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Welcome to the May edition of the council's magazine, in which we provide a special four-page guide to travel and highways arrangements for this year's Isle of Wight Festival.

We also look ahead to the Big Green Picnic at Newport later this month, which will provide Island residents and visitors with the chance of getting involved with the ambitious Eco Island vision.

Other features in this issue include a look at the important role played by the Isle of Wight Youth Council; a first-hand account of the experiences of an Island foster carer; and information about a recent analysis of our leisure centres.

We also provide an update on the consultation timetable for the Island Plan, a planning blueprint which will influence development on the Island for many years to come.

Many of our One Island improvement projects are also gaining momentum and we bring you details on how a number of these are progressing.

As ever, we remain committed in our endeavours to delivering council services of which we can all be proud.

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

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(council chamber)

21 May (6pm)

18 June (6pm)

Cabinet

(committee room one)

13 May (6pm)

3 June (6pm)

17 June (6pm)

Audit Committee

(committee room one)

20 May (6pm)

23 June (6pm)

Planning Committee

(council chamber)

27 May (4pm)

24 June (4pm)

Licensing Sub-committee

(committee room one)

9 June (4pm)

Scrutiny Committee

(committee room one)

15 May (6pm)

19 June (6pm)

Ethical Standards Committee

(committee room one)

19 May (6pm)

General Purposes (Appeals) Committee

(committee room one)

19 May (10am)

Policy Commission for Care, Health and Housing

(committee room one)

28 May (6pm)

9 July (6pm)

Policy Commission for Business and Infrastructure

(committee room one)

11 June (6pm)

Policy Commission for Children and School Results

(committee room one)

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Top performers for storytelling festival

Internationally-renowned performers will be among key attractions for the third Isle of Wight Storytelling Festival from 23 to 26 May.

Based at the Riverside Centre, Newport, with 'Ferry Tales' as its theme, the festival's headline acts will be the British trio Annamations (*pictured*), American Sam Cannarozzi and Cassandra Wye.

Island Storytellers, the group behind the festival, has been able to attract high-calibre performers thanks to a £9,000 grant from the Lottery's Awards for All scheme.

Combining the spoken word, song and characterisation, Annamations (Anna Conomos, Anna O'Brien and Susannah Willetts) will be entertaining passengers aboard Wightlink's Portsmouth to Fishbourne ferry on the Saturday 24 May.

Ashore, Annamations will perform their new show, Tongue & Groove, at the Riverside that evening. They will also be running a workshop for aspiring storytellers the following morning.

Sam Cannarozzi's background in the USA as a multi-lingual student of dance and the performing arts has helped to ensure his reputation as a global storyteller.

Tastes, scents, the sounds of music and foreign languages, pictures, objects, fabrics and a mass of colour all feature in his act

and will be evident when he performs at the Riverside on Sunday 25 May, followed on the Monday morning by a workshop.

Also featuring twice in the programme is Cassandra Wye, a widely-travelled festival performer in the UK and abroad. She will be providing entertainment at the Big Green Picnic on Saturday 24 May, and then on the bank holiday Monday she will round-off the festival with a performance in the afternoon.

The festival will also feature informal story-rounds, stories by, and a competition for, young storytellers and possibly a school performance – details to be announced.

"This year's festival is shaping up to have all the ingredients for a feast of storytelling," said Sue Bailey, who chairs Island Storytellers.

• For more information on the storytelling festival and its related events, please contact Sue Bailey (Island Storytellers) on 241095.

The One Island programme

You will see the One Island badge shown here attached to various articles throughout the magazine. This signifies projects forming part of the council's One Island programme of improvements.



Fire service helps young Islanders

The Island's fire service recently hosted a scheme designed to change the behaviour and attitudes of young people at risk of offending.

The Local Intervention Fire Education scheme (LIFE) invited youngsters to an intensive five day training course at Ryde Fire Station, providing training in how to be responsible for the management and maintenance of fire fighting equipment.

LIFE aims to address fire safety and anti-social behaviour issues through intensive work experience within a structured uniformed team.

As part of the scheme the youngsters were shown how to look after fire appliances, personal equipment, and the station in general.

The scheme is supported by the council, Hampshire Constabulary, the Island's youth offending team and the Pan Community Partnership. The Isle of Wight Youth Inclusion Forum provided a grant towards the scheme.

Martin Poynter, LIFE team co-ordinator, said: "The fire service is a positive role model and hopefully we can improve the lives of those taking part. This may include helping them realise the importance of full-time education."

Residents' survey 2008



This month the council will be carrying out its annual residents' survey – an exercise which in the last few years has played a major part in directing the authority's projects and spending plans.

Residents will be asked how satisfied they are with council services, how effectively these services are being delivered and how they might be improved.

The 2008 survey will include core questions focusing on residents' perceptions of their local area, their general attitude towards the council and communications from the council.

To maintain consistency the questions

change little from year to year, as information is compared to the previous year's results.

Like in 2007 the survey will consist of 800 interviews conducted by telephone with randomly selected residents, with targets set on gender, age and employment status to reflect the Island's population.

An independent market research company called Infocorp will once again be carrying out the survey.

Feedback will help the council to measure the change in public perceptions and identify areas where it needs to focus more attention and resources.

Have your say on health services



Island residents are being invited to have their say on how health and care services are provided.

The Local Involvement Network (LINK) is to become the new public engagement body for local health and social care provision, replacing the former Patient and Public Involvement Forum.

The council is responsible for setting up the LINK and is currently seeking a 'host' organisation to run it.

As part of the process required to set up the LINK, the council has gone out to tender in search of the host organisation. This host will be appointed by 30 September.

An engagement board has also been set up to oversee the formation of the LINK, and any member of the public can be involved in the LINK.

Director of community services, Sarah Mitchell, said: "The Isle of Wight LINK will be made up of groups, organisations and individuals interested in having a say in how health and social care services are delivered on the Island.

"It will have various roles including acting as a consultation body for health and social care commissioners and providers. This is a very important task and why we are keen that the new organisation is as representative as possible."

Carol Alstrom, Isle of Wight Primary Care Trust chief nurse, said: "The LINK has a vital role in patient and public involvement in the NHS and we are looking forward to the wider engagement the LINK will bring."

• For more information on the Island LINK, please contact Louise Biggs, policy and engagement officer, community services on 821000.

New council chairman

Councillor Arthur Taylor has been elected as the council's new chairman for 2008/2009.

Councillor Taylor, member for Ryde North West and a member of the Isle of Wight Council since 1996, replaces Councillor Roger Mazillius, who has completed his term of office.

The council chairman is its civic head and chairs meetings of the full council. The position is non-political, and as well as being responsible for the council's civic affairs, the role includes promoting public involvement in the council's activities.

A total of £14,706 was raised for the chairman's charities while Councillor Mazillius was chairman, with £7,353 going to the Island Youth Water Activities Centre, Cowes, and £7,353 to the Macmillan Nurses at the Earl Mountbatten Hospice, Newport.

Smartening up for Ryde

Ryde's town centre managers have been spearheading a community project to smarten up the town's bus and rail interchange.

Other contributors to the initiative have included local businesses, a group of pupils from Ryde High School, Wightlink, Hovertravel, Southern Vectis, Morey's timber merchants, Ryde Town Management Committee, Help the Aged, Island Line and the council's Safer Neighbourhood Partnership.

Part of the project involves a local artist and members of the community joining forces to create a mural based on the Seven Wonders of the Isle of Wight and linked with the Travelsafe scheme, co-ordinated through the Community Rail Partnership.

Offenders doing

community service as part of the restorative justice scheme are taking part in the mural project, painting walls white in preparation for the artwork.

As well as the work on the mural, local businessman Wayne Whittle (*pictured with his daughter outside his shop, Platform Fun*) has reoccupied the kiosk at the Esplanade and opened a new shop selling souvenirs – in addition to re-opening the Delicious Cafe in Western Gardens. He has also repainted the toilet block.

Ryde town centre manager, Katharine Arblaster, who led the scheme, said: "It has been a really positive experience seeing people getting together to make this happen and to concentrate on the positive things that can be achieved if we have a common goal in mind."



Housing group gets top marks



An 'excellent' rating has been given to South Wight Housing Association's domiciliary care service.

The rating has been announced by the Commission for Social Care Inspection and relates to the association's care of its residents and local people.

The 'excellent' rating – a three star standard – is the highest the commission can award, and follows a recent inspection and audit.

The housing association's domiciliary care unit comprises two teams of trained carers who help local residents.

The association's domiciliary care registered manager, Tina Stuart, said: "Our clients tell us what a good job we are doing and now we have government recognition in the form of this three star award."

• SWHA owns and manages over 3,000 properties on the Island.



Buy With Confidence scheme celebrates 200th member

A scheme to help consumers avoid being ripped off has signed up its 200th member.

Buy With Confidence, run by the council's trading standards service, was launched in 2005 to make sure that local businesses trade fairly, are trustworthy and keep to the spirit and letter of the law.

All 200 members of the scheme have passed stringent checks made by trading standards. The list of members is available to the public so that they can find businesses that are reputable.

Last month a presentation was made to small family business, C & J Ground Maintenance (*pictured*), the 200th member of the scheme.

Twenty other new members to the scheme were welcomed at the presentation ceremony, including a dog groomer, a jeweller, an electrician and a security firm.

Councillor Diana Tuson, cabinet member for safer communities, said: "Since its launch in 2005, local businesses both large and small have signed up to the scheme and have greatly appreciated the many benefits of being members.

"The public also know that any businesses on the scheme have passed the trading standards criteria and by consulting the list can be assured that firms are honest and dependable."

• Anyone looking for a reliable, honest business can check the Buy With Confidence website at www.iwbuywithconfidence.info or alternatively call trading standards on 823370.



New eco superloos set for completion

Three new eco public toilets are due to be completed by the end of May.

The new toilets – thought to be the greenest in the UK – are currently under construction in Yaverland, Wootton and Brading.

The Yaverland toilet features a photo-voltaic roof, a small wind turbine to generate power and rainwater harvesting technology.

At Brading and Wootton (*artist's impression above*), sustainable building techniques and low energy light fittings are being

used, as is natural ventilation. All public conveniences feature public art displays.

Work to build a fourth toilet at Ventnor – a project that will use hydro electric power from the Cascades as one of its green features – will begin when other planning issues connected to other development in the area are resolved.

The designs for all four toilets have taken shape following consultations with the local communities.

Alan Titchmarsh launches reading initiative

The Isle of Wight's new High Sheriff, tv personality Alan Titchmarsh, recently launched the Island's involvement in National Year of Reading.

Mr Titchmarsh, also a successful author, launched the initiative at Lord Louis Library, Newport.

Throughout the year, library staff are aiming to build a "reading Island" as part of National Year of Reading.

The scheme is not just about people reading books but also about celebrating the enjoyment that reading can bring via magazines, newspapers, musical lyrics and the internet.

Each month, at libraries across the Island, there will be themed activities for children and adults, including author visits, literary walks, competitions and quizzes.



Mr Titchmarsh said: "Reading is an extremely important element in my life and has been since I was a young boy.

"I am delighted to support the National Year of Reading here on the Island and would encourage everyone to use their library service – you will be surprised at what you will find!"

Extensive coverage of Island events



The council's iwight.com website will be expanding its coverage of Island events this summer.

Visitors to the site will be able to read comprehensive reviews of all the major events and view extensive photo galleries.

The Events of the Year 2008 section can be found mid-way down the iwight.com homepage.

The section also provides access to related links and a feedback section where you can share your personal event experiences with others.

In the build-up to key events, the website's 'What's New?' section will also feature the latest information.

Events in May will include the Isle of Wight Walking Festival, Yarmouth Old Gaffers, the Real Ale Festival, Big Green Picnic and Walk the Wight.

Spring bank holiday refuse collection arrangements



Refuse normally collected on: Will be collected on:

Monday 26 May	Tuesday 27 May
Tuesday 27 May	Wednesday 28 May
Wednesday 28 May	Thursday 29 May
Thursday 29 May	Friday 30 May
Friday 30 May	Saturday 31 May

Recycling services for the kitchen waste bucket and the kerbside recycling box will change in line with the dates given above.

Remember that the recycling box is a fortnightly collection and must be kerbside by 7am. If you are not sure of your week of collection please use any of the contact details given below.

Isle of Wight Council, tel: 821000, website: www.iwight.com

Island Waste Services, tel: 821234, website: www.islandwaste.co.uk

Centenary celebrations for church

The Island's only thatched church, St Agnes at Freshwater (shown here from an old postcard in 1910), is to celebrate the centenary of its dedication this summer.

The church, in Gate Lane, was built on land donated by Hallam Tennyson, the son of Victorian Poet Laureate Alfred, Lord Tennyson.

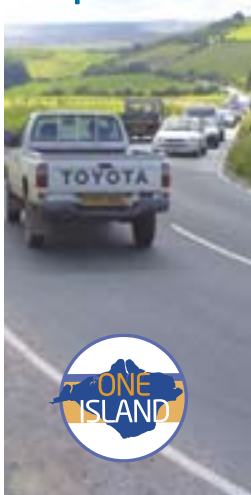
In May last year a centenary appeal was launched to raise £40,000 to help celebrate the event and to repair and re-thatch the roof. Many fund raising events have taken place to help achieve the target.

The church was dedicated on 12 August, 1908, and on 10 August this year a special thanksgiving service will be held, attended by the Island's High Sheriff and other civic and church dignitaries.



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£325m highways scheme explained



Work is continuing following the news that the council has secured Private Finance Initiative (PFI) funding worth £325 million to improve Island roads.

The next stage of the process is for the council to submit a detailed business case giving more information on what work will be carried out during the 25-year-life of the PFI.

While there is much detailed work to be done between now and the submission of the case in January next year, the aim is that the majority of work to improve the highway network, pavements and street lighting, will be carried out in the initial seven year period from 2011.

The PFI money is neither a loan nor a mortgage to be

paid back by the council. It has been secured from money set aside by government from the conventional budget from which it traditionally funds local authorities.

The council was one of only three authorities to successfully bid for this money, and throughout the life of the initiative it will continue to make its annual contribution to the maintenance of Island roads.

Work on the PFI scheme will involve approved contractors, overseen by a project board, and will be scheduled to minimise construction traffic and to use recycled material where possible.

• More details on the scheme will be published in future editions of One Island.



New head of customer first

Helen Frances (pictured) has been appointed as the council's new head of customer first.

She joins the authority from Salisbury District Council where she undertook a similar job. She was also previously at Bath and North East Somerset Council, and has worked on projects including designing and setting up a telephone contact centre spread across four locations.

More lollipop people needed!

The council is on the lookout for more recruits to become school crossing patrol officers at locations across the Island.

Confident, enthusiastic and reliable people are being sought to cover a number of vacancies. Those applying should be available to work throughout term time for up to one hour in the morning between 8am and 9am and between 2.30pm and 4pm in the afternoon (although times may vary slightly and a job share may be possible).

They should also be able to work in all weathers and be aged between 18 and 75.

The council will provide full training, a uniform and a salary (even during the school holidays).

• If you want to find out more contact Rebecca Tuck in the council's road safety section on 823799, or email rebecca.tuck@iow.gov.uk



Care firm gets Island lottery help

A company which provides personal care, home help and gardening services for elderly and vulnerable people is the latest to benefit from a loan from the Isle of Wight Lottery.

Denise Wight and Melanie Newnham of Chale-based M and D Country Care have been awarded £5,000 interest free over five years to help expand their business and create four new jobs.

In its first seven years the lottery has paid out more than £850,000 in prize money, and issued loans to 50 companies, helping create more than 130 jobs.

• If you are interested in signing up for the Isle of Wight Lottery you should visit www.isleofwightlottery.com





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International support for sports academy

A strong endorsement was given to the Isle of Wight's new Sports Development Academy at Newport during a recent visit by the chairman of the International Island Games Association, Jorgen Pettersson.

Mr Pettersson visited the academy at Medina Leisure Centre to view its development programme and meet the coaches and young sports people.

"I have seen a high quality professional team delivering a wonderful sports programme to the Island's young people," he told those at the academy.

Mr Pettersson was on the Isle of Wight with other members of the ten-strong Island Games committee for an executive meeting as part of the run up to the 2011 games, which are being held on the Island.

During their visit, they met with the Isle of Wight 2011 organising committee and sports coordinators, including the chairman of the Island Games Association, David Ball, and council leader, Councillor David Pugh.

The new academy Mr Pettersson viewed at Newport was created following an intensive programme of school-based assessments to identify multi-talented children on the Island. As a result, a total of 60 Year 4 children were invited to take part in the academy development programme.

The academy aims to give the youngsters a comprehensive training programme of speed, strength, coordination and agility work, while also introducing a range of high quality sports specific tasters. The children will be given the chance to experience a number of sports led by highly qualified coaches and organisations via the academy programme.

Lee Matthews, community development manager, said: "The Island Games in 2011 represents a fantastic opportunity for Isle of Wight young people to get involved in sport at every level."

PICTURED:

Hammer thrower Andy Frost with a group of talented sporting youngsters from Bembridge Primary School



Encouraging junior squash

The Isle of Wight Junior Squash Club has been working with the council's sports unit to promote awareness of, and increase participation in junior squash.

The club is affiliated to England Squash and its qualified coaches can train players of a wide range of ages and abilities. The club currently plays at Westridge Squash Centre, Ryde and offers junior squash group lessons for beginners and improvers aged five to 18.

Junior squash sessions take place at Westridge, 4.30pm to 6pm, cost £3.

• For more information contact Martin Phillips on 07835 906133, or Westridge Leisure Centre on 566243.

New junior basketball club

The council's sports unit and basketball coach Rachel Almond have set up the new Newport Junior Basketball Club.

Using specialist lowered basketball hoops and small sized basketballs the club aims to provide junior coaching and games for children of all abilities.

Sessions will be held on Sundays at Medina Leisure Centre, Newport from 2pm to 4pm. Just turn up, pay and play:

- Mini basketball (ages five to nine) – 2pm to 3pm, cost £3.
- Junior basketball (ages nine to 13) – 3pm to 4pm, cost £3.
- For more information contact Tom Lyons at the sports unit on 823818, or email Thomas.Lyons@iow.gov.uk

Isle of Wight Sports Directory 2008



A comprehensive new directory of sports clubs on the Island has recently been published and has been circulated to all schools and more than 150 local outlets, including doctors, dentists, youth centres and ferry ports.

The directory features more than 100 Island sports clubs, each of which has been sent a copy. The guide also features details of leisure centres, national governing bodies and the council's sports unit.

- If you would like a copy of the directory please email the sports unit at Thomas.Lyons@iow.gov.uk



Become a Friend of Dinosaur Isle

A new group has been formed to support one of the Island's most popular tourist attractions, Dinosaur Isle at Sandown.

Members are now being sought to become Friends of Dinosaur Isle, a group that will support the work of the popular council-run museum.

As well as being part of a charitable trust to support the museum in its work, the friends of Dinosaur Isle will be part of a group that actively supports the Island's geological heritage.

With their close involvement in the working of the museum, the Friends of Dinosaur Isle will get exclusive previews to new exhibitions, behind the scenes

tours of the museum and join with other friends in regular guided visits to areas of palaeontological and geological interest.

Other benefits for friends will be the opportunity to attend the annual dinner and reception at the museum, as well as the chance to become involved in the work of the museum as a volunteer.

A regular FODI (Friends of Dinosaur Isle) newsletter will keep members up to date with the latest developments at the museum and any new exciting acquisitions that have been made.

- For more information on the group you should call Dinosaur Isle on 404344.

Young sailors battle for youth games places



Ferry firm Wightlink has been supporting the Isle of Wight sailing team in its recent trials for the 2008 World Youth Games in Guadeloupe.

(Pictured are yacht club commodore, Steve Warren Smith and Wightlink marketing manager Kerry Jackson, back row, with some of the young sailors).

The trials were hosted by the Royal Victoria Yacht Club at Fishbourne, with young sailors competing to qualify for the four team places for the games. Wightlink has supported the Island's sailing team for the past four years.

Volunteer accolade for David

The chairman of the Island Games Association on the Isle of Wight, David Ball, has been chosen as Volunteer of the Year by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sports Council.

He was nominated for his outstanding contributions and work in supporting and developing the Island Games – spending many hours leading a committed team of volunteers in the build-up to the 2011 Nat West Island Games.



Joining forces to promote safer drinking

A safer drinking message on the Island was recently promoted as part of Alcohol Awareness Week.

The council, police and the Isle of Wight NHS Primary Care Trust joined forces to highlight the dangers of drinking too much and to encourage sensible drinking among vulnerable groups – particularly the young.

Both the police and the council recognise that low level violent crime at night is largely caused by people not drinking responsibly, which is a major concern to other residents.

The accident and emergency department at St Mary's Hospital, Newport has to deal with injuries directly caused by people drinking too much – and there are the fears surrounding the longer-term health effects of excessive drinking.

Heather Lovell, of the primary care trust, said: "At St Mary's we have to deal with the effects of irresponsible drinking both by tackling the injuries that very often result in the short term and the long term effects which can lead to serious damage to the liver and to people's mental capacity in later life.

"We fully support this campaign and hope that the sensible drinking message gets across."

Chairmen appointments 2008/2009

The council has appointed the chairmen of its various committees for 2008/2009. The appointments, at its annual meeting held recently, were:

Scrutiny (Muriel Miller); Audit (Colin West); Ethical Standards (Mark Southwell); Planning (Ivan Bulwer); Licensing (Susan Scoccia); General Purposes (Lady Pigot).

Policy commission chairmen appointed were: Safer Communities (David Williams); Children and School Results (George Cameron); Business and Infrastructure (Jonathan Fitzgerald-Bond); Care, Health and Housing (Erica Oulton).

- All appointees are councillors, with the exception of the Ethical Standards Committee chairman.

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Isle of Wight Festival 2008

Your guide to enjoying the weekend

Friday 13 June

MAIN STAGE

Kaiser Chiefs

N*E*R*D

KT Tunstall

The Hoosiers

The Wombats

Joe Lean and the Jing Jang Jong

The Answer

BIG TOP

The Stranglers

The Duke Spirit

Curved Air

Arno Carstens

Scars on 45

Wills & the Willing

Saturday 14 June

MAIN STAGE

Sex Pistols

Ian Brown

Iggy and the Stooges

The Zutons

The Enemy

Kate Nash

The Cribs

Amy Macdonald

One Night Only

Black Stone Cherry

BIG TOP

Sugababes

The Australian Pink Floyd Show •

Ida Maria • Arno Carstens • Andy

LeRusso: The singing chef • Stone

Gods • Gundogs • Laura Critchley •

Paul Newsome • David Stewart

Sunday 15 June

MAIN STAGE

The Police

The Kooks

James

Starsailor

Scouting for Girls

Newton Faulkner

Delays

BIG TOP

Feeder

New Young Pony Club • The Music

• Liam Gerner • Arno Carstens •

Andy LeRusso: The singing chef •

Bailey Tzuke • Florence K • Hogg •

The Arcadian Kicks • Sondura

In just five weeks the Isle of Wight Festival will be with us again. This handy guide provides at-a-glance information to help Island residents and visitors enjoy the internationally-renowned event

Now in its seventh year, the festival is once again bringing world class acts to Seaclose Park at Newport - with this year The Police headlining the event.

But the festival is not just of cultural benefit to the Island - it is estimated the three-day concert boosts the Island's economy by as much as £10 million a year.

The importance of the event to the Island is recognised by the council which is pleased to help festival organiser, Solo, where it can to ensure the massive task of organising the event is as problem-free as possible.

Council leader David Pugh said: "The Isle of Wight is justifiably proud of its award-winning festival which has the reputation as being one of the best and friendliest in the country.

"The council has worked hard this year with Solo and with Southern Vectis to ensure the event runs smoothly, both for residents and for the tens of thousands of visitors who come to our Island for the three days.

"I hope that everyone has an enjoyable festival and that the weather is as kind to us as it has been in previous years."

Traffic information and how to get to the festival

Newport one-way restriction (Fairlee Road)

Due to the number of people attending the festival a one-way restriction is necessary to accommodate a pedestrian only lane on the northbound carriageway of the A3054 Fairlee Road. The restriction will be between the entrance to the temporary bus terminal (next to the campsite at the access to North Fairlee Farm) and the junction of Staplers Road.

Due to the one-way restriction (in operation from approximately 10am, Thursday 12 June to early afternoon, Monday 16 June) all traffic travelling from Newport to East Cowes and Ryde, and from Newport to the festival campsite/main festival car park, will be diverted via Staplers Road, Whiterails Road and Station Road, to Wootton and A3054 High Street and Lushington Hill.

Possible delays

During the event there will be far more traffic in the Newport/Wootton area, meaning additional delays, especially at peak times.

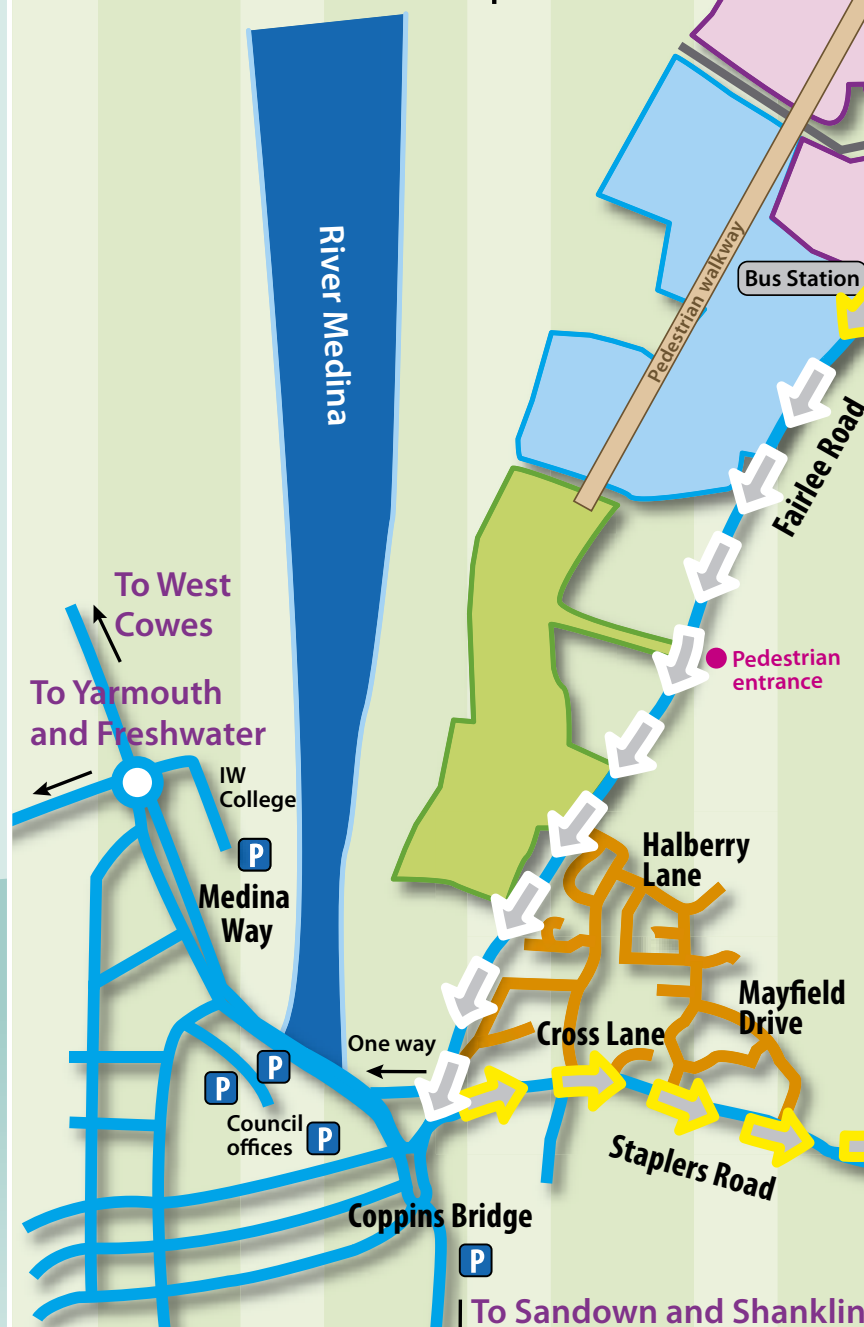
Festival car park entrance

The entrance to the festival car park is off East Cowes Road, 300 metres on the East Cowes side of Racecourse roundabout. Event directions will be signposted.

Speed limits and parking restrictions (Racecourse, Fairlee Road)

For safety reasons and to minimise congestion, there will be a temporary 30mph speed limit and a 24 hour Highway Clearway Order (where no stopping/parking will be permitted on the road, in any lay-bys, on the footway or verge). The restrictions will be on Racecourse/Fairlee Road between Racecourse roundabout and the junction with Staplers Road and in Whippingham Road from near East Cowes Road (car park entrance) to Racecourse Roundabout from mid-morning on Thursday 12 June to the

Isle of Wight Festival 2008 Road traffic plan



afternoon of Monday 16 June.

Temporary late night road closures (Racecourse, Fairlee Road, Staplers Road)

With pedestrian safety in mind, it is planned to close the A3054 Racecourse and Fairlee Road to vehicular traffic in both directions between Racecourse roundabout and Staplers Road after the event

finishes on each night.

The road closure should be in operation from approximately:

- 11.30pm to 1.15am on Friday 13 June (night)/Saturday 14 June (morning);
- 11.30pm until 1.15am on Saturday 14 June (night)/Sunday 15 June (morning);
- 10.30pm until 12.15am on Sunday 15 June (night)/Monday 16 June (morning).



River Medina west bank

In recent years there have been concerns that some members of the public have been trying to view the festival from the west bank of the River Medina.

Not only does this create traffic problems in the Riverway industrial estate but there are also concerns that the crowds which gather on the bank cause problems by lighting fires and leaving large amounts of litter leading to health and safety concerns.

Solo has been working with the council to ensure these problems can be tackled. The land is in council ownership and will be fenced off for the duration of the festival. However, people will still be able to walk along the western bank of the River Medina by following the Cowes to Newport cycleway.

the A3054 Fairlee Road from Binfield corner and the entrance to the temporary bus station at the access to North Fairlee Farm, will be able to travel to and from their properties from the Racecourse roundabout direction when the closures occur.

Seaclose Park

To ensure the health and safety of the public during the staging of the festival at Seaclose Park, the park will be closed between Monday 2 June and Monday 23 June.

Footpaths

The footpath from Seaclose Park access road across Seaclose Park to Island Harbour Marina will be closed from Monday 2 June until Friday 20 June.

The access road through

These closure times may need to change if circumstances require.

Restricted access (Cross Lane/Halberry Lane area)

Between approximately mid-morning on Friday 13 June and early afternoon on Monday 16 June there will be restricted access to all the roads in the Halberry Lane/Cross Lane area.

However residents and deliveries will be able to use the roads as normal.

During the period of the restriction, vehicular access for residents and deliveries into all the roads will only be possible from the A3054 Fairlee Road (into Halberry Lane), and from Staplers Road (into Cross Lane). Access will not be possible from Fairlee Road (into Victoria Road)

and from Staplers Road (into Fairmount Drive or into Mayfield Drive).

Parking in the area will be for residents only and they will soon be receiving two permits for each household and also details of how to obtain additional permits.

Local residents

Residents who live at Island Harbour off Mill Lane and along

Seaclose Park from Fairlee Road to Newport Quay will be closed to vehicles and pedestrians, and Footpath N120 from the Riverside Centre car park to Seaclose Park access road will be closed from the evening of Thursday 12 June until the morning of Monday 16 June.

Buses and taxis

Buses

For details on buses please see the Southern Vectis information shown here.

Taxis

The taxi drop off and pick up point for the festival campsite is located off Mill Lane (the access road to Island Harbour). The drop-off point/pick-up point is near to the junction with Fairlee Road.

Quay Street, Newport will be closed from the High Street to Sea Street from the early evening on Friday 13 June until the morning of Monday 16 June for a festival taxi rank for setting down and picking up.

Further information

For general highways information:

Isle of Wight Council, tel: (01983) 823777.

For bus information:

Southern Vectis, tel: (01983) 827000 (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday).

For ferry information:

- Portsmouth to Ryde (passenger ferry), Portsmouth to Fishbourne (vehicle ferry), Lymington to Yarmouth (vehicle ferry):
Wightlink, tel: 0870 582 0202 www.wightlink.co.uk
- Southampton to Cowes (passenger ferry), Southampton to East Cowes (vehicle ferry):
Red Funnel, tel: 0870 444 8898 www.redfunnel.co.uk
- Southsea to Ryde (passenger hovercraft):
Hovertravel, tel: (01983) 811000 www.hovertravel.co.uk



Getting to the festival

During the festival Southern Vectis will be running its usual bus routes supplemented by shuttle buses to make it easy for visitors to get to the festival site.

From Ryde

- *Wightlink Fastcat* from Portsmouth
- *Hovertravel hovercraft* from Southsea

Route 9 buses going via Fairlee will call in at the festival site. In addition there will be shuttle buses from Ryde Bus Station direct to the festival site.

From Fishbourne

- *Wightlink ferry* from Portsmouth

In addition to Route 9 buses operating via Fairlee, which can be caught at the end of Fishbourne Lane, there will be shuttle buses operating at other times.

From Yarmouth

- *Wightlink ferry* from Lymington
- In addition to Route 7 buses to Newport, where passengers can change to festival shuttle buses, there will be Festival

Direct shuttle buses operating at other times.

From Cowes

- *Red Funnel Red Jet ferry* from Southampton

In addition to Route 1 buses to Newport (every six minutes), where passengers can change to festival shuttle buses, there will be Festival Direct shuttle buses operating at other times.

From East Cowes

- *Red Funnel ferry* from Southampton

In addition to Route 5 buses to Newport via the festival site, there will be Festival Direct shuttle buses operating at other times.

Getting out and about

There will be buses running between Newport and the festival bus station, near the campsite, between 8am and 7pm on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. From Newport you can connect with other Southern Vectis bus routes, which run all over the Island throughout the day.

Newport (travel time 15 minutes)

Newport is the Island's main town and retail centre. Close to the bus station are Somerfield, Morrisons and Marks and Spencer. There are also plenty of cafés and pubs in the town. Get there on the Newport Shuttle.

Wootton (travel time ten minutes)

Close to the festival site, but away from the traffic around Newport, Wootton has a Tesco Express, fish and chip shop, Indian and Chinese takeaways, chemist and The Sloop, Woodman Arms and The Cedars pubs.

Get there on the festival shuttle to the Ryde ferries.

Ryde (travel time 30 minutes)

Ryde features sandy beaches, a long esplanade and plenty of pubs and cafés, a tenpin bowling alley and an ice rink on the seafront.

Get there on the festival shuttle to the Ryde ferries.

Leaving the festival

Each night when the acts finish there will be buses leaving the festival bus station (**Not Newport Bus Station**) taking festival goers back to most key destinations around the Island. On Sunday evening, the last night, buses will run all through the night to drop customers off at the ferry ports. Queues will be long, so please be patient. Keep up to date with the latest bus news by visiting www.islandbuses.info

Fares

All festival fares are **£4** to the festival and are one way fares. Fares from the festival at the end of each evening are **£4** each.

Newport Shuttle fares are **£2** single each way between Newport and the festival bus station.

A voice for the Island's young

The Isle of Wight Youth Council has been representing the Island's young people for the past five years. Here we take a look at its work and its plans for the future

IT WAS back in 2003 that the Isle of Wight Youth Council was set up to give the Island's young people a recognised forum to voice their opinions and hopes.

When first established, around 500 young people voted for their first representatives on the youth council. By 2007 this figure had risen to 2,500 voters.

Chris Smy, the youth council co-ordinator, has been providing support on behalf of the Isle of Wight Council since the junior representative body was created.

He explained: "Candidates for the youth council have come forward from a wide range of backgrounds these past five years, and have campaigned on issues of real interest to them and other young people on the Island."

The youth council meetings are attended by more than 20 elected members, with other young people co-opted, including the Island's member of the UK Youth Parliament and his deputy.

The youth council meetings are also regularly attended by the leader of the Isle of Wight

Council, as well as council cabinet members.

Youth council chairman is Nathan Fitzpatrick (*pictured*), who sees its work as vital in providing a link between the Island's adults and young people.

"The Isle of Wight Youth Council is the best way that young people on the Island are able to get their views heard," he said.

His job as chairman is to act as a point of contact for other youth councillors, as well as promoting debate during their meetings.

Nathan admitted: "It's a role that I really enjoy and I am glad to contribute in whatever way I can."

Recently the youth council has looked at the work of Get Sorted, the council's advice service for young people, about alcohol and drugs. Mobile phone debt problems have also been an issue, with the youth council starting a poster campaign that spread nationwide via the UK Youth Parliament.

The most notable achievement of the youth council was its campaign for a fairer deal for young people on public transport – a major contributing factor to the introduction of the Student Rider scheme in 2005. This scheme allows people under the age of 18 to use a bus or train to travel anywhere for a flat rate.

Chris said: "This campaign has brought about deserved national recognition for the Island's youth council and an award from BT through its Seen and Heard Awards."

The lives of young people in the West Wight and the rest of the Island have also been improved by the campaign of West Wight youth councillors to develop the derelict tennis courts at Moa Place, Freshwater. After being given a mandate by local youngsters, youth council members worked closely with Freshwater Parish Council

and the Isle of Wight Council to realise the dream of a floodlit sports arena.

Chris said among the current campaigns being championed by the youth council was the aim to achieve cheaper off-peak travel to the mainland for the Island's young people, involving talks with ferry firms.

Nathan Fitzpatrick added: "In the coming year I hope we will continue to get involved where young people need a voice, and work hard to improve facilities and services for young people on the Island."

• If you are interested in getting involved with the Isle of Wight Youth Council, please contact Chris Smy, youth council co-ordinator, on 07976 0091 19 or email chris.smy@iow.gov.uk, or write to Chris at 118 Lower St James Street, Newport.

'The best way for young people of the Island to get their views heard'



Do you have room for one more

This month annual Fostering Fortnight will take place on the Island. Foster mum Sue Marden recalls the many memorable experiences fostering has brought to her and those in her care

SUE MARDEN from Sandown is one of the many unsung heroes who make a difference to the lives of children in need of a loving home.

As the Island takes part in national Fostering Fortnight, the contribution of those such as Sue brings into sharp focus the vital role played by foster carers up and down the country.

And Sue has an extra perspective giving her a special insight into caring for foster children – for she was once a foster child herself.

Sue, 47, has fostered dozens of children, welcoming them to her home and family as if they were her own. The care and support they have given has not only been vital to those they have fostered, but has brought many emotional rewards in turn to Sue and her family.

Sue admitted: “The rewards, not only for me, but for my family, have been enormous.”

She began fostering in 1986, armed with a strong feeling that all children have a fundamental right to the type of stable upbringing and home life that so many take for granted.

“I have always endeavoured to ensure the children placed in my care are firstly, cared for as individuals and secondly, provided with a nurturing environment. I know how important this is because I was fostered as a child myself,” said Sue.

“These children need to be treated with dignity, respect and possibly for the first time in their lives made to feel safe and secure.”

Sue said she had always wanted to give her foster children the best possible chances in life, from those seemingly smaller stepping stones of growing up, such as learning to swim, right through to the often traumatic time of going through adolescence into adulthood.

“Helping a child go through all these life-shaping stages and seeing how they develop as a person is a real reward – especially hoping that you have been able to change the course of their life for the better.”

Sue admits fostering is not a job for the faint hearted, and there can be many long hours dealing with children who at times may display difficult behaviour.

“If, as a family, you learn to adapt and accept these children for who they are, then the rewards are remarkable. It is hard to describe in a few words the rewards of seeing a child laugh, or even shout and argue, without the fear of being harmed.

“Observing a child who no longer has nightmares or wets their bed, and finally learns how to sleep soundly as a result of your care, no matter for how short a period of time they are with you, always makes you smile,” said Sue.

There are also those moments that may seem small on their own,

but to a child in foster care are real milestones.

“Watching a child skip out of school having made a new friend or proudly bringing home a piece of schoolwork to show us all, is what fostering is all about,” said Sue.

Having that bedrock of family support has proved crucial to Sue in her foster caring role.

“My family have been very supportive over the years. I have four children and they are always there to help me. This may vary from looking after the children when I am away to accompanying them on trips to the swimming pool or adventure parks. My own children are all adults now, but have been involved in fostering with me for nearly 20 years now.

“I am proud to say all four of them have grown up to be compassionate, kind and thoughtful adults as a result of their fostering experience.”

With 22 years of fostering behind her, Sue is now passing on her experiences to others interested in becoming foster carers.

“I regularly attend meetings organised by the council’s fostering service, where I talk about what it’s like being a foster carer, and what it’s like to be fostered. Some people ask me if I have ever regretted getting involved in fostering – and I tell them ‘never, not even for a second!’”



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Fostering Fortnight



If you feel you can make a difference to a child or young person's life and are interested in becoming a foster carer, then look out for a special mobile road show on the Island in May. The road show's trailer is touring the Island as part of Fostering Fortnight between 12 and 24 May, and gives the chance to speak to the council's fostering service for information and advice.

The trailer can be found at the following locations:

12 May

Newport, St Thomas Square (10am to 3pm).

13 May

Cowes, Esplanade car park (10am to 3pm).

15 May

Newport, St James Square (10am to 3pm).

16 May

Sandown, The Heights car park (10am to 3pm).

19 May

Newport, St Thomas Square (10am to 3pm).

20 May

Shanklin, Old Village car park (10am to 3pm).

21 May

West Wight (Freshwater), Moa Place car park (10am to 3pm).

23 May

Ryde, Esplanade car park (10am to 3pm).

• If you would like more information about Fostering Fortnight or the council's fostering service, call 566011 or visit iwight.com

Planning for the future

We take a look at progress with the Island Plan, a major document designed to shape development on the Island for years to come

WORK ON the Island Plan – the blueprint that will help decide how the Island is developed in future years – is entering a crucial phase and once again the public is being invited to have its say as this important work gathers pace.

The Island Plan is the policy document that will replace the Unitary Development Plan and help determine the way the Island progresses in planning terms.

So far a series of workshops and submissions online and in writing have helped shape what is called the core strategy of the plan. These representations will be used to draft the ‘preferred options’ for this strategy, and the new document will lay down the guiding principles and policies against which future development will be considered.

Information on the original consultation and feedback from

the workshops can be found at www.iwight.com/corestrategy

Bill Murphy, head of planning services, explained that the ‘preferred option’ document would be subject to a further period of consultation in August this year, for six weeks.

At the same time, work on another phase of the Island Plan will get underway – a document to show the specific land allocations for development, with again both written and online submissions invited.

“In line with Eco Island aspirations, the council is seeking online submissions as far as possible and the website has been tailored to make it easier to make comments on screen,” he said.

Among key issues to be covered in the next phase will be in which areas, normally the larger urban areas, the Island’s key regeneration schemes will be undertaken –

and also how the benefits of regeneration will filter down to smaller rural communities.

The phase will also establish within rural areas and smaller settlements where limited development to sustain the communities will be encouraged.

Bill Murphy said: “Building on the work for the core strategy for the Island Plan, the council wishes

to ensure there is continued input from communities and interested organisations in this important process.”

• If you want to find out more about the Island Plan, you can visit the council’s iwight.com website. Further updates on progress with the plan and its implementation will be given in future issues of One Island.



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"It is vital that Island residents play a major role in shaping the Island Plan as it moves towards implementation."

Councillor George Brown, cabinet member for the economy, planning and property



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A selection of Isle of Wight maps
and views ranging from 1482 to
the present day

the Big Green Picnic

We look ahead to the next big Eco Island event...

THE FIRST major chance for all Islanders to become involved in Eco Island takes place later this month, with the Big Green Picnic event at Newport.

Following on from the successful Eco Island conference for the business sector in March, the Big Green Picnic is a community event with entertainment and activities aimed at all Island residents.

The event takes place at County Hall car park, Newport town centre on 24 and 25 May and will be placing a major emphasis on low carbon and sustainable lifestyles.

It aims to inspire people to lead a greener lifestyle, giving advice on how you can achieve this and what products and services are available.

There will be a series of themed

marquees and areas focusing on various issues, including:

- local food;
- transport;
- arts and crafts;
- lifestyle/home/gardening;
- beauty and health;
- energy and water;
- construction;
- waste and recycling;
- the natural environment.

These will offer attractions for all the family, including exhibitions of environmental art, a taste tent promoting healthy local food, workshops using natural and recycled materials, solar panel and wind turbine demos, cleaning without chemicals, a cinema tent and much more.

There will also be a central stage for music and performance, and children's activities including storytelling and making cardboard castles.

The event will practice what it preaches by minimising the use of resources in its promotion and delivery. The central location has been chosen to reduce travel and there will be recycling on site, and a biodiesel generator to provide power.

• If you want more information you can visit www.biggreenpicnic.org



- 1 - Cinema tent
- 2 - Toilets
- 3 - Green science tent
- 4 - Council tent
- 5 - Health and beauty
- 6 - Quay Arts tent
- 7 - Straw bale wall
- 8 - Women's Institute and farmers' market
- 9 - Taste tent
- 10 - Bandstand
- 11 - First aid/lost children/welfare
- 12 - Wind turbine
- 13 - Electric vehicle exhibition
- 14 - Traders

Aiming for a healthier future

A major study has been carried out into the Island's future leisure facility needs. Here we look at what it may mean for the council's leisure centres

"It is imperative we plan ahead to provide leisure facilities for Island residents that are of the highest possible standard and accessibility."

Councillor David Pugh, council leader and cabinet member for leisure

ENCOURAGING PEOPLE to lead healthier lifestyles is one of the major policy challenges facing councils and their health service partners.

And it comes at a time when many people are leading increasingly sedentary lives and eating even more junk food.

A key route for the council to promote healthier lifestyles is through its leisure centres and via activities and events promoting exercise.

Currently, the council provides three main leisure centres: The Heights at Sandown, Medina Leisure Centre at Newport, and the Waterside Pool at Ryde.

A recent leisure facility needs analysis for the council has concluded that although well used, the ageing facilities need to be upgraded to meet the needs of the local community to access up-to-date, state of the art services.

And one of the main issues facing the

council is how to encourage hard-to reach groups to make better use of leisure facilities.

Unfortunately, it is a fact of life that people who lead healthy lifestyles are more likely to use leisure facilities than those who do not.

One way in which the council can encourage people to use leisure facilities is to change programmes and offer new opportunities at the main facilities.

But to provide these programmes, it may well be necessary for the council to modernise its existing leisure centres by either refurbishing them or closing them completely and building brand new facilities fit for the 21st century.

No decisions have yet been taken on what will happen, but with the Island Games fast approaching in 2011, the council is looking seriously at its options for upgrading and modernising its sports and leisure centres.

John Metcalfe, the council's assistant director, explained: "We are facing increasing

costs in maintaining our facilities at present due to their current age.

"It is a situation which cannot be allowed to continue for long. At the same time, we know that the Island, in common with the rest of the United Kingdom, is facing increasing problems with obesity – particularly among children.

"As part of the legacy of the Island Games, we want to encourage people to take part in leisure activities which will boost their physical fitness and one of the ways this could be achieved is by upgrading our leisure facilities to better suit the needs of the Island's population now and in the future.

"In the coming months we will be detailing plans to improve our facilities and will be consulting locally on how this can be best achieved."

Details of these plans and how they may affect the existing leisure centres will be published in future editions of One Island.

Nature notes

Say the word 'spring' and what comes to mind? 'Bluebells' perhaps? Where they grow en masse, a sea of blue covers the woodland floor and their heady sweet fragrance drifts through the glades. Although their slender strap-shaped leaves have been forcing upwards through the carpet of dead leaves since midwinter, the flower spikes do not unfurl until April. The delicate blue flowers, in shades ranging from almost violet to greyish blue and occasionally white or pink, are carried on a slender stem and droop to one side. They are bell shaped with the tips of the petals curving back to reveal creamy yellow anthers.

Bluebells thrive in the dappled shade of deciduous woods, where rays of sunlight dance through the trees swaying gently in the breeze. Like other woodland flowers, bluebells bloom and set seed before the trees come fully into leaf towards the end of May. They are one of the plants, along with wood anemones, wild garlic, early purple orchids and butchers' broom that are considered to be good indicators of 'ancient' woods, land which has had tree cover since the 1600s and is marked on the oldest maps.



Bluebells can also be found in more open situations. On top of Ventnor Downs they grow in profusion, intermingled with the candy-pink of red campion and the lime-green of unfurling bracken fronds. This breathtaking view has a floral tapestry at your feet, with the Island's rolling countryside surrounded by shimmering sea in the distance.

Anne Marston, assistant ecology officer



The Isle of Wight Coastal Visitors' Centre at Ventnor will be running family rockpool adventures during the May half term holidays.

The activities take place on Tuesday 27 May (9am to 11am)

and Thursday 29 May (11am to 1pm).

Ventnor's rocky shores are home to an exciting array of sea creatures adapted to survive in this challenging, wave swept habitat. Children will be able to discover tough shelled crabs buried under stones, fast swimming prawns darting across rock pools and small slimy fish hidden among clumps of seaweed. The rockpool adventure will offer a fascinating glimpse of life in a tidal zone.

- To book a place on a rockpool adventure please call Sue or Natasha at the coastal centre on 855400 or email coastal.centre@iow.gov.uk

Seasonal hint for your garden

Line your hanging baskets with a purpose-made synthetic liner, old hessian, or moss raked from your own lawn rather than using sphagnum moss which is taken from natural wetland habitats with a resulting loss of wildlife.

Recalling Mays of old!



We would like to thank Mr Davis from Northwood for writing to us in response to last month's *Nature notes*, on the subject of hawthorn blossom.

The *Nature notes* recalled the saying of "Ne'er cast a clout till May is out," which refers to the advice that warmer weather hasn't really arrived until hawthorn blossom is in flower.

Mr Davis tells us that his mother (born 1901) taught him a couplet in the 1930s:

*'Button to the chin till May be in
Cast ne'er a clout till May be out'*

He says his mother learned it from her mother and it refers to the month of May. It was a very wise warning before the days of climate change, and it is only since well after World War Two that he has heard of it referring to the hawthorn – with the first line seemingly dropped!

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ACTIVITIES

Rogation Themed Service

(18 May)
A service for farmers representing the Royal Agriculture Benevolent Institution, all welcome, conducted by Canon Rev Weaver, at All Saints' Church, Freshwater, 10am.

Bangers and Mash Lunch

(20 May)
A lunch followed by coffee at Gurnard Sailing Club, price £6.50, enjoy the panoramic views over the Solent, 12pm for 12.30pm, contact Miss J. Fussell, tel: 291334.

Ferry Tales, the third Isle of Wight Storytelling Festival

(23-26 May)
At the Riverside Centre, Newport, £18 for a family ticket (two adults two children) for admittance to all performances and workshops.

Glorious Stories in Bloom

(24-26 May)
Flower festival, a journey of faith to refresh your soul and feel the peace, St Mary and St Rhadegund Church, Whitwell, daily 10.30am to 4.30pm, entrance £3, refreshments available.

Mottistone Manor House Open Day

(26 May)
Mottistone Manor House is open on one day of the year only, 10am to 12 noon for National Trust members, 2pm to 5pm for other visitors, gardens open as usual, admission charges apply.

Canine Partners' Puppy Training Open Day

(28 May)
Training puppies to become assistance dogs for people with disabilities, Shorwell Village Hall, 10.30am to 12.30pm, contact Carol Court, tel: 07812 672702.

Yarmouth Old Gaffers Festival

(30-31 May, 1 June)
The 12th annual maritime festival, Yarmouth harbour, quay, square and green, with fun for all the family, free entertainment until 6pm, ticket only for dancing in the marquee, Sir Robin Knox-Johnston to perform opening ceremony.

Wight Salads Open Day

(1 June)
Come and see how British tomatoes are grown in an environmentally and ecologically friendly way, at Wight Salads, Main Road, Arreton, 10.30am to 4pm, tomato tastings and sales, food/craft products for sale, hog roast, cream teas, licensed bar, live music, car parking free, £2 per adult entry, all profits to local charities, event organised in association with Linking Environment and Farming (LEAF).

Quay Arts at the Isle of Wight Festival

(13-15 June)
Quay Arts are running a marquee at the festival, the Kashmir Café, featuring acoustic music, comedy, storytelling and poetry, free entry.

Calbourne Gardens

(29 June)
A selection of gardens open throughout the village, 11am to 5pm, free parking in centre of village, morning coffee and lunches available in recreation centre, admission £3, children free.

CINEMA

Pan's Labyrinth

(22 May)
A chilling story in 1944 rural Spain, Quay Arts, Newport, 7.30pm, tickets £4, tel: box office 822490.

This is England

(12 June)
The story of a 12-year-old boy growing up in

a grim coastal town in the 1980s, Quay Arts, Newport, 7.30pm, £4, tel: box office 822490.

EXHIBITIONS

All that Glisters

(12 April - 17 May)
Works by Island artist Pat Clarke, Quay Arts, Newport.

Wight Woodturners

(4-26 May)
Exhibition of work by Wight Woodturners, Newtown Old Town Hall, 2pm to 5pm (Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays), admission charges apply.

Paintings by Gail's Vintage Art Group

(17 May)
Exhibition at East Cowes Town Hall, 10am to 3pm.

Island Art Society

(24-25 May)
Exhibition of paintings by society members in various styles and different media, paintings for sale, refreshments available, Bembridge Village Hall, 10am to 6pm and 10am to 5pm.

Brighstone Village Art Group

(24-26 May)
Exhibition and sale of work by amateur artists from the Brighstone area, Ventnor Botanic Garden (Echium Room), 10am to 5pm.

Art and Craft Display

(26 May)
Bembridge Art Society event, Bembridge Village Hall, 10am to 4.30pm.

Isle of Wight Art Club

(28 May - 1 June)
Exhibition showcasing the works of 40 artists in a variety of styles and mediums, Ventnor Botanic Garden, 10am to 5pm.

Greig Burgoyne, Charm Offensive

(30 May - 5 June)
Striking wall to wall drawings by the UK artist, Michael West Gallery, Quay Arts, Newport.



Eric Geddes, Still Moments, an exhibition of sculpture at Quay Arts, Newport, 16 June to 9 August

Luke Ellison, Coastal Abstraction

(5-30 June)
Bembridge photo-grapher Luke Ellison explores the Island's coastline with stunning portraiture of rock, earth, sand and sea, Café Wall, Quay Arts.

Eric Geddes, Still Moments

(16 June - 9 August)
A range of extraordinary work by local sculptor Eric Geddes, marking the 30 years of his career, Michael West Gallery, Quay Arts, Newport.

FAIRS

Strawberry Fayre

(8 June)
Traditional village style fayre, with stalls, antiques, cream teas, and lots of strawberries, Porchfield Cricket Club, Coleman's Lane, Porchfield, 2.30pm.

MUSIC

Evening of Easy Listening
(9 May)

Charity concert by the Select Singers and instrumentalists, Zion Chapel, William Street, Ryde, 7.30pm.

Philip Clouts Quartet with Carlos Lopez-Real

(9 May)
Uplifting music influenced by Latin and African jazz and New Orleans funk, Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £10/£9, tel: box office 822490.

Grow Your Own, the Martin Harley Band

(10 May)
Acoustic musician Martin Harley, Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £10/£9, tel: box office 822490.

Brass in Concert

(12 May)
Cowes Concert Band plays music for all tastes, St John's Church, Sandown, 8pm, free admission.

Much Wenlock and Newchurch Male Choirs joint concert

(17 May)
Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir's first

visit to the Island, St Catherine's Church, Ventnor, 7.30pm, retiring collection for church funds.

Acoustic Originals

(19 May)
A showcase for quality songwriting from the Island and beyond, Quay Arts, Newport, 7.30pm, free.

Panacea

(23 May)
Led by Robert Mitchell, a mix of original song and improvised jazz, Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £10/£9, tel: box office 822490.

Rainbow Chasers

(24 May)
Ashley Hutchings is joined by Joe Topping (guitar and vocals), Jo Hamilton (viola, guitar and vocals), and Ruth Angell (fiddle, guitar and vocals), Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £12/£11, tel: box office 822490.

Newchurch Male Voice Choir Porchfield Concert
(31 May)

Concert to raise money for village hall improvements, Porchfield Village Hall, 7.30pm, tickets at door, £3 adult, £1.50 children.

The Electric Strawbs and Smoke & Mirrors

(1 June)
At Memorial Hall, Freshwater, 7.45pm, doors open 7pm, unreserved seating (tickets £15), to book tel: Quay Arts on 822490.

Brass in Concert

(2 June)
Cowes Concert Band plays music for all tastes at St John's Church, Newport, 8pm, admission free, retiring collection for church and band funds.

Dragon Awareness Gig

(5 June)
Two bands, The Wild Oats and Lucid, performing to raise awareness about the Dragon project, an outdoor learning centre

for St George's School, Newport (for pupils with complex learning disabilities), at Medina Theatre, doors 7pm, £3 entrance, contact Medina Theatre box office, tel: 527020.

Allison Neale

(6 June)
Alto saxophonist Allison Neale plays her distinct West Coast 1950s style of music, Jazz Café, Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £10/£9, tel: box office 822490.

John Otway and Wild Willy Barratt

(10 June)
A performance of the pair's witty acoustic music, Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £12/£11, tel: box office 822490.

Haverfordwest Male Voice Choir

(14-15 June)
Concerts at Shanklin Methodist Church (14 June, 7.30pm) and Somerton Farm, Cowes (15 June, 4pm), for

tickets contact Mavis Mew, tel: 862107.

Classic Music, Harp Recital by Parker

(19 June)
Mike Parker tells the story of one of our oldest musical instruments, Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £7/£6, tel: box office 822490.

SHOWS

Isle of Wight Bonsai Society Annual Show

(31 May)
Exhibition, demonstrations, help and advice, plants for sale, Parish Centre, Town Lane, Newport, 10am to 1pm.

THEATRE

Sam and I Take the Space

(16 May)
Siobhan Nicholas' sensitive portrayal of Elizabeth Pepys, Quay Arts, Newport, doors 7pm, tickets £10/£9,



Canine Partners' Puppy Training Open Day, Shorwell Village Hall, 28 May

tel: box office 822490.

An Evening with CS Lewis

(23 May)
Discovering the man behind the books, Memorial Hall, Freshwater, 7.30pm, tickets £5.

Silly Cow

(29-31 May, 6-8 June)
An adult comedy by Ben Elton, Trinity Theatre, Cowes, 7.30pm, tickets

£5 and £6 (three for the price of two on opening night), available from the theatre box office, open 11am to 2pm daily (not Sunday) from 23 May, tel: 295229.

The Asphodel Fields

(31 May)
Invent Theatre presents a new full length play from the team behind *The Bench in the Park*, Shanklin Theatre, 7.30pm, contact

Shanklin Theatre box office, tel: 868000.

Gonzo Moose, You Don't Need To Know That...

(7 June)
Inspired by Kafka's *The Trial*, with comedy, drama, slapstick and puppetry, Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £7/£6, tel: box office 822490.

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