iwight.com/eh](http://www.iwight.com/eh)).
- Individual ovens may vary, so always check the bird is thoroughly cooked. Test it with a skewer by piercing the deepest part of each thigh. The juices should run absolutely clear, not pink. If they run pink, return the bird to the oven and cook further, checking every 15 minutes.

### Serving

- After carving, cool any remaining meat as quickly as possible (preferably within 90 minutes) and store in a fridge (between 0°C and 4°C).

### Use of leftovers

- Once cooked, the meat is perfectly safe to freeze for up to two months (depending upon your freezer), even if it was a frozen bird in the first place.

For more information on food safety and hygiene issues contact: Environmental Health, Jubilee Stores, The Quay, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 2EH, tel: 823000, email: [eh@iow.gov.uk](mailto:eh@iow.gov.uk)



## Warning over credit deals

ISLAND RESIDENTS are being advised by trading standards to think twice before entering into credit agreements in the run up to Christmas.

Many high street shops offer store cards, with a new version being called the 'Easy Shop Card'. This allows the shopper to borrow from £100 to £500 to spend in a particular store with repayments being regular and fixed and collected by a local agent.

Other schemes include 'Pay Day Loans' which give a loan that is then usually paid back over a short period (for example 30 days) with a flat rate of interest repayable by direct debit.

Another is called a 'Log Book Loan' – this is a loan against your car where you sign a credit agreement and a Bill of Sale. This essentially means the ownership of your vehicle transfers to the loan company and gives it the right to take possession of the vehicle. Repayments are made weekly or monthly.

The council's senior trading standards officer, Julie Woodhouse, said: "These are all forms of borrowing which can carry high interest rates. With the current financial climate and with Christmas looming, it can be tempting to use one of these forms of credit and worry about the repayments later."

"We want to advise residents

to think very carefully before using one of these methods. A typical example of repayments on a current scheme can see you paying back £513 when you are loaned £300."

Trading standards has issued the following guidance for consideration before entering into any loan agreement:

- How much will the credit cost you compared with other similar deals?
- Is your home being used as security?
- Is it the best deal and interest rate you can get?
- Do you fully understand the credit agreement form you're about to sign?
- Will the interest rate stay the same?
- Are there extra charges if you repay the debt early?
- What happens if you miss a payment?
- What do you have to pay each month and for how long?
- What's the total amount that you will pay back?
- Can you take the credit agreement away to consider at your leisure?
- MOST IMPORTANT – CAN YOU AFFORD THE REPAYMENTS?

The council's trading standards section can offer further advice, tel: 821000.



## Nature notes



Daybreak on a fine clear winter's morning – as the sun creeps above the horizon, distant fields and woods are shades of grey against the pale golden glow in the sky, and robins and wrens can be heard striking up in nearby gardens.

By this time of year many plants have died back for the season, spending the winter leafless or even underground to avoid damage by frosts, but some stay green throughout the year. Hart's tongue fern (pictured above) can be seen in damp shady places like the woodland floor, or the base of walls. It has bright green, shiny, strap-like fronds with pointed tips. The undersides have brown ridges that produce a fine powdery dust made up of spores, the means by which the plant spreads.

Birds which have been out in the wider countryside are returning to gardens to look for food. Starlings often visit in noisy groups, swooping down on bird tables and scattering food as they peck rapidly. They are easily startled and rush off as quickly as they arrived. They are slightly smaller than blackbirds and appear speckled brown – until the low sun lights them up and shows metallic shades of pink and green in their glossy feathers.

Winter's short days often have memorable sunsets – shades of lavender, rose and apricot streaked through a deepening blue. Look out for starling flocks silhouetted against this backdrop. Birds swirl and stream across the sky, each aware of those around it, as the flock moves as one to its roost when night falls.

Anne Marston, assistant ecology officer

## Wight winter walks

If you are looking to explore the Island's countryside and coast with local experts as your guides, why not try one of the Wight winter walks?

Details of some of the walks are shown below, and you can also find out about them in a special leaflet produced by the council's parks and countryside section.

Leaflets are available from public libraries and tourist information centres or can be downloaded from [www.iwight.com/walks](http://www.iwight.com/walks)



**Mince Pie Ride** (Saturday 27 December, 10am to 1pm)

A gentle family bike ride, no more than eight miles. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Mince pies and mulled wine afterwards. Please ring to give numbers for refreshments. **Leader:** Cyclewight. **Tel:** 520529. **Meet:** Alverstone Village Hall. **Cost:** Donations for refreshments.

**Wight Lore – the Norman fortress walk** (Wednesday 31 December, 9.30am)

See out the year by exploring the countryside south of Newport on this six mile walk from the Norman fortress of Carisbrooke. Walk along ancient highways, ridge path, and visit the idyllic 13th century church at Gatcombe. Back in time for a pub lunch. **Leader:** Adrian Searle. **Tel:** 615636. **Meet:** Carisbrooke Castle car park.

**Winter wildlife walk** (Saturday 10 January, 11am)

Join a walk to see flocks of waders and wildfowl and birds of prey. About two and a half hours. Please wear stout footwear and suitable clothing. Sorry no dogs. **Leader:** RSPB. **Tel:** 873681. **Meet:** Brading Railway Station. **Cost:** RSPB members £3, non RSPB members £6, children half price.

**Sandman snowman** (Sunday 18 January, 11am)

The third annual Sandman Snowman event, and if by some miracle it's snowing we can make Snowmen Sandmen too. Bring buckets, spades and whatever else you think might help. We'll supply carrots, coal and hot chocolate. **Leader:** Ian Boyd. **Tel:** 298098. **Meet:** Hope Beach, Shanklin. **Cost:** Donation to Gift to Nature, £2 suggested.

**Meet the fair maids of February** (Wednesday 11 February, 10.30am)

Find out about the work of Wight Nature Fund in the area around Newchurch and meet the fair maids of February. About two and a half hours. Easy walk, some stiles. Bring a hot drink. **Leader:** Jill Green. **Tel:** 863763. **Meet:** Newchurch car park. **Cost:** Donations invited for Wight Nature Fund.

**Winter birdwatch** (Sunday 22 February, 10am)

A walk along the esplanade looking for winter gulls and waders before turning into Appley woods and park to look for winter thrushes, woodpeckers, finches and whatever else the weather brings us. **Leader:** Ian Boyd. **Tel:** 298098. **Meet:** By swimming pool, Ryde seafront. **Cost:** Donation to Gift to Nature, £2 suggested.

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## Seasonal guide to wildlife in the garden

If you intend to grow some wildflowers from seed, you need to think ahead. Seeds like cowslips, primroses and bird's foot trefoil require a period of cold before they will germinate. Sow them in pots now and then leave them outside where the weather can work on them.



## ACTIVITIES

**Book Fair** (27 Dec)  
Book, postcard and ephemera fair, Parish Centre, Town Lane, Newport, 10am to 3.30pm, admission 20p.

**Wightcat Crafts**  
(7 Jan – 4 Mar)  
Parchment craft club (7, 21 January, 4, 18 February, 4 March, all 1.30pm to 4pm), beginners' parchment classes (28 January, 25 February, 1.30pm to 4pm), card making workshop (24 January, 28 February, 10.30am to 1pm), all at Wightcat Crafts, 14 Carisbrooke Road, Newport, booking in advance essential, tel: 527525, email: [crafts@wightcat.com](mailto:crafts@wightcat.com)

**Isle of Wight Industrial Archaeology Society** (9 Jan)  
Annual general meeting, with talk from guest speaker Richard Smout, titled *Under and Over the Solent*, Riverside Centre, Newport, 7.30pm.

**RNLI New Year Coffee Morning**  
(13 Jan)  
Coffee morning with bring-and-buy sale, Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes, 10.30am to 12 noon.

## EXHIBITIONS

**The Little White Duck** (15 Nov – 10 Jan)  
Animation by Medina High School students, Learning Curve Gallery, Quay Arts, Newport.

**Dark City, Lonely Circus** (22 Nov – 10 Jan)  
Printmaking and animation projections by Thomas Hicks, Quay Arts, Newport.

**Timeless Interiors**  
(4 Dec – 12 Jan)  
Joanna Burton's paintings of intimate objects at stately homes, palaces, places of worship and modest dwellings, Quay Arts, Newport.

**Renowned** (15 Jan – 16 Feb)  
Works by Stephen Parish of performers including Elvis, the

Beatles and Abba, Quay Arts, Newport.

**The Solent Project - Painting the Two Coasts** (17 Jan – 28 Feb)  
Works by Kurt Jackson, one of Britain's leading landscape painters, Quay Arts, Newport.

**Oedipus Diving, Shadow Games**  
(24 Jan – 21 Feb)  
Two series of paintings by Marius von Brasch, on hardwood panels, Quay Arts, Newport.

## MUSIC

**Finn Peters** (9 Jan)  
Versatile jazz alto sax and flautist performs Afro-Cuban music, contemporary classical and acoustic jazz, Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £10/£9\*.

**Chris Jagger's Atcha Band** (16-17 Jan)  
Four-piece blend of Cajun and Blues with glimpses of 1950s skiffle, Bembridge Forelands School (16 January, 7.30pm, tickets from Lane End News or tel: 07841 713404),



## The Solent Project - Painting the Two Coasts, an exhibition by Kurt Jackson, Quay Arts, Newport, 17 January to 28 February

Totland Church Hall (17 January, 7.30pm, tickets from Totland Pharmacy or tel: 823813), tickets cost £8.

**The Sacconi Quartet** (17 Jan)  
A prizewinning quartet performing music from Beethoven and others, for West Wight Arts Association, Memorial Hall, Freshwater, 7.30pm, for tickets tel: 752278 (within a fortnight of the event).

**Gordon Giltrap** (30 Jan)  
Music influenced by rock, folk and classical guitar, St John's Church, Ryde, 8pm, tickets £8 from Park Centre, Ryde, tel: 611913.

**An evening with Glen Matlock** (6 Feb)  
Bass player with the Sex Pistols, performing an acoustic set spanning 30 years, also questions and answers, in association with Platform One, Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £12/£11\*.

**Meta 4** (13 Feb)  
Inspiring and driving jazz composed by Bob Plimer and featuring saxophonist Gary Plumley, Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £10/£9\*.

**The Bridge Duo** (14 Feb)  
Acclaimed duo Matthew Jones (viola) and Michael Hampton

(piano) perform works by Brahms and Prokofiev, for West Wight Arts Association, Memorial Hall, Freshwater, 7.30pm, for tickets tel: 752278 (within a fortnight of the event).

**London Philharmonic Skiffle Orchestra** (21 Feb)  
Energetic mix of comedy slapstick, outlandish costumes and skiffle music, Brighstone Wilberforce Hall, 7.30pm, tickets £7 from Brighstone Newsagent, tel: 740295.

**Swarb's Lazarus** (22 Feb)  
Vaguely Sunny in association with Quay Arts present the legendary English fiddler Dave Swarbrick, guitarist Kevin Dempsey and multi-instrumentalist Martin Alcock, Memorial Hall, Freshwater, 8pm, tickets £14\*.

## TALKS

**Crystal Palace and the Great Exhibition 1851** (7 Jan)  
A talk to the Isle of Wight branch of the Historical Association, by Peter Street, Open University, Parish Centre, Town Lane, Newport, 7.30pm, contact Terry Blunden, tel: 524410.

**Sir Francis Drake - England's criminal hero** (11 Feb)  
A talk to the Isle of Wight branch of the Historical Association, by Lucy Hughes-Hallett, Parish Centre, Town Lane, Newport, 7.30pm, contact Terry Blunden, tel: 524410.

## THEATRE

**Jack and the Beanstalk** (26-30 Dec)  
Traditional family pantomime, Medina Theatre, Newport, 2.30pm matinees and one 7.30pm show, contact Medina Theatre, tel: 527020.

**Filibuster** (14 Jan)  
Red Tie Theatre presents a tale of a couple facing the reality of their marriage, Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £7/£6\*.

**All You Need is Love** (4-7 Feb)  
A musical love story set in the 60s and 70s to the music of the Beatles, Shanklin Theatre, 7.30pm, tickets £8.50/£6.50.

**Aladdin** (14-15, 21 Feb)  
Wight Strollers family pantomime, Medina Theatre, Newport, 2.30pm and 7.30pm, tickets £7 adults/£5 children (on sale from 2 January).

**The Pickwick Papers** (28 Feb)  
The Original Road Trip European Arts Company presents the farcical journey of Dickens Samuel Pickwick, Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £10/£9\*.

**Rapunzel and the Tower of Doom** (28 Feb – 1 Mar)  
Theatre of Widdershins presents an enchanting show, Northwood Wl Hall (28 February, 3pm, tickets £6/£4, family ticket £16, tel: 823813), Nettlesome Primary School (1 March, 3pm, same prices, tickets from school office in person or tel: 07812 573935).

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