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Isle of Wight Festival

A celebration
in pictures

Also inside:

World Island Youth Games round-up
Special focus on The Bay area



Welcome



Welcome to the June issue of the Isle of Wight Council's magazine, *One Island*, which this edition features a special pictorial celebration of the hugely successful Isle of Wight Festival. We, as a council, were very proud to have been involved with this memorable event.

Continuing with the positive news we take a look at the success of our young Island athletes who did so well at the recent World Island Youth Games in Corsica, and also give an update on our well-received *One Million Blooms* project.

We turn the spotlight on green energy by taking a look at the new gasification plant at Forest Park, Newport, and also include useful information explaining how the conduct of our councillors is scrutinised.

Our special focus on how different areas of the Island are represented at County Hall and through town and parish councils continues with a look at The Bay area of the East Wight, taking in Sandown, Lake and Shanklin.

Meanwhile, in future editions we will continue to keep you informed about the many other priority projects we have pledged to support.

**Councillor Andy Sutton
Leader, Isle of Wight
Council**

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3 July (6pm)

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(council chamber)

26 June (4pm)

28 June (6pm)

24 July (4pm)

Licensing Committee

(committee room one)

9 July (4pm)

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29 June (2pm)

Audit and Performance Committee

(committee room one)

17 July (6pm)

General Purposes Committee

(committee room one)

2 July (4pm)

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(committee room one)

16 July (6pm)

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(committee room one)

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(committee room one)

31 July (6pm)

Policy Commission for Care, Health and Housing

(committee room one)

27 June (6pm)

Policy Commission for Children and School Results

(committee room one)

25 July (6pm)

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(committee room one)

26 July (6pm)

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Three Island beaches achieve Blue Flag status



Three Island beaches have been awarded prestigious Blue Flags.

Ryde East, Sandown and Shanklin beaches have met the standards needed for Blue Flag accreditation from the environmental organisation ENCAMS.

Blue Flags are an international award scheme guaranteeing to visitors and tourists that a beach or marina is one of the best in the world.

To be awarded a Blue Flag, the beaches must meet strict criteria relating to water quality and colour, recycling, lifeguards, and information about bathing water quality.

Ventnor beach would have been entered

into this year's Blue Flags but it did not have permanent lifeguards at the time of the entry. Funding for lifeguards has since been made available and Ventnor will be entered next year.

Cabinet member for environment and transport, Tim Hunter-Henderson, said: "Blue Flags are a very well respected and recognised quality award in the UK. To have three of our most popular beaches meet the very strict criteria is something the Island can be very proud of. This excellent news can only boost the Isle of Wight's image as one of the UK's top tourist destinations."



Island to pilot health information project

A scheme giving older people with mental health problems greater access to information tailored to their needs is being piloted on the Island.

The project is being spearheaded by the council and its partners along with 19 other healthcare trusts and local authorities across the country.

Information Prescriptions will be available on a new website portal which will be included in the council's general website.

The site will contain links or signposts to guide people to sources of information about their health and care.

There will be information on conditions and treatments for dementia and depression, care services available, benefits advice and support groups.

The website will let people know where they can get advice, where to get support and where to network with others who have a similar condition.

It will include addresses, telephone numbers and website addresses that people might find useful and show how they can find out more.

The new service will become available across the country next year following its piloting on the Island.

Claire Foreman, the council's head of older people's services, said: "*Information Prescriptions* are part of the process of giving to older people and their carers individualised, timely and appropriate information.

"Using *Information Prescriptions* social care and health staff can direct older people and their carers to sources of relevant information which will help them to manage their condition and associated needs.

"It is exciting that the Isle of Wight has been chosen to pilot this important new service. Older people with dementia and depression deserve the very best information that they can get about their condition and more importantly are entitled to have greater control over how to best manage their care needs."

New forum to spearhead road safety schemes



A new forum tasked with co-ordinating efforts to improve road safety and reducing accidents on the Island has been launched.

The Road Safety Forum includes representatives from the council, police, fire and rescue service and the Island's NHS primary care trust.

The creation of the body is one of several steps announced recently by the council to cut the number of accidents on Island roads.

Also agreed are:

- £800,000 of anti-skid work to replace worn out road surfaces;
- £760,000 to install reactive speed signs;
- £200,000 in the current year to introduce 20mph speed limits where possible outside Island schools;
- £100,000 on a road safety and education advertising campaign;
- £316,000 on initiatives with the Safety Camera Partnership;
- £15,000 on Community Speedwatch.

The idea is that these initiatives can be best co-ordinated by a single body with representatives from all local bodies with a statutory duty to reduce the number of traffic accidents.

The forum held its first meeting in Newport when terms of reference and the progress of schemes to cut the number of road accidents were discussed.

It was also decided the forum should be the single point of reference for outside organisations wanting to arrange road safety demonstrations such as crash scene re-enactments.

Peter Taylor, the council's road safety advocate, said: "There is a great deal of enthusiasm and commitment to build on the good work already being carried out to reduce accidents across the Island. By working more closely together we can pool resources and expertise to deliver a first class service and continue to reduce death and injury on our roads."

Celebrating school catering accolades

A major power cut failed to stop celebrations in Cowes last month as more than 60 school catering staff celebrated attaining national awards. They achieved the CIEH (Chartered Institute of Environmental Health) Level II Award in Nutrition and the CIEH Level II Award in Healthier Food and Special Diets.

More than 130 guests attended the celebration dinner at Cowes Yacht Haven, which half way through was interrupted by the power cut. Fortunately emergency lighting allowed the event to continue.

Individual awards were presented by council's Children's Trust development adviser, Simon Dear, with entertainment provided by the Cowes High School staff band.

Did you know?

A total of 445 Island residents aged over 80 received directly-provided free homecare in the first four weeks of the new scheme since 1 April this year, with a further 85 receiving their care through the direct payments scheme. It means just over 4,200 hours of care per week is being provided free of charge.



Fostering service manager, Dave Crewe (centre), and his team with the vintage bus

Fostering Fortnight brings good news

More than 50 people expressed an interest in becoming foster carers during a very successful Fostering Fortnight on the Island in May.

It was a big increase on last year when 20 people put their names down.

Fostering Fortnight is a national event and was marked by four displays in St Thomas' Square, Newport. This included the use of a vintage bus donated by Southern Vectis.

Manager of the council's fostering service, Dave Crewe, said: "The team have been overwhelmed by the response during the two weeks. So many people came and talked to us and wanted more information, it was a great success."

On the Island there are currently 208 children in foster care and prior to Fostering Fortnight there were only 119 foster carers. Across the UK there is a shortage of more than 8,200 foster carers.





The Isle of Wight Cycling Festival - entering online

The Isle of Wight Cycling Festival returns in September with a variety of events suitable for cyclists of all ages and abilities.

Two of the most popular activities on the programme are *Cycle the Wight* and the *Hills Killer Challenge*.

Last year *Cycle the Wight*, traditionally a 65 mile route following the cycle tracks around the whole Island, was modified to include a shorter 45 mile route for those who were keen to see the Island's glorious coastal scenery, but had concerns about their ability to make it all the way round.

Many entrants choose to form teams and complete *Cycle the Wight* in a bid to raise money for nominated charities.

The *Hills Killer Challenge* provides cyclists with an orienteering ride where participants are given the chance to pit their bike and their stamina against routes incorporating three, seven or 14 hills. These tough off-road endurance courses cover some of the most gruelling territory on the Island.

- It is now possible to complete your entry form for the *Hills Killer Challenge* via the council's website. Go to www.iwight.com/cycling to submit your entry form directly to the organisers.

Pre-registration entry fees are £12 for adults and £5 for under 18s. The online form will accept all major credit and debit cards. An entry form for *Cycle the Wight* will be available from the same location in the near future.

Don't forget the new "no smoking" laws!

Don't forget from 1 July this year the new laws regulating smoking come into force.

From that date it will be an offence to smoke in an enclosed workplace, vehicle or public space, and also for the manager or person in control of such places to fail to display appropriate no smoking signage or allow smoking to take place in their premises.

Penalties for breaching the new laws are stringent - managers or persons in control of premises may face fines of up to £2,500 for failing to stop persons smoking in a premises/vehicle, £1,000 for failing to display appropriate signage, and smokers could face an individual fine of up to £200. Fixed penalty notices may also be issued for failing to display signs (up to £200) or for smoking (£50).

- Further information on smoke free legislation can be found on the council's website www.iwight.com or by telephoning environmental health on 823000.

Making sense of the puzzle - Asperger's Syndrome



PICTURED:
(left to right)
Dr Piers
Rowlandson,
Tony
Attwood,
Dr Mike
Vickers and
Dr Carolyn
Smith

Last month (May) a two-day conference was held at Cowes Yacht Haven to highlight the little-known condition, Asperger's Syndrome.

More than 200 professionals and parents from the Island and councils in southern England attended, as well as delegates from Jersey and Wales.

The main speaker was Professor Tony Attwood, a clinical psychologist with more than 25 years experience of working with people with Asperger's Syndrome. He presents workshops and runs training courses all over the world and is a prolific author of articles and books on the subject.

Over the two days, themes from childhood to adolescence were covered, focusing on social, emotional and educational issues.

Did you know?

The Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service has been judged to be "improving well" by the Audit Commission. It follows an appeal against an "improving adequately" rating because the council felt this didn't reflect the improvement work since the service had been graded as "poor" in 2005.

Cash for youth groups and projects

Are you involved in a project that helps the Island's young people, or do you belong to a youth activities group? Do you need cash grants to help you or your group achieve its ambitions?

Cash grants, from a few hundred pounds to several thousand pounds are available via the council's Youth Opportunities Fund. Already this year more than £100,000 has been handed out.

Among those who have benefited is the Isle of Wight Gateway Club, £6,200 to run an arts and crafts workshop; Medina Marching Band, £6,000 to help 40 members visit Coburg in Germany for a cultural exchange; and Ryde High School, £3,500 to help students travel to Dresden in Germany to compete at a Global Rock event.

- For more information on how to apply for funding, contact Matthew Bell on 529790 or email matthew.bell@iow.gov.uk



One million blooms underway!

One Million Blooms – the council initiative to brighten up the Island with a series of horticultural displays – was officially launched last month.

Council leader Andy Sutton, who first announced details of the imaginative £180,000 scheme in his February budget speech, got planting underway at one of the chosen sites – the flowerbeds outside Newport police station (pictured below).



One Million Blooms is the council's response to comments made during recent public consultations, asking for schemes that improved the Island's street scene, environment and public realm.

As part of the project more than 20 smaller schemes around the Island will be joined by three showpiece creations on a trio of the Island's busiest roundabouts: Whippingham, Medina Way and St George's Approach.

Matthew Chatfield, parks and countryside manager, said the planting was reminiscent of the approach to horticulture undertaken by the Victorians.

"We wanted to create something that would last for generations – just as today we benefit from the planting that was done by forward-thinking gardeners more than a century ago.

"What's more, we have a message to deliver: sustainable planting doesn't have to look boring – in fact, it can be spectacular! We hope that through *One Million Blooms* gardeners across the Island and beyond will be inspired to create sustainable, drought-tolerant planting, to conserve and enjoy the natural resources of our beautiful Island."

Do your bit for *Big Day Out* 2007



Do you think you can help make a difference to children's lives on the Island through the service you provide?

If you can, then why not exhibit at this year's *Big Day Out* in October and help children, young people and their families find out more about what is available on the Island for them.

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 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 years ahead.

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

- 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

Improvements to viaduct



Major works to improve the Cement Mills Viaduct on the Cowes to Newport cycleway have been completed.

Around £116,000 has been spent on work to widen the deck of the viaduct from 1.5 metres to three metres. This allows two cyclists to pass unhindered.

The work involved creating a new steel-beamed structure with new steel railings as well as the brand new timber decking.

Rookley-based Ward Erectors were contracted by the council to carry out the project.

The Cement Mills Viaduct is 73 metres long and used to form a stretch of the Cowes to Newport railway line taking trains over the creek below.



Hygiene website is big hit

The council's *Scores on the Doors* website, on which potential diners can check the hygiene ratings of all Island food premises, is proving a great success.

Since its launch at the end of March, the site has attracted almost 80,000 visits and 50,000 unique visitors, making it one of the most

popular parts of the council's *iwight.com* website.

Warren Haynes, environmental health manager, said: "A major aim of *Scores on the Doors* is to make available to the public information on the food hygiene standards of food businesses at their last inspection. It is heartening to know that so many people have made use of that data."

Another key aspiration of *Scores on the Doors* is that it should drive up standards of food hygiene as business owners strive to achieve the scheme's maximum five-star rating.

Besides being online, the ratings are also given to catering businesses in the form of certificates which they are encouraged to display.

Glorious weather, tens of thousands of revellers, some of the world's finest music – the Isle of Wight Festival once again was a truly memorable weekend. Here we celebrate the event in pictures

THIS YEAR'S Isle of Wight Festival brought together some of the biggest music acts on the planet in a sun-drenched weekend of fun and entertainment at Seaclose Park, Newport.

Headlined by the Rolling Stones the event was arguably the biggest and best of the six revived festivals organised by John Giddings of Solo.

While the Rolling Stones were – and were always going to be – the stars of the show, the event was also a celebration of some of the brightest names in the international music scene – including Friday and Saturday headliners Snow Patrol and Muse, as well as Groove Armada, Kasabian and Keane.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes over the weekend of the festival, the council actively used the event to promote the Island to future and current investors (*see page 10*).



RIGHT: Happy campers!

BELOW: The Feeling



Snow Patrol



RIGHT: A papier mâché statue of Jimi Hendrix was on display throughout the weekend

LEFT: Crowds enjoying Groove Armada as the sun goes down

Friday



Muse's performance on Saturday night included an award winning light show

"I was absolutely delighted with this year's event. I think it was our best festival so far. To have been able to bring to the Island such a high quality line-up, headlined of course by the Rolling Stones, shows just how far the festival has come and how highly regarded it is within the international music scene."

John Giddings, Solo



Amy Winehouse



Saturday



ABOVE: The Red Arrows entertained the crowds on Saturday afternoon



Promoting the Island

More and more work is being done to ensure one of the major stars at the Isle of Wight Festival is the Island itself.

The council is keen to use the event to raise the profile of the Island and this year various promotional activities took place thanks to a new relationship between the council and festival promoter, Solo.

For the first time, an Island Experience Marquee in Strawberry Fields provided a showpiece both for the Island and for some local businesses to sell a range of the food they produce.

"The Island is a brilliant place and this is a great way to get that message out to a whole new audience," said Ben Brown of Farmer Jack's Farm Shop, Arreton.

The council was also able to host key figures from regional development and improvement agencies as well as current and future investors.

"The festival is a magnificent example of how vibrant the Island is and how,

as a brand, gets regular international exposure through world-class events," said David Pugh, cabinet member for regeneration, leisure and communications.

Lucy de Groot, executive director of the Improvement and Development Agency, said: "This is community leadership in practice. This is a fantastic opportunity to promote the Island as a really dynamic place – a fantastic combination of a stunning environment and an innovative entrepreneurial culture."



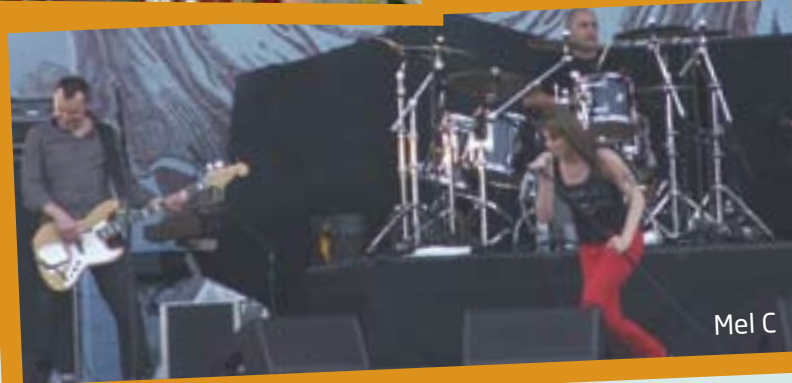
Mick Jagger

Sunday



Keith Richards and Ronnie Wood

Keane



Mel C

Island success at youth games

Young Isle of Wight athletes produced some outstanding performances at the recent World Island Youth Games in Corsica. Here we celebrate their achievements

THIRTY-ONE TALENTED Island youngsters achieved notable sporting success at the World Island Youth Games in May.

Competing against 3,000 of their contemporaries from 22 other islands around the world, the Isle of Wight youngsters achieved a terrific 12th place in the team marks.

Many fine individual performances contributed to the team standing, including seven individual medals.

The Isle of Wight Council was first invited to join the then Jeux des Iles (Island Youth Games) in 2003, after a successful application was made to the games organising committee, COJI.

The games were conceived in 1997 by the French Island of Corsica with the aim of bringing together young people from islands around the world for a high quality sporting event.

The games are held on an annual basis and focus on elite young performers aged between 13 and 17. Sports include athletics, basketball, handball, judo, tennis, table tennis, sailing, swimming, volleyball and gymnastics.

The other islands which sent teams were: the Azores, the Canaries, the Balearics, the Cape Verde Islands, Cyprus, Crete, Corfu, Corsica, Elba, the Faroe Islands, Guadeloupe, Haiti, Jersey, Korcula, Madeira, Martinique, Malta, Mayotte, Reunion, French Polynesia, Sardinia and Sicily.

The games pride themselves on helping young athletes from around the globe meet one another, bringing home a broader outlook on the world and many good memories of their experiences.

The Isle of Wight has now taken part in four games: Gran Canaria in 2004 (athletics), Crete 2005 (athletics and sailing), Sicily 2006 (athletics, swimming and sailing) and this year's games (athletics, sailing, tennis, swimming and gymnastics).

Early signs that the youth games are having an impact can be seen through the large numbers going on to compete at senior level in the adult Island Games.

• The Isle of Wight's participation in the games was made possible by the support of the following sponsors: Ventnor Town Council, Ryde Town Management Committee, the Youth Opportunities Fund, Freshwater Parish Council, Sandown Sports College, the Isle of Wight Lawn Tennis Association, Lake Parish Council, Newport Town Management Committee, Wight Material Handling (who sponsored the athletic team's extra polo and t-shirts), Southern Water (for swimming gear) and ferry company Wightlink (which supported the sailing team and travel across the Solent).

RIGHT: The Isle of Wight team medal winners (left to right, back row) James Foreman (silver, 400m hurdles), Jane Sceales (gold, sailing), Brogan Percy (gold, 400m and bronze, relay), Ella Bilton (bronze, relay), (front) Sarah Grace (bronze, relay), Faith Norster (bronze, relay)
BELOW: Brogan Percy



ABOVE: Jamie McDonald competing in the 100m breast stroke

ABOVE: Jane Sceales collects her gold in the girls' sailing



ABOVE: The Isle of Wight team

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Isle of Wight Connexions news

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



A bright new look
and a variety of
additional services
will follow.

The official opening
will take place on
1 September and, to
mark the opening,
we'll be launching a
programme of
'Creative Careers'
events to run from
the 1 September
until October.

Our Connexions
Centre in Newport
High Street has
re-opened after major
structural work.

Getting Creative at the Connexions Centre

If you have visited our Newport Connexions Centre in the last couple of weeks, you may have noticed that it has begun to change; Reception has moved and there is a new comfy area with free internet access for young people wishing to research and plan their future. A bistro style area is also planned, where young people can grab a coffee and relax with their friends.

After our sinking ceiling was repaired (March edition of One Island), we got together with Youth and Community Service staff to see how we could turn a difficult situation into an opportunity. The result, which is being influenced at every stage by ideas from young people, will be a one-stop shop at which 13 - 19 year olds (up to 25 years for those with special needs) will be able to get everything from debt counselling to pregnancy testing and careers guidance to a voluntary work placement.

Connexions is not just about serious stuff but about fun, too. As well as officially re-opening the Connexions Centre on Saturday 1 September, we will stage the first of a number of 'Creative Careers' events there.

“a bright new look and
great new services”

Following on from our successful Saturday morning writing group, 'Finding a Voice', the first of these will focus on creative writing. It will provide young people with the opportunity to work with professional writers and begin to investigate creative writing as a career. Events focusing on other creative careers will follow. More details will be available in the August edition of One Island.

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

Introducing the 14-19 Diplomas to the Isle of Wight

As part of the reform of 14-19 education nationally a new qualification is being developed - the Diploma.

The Diploma will open up choices for young people, offer different ways of learning and provide a route into higher education or employment. It is being developed with employers to provide young people with opportunities to promote a general understanding of a vocational area with real opportunities to practice skills.

There will ultimately be 14 Diplomas. These are being phased in over the next few years. Educational and training providers on the Island will be working together to ensure that all 14 Diplomas will be available to young people across the Island by 2013.

The Island has successfully won the bid to run the Creative and Media Diploma, which could be running as early as September 2009. This will engage young people in an innovative and inspiring educational programme that will link with the emerging cultural industries that exist on the Isle of Wight and further raise educational standards. The key idea is to provide an exciting, industry-related programme. It will enable young people to develop the skills, knowledge, and the application of these creative skills across a diverse range of related activities including art and design; media; TV production; photography; textiles; fashion; music; graphic design; film; dance; computer animation; theatre production; and performing arts.

Platform One



Connexions is not the only organisation helping young people to find out about creative careers.

This summer, our friends at Platform One are staging three Creative Music Industry weeks - commencing 25 June, 2 July and 9 July. If you are in Year 9, 10 or 11 and want to get involved, why not ask your school for further information? These weeks are free and will lead to a showcase event at Quay Arts on Thursday 19 July.

On Friday 20 July those participating can also access master classes with Producers (both Rock and Dance); a record company, A & R Specialist; and a Band Manager - with performances from three of the Managers' acts in the evening.

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Green energy to help Island lead the way

From early in 2008 a pioneering new gasification plant is set to produce power for 2,000 Island homes. Here we take a look at this new green energy project

"This new facility will ensure the Island remains one of the leading authorities for waste management in the UK and will become a beacon for best practice for the future of waste management throughout the country."

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

ISLAND RESIDENTS are to be the first in the UK to benefit from a pioneering government-backed technology creating green energy from waste.

A new gasification plant – the first of its type in the UK – is to be built at Forest Park, Forest Road, Newport, and will generate 2.3 megawatts of electricity, enough to power 2,000 homes.

The gasification plant, on the site of the old Waste Derived Fuel plant (pictured right), is expected to be operational by early 2008.

Gasification is an alternative to incineration, converting waste into a gas via an advanced two-stage thermal treatment process. The resulting heat energy is used to produce steam, which will then be used to generate electricity.

The project will convert the existing energy plant at Forest Park into a new facility, with the fuel supplied by the Resource Recovery Facility operated by Island Waste Services, the council's integrated waste management contractor.

The technology will be provided by ENERGOS, part of the UK-based ENER-G group. The government department, Defra, will provide funding of £2.7 million to meet 35 per cent of the £8 million cost of developing and operating the facility during the first year. The project is part of Defra's New Technology Demonstrator Programme, which promotes innovative ways of reducing biodegradable waste sent to landfill.

The plant will generate energy from 60,000 tonnes of waste, diverting an extra 15,000 tonnes of waste away from landfill each year. This will extend the life of the landfill site at Lynnbottom and help the council meet its Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme (LATS) targets.

The plant will also meet some of the council's targets for production of renewable energy and will reduce its carbon footprint.

As part of the project a dedicated visitor centre will be provided and it is anticipated that the development should attract significant national interest.

Island Waste Services general manager, Bruce Gilmore, said: "This is a great asset for the Isle of Wight and its residents. It will lead to an even greater degree of self sufficiency, which we are achieving through recycling, composting and now energy from waste. This project will mean that the Island will have one of the highest landfill diversion rates in the UK, saving in landfill tax payments and extending the life of our limited landfill space."

Nick Dawber, managing director of ENERGOS, said: "The small scale local solution is environmentally beneficial because it cuts out the need to use heavy vehicles to transport domestic waste over long distances to large scale incinerators, reducing road haulage costs and exhaust emissions."

• There are currently six similar ENERGOS plants operating in Norway and Germany and the technology has a ten year track record with more than 280,000 hours of operating experience. The compact design of these facilities means they can be sited near the communities they serve and can convert non-recyclable waste into useful energy.



The Forest Park site for the new gasification plant

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Representing The Bay

We continue our focus on how residents' affairs are represented in areas across the Island, with a special look at The Bay area of Sandown, Lake and Shanklin

ABOVE: Sandown Bay
BELOW: Shanklin Old Village
RIGHT: Dinosaur Isle, Sandown

THE BAY area of Sandown, Lake and Shanklin has long been one of the Island's major tourism locations, and the Isle of Wight Council has been actively looking at how The Bay can be significantly enhanced through more major activities like *White Air*.

Residents' interests across the Sandown Bay area are represented by two town councils and one parish council, as well as through councillors elected to the Isle of Wight Council.

In this feature we give details of the seven Isle of Wight councillors for the wards in Sandown, Lake and Shanklin and for the parish and town councils within those areas.



Bay connections

- The poet John Keats (1795-1821) stayed at Shanklin early in 1819, writing *Otho the Great* and *Lamia*.
- Over the years many of the nation's most famous performers have appeared at Sandown Pier's theatre (which closed in the 1990s), including: Norman Wisdom, Sir Harry Secombe, Frankie Howerd, Bob Monkhouse, Diana Dors, Roy Castle, Jimmy Tarbuck, Pam Ayres, Jasper Carrott, Jim Davidson and Lenny Henry.
- PLUTO (Pipeline Under The Ocean), the vital fuel conduit which served Allied forces after the D-Day landings in 1944, ran through Shanklin Chine (there are still 65 yards of pipe remaining) and from Sandown, helping deliver 56,000 gallons a day across the Channel to Normandy.

Lake Parish Council

Members: Anne Stuart, Jacqueline Middlemiss, Barry Brinsden, Bernard Thearle, Derek Stephens, Colin Pidgeon, Susan Horton, David Ancomb, Peter Stuart, June Mortlock, Gerry White.

Parish clerk: Valentina Bailey
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email: valbailey@connectfree.co.uk

Sandown Town Council

Members: Jacqueline Mereweather, David Rogers, Gary Young, Catherine Wright, Robert Blezzard, Ian Ward, Valerie Stephenson, Christopher Dupre, Constance Cowley, Diana Beevers, Ron Teasdale, Penny Woolley.

Parish clerk: Val Taylor
tel: 408287
email: valtaylor@sandowntc.wanadoo.co.uk

Shanklin Town Council

Members: Lynda Fleming, Anne Bishop, Denyse Larner, Peter Mills, Graham Nichols, Richard Priest, David Williams, Neil Hilson, Robert Bartlett, John Fleming, David Jeffery, Brian Breward, David Bartlett, David Pugh, Jack Luscombe.

Parish clerk: Stella Janeway
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John Keats, who penned some of his finest poetry while staying in Shanklin

Bay area councillors (Isle of Wight Council)

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Shanklin North

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Shanklin South

Anne Bishop
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1086

Shanklin mentioned in the Domesday Book as *Sencling*, meaning a hill with a spring.

1545

Sandown Castle under construction during the time of a French invasion of the Island.

1790

Sandown described as "a village by the sandy shore".

1864

Railway opened between Shanklin and Ryde St John's.

1876

Work begins on the building of Sandown Pier.

1891

Shanklin Pier completed.

1892

First Shanklin cliff-face lift built.

1905

Arthur Webster Memorial Hospital built in Landguard Road, Shanklin.

1933

Lord Jellicoe opens a pavilion on Sandown Pier.

1957

A direct passenger ferry service begins operating from Portsmouth to Sandown Pier.

1987

Shanklin Pier wrecked in the Great Storm.

1998

HMS Sandown, a Sandown-class minesweeper, granted the freedom of the town.

The Isle of Wight Council has a standards committee to ensure its councillors follow a code of conduct and maintain the highest standards in public life. Here Mark Southwell, the independent chairman of the committee, explains its role

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PUBLIC CONFIDENCE in the trustworthiness of elected councillors is vital to healthy local government.

The Isle of Wight Council appoints a standards committee to ensure both its members and other elected councillors on the Island (town and parish councillors) maintain the highest standards of conduct.

In the late 1980s corruption and controversial behaviour in some councils led to the then government asking Lord Nolan to investigate honesty in local government.

The resulting Nolan Report led to the creation of committees to counter such behaviour and to oversee standards of conduct in public life.

The Isle of Wight Council's standards committee has two distinct roles:

- To ensure councillors (and the standards committee itself) abide by a code of conduct. If anyone feels a councillor has breached this code they can complain to the Standards Board for England (SBE). If the SBE believes there is a case to answer it will either investigate the matter itself or send it to the Island's standards committee for investigation.

- To maintain the highest standards possible in public life. There are many ways of doing this and the standards committee is now engaged in a plan to raise awareness of its existence to the public and to the many elected councillors on the Island.

The principles are simple: those elected to public office should be honest and serve only the best interests of the community.

Island residents can make a big contribution to monitoring standards by attending meetings of the Isle of Wight Council and their town or parish council.

You can judge for yourself how well the councillors are serving the best interests of the area. Too few people take any interest in the activities of their councils.

The Isle of Wight is unique in having many independent members of the public on its standards committee. It meets every two months (in public if you want to come).

At the July meeting (next month) the committee will be discussing ideas to develop a closer relationship with the Island's elected councillors and the public.

We plan to let you know how we get on in future editions of *One Island*, as well as through developing our own page on the council's *iwight.com* website.

Standards committee composition

- Seven members of the public (one of whom is the chairman of the committee).
- One representative from town and parish councils on the Island (with two deputies).
- Two elected members of the Isle of Wight Council (with two deputies).

If you have any ideas for the standards committee please email standardsinpubliclife@iow.gov.uk

Isle of Wight Council Standards Committee

Vacancies for independent members

The standards committee on the Isle of Wight is charged with raising standards in public life on the Island. This means it must ensure all councillors are aware of, and follow, their obligations under new codes of conduct that apply to all councils. The committee also has the power to determine some allegations against elected members, if any are made.

The committee consists of seven independent members, two members from the council and one from the parish and town councils.

The council is seeking to fill three vacancies for independent members that have arisen on the committee and applications are invited from individuals (or organisations on behalf of individuals) wishing to be considered for appointment to this committee.

The council is of the view that the independent members of the standards committee must be, and be seen to be, totally independent of the council and therefore will not wish to appoint anybody who is an active member of any political party and who has been either a member or an officer of the Isle of Wight Council or any of its three predecessors.

A training session for the successful candidates will be held shortly after appointment.

Meetings of the standards committee are held every other month at County Hall, Newport starting at 6pm. It should also be noted that it is possible that day-time meetings may be called at short notice.

For further details please contact Alison Lowton, tel: (01983) 823203, email: Alison.lowton@iow.gov.uk

Application forms are available from Julie Martin on (01983) 823281, email: Julie.martin@iow.gov.uk

All completed application forms must be returned by Friday 13 July, 2007 to: Chris Mathews, Head of Democratic Services, Floor 5, County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1UD.

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Policing the Isle of Wight



Hampshire
POLICE AUTHORITY
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Hampshire Constabulary is responsible and accountable to the community it serves. Hampshire Police Authority is an independent organisation responsible for overseeing Hampshire Constabulary on your behalf. We have put together this summary of policing to show how we are tackling priorities and dealing with issues where you live.

■ “We work with our partners and consult with the public to find out how we can best deliver the most effective and efficient police service for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The information here aims to show you how crime is being dealt with in your area and how the police will focus on your concerns in the coming year.”

Mike Attenborough-Cox, Chairman,
Hampshire Police Authority.

■ “This summary highlights how Hampshire Constabulary is performing and provides policing information for 2007/08. With you and our partners, we have identified our priorities, including the continued implementation of neighbourhood policing, to make sure we deliver a service where it matters most to local communities.”

Paul Kernaghan QPM CBE,
Chief Constable, Hampshire Constabulary.

If you would like to get involved in the consultation we carry out within the community, find out more about our plans for the future, or read a full copy of the local policing plan, please call us on 01962 871595 or visit our website www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org.

Policing priorities

By continuing to put resources into neighbourhood policing, we aim to make Hampshire and the Isle of Wight safer places to live, work and visit. By listening to the public and working with our partner organisations, we have targeted a number of issues which we will specifically focus on in the coming year, and we will work to:

- **Enhance Safer Neighbourhoods**
- **Strengthen Public Protection**, including missing persons, child abuse, domestic abuse, Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements and hate crime.
- **Protect our communities** from terrorism, domestic extremism and major disasters
- **Reduce and detect crime**, including drug and alcohol related crime, violent crime, major, serious and organised crime.

Did you know?

■ **There are 209 police officers** working on the Isle of Wight and over 67 per cent of their time is spent on the beat (national average is 63 per cent). Intelligence gathering is key to modern policing, and many officers are involved in work which isn't always immediately visible.

■ **Hampshire Constabulary currently has 347 Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) on the beat.** There are 29 on the island.

■ **PCSOs work within their local community** to support the work of police officers. They are there to deal with incidents of disorder and anti-social behaviour. They have the power to detain people, search bags and vehicles, help victims and witnesses but they do not investigate crime or make arrests.

Hampshire Constabulary's actual expenditure for 2006/07 will be reported to Hampshire Police Authority and available to read via our website in June 2007. The 2006/07 revenue budget for Hampshire Constabulary was £269.7m. If you do not have internet access, please contact Hampshire Police Authority on 01962 871595 for a printed version.

How are the police performing where you live?

Police work is constantly monitored to improve performance. The Isle of Wight Operational Command Unit (OCU) is in the top 25 per cent of most similar OCUs across the country for its detection rate. The Isle of Wight OCU is also in the top 25 per cent of most similar OCUs for the lowest rate of crime per thousand population.

Key to figures

⬆	an increase of more than 5 per cent
⬆	an increase of less than 5 per cent
↔	Static - no change
⬆	a decrease of under 5 per cent
⬆	a decrease of over 5 per cent

Isle of Wight

Number of crimes

⬆	Personal robbery
⬆	House burglaries
⬆	Vehicle crime

Force-wide

⬆	Solving all crimes
↔	Attendance at 999 calls within target time
⬆	Reduction of fatal or serious traffic injuries
↔	Solving Class A drug crimes

Of the 43 counties protected by police forces in England and Wales, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is the second safest place for people to live.*

* Statistical information from the British Crime Survey 2007

Local contacts

■ If personal safety is under threat, always dial 999. To contact the police for non-emergencies, dial 0845 0454545. For advice and action on safety and anti-social behaviour issues, dial 101.

Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Victim Support Line	0845 30 90 900
National Domestic Violence Helpline	0800 2000 247
Isle of Wight Council	01983 821 000

■ “In 2006, police and staff in the Isle of Wight Operational Command Unit (OCU) were some of the first to begin implementing a new style of policing called Safer Neighbourhoods. You may have already seen Police Community Support Officers and Safer Neighbourhood teams making a difference to the area you live in. Safer Neighbourhood Teams are dedicated to working with the community and partners on the issues that are important to the neighbourhoods the teams serve. There are lots of ways that communities can get involved with creating Safer Neighbourhoods, for example by attending neighbourhood forums, offering to help in your community as a Special Constable or volunteer. Find out which Safer Neighbourhood Team is responsible for the area you live in by visiting www.hampshire.police.uk and clicking on the interactive map, or call 0845 045 4545. If you have any community safety concerns or any information which would be useful to the police, please get in touch.”

The commander of the Isle of Wight OCU is Chief Superintendent Stephanie Morgan.

Useful website addresses

- www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org – for reports and information on the work of Hampshire Police Authority.
- www.hampshire.police.uk – for full contact details and opening times of every police station in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.
- www.cjsonline.gov.uk – information on the Criminal Justice System.
- www.askthe.police.uk – police frequently asked questions for England and Wales.

To find out what is happening in your area go to www.hampshire.police.uk or call 0845 045 45 45

A very positive response has been received following the recent International Conference on Landslides and Climate Change staged by the council's centre for the coastal environment at Ventnor.

Chairman of the organising committee, Dr Robin McInnes, said: "Fifty-five technical papers were presented at the conference and in addition there was very useful discussion at the end of each of the conference sessions.

"We are currently drawing together conclusions and recommendations which will be considered by the organising committee and which will be published on our website by mid-July."

Dr McInnes said it was believed the conference findings would help the Island address its own physical problems due to the impacts of climate change, and would support the case for national and European funding to assist with this.

"In addition to the technical sessions we had a full day of field meetings where delegates were able to visit sites in Ventnor, the West Wight, Seaview and Sandown Bay – where we were able to describe the management responses to cliff falls, erosion and landslip and to exchange ideas on good practice."

Dr McInnes said the delegates left with a favourable and memorable impression of the Island.

- The organising committee has expressed its thanks to all who contributed to the event, particularly Ventnor Town Council for making the Winter Gardens available. The conference also contributed significantly to the local economy.

Ventnor, which hosted the recent International Conference on Landslides and Climate Change



Climate change conference puts Island on the map

Seasonal guide to wildlife in the garden

Keep your garden pond topped up with rainwater if possible. Tap water has more nutrients and can cause more problems with algae, like the slimy blanketweed. Tadpoles are developing into young frogs and toads and need to get out of the water easily. If the water level is low, help them by putting ramps or logs into the pond.



Nature notes



Along roadsides and in woodland glades, particularly on sandy banks and other well-drained acid soils, foxgloves are in flower. The tall spikes in shades from pale pink to cerise and occasionally white open in sequence from the base. Inside the flowers, orangey-brown spots serve as markers or 'honey guides' for visiting insects to find their nectar. People have long valued foxgloves for their medicinal purposes especially in treating certain heart conditions.

Long sunlit evenings with the light slowly fading into dusk provide the opportunity for seeing a range of insects. Stag beetles are active now, though generally they are uncommon on the Island with all of the known sightings from north of the downs. Damp shady woodland or large gardens with old trees and dead wood are ideal habitats for them. Most sightings have come from gardens rather than from woodlands, where people and stag beetles share the same living space. Their white maggot-like larvae are about 2cm long, and are sometimes seen in rotting tree stumps when gardens are tidied. The adults are dark brown or black; the males have very prominent jaws, and are up to 7cm long, and females are slightly smaller, with less fearsome-looking mouthparts.

Female glow-worms start to announce their presence from the end of June by producing a luminous green light in their tail segments. They are flightless and need to attract down a mate from the males flying overhead. They climb on to grass stalks to make their glow more visible. They are generally found on chalky soils because their larvae feed on snails which need calcium to form their shells.

Anne Marston
assistant ecology officer

Sensors give Island early warning system



Ever wondered how the council keeps regular tabs on the Island's unstable coastline?

Dotted at key locations around the Island are more than 200 sensors and other devices maintained by the Ventnor-based centre for the coastal environment.

The monitoring equipment forms an important part of the council's Landslide Management Strategy, together with GPS (global positioning) surveys.

The sensors monitor ground movements in coastal areas, along with groundwater levels and rainwater inputs, both of which have an important influence on

ground movement.

Most of the sensors are connected to automated data loggers to collect the large amount of detailed information that the network provides, with processing and analysis of the data carried out at the coastal management office.

The network is used to provide warnings of accelerating ground movement and periods of high rainfall, effectively acting as an early-warning system for stability problems.

- You can find out more about the coastal monitoring system by contacting James Houghton on 857220.

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(22 June – 3 August)
Workshops at Wightcat Crafts, 14 Carisbrooke Road, Newport, booking in advance essential (tel: 527525).

Open Day IW College

(23 June)
Open day for all courses, the Isle of Wight College, Newport, 10am to 2pm.

EXHIBITIONS

Barbara Newman Painting Group

(28-29 July)
Exhibition of paintings at Yarmouth Town Hall, 10am to 5pm, all subjects (in oils, watercolours, pastels and acrylics) for sale, also showing sculptures by the Juliet Collins Sculpting Class.

Penny Coates and Pat Eades

(23-24 June)
Exhibition showing Island views, flowers and animals, at Ventnor

Botanic Garden (Echium Room), 10am to 5pm.

Broken Vessels

(30 June – 25 July)
Exhibition of sculpture, drawings and paintings by Colin Riches, at Sts Thomas Church, Newport, 10am to 3pm (12 noon to 3pm on Sundays).

Art Exhibition

(1-31 July)
Exhibition of paintings by the Wednesday Art Group, The Troubadour Café, High Street, Ventnor, 10am to 4pm daily (except Sundays/Mondays), admission free.

Bembridge Camera Club Exhibition

(2-28 July)
Annual exhibition of members' work, Bembridge Library, normal library hours.

Fancy Knots and Rope Work

(3-27 July)
Display of knots by John Steggles, at Freshwater Library, normal library opening hours.

Janet Sheath Summer Exhibition

(9-19 July)
An exhibition of paintings of Island coastal views and still life, with the artist demonstrating on most days, at Ventnor Botanic Garden (Echium Room), 10am to 5pm, admission free.

Ventnor Botanical Artists' Annual Exhibition

(21-26 July)
Annual exhibition of original watercolours by Ventnor Botanical Artists, at the Visitors' Centre, Ventnor Botanic Garden, 10am to 5pm.

MUSIC

Tritone Singers' Summer Concert

(1 July)
A concert including *Serenade to Music* by Vaughan Williams, *Birthday Madrigals* by John Rutter, as well as a variety of part songs and madrigals, at St Paul's Church, Barton, Newport,



The grounds of Northwood House will be the setting for a performance of *Much Ado About Nothing* (21-22 June)

7.30pm, tickets £5 (children free), available on the door.

Newchurch Male Voice Choir Concert

(24 July)
The choir's 40th anniversary variety concert, with Wight Satin ladies barbershop, Gino di Felice accordion, the IOWYCB Jazz Sextet, Shamrock and Thistle dancers, at Medina Theatre, Newport, 7.30pm, tickets from theatre box office, tel: 527020.

RNLI Bazaar

(20 July)
A wide variety of stalls, bring-and-buy, raffle, at Lower Marquee, Island Sailing Club, Cowes, 10.30am to 4pm, entry £1 to include summer drink and shortbread, lunchtime concert (12 noon to 2pm).

TALKS

Sources of Family History in Ryde

(14 July)
County archivist, Richard Smout, will give a talk at the Ryde Social Heritage Group members' meeting, free entrance by RSHG membership card or £2 on the door, at George Street Centre, Ryde, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

THEATRE

Much Ado About Nothing

(21-22 June)
By William Shakespeare, open-air performances at Northwood House, Cowes, 7.30pm, gates open 6.30pm, box office tel: 289842, seating not provided.

House Guest

(28-30 June, 5-7 July)
A thriller by Francis Dur-

bridge, a Cowes Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society production, Trinity Theatre, Cowes, 7.30pm, box office tel: 295229 (from 22 June).

A Brief Encounter with Noel

(4-7, 11-14 July)
A celebration of the life and work of Noel Coward, including a presentation of *Still Life*, the play that became *Brief Encounter*, Apollo Theatre, Newport, box office tel: 527267.

The Comedy of Errors

(2-3 August)
By William Shakespeare, open-air theatre at Ventnor Botanic Garden, performed by Theatre Set-up, 7.30pm, advance bookings in person at tourist information offices, telephone credit card bookings tel: 863151 or call The Jazz Festival Office on 856206/856200.

The Hound of the Baskervilles

(3-4 August)
By Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, open-air performances at Northwood House, Cowes, 7.30pm, gates open 6.30pm, box office tel: 289842, seating not provided.

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SHOWS

Flower Festival

(22-24 June)
Flower festival in Northwood Church staged by Northwood Floral Art Group, special guest on 23 June (2.30pm) is Deb Goodenough, head gardener at Osborne House, venue is St John the Baptist Northwood Church, entrance free, 10am to 5pm.

Flower Festival and Barn Dance

(29 June – 1 July)
Flower festival plus stalls, barn dance at community hall (Sat night), All Saints' Church, Newchurch, 10am to 5pm, tel: 840257 for barn dance tickets.

Future issues:

Issue date	Listings period covered	Deadline for submission
20 July	20 July to 31 August	25 June
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