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Summer of colour

An Island
in bloom



Also inside: The Island's CCTV network
All systems go for Ryde Interchange



Welcome



Welcome to the August edition of the Isle of Wight Council's magazine, which as with future issues, will be keeping you up to date with our One Island programme of initiatives.

As well as giving you an outline of the various projects, from this edition we will be labelling articles relating to One Island projects so you can clearly see the progress we are making.

Through various consultations you have identified the One Island projects as the priorities for us to work on, and we are determined to keep you fully informed of how work is proceeding in these areas.

Among One Island projects we take a look at in this issue are the One Million Blooms initiative, the Pan project, quality parish awards, and the appointment of new dog wardens.

Elsewhere in this edition we turn the spotlight on the Island's CCTV nerve centre; take a look at the community engagement scheme; look ahead to work starting on the Ryde Interchange project; and focus on how the central rural and southernmost areas of the Island are represented.

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Leader, Isle of Wight
Council**

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10 October (6pm)

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26 September (6pm)

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The One Island programme

The council's One Island programme was launched in February this year in response to the findings of last summer's residents' survey.

The programme consists of 24 projects for 2007/2008, based around the themes of respect, pride and value.

Many of the projects are now underway and we will be bringing you regular updates on the progress of the One Island programme.

The projects that make up the One Island programme are:

Respect (covering social and community services)

- Care packages for young people
- Free personal home care for over 80s
- Developing 14 to 19 education provision
- Low cost homes for Island people
- Pan area development
- Free swims for young people during holidays
- Raising standards in Island schools
- Young people's involvement

Pride (covering environmental areas)

- One Million Blooms
- Free parking for environmentally friendly vehicles
- Island Games and sports development
- Public conveniences (refurbishment and rebuild)
- Public realm improvements in West Wight, The Bay and East Cowes (improving public facilities such as litter bins, signposts, bus shelters, railings and bollards and street nameplates)
- SMS bus information (allows travellers to receive text information on mobile phones about bus services)
- Speed management and road safety
- Town centre managers
- Anti-dog fouling campaign
- Improving Island roads

Value (corporate issues)

- Boundary review
- One Council (to ensure the council is fit for purpose to deliver major improvements)
- Getting it right for the customer
- Town and parish council partnership (to increase the number of services delivered direct by quality town and parish councils)
- Joining up public services across the Island
- Joining up work with the voluntary sector

More information on some of these projects is provided at www.iwight.com and through special articles in this edition of the magazine. These are labelled with the One Island symbol, shown at the top of the page.



Ambassadors to 'talk up' the Isle of Wight

A new scheme has been launched to promote the Island as a business destination by using special ambassadors.

The aim of the Isle of Wight Ambassador Scheme is to build a network of business people to raise the profile of the Island. It is hoped it will help expand the economy and in turn improve local business profits.

Shirley Robertson (*pictured above*), double Olympic gold medallist, was guest speaker at the launch at Arreton Manor. For several years she has been flying the flag for the Island as a centre of technical expertise for the marine industry and sailing.

"I am so proud to be an ambassador for the Isle of Wight. I came to the Island originally during my first Olympic campaign for Sydney 2000 because of the expertise in the marine industry," she said.

The scheme encourages ambassadors to talk up the Island to business contacts and motivate others to do business with local companies or invest in the Island.

"There is just so much goodwill within the business sector – businesses want the Island to be successful – not only because it is good for their own business but also because there is a genuine appreciation of the Island itself," said Mike King, managing director, Isle of Wight Economic Partnership.

The partnership is managing the scheme and will circulate stories of success and other messages to ambassadors for them to pass on. Over the coming months more ambassadors will be invited to join the scheme to cover different business sectors.

• The ambassador scheme is part of the Isle of Wight Economic Partnership's Inspire project, which is raising the profile of the Island as a business destination. Inspire is funded by SEEDA (South East England Development Agency).

Those back to school essentials!



Thousands of Island children will be heading back to school in a few weeks' time – so here's a handy list for parents and pupils of those essentials to have ready:

- Full uniform and sports kit/equipment.
- Shoes/sports trainers.
- School bag.
- Waterproof coat.
- Book school lunches.
- Pens, pencils, stationery, pencil case etc.
- Allergy/medical condition details given to school.

And if you need any more help you can take a look at the council's website for education at *EduWight*.

EduWight has information on most things you need to know, including details of the curriculum, transport, special educational needs, term dates and much more.

You can access *EduWight* via the council's website at www.iwight.com



Colour across the Island!

PICTURED:
Pauline Gilmour, winner of the best small garden under 3m category

The efforts of Islanders to brighten up their neighbourhoods with floral displays were recognised at the annual Wight In Bloom awards, presented recently at Northwood House, Cowes.

Prizewinners received their awards from Isle of Wight Council chairman Roger Mazillius with Wight In Bloom chairman Peggy Jarman and Kerry Jackson, marketing manager for event sponsor Wightlink.

This year's event – once again organised by the council – was a particular success with the number of entries reaching 126 compared to 80 the previous year.

The idea of Wight In Bloom is to encourage homeowners, businesses, schools and community groups to beautify their areas and frontages.

The event runs alongside other council planting initiatives such as the One Island project, One Million Blooms.

After a planned break – for what should have been the hot and dry mid-summer conditions – One Million Blooms is about to gain new momentum.

Planting will shortly begin on a number of new sites including the showpiece designs being prepared for St George's and St Mary's Roundabouts in Newport.

Wight in Bloom Awards 2007

Best front garden over 3m

Winner: Mr W Parsons, 15 Sandcove Rise, Seaview

Runner up: Mr R Willis, 3 Uplands Road, Northwood

Best small garden under 3m

Winner: Mrs P Gilmour, 15 Riverview Park, Newport

Runner up: Mrs L Ryan, 28 Leed Street, Sandown

Best cottage garden

Winner: Diane Riddell, 4 Greenway, Binstead

Runner up: Cynthia Grace, 10 Wood Street, Ryde

Best large public house/hotel/guest house/restaurant

Winner: Rylstone Tea Gardens, Shanklin

Runner up: Caulkheads, Sandown

Best small public house/hotel/guest house/restaurant

Winner: The White House Hotel, Sandown

Runner up: The Castle Inn, Ryde

Best senior citizen complex

Winner: Columbus House, Shanklin

Runner up: Elizabeth Court, Bembridge

Best initiative involving young people

Winner: Whippingham Primary School

Runner up: Northwood Primary School

Best community project

Winner: Ferry Road, East Cowes

Runner up: Sunset Bungalows, Colwell Bay

Best business frontage

Winner: W W Woodford Butchers, Bembridge

Runner up: Salterns Holiday Park, Seaview

Best special feature garden

Winner: Afton Park, Freshwater

Runner up: High Salterns, Seaview

Lesley Kenrick Cup

Winner: Mr R Frampton, 1 Rogerson Close, Cowes



Top of the class for parish clerks



PICTURED
(left to right):
Val Gallard,
Roger
Hendey and
Pat Phillips

Three of the Island's parish clerks have recently gained their certificate in local council administration.

They are: Val Gallard, clerk to Totland Parish Council; Pat Phillips, clerk to Arreton Parish Council; and Roger Hendey, clerk to Cowes Town Council.

A qualified clerk is one of the requirements for a parish council to achieve before it can become an accredited Quality Council.

The Isle of Wight Council is actively supporting parishes to gain quality status by helping to remove barriers such as payment of election costs and training of clerks.

The Island currently holds the national record for the highest percentage of Quality Councils, with 22 per cent. It is hoped all the Island's parish councils will achieve Quality Council status by 2010.



Investors sought for theatres

Both Shanklin Theatre (*pictured*) and Ryde Theatre are to be kept open while the council explores with potential partners the opportunities to enhance the commercial viability of the venues, or for their alternative use.

The council will be investing £400,000 on essential works to the theatres and has agreed a two year operating period in which it will seek to increase the use of the facilities and consider proposals for their development.

The council took the theatres back in house in 2003 so it was able to explore all available options for their use. It has not increased its overall subsidy (£140,000) since then, and has been unable to significantly increase the commercial performance of the theatres within the current constraints of each building.

A recent report suggested that Ryde Theatre may need an investment of up to £5.4 million over the next 25 years to improve the standard of the building and maintain it at that higher standard. The council spent £200,000 on the building in 2005 to secure the clock tower.

Local questionnaires have indicated overwhelming community support for the retention of both venues.

Celebrating cycle power



Picture: Isle of Wight Tourism

Cyclists of all ages and abilities will once again be taking part in the ever-popular Isle of Wight Cycling Festival, this year taking place from 15 to 23 September.

Established events such as Cycle Wight, a 65-mile road race around the Island's coastline, and The Hills Killer, a challenging orienteering ride against the clock, will be among the highlights.

The festival launch on Saturday 15 September (11am to 4pm) in Seaclose Park, Newport will include a free cycle show and mountain bike stunt display, and also the Sink or Swim competition at Seaclose – with homemade pedal powered crafts attempting to make it across the River Medina without getting wet.

For the super fit, two triathlons have been added to this year's programme. The West Wight Triathlon will include a 35 kilometre cycle ride, 600 metre pool swim and a gruelling 7.5 kilometre run (see www.westwight.co.uk/triathlon); and the Wight Challenge will include a 32 kilometre cycle ride, 16 kilometre run and four kilometre open canoe race (see www.wightchallenge.co.uk).

Claire Whittington, from the council's events department, said: "The council took over as the main organiser of the cycling festival in 2000, with the support of local cycling clubs and organisations. Working alongside Isle of Wight Tourism, the aim is to establish the Isle of Wight as a leading destination for cyclists, as well as providing a programme of events to benefit the Island's cycling community."

- More details on the festival are available from Claire Whittington on 203891, email: claire.whittington@iow.gov.uk, and a complete programme of rides will be available on the website (www.sunseaandcycling.com) and in the festival programme (available from Island tourist information centres).

Opportunity for Pan



Following a council decision to develop an extension of new housing to Pan, Peter Hopkins (pictured), 39, has been appointed to project manage the new development. Peter took up his post in June after a career of more than 20 years in housing with experience of large scale regeneration schemes.

His newly-created role is designed to co-ordinate the phasing of the new development for the council, Western Challenge, residents and other key stakeholders. The building work is planned to commence on Pan from April 2009.

He will be based at an office on Pan for the majority of his time and will be a first point of contact for residents wishing to discuss any aspect of the planned new build.

He will also be able to highlight concerns over existing facilities at Pan and put forward any opportunities for improvements that residents suggest.

Green boost for Island tourism



Picture: Isle of Wight Tourism

The Island's sustainable tourism project Green Island has been long-listed in the 2007 Virgin Holidays Responsible Tourism Awards organised by online travel agent responsibletravel.com, in association with The Times, World Travel Market and Geographical Magazine.

Green Island is one of 15 entries to be long-listed in the Best Destination category. This award, won last year by Aspen, Colorado, recognises destinations that manage tourism for the long-term benefit of tourists, conservation and local people.

The Responsible Tourism Awards are the largest of their kind in the world and this year attracted more than 1,700 nominations. All nominations are made by the public.

Green Island was set up as a partnership project in 2003 to develop a more sustainable approach to the management and development of the Island's tourism industry.

Much of Green Island's work has been focused on the development of the Green Island Awards, a green certification scheme for tourism businesses, which currently has more than 100 members. Alongside the awards scheme the project has introduced numerous supporting initiatives and substantial levels of business support.

Green Island co-ordinator, Steve Blamire, said: "With the changes to the way we now run Green Island, the future looks brighter than ever. We are now well placed to build on the success already achieved which is good news for the Island and good news for the environment."

The awards will be presented on 14 November at the Excel World Travel Market event.

- For further information you can view www.greenislandtourism.org

London mayors' thumbs up for Island



Twenty-four members of the London Mayors' Association spent a weekend enjoying the sights, sounds and attractions of the Isle of Wight in late July.

The party – comprising past and present mayors of the London boroughs and including the Lord Mayor of Westminster and the Mayor of Wandsworth – enjoyed a full programme of events during their visit.

"The mayors had previously visited Madrid, Prague, Washington and Rome so we were joining some illustrious international locations in welcoming them," said Isle of Wight Council chairman, Councillor Roger Mazillius.

"The only UK city the association has visited is Edinburgh, so I feel this is a major honour for us and testimony to how the Island is seen as a world-class destination."

During their stay, the mayors' party visited some of the Island's best known attractions including Ventnor Botanic Gardens and Dinosaur Isle. They also enjoyed a coach tour taking in the Island's dramatic coastline and dined at the Royal Yacht Squadron at Cowes.

The visit included a tour of Osborne House and enjoying the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra's Last Night of the Proms in the grounds of Osborne.



Picture by Sarah Moss

RAW Samba heads for Notting Hill

This August Bank Holiday the Island's popular RAW Samba band will be adding to the colour and spectacle at London's famous Notting Hill Carnival.

The band has been asked to accompany Notting Hill performers Cocoyea at what is the country's biggest carnival.

RAW Samba has gone from strength to strength since it first hit the Isle of Wight carnival scene in a big way in 2001. Funding initially came through the council's adult and community learning section and Ryde Art Works (RAW), with a programme delivered by Platform One.

The band has gained funding to design and make 'king' and 'queen' costumes based on the flamboyant style of carnival dress in Rio, home of samba, which were showcased in the recent Ryde Arts Parade and will be appearing at Notting Hill.

As well as the many events the band plays at on the Island, including the Bestival, it has also performed in Portsmouth, Southampton and Reading.

Top new sports facility for Freshwater

Construction of a state-of-the-art multi-use games area for the community in Freshwater is on course for its opening in early September.

The facility, in Moa Place, will be complete with floodlighting and fencing, and is being supported to the tune of £60,000 by the council and £50,000 from Barclays Bank under its Spaces for Sport project. The rest of the cost has been made up by grants from the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA), the Football Foundation, the Youth Opportunities Fund, and individual grants from developers.

The all-weather playing surface caters for a wide range of sports, including football and tennis. Construction work began in early July and is scheduled for completion by the end of August.



Respite home to celebrate 30th birthday

Staff and users of the council's Westminster House Residential and Day Respite Care Home in Newport are gearing up for a bumper 30th birthday party.

Former users and staff will join current employees and people staying at the home for the party on September 28. The house will remain open as usual during the celebrations.

Westminster House provides care for adults with learning disabilities, and during its 30 year history

has provided respite support facilities for hundreds of Island families who have members with learning disabilities.

Ten single bedrooms at the home can provide long or short-term care for residents who can also take part in activities that focus on social, educational, employment and life skills that encourage independence and activity.

Communicating with Island residents

In the last issue of the magazine we brought you a range of findings from the council's latest residents' survey, carried out between 19 April and 8 May.

The survey also gleaned some information about the magazine itself, the fourth edition of which was about to be published at the time of the research.

The survey was based on 800 interviews with Island residents aged 16 and over, and at the time of the fourth issue found that just over 36 per cent had seen the magazine to that point. The distribution of the magazine is an area we are currently reviewing.

The 36 per cent equated to 290 of those interviewed, and of those, 85 per cent found the magazine informative, 77 per cent said it had an appealing design and style, and 73 per cent said it told them what they needed to know about council services.

Chief executive, Joe Duckworth, said: "As the magazine reaches its eighth issue this month, we remain determined to learn from the findings and improve the publication where we can. Further research will be carried out in the future to see if we are achieving this.

"The magazine plays a key role in communicating to Island residents the many improvements we are making through our One Island programme of initiatives, as well as providing general information about council services and community and partner activities."



Don't miss White Air!



Picture: www.whiteair.co.uk

This month sees the start of the 11th annual White Air Extreme Sports Festival, taking place at Yaverland from 27 August to 2 September.

The hugely-popular event has expanded to seven days and grown into one of Europe's premier action sports festivals. Partners for the festival include the council, Isle of Wight Economic Partnership, Isle of Wight Tourism, the RAF, Wightlink, Merrell Shoes and Corona.

The 2007 event will feature 500 competitors from more than 40 countries taking part in 18 action sports including world championship windsurfing racing and freestyle, mountain board freestyle, kitesurfing, surfing, skateboarding, BMX, extreme gymnastics, land sailing and jet-skiing.

Other features of the week-long event are on-site family entertainments, two huge parties, sports and arts for the public to take part in, displays from the Red Arrows, and the RAF Falcons and Falling Rocks parachute display teams.

There will also be music in association with Platform One, with up to 50 groups performing live on stage, headlined by The Bees on Wednesday 29 August.

- Tickets can be purchased in advance online, and there will be limited entry on the day. More information from www.whiteair.co.uk. Park and ride has been set up for the event from Sandown High School, with buses every 30 minutes, 10am to 7pm.

New dog wardens



Two new wardens have been employed to boost the council's efforts to tackle dog fouling.

The new officers will patrol islandwide and will target known problem areas at peak dog-walking hours.

Their powers include the ability to issue fixed penalty notices to dog owners who fail to clear up after their pets, as well as those who do not have their dogs on leads in designated areas and those who ignore the dog beach ban areas.

The new wardens are part of the council's One Island programme to improve the quality of the Island's public realm.

As well as bolstering its dog warden service the council is also tackling dog fouling by seeking to introduce new Dog Control Orders, increasing the frequency with which it empties bins and is also installing new bins with plastic bag dispensers attached in high profile areas.

Help make Big Day Out a great success

It's now less than two months to one of the Island's most popular events for young people – the Big Day Out. If you think you can help make a difference to children's lives on the Island through the service you provide, then why not get involved?

Big Day Out is in its fifth year and is the Island's largest and fastest growing event specifically aimed at children, young people and their families. It brings together all the services, organisations and agencies that are striving to improve the lives of the Island's children and young people.

This year's event takes place on Sunday 7 October, and its theme is 'Then, Now and the Future', looking at experiences of children and young people on the Island over the past century and into the future.

This year's attractions will include music and dance, arts and crafts activities, face



painting, giant sumo suits, storytelling, food from around the world, sports tournaments, assault courses, bouncy castles and much more.

The event is open to the public from 10.30am to 3.30pm on 7 October at a venue to be announced. Tickets will be available from all public libraries, all youth centres, Connexions centres, and children's centres across the Island.

All participating volunteers and organisations are expected to be aware of safeguarding children policies and procedures and must be Criminal Records Bureau checked.

- For more details contact Claire Whittington, events officer, Isle of Wight Council, 5 Mariners Way, Somerton Industrial Estate, Cowes, Isle of Wight PO31 8PD, tel: 203891, email: claire.whittington@iow.gov.uk



Qualifying to become a childminder

If you ever wondered how you can become a registered childminder but were not too sure what's involved, the council's Early Years Service can offer help and advice.

Currently, there are around 100 registered childminders who work across the Island.

A childminder is someone who

looks after one or more children under the age of eight for more than two hours a day on a domestic premises.

They must be registered with Ofsted and since 2005, inspection reports are available on the internet. A childminder can work as often or little as they like and can easily fit their schedule around the needs of their own family.

If you want to find out more about becoming a childminder, an information evening is being held on 11 September at Thompson House, Sandy Lane, Newport from 6.30pm to 9pm.

Early Years staff, registered childminders and a course tutor will be available to offer advice, and there will be an opportunity to apply to attend the Induction Programme for Prospective Childminders.

This is an eight week course at Thompson House starting on 18 September which covers all areas relevant to working as a registered childminder. Topics covered include health and safety, safeguarding children and child development.

Early Years Service support

Full support for all aspects of childminding is offered through the Early Years Service from initial enquiries to advice on setting up your own business.

There are also opportunities to achieve recognised qualifications and attend training programmes.

- For more details on becoming a registered childminder or to get information on the various courses available, you can contact the Early Years Service on 528645 or email the childminding development coordinator, Ruth Carter, at ruth.carter@iow.gov.uk

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Iweight.com is the Island's portal for information on all aspects of living, working and visiting the Island – and has a specific link to the magazine, allowing you to download the latest issue (in PDF format) or access previous editions.

The magazine has a promotional advert on the left hand navigation bar of the homepage of *iweight.com*, which highlights features in the latest edition. Once clicked on, users are able to download the issue of their choice by clicking on the appropriate link; all of which are listed in date order.

- *Iweight.com* includes comprehensive information about the council and its services, together with news and details of events in the community.

Timetable agreed for East Cowes Project



Major plans to transform and regenerate East Cowes have taken a significant step forward.

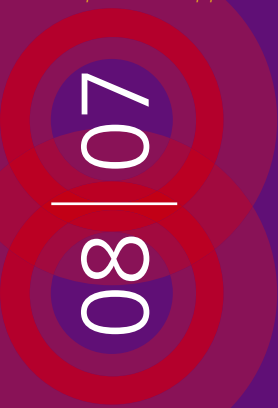
The partners involved in the £200 million-plus East Cowes Project have agreed a timetable in which the first phase of the development will be delivered.

They have also formed a project board that will meet regularly to ensure the scheme continues to progress through to its intended finish date in 2014.

This first phase will involve a new road linking up to 200 new homes with a new town centre development including a retail foodstore and community facilities such as a health centre and public square.

Following receipt of detailed planning permission, detailed plans for the link road and the first phase of housing will be submitted in the coming months and it is intended work on the road will begin in spring next year with a start on housing shortly thereafter.

Future elements of the scheme will also see the development of marine-related industry, transport interchange facilities and a new 300-berth marina.



Isle of Wight Connexions news

information, advice,
guidance and support for
young people, parents,
carers and employers



You may remember reading in the June edition of One Island about the changes to our Connexions Centre in Newport, which have been made possible by an innovative collaboration with the Youth Service. To celebrate the new look, we'll be offering a programme of exciting workshops and activities throughout September and October for young people aged 13 to 19.

The programme is now confirmed and will be launched on Saturday 1 September when the Connexions Centre will become alive with creativity. Each workshop that follows will offer a fantastic opportunity to find out more about creative careers. They promise to be fun, informative and practical, so don't miss out!

Creative Careers programme for September:

1 September - Come along to the Connexions Centre and take part in creative writing sessions led by Felicity Fair Thompson; film specialist Anthony Batchelor; and the Senior Editor of Hodder Children's Books, Beverley Birch, whose own latest novel RIFT is receiving rave reviews. Alternatively, you can learn how to make healthy treats. Smart Training is on board and will teach you how to make smoothies and a stir-fry.

8 September - Continuing with the catering theme, this week's creative focus is on cake decorating and making non-alcoholic cocktails. The workshop will be led by local training provider HTP.

15 September - What's more creative than a carnival? The Island is becoming known as a national centre for carnival arts. This week you will have the opportunity to make a carnival hat or mask. You will also be able to find out about arts- and events-related careers.

22 September - Ever thought about becoming a stylist or just wanted to be more creative with your own hair? Isle of Wight College hairdressing students and their tutor will give demonstrations, and then it's over to you to have a go!

29 September - Make-up artist Jo Jenkins teaches us how to use make-up. This isn't just for the girls, as Jo is experienced in stage make-up too. Come along and see how make-up is applied to beauty - and the beast!

For more information and to book a place phone the Connexions Centre on **525927**. Places are limited, so be sure to book early.

Newport Connexions Centre
29 High Street, Newport, PO30 1SS

Telephone: **01983 525927** Email: **infoiow@connexions-southcentral.org**

Opening Times: **9.30am-4.30pm Mon to Wed** **9.30am-6.00pm Thu** **9.30am-4.00pm Fri** **10.00am-1.00pm Sat**

The Matrix Standard

South Central Connexions provides a quality information, advice and guidance service: it's official!

The Matrix Standard is a national quality standard for the effective delivery of information, advice and guidance on learning and work.

We were assessed at the beginning of June and we are delighted to announce that we passed our Matrix assessment with flying colours. The assessor spoke with many staff, young people and our partners.



Achieving the standard

- ⊙ demonstrates to everyone our commitment to provide impartial and accessible information, advice and guidance;
- ⊙ helps us to provide the support young people need; and
- ⊙ helps us identify areas of success and areas where we need to improve.

Our congratulations go to colleagues of The Isle of Wight College, who also achieved the Matrix Standard recently.

What next?

Have you just finished school, college or a training course? Not sure what to do next?

Whatever your results, Connexions can help you decide on the best route to a successful future. Come and talk to us about the options on offer to you:

- ⊙ **job with training**
- ⊙ **full-time education**
- ⊙ **Apprenticeships or e2e**
- ⊙ **full-time employment**
- ⊙ **part-time study**



Didn't get the exam grades you wanted?

There is still a wide range of options available to you.

You could:

- ⊙ look at studying a different course
- ⊙ take up a vocational qualification
- ⊙ train on the job with a variety of Apprenticeship programmes
- ⊙ take your exams again

Did you do better than you had expected?

Great! Why not review your options? Check out other courses on offer at the sixth forms, the College or work-based providers.

South Central Connexions working in partnership with:



For more information on learning opportunities, pick up a copy of 'Let's talk about your choices at 14+', available in September.



SOME OF the Isle of Wight's most stunning coast and countryside can be found stretching from its rural heart to its southern cliffs and landslips.

These areas – from Gatcombe, Rookley, Arreton and Newchurch through to Godshill, Wroxall, Chale, Whitwell, Niton, St Lawrence and Ventnor – are represented by six councillors at County Hall, Newport.

In this feature we give details of these councillors as well as the parish and town councils for these areas.

Arreton Parish Council

Members: John Orchard, Isabel Favell, Andrew Gray-Ling, Robin Oulton (chairman), John Cooper, Linda Watterson, Ken Busby, Philip James.

Parish clerk: Mrs Pat Phillips

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Chale Parish Council

Members: Peter Atkinson, Michael Starke, David Overton, Elizabeth Groves, Malcolm Groves (chairman).

Parish clerk: Claire Dean

Tel: 867359

Website: www.chale.org.uk

Gatcombe Parish Council

Members: David Floyd, John Kingston (chairman), Roy Westmore, Nigel Shaw.

Parish clerk: Stuart Van Cuylenburg

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Godshill Parish Council

Members: Norman Beisly, Ronald Mew, Anthony Simmonds (chairman), Patricia Button, Jean Chiverton, Albert Greatorex.

Parish clerk: Mrs Judith Diment

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Newchurch Parish Council

Members: Veronica Ashby, Elizabeth Cotton, Jennifer Lale, Colin Richards (chairman),

Trudy Draper, Michael Hoare, June Davison, Keith Newbery.

Parish clerk: Roy Bevan

Tel: 865249

Email: newchurchpc@yahoo.co.uk

Niton and Whitwell Parish Council

Members: John Norris, Christopher Hayes-Davis, Fay Norris, Derrick Hussey, Wendy Arnold, John Stotesbury, Keith Fradgley, Clive Peach, Anne Innes (chairman), John Attrill.

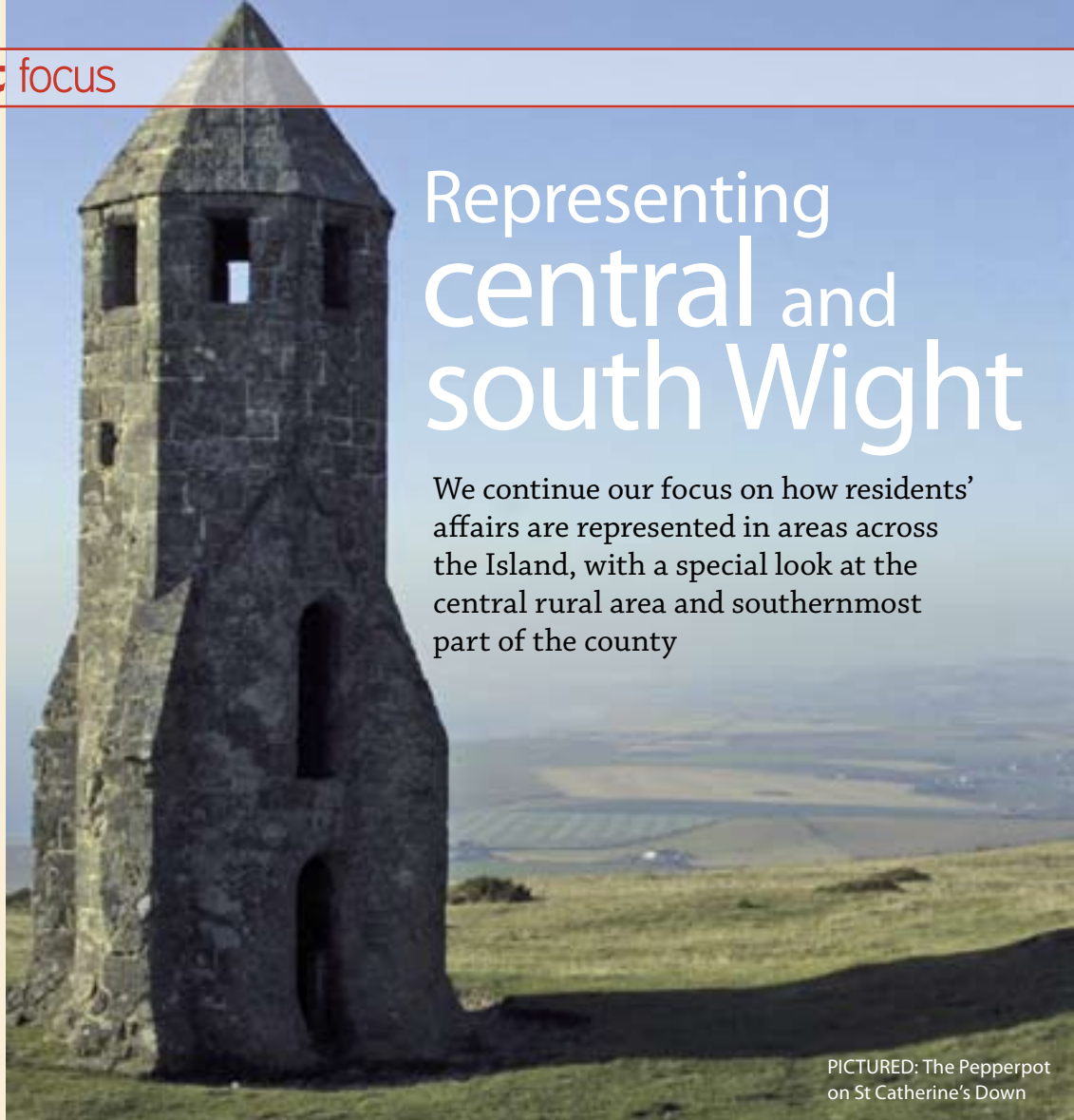
Parish clerk: Bob Blezzard

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Representing central and south Wight

We continue our focus on how residents' affairs are represented in areas across the Island, with a special look at the central rural area and southernmost part of the county



PICTURED: The Pepperpot on St Catherine's Down

Rookley Parish Council

Members: William Rodell, Derek Sheath, Michael MacGeorge, Peter Masters (chairman), Susan Jones, Marian Prowse, Joyce Pollard.

Parish clerk: Michael Taplin

Tel: 862810

Email: miketap@globalnet.co.uk

Ventnor Town Council

Members: Robin Mew, Christopher Mortimer, Brian Lucas, Jonathan Fitzgerald-Bond, Stephen Milford, Brenda Lawson, Albert Bartlett, Colin Elvers, Maureen Cawley, Susan Scoccia (mayor), Valerie Taylor.

Parish clerk: John Farrant

Tel: 855162

Website: www.ventnortowncouncil.org.uk



Central and south Wight connections

- Niton is home to three lighthouses: the octagonal Pepperpot, built in 1314 on St Catherine's Down; the incomplete Salt Cellar, part-built in 1785; and the existing St Catherine's lighthouse, in use since 1840, and built after 24 people lost their lives when the vessel *Clarendon* was shipwrecked off the Island.
- In 1849 Charles Dickens stayed at Winterbourne, Bonchurch while writing *David Copperfield*. He worked on his famous novel in rooms overlooking the gardens and sea, and often entertained literary friends including Tennyson and Thackeray.
- Arreton Manor is recorded as dating back as far as 872. It was mentioned in the will of Alfred the Great, and two hundred years later was noted in the Domesday Book as once being owned by Edward the Confessor. Today's manor house was largely rebuilt between 1595 and 1612, and was visited several times by Charles I.



LEFT: Charles Dickens wrote part of *David Copperfield* while staying in Bonchurch

Wroxall Parish Council

Members: John Welstead, Michael Clayton, Raymond Jacobs, Richard Low, Paul Court, Harry Cole, Adrian Gallop (chairman).

Parish clerk: Michael Platt.

Tel: 564426



PICTURED: The 13th century church at Gatcombe
BELOW: Ventnor seafront

Central and south area councillors (Isle of Wight Council)

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Ventnor West

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Wroxall and Godshell

Jilly Wood
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- 1070** St Boniface Old Church built by Normandy monks at Bonchurch.
- 1100** Appuldurcombe Priory established by the Abbey of Monteburg.
- 1203** Rookley estate first recorded.
- 1314** First St Catherine's lighthouse built as part of an oratory.
- 1454** First White Horse Inn at Whitwell, is built.
- 1538** Henry VIII entertained by Richard Worsley at Appuldurcombe.
- 1545** A small French force landed at Bonchurch.
- 1627** Charles I inspects military training exercises on Arreton Down.
- 1710** Appuldurcombe House built by Robert Worsley.
- 1751** Gatcombe Manor House built by Edward Worsley.
- 1795** Ventnor described as a small village between Steephill and Bonchurch.
- 1821** Knighton Gorges dismantled by its dying owner.
- 1838** Existing St Catherine's lighthouse built.
- 1845** Blackgang Chine first opened to the public.
- 1861** National Hospital for Diseases of the Chest opens at Ventnor.
- 1865** Population of Ventnor is 5,000 (up from 350 in 30 years).
- 1866** Ventnor railway tunnel project completed.
- 1928** Enormous landslide recorded at Blackgang.
- 1938** One of the first radar stations built on St Boniface Down.
- 1966** Main railway line to Ventnor closed.

Helping communities solve their problems

Spotlight on the Community Engagement scheme...

"The Community Engagement initiative is beginning to generate widespread interest and is making a real difference to people's lives in communities across the Island."

Councillor Ian Ward, cabinet member for safer communities

PICTURED: Upper Coppins Bridge car park in Newport is just one site which has benefited as a result of Community Engagement

A NEW APPROACH to fixing community problems is paying dividends across the Island.

Community Engagement is a process through which community safety issues identified at local public meetings are tackled head-on by the Island's Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership, including the police, council and other partners.

The community engagement meetings have become increasingly well supported. Around 150 people attended the most recent in East Cowes.

Once identified, a community's problems are then assigned to the person or partner best able to find a solution. At subsequent meetings, progress reports are given so communities can keep tabs on what is being done to address their concerns.

An early success of this process has been at Upper Coppins

Bridge in Newport where various council services came together with police to tackle problems of litter, anti-social behaviour and youngsters using the car park as a racetrack.

The partnership was helped in taking decisive action by input from those neighbouring the car park.

Around 20 meetings have been held so far and more are planned.

Explaining the ethos of community engagement, Alex Hicks, interim service manager, Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership, said: "We take the meetings out to the communities and really try to involve everyone there in telling us what issues they want tackled."

"It is not like some public meetings that can be taken over by a few people. We want to hear from everyone and at the end of the evening we are clear what the

three key issues are.

"It is these that are taken away and given to the proper person to work on and come up with solutions."

The meetings, often hosted by Danny Neale, the council's community initiatives officer, are tailored to encourage as much input from those present as possible. So informal can proceedings become as the public become involved that some have even been known to end in sing songs.

"That may sound unconventional but it just illustrates what the meetings are all about – community," said Alex.

"We all share the common aim of making the Island an even better place in which to live. We ask the community to engage with us. When we know what a particular issue is, we will then

go away and come back with real solutions."

Problems raised vary from area to area. While the adoption of roads, parking and planning were of most concern for residents of Parkhurst, for example, it was over-development, youth and alcohol and the state of the roads that were highlighted as the issues affecting the Freshwater meeting.

In Freshwater, a number of measures, including high visibility patrols during key hours, the holding of a youth initiative day, and test purchases in off-licences are already having a good effect, while more steps are underway to continue to drive down problems.

Another benefit is the close working relationships that have been forged between the partner agencies.

Monitoring crime around the clock

Imagine a crime-fighter that never slept, never took a day off. One who had already this year helped around 300 police investigations. It sounds like the stuff of fictional sleuths or superheroes. But the truth is far more down to earth...

THE ISLE of Wight Council's network of CCTV cameras has proved an invaluable aid to the authority's efforts to help drive down crime and anti-social behaviour.

There are currently extensive CCTV schemes covering Newport, Ryde and Sandown. These are bolstered by a further six mobile cameras that can be deployed in hotspots or at large scale events such as the Isle of Wight Festival or Skandia Cowes Week.

The footage from these cameras is fed through to a CCTV nerve centre in Newport. Here, some 30 monitors are scanned by council staff 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year.

If a serious incident – or the threat of trouble – is spotted, then these staff will raise the alarm with the appropriate authority. Alternatively, police will make an application to view footage they believe may have captured vital clues.

So far this year, the police have requested – and received – around 300 sequences from council-controlled CCTV cameras. Many of these tapes have been pivotal in bringing criminals to justice.

There are also moves to further improve the

Island's CCTV capabilities with emerging plans to receive and process the footage from new schemes in Cowes, Shanklin and Ventnor.

The council is also looking to upgrade the quality of footage by switching to digital coverage.

The cameras are not only used for the prevention and detection of crime, they have been used for other purposes such as re-uniting lost children with their parents. And because it is manned around the clock, the nerve-centre too is also base for the council's out-of-hours phone lines and emergency services such as Lifeline.

Those who monitor the screens are obliged to sign a professional confidentiality agreement that forbids them from divulging any information they may have gleaned from their work.

Simon Dennis, the council's interim service manager for the Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership, said: "We provide a valuable service for the whole Island community and economy, as not only are we monitoring the cameras 24/7, but the control room is a nerve centre for the police, shopwatch, pubwatch and serves as the council's out of hours call centre."

"Through initiatives such as the CCTV scheme we remain committed to working with our partners to help reduce crime and the fear of crime on the Island."

Councillor Ian Ward, cabinet member for safer communities



ABOVE: CCTV cameras are placed at critical points around Newport, such as this one at Church Litten
LEFT: Simon Dennis shows Councillor Ian Ward (left) the CCTV control room

All systems go for Ryde interchange project



Building work is set to begin this autumn on one of the largest projects of its kind ever undertaken on the Island...

"A great deal of work has been undertaken to ensure this project will provide a first-class transport interchange, a gateway to and from the Island, benefiting both visitors and Island residents."

Councillor Tim Hunter-Henderson, cabinet member for environment and transport

Picture: Marks Barfield Architects

EARLY OCTOBER has been earmarked for a start to be made on the multi-million pound transport interchange for Ryde.

The project will draw together the hovercraft, train and bus terminals and taxi rank around one landmark development on the site of the existing rail and bus stations.

The ambitious scheme will be far more pedestrian-friendly than the current arrangement while changes to the road layout will mean buses have shorter journey times bringing an environmental benefit.

The police have been involved in the design stage of the interchange and it is hoped that

once completed it will qualify for Secure By Design status.

The interchange will be fully covered by CCTV and police will also have a base within the new building.

The design includes commercial space that would lead to local job creation.

Around 2.5 million passengers pass through this point each year. For many the interchange will represent a first impression of the Island so it is crucial the building looks first-class as well as being functional.

The bulk of the money for the scheme – £6.2 million – is from a government grant.

It is hoped the scheme will be a catalyst for further investment in Ryde and elsewhere on the Island.

It is envisaged the work will last 60 weeks although every effort will be made to minimise disruption especially during the busiest holiday periods.

Dyer and Butler have been selected as main contractor for the scheme following a tendering process. They have indicated they will use local sub-contractors and materials where appropriate.

• For more information on the project view the website at www.rydeinterchange.com

Remember to register to vote!

Look out for special registration forms arriving at your home over the next few weeks...

FROM 23 August, canvass forms that are used to compile the annual Register of Electors will start arriving on the doormats of all 67,128 residential properties on the Island.

The forms allow people to amend, if necessary, the names of those registered as electors at the address – and the changes will be reflected in the new register when it is published on the 1 December 2007.

Even if there have been no changes to the people living in your household, it is vital the form is returned. It is a legal requirement to supply the information requested, and if the form is not returned your name could be removed from the register, and you would then not be able to vote at any elections or referendums during the coming year.

Increasingly, the Register of Electors is also used to check people's identity when they apply for credit, and if you are not registered at the address you give on your loan application, you may be refused credit, or at least find it more difficult to obtain.

You also now have a choice about whether or not your name and address are sold to commercial organisations (or indeed to any person who may wish to buy a copy of the register). This choice was introduced in 2002, and if you wish your details to be excluded from the Edited Register – as the commercially available register is known – then you need to tick the relevant column on the form.

However, everyone's name must appear on the Full Register, but this register can only be used by certain statutory bodies and organisations, and they are not allowed by law to pass the details on to any other parties. Anyone may inspect the Full Register in person at Customer Services, County Hall, Newport.

The canvass form also allows you to request an application form to vote by post. If you tick the box on the far right hand side of the form the council's electoral services will send you an application form to vote by post. If you already have a permanent postal vote then this box will have the tick pre-printed and you do not need to tick the box or to apply again.

Clive Joynes, elections and local land charges

manager, said: "This year's form has been redesigned to make it even easier to use, and the directions on the reverse have been vastly simplified. There is now a separate space for young adults who are 16 or 17 years of age to have their details added, and we know by asking for the details of young adults separately they are more likely to be included on the form, and thus be able to vote when they turn 18.

"Completing your form as soon as you receive it will save the council money. We are obliged to send a reminder form to every house that does not return the first form, and this is an expensive and time-consuming process. By filling in your form when you receive it you will contribute to keeping down council tax – but don't worry if your details do change after you've returned the form, just contact electoral services and we'll take the necessary action."

- If your household has not received a canvass form by early September, please telephone the electoral services office at the council on 821000.



Nature notes



LEFT: The snakelocks sea anemone

The beach is a lure during the summer holidays, and the marine wildlife found in expanses of beach which lie between high and low tide is well worth a second look.

Sea anemones sound as though they should be a kind of plant, but they feed and move, even if rather slowly, 'under their own steam' like other animals. They attach themselves to rocky surfaces by means of a suction disc.

Beadlet anemones look like blobs of reddish-brown jelly if you see them out of water between crevices in rocks. As the tide comes in and covers them, they extend their tentacles to catch their prey. When passing shrimps brush against them, tiny sting cells are fired, paralysing the prey before it is swept into the animal's mouth. Snakelocks sea anemones have long purple and green tentacles which they cannot draw in, so they are always found underwater in rock pools.

On beaches such as Ryde Sands, particularly on a very low tide, you may see 'meadows of the sea' – the eel grass or 'zos' beds. This plant is quite unlike the seaweeds it shares a habitat with, because it is rooted in the sand and it has tiny flowers. A wide range of invertebrate life feeds around it and it forms important nursery grounds for fish, including seahorses. Later in the year, the shoots are an important food source for flocks of dark-bellied brent geese which winter along our shores.

If you see snakelocks anemones when you are on the rocky shore, report your sighting on www.iwnhas.org as they are one of the animals in this year's Wildlife Watch survey.

Anne Marston,
assistant ecology officer



Sharing landslide knowledge with Europe

The council's centre for the coastal environment at Ventnor is taking part in a four-year project investigating the growing dangers associated with landsliding and slope failure.

The project is being funded by the European Union's Marie Curie Research Programme, and involves 18 organisations from across Europe who are part of the Mountain Risks Network.

The Island's centre for the coastal environment is contributing its experience of reducing the impacts of landsliding on coastal communities such as Ventnor and Cowes.

Both towns have benefited from active landslide investigation in recent years and there have been measures to combat such movement. It's hoped the lessons learnt can be transferred to mountainous areas and vice-versa.


The Island will host several post-graduate student placements during the project, allowing new research to take place into the Isle of Wight's evolving coastal slopes.

- For more information on the project, you can contact Jenny Jakeways, coastal geomorphologist, on 857220.

Seasonal guide to wildlife in the garden

Buddleia may be coming to the end of their flowering season now, but cutting off dead flowers encourages the appearance of new flower spikes to provide nectar for late summer butterflies such as red admiral, painted lady and small tortoiseshell.

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ACTIVITIES

RNLI Lifeboat Regatta Open Day

(18 August)
Lifeboat helicopter demonstrations, raft race, boathouse open for visitors, games, stalls, refreshments, at Bembridge Lifeboat Station, Lane End, Bembridge, 11am to 4pm.

Wightcat Crafts

(22 August – 27 October)
Courses at 14 Carisbrooke Road, Newport, tel: 527525, booking in advance essential, cardmaking workshop (25 Aug, 22 Sept, 27 Oct), beginners' parchment class (22 Aug, 26 Sept, 24 Oct), regular scrapbook club (8 Sept, 14 Oct), parchment craft club (19 Sept, 17 Oct).

RNLI Summer Party

(27 August)
Wine and canapés with dancing to Chick Cole, at the Royal Yacht Squadron, 7pm, tickets £10, tel: 291334/281583.

Sandown Illuminated Carnival

(29 August)
The illuminated parade assembles on Culver Parade, judging at 8pm, moves off at 9pm, featuring hundreds of amazing costumes, bands and floats.

Art and Crafts Fayre

(15 September)
Fayre on the library lawn, Brighstone Library, 2pm to 5pm.

Wight Words 2007

(24 September – 15 October)
Literary festival featuring a wide range of events, details at www.wightwords.co.uk

Family Learning Week

(6-14 October)
Family-orientated activities across the Island, launched by Big Day Out on 7 October, details from www.eduwight.iow.gov.uk or www.campaign-for-learning.org.uk

EXHIBITIONS

John Nicholson, Inside Ferrari

(29 June – 9 September)
Exhibition at Dimbola Lodge Museum, Freshwater Bay, for details tel: 756814.

Push the Boat Out

(18 July – 8 September)
An open exhibition at the Café Wall, Quay Arts, Newport, featuring maritime works in different media.

Exhibition of Paintings

(3-29 August)
Exhibition of work by Michael Glover, Freshwater Library.

Bembridge Beaux Arts

(19-21 August)
A vibrant mix of paintings, photography and sculpture by more than a dozen local artists, art work for sale, Bembridge Village Hall, 9am to 6pm, drinks reception on 18 August (7pm to 10pm).

Exhibition of Artwork

(22-28 August)
Exhibition by the Island Art Society, Masonic Hall, Seaview, 9.30am to 6pm, admission free.

Island Open Studio Event 2007

(24-26 August)
Abstract painter Lisa Traxler opens her studio along with fellow artist Garry Whitehead, to



An exhibition of photographs by Alfredo Basile, at the Rope Store Gallery, Quay Arts from 6 October to 17 November

show a colourful mix of contemporary work, The Studio, East Quay, Kite Hill, Wootton, 10am to 5pm.

Brighstone Village Art Group

(7-9 September)
Exhibition of paintings by local artists, Wilberforce Hall, Brighstone, 9am to 5pm.

Sandown/Shanklin and District Camera Club Exhibition

(5-29 September)
Exhibition of work by members past and present, George Street Centre, Ryde, daily.

Festival of Art and Music

(8 September)
Exhibition of paintings by the Black Cat Art Group of Shanklin, with resident artist, 10am

to 4pm, admission free followed by an evening concert by the Sandown and Shanklin Military Band (8pm), both at St Saviour's Church, Queens Road, Shanklin.

East Weaves West, Basketry from Japan and Britain

(8 September – 10 November)
A comprehensive insight into basketry on opposite sides of the world, Michael West

Gallery, Quay Arts, Newport.

Kolzwerk

(11 September)
Artography exhibition 'Integration Equals Disintegration', Quay Arts Café Wall, Newport, 9.30am to 4.30pm (Monday to Saturday).

Isle of Wight Embroiderers' Guild

(18 September – 5 October)
An exhibition

'Surrounded by Colour' at Sts Thomas Church, Newport, 10am to 4pm (weekdays), 2pm to 4pm (Sundays), featuring embroidery covering all styles and reflecting the colours of the Island.

Alfredo Basile, Photography from Sicily

(6 October – 17 November)
An Italian photographer passionate about his land and traditions, with images of workers harvesting on the foothills of Mount Etna, Rope Store Gallery, Quay Arts, Newport.

MUSIC

Katya Corrie

(14 September)
Singer and composer from Vancouver, Canada, who has composed music for theatre and founded various jazz ensembles, Quay Arts Jazz Café, Newport, 8pm, tickets £10/£9, tel: box office 822490.

Les Payne

(15 September)
Presented by Quay Arts in association with Vaguely Sunny, a veteran of more than 6,000 gigs who has supported bands such as Genesis and Mott the Hoople, Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £10/£9, tel: box office 822490.

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Issue date	Listings period covered	Deadline for submission
19 October	19 October to 7 December	24 September
23 November	23 November to 4 January	22 October
21 December	21 December to 14 March	26 November

MUSIC

September Serenade

(22 September)
Newchurch Male Voice Choir in concert with invited guests Teresa and Howard Wilkie, Cyril Amie monologues, Sandown High School's musician of the year, at Newchurch Community Centre, 7.30pm, entry £4 on the door.

Ralph McTell

(3 October)
Songwriter and performer Ralph McTell playing a selection of favourites from his repertoire, together with anecdotes, Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £15/£14, tel: box office 822490.

Brassjaw

(12 October)
Saxophone quartet Brassjaw, Quay Arts Jazz Café, Newport, 8pm, tickets £10/£9, tel: box office 822490.

Staff Brett

(13 October)
Presented by Real Live in association with Quay Arts, widely-travelled Isle of Wight musician Staff Brett, blues-tinged tunes and distinctive vocal, Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £12, tel: box office 822490.

Zoe Conway and John McIntyre

(14 October)
Presented by Quay Arts in association with Vaguely Sunny, Irish fiddle player Zoe Conway and her husband guitarist John McIntyre, Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £12/£11, tel: box office 822490.

Marylebone Trio

(20 October)
A mixed programme featuring works by Mozart and Beethoven, Quay Arts, Newport, tickets £7/£6, tel: box office 822490.



Ralph McTell will be performing at Quay Arts on 3 October, 8pm

Kekele

(25 October)
Rumba Congolaise music from the 60s, combining Cuban and African music, enchanting vocals and spellbinding guitar, Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £12/£11, tel: box office 822490.

Jill Crossland

(30 October)
British pianist whose recordings include Bach's Goldberg Variations, Sts Thomas Church, Newport, 8pm, tickets £7/£6, tel: box office 822490.

POETRY

Aisle 16 Services to Poetry

(25 September)
Poetic travelogue backed by digital slideshow, Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £8/£7, tel: box office 822490.

Maggie Sawkins Book Launch

(2 October)
Featuring poetry and music by the co-founder of the popular Tongues & Grooves poetry and music club in Southsea, Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £2, tel: box office 822490.

SHOWS

Classic Car Show

(15-16 September)
A charity classic car show featuring cars from the Island and mainland, at Newport Quay and Ryde Esplanade, 11am to 5.30pm, raising funds for the Earl Mountbatten Hospice,

Newport and Ryde Inshore Rescue.

Fourth Annual Charity Antique and Collectors' Fair

(14 October)
At Northwood House, Cowes, 10.30am to 3pm, to raise funds for the Island branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association, in memory of Mavis Summerfield, who died of the disease in 2002.

TALKS

Michael Maybrick and Other Musicians of Ryde

(13 October)
Derek Warman gives a talk at the Ryde Social Heritage Group AGM and members' meeting, at George Street Centre, George Street, Ryde, all welcome, free to members or £2 on the door, 10.30am.

THEATRE

Treasure Island

(26 August)
By Robert Louis Stevenson, open-air performance by Quantum Theatre at Northwood House, Cowes, 7.30pm, gates open 6.30pm, seating not provided, bring a picnic, box office tel: 289842.

Little Shop of Horrors

(28 August – 1 September)
A performance at Trinity Theatre, Cowes, box office open daily (11am to 2pm) from 17 August (except Sundays).

The Cow Play

(20 September)
A darkly comic and provocative play about identity, love and a woman who is turning into a cow, Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £10/£9, tel: box office 822490.

Threadbare Greebo

(29 September)
Zheaded Pigeon Productions present a play about a boy sewn together from rags and terrorised by his creator, Quay Arts, Newport, 7.30pm, tickets £7/£6, tel: box office 822490.

St Nicholas

(4-5 October)
A funny, supernatural tale of vampires and theatre critics, by Conor McPherson, featuring Peter Dineen (from tv's *Father Ted*), Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £10/£9, tel: box office 822490.

Old World

(6 October)
Prime Theatre presents a play by Aleksei Arbutov, a tale reminding us it's never too late to find someone to grow old with, Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £9/£8, tel: box office 822490.

Lifting the Mask

(15 October)
London Shakespeare Workout present a musical celebrating the life and lyrics of Paul Laurence Dunbar, Quay Arts, Newport, 8pm, tickets £10/£9, tel: box office 822490.

The Odd Couple

(18-20 October)
Curtain Up Amateur Dramatic Society present a female version of the play by Neil Simon, at Totland Church Hall, 7.30pm, tickets in local shops.

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