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of life for  
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# WELCOME

## March edition of *One Island* magazine

Welcome to the March issue of *One Island* magazine. In this edition we include a four-page guide featuring important information about your council tax for 2012/2013, together with details about the council's budget for the year ahead and its key investment programme.

More details about the council's budget will be provided in a 20-page booklet due to be delivered to all households in March along with your council tax information.

This issue also brings you an update on the continuing building projects to upgrade facilities at school sites around the Island.

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(council chamber)  
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(council chamber)  
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(council chamber)  
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#### Overview and Scrutiny Committee (council chamber)

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#### Children and Young People

**Scrutiny Panel** (council chamber)  
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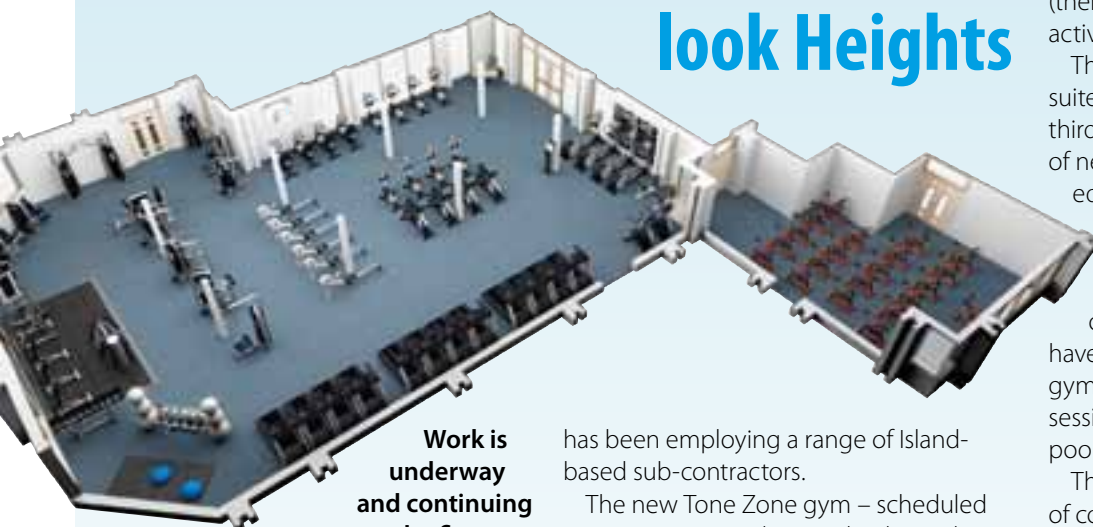
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## Project underway to create new-look Heights



**Work is underway and continuing apace on the first phase of a project to refurbish The Heights Leisure Centre at Sandown.**

The two phase project – designed to improve facilities and reduce running costs – began in January and is due to be completed by the end of October.

Initial work has involved emptying both pools, demolition work in the wet-side changing rooms, and setting out the foundations for the new Tone Zone gym (see artist's impression above).

Main contractor Mountjoy Construction

has been employing a range of Island-based sub-contractors.

The new Tone Zone gym – scheduled to open in May, is designed to be at the heart of the new-look Heights, and will feature state of the art cardio-vascular and resistance equipment supplied by leading supplier, Pulse Fitness.

Gym users will be able to use the Pulse Fusion brand of cardio-vascular (CV) equipment to run, cycle and step while enjoying a programme of their choice from the full range of Freeview TV channels. Each CV station will have a 19 inch screen and an iPod docking station.

During the first phase of the

refurbishment, the existing Tone Zone gym, the Health Zone gym, treatment (therapy) room, health suite and the activity studio will remain open as usual.

The second phase will see the health suite given a new look, the creation of a third activity studio and the construction of new large dry-side changing rooms equipped with new lockers, baby changing and vanity areas.

To reduce the impact of the partial closure, the opening hours of Westridge Leisure Centre, Ryde have been extended to accommodate gym users and squash players, while extra sessions have been programmed for the pool at Medina Leisure Centre, Newport.

The work at The Heights is part of council investment in its directly-managed leisure facilities, totalling £6.8 million.

Among the targets of the investment is to improve the take up of sporting opportunities by five to 16 year olds; to halt increases in childhood obesity; and to generally improve health, wellbeing and life expectancy.

For more information about The Heights or the additional sessions at Westridge and Medina please visit [www.iwight.com/leisure](http://www.iwight.com/leisure)



**Highways PFI contractor to be selected in June**

**The £260 million Highways Private Finance Initiative (PFI) to improve and maintain the Island's road network over the next 25 years has taken a significant step forward.**

The council has reduced from three to two the number of organisations it is negotiating with to become the selected contractor for the project.

The two companies still in negotiations are the Wight Highways Partnership and Vinci. By June the council will have selected its chosen partner ahead of actual work starting in April next year.

Under the scheme, the Island will receive £260 million (at its current value) in government grant – not a loan that has to be paid back – to upgrade the road network, footways and cycleways, streetlights and the CCTV network. The PFI also includes street cleansing and winter maintenance.

## Grant funds new command centres

**A government grant of nearly £1 million has been awarded to improve the Island's fire and rescue service.**

The money, from the Department for Communities and Local Government, will be used to create two high-tech incident command centres in Newport and Ryde – and provide crews with the latest 'Toughbook' mobile information systems.

The grant will also finance the council's transfer of its control room function to more advanced and resilient facilities hosted by Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, which happened early in March.

Chief fire officer Steve Apter said the technology in the new incident command centre could include screens linked to the Island's CCTV network, and links to other emergency services. It would also be large enough to function as a multi-agency 'silver' command facility for major incidents on the Island.





## New scheme will make paying to park easier

From 1 April this year motorists on the Island will be able to pay for their long stay parking permits using direct debit.

The new facility will be available online via [iwight.com](http://iwight.com) and through the Customer Services Centre at County Hall, Newport.

Motorists will be able to spread the cost over the year by making an initial payment of £50 using a credit or debit card and then with ten further payments of £50 at monthly intervals. A temporary permit can be printed from the website or, if the application is in person, at the Customer Services Centre. A permanent permit will then be issued within 14 days.

The introduction of the direct debit scheme for long stay permits is in addition to the payment for parking by phone option, which was successfully launched in January.

The council has also recently decided that to assist the Island's economy and encourage shoppers to visit town and village shops it will not be increasing parking charges from 1 April 2012 – the fourth consecutive year parking charges have been frozen.

For more information on the introduction of direct debit payments or payment by mobile phone please contact the parking services section on 821000, or visit [www.iwight.com/parking](http://www.iwight.com/parking)

## July date for Olympic torch visit

The Olympic torch will be coming to the Isle of Wight on Saturday 14 July, as part of its national tour in advance of the 2012 games in London.

The torch will be arriving in Yarmouth and will be taken to the Needles before being carried to Newport and then East Cowes.

Along the way, it will be carried by dozens of local torch bearers. Large crowds are expected to welcome the torch throughout the day.

Full details of the route, including timings and the best viewing points, are due to be published closer to the time.



## No change to bank holiday waste collections

Island residents are being reminded there are no changes to their weekly day of waste collection throughout the year.

The alternating weekly recyclable (wheelie bin or clear bag) and non-recyclable (black bag) waste collections and weekly food caddy collections will continue on your usual day – as shown on your waste collection calendar.

This means for the forthcoming bank holidays over Easter, the May bank holiday, and the two Diamond Jubilee bank holidays in June, your collections will take place on your usual day.

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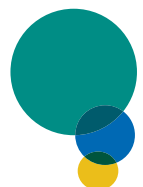
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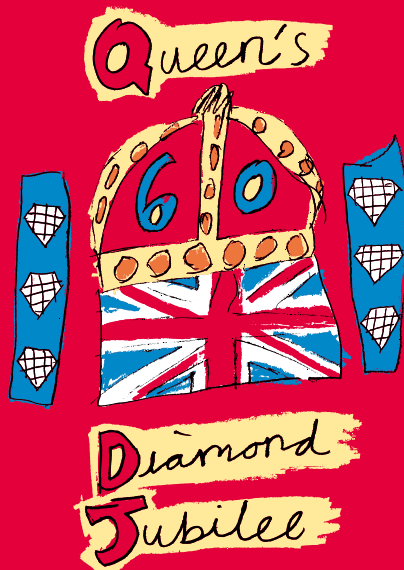
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## Celebrating the Diamond Jubilee



**A whole range of events are being staged on the Island this summer to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.**

The Island's main jubilee event will take place at Appley Park, Ryde from Saturday 2 June to Monday 4 June, and there will be a church service at Newport Minster on Monday 28 May.

There will also be firework displays, other events and exhibitions at various locations. For more information about the events along with advice on how to organise your own Diamond Jubilee party, visit [www.iwight.com/jubilee](http://www.iwight.com/jubilee)

Nationally, Buckingham Palace is co-ordinating a programme of events including a Big Jubilee Lunch, Diamond Jubilee Pageant on the Thames, a concert at Buckingham Palace and the lighting of 2,012 beacons around the UK – including on the Island.

### The Queen's visit

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will be visiting Cowes on Wednesday 25 July as part of her tour of the UK to mark the Diamond Jubilee.

The tour provides the Queen with the chance to express her thanks to people throughout the country for their continued support and loyalty.

More details about the visit will be announced nearer the time.

## Final go ahead due for new planning guidelines



**A major new document guiding planning and development issues on the Island is due to be adopted by the council.**

The final go ahead for the Island Plan Core Strategy comes following its acceptance by the Planning Inspectorate, which examined the document last year.

The Island Plan will guide planning on the Island over the next 15 years. The key

theme of the updated policy approach is to enable economic regeneration of towns and villages across the Island while ensuring the environmental quality of the Island is protected.

There is a strong focus in the plan on ensuring development meets local needs, whether for housing or employment development opportunities.

## Pre-apprenticeship scheme goes from strength to strength

**More than 40 young people on the Island aged 16 to 18 have so far signed up to a council scheme promoting apprenticeships for those not in employment, education or training.**

The council launched the pre-apprenticeship scheme late last year, providing a sum of £85,000 to help young people into work with Island businesses for up to six months.

Under the initiative, the council has been working with various work-based learning providers on the Island to administer the scheme and identify suitable businesses to take part – matching young people to pre-apprentice opportunities depending on their skills and qualifications.

The scheme has targeted a range of employment sectors on the Island, including construction, marine, tourism and hospitality, health and social care, advanced manufacturing and retail.

- The council is also allocating £300,000 in 2012/2013 for initiatives to help tackle youth unemployment and create new employment opportunities.





## Natural history memories with Bill Oddie

**This year's 14th annual Isle of Wight Walking Festival will be getting off to a fascinating start, with a special appearance by TV personality Bill Oddie to share his favourite memories from television natural history.**

He will be joined by fellow naturalist and broadcaster Stephen Moss for 'Bill Oddie Un-plucked with Stephen Moss' at Medina Theatre, Newport on Sunday 29 April.

To book tickets for the show, telephone 527020 or visit [www.medinatheatre.co.uk](http://www.medinatheatre.co.uk)

Tens of thousands of people are expected to take part in this year's 16-day event – the biggest festival of its kind in the UK – which runs from 5 to 20 May.

The 250-plus walks featured this year include a stroll in the stunning gardens of Queen Victoria's Osborne House at East Cowes and a chance to follow in the footsteps of 19th century poet laureate Alfred, Lord Tennyson, along the 12-mile Tennyson Trail in the West Wight.

Other highlights include the round the Island coastal path walk, the popular



speed-dating walk, and walks to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Details of all the walks can be found at [www.isleofwightwalkingfestival.co.uk](http://www.isleofwightwalkingfestival.co.uk), with

programmes available on request from the website.

On Saturday 5 May, St Thomas' Square, Newport will be transformed for the launch of the festival, with hot embers and broken glass being laid across the square to create two unusual footpaths. People are being invited to take part in walks over the two paths, with sponsorship generated going towards Beaulieu House respite centre, Newport.

Also during the festival, on Sunday 13 May, the Walk the Wight annual fund raiser for Earl Mountbatten Hospice at Newport, will take place, offering a choice of distances, from 8.5 miles to the full 26.5 miles across the Island from Bembridge to the Needles Park. Walkers must register to take place in Walk the Wight, and can do so via [www.iwhospice.org/wtw](http://www.iwhospice.org/wtw)

Also don't forget the walking festival's popular Autumn Walking Weekend, which this year takes place from 26 to 29 October.

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## Cycling festival 2012 – September date for the diary



**The 2012 dates for the popular annual Isle of Wight Cycling Festival have been set – 22 to 30 September.**

The 2012 festival – sponsored by Wightlink, Matrix Create, the council and Red Funnel – will feature more than 60 different rides, including the British Heart Foundation Cycle the Wight event on Saturday 29 September and the Hills' Killer Mountain Bike challenge on Sunday 23 September.

On Sunday 30 September there will be the West Wight Triathlon, featuring a 600 metre pool swim, 35 kilometre cycle ride and a 7.5 kilometre run.

Organisers are looking for experienced cyclists to volunteer to lead some of the rides. Anyone interested should contact Claire Critchison of the council's events team, by emailing [claire.critchison@iow.gov.uk](mailto:claire.critchison@iow.gov.uk)

The full programme of rides for the festival will be available in June. More information can be found at [www.sunseaandcycling.com](http://www.sunseaandcycling.com)

## Super-fast broadband is on its way



**There are exciting plans to bring super-fast broadband to much of the Island over the next few years.**

Openreach (part of the BT Group) is planning this month to start to install super-fast broadband in 'commercially viable areas' – including many homes and businesses in Newport, Cowes and Ryde.

Openreach has set up a website to provide questions and answers for potential users. More details can be found at [www.superfast-openreach.co.uk](http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk)

Another project, announced late in 2011, involves £3 million of Isle of Wight Council investment to bring super-fast broadband to more rural areas of the Island.

To ensure the £3 million is match-funded by the government, the Island needs to give evidence of local need. Island businesses and residents are being encouraged to show their support via a page on the [iowight.com](http://iowight.com) website.

This investment is part of the government's Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) project. BDUK is a team within the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, which was set up to deliver the government's strategy of bringing super-fast broadband to all parts of the UK. BDUK's main role is to allocate and distribute £530 million of funding to bring super-fast broadband to a third of UK homes and businesses not provided for by the broadband market.

Without this public subsidy it would not be commercially viable for companies to make the investment in more rural areas.

The definitive timetable for the council/BDUK project has yet to be finalised, although it's hoped physical work will begin in 2013.

Super-fast broadband will help businesses and residents make better and more effective use of the internet by providing faster speeds and better access to a wider ranging service.

## From street dance to bingo



**The former Downsides Middle School building at Newport is going from strength to strength in its new role offering a wide variety of learning opportunities to the Pan community.**

Activities hosted at the new-look centre range from a sports coaching course run by the Isle of Wight College and League One football club Bournemouth, to teaching Japanese to young children from the Island's Japanese community.

There is also an IT suite used by community groups, street dance, bingo, short mat bowls and band practice – and the county music service also operates from the building. In cold weather, the centre provides a night shelter for homeless people.

One group delighted to operate from the council-supported centre is the Way Forward initiative, which offers services for adults with learning difficulties.

"We were previously in Newchurch

which was a bit out of the way so we were delighted to be able to come to Downsides," said Mandy Morritt, Way Forward co-ordinator.

"There are also many facilities here or nearby that our clients are able to use, from the multi-use games area (*pictured above*), to the allotments and the Isobel Centre."

Peter Hopkins, commissioning manager for the council, said that to mothball the Downsides Middle building until it was needed again on completion of the Pan Meadows development in 2017 would have been a missed opportunity.

"Rather than having an empty building we now have a vibrant facility that is widely used for a range of purposes for people of all ages, not just within the Pan and Newport communities but from across the Island as well."

If you are interested in hiring space at the centre, you should contact Kim Roscoe, tel: 524340.





**A big thank you has been given to groups of volunteers for their tireless clearance and management work at key rural sites across the Island in the past year.**

The dedicated volunteers, working under the direction of the council's Countryside Service, have amassed a staggering 1,800 hours of practical work at a range of locations.

Tasks have included tree work at Fort Victoria, near Yarmouth; scrub clearance at Shide Quarry, Newport; reed bed management at Afton Marsh, Freshwater; and conifer clearance at Mill Copse, Yarmouth.

Many groups and individuals have helped with the work, including the Learning Zone, comprising home educated young people; and the Wildlife Warriors, who are organised by the Countryside Service and meet once a month to work at council sites.

Countryside ranger, Nick Webb, said: "The work of the volunteers is very much appreciated and means we have been able to maintain a wide range of ongoing projects across the Island.

"Their contribution varies greatly, and may involve coppicing (cutting hazel to increase light to the woodland floor then allowing it to re-grow), tree planting, footpath improvements, reed cutting and chalk downland management. However it's not all work – and with all the groups there is a great team spirit."

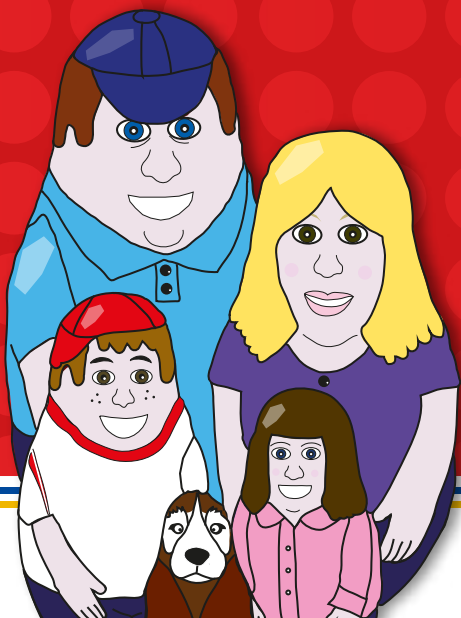
• If you are interested in volunteering, you can contact Nick Webb on 823893, who can provide information about the Wildlife Warriors and various other groups.

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**Are you looking after someone else's child or is someone else looking after yours?**

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Private foster carers can be a friend of the child's family or someone willing to care for the child of a family they do not know. Common private fostering situations can be children and young people living apart from their families, children with parents overseas, children on holiday exchanges which last more than 27 days and teenagers living with the family of a boyfriend or girlfriend.

While private fostering is often right for all involved, there is a legal duty to inform the council of such an arrangement. This is to help keep children safe and the families concerned supported.

If you know of a child who is being privately fostered or if you are offering private fostering without our knowledge, then please let us know by calling 525790 or, if appropriate, speak to the foster parent or carer.

**In the latest of our special articles looking at personal budgets, Island mum, Lynda, tells us in her own words about the major difference the changes have made to the life of her autistic son, James...**

**"A**bout two years ago, before our son James turned 18, we were made aware of a 'new thing' coming in called a personal budget. This was a sum that would be allocated to him (after an assessment) each year, and would provide him with the financial help to access activities and learning opportunities to aid his development.

This was a revelation to us, as just for once the emphasis was about what James needed, not just putting up with what was available.

James had spent the whole of his school life at a special school, and we strongly felt in the last few years his development had stood still. So we wanted to embrace the 'new thing' as soon as we could, because we knew we could make a better job of his continuing education and learning.

The first step was the self-assessment questionnaire, which was supposed to highlight where he was in terms of ability and understanding (our son's autism is not very easy to define and runs on different levels in different areas). This caused no end of debates both between ourselves and with our social worker, but we finally reached agreement, and this formed a basis on which his needs, social and educational, were worked out.

The support plan was then written. We were very keen his timetable should provide learning opportunities and activities reflecting his interests, build on his levels of understanding, and provide him with long term, achievable goals.

The second step was submitting our plan, including the costings. This was not easy,

**Pictured below:** Thanks to a life skills coach, James has learnt how to cook

# Our son's success



**Main picture:** James with his parents, Lynda and Andrew





# story



as parents are not allowed to attend the meeting either to explain or argue the case. As a result it came back to us three times before the final sum for the year was agreed.

There were some blips, mainly to do with the cost of transportation and budgeting for extra activities. But in the first year our son has been able to experience Haylands Farm at Ryde, Blue Sky Arts Drama, a trampolining club, swimming, tree climbing and bush craft. We were also able to find a care agency that had a great young man who took him for outings to various Island attractions, and also accompanied him on long walks and shared lunches.

At this point our son was still at school, but to ease him into the next stage of his life, we were able to negotiate with school so that he attended only three days a week, then two. This provided him with

the time to access the extra opportunities, and when he went to two days, we found someone we could employ as a life skills coach.

Our son's education has now become very practical, such as cooking lunch, shopping, travel training and various sports activities – and his life skills with his coach have increased to include learning to travel solo to Newport, practical maths and work experience in a residential home.

Along the way, I have met many people that consider a personal budget is a huge mountain to climb, and it can feel like it until you get your head around the whole thing. But if you embrace it, you really can make it work for your 'special person'.

We have also just heard the marvellous news that James has been invited along with his dance school to perform on stage in April at Her Majesty's Theatre in London – an opportunity which has arisen thanks to his personal budget. It really has made quite a // difference to us all.

• If you would like to find out more about personal budgets, you can contact your care manager or the council's duty team, tel: 534227.

**Pictured below and left:** James is a keen trampolinist and attends a regular club



# Waste collection update

**In the past month Island residents have trebled the amount of waste they are recycling. Here we provide a useful update on your new collection arrangements and an extended cut-out-and-keep guide to what goes where...**



## Where does your waste go?

### **Recyclable (wheelie bins/clear sacks):**

Under the new scheme you can recycle a wide range of plastics, metals, papers, cardboards and glass.

This waste is taken to Lynnbottom collection centre (*pictured top right and below*) on the outskirts of Newport, where it is stored before being transferred to a specialist recycling plant in Southampton.

### **Food waste (caddies):**

Your food continues to be collected weekly. You have been provided with two containers, a small caddy for use in the kitchen and a larger one which should be put out for collection each week.

It is recommended that food is put in a



plastic bag as this makes it easier to empty and keeps the containers cleaner.

Food waste goes to the gasification plant in Forest Road, Newport (*pictured right*) where, along with other materials including the plastic bags, it is burned to generate power.

### **Non-recyclable (black bags):**

Waste that can't be recycled is collected fortnightly in black bags.

This waste goes to the gasification plant where it is mixed with the food waste and burned to generate power – anything that

can't be burned is sent for landfill.

Because the black bags go to the same place as the food waste, sometimes you might see your food waste put in the same section of the waste lorry as the black bags (although this will not occur until the food pods on the vehicle have been filled).

It is important that you separate your waste and use your food caddies rather than put food directly in with your residual waste (black bags) – as this prevents smells and stops animals from tearing bags open. Food waste will never be mixed with the recycling collection.





# Extended guide to recycling

Please cut-out-and-keep this extended guide to recycling your waste. It includes some extra items to those included in the list sent out with your collection calendar in January.

## Recyclable waste (wheelie bins/clear sacks)

### Paper:

- Envelopes, junk mail.
- Phone directories.
- Newspapers, magazines, catalogues, brochures.
- Writing and printer paper.
- Wrapping paper.

No shredded paper.

### Cardboard:

- Packaging (eg cereal/teabag/tissue boxes; ready meal outer packaging).
- Corrugated cardboard.
- Greetings cards.
- Toilet/kitchen roll tubes.

### Glass:

- Any colour glass bottle or jar (including their lids).

No window panes, glass cookware/Pyrex, glasses, broken glasses or light bulbs. Take these to a household waste recycling centre.

### Plastics:

With the exception of cling film and bubblewrap all plastics can be recycled even though the packaging may state 'not currently recycled'.

- Carrier and other plastic bags.

- Drinks bottles (lids removed).
- Food trays including microwave meal trays.
- Fruit, veg and salad bags.
- Ice cream tubs.
- Margarine tubs.
- Plastic plant pots.
- Milk cartons and bottles.
- Shampoo bottles.
- Toothpaste tubes.
- Yoghurt pots.
- Household cleaning product bottles.
- Plastic milk bottles.

All containers need to be empty.

No tetra-paks (eg fruit juice containers), crisp packets or Pringles tubes.

**Remember – items made of more than one material cannot be recycled easily at the moment.**

### Metals:

- Aerosol cans (must be completely empty).
- Aluminium foil.
- Food tins (empty).
- Drinks cans.

## Non-recyclable waste (black bags)

- Polystyrene.
- Clingfilm.
- Bubblewrap.
- Shredded paper.
- Pill packets.
- Ash (never put hot ashes in your bin).
- Crisp packets.
- Pringles tubes.
- Sweet wrappers.
- Nappies/sanitary items.
- Textiles (or to textile bank).
- Glass cookware/mirrors.
- Broken crockery.
- Vacuum cleaner bags.
- Tissues, cotton wool.
- Kitchen roll.
- Pet food pouches (foil lined).
- Sports drink pouches (foil lined).
- Rubber gloves.
- Asthma inhalers.
- Razor blades.

## Food waste (caddies)

- All cooked and uncooked food.
- Fish and meat bones.
- Tea bags/coffee grounds.
- Egg shells.
- Fruit and vegetable peelings.
- Cut flowers.

## Waste to take to a recycling site

- Old clothing/shoes/handbags.
- Batteries.
- Low energy light bulbs.
- Mobile phones.
- CDs and DVDs.
- Printer cartridges.
- Electrical items.
- Large metal items.
- Wood.
- Garden waste (can still be placed out for collection in the pre-paid garden waste sacks available from Island Waste).
- Bricks/soil/rubble.
- Books.

**More information** If you are still unsure of whether an item can be recycled, please contact the council on 823777.

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This four-page budget special gives you an overview of how and where the council will direct its funds in the year ahead and what it means in terms of your council tax.

On the first two pages we explain how you have helped shape our plans and how we are responding positively to your views through key investment projects.

On the final two pages we provide spending and council tax details for 2012/2013

# BUDGET

On 29 February, the council agreed a budget of **£338.3 million** for the year ahead – including a **council tax freeze** for the second year running.

With Hampshire Police Authority also freezing its precept, the only rise this year to households will be if there is an increased precept levied by your parish or town council.

The Isle of Wight Council's budget is around £1 million less than that agreed for 2011/2012, largely because the amount of government grant given to the authority has been reduced.

Despite this decrease in grant, the council has sought to protect spending in its priority areas. These priorities are: raising educational

standards; supporting older and vulnerable residents; keeping children safe; regeneration and the economy; developing a comprehensive and sustainable waste strategy; bringing unprecedented investment to the Island's road network through the highways private finance initiative (PFI); housing and homelessness; and delivering budget savings through operating more efficiently.

To help shape its budget for 2012/2013 the council staged a series of consultation exercises in November and December. These included workshops with residents, businesses, community groups, unions and town and parish councils and online consultation.

## Regeneration and the economy



The budget includes significant money for a number of schemes aimed at supporting the local economy.

The council is investing £3 million over two years in bringing super-fast broadband capability to the Island, which matches government funding of £3.2 million. Together this will help bring super-fast broadband to a minimum of 90 per cent of Island premises.

The budget also includes £1 million, alongside £2 million from the private sector, to secure the licences and permission necessary to develop the first phase of a Solent Ocean Energy Centre. Once established, this facility for the development and testing of tidal energy systems using tidal flows to the south of the Island could create hundreds of local jobs.

A £1million sum is being set aside for infrastructure work that will enable the Homes and Communities Agency to bring forward for development parcels of land that it owns on the Island, while the budget also includes one-off funding of £300,000 to support schemes to create job opportunities for up to 160 people.

A sum of £250,000 has been made available to parish and town councils (for them to match) to go towards local schemes that will improve the economic viability of Island towns and villages.



# SPECIAL

## Highways PFI

From next April, the largest engineering project of its type ever undertaken on the Island – a comprehensive upgrade of our highway network – will begin.

The investment is possible because of a government grant of £260 million (at current values).

For its part, the council will continue to invest in the necessary preparation required to ensure the contract is right for the Island both in terms of meeting its infrastructure needs and maximising economic and employment benefits.



## Waste strategy



The council's current waste contract ends in 2015. Preparatory work is being undertaken to ensure the new long-term agreement means the Island deals with its waste in an environmentally-friendly and cost-effective way.

This work involves hiring the skills of experts in waste and contracts of this nature, and it is envisaged the costs of preparing for the contract will be quickly repaid in savings once the improved arrangement gets underway.

## Other areas of investment



- £3 million to support tourism over the next nine years. This may well be through a new tourist board led by the tourism industry.
- £500,000 to upgrade a number of the 41 public toilets maintained by the council.
- £3 million to finance a new Cowes chain ferry when the current floating bridge is deemed no longer suitable for use.

## Supporting older and vulnerable residents



The council's net budget in this area will increase in the forthcoming year as more people become increasingly dependent on our services.

The net budget will rise from £35.8 million in the current financial year to £36.6 million next year. This rise continues in 2013/2014 (£40million) and by 2014/2015 the budget will be £42.9 million.

It means that by 2014/15 there will have been a near 20 per cent net increase in this area over this four year period.

## Keeping children safe



The council will continue to enhance the pay of social workers dealing with children so they are paid the same as colleagues on the mainland. This policy has helped dramatically reduce both the number of vacancies and money spent hiring temporary staff.

Since this pay arrangement was first agreed in 2010, the department has improved significantly, with a decline in the number of looked after children on the Island, a reduction in mainland placements and a decrease in the number of children on child protection plans. The number of initial assessments completed within the timescale has also risen.

## How the council is saving money

Last year a number of tough decisions were taken to help the council find £18 million of required savings. In many cases, local communities and organisations came forward to take on some of the services, eg community libraries and buses.

However the majority of savings – 76 per cent – were found through back-office efficiencies (such as senior management reductions) or in additional income.

In the 2012/2013 budget, more than 90 per cent of the required £3.8 million savings will be found from similar efficiencies or income, meaning frontline services will be protected as far as possible.

## Your council tax

Your council tax for 2012/2013 has been frozen at the same rate as in 2011/2012. Here we explain:

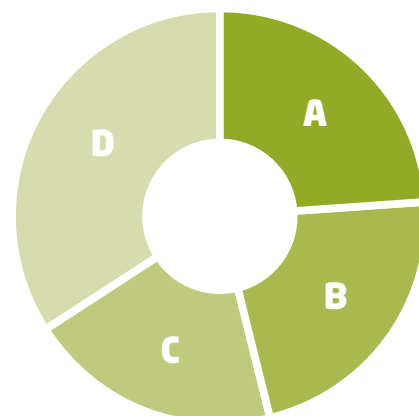
- where the council's money comes from and how your council tax contributes to our overall funding (alongside government grants, income generation and contributions);
- where we will spend our funds in 2012/2013;
- the major factors that affect what you pay;
- what the council tax for your particular property band is.

We also show the contribution towards your parish or town area and the element relating to the Hampshire Police Authority.

## Where the money comes from

The money the council uses to provide services comes from sources including:

- formula grant from the government;
- the council tax and freeze grant;
- core grants for specific services and projects;
- dedicated schools' grant;
- income from charging and contributions for certain services;
- other grants.



**A** Dedicated schools' grant\*  
24 per cent (£81,008,000)

**B** Council tax and council tax freeze grant  
22.2 per cent (£75,247,000)

**C** Formula grant and core grants  
19.8 per cent (£66,915,000)

**D** Fees, charges, contributions and other grants  
34 per cent (£115,180,000)

\*Provisional figure pending confirmation from the Department for Education.



## Where the money will go in 2012/2013

	This year £'000	Last year £'000
Adult social services	63,317	60,454
Housing services (including housing benefit)	76,098	72,821
Schools' budgets <sup>1</sup>	87,431	95,178
Children's services	35,421	34,516
Fire service	7,369	7,441
Environmental services	2,155	2,182
Community safety	4,247	4,439
Street and beach cleansing	2,027	2,020
Waste management	10,390	9,067
Highways including Private Finance Initiative (PFI)	10,576	10,298
Car parking <sup>2</sup>	2,083	1,915
Street lighting	956	869
Public transport support	6,356	6,608
Planning and development control	3,964	3,535
Recreation and sport	4,116	4,795
Parks and open spaces	2,164	2,436
Economic and tourism development	2,273	1,708
Cultural, leisure and libraries	3,878	4,923
Other services	8,919	9,332
Other financing	4,610	5,099
<b>Gross expenditure</b>	<b>338,350</b>	<b>339,636</b>
Less: income	-204,694	-202,801
<b>Net budget</b>	<b>133,656</b>	<b>136,835</b>
Less: formula grant	-58,409	-63,595
Freeze grant	-3,586	-1,788
Collection fund deficit/tax base increase	-151	58
<b>Net council tax</b>	<b>71,510</b>	<b>71,510</b>
Tax base increase	309	0
<b>Council tax requirement</b>	<b>71,819</b>	<b>71,510</b>

<sup>1</sup> The reduction in the schools' budgets reflects the funding arrangements for the newly created academy schools which receive their grants directly from the Department for Education.

<sup>2</sup> Car parking is expenditure on the service; income is included in the line with grants and other income.

## Four factors that affect what you pay

### 1. The level of tax set by the Isle of Wight Council

The level of tax set by the council to cover the cost of services it will provide in 2012/2013 is the same as in 2011/2012. By setting a zero increase the council will receive a grant equivalent to a 2.5 per cent increase.

### 2. The property band you are in

The value of your property, on 1 April 1991, will have been assessed by the independent listing officer, a central government agent. Your property will then have been placed in one of eight bands – your bill will show which one.

Band	Value of property 1.4.1991	Proportion of band D	Council tax (Isle of Wight Council element)
A	Up to £40,000	6/9	£859.87 (£716.56*)
B	£40,001 to £52,000	7/9	£1,003.18
C	£52,001 to £68,000	8/9	£1,146.49
D	£68,001 to £88,000	9/9	£1,289.80
E	£88,001 to £120,000	11/9	£1,576.42
F	£120,001 to £160,000	13/9	£1,863.04
G	£160,001 to £320,000	15/9	£2,149.67
H	Over £320,000	18/9	£2,579.60

\*Disabled reduction

### 3. The level of spending set independently by the Hampshire Police Authority

The element of council tax that relates to the Hampshire Police Authority is unchanged from 2011/2012. The Hampshire Police Authority also receives a grant equivalent to a 2.5 per cent increase.

### 4. Charges for local services

Your bill includes an amount towards the cost of the town or parish council for the area in which you live.

## Council, police, parishes and towns

This table shows the combined costs for a band D council tax payer. The figures include the Isle of Wight Council, the Hampshire Police Authority and the Island's town and parish councils.

	£ Per band D property	£ Total 2012-2013	£ Total 2011-2012
Isle of Wight Council	1,289.80	71,818,644	71,510,381
Hampshire Police Authority	146.25	8,143,493	8,108,539
<b>Parish/town councils</b>			
Arreton	18.08	7,172	7,172
Bembridge	56.25	117,000	117,000
Brading	81.77	68,570	56,775
Brighstone	23.78	20,179	16,596
Calbourne	29.98	12,000	10,500
Chale	30.54	8,600	8,600
Chillerton and Gatcombe	37.86	7,530	7,530
Cowes	20.20	86,700	86,700
East Cowes	33.45	85,000	82,324
Fishbourne	20.62	8,638	8,638
Freshwater	40.70	104,140	98,469
Godshill	23.74	14,500	14,500
Gurnard	39.57	32,000	32,000
Havenstreet and Ashey	22.00	7,778	7,778
Lake	19.50	37,500	37,500
Nettlestone and Seaview	16.88	29,070	29,910
Newchurch	13.43	14,880	14,380
Newport	15.60	126,678	127,245
Niton and Whitwell	14.29	14,200	12,200
Northwood	15.42	14,000	11,228
Rookley	23.95	6,130	6,130
Ryde	37.39	331,100	319,800
Sandown	47.20	122,000	115,000
Shalfleet	36.86	27,849	27,849
Shanklin	39.11	145,898	127,981
Shorwell	17.81	6,000	6,000
St Helens	36.89	21,650	21,650
Totland	35.65	48,735	40,277
Ventnor	48.77	135,000	135,000
Whippingham	30.99	10,750	10,759
Wootton Bridge	43.64	65,000	57,800
Wroxall	16.14	10,870	10,350
Yarmouth	42.37	22,350	20,318

**Pictured:** Progress continues on the new St Francis Primary School site at Ventnor



A wide variety of new-look school buildings have been continuing to take shape across the Island in recent months – ranging from entirely new primary schools to classroom extensions and refurbishments.

The construction schemes are central to the Island's overall school reorganisation project, which last September saw a switch to a two tier education system of primary and secondary schools.

Next month (April) will see the start of the final term in the first academic year under the new system – and work has been continuing to ensure the Island has the latest, high standard facilities for its schoolchildren.

Particular progress can be seen with the two new £6 million primary schools being built for Haylands Primary School at Ryde and St Francis Primary School at Ventnor.

At Haylands Primary, on the former Swanmore Middle upper field, work is ahead of schedule. The windows have been going in on the new building, the brick-facing is being put in place, and utility services are up and running. The school is now expected to be ready for occupation from September this year.

At St Francis Primary (on the former Ventnor Middle site), demolition work has been completed and the steel frame for the new structure is due to be erected from mid-March. The school is due to be handed over in December and operational from January next year.

The St Francis scheme has been shortlisted in the Considerate Constructors' Scheme National Site Awards 2012.

Funding for all schemes is being provided centrally by the Department for Education – with funds generated from the sale of surplus school sites also being invested back into Island school facilities.

On all aspects of the overall project the council has been working closely with its framework partner, Willmott Dixon Construction – supported by many Island-based contractors.

Project director for the council, Janet Newton, said: "Each phase of this major project presents us with new challenges, and our framework partner and Island sub-contractors have responded magnificently to ensuring all is delivered to a high standard and on schedule."

## New era to for Island schools



**Pictured:** The Cowes One School Pathfinder project is on target for a May/June completion

Here are some updates on progress with other key aspects of the project:

### Upgrades at former middle school sites

Refurbishment work at Queensgate Primary at East Cowes (the former Osborne Middle site) has been completed and pupils have recently moved in from the old Whippingham and Grange Road sites. The former Whippingham site is being taken over by the privately-operated Priory School.

Queensgate is among a number of former middle school sites which closed to become primary schools and whose facilities are being upgraded. Similar work is nearing completion at

Greenmount Primary (Mayfield Middle).

Three other schools due to be handed over following refurbishment, are: Broadlea Primary (former Lake Middle), Gurnard Primary (former Solent Middle), and Hunnyhill Primary (former Kitbridge Middle). These will be handed over before Easter, and Lanesend Primary (former Somerton Middle) shortly after. Bembridge Primary (former Forelands Middle) will be completed for a September 2012 occupation.

### 'Sunesis' schools planned for Gatten & Lake and The Bay

A planning application has now been submitted for a new-build Gatten and Lake Primary School on the school's former



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detached playing field site.

The new-look 210-place primary school is being planned to replace the existing Gatten and Lake school. The planning application has been submitted following an information-sharing event with the local community, to discuss the design concept, programme timetable, and highways issues. The school will be up and running by December 2012, subject to planning permission.

The proposed new Gatten and Lake school is a pre-designed 'Sunesis' project – a cost-effective way of building a new school to an adjustable traditional-build template, but including individual features.

Another Sunesis-style school is earmarked for The Bay (C of E) Primary School, combining the former Grove Road and Carter

Street schools to create a single site for the new Bay Primary School. An information-sharing event to discuss this scheme with local residents is due to be held in April.

## Extensions and alterations

Other projects underway or due to be carried out, include:

- Niton Primary School – a two classroom extension is due to be handed over in April;
- and as part of the next phase of the schools' capital programme, planning applications have been submitted for a two classroom extension at Wootton Primary School; and a two classroom extension and extension to the hall at Carisbrooke (C of E) Primary School.

## Special schools

Two surplus primary school sites – at Love Lane, Cowes and Broadlea, Lake – are to be used to provide enhanced and improved facilities for Island children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. More details on these plans will be published in the near future.

## Cowes One School Pathfinder

The new £30 million One School Pathfinder project in Cowes is on target to be ready for the start of the 2012/2013 academic year in September –

with fitting out continuing to schedule, and the school's new bio-roof due to be seeded and ready for the growing season in the spring.

Contractor Pihl is due to hand over the school in May/June.

## Surplus school sites

Outline planning applications have been submitted for the residential redevelopment of surplus school sites at Gurnard, and Swanmore at Ryde – and an application is pending for the former West Wight Middle site. Funds generated from the sale of these sites will be re-used for school facilities.

## More information

For more information you can visit the 'school reorganisation' section on [iwight.com](http://iwight.com)

For planning details about school building projects see 'planning online' on [iwight.com](http://iwight.com)

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To sign up and donate your time to volunteering, you can visit [www.iow.nhs.uk/volunteer](http://www.iow.nhs.uk/volunteer) – or pick up a copy of the new Isle of Wight NHS Guide to Volunteering – available on the St Mary's website and at various local locations. Alternatively contact Richard Dent, volunteer co-ordinator, tel: 822099 (ext: 6246), email: [volunteer@iow.nhs.uk](mailto:volunteer@iow.nhs.uk)

## Care for stroke patients revolutionised



The Community Stroke Rehabilitation Team (*pictured*) offers innovation in the delivery of stroke rehabilitation on the Isle of Wight.

The team was set up to facilitate discharge from hospital as early as possible and provide interdisciplinary rehabilitation in community settings, most often in patients' own homes.

National studies have shown that this approach improves the quality of care as well as reducing the length of stay and institutionalisation rates following stroke. The team has enabled more than 50 per cent of all patients admitted to hospital with a diagnosis of stroke to leave St Mary's quickly.

This has been achieved with a proactive approach to getting patients home as soon as they are medically fit. Once home, patients, their families and carers are supported with their recovery through co-ordinated and intensive rehabilitation.

In response to a patient's individual needs, the team can offer up to five visits per day from 7.30am to 9pm, seven days a week. These visits are aimed at promoting independence, reducing risks of further stroke and supporting families and carers. In addition, the team works closely with adult social services and the Stroke Association. Feedback from patients, their families and carers has been overwhelmingly positive.

## NHS changes



In September 2011 I reported on the changes taking place in the organisation of the NHS. I am now pleased to report that Kevin Flynn has been appointed chief

executive of the new Isle of Wight NHS Trust which, subject to final ministerial approval, is expected to commence business on 1 April 2012. This separate and new NHS Trust will cover the majority of services including ambulance, community health, mental health, prison healthcare and those at St Mary's Hospital.

The creation of the new organisation follows an extensive options appraisal to establish that the Island can support a separate NHS trust that is clinically and financially sustainable. We are currently working with stakeholders, voluntary organisations and patient representatives to redesign our services to ensure that they meet these two requirements. The new organisation will be working towards Foundation Trust status which we hope can be achieved by April 2014.

The commissioning of services for Islanders will in the future mostly be the responsibility of the Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group, which is part of a cluster of primary care trusts – see [www.iow.nhs.uk/ccg](http://www.iow.nhs.uk/ccg) Arrangements for changes to the organisation of public health services, which in part will transfer to the Isle of Wight Council, are under discussion.

*Danny Fisher, chairman NHS Isle of Wight*

## Quality of care improving at St Mary's

Data on hospital mortality from the Department of Health and other analysis shows that there has been a three point reduction, from 119 to 116, for the period June 2010 to June 2011. Further reductions are expected.

Work to provide single sex recovery areas following an endoscopy has now been completed. There have been no breaches of single sex accommodation since April 2011.

Staff continue to be vigilant in their approach to provision of single sex accommodation and ensuring patients' privacy and dignity is respected at all times,



which is part of our Let's Show We Care initiative ([www.iow.nhs.uk/wecare](http://www.iow.nhs.uk/wecare)).

'Getting it right' surveys are given to all inpatients on discharge in order to collate real time data on patient satisfaction. The aim is for wards to achieve a 50 per cent response rate based on their patient discharges. The latest results (for December 2011) show that 95 per cent of inpatients are satisfied or very satisfied with their care.

Reports on the quality of care, performance of the Island's NHS, finance and workforce are published every month at [www.iow.nhs.uk/performance](http://www.iow.nhs.uk/performance)

# TIME & PLACE

## WOLVERTON FOLK & BLUES FAIR 2012



Enjoy local music and food at the **Wolverton Folk and Blues Fair, 12 May, 12 noon to 8pm, tickets £5**

### ACTIVITIES

#### **Mothering Sunday service**

(18 March)

Celebration of evening prayer, Langbridge Chapel, Lower Newchurch, 4pm.

#### **Open Evening**

(22 March) 6pm open evening (A levels only) at the Isle of Wight College, Newport, 5pm to 7pm, all welcome.

#### **Open Evening**

(28 March)  
All courses open

evening at the Isle of Wight College, Newport, 4pm to 7.30pm, all welcome.

#### **Maundy Thursday service**

(5 April)

Sung mass at All Saints' Church, Godshill, 7pm.

#### **Good Friday services**

(6 April)

Liturgy of the day, at St Alban the Martyr Church, Upper Ventnor, 9.30am, and All Saints' Church, Godshill, 12 noon.

#### **Easter vigil service**

(7 April)

Solemnities for Holy Saturday, All Saints' Church, Godshill, 8pm.

#### **Sung mass for Easter Day**

(8 April)

St Alban the Martyr Church, Upper Ventnor, 9.30am.

#### **Sung Eucharist**

(8 April)

All Saints' Church, Godshill, 11am.

#### **Service of prayer book evensong**

(15 April)

Commemoration of the founding of St Barnabas Traditional Anglican Mission, Isle of Wight, at Langbridge Chapel, Lower Newchurch, 4pm.

#### **Coffee morning**

(12 May)

Good books and homemade cakes on sale, St Alban the Martyr Church, Upper Ventnor, 10.30am to 12 noon.

### EXHIBITIONS

#### **Two artists in the frame**

(5-12 April)

An Easter exhibition of recent paintings by Becky Samuelson and Kate Bolton, at Brading Roman Villa, 10am to 4pm.

#### **What Knot Crafts**

(11 April, 9 May, 6 June)  
Exhibition and sale of work by John Steggles

featuring decorative and functional items made using knotting and macramé techniques, Yarmouth Town Hall, Yarmouth, 10am to 3.30pm.

#### **Church bell ringing open day and exhibition**

(21 April)

See bell ringing in action and have a go, the Minster Church, Newport, 10am to 4pm, contact Viv Nobbs, tel: 530920.

#### **Ventnor Botanical Artists' spring exhibition**

(3-8 May)

Exhibition featuring floral, still life and garden scene work, items also for sale, at Quarr Abbey, Binstead, 10.30am to 4.30pm.

#### **Turning Point**

(5-7 May)

Exhibition of contemporary hand-carved ceramics by

Andrew Dowden, Ventnor Botanic Garden, 10am to 5pm, admission free.

#### **Contemporary paintings and ceramics**

(31 May – 5 June)

Exhibition of works by Jeanne Mills-Holland and Andrew Dowden, Quarr Abbey art gallery, 10am to 5pm, admission free.

#### **Ventnor Botanical Artists' summer exhibition**

(2-10 June)

Exhibition of botanical and floral work, items also for sale, at Ventnor Botanic Garden, 10am to 5pm (4.30pm on 10 June).

### FAIRS & SHOWS

#### **Memorial ploughing match**

(1 April)

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### Craft Fair

(14 April)  
Organised by the Isle of Wight Craft Guild, all items handmade locally, Parish Hall, Town Lane, Newport, 10am to 3.30pm.

### Gardening Galore

(6 May, 10 June)  
Two events for the gardener, plants and garden-related goods, charity collections, free entry, Highwood Lane recreation ground, Rookley, 10am to 3pm.

### Wolverton Folk and Blues Fair

(12 May)  
A celebration of Island folk, blues and food, top Island folk and blues bands, real ales, tea tent, children's activities, in aid of Leukaemia Research and Brighstone School, at Wolverton Manor, Shorwell, 12 noon to 8pm, tickets £5 from the Village Shop, Brighstone.

### Yarmouth Old Gaffers' Festival

(25-27 May)  
Annual festival of gaff-rigged vessels, market and food stalls, displays, music and street entertainers, at the Square and the Green, Yarmouth harbour, 12 noon on 25 May to 6pm on 27 May.

## MEETINGS

### Isle of Wight branch of the British Cactus and Succulent Society

(monthly)  
Meeting second Saturday each month, Church Close Community Centre, Wootton, 7pm to 10pm.

### Vectis Branch of the Submariners' Association

(monthly)  
Meeting fourth Wednesday each month, Camp Hill Prison Officers' Club, Newport, 7.30pm.

### Isle of Wight Orchid Society

(monthly)  
Meeting third Monday each month, Riverside Centre, Newport, 7.30pm.

### Sandown Bay Diabetes Support Group

(monthly)  
Meeting third Thursday each month, informative talks by medical professionals and discussions on diabetes matters, Methodist Church Hall, York Road, Sandown, 7.30pm, contact Sharon Merrick, tel: 400336.

### British Airways' Retired Staff Association

(monthly)  
Meeting third Wednesday each month, coffee morning, the White Lion, Arreton, 11am.

### Voxpop rock and pop choir

(monthly)  
Meeting each Wednesday, new singers welcome, no auditions or need to read music, songs from 50s to 90s, at parish rooms, Town Lane, Newport, 7.30pm to 9.30pm, visit [www.voxpopchoir.co.uk](http://www.voxpopchoir.co.uk)

### Island Concert Band

(monthly)  
Rehearsal first Thursday each month, Newport Scout Hut, 7.30pm, new players welcome from 21 years and over, call Rachel or Robin Tweddle for more details, tel: 297970 or 07769 651106.

### National Federation of the Blind UK

(monthly)  
Meeting of the Island

branch, last Saturday each month, Riverside Centre, Newport, 10.30am.

### Action on Hearing Loss

(monthly)  
Hear to Meet coffee mornings, a chance to share experiences, all welcome, at Salvation Army Hall, Newport (second Monday, 11am to 12.30pm), St Michael's Church, Ryde (third Wednesday, 10.30am to 12 noon), West Wight and Community Centre, Freshwater (second Tuesday, 11am to 12.30pm).

## MUSIC

### Newchurch Male Voice Choir concert

(22 March)  
Evening concert with invited guest artistes, All Saints' Church, Gurnard, 7.30pm.

### The Dussek Piano Trio

(14 April)  
West Wight Arts Association presents works by Beethoven and Brahms, Memorial Hall, Freshwater, 7.30pm, for tickets tel: 752956 or email: [administrator@freshwatermemorialhall.org.uk](mailto:administrator@freshwatermemorialhall.org.uk)

### Newchurch Male Voice Choir concert

(14 April)  
Joint concert with Penzance Ladies Choir, St John's Church, Sandown, 7.30pm.

### Welcome Spring

(25 April)  
Concert of words and music by St Alban's Choir and Friends, St Alban the Martyr Church, Upper Ventnor, 7.30pm, admission free, light refreshments.

### Newchurch Male Voice Choir concert

(4 May)  
Evening concert with invited guest artistes, The Priory, Carisbrooke, 7.30pm.

### Ryde Chorus Concert

(19 May)  
Including works by Schubert and Mendelssohn, All Saints' Church, Ryde, 7.30pm, tickets £10, contact Judith Shanks, tel: 522170.

### Newchurch Male Voice Choir concert

(6 June)  
Evening concert with invited guest artistes, St Alban the Martyr Church, Ventnor, 7.30pm.

## SPORT

### Isle of Wight Grand National and Ashy Scurry

(25 March)  
Amateur horseracing event, Ashy Racecourse, West Ashy Farm, 10.30am, licensed bar.

## TALKS

### Rembrandt: family, faces and friends

(19 April)  
A decorative and fine

arts society lecture by Hilary Williams, art history education officer at the British Museum, Medina Theatre, Newport, 8pm, contact Judith Hook, tel: 854322.

### Fine art forgery: craftsmanship or conjuring

(15 May)  
A decorative and fine arts society lecture by David Phillips, Medina Theatre, Newport, 8pm, contact Judith Hook, tel: 854322.

### Rescuing manuscript diaries with an insight into some Island diaries

(16 May)  
A talk to the Isle of Wight branch of the Historical Association by Dr Irving Finkel of the British Museum and Richard Smout, Isle of Wight Heritage manager, at Nodehill Sixth Form Campus, Newport, 7.30pm, contact Terry Blunden, tel: 524410.

## THEATRE

### Lloyd George Knew My Father

(22-24 March)  
Curtain Up Amateur Dramatic Society presents a black comedy by William Douglas-Home, Totland Church Hall, 7.30pm, tickets £6, available from The Cabin (Freshwater), Freshwater Bay Post Office, Faith, Hope and Charity, Totland and Harwoods, Yarmouth, tel: 754654 or 755710.

### Titanic – the musical

(18-21 April)  
Island Savoyards present a musical to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, Shanklin Theatre, 7.30pm (2.30pm matinee on 21 April), tickets £11 from [Shanklintheatre.com](http://Shanklintheatre.com) or via the box office, tel: 868000.

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**Sea City Museum Opens** - Southampton - 10 April

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**German Beer Festival** - Hoglands Park, Southampton - 14-17 June



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