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to the May issue of *One Island* magazine. In this edition we include a special update on the Pan Meadows development, a pioneering project to create 846 new homes for Island residents.

We also look ahead to next year's International NatWest Island Games and in another feature we see how personal budgets are making a difference to the Newchurch-based Way Forward programme.



Pictured: Architect's drawings of some of the planned Pan Meadows homes

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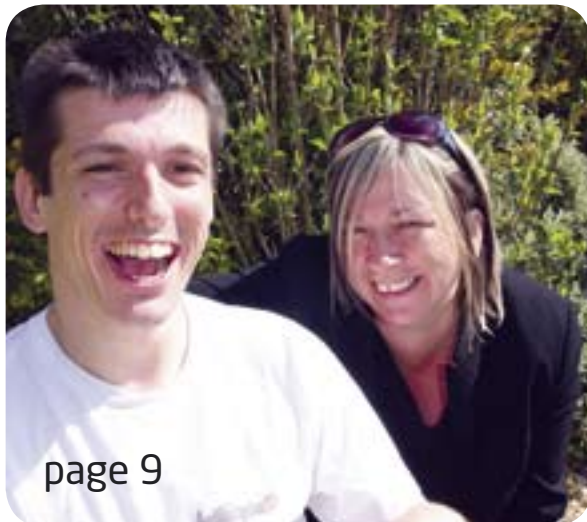
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Play Ranger scheme to get bigger and better

A wide range of activities and attractions will be on offer on 4 August on the Island, when the successful Play Ranger scheme celebrates National Play Day.

The event, at Medina Leisure Centre, Newport (1pm to 5pm), will be free to attend and aims to raise the profile of play on the Island.

The Play Ranger scheme was launched on the Island in July 2009 and involved more than 4,000 children and their families in a variety of events and activities.

This year the aim is to offer the scheme in new areas across the Island.

The Play Ranger sessions are all run outdoors with the use of a variety of play equipment and are all free of charge. The sessions are run after school, all year round, in Newport, Ventnor, Ryde and Shanklin from 3pm to 5.30pm.

The project aims to promote the importance of safe, outdoor play and also offers an initiative called I-Play, a mobile information technology and games facility giving the chance to play a Nintendo Wii, use laptops and other gadgets and games.

This year will see the launch of Mini Rangers, a play provision for under fives and their families, with information soon to be available.

For more information on the Play Ranger scheme, please contact Carly Kennen or Sophie Biggs on 823818, email: carly.kennen@iow.gov.uk or sophie.biggs@iow.gov.uk

Online maps provide new service

If you are wanting to find your nearest help centre, library, ferry terminal or many other facilities, a new map-based service is available on the council's [iwight.com](http://www.iwight.com) website.

Visitors to the site are now able to use a 'Find my nearest' tool, by simply clicking on a list of facilities or areas of interest.

With the help of Google Maps, it is possible to view the location of all Island



schools, help centres, areas of natural beauty, libraries, recycling centres, ferry terminals and beaches affected by dog control orders.

For each of the maps it is possible to zoom into the exact location and click on the respective icons for further details, or view all locations from an islandwide perspective.



UK and international interest in PFI scheme

Major international engineering companies have been on the Island to learn more about the highways' private finance initiative (PFI) project.

Following Treasury approval of the council's plan to transform the Island highways' infrastructure, companies from the UK and Europe attended an event in Cowes to learn about the £364 million project.

Subsequently, Colas Ltd, Vinci Concessions and Amey Ventures Ltd all registered interest in bidding for the project.

Stuart Love, the council's strategic director of economy and the environment, said there was much work to be done before a partner was appointed for the project, which will begin in spring 2013.

"We were impressed with the scope and track records of the companies that have shown an interest at this stage and we look forward to working with them in the coming months," he said.

"This is a long and complex process, but we have to follow set procedures laid down by law. The purpose of this is to make sure not only that the right partner is eventually selected but also that the scheme itself is of maximum benefit to the Island."

Under the PFI scheme, government grant will be used to improve the entire Island road and pavement network and maintain it for the 25 year life of the contract.

The project will also include the improvement and maintenance of CCTV systems, on and off-street car parking, street lighting, street furniture and signage.

To find out more about the highways' PFI scheme visit www.iwight.com/highways-pfi



Isle of Wight Festival – special arrangements

Steps are once again being taken to help ensure the Isle of Wight Festival has as little impact as possible on nearby residents.

Measures will include temporary changes to traffic flows and parking arrangements on roads around the site. Residents affected will be kept informed, with details also available on the [iwight.com](http://www.iwight.com) website.

The council will also be monitoring noise levels at the event.

Any residents with festival-related queries can contact the council prior to the event on 823159 (during office hours). Over the festival weekend, that number will be in operation from 11am to 2am and outside of this, contact can be made via 821105.

For full line-up details for the festival, this year headlined by Paul McCartney, visit www.isleofwightfestival.com

Check out new cycling maps

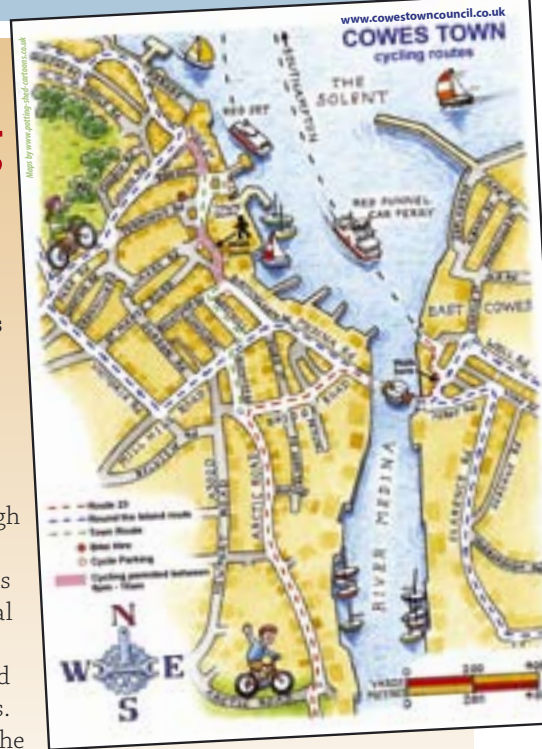
A series of new colourful maps has been launched, detailing some of the Island's most popular cycling routes.

The illustrated maps show routes between Cowes and Newport, Ryde and Newport, and Sandown and Newport, as well as a guide to cycling through Cowes.

They also show key landmarks and give information about local shops, useful websites and the code of etiquette for cyclists and pedestrians using shared tracks.

Printed on waterproof card, the maps are available from tourist information centres and bike shops across the Island.

Susan Cracknell, the council's cycling officer said: "We have some wonderful cycle routes and hope



these new route cards will make it even easier for cyclists to navigate our network."

More route maps are planned, including for cycling through the towns of East Cowes and Newport.

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SPORTS UNIT ROUND-UP



Young sailors aim for games' success

A group of young Island sailors have been in training for the World Island Youth Games in the Azores this month.

Some of those taking part benefited from special winter training at the Isle of Wight Optimist Academy, which was set up to support the Island's most talented young sailors.

The team of four at the 2010 games will comprise Josh Atherton, Brad McLaughlin, Sophie Heritage and Sophie Baker.

The team is sponsored by ferry firm Wightlink as part of its support for the council's sporting legacy programme.

Run in England project – want to get running?

The Run in England project is now fully underway on the Island, welcoming runners of all abilities.

If you are interested in joining up, why not contact one of the groups shown here.

All the new groups are led by fully qualified Run in England leaders.

Debbie Does Running!

Meet: Appley Car Park, Ryde; Mondays 6pm, Wednesdays 9.30am; contact Debbie, tel: 07811 001291 or email: debbiedoesrunning@hotmail.co.uk

Sandown Running Club

Meet: The Heights, Sandown; Mondays 6pm; contact Helen, tel: 07590 516980, or Jade, tel: 400100.

Cowes Women's Running

Network Meet: Northwood Park, Cowes; Wednesdays 7pm; contact Kirsty, tel: 07901 925008.

St Mary's Stress Busters

Meet: St Mary's Hospital, Newport; Wednesdays 5.15pm; contact Martin, tel: 534404, or Jo, tel: 552004, or email: jo.sheppard@iow.nhs.uk

Lake Achers

Meet: Windsor Gardens, Lake; Wednesdays 6pm; contact David, tel: 07870 746934, or email: davidallman508@btinternet.com

Wootton Shufflers

Meet: Brannon Way, Wootton; Tuesdays 5.30pm; contact Debra, tel: 216212.

Newport Beginners' Running Group

Meet: Seaclose Tennis Courts, Newport; Fridays 1.30pm; contact Jo, tel: 07726 215526.

Sport Relief milers raise more than £10,000

More than 350 people from across the Island took part in the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile staged at Appley Park, Ryde – helping raise more than £10,000 for Sport Relief.

The event was organised by the Appley Runners' club in partnership with Ryde Harriers

and the council's sports unit, and was one of many such runs taking place up and down the country.

All the money raised for Sport Relief – nationally estimated at £31 million this year – will be spent to transform lives in the UK and the world's poorest countries.

East Cowes win girls' football crown

Eight teams recently took part in the first Isle of Wight Girls' Football Tournament, at East Cowes multi-use games area.

The event brought together each of the new girls' teams from across the Island, including four from East Cowes, two from Ryde Saints Youth Football Club, one from Brighstone Football

Club and one from Sandown and Lake Youth Football Club.

Following some excellent games, East Cowes A (pictured) eventually won a close fought final against Brighstone.

For more information about girls' football sessions on the Island (now including Newport and Ventnor), contact the council's sports unit on 823818, email: sports.unit@iow.gov.uk



New tennis club for Newport

A new tennis club has been formed at Newport, thanks to a partnership between local tennis coach Linda Jones and the council's sports unit.

Newport Tennis Club will be based at Seaclose tennis courts and is initially providing coaching for junior players.

Youngsters aged five to 11 are welcome, and no experience or equipment is needed, just enthusiasm and

an eagerness to learn.

The club is held every Thursday afternoon, meeting at Seaclose tennis courts, for two different sessions, dependent on age and ability: from 3.30pm to 4.30pm, and 4.30pm to 5.30pm. The cost is £4.50 and children must be registered before attending.

For details of the sessions, please contact Linda Jones on 868504 or email: linda@joneslinda3.wanadoo.co.uk

More information

For further details on any of the schemes mentioned here, please contact the sports unit on 823818 or email: sports.unit@iow.gov.uk



Awards for conservation schemes

Pictured: The public conveniences at Moa Place, Freshwater

Two awards have been won for sensitive design and conservation work in projects involving the council.

The Isle of Wight Society conservation awards were for restoration work on the frontage of Hurst's store in Union Street, Ryde, and for improvements to the Moa Place public conveniences at Freshwater.

The Hurst's project was part of the £1.5 million Heritage Lottery-funded Townscape Heritage Initiative to repair and regenerate run-down historic buildings in Ryde.

It involved a full repair of the façade of the building, with the award recognising the work of architect Steve Clutterbuck and Neil Archer of MCM Construction.

The extensive improvements at Moa Place included key structural features, the relaying of pathways, environmentally friendly measures relating to lighting and water use, and internal artwork. It received the Sybil Bodycomb Award.

New local list celebrates distinctiveness

Island heritage groups and town and parish councils are working with the Isle of Wight Council to develop a local list of buildings, parks and structures that are distinctive in their locality.

The new list is additional to existing listed-buildings and conservation areas. More than 150 features have already been adopted on the local list.

Although the list does not offer protection in the way that statutory listing does, it does allow the historic and architectural interest to be recognized and taken into consideration during the planning process.

Successful nominations have included: Brading sea wall, Yarmouth railway station and the Isle of Wight Sports Centre, Seaview.

More information and nomination forms are available from www.iwight.com/conservation or the council's Seaclose offices at Newport, tel: 823552.

Cowes One School Pathfinder - public meeting

To be held at Cowes High School on 25 May

(3pm to 7pm). Meet Janet Newton, schools' capital programme project director and representatives from highways and planning. For more details, tel: 823219.

New police sergeant leads Ryde team

A new police sergeant has been appointed to patrol the beats in the outer Ryde and rural east Wight areas.

Sergeant Andy Gill (pictured) leads a team of neighbourhood police officers and police community support officers (PCSOs) who will maintain an active presence in every neighbourhood.

Those serving the different areas are: PC Mike Giddens and PCSO Karen Allen in Oakfield and Elmfield; PC Caroline Woodgate and PCSO Darren Fennell in Swanmore and Haylands; and PC Nick Massey and PCSO Katy Berry in Wootton, Binstead and the rural areas around Ryde.

If you have concerns in your



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Close to 100 Island artists and craft workers will be taking part in the annual Open Studios event in July.

A special brochure with details of the event is now available at Quay Arts, Newport, libraries and tourist information centres.

The brochure gives information about the various artists taking part and where you can see them, as well as a directory of others not involved and their websites.

For full online information you can visit www.isleofwightarts.com

Open Studios takes place over two weekends in July: south and west, 16 to 19

July; and central, north and east, 23 to 26 July.

As part of the event, artists throw open the doors to their homes and studios for the public to get a behind the scenes look at their work. You can browse, network, snag a studio-priced bargain and take part in the largest scale arts event in the local calendar.

Among those taking part is artist Hilary Hayton (pictured left), co-creator of children's tv classic from the 1970s, *Crystal Tipps and Alistair*.

New groups for Arts Away

Are you affiliated with a rural community group, school or village hall that would be interested in hosting professional theatre, music or kids' shows?

Arts Away is a grant-assisted scheme which helps volunteers to organise quality entertainment in local rural venues. The benefits of the scheme are: it helps build community ties; develops a local audience for professional touring shows; and makes use of the Island's many small venues.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Nina Cullinane at the council's arts unit on 823813, or email nina.cullinane@iow.gov.uk

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Householders

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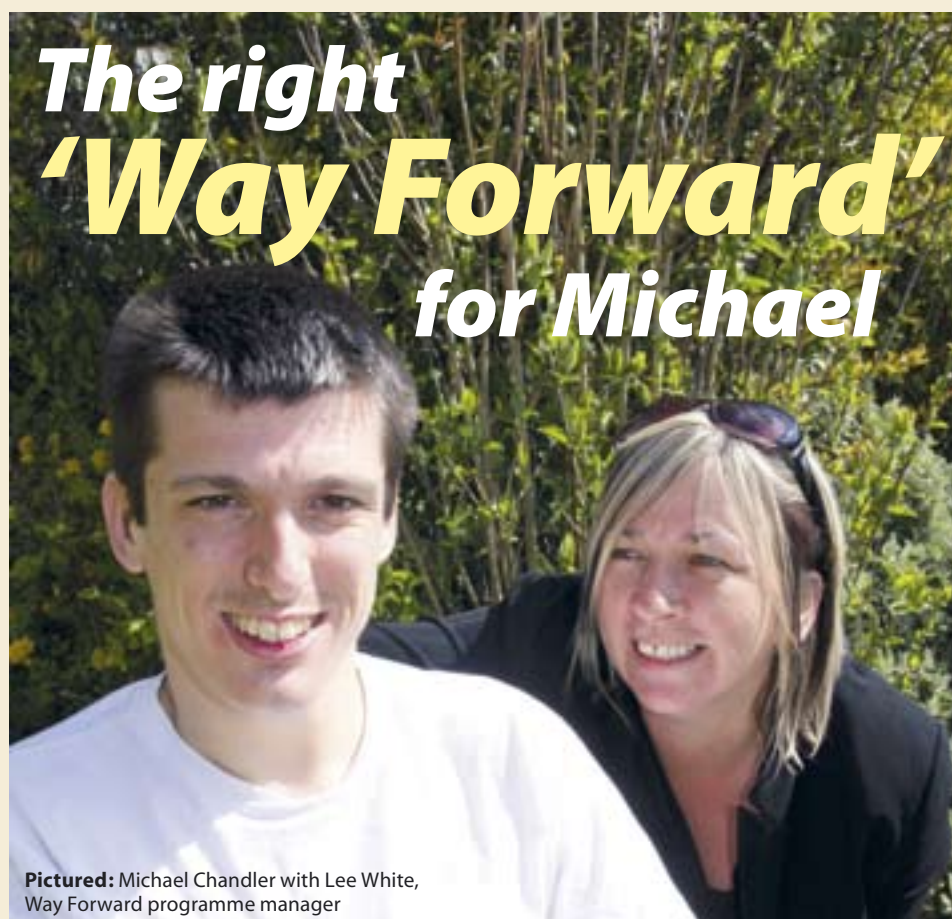
In the past year the council has prosecuted seven people for illegal flytipping.

Businesses

You must get a copy of a 'waste transfer note' from the person who takes your waste away. This should describe the waste and who you passed it on to, and should be kept with receipts and invoices for two years.

If you don't meet these requirements, it may result in prosecution in the magistrates' court, attracting a fine of up to £5,000.

Incidents of flytipping are investigated by the council's environmental health department. To report an incident or for more information, please contact environmental health, tel: 823000, email: eh@iow.gov.uk



Pictured: Michael Chandler with Lee White, Way Forward programme manager

More and more people with a care need across the Island are benefiting under the new personal budget scheme. Here we see how it is changing the way a major care provider operates...

It would be hard to find a greater advocate for personal budgets than 27-year-old Michael Chandler. Michael, from Sandown, says the initiative has made a massive difference to his life over the past two years.

And one of the biggest changes has come in the past 12 months, with his personal budget opening the door to a whole range of activities through the Way Forward scheme.

Way Forward is the name of a new approach to care provision run by the charity Osel, and is based at the Osel site in Wacklands Lane, Newchurch.

Two years ago Osel was asked to prepare for changes in the way it operates the important services it provides for people with learning disabilities, physical disabilities or mental illness.

Lee White, Way Forward programme manager, explained: "In the past Osel had a block contract with the council to provide a certain level of daycare service. Under the new personalisation or personal budget scheme we are effectively employed by those we assist, our customers, to tailor a

service suited to them.

"They say what they would like to do in terms of activities to help their quality of life, and we will set it up, with their personal budget providing the funding."

The personal budget approach for Osel has been given the title Way Forward, and activities it has helped provide have included work experience, job support, and social and leisure activities ranging from swimming and gym sessions to cookery and healthy eating. There is also travel training with the council to help make people's lives more independent.

"There is so much that we are able to help with, and the switch to a personal budget approach has certainly opened up the options for our customers," she said.

"We support about 120 people, with about 20 people a day using the facility here at Newchurch, but the majority are out in the community doing the things they want to do with their lives. Under the switch to personalisation we have become a 24 hours a day, seven days a week operation, rather than a 9am to 5pm provision.

"The numbers of our customers who have

their own personal budgets is building and we have a lot more being assessed for the scheme."

Osel was originally set up in the late 1980s, providing therapeutic daycare provision through a social horticultural enterprise at the Newchurch site. Since then it has also added its Wight Crystal mineral water service and a range of other services, including a charity shop at Shanklin.

With the move to personal budget funding the horticultural side at Newchurch will close from June this year, but the site and day care provision will remain open. Lee stressed: "We are actually expanding and developing; there is just a switch of emphasis. None of our customers should miss out – we intend to find something new for them all."

Working alongside Lee is Julie Sandford, employment services manager, whose team helps prepare people for work and supports those in work, particularly people with a mental health condition.

Julie said: "We are wholeheartedly behind the personalisation approach, and we are seeing how it transforms people's lives. It is about giving people a far wider choice and greater control and say on their activities and experiences."

It means rather than a limited range of daycare provision, a far wider variety of activities can now be experienced.

Michael Chandler fully endorsed this approach: "I have been coming here for a year and it has been terrific for me."

Through his personal budget, and with the help of his support worker, he has been able to take part in a wide variety of activities at Newchurch; from playing the drums to playing pool, and regularly meeting new friends.

His personal budget has also helped him to live independently in his own home and with everyday activities such as going shopping.

Lee said: "We are really passionate about the personal budget approach here. Although the change has naturally led to some concerns for people, it is clear how it is offering so many more possibilities in many lives."

To find out more about personal budgets, please contact the council's community services, tel: 520600, and ask for transforming social care.

For more on the Way Forward programme, contact Lee White on 867324, email: lee.jenner@osel-tu.demon.co.uk or Julie Sandford on 523000, email: julie.sandford@osel-tu.demon.co.uk

Room for one more?

Do you feel you can make a huge difference to someone's life by becoming a foster carer?

The Isle of Wight has 187 youngsters in foster care, but also suffers from a lack of foster carers; in particular, carers are needed for teenagers.

Fostering Fortnight – an annual scheme run across the UK – aims to highlight what fostering is all about and to answer some of the myths. The event, taking place in May, starts a series of road shows at events around the Island during the summer.

The Isle of Wight Council's fostering and adoption service is asking: "Do you have room for one more?"

The team has been out in towns across the Island recently, holding a series of displays from a special trailer. Social care staff and foster carers are on hand to offer advice and provide information to anyone who may be considering fostering.

People are often put off becoming involved in fostering as they may feel they won't meet the necessary criteria. This is one area the fostering team wants to address.

Team Manager Dave Crewe said: "There are many myths out there which people could think disqualify them from becoming foster parents. Hopefully we can dispel some of these and offer some very good advice.

"Being part of a family is important to every child. Sadly it is not always possible for

all children to be with their natural family, so a foster carer can make a huge difference to people's lives and many of us may not realise just how important they are.

"It is vital the Isle of Wight has a good base of foster carers and I would urge anyone who may be interested to go and talk to the team."

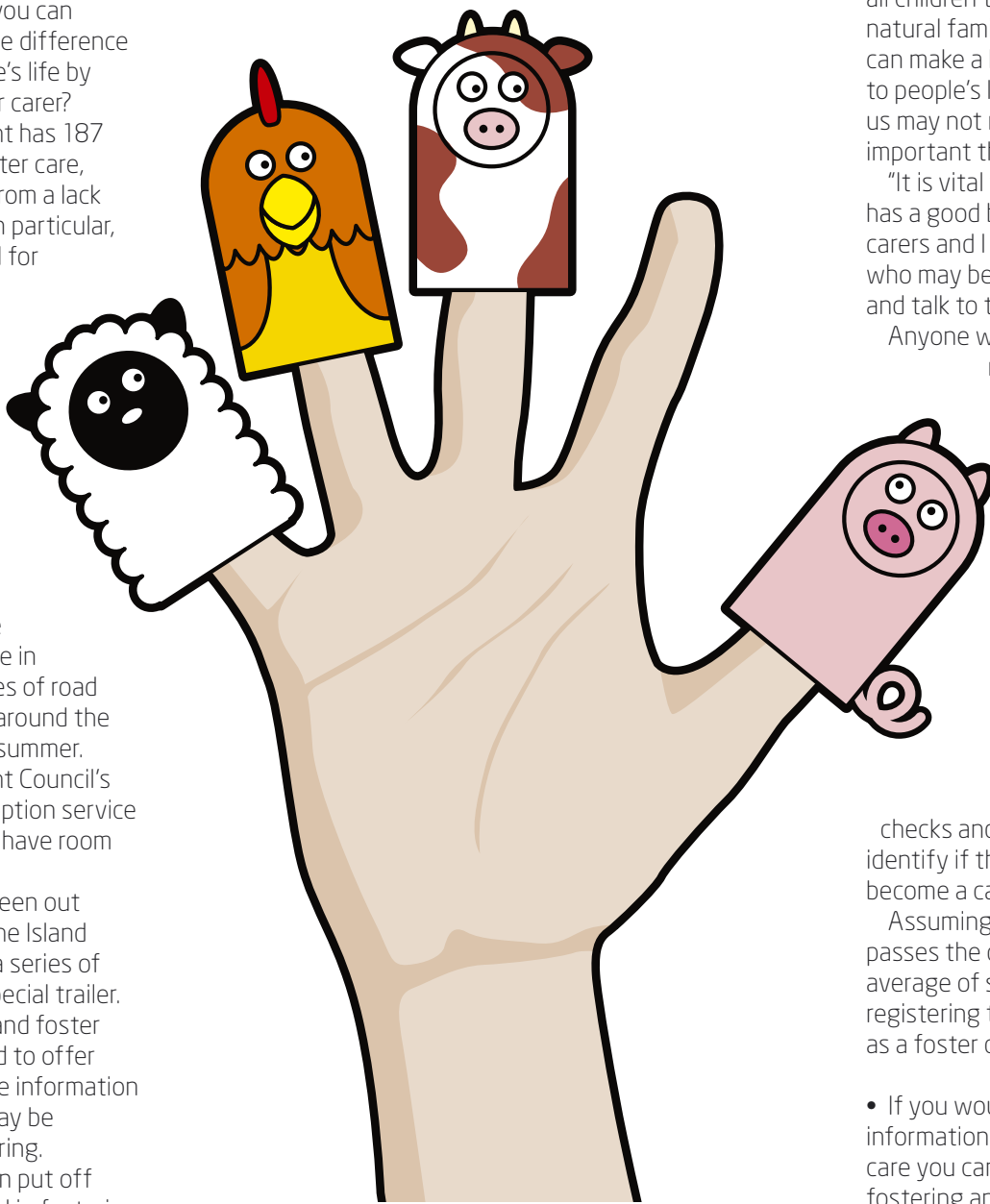
Anyone who registers their name with the service will be invited to an open evening later in the summer where further details are given.

Those wishing to become foster carers will then undergo stringent

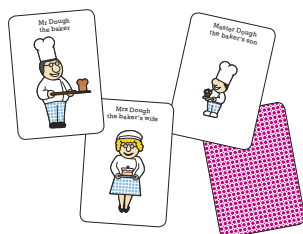
checks and assessments to identify if they are suitable to become a carer.

Assuming the applicant passes the checks, it takes an average of six months from registering to being accepted as a foster carer.

- If you would like more information about foster care you can contact the fostering and adoption service on (01983) 566011 or at www.iwight.com/fostering



Room for one more?



Why not come to meet carers and social workers for an informal chat at one of our roadshows?

Friday 21 May – St Thomas Square, Newport

Monday 24 May – St Thomas Square, Newport

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Friday 28 May – St Thomas Square, Newport

We will also be at Brading Day, Chale Show and the Isle of Wight Garlic Festival.

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Countdown to International NatWest Island Games 2011



Next year the Isle of Wight will be under the international sporting spotlight - with the staging of the NatWest Island Games in the year prior to the 2012 London Olympics...

In just over a year's time more than 4,000 athletes from 24 islands will arrive on the Isle of Wight to compete in the NatWest Island Games.

The international games have already earned the support of Lord Coe, chairman of the London Organising Committee for the 2012 Olympics. He said: "Not only do I endorse the games as part of our international strategy, I also endorse it as the mile mark en route to 2012."

The Island Games will take place from 25 June to 1 July 2011, and will feature 14 different sports: archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, cycling, football, golf, sailing (including windsurfing), squash, swimming, shooting, table tennis, tennis, volleyball.

The opening ceremony to the games, which are expected to attract thousands of spectators, will take place at Ryde on Saturday 25 June.

In the build-up to the games, more than 1,500 volunteers are now being sought, to help with crucial roles including: general helpers, drivers/attachés, first aid, car park attendants, games and press office staff, marshals and controllers. Training will be provided as appropriate.

If you are interested in supporting the event, please register online at www.natwestislandgames2011.co.uk

Major funding for opening ceremony



The opening ceremony of the games has attracted an Arts Council grant (funded by the National Lottery) of £94,099.

The grant will support a 14-month creative arts programme that will engage more than 1,000 able bodied and disabled students in creating a spectacular ceremony to be held at Ryde.

The plan is to stage a high quality, themed and choreographed carnival parade through the streets of Ryde, followed by a special performance on the seafront where the official ceremony will take place.

David Ball, chairman of the 2011 organising committee, said: "It is already clear that because our games are the largest multi-sporting event in Great Britain in the year before the Olympic Games, there will be an unusually high

level of publicity both at home and abroad. It is therefore important that we create the right image from the start of the games.

"This grant will be of great assistance in creating that image and involving many members of our local community in this event."

The council's carnival learning centre at Ryde will manage the project and will engage a wide range of organisations and individuals in carnival arts and street arts training.

The outline plan for the opening ceremony project was formulated following consultation with school teachers and community leaders, and representatives from the Island Games Association, Extended Schools Service, carnival groups and the carnival learning centre.

International Island Games - factfile



- The International Island Games were first staged in the Isle of Man in 1985 and today involve 25 member islands.
- In 1999, NatWest became the title sponsor of the Island Games, which have become one of the world's largest participation sporting events.
- The 2011 games are being run by the Island Games Association (Isle

of Wight) supported by the council, which is also a key sponsor.

- The games are staged every other year, with the range of 14 sports chosen by the host Island from a list of 18.

For more information about the 2011 games please visit www.natwestislandgames2011.co.uk

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A pioneering project for the Island

The Pan Meadows housing scheme is one of the biggest projects the Island has ever seen. Here we turn the spotlight on this major new development...

The Pan Meadows development will see the creation of 846 new homes on the outskirts of the Island's capital – but the aim of the council and its partner, Spectrum Housing Group, has never been simply to build a new residential area.

While the project will make a big difference in terms of providing new and affordable homes for Islanders, it is also set to bring numerous other social, environmental and economic benefits.

The project brief for homebuilder Barratt is about integrating the new homes – each to a high design standard and environmentally friendly specification – in an innovative way into the existing Pan community.

It is also about using major inward investment to stimulate and support the local economy, to provide job and training opportunities and to create a sustainable community.

The development will be built over the next 15 years.

Here are some of the features of the project:

- It will create nearly 100 apprenticeships across all trades from administration to construction, ground works and security.
- There will be work experience for an estimated 80 young people aged 14 to 18.
- It will create major opportunities for the local building industry.

- The units in the project will vary in size from a 126-square metre four-bedroom, double balconied detached family home to a 50-square metre apartment.
- Thirty per cent of the units will be affordable housing.
- In allocating the affordable housing, priority will be given to residents with a local connection.
- Each unit will share the same quality design principles and be constructed from the same materials by Barratt. The homes will be among some of the most environmentally friendly anywhere in the country.
- All the new homes will receive their heat and hot water from a central biomass plant – a striking building, part of which will be underground. The hot water and heat will be created by burning woodchip sourced from the coppicing of trees.
- The biomass plant will be operational in time for the first tranche of 30 houses – available in the early part of 2011.

- There will be a ten hectare country park with 3.2 kilometres of footpath.
- 16,000 trees and a mile of new hedgerow will be planted, and special wetland areas created.
- More than £1 million will be used to create and support new community facilities.

Peter Hopkins, the council's strategic manager for regeneration and community



Pictured: An artist's impression of the new Pan development, viewed from the biomass centre

development, said: "This project has always been about creating a high quality development that meets the specific needs of the Island yet also dovetails in seamlessly with existing Pan.

"I am confident that as we now enter the build phase, it will play a key role in helping

the local economic recovery."

- If you would like to find out more about the project, please contact:

Peter Hopkins, strategic manager for regeneration and community development, email: peter.hopkins@iow.gov.uk

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Have your say ***on major shoreline plan***

The management of the Island's coastal flooding and erosion risks are to be the subject of a new plan due to be completed later this year.

The new Isle of Wight Shoreline Management Plan will be an updated version of a plan first published in 1997 and covers the Island's coastline and estuaries.

Similar plans are being prepared for coastal areas around England and Wales.

A draft version of the new plan is currently being prepared, following an assessment of the Island's shoreline and discussions involving interested parties.

It will go out to public consultation from July to September this year, before being reviewed and then completed in December.

To find out more about the plan, or to register as a stakeholder and receive updates, please visit www.coastalwight.gov.uk/smp
email: smp@iow.gov.uk, or
tel: 857220.

A helping hand for our woodland



Above: Home educated children from the Isle of Wight Learning Zone provide valuable help for the rangers. Photo Nick Blake
Right: Wood anemones – typical springtime woodland flowers. Photo Tina Whitmore

New coppicing work has taken place at Fort Victoria Country Park, Yarmouth and Dickson's Copse Local Nature Reserve near Newport in recent months.

These attractive woods are owned by the council and are open to the public.

Coppicing, which fell into decline in the last century, was once a traditional way of managing woods, but it is now regaining its importance owing to the wildlife benefits of a varied woodland structure.

The countryside rangers were assisted in their work by a wide variety of volunteers.

The coppiced sites are monitored to see the growth which takes place when the seed bank is exposed to the sunlight.



Seasonal guide to wildlife in your garden



If you have just dug a pond or are re-stocking after clearing it out, take care when choosing what to plant. Ideally you should have submerged plants like hornwort to help oxygenate the water, floating plants such as water lilies to provide shade for pond animals, and tall plants like irises to provide a perch for emerging dragonflies and damselflies.

Plants to avoid include New Zealand pygmyweed (*Crassula helmsii*) parrot's

feather (*Myriophyllum aquaticum*) (pictured) and water fern (*Azolla filiculoides*). They can quickly choke your pond, and if they escape into the wider countryside they can out-compete our native species and are expensive to eradicate. Plantlife, the plant conservation charity, has more information on this subject at www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/plantlife-surveys.html

NATURE NOTES

After the coldest winter for 30 years and an uncertain start to spring, it will be interesting to see how wildlife fares this year. After a slow start, wild daffodils, primroses, violets, and wood anemones were well out by Easter, and lesser celandines were showy in sunny spots.

The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch in January saw numbers of coal tit, long-tailed tit and goldcrest dropping significantly since last year's survey. Small birds are particularly susceptible to cold as they lose heat more readily than larger birds, and have to eat almost continuously to stay alive.



The distinctive black caterpillars of the Glanville fritillary (pictured above) emerged at the expected time to spin their silken webs, and there were enormous numbers despite the very hard winter. Whether this will produce large numbers of butterflies remains to be seen, as there are many factors which come into play. High numbers of caterpillars can result in starvation, as the food plants (ribwort plantain) are eaten out within local patches; predation by birds and attack by parasitic flies also take their toll. The caterpillars are vulnerable to strong winds which damage the food plants or blow them off the cliffs. The butterflies should be seen from late May onwards, along our southern and south western coasts.

The pearl bordered fritillary, a woodland butterfly, has declined dramatically as sunny tracks have become overgrown, causing the loss of violets, the caterpillars' food plant. Clearance work in Parkhurst Forest has begun to open up rides, with the aim of bringing this species back from the brink – look for it from the middle of May onwards.

Anne Marston, assistant ecology officer

Go Wild in the Woods

Go Wild on Wight
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Come and Go Wild in the Woods and enjoy a fascinating day in the life of Firestone Copse at Wootton during the spring half-term holiday on Wednesday 2 June.

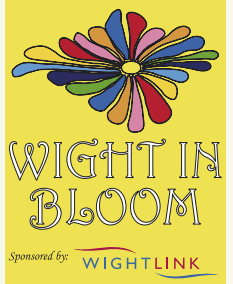
The day of activities will begin at 5am with a dawn chorus walk followed by other wildlife activities including pond dipping, woodland crafts, wildflower and butterfly walks, tree climbing, canoe safaris, outdoor art and much more, and will draw to a close with night time wildlife detecting at dusk.

Your help will also be needed with the Island's very first Bio Blitz, where you can get involved with recording all the species that you see on the day – so bring a camera!

Find out more at www.wildonwight.co.uk



Go wild in the garden Wight in Bloom Wildlife Award



This year is International Year of Biodiversity and as part of the celebrations the Isle of Wight Biodiversity Partnership will be presenting awards to the three best wildlife-friendly gardens in this year's Wight in Bloom competition.

A wildlife friendly garden is one planted to encourage wildlife and may incorporate a range of flowers or habitats which ideally provide shelter and food for a wide range of species such as birds, mammals, insects and amphibians throughout the year.

Gardens cover about six per cent of the Island, potentially providing a great resource for our wildlife, so why not put your business, school, community space or own front garden forward and show us how you help the Island's wonderful wildlife?

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Try using plants which provide

pollen and nectar for bees and butterflies throughout the year.

- Encourage a variety of trees, shrubs, climbers.
- Provide food and water for birds all year round.
- Provide piles of leaves and twigs to give good shelter for wildlife.
- Be environmentally friendly – make your own compost, avoid chemicals and real peat and collect rain water.

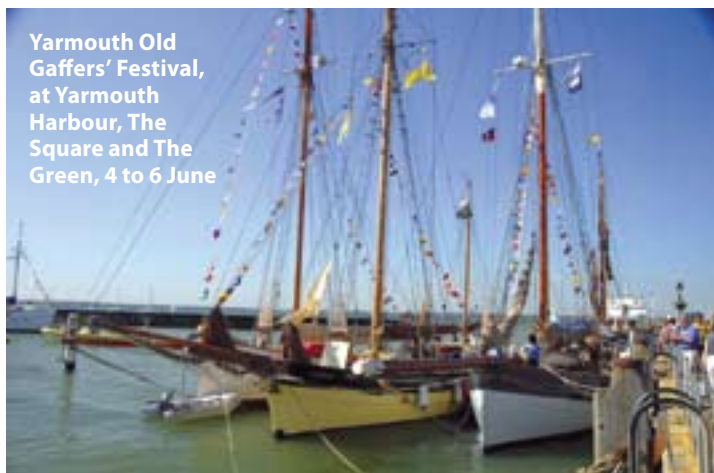
You can also visit www.wildonwight.co.uk for more ideas on wildlife gardening.

For entry forms and more details contact the Wight in Bloom co-ordinator at the council's parks and countryside section, tel: 823893.

Below: Ladybird, by Cat James
Right: House sparrow, by Paul Blackley



Yarmouth Old Gaffers' Festival, at Yarmouth Harbour, The Square and The Green, 4 to 6 June



ACTIVITIES

Mottistone Manor House open day (31 May)

Open for one day a year only, 2pm to 5pm, guided tours for National Trust members only (9.30am to 12 noon), tel: 741020.

Isle of Wight College open evening (24 June)

Open evening for all courses from September, Isle of Wight College, Newport, 4pm to 8pm.

Literary Gala (25 June)

In aid of SSAFA Forces Help, celebrating 125th anniversary, workshops, book signings, book exchange, book binding demo, at Woodlands Vale, Calthorpe Road, Ryde, 1pm to 5pm, admission by ticket, cost £10, contact Noreen, tel: 568742.

Tai Chi and Qigong (every Wednesday)

Exercise for all ages, promoting flexibility, balance, stamina, at Godshill, mornings and evenings, for details, tel: 840994.

EXHIBITIONS

Bembridge Art Society, Arts and Crafts Day (31 May)

Arts and crafts on display and for sale, Bembridge Village Hall, 10am to 4.30pm.

Open Workshop Weekend, Andrew Dowden Ceramic Designs (16-19 July)

Ceramic wall plaques, tile panels and standing forms, at 29 Ventnor Road, Apse Heath, 10am to 8pm (on 16, 18, 19 July), 10am to 1pm (on 17 July), for more details tel: 867505.

Art Sale (17 July)

Paintings, prints, art books, picture frames, for Amnesty International, Holyrood Hall, Newport, 10am to 4pm.

Ventnor Botanical Artists (24 July - 1 August)

Annual exhibition of work for sale by the group, pictures of wild and cultivated plants, Echium Terrace Room, Ventnor Botanic Garden, 10am to 5pm.

FAIRS & SHOWS

Summer Fete (22 May)

Gifts, games and refreshments at Isle of Wight Society for the Blind, Newport, £1 entrance fee, includes tea/coffee, 10.30am to 2pm.

Isle of Wight Bonsai Society Show (29 May)

Display of members' trees, pruning and care demos, Parish Rooms, Town Lane, Newport, 10am to 3pm, plants for sale.

Yarmouth Old Gaffers' Festival (4-6 June)

Annual festival, gaff-rigged vessels, market stalls, displays, other entertainments, at Yarmouth Harbour, The Square and The Green, 12 noon Friday 4 June to 6pm Sunday 6 June, website: www.yarmoutholdgaffersfestival.co.uk

Strawberry Fayre, Porchfield Cricket Club (6 June)

Traditional family fayre, crafts, antiques, fun stalls, homemade cakes, Porchfield Cricket Club, Coleman's Lane, Porchfield, 2pm.

Shorwell Midsummer Fair (19 June)

Traditional village fair in the grounds of an Elizabethan manor house, many stalls, events and attractions, at Northcourt, Shorwell, 1pm to 5pm.

Book, Postcard and Ephemera Fair (11 July)

Fair at the village hall, High Street, Bembridge, 10am to 3.30pm.

Brook Village and Church Fete (24 July)

Traditional village fete, wide range of stalls and attractions, music, afternoon tea and cakes, at Brook Green, 2pm to 4.30pm.

MEETINGS

British Airways Retired Staff Association (monthly)

Monthly coffee morning on the third Wednesday each month, at the White Lion, Arreton, 11am.

MUSIC

Music concert (22 May)

Classical/Celtic singer Cecilia Le Poer Power, with Martin Riley (piano) and Amanda Whiting (harp), Bonchurch Parish Church, 8pm.

Saraband Trio (29 May)

Performing in aid of Leukaemia Research, Wolverton Manor, Shorwell, for details tel: 740609.

Newport Jazz Club (30 May)

Top modern jazz group Meta4 perform at the Apollo Theatre,

Newport, 7.30pm, tickets £10, tel: 527267.

Epstein Quartet (12 June)

Performing in aid of Leukaemia Research, Wolverton Manor, Shorwell, for details tel: 740609.

Claire Pradel and Vincent Friberg (10 July)

Leading French musicians Pradel (harpsichord) and Friberg (flute) play 18th, 19th and 20th century music, in aid of Leukaemia Research, Wolverton Manor, Shorwell, for details tel: 740609.

Richard Saxel and Ben Harte (24 July)

Saxel (piano) and Harte (violin) perform Elgar's violin sonata, Delius, Parry, Finzl and other pastoral pieces, in aid of Leukaemia Research, Wolverton Manor, Shorwell, for details tel: 740609.

THEATRE

Amadeus (19-22, 26-29 May)

Peter Shaffer's award-winning play about Mozart and his rival Salieri, Apollo Theatre, Newport, 7.30pm.

Oliver! (27-30 May)

Ventnor Theatre Group presents the musical by Lionel Bart, Ventnor Winter Gardens, 7.30pm (plus a matinee at 2.30pm on 29 May), tickets £8.50 and £6.50 (for under 16s), contact box office, tel: 857581.

Anybody for Murder? (24-26 June)

Curtain Up Amateur Dramatic Society presents a murder mystery play by Brian Clemens and Dennis Spooner, Totland Church Hall, 7.30pm, tickets £6, tel: 754654.

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