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and adult games

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to the July issue of the council's *One Island* community magazine.

The magazine is produced with our key public sector partners – the NHS Isle of Wight, the Isle of Wight Police (Hampshire Constabulary) and the Isle of Wight Rural Community Council.

An online version of the magazine can be found at the council's iowight.com website and we will also be looking to develop a new web-friendly version of *One Island*.

In this issue we bring you a range of news items and features from the council, its partners and the community, as well details of council contacts and

meetings, and a listing of community events.

In future we will include important updates on key projects including schools' reorganisation, the highways' private finance initiative and the Pan Urban Development.

As always, we welcome any helpful suggestions you may have for those projects, services and issues you would like to read about in forthcoming editions of *One Island*.

Councillor David Pugh,
Chairman, Island Strategic Partnership
Leader, Isle of Wight Council



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Council (council chamber)

29 July (6pm)
16 September (6pm)
28 October (6pm)

Cabinet (committee room one)

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11 August (6pm)
1 September (6pm)
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Planning Committee (council chamber)

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27 October (4pm)

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15 September (6pm)

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28 September (4pm)

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (committee room one)

8 October (6pm)

Adult Social Care, Health and Housing Scrutiny Panel (committee room one)

17 September (6pm)

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23 September (6pm)

Environment, Transport and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel (committee room one)

30 September (6pm)

Fire and Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Panel (committee room one)

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From forest trails to the Hills Killer challenge!



Don't forget to watch out for this year's Isle of Wight Cycling Festival at the end of September.

The festival, from 19 to 27 September, will include guided rides taking in 200 miles of cycling routes, as well as a variety of other events.

The festival starts at Seaclose Park, Newport, with the Team Extreme stunt riders, and homemade pedal-powered crafts attempting to cross the River Medina.

Among the many rides throughout the week are the 70 mile *Cycle the Wight* and the ultra-tough *Hills Killer Mountain Bike Challenge*. There are also family rides and forest cycle trails.

For full details of rides and events, as well as cycle hire offers, please visit www.sunseaandcycling.com or call the council's events team on 823070.

Looking after the Island's best

Nearly 140 of the Island's finest buildings, structures, gardens and open spaces have been given extra protection thanks to a new local listing scheme.

Now Island residents are being asked to suggest more candidates for the list that currently features historic local buildings such as Gatcombe House and Knighton Manor, war memorials, red telephone boxes, public greens, parks and private gardens.

The list is being compiled by the council's planning department, with all entries assessed against national criteria by an independent panel.

For more information look up the 'Local List' section of the conservation and design website at www.iwight.com



The smart way to stop marine crime



Pictured: Police community support officer Kevin Cooke from the Ryde Safer Neighbourhoods team, giving crime prevention advice to boat owners at Ryde Harbour

Boat owners at Ryde Harbour are using the SmartWater property marking system to deter criminals.

The marking system is among a series of measures implemented following advice to seafarers as part of Hampshire Constabulary's Operation Nemesis and an ongoing campaign by the Island's Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

The Island's mobile police station visited Ryde Harbour to show how SmartWater can be used to prevent marine crime.

Boat owner Frederick Fox from Binstead welcomed the support. He said: "It was annoying when thieves took an outboard motor from me years ago. I can see the police are taking this seriously, and I believe SmartWater will work in telling criminals to leave sailors alone."

For more information about SmartWater, visit www.saferwight.org.uk/smartwater

Beneath the sepia tones

Pictured: A salvage crew on the wreck of the *Eider*, 1892
Below right: A studio portrait (circa 1915)

Behind these grizzled, moustachioed faces may lurk many fascinating stories of yesteryear.

This photo from the county record office collection, just like thousands of archive items owned privately and publicly across the Island, can provoke a curiosity to delve deep into your local area's past.

If local history whets your appetite, the new Heritage Lottery-funded Living Links project may be just the thing.

Heritage service manager, Richard Smout, said the project focuses particularly on groups of people keen to pass on memories of their community, organisation or activity.

"Living Links is an innovative archive project designed to help communities collect and record their changing histories – linking the past and the present," he said.

The project is supported by the county record office at Newport (and other partners), and can help communities to:

- discover how to collect and record their local history;
- care for and manage local records by providing free training and support;
- design exhibitions and turn community histories into creative events;
- access mainstream archives to help build up local research and knowledge;
- make projects sustainable and lasting by offering funding advice.

For more information visit the record office section at iwight.com, typing in the words 'community archives' and following the link.



New system to tackle planning breaches

A new system for dealing with breaches of planning regulations on the Island has been introduced.

The 'priority approach' system will mean a better-planned response to the most urgent cases and improved monitoring of breaches.

The approach has three priority levels, with enforcement officers

aiming to visit 90 per cent of the most serious cases within 24 hours.

Ultimately it is hoped the system will reduce the number of breaches.

Head of planning services, Bill Murphy, said: "The new policy is far more robust and in tune with the latest legislation and the new Island Plan development blueprint for the Isle of Wight."

The policy document is available from the council's planning offices at Seaclose, Newport, and can also be accessed online at www.iwight.com, or obtained by calling 821000.

Speed signs cut collisions

Fewer collisions are happening at key Island road sites where speed reactive signs have been installed, new figures show.

An 18 per cent reduction was found at the sites in 2008, compared to the average of the previous three years. The average speed of traffic also fell at the sites.

"These results are very encouraging and give confidence that installing further signs in areas where there are problems, is the right thing to do," said the council's head of highways and transport, Peter Hayward.

The council will put in more signs in areas identified from consultation with the public, town and parish councils, and the police. There are also plans to install speed reactive signs to support the new 20mph limits outside Island schools.



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SPORTS UNIT ROUND-UP



James sets up his own special club



A new Island sports club has been created for children and young people with disabilities.

The Isle of Wight Inclusive Club has been formed by eight-year-old James Loosemore (*pictured centre*), who has cerebral palsy.

James wanted to create a football club for children and young people, including those with disabilities or learning difficulties, who enjoy sport and want to play football in a fun and informal atmosphere.

James, who received grant support from the sports unit to assist setting up the new club, said: "As I use a walking frame to get around, I struggle to keep up with other kids on the football pitch. I wanted to create a club that anyone could join, so we could meet every week to have fun and enjoy a game of football without it being too competitive. I hope to visit all the schools on the Island to tell people about my new club. Hopefully this will attract more players."

Football Association-qualified coach Matt Mair is running the weekly coaching sessions and working on individual development plans for all those taking part.

Anyone interested in joining the Isle of Wight Inclusive Club or finding out more should contact James at jamesloosemore@aol.com

Cormorants swimming initiative takes to the water

A new swimming project has been created for children in Ryde.

The Ryde Cormorants Swimming Project is aimed at children aged nine and above who can already swim but want to improve their technique and stamina beyond a basic level. It takes place on Saturdays between 5pm and 6.30pm at the Waterside Pool.

The project is led by Sev Moulettin and Claire Gale (*pictured*), who were supported by the council's sports unit and leisure services in securing funding from Sport Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

They used this funding to obtain their coaching



accreditation and to help get the project off the ground.

Claire (*right*) said: "Many children just learn the basics. We wanted to provide an opportunity for local children to keep them swimming, improve their strokes and learn new skills such as starts and turns."

For more details please contact Claire, tel: 615878, email: rydecormorants@tiscali.co.uk

New girls' football club

Girls aged eight to 13 are being invited to join a new football club in the West Wight.

Brighstone Girls' Football Club has been set up by members of the local community and is supported by the council's sports

unit, Brighstone Football Club and Brighstone Primary School.

The club meets each Tuesday (term time only) from 6pm to 7pm at the primary school playing fields, and is run by Football Association-qualified coaches.

Primary school Island games – from athletics to tag rugby



More than 500 children from 40 schools took part in the second annual Primary Schools' Island Games in July.

The games, part of the council's support towards promoting the 2011 International Island Games (on the Isle of Wight), took place at the Fairway Sports Complex, Sandown.

Sports featured included athletics, netball, basketball, tag rugby, girls' football, tennis and cycling.

For the event, the Isle of Wight was split into eight different competing areas, Ryde, Sandown, Ventnor, Ryde Link, Newport, Carisbrooke, West Wight and Cowes. Each area was allocated its own 'Island Games' island, including Bermuda, Gibraltar, the Cayman Islands, the Western Isles, Menorca, St Helena, Rhodes and Greenland.

Sign up for summer holiday sports



Children aged eight to 13 are being encouraged to sign up for the Island's summer holiday sports scheme.

Staged by the council's sports unit, the scheme takes place at Ryde Sports Centre from 27 July to 20 August, and features sports including trampolining, netball, athletics, football, cricket, badminton, golf and table tennis.

For a booking form or for more information please contact the sports unit (*see below*).

More information

For more information on any of the above courses or initiatives, please contact the sports unit (except where indicated otherwise), tel: 823818, email: sports.unit@iow.gov.uk

Time for play



Pictured: Play ranger, Fraser McDermott, and play development officer, Carly Kennen, try out the equipment

The Isle of Wight's first Play Ranger scheme started this month, offering supervised after-school and school holidays play sessions for Island children.

The scheme is part of Play

Development, an initiative to promote and improve play provision for children - and make more use of public parks and open spaces.

As part of Play Development, a play and information technology

mobile transport trailer, called the I-Play Mobile, will visit local communities.

To find out more about Play Development, contact Carly Kennen, tel: 823818, email: carly.kennen@iow.gov.uk

Multi-sports club is a big hit



Island children aged eight to 13 have been enjoying a new multi-sports club set up thanks to Sport England funding.

The weekly Ryde Multi-Sports Club, started by the council's sports unit, began at the end of April, and offers activities including football, netball, hockey, tennis, cricket, rounders and basketball.

The term-time only club takes place at Ryde Sports Centre each Sunday (10am to 12 noon), and costs £2 for a two hour session. More details are available from the sports unit, tel: 823818 or email: sports.unit@iow.gov.uk

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Refreshed site is proving a hit

The new-look iwight.com website has attracted more than two million page views since its launch earlier this year.

The website features a major events calendar, which has doubled its number of page hits compared to the same period last year.

In recent weeks several map-based elements have also been introduced to the site, including an outline of dog-prohibited beaches. Coming soon will be maps featuring details of Island libraries and recycling points.

The council's web team has received a lot of positive feedback about the revamped site.

Big drop in crime levels



Crime on the Isle of Wight fell by nine per cent in the past year, police figures have shown.

Between April 2008 and March 2009, there were 1,000 fewer offences on the Island than in the previous 12 months.

The Island's senior officer, chief superintendent Dave Thomas (*pictured*), said the public can play a key role if well informed and confident about action they can take to avoid being victims of crime.

He pointed out that at least half of all house burglaries this year had taken place when doors and windows were left open by residents. Simple preventative action could make a major difference in reducing crime.

Room for one more?



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www.iwight.com/adoption
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Volunteers wanted for trampolining sessions

Volunteers are being sought to help extend popular trampolining sessions at Ryde Sports Centre.

The lottery-funded sessions, organised by the council's sports unit, have been fully booked since they were launched in April and more people are now needed to help run the activity.

If you are interested in becoming a trampoline coach and helping run the sessions alongside existing coaches, you should contact the sports unit on 823818 or email: sports.unit@iow.gov.uk for details. Volunteers are also being sought to help set up the equipment and get involved in the administration of the sessions.



Leaders needed for 'walks on wheels'



More 'walks on wheels' are planned for wheelchair users at future walking festivals on the Island.

It follows an approach from the Wight Access Group to the council's events team, which organises the main walking festival in May and autumn event in October.

The hope is to expand the number of existing wheelchair-friendly walks, to complement the walks already in the programme.

Volunteer walk leaders will be needed for the programme, and are asked to contact Alan Davies of the Wight Access Group on 740756, email: alwidav@sky.com



Look out for WightChYPS

If you want to catch the latest information on children and young people's services on the Island, look out for the WightChYPS website at www.WightChYPS.org.uk

WightChYPS is a directory with contact details for hundreds of organisations and services, as well as information on activities and events.

The site has four zones: a children's zone, a parents' and carers' zone, a young people's zone, and a young persons' timeline. There is also a handy links section.

WightChYPS is compiled and maintained by the Island's Family Information Zone – tel: 821999, email: familyinfozone@iow.gov.uk

Four golds herald games countdown

The countdown to the 2011 NatWest International Island Games on the Isle of Wight has now officially started following the end of the 2009 competition in Aland, Finland.

The 2009 games took place earlier this month, with Isle of Wight team members winning four gold, six silver and eight bronze medals.

Leading the way with gold medals were Andy Frost in the hammer, Helen Davis in the javelin, Thomas Wade in the 3000 metres and Matthew Barton in the triple jump.

Team Isle of Wight finished 11th out of 25 in the medals' table.

Isle of Wight medal-winners:

Gold: Thomas Wade (3000 metres steeplechase), Andy Frost (hammer), Helen Davis (javelin), Matthew Barton (triple jump).

Silver: Joseph Wade (1500 metres and 800 metres), Amy Church (hammer), Richard Talbot (sailing, Laser radial rig), Isle of Wight team (team sailing event), Mikael Popov (100 metres breaststroke).

Bronze: Faith Norster (100 metres), Isle of Wight team (4 x 100 metres relay men), Isle of Wight team (4 x 100 metres relay



Pictured: Andy Frost, gold medal winner in the hammer

women), Thomas Wade (5000 metres), Paul Cameron (half marathon), Emily Young (long jump), Mikael Popov (50 metres breaststroke), Rosemary Gard (100 metres individual medley).

More details on the 2009 Island Games can be found at iowight.com

Book your place on the Big Day Out 2009



Organisations are being encouraged to book their places for this year's seventh staging of the annual Isle of Wight Big Day Out – an event for the Island's young people and their families.

The event attracts more than 5,000 people and brings together services, organisations and agencies involved with young people on the Island.

The 2009 event will take place in the West Wight on 11 October. More details on the venue will be available closer to the date.

Attractions will include giant games, live music, dance displays, arts and crafts activities, face painting, storytelling, sports tournaments, cooking demonstrations, bouncy castles and much more.

Although the event is several months away, organisations are being invited to register now to secure a spot on the day. Registration forms are available by contacting Claire Critchison at the council's events team, email: claire.critchison@iow.gov.uk, tel: 823070.

Major summer concerts at Osborne House

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra returns to Osborne House this month for two amazing concerts.

Saturday 25 July is the date for the orchestra's popular *Last Night of the Osborne Proms* – and this year an added bonus is the husband and wife team of Steven Gadd and Claire Rutter, who will be singing operatic hits. As well as some of the best classical music ever written there will also be contemporary movie themes such as *Jurassic Park* and *ET*.

Sunday 26 July sees the world's longest-running musical, *Les Misérables*, come to the Island in a special concert performance by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. Featuring the entire current London cast, Victor Hugo's epic novel of love, murder and injustice is told through music and songs that have become standards over the years, including the stirring *One Day More*.

Both concerts will end with an impressive firework display.



New club thrives at Freshwater

A new social club for older residents of Freshwater and Totland is going from strength to strength.

The Freshwater Active Networks Club was set up by Age Concern Isle of Wight in September last year, in response to local demand.

Now the club meets twice a month and has 30 members attending regularly.

Activities for those attending include quizzes, visits from guest speakers, occasional outings, board games, and the chance to meet old and new friends.

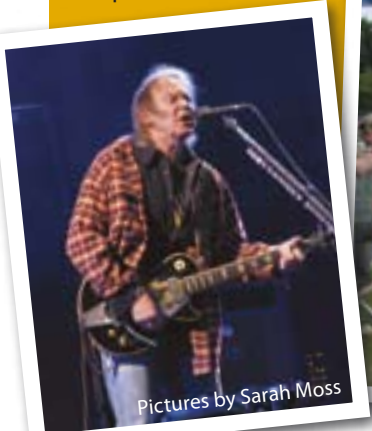
The club meets at Ainsworth Court, Cameron Close, Freshwater, on the first and third Monday of each month, from 2pm to 3.45pm, and transport is provided to help people get there. Similar clubs are available at Gurnard, Cowes and Ryde.

For more details about the clubs, call Alan Wiles at Age Concern Isle of Wight, tel: 525282.

Don't miss the festival gallery!

Celebrate your 2009 Isle of Wight Festival memories via a special photo gallery at iwight.com

Log on to the website homepage and enjoy close to 200 images from this year's event at Seaclose Park, Newport.



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Pictured: Nick Percy and Callum Woon, both medal winners in the hammer

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Centre: Will Newnham with his gold medal for the 1500 metres
Left: Will digs deep during the closing stages of the race

Pictured: The Isle of Wight sailing team
Below: The closing ceremony

WORLD MEDAL TALLY ISLAND YOUNGSTERS

A team of talented young sports people from the Isle of Wight recently took part in the World Island Youth Games in Majorca. Here we find out how they got on

Young Isle of Wight athletes secured a record medal haul at the recent World Island Youth Games in Majorca.

The members of Team Isle of Wight brought home five medals from the event – the most the Island has so far achieved.

The team, sponsored by Wightlink and supported by the Youth Opportunities Fund, comprised 15 young athletes, pitting their abilities against competitors from 17 other islands.

They took part in sports including athletics, swimming and sailing.

Athlete Will Newnham ran a perfect

tactical race to bring home a gold medal in the 1500 metres, and just missed out on a second medal when finishing fourth in the 3000 metres.

Callum Woon was a double medal winner, picking up silver in the hammer and bronze in the shot putt, and his achievements were matched by Nick Percy, who secured silver in the shot putt and bronze in the hammer.

The council's community development officer, Lee Matthews, accompanied the team to Majorca. He said: "The Isle of Wight can be very proud of our team. Our young

athletes performed strongly in the face of very stiff competition.

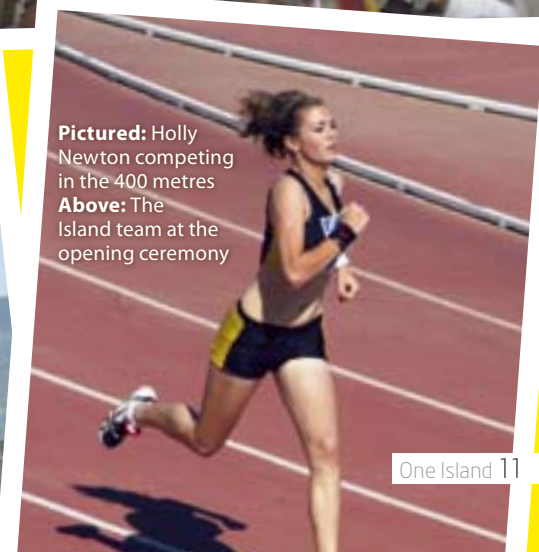
"We had hoped to win a couple of medals, so to come home with more than double the amount we won in 2007 shows how far the Isle of Wight has come. It reflects the improving level of sport achievement we have on the Island."

The World Island Youth Games provide young athletes with an international platform and give valuable experience ahead of the NatWest Island Games and other sporting events.

"There is no reason why our successful athletes cannot go on to repeat their successes in 2011, when we host the NatWest Island Games on the Isle of Wight," said Lee.

Most of the athletes who went to Majorca are part of the council's Gifted and Talented programme.

Right: Swimmer Paige Bailey in the pool
Below right: Nick Percy celebrates his double medal success



Pictured: Holly Newton competing in the 400 metres
Above: The Island team at the opening ceremony

A stroll into the prehistoric past

Around the Isle of Wight's coast are fossil-rich sites giving us a fascinating insight into our world millions of years ago.

Experiencing these locations first-hand is a great way to find out about the Island going back to the age of the dinosaurs.

Here, Trevor Price – from the council's Dinosaur Isle at Sandown – tells us about the increasing popularity of the Island's 'fossil walks'

Pictured: Trevor Price with a cast of an ammonite at Dinosaur Isle



Each year thousands of people are given an intriguing glimpse back in time on guided walks led by experts from Dinosaur Isle.

Such has been the demand for these journeys into the past that the number of organised fossil walks has doubled during the past four years.

Trevor Price, who manages the walks' programme, said each year around 200 school groups and 60 'general public' groups are taken on the walks.

"The popularity of the walks has just grown and grown," said Trevor, who is Dinosaur Isle's community learning officer.

"We have people coming from all over the country, and all around the world. We have had school groups from France, Japan and Kuwait, language students, and individual visitors from America and other countries."

During the summer months at least one fossil walk takes place each weekday, with the three main sites at Yaverland, Shanklin and Brook Bay.

"As well as these sites, we also take geology students to Freshwater, Colwell Bay and Whitecliff Bay – locations we hope to eventually add to our list for the general public.

"Our aim is to gradually increase the number of sites we visit, adding geological and landscape walks to our fossil walks."

Trevor said it was not unusual for fossil finds to be made during the walks. Recently a six-year-old boy with a mainland school found a fossilised crocodile tooth at Yaverland.

"That is one of the many attractions of the walks – the possibility of finding a fossilised remain from the past, as well as learning about the history of the sites.

"An added spin-off is that by getting out and about in the fresh air the walks have a health benefit."

To find out more details about the fossil walks, please visit www.dinosaurisle.com/events.aspx or call (01983) 404344.

Fossil walk locations

Yaverland – crocodiles and dinosaurs

The rocks at Yaverland on the Island's east coast were deposited as far back as 124 million years ago – on former river floodplains, in lakes along coasts, and in deep warm seas.

Along this stretch of coast there have been some important finds, including fossils from crocodiles and dinosaurs.

Shanklin – an insight into ancient oysters

The rocks at Shanklin were laid down in shallow warm seas about 113 million years ago.

Large fossilised oysters, shell nests and wood from nearby land show that it was formerly coastline.

Brook Bay – in the footsteps of giant dinosaurs

Brook Bay is the site of the oldest rocks and fossils exposed on the Island.

The purple, blue and pink sediments of the cliffs and foreshore were deposited on an ancient river floodplain around 126 million years ago.

Dinosaurs like the giant Iguanodon, armoured Polacanthus and rare flesh-eaters walked this ancient landscape.



Pictured: Yaverland, a fossil walk site with rocks dating back 124 million years

Bringing prehistoric creatures 'to life'



Pictured: *Antarctic Australasia* by John Sibbick

Dinosaur Isle is staging a special exhibition of the work of renowned artist John Sibbick.

John is the choice of many leading palaeontologists to give shape, colour and life to their discoveries – really firing the imagination of a dinosaur-hungry public.

"I produce a lot of sketches/studies of internal or external skeletons, muscles, plants and landscapes, before designing the finished piece," said John (*pictured right*).

"At this stage a dialogue is created between the client, the experts and myself – and there's a lot of sending sketches back and forth so that changes can be made.

"Sometimes I make models in plasticine, which helps me to see the animal from any viewpoint and to photograph how shadows fall. Colour and skin patterns are not preserved in fossils, so I have to look to living animals to influence and inspire my reconstructions."

John's reconstructions have appeared in



many museums and travelling exhibitions such as *Dinobirds* for the Natural History Museum and Bristol Museum's *Scelidosaurus* exhibit. Television work has included *Dragons* (Channel 4), BBC's *Horizon* and Granada's *Dinosaur!* In 2006 John was commissioned to design full-size animatronic dinosaurs and reptiles for the Natural History Museum.

He said he is particularly pleased to be putting on the three-month show at Sandown, a place of which he has many fond childhood memories – exploring the local beaches and chines, unaware in those days of the rich fossil treasures hiding beneath his feet.

His exhibition at Dinosaur Isle continues until 31 October.

DINOSAUR ISLE

Interactive dinosaur museum

discover, experience, encounter

Dinosaur Isle is open daily from April to September from 10am to 6pm, in October from 10am to 5pm, and in November to March from 10am to 4pm, last admissions one hour before closing. For January opening details please call in advance.



Pictured: *Australopithecus Africanus* by John Sibbick





The rural transport test

The rural community council's rural champions – David Langford and John Brownscombe (*pictured above*) – have been out and about testing public transport for communities off the main beaten track.

They were set a range of challenges to test transport in rural areas – by taking the bus from various villages to attend appointments.

The journeys included a three-mile round trip to attend church, attending activities during the school holidays, getting on time to evening meetings, and setting off for a hospital appointment in Southampton.

The champions found that even making short trips could prove to be quite expensive and time consuming, especially when going off the main routes and travelling at weekends.

Both agreed the buses were punctual, reliable and provided a relaxed way of travelling. But they felt, due to the infrequent service on some rural routes, and cost factors, it wasn't a surprise that many people in rural communities on the Island were reliant on cars.

To read the full report on their travels visit www.iwrcc.org.uk

A fair deal for rural communities

A special Island guide has been completed as part of a government initiative to seek equity and fairness for rural people.

The rural community council has put together the *Rural Proofing Guide*, highlighting key rural issues and the needs of communities.

Rural Proofing is the title given nationally to the process

encouraging public bodies to think about how they meet local rural needs when planning their services.

The Island guide is aimed at all the organisations involved in the Island Strategic Partnership, and gives examples of rural solutions to some of the key issues. Copies of the guide can be downloaded from www.iwrcc.org.uk



Thumbs up for health trainers

The rural health trainer service has received top marks in a recent survey.

The two trainers – who offer one-to-one support, practical advice, and easy access to health information to people aged over 18 years – were rated as 'good' or 'excellent' in the survey.

All those who responded said they would recommend the service to others, with comments including "the service was fantastic" and "I am now doing things I would never have done before".

The trainers provide

individually-tailored support to those in rural communities who want help to improve their health, wellbeing and lifestyle.

The two rural trainers are based with the rural community council. Sam Brookes (*pictured left*) covers south and west Wight and Alice Cundall covers north west Wight.

Health trainers based with other organisations cover the rest of the Island. The initiative is run in partnership with the NHS.

To find out more, contact the Health Trainer Service, 46 Sea Street, Newport, tel: 814280.

Rural Access to Services Programme



An important initiative on the Island, the Rural Access to Services Programme, is bringing key help to rural communities.

This programme gives support in a number of ways:

- Supporting rural parish councils to develop new services.

- Promoting interest in community owned shops.
- Keeping rural residents informed via the Community Advice Network.

- Delivering a Hallmark quality assurance scheme for community buildings.

The programme is funded by the South East England Development Agency, managed locally by the Isle of Wight

Economic Partnership and delivered by the rural community council.

In its first year, several parish councils received funding to improve access to their services, including Yarmouth Town Council, which was given assistance to open its parish office.

More funding is available to rural parish councils this year, including small capital grants

for village halls and community buildings signing up to a quality management scheme run by the rural community council.

The rural community council also recently organised an information evening to promote interest in community-owned shops, and is keen to work with rural areas wanting to explore the feasibility of such outlets.

Hallmark scheme for village halls

Gurnard Village Hall and Seely Hall at Brook are the first Island village halls to be assessed as part of a new national quality standard.

The programme is being developed on the Island by the rural community council, and makes available capital grants of up to £2,500 to rurally located village halls and community buildings (with charitable status), that are working towards the Hallmark standard.

So far, grants have been awarded for projects including the refurbishment of a stage, the installation of new fire doors and the cost of new heating systems.

Training courses have been staged to support good practice in the

management of rural community buildings and more are planned for the future.

The initiative also needs trained volunteers to assess if village halls are achieving the necessary standard, so if you are interested contact Phillippa Daley on 524058.

Recently members of the management committees of Porchfield Village Hall and Calbourne Recreation Centre undertook a basic first aid course run by St John Ambulance.



Above: Members of Porchfield and Calbourne management committees show off their first aid certificates

Get help from the Community Advice Network



The Community Advice Network offers an important information service to rural residents.

Comprising more than 20 agencies from the voluntary, community and statutory sectors, the network stages roadshows to keep residents informed about what is on offer.

Information at the roadshows deals with: education, learning and employment opportunities; housing, pension, council tax and benefit advice; staying safe in your home and how to get a free home fire safety check; consumer advice and support from trading standards; coping with hearing loss; practical advice to staying healthy; information and advice from Age Concern Isle of Wight; volunteering opportunities; meeting your local environment and neighbourhood officer.

The next roadshow is at Chillerton and Gatcombe Flower Show, Saturday 1 August, 2pm to 5pm.

Grant help for rural areas

Community groups and parish councils on the Island are being encouraged to apply for grant funding for projects helping rural areas, via the *Leader* programme.

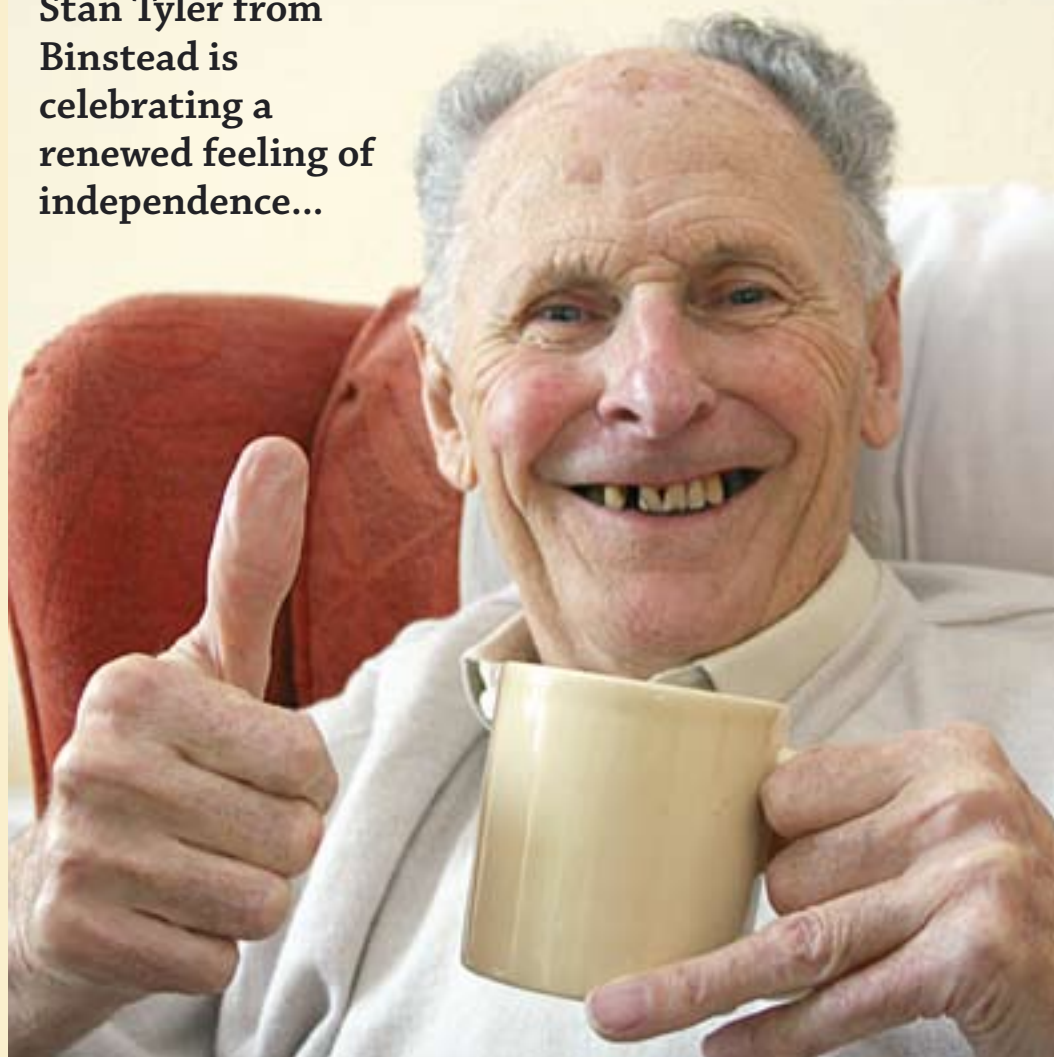
The programme mainly focuses on economic and land management issues such as farm diversification, but there is also funding for community projects.

The Isle of Wight Leader Local Action Group is calling on organisations to come forward with their ideas. The application process is described as competitive, with preference given to larger projects showing the greatest impact.

For more details please contact Carol Flux on 535836 or visit www.iwep.com

STAN IS BACK IN CONTROL

Stan Tyler from Binstead is celebrating a renewed feeling of independence...



Stan Tyler's garden is in full bloom and he is able to enjoy the reviving joys of a cup of tea in his summerhouse with wife Pam.

But seven months ago, at the turn of the year, life was not so rosy for Stan, 78. Hampered by the effects of a stroke several years back, Stan was laid low by a serious chest infection just as the chimes struck for the start of 2009.

Thankfully, in sun-bathed July, the memories of a bed-ridden January are starting to recede.

But all was fairly grim back at the start of the year, when not only Stan, but also his wife Pam, were incapacitated by the chest bug.

It meant for a period Pam was unable to give the usual sterling support she provides to her husband, who has suffered balance problems ever since his stroke.

Fortunately, help was waiting just around the corner, and Stan and Pam were put in touch with the council's

'reablement' service, which played a major role in getting Stan up and about again.

"When the chest infection struck I just couldn't do anything – and with my wife also under the weather it left us in a fairly difficult situation," said Stan, who for many years had been used to an active life as head of the maintenance team for the Imperial College field station at Ascot.

Pam said: "Stan was left fairly helpless by the infection and was very limited in what he could do. The infection had completely taken his energy away.

"The help we received was a real godsend. All those basics such as dressing, washing, making beds etc, were provided, and those who helped us were so nice."

Stan was restricted by the chest infection for six weeks, and the reablement service provided a crucial helping hand in leading him back to independence.

"They helped me build my confidence and get back in charge of my life, and up and about again at home."

Once the infection had gone, Stan was then given help with exercises to improve his strength and help with his balance. Weekly reviews of his progress took place and by Easter the service was able to "sign him off" as restored to independence once again.

"The benefit of this service has been tremendous for me, and I have been returned to where I was before in terms of health and independence," said Stan.

As well as enjoying afternoon tea in the summerhouse at the bottom of his garden, Stan is also now able to get out and about more with his two daughters and grandchildren.

His wife summed it up: "The great thing with this service was that they not only provided real help and encouragement for us, but they did it with such infectious cheerfulness along the way."

How 'reablement' can help you

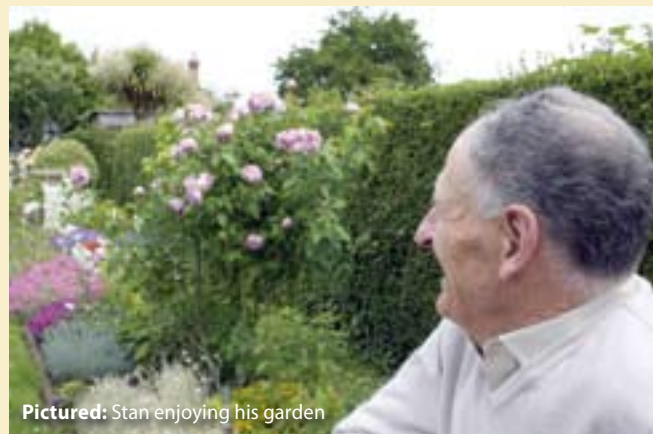
The Homecare Reablement Service is designed to restore people's confidence and regain some of the basic skills they may have lost, perhaps due to ill health or a disability.

Homecare staff focus on restoring people's independence in their own homes

(reducing the need for costly residential care), and giving help through resource centres such as The Adelaide at Ryde or The Gouldings at Freshwater.

Jackie Raven, service manager, said: "This service has been a huge success. We have countless examples of how people's lives have been turned around by their new sense of independence."

To find out more call the council's homecare team, tel: 533772.

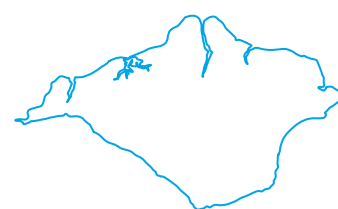


Pictured: Stan enjoying his garden



REPORT BACK

THE NHS ON THE ISLAND 2008/2009



Introduction

This report is a summary of how the NHS on the Isle of Wight has performed and provided or commissioned services for local residents and visitors between April 2008 and March 2009.

Our full annual report for 2008/2009 will be published in the autumn and will be available on our website at www.iow.nhs.uk

We are pleased to report that we met nearly all the national targets set for the NHS on the Island in 2008/2009. As one of the largest employers on the Island we recognise that we

have a significant role to play in Island life and continue to work closely with our partners as part of the Island Strategic Partnership.

We are grateful to everyone who made 2008/2009 a successful year for the Island's NHS – everyone who works in or for the NHS providing services to patients, and everyone who supports us through voluntary service, fund raising or supporting those who help us.

We hope that you find this summary interesting.



Danny Fisher
Chairman



Kevin Flynn
Chief Executive

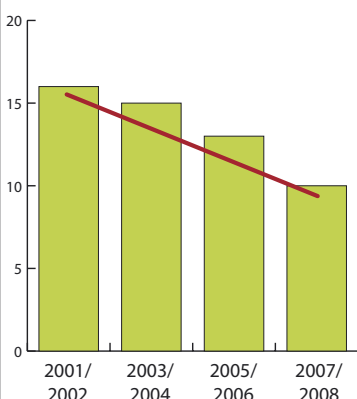
Caring for patients

The ambulance service received 14,585 emergency calls during 2008/2009. They exceeded national targets by getting to 77 per cent of patients within eight minutes. More than 96 per cent of the 6,477 patients who called with a less serious problem were responded to within 19 minutes. We now have a modern fleet of ambulances to take us through 2009/2010.

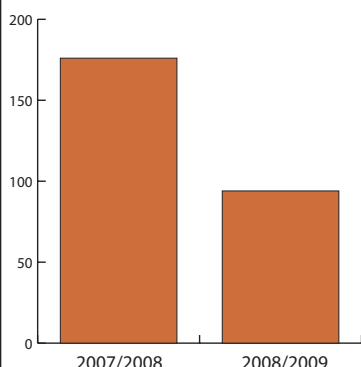
During the year over 37,000 patients attended the Emergency Department at St Mary's. We assessed, treated, admitted or discharged 98 per cent within four hours, in line with the national target.

We have rigorous procedures in place to prevent and control the spread of infection. There are some tough standards to be met but over the last eight years the level of MRSA has fallen. We are in the top 20 hospitals for our low level of MRSA infections. We need the help of everyone – staff, visitors and the general public to maintain high standards of hygiene by adopting the *Clean Your Hands* message.

MRSA bacteraemias 2002 to 2009



C.difficile 2007/2008 and 2008/2009



Much has changed since the outbreak of *C. difficile* in December 2007. We have cut the number of *C. difficile* cases since then and are striving to reduce this even further.

Please ensure good hand hygiene is part of your everyday routine and use the hand gel provided when entering a healthcare facility.

We all worry about cancers but referral to hospital for a specialist opinion and treatment is now much faster than ever before. Within two months of referral from a GP or other health professional, 96 per cent of our patients with a suspected cancer on the Island were receiving treatment. And 98 per cent of our patients on the Island had to wait less than a month from diagnosis to treatment for a suspected cancer.

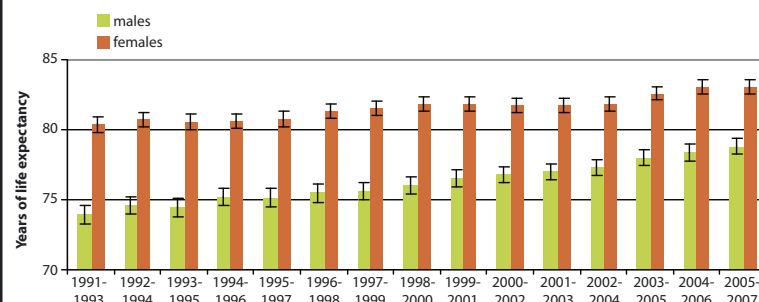
Waiting times for outpatient appointments and inpatient treatment have also fallen in recent years. During 2008/2009 over 37,000 patients attended a first outpatient appointment and over 72,000 a follow-up appointment. During the year over 95 per cent of outpatients received their treatment within 18 weeks of being referred. For inpatients over 90 per cent were treated within 18 weeks and 100 per cent were treated within 26 weeks.

It was disappointing however that over 9,600 patients failed to attend appointments. This not only costs the NHS on the Island money which could be better spent on caring for more patients, but delays other patients being seen. We would encourage patients to attend their appointments or to let the appointments' centre know as early as possible if they cannot attend.

Improving health

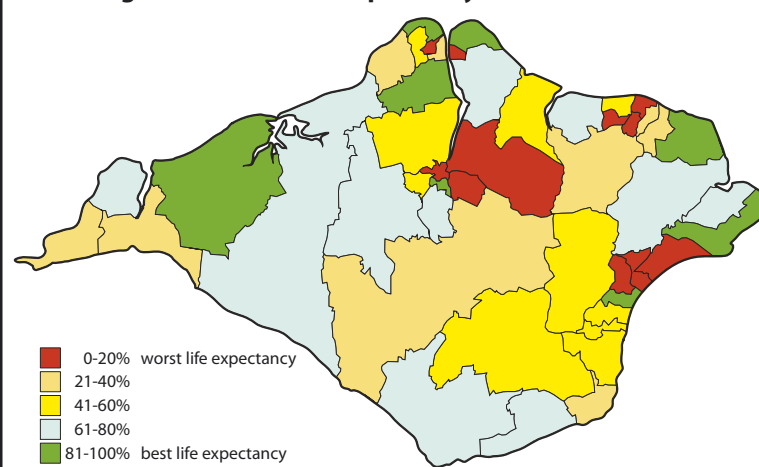
We continued to work closely with many partners during the year to improve the health of Islanders and visitors. For both males and females on the Island, life expectancy is slightly better than the average for England.

Isle of Wight life expectancy at birth, by gender



The Public Health Department and Health Improvement Team are focusing their work on areas where there is health inequality (or poor health). For example there is nine years difference between the life expectancy for those who live in East Cowes North and those who live in Sandown North.

Isle of Wight ward level life expectancy 2003-2009



Under our cardiovascular disease programme, over 2,000 patients have been assessed by GPs, and over 1,300 have been screened by outreach services in workplace and community venues. 2009 is the 21st anniversary of the breast screening service on the Island. Screening saves lives – we would encourage women who are eligible for screening under the National Screening Programme to ensure they take up the opportunity to attend breast screening every three years when invited to attend.

The Island's Chlamydia Screening Programme was ranked top in our local area and more information can be found on the Wight Integrated Sexual Health Network at www.Wish-Net.co.uk.

Planning for the unexpected

During the course of 2008/2009 we invested more resources in emergency planning and took an active part in the Island's Resilience Forum. Our emergency preparedness was tested and successfully implemented during a joint exercise in October 2008 and then for real



Pictured: Specialist nurse Teresa Day (centre) receiving her Nursing Times Award for her work on the SHIELD programme

in December 2008, when a building in Newport was evacuated.

We hope that you will be reassured to know that plans for handling pandemic flu have been developed and are being implemented with the onset of Influenza A/H1N1 (Swine Flu). It is important that Islanders follow the public health advice contained in the National Swine Flu leaflet, which was delivered to every Island home recently.

Commissioning better services

A small number of NHS staff on the Island are involved with 'commissioning' (purchasing) health services on your behalf. Although funding is going to be tight across the public sector during the next few years there are five clear priority areas for investment, the review of services and setting up care pathways:

- Cancer.
- Respiratory disease.
- Cardiovascular disease.
- Mental health.
- Children's services.

During 2008/2009 our commissioners worked to develop a new GP-led health centre at St Mary's (opening autumn 2009), improved out-of-hours services and improvements to the way we commission services.

Our staff and volunteers



NHS Isle of Wight has been named as a *Top 100* healthcare employer and is one of the largest employers on the Island, with over 3,000 staff. This does not include our much praised GPs and their colleagues in the community – pharmacists, dentists and opticians, who provide first class care along with the Earl Mountbatten Hospice, where many NHS staff work. The NHS provides a wide range of careers and training.

Over 160 volunteers have provided valued support to the NHS on the Island during the year in a variety of roles including drivers, chaplaincy, radio presenters, ward helpers and the Friends of St Mary's.

Funding the NHS

We received £230 million funding from the government in 2008/2009, and at the end of the year we had a planned surplus of £1.25 million.

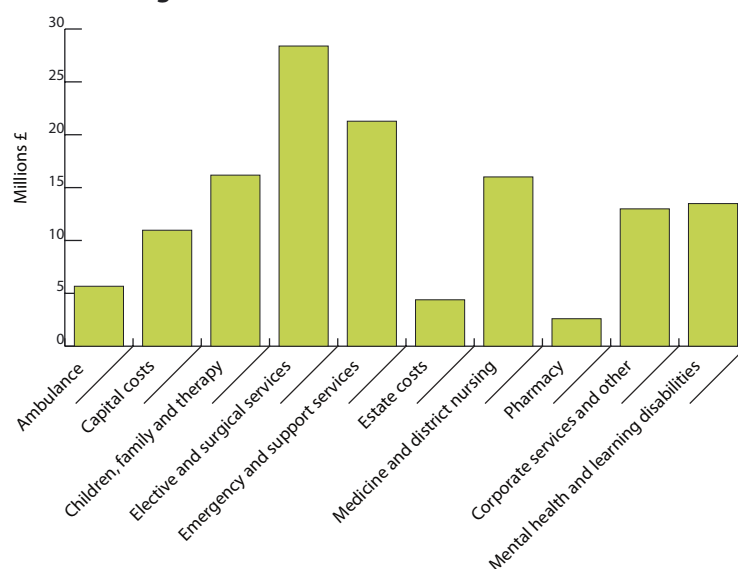
Our expenditure for the year totalled £230 million in the following areas:

- Primary care services – £27.58 million.
- Prescribing – £21.61 million.
- Corporate services – £5.52 million.
- Secondary care services – £175.43 million.

The cost of secondary healthcare includes £131.97 million spent on services based on the Island (includes St Mary's Hospital).

The £27.58 million spent with primary care includes payments to GPs, dentists and pharmacists within their respective contracts.

Expenditure on health services provided by the Isle of Wight NHS PCT in 2008/2009





NHS Isle of Wight

The NHS on the Isle of Wight is a unique organisation. We are the only NHS organisation (officially we are known as a Primary Care Trust or PCT) in England which both commissions all the health services required by our population and provides a broad range of these services including ambulance, mental health and learning disability, community, primary care, an acute hospital and prison healthcare services.

Our budget for 2009/2010 is around £240 million.

Our vision is that every one will have an equal chance to a long and healthy life and that the NHS on the Isle of Wight will be 'locally valued, clinically safe, and financially sound'.

During the course of a year on the Island:

- Over 37,000 patients attend our Emergency Department at St Mary's.
- Around 10,000 operations are carried out.
- The GP out-of-hours service is contacted by over 25,000 people.
- Over three quarters of a million tests are carried out in the Pathology Department.
- Around 1,200 babies are born at St Mary's.
- We support over 1,000 people to quit smoking and many to eat well and exercise more.
- Volunteers donate over 45,000 hours to the NHS.
- Our ambulances clock up over 400,000 miles.
- Over a quarter of a million meals are served to patients.

Our recent successes include:

- Being in the top 20 per cent of healthcare organisations for the provision of urgent and emergency care.
- Satisfaction among users of health services is good with hospitals (81 per cent), GPs (91 per cent), dentists (85 per cent) and pharmacists (97 per cent) – all higher and better than the average across neighbouring counties.
- Increasing access to GP and dental services including the creation of new dental surgeries and the appointment of new dentists to enable 30,000 people to access an NHS dentist.

Many exciting projects are underway:

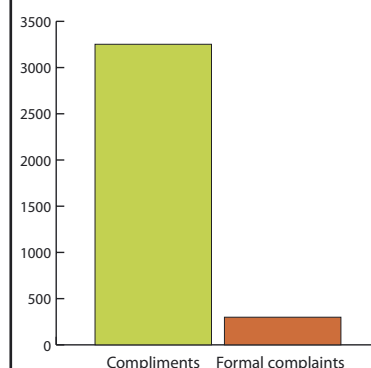
- The £1.5 million redevelopment of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) will provide mothers and their babies with a much improved environment located closer to the Maternity Unit for the care of seriously ill babies.
- The new £3.8 million Hospital Sterile Decontamination Unit (HSDU) will ensure that we stay up to date with the latest technology designed to ensure that infections are controlled and operations are safe.
- Following recent agreement between local GPs who provide out-of-hours services and the management at St Mary's Hospital, a £1.8 million redevelopment of the main entrance area at St Mary's will create a 'single front door' with access to a new GP-led health centre and the Emergency Department.
- A £2.9 million scheme to reduce the carbon footprint of St Mary's Hospital and improve sustainability with the introduction of a new heating system.

Compliments and complaints

During 2008/2009 local NHS services received 299 formal complaints compared to 3,252 compliments. The Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) listen and provide information and support to help resolve the concerns of patients and/or their advocates quickly and efficiently.

If you have a problem or concern about a health service please contact PALS on (01983) 534850 or email pals@iow.nhs.uk.

Compliments and formal complaints received during 2008/2009



Further information

If you would like to find out more about NHS Isle of Wight please visit our website at www.iow.nhs.uk or email comms@iow.nhs.uk or speak to our communications team on (01983) 552003.

SWINE FLU

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CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



With the spread of Swine Flu (influenza A/H1N1) across the world the World Health Organisation declared a pandemic on 11 June.

While the majority of cases continue to be relatively mild or moderate, it is important we all take steps to prevent a further spread of the illness.

Here are some simple measures to help protect yourself and others, as well as advice on what to do if you have flu-like symptoms.

If you have flu-like symptoms:

- **stay at home;**
- **if you have access to the internet check your symptoms, using the checker on www.nhs.uk or call the pre-recorded Swine Flu Information line on 0800 151 3513;**
- **if still concerned, call NHS Direct on 0845 4647, your GP or the Island doctors' line on 0845 60 31 007.**

Remember, preventing the spread of germs is the single most effective way to slow the spread of the disease.

You can also prepare now in case the swine

flu becomes widespread, by:

- establishing a network of "flu friends" (friends and relatives) who can help if you fall ill – they could, for example, collect shopping, medicines and other supplies for you;
- making sure you have an adequate amount of cold and cough remedies in your medicine cupboard, in case you or your family are affected.

For more information go to www.nhs.uk

Information will also be updated on the council and local NHS websites at www.iwight.com and www.iow.nhs.uk



Safer summer - enjoying your fun in the sun

The Isle of Wight Council's community safety services, the fire and rescue service, beach lifeguards, NHS Isle of Wight and the police are offering some handy hints to help you enjoy a safer summer.

For details of these tips and for more useful information visit www.iwight.com/safersummer



Barbecues

Sunburn

Drink

Seaside safety

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COAST & COUNTRY

Visitors to Afton Marsh Local Nature Reserve at Freshwater this summer are able to enjoy the benefits of a major clearance project.

During the winter, a programme to help restore the rich biodiversity of the marsh, was carried out by the council's parks and countryside section, with funding from the Environment Agency.

Thanks to the special Landcare project – also supported by the parish council and village association – visitors can appreciate the revived marsh and a clearer network of paths.

Afton Marsh is a 15 hectare wetland reserve on low-lying land behind Freshwater Bay. It lies on the flood plain of the Western Yar and at one time was browsed by cattle. Grazing ceased more than 50 years ago and the once plant-rich marshland has become colonised by reeds, willow scrub and woodland.

Restoring the local nature reserve to a mosaic of fen, reedbed and wet woodland is a never ending task but more than two hectares of scrub were cleared by contractors, countryside rangers and volunteers. Invading grey willow was cut and treated with herbicide and, where possible, stumps were removed.

The clearance has improved conditions for important wetland species such as water vole, sedge warbler, water dock and marsh marigold.

For the first time for many years, the course of the river flows through open sedge swamp and reedbed, rather than through thickets of willow.

Pictured: A view over the south marsh

Inset: The use of a veteran Matador vehicle has enabled stumps to be pulled from the marsh



A mosaic of fen, reedbed and wet woodland

See something different and learn something new at the 2009

FORT VICTORIA FORAY

Thursday 10:30am to 4:30pm

30th July 2009

Plenty of fun activities and displays throughout the day including:

- Environmental games
- Rockpool ramble
- Bat workshop
- Fossil hunting
- Storytelling



PLUS: discounted entry to other Fort Victoria attractions

FREE PARKING!

Free park and ride shuttle service from 11:00am to 4:00pm

For more information contact 01983 823893

Rockpools, fossils and eco games!

If you fancy learning about and exploring the Island's coast and countryside, then the Fort Victoria Foray may be just the thing for you.

The foray is a family event, based at the fort near Yarmouth on Thursday 30 July.

Organised by the council's countryside section, the foray will feature activities including rockpool rambles, fossil hunting, environmental games sessions and storytelling, as well as various displays.

All the usual attractions at the fort will also be open, including the aquarium, model railway, planetarium and underwater archaeology centre.

Organisations due to attend the foray include the Footprint Trust, the West Wight Landscape Partnership, Island 2000 and Gift to Nature.

The event takes place from 10.30am to 4.30pm and entry is free.

More details are available from the council's parks and countryside section on 823893.

Seasonal guide to wildlife in your garden

Lawns are the major feature of many gardens. They are ideal for sitting and relaxing or for playing games, but also a valuable habitat for wildlife because they provide a home for many insects and worms that are food for birds and other wildlife. In moist, warm summer weather, you may need to cut your grass more often, but in dry weather, cut less frequently to help reduce stress caused by water shortage. Less frequent mowing will also keep it green for longer.

NATURE NOTES

A light summer breeze blowing over a grassy meadow or ripening cereal crop produces an effect like shimmering waves ebbing and flowing across the field. Grasses are flowering plants but are less well known than most wild flowers as they do not have colourful petals to attract insects (and people!)

Some grasses are very distinctive and have names to match – quaking grass or ‘wiggles’ with delicate drooping heads that shake in the breeze, cock’s foot with its three ‘toes’, and Yorkshire fog, which gives pastures a greyish haze. The names given to others suggest their flowering spikes resemble the tails of dogs, foxes, cats, rats, hares and even squirrels.

Grass flowers are surrounded by papery scales in pale shades of green, yellow or fawn. The anthers are carried on long slender stalks outside the flower. When they are ripe, they produce tiny pollen grains. These are easily scattered on the wind to nearby plants, where long feathery stigmas, also held outside the flower, catch them. The pollen grows deep down into the flower to fertilise it, and a seed is formed. The seeds of wild grasses are small but over thousands of years of selective breeding high yielding cereal crops, which are essential in feeding the human population, have been developed from these wild ancestors.

Haymaking, to provide food and bedding for livestock, was a widespread midsummer activity in years gone by. The pleasant fragrance of new-mown hay comes from sweet vernal grass, which contains a substance called coumarin – but don’t let the name stop you enjoying that evocative summer scent!

Anne Marston, assistant ecology officer



Down memory lane in Calbourne



The Island village of Calbourne is celebrated in a new book to be published in October this year.

The Book of Calbourne, by Keir Foss, follows two similar strolls down memory lane with books about Newtown (published in 2004) and Porchfield and Locks Green (published in 2006).

Calbourne’s colourful past is recalled through 350 pictures, and the book mentions many local families whose lives have been stitched into the fabric of Calbourne life.

The book costs £19.99 (plus post and packing), and can be ordered from publisher Halsgrove by calling 01823 653777, or emailing sales@halsgrove.com. Alternatively visit www.halsgrove.co.uk, or pick up a leaflet at an outlet (tourist attractions, churches, village shops, community centres, pubs etc) in the West Wight.

Seaside strolls with your pet

In the summer, some beach areas on the Island are off-limits to dogs – but the good news is that if you want to enjoy the beach with your dog, there are still plenty of places you can go.

Here are some suggestions for beaches where you can take your dog in summer 2009 (signs at beach access points will usually give the full details):

• Puckpool Beach, Ryde

The golden sands of Puckpool are open for dogs across a signed stretch east of Appley Tower. With toilets and cafes nearby and convenient parking in nearby Puckpool Park, this is a pleasant family beach with great views of the mainland.

• Yaverland

The beach to the north of the sailing club towards Culver Cliff is open to dogs all summer. It’s a great walk and you might even find some fossils or petrified wood at low tide.

• Shanklin

To the south of Shanklin Chine you will find an area of beach down towards Luccombe where some impressive landscape can be found, and at low tides makes for some good walks for dog owners and their pets.

• West Wight

The wild and romantic south west coast of the Island includes many remote beaches as well as more popular locations such as Brook and Compton. There are a number of places to access these beaches, and dogs are not restricted here.

• Steephill Cove, Ventnor

This little private beach is a popular place to enjoy the sea. It’s just a short stroll from Ventnor west along the clifftop walk. No seasonal restrictions on dogs here.

• Fort Victoria Country Park, Yarmouth

The country park has toilets, free parking, a cafe and various attractions. It is a short walk from Yarmouth, and at low tide offers an enjoyable route with panoramic Solent views, particularly around sunset. Ideal for dog walking at any time of the year.



There are also many other sites. A complete set of maps showing all the up-to-date dog exclusion areas – and areas where dogs are not restricted – is available online at www.iwight.com/dogorders/maps.asp

ACTIVITIES

Wightcat Crafts (24 July – 12 September)

Parchment craft club (25 July, 5, 19 August, 2 September, 1.30pm to 4pm), beginners' parchment classes (26 August, 1.30pm to 4pm), card making workshop (25 July, 22 August, 10.30am to 1pm), all at Wightcat Crafts, 14 Carisbrooke Road, Newport, booking in advance essential, tel: 527525, email: crafts@wightcat.com

Discover the Chines (28, 30 July, 4, 13, 19, 27 August)

Unlock the secrets of the Island's chines with West Wight Landscape Partnership, find out about their ecosystems and smugglers' hideouts, lookout for the Eco-Challenger van, Alum Bay Chine (28 July and 4 August, 10am to 4pm), at Linstone and Widdick Chines (30 July, 10am to 2pm), at Shippards Chine (13 August, 10am to 2pm) at Brook car park (19 August, 2pm to 6pm), and at Compton Bay car park (27 August, 10am to 2pm).

Bat Detectives (28 July, 1 September)

Evening strolls to see and hear bats with West Wight Landscape Partnership, Fort Victoria (28 July), Afton Marsh (1 September), suitable for families with older children, booking essential, meeting time provided by booking, tel: 759779.

Wild Food Walk and Talk (1 August)

Discover different ingredients and medicinal plants that can be found around the West Wight, with West Wight Landscape Partnership, 10am to 12 noon, suitable for adults, booking essential, venue confirmed by booking, tel: 759779.

Outdoor Arts and Crafts (12 August)

Enjoy and buy art and craft works at Freshwater Library, 10am to 4pm.

Pedal up the Yar (20 August)

A leisurely sunset cycle along the western Yar with West Wight Landscape Partnership, 6pm to 8pm, children to be accompanied by a responsible adult, booking essential, venue confirmed by booking, tel: 759779.

EXHIBITIONS

Panorama of India, Noel Chanan (12 June – 26 July)

A look at the sub-continent and the Hindu religion, Dimbola Lodge, Freshwater Bay, tel: 756814, website: www.dimbola.co.uk

Pastoral Visions, Graham Ovenden (19 June – 18 October)

A show with a mystical aura, Dimbola Lodge, Freshwater Bay, tel: 756814, website: www.dimbola.co.uk

The Prehistoric Art of John Sibbick (20 July – 31 October)

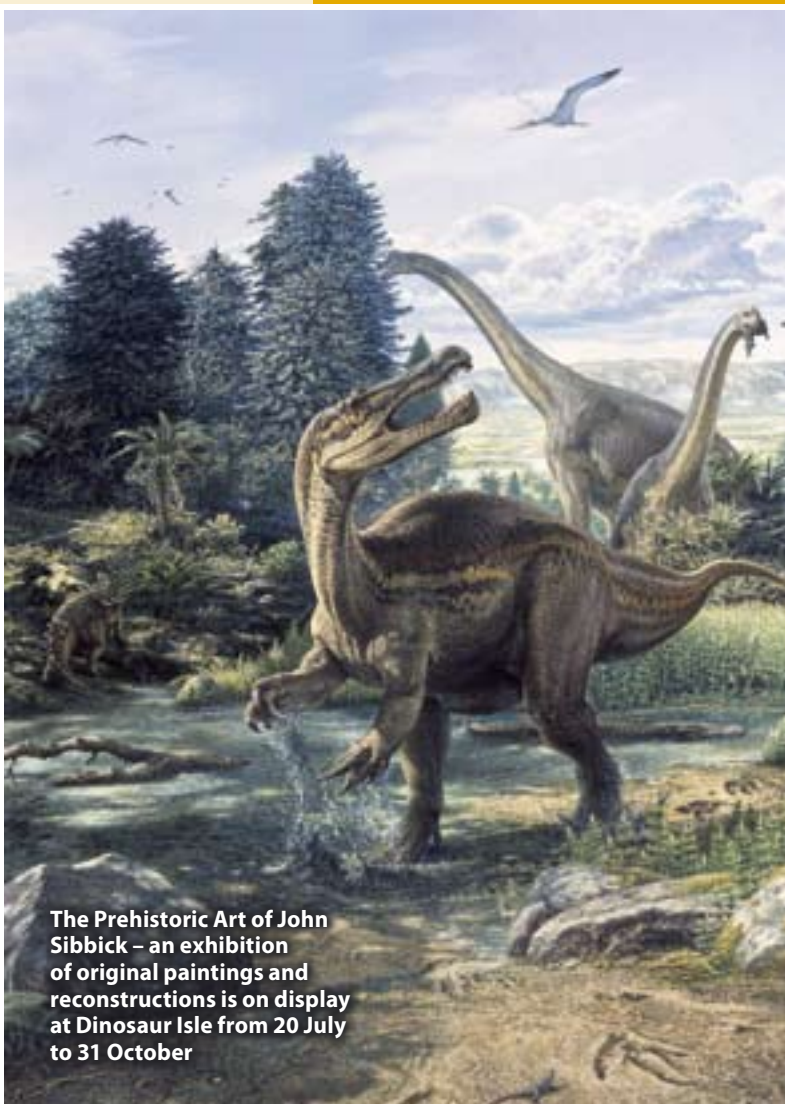
The amazing dinosaur artwork and reconstructions of John Sibbick, images of prehistoric creatures and landscapes, at Dinosaur Isle, Sandown.

Seen through Screen, Karen Brown (21 July – 16 August)

Silkscreen prints created from original photographs, Dimbola Lodge, Freshwater Bay, tel: 756814, website: www.dimbola.co.uk

AONB Walking Festival Competition Winners (31 July – 1 November)

An exhibition with the winning images from the 2009 competition, Dimbola Lodge, Freshwater Bay, tel: 756814, website: www.dimbola.co.uk



The Prehistoric Art of John Sibbick – an exhibition of original paintings and reconstructions is on display at Dinosaur Isle from 20 July to 31 October

Silver Alternatives, John Walker (18 August – 13 September)

A small collection of prints made using 19th century processes, Dimbola Lodge, Freshwater Bay, tel: 756814, website: www.dimbola.co.uk

FAIRS & SHOWS

Isle of Wight Fuchsia Society (25-26 July)

Twenty-first annual fuchsia show, Bishop Lovett Middle School, Ryde, 2pm Saturday, 10am Sunday.

Brading Craft and Gift Fair (29 July, 26 August)

Fair at Brading Church Hall, 10am to 3.30pm.

RSPCA IOW Branch Gala Day (9 August)

Gala day at RSPCA Animal Centre, Bohemia Corner, Godshill, 11am to

4pm, many stalls, raffle, dog and agility show, live music, refreshments.

Jigsaw Puzzle Festival (10-15 August)

Hundreds of made-up jigsaws on display and for sale, St James' Church, East Cowes, 10am to 4pm daily (6.30pm to 8.30pm Weds and Thurs evenings).

THEATRE

My Girl (23-26 July, 27-30 August)

A new family musical set in the 1960s, at the Winter Gardens, Ventnor, 7.30pm (24, 25 July, 27, 28, 29 August), 2.30pm (26 July, 30 August), tickets £7.50 adults, £5 for under-16s, from the box office, tel: 857581.

Cymbeline (30-31 July)

International company Theatre Set-Up presents Shakespeare in open air at Ventnor Botanic Garden, 7.30pm, tickets from tourist information centres, Ventnor Jazz Festival Office (by credit card, tel: 863151), or on the gate on performance night.

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