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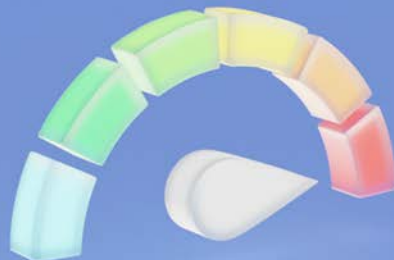
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Welcome from the EDITOR

Wow, we're halfway through the year already! How did that happen?

Hopefully now businesses are open again, we can start to enjoy the full breadth of what our Island has to offer in the coming months.

In this month's Beacon, we bring you details of great places to go — whether you're after a family day out, a drink in a traditional Isle of Wight pub, or a good old knees up (yay for festivals and events!).

We also delve in to more fascinating Isle of Wight history and John Hannam shares his interview with the voice of Darth Vader and The Lion King's Mufasa, the incredible James Earl Jones.

Enjoy!

Amy Shephard

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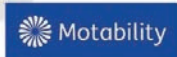
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A day to remember with

JAMES EARL JONES

With little space in between, I'd been in the company of both David Prowse, who was inside the figure of the iconic villain, and James Earl Jones, who provided the unmistakable voice.

James was the world renowned actor who'd appeared in over 100 movies, including *The Hunt For Red October*, *Conan The Barbarian*, *Cry The Beloved Country*, *Field Of Dreams* and *The Great White Hope*. And who could forget his voice for Mufasa in Disney's *The Lion King*?

When my daughter, Caroline, was still at school she often came with me on theatre interviews and met numerous famous actors. That eventually led her to a career as a West End wardrobe supervisor. On this occasion the roles were reversed.

She was working at London's Wyndham's Theatre with the hit show *Driving Miss Daisy*, which starred Vanessa Redgrave and James Earl Jones. She set up our interview.

I was not surprised to instantly discover he was such a charming, caring and modest world-famous movie star. My adrenalin was certainly flowing and I was so thrilled to be in his company. He was very perceptive, too. I wasn't quite sure how much time he could spare me, as he had specifically arrived early before his matinee performance, just to see me. He quickly sensed I was rushing a wee bit and told me to take my time as he could spare me an hour.

James had a real problem with a stammer and from the age of six until he was 14 he was mute and only

A surprise Christmas present arrived for me on December 12th, 2011, when I achieved a unique double that would have been a perfect dream for millions of Star Wars fans. In less than two months, I'd interviewed both the actor and voice of Darth Vader.

By John Hannam

talked to himself and animals. The latter responded to the attention he gave them, with no feedback.

"Going to high school changed my life and it was all down to my English teacher, who wrote poetry. He couldn't handle my problem. Somehow he found out that I also wrote poetry and tricked me into reading one of them out loud to my class and I had no problem with it," revealed James, who ended up being the school's champion of public speaking.

Obviously, the subject of Darth Vader just had to come up. When I suggested it had been such a part of his life he said: "no," and explained why.

"It's been a big part of Dave Prowse's life. I was not the character. Dave was

the character. He was in there sweating every day. I was just special effects and originally didn't even want my name on the credits."

I did present him with a CD of my interview with David Prowse, who had so much respect and admiration for James. He took it back to the States after the London season ended.

David and James were hoping to finally meet up. I am not sure they ever did, although they tried between their various career schedules. Sadly, David died in 2020.

Incidentally, when I'd left his home in Croydon, a few weeks earlier, he'd teased me and offered to see me across the busy road. Well, he had been the famous Green Cross Code man!

I stayed on at the Wyndham's Theatre to see the matinee master class of *Driving Miss Daisy*, with Vanessa and James. Unforgettable.

I did manage to surprise James — and he loved it. There is a Norwegian rock band called the James Earl Jones Barbershop Explosion. He knew — but had never heard their music. So I put that right. **B**

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Sword Fights, Ghost Stories & Hidden Passageways at

The Castle Inn

Dating back to 1550, The Castle Inn is the oldest public house in Newport. Over the many years since it was first licensed, its fascinating past includes sword fights, ghost stories, hidden passageways — and many, many shared pints.

It is largely speculated an underground passageway linked The Castle Inn with Carisbrooke Castle in its early years, although many people dispute this.

Landlord, Simon Cant, told us the tunnel was said to be used to bring King Charles I quietly over for a drink. The entrance to the alleged tunnel is filled in now, as is the original staircase to the old upstairs brothel — although you can see both proudly displayed behind glass when you stop in for a drink.

In the past, The Castle has hosted a cock fighting pit, a skittles alley and a stable for travellers to rest their horses, while they stop for refreshment.

There's stories of an old stable boy who still hangs around the building leaving five pence pieces to be found. He's said to have come to a grizzly end in the cellar, after failing to repay a debt.

The late Brian Greening, a popular Isle of Wight historian, said on Facebook: "A soldier gate crashed a private party, an argument arose, and a sword ended a man's life. Chased up Carisbrooke Mall, caught and ultimately hung. Would need to check the date but circa 1820."

The pub has been featured in many local ghost walks over the years, and was subject to a very eventful medium visit in recent years. If you like ghost stories, you can watch a video of the event by searching Over Night Stay At The Castle Pub! on YouTube.

Rebuilt after a devastating fire in 1684, The Castle Inn's bricks were imported from France. Although the side wall, which can be seen from Mill Street, dates as far back as the 13th Century when it was said to be a den for thieves and vagabonds.

The building, including Stable Bar, windows and even the window frames are listed. And original beams still stand proudly in place. There's also beautiful flagstone flooring, which has been walked on by many notable people over the years.

"If the walls could speak," says current landlord, Simon Cant, "they'd tell some unbelievable stories."

The Castle has had many different landlords and landladies over the years. Many remember knocking on a hatch at the bar to be served.

Islanders have many fond memories of landlady Edna Tibbenham in her cubbyhole, doing a crossword or some knitting.

Frank Lyons said: "The Castle was where I mis-spent my youth. The low ceiling darts room with a board on the ceiling to protect it from darts, the round table room and the benches with holes in to accommodate gentleman sitting with swords (so I was told)."

In 2018, Simon Cant and Liam White, took over the pub — and love to talk to visitors about the Castle's fascinating past. Now a friendly, traditional, public house, The Castle is a warm and welcoming spot for families and a great place for evening entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights. 🍷

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The old staircase and entrance to the alleged tunnel.



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Walkers can enjoy the open countryside and the views over the iconic 1970 Isle of Wight Festival site, which hosted the incredible Jimi Hendrix, The Doors, Joni Mitchell, The Who and many more. From 26th-31st August 1970, Afton Down, saw up to 700,000 music lovers descend on the farmland. It was one of the largest festivals of its time. The walk is mostly flat, with no stiles or steps, but you will pass through a couple of gates and may come across some



Isle of Wight Festival 1970. Image courtesy of CameronLife Library.

muddy ground, so wear wellies if you can. It's perfect for all ages and abilities, so makes a great family walk, with plenty

of wildlife along the way. Start at Tapnell Farm. You'll head in the direction of The Causeway and down towards Freshwater Bay, before looping back on yourself in the direction of Wellow Down, until you return to where you started. Once you've finished your walk, there's the added bonus of stopping off at The Cow at the end for a bite to eat or a much deserved cuppa or glass of wine. Booking advised. The walk was developed by IW Ramblers in 2013.

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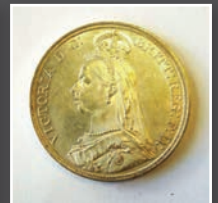
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INGREDIENTS

Two chicken breasts
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Sprinkle of salt
Tbsp chilli powder
One avocado
One red pepper
One red cabbage
One red onion
One cup of cooked rice
Black sesame seeds to
sprinkle over the top
(optional)



SERVES

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For the marinade:

One lemon for zesting
Six tbsps olive oil
Four garlic cloves
Pinch of salt and pepper
Half tsp Oregano
One tsp dried Thyme

METHOD

1 Wrap your chicken in cling film and pound with a meat mallet or rolling pin to tenderise it. Set aside and make your marinade.

2 Zest your lemon. Mince your garlic cloves and combine with all the other marinade ingredients.

3 Place your marinade in a freezer bag, add the chicken and rub to coat. Place in the fridge for at least four hours.

4 In a separate bowl, mix a drained and rinsed can of chickpeas with a teaspoon of vegetable oil and a tablespoon of chilli powder. Spread on a covered baking tray and bake for 25 minutes, before taking out to cool and sprinkling with salt.

5 On a high heat, grill each side of the chicken until cooked. This should take a couple of minutes each side.

6 Slice your chicken and share between two large bowls alongside a portion of rice and a portion of spiced chickpeas in each.

7 Now add sliced avocado, red pepper, red onion and red cabbage.

8 Sprinkle with black sesame seeds and enjoy. 🍴



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Jack Up The 60s with The Zoots

AUG 13TH

Escape to the sixties this August! Owing to popular demand, Jack Up Events are bringing back the good times with a very special 'Jack Up The 60s' evening featuring multi-talented 5-piece band The Zoots.

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The Wildheart Trust is also launching an exciting art competition, aimed at artists of all ages or abilities. See page 22 for more details.

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Extended Line Up for Ventnor Fringe

By Iona Stewart-Richardson

The multi-award-winning arts festival, which features gigs, comedy and performances in pop up venues throughout Ventnor, will return from 23 July - 1 August.

In recent years it has become an important testing ground for artists premiering new material, running in the lead up to Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

A host of new acts have been announced including:

- RuPaul's Drag Race UK contestant Joe Black who will be previewing new show 'Decopunk' plus 'Work In Progress'
- Performances from comedians Lou Sanders (Taskmaster, Travelman, QI)
- Geoff Norcott (Live at the Apollo, Mash Report, Mock the Week)
- Tez Ilyas (Tez O'Clock Show - Channel 4, TEZ Talks - BBC Radio 4, Man Like Mobeen - BBC Three)
- Musical comedy duo Flo and Joan.

JULY 23RD
-AUG 1ST

Families with younger children will be excited by a new 'Mini Fringers' event featuring popular TV presenter Andy Day with his 'Dino Raps' live show, and for the first time at the Fringe a visit from the Circus! Featuring Acrobatics to Trapeze, Comedy to Juggling, The Greatest Showpeople! Will be heading to the Big Top in Ventnor Park.

Music fans won't be disappointed with the festival building on its reputation for showcasing some of the best new music around.

This year's programme will feature live shows with Indie favourites Gengahr, post punk, art rock trailblazers Do Nothing, the Cumbia vibes of Los Bitchos and outstanding breakthrough act Billy Nomates.

All events at Ventnor Fringe are individually ticketed, with capacities in all spaces kept to small numbers to ensure the best possible chance of the event going ahead as planned this summer.

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The family friendly festival invites everyone to come and enjoy a fun-filled day with a huge array of food options, bars and live music from the likes of Hashtag, The Ohmz, Foo Fighterz and many more with tickets priced at £10 and under 12s going free.

All proceeds will be going to The Wight Brainy Bunch and donations can be sent via the fundraiser on their Facebook page Warrior Festival IOW.

The Wight Brainy Bunch provides invaluable emotional and financial support to families devastated by brain tumours. Set up by Mark Grimes and his wife Kathryn, following Mark's diagnosis of a brain tumour in February 2015.

Anyone who wishes to get in touch can message the event page Warrior Festival IOW or email hello@warriorfestiow.uk www.warriorfestiow.uk

Ticket Link: book.events/warriorfestival/2021-08-07/29882

In association with The Wight Brainy Bunch.

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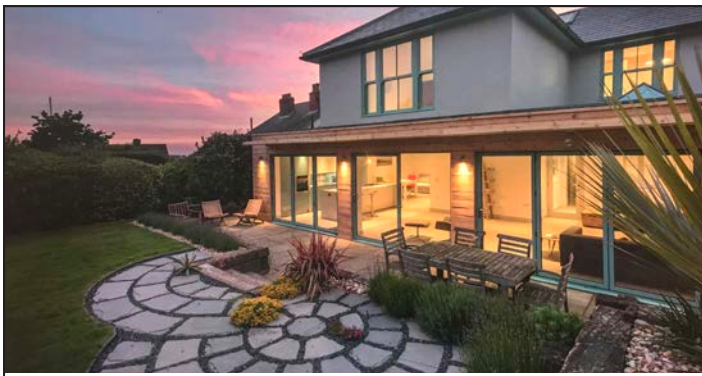
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Run by the Turney Family for almost 40 years, Tapnell Farm used to be one of the biggest dairy farms on the Isle of Wight with over 800 cows producing an amazing 24,000 litres of wholesome milk every day.

Today, still family run by brothers-in-law, Tom Turney and Tom Honeyman-Brown, the site in Yarmouth is the Isle of Wight's leading eco-tourism destination and home to award-winning Tom's Eco Lodge, Tapnell Farm Park, Isle of Wight Aqua Park, The Cow Restaurant & Bar and opening this June, Isle of Wight Football Golf — with as many eco credentials as there are fun things to do.

As you turn off the main Newport Road and drive up to the top of the hill, you're suddenly met with the most stunning countryside views in all directions including across to Tennyson Downs and



sea views out across the Solent.

For a rural farm destination, it is quite unique in the UK for its portfolio of accommodation and activities, all sited in this incredible location with space to roam, amazing sea views and stunning sunsets. From luxury glamping (safari tents, modulogs, wood cabins, eco pods, geodesic domes) and farm cottages to a large country manor house, there is accommodation to suit everyone and every occasion.

All activities need to be booked online in advance

In fact, Tapnell has become a favourite location for many Islanders who book short staycations throughout the year.

As well as the attractions and restaurant, day visitors can also enjoy archery and axe throwing, clay-pigeon shooting and amazing country walks, including the Tapnell Trail, a lovely 6.5m circular walk — which provides the perfect excuse to work up an appetite or walk off a lunch at The Cow Restaurant serving (and won awards for) the best burgers on the Island! It's dog friendly too! All activities need to be booked online in advance.

The first step in Tapnell Farm's diversification from a dairy farm started in 2012 with the opening of Tom's Eco Lodge — a glamping holiday experience, the first of its kind on the Island, which was purpose built to have minimum impact





on the environment. The building materials used were predominantly wood and natural canvas, and the Safari Tents (previously known as lodges) are sat on raised decking, reducing the impact on the land. Eco-friendly cleaning products are always used in all the accommodation.

Over subsequent years the farm has been developed and transformed, and sustainability is at the heart of everything the company does, whether it's taking water from their bore hole to supply the Farm, using the sun to make electricity for surrounding homes, powering their heating systems with their own biomass boiler or growing over 30 acres of new woodland and hedgerows. Their overriding ethos is to have minimum impact on the environment.

The Turney Family's golden rule is to pass on their farm in better environmental and productive health than it was at the beginning of their life's tenure.

There is still much to do and the family are certainly up for the challenge!

NEW THIS YEAR

It has been a challenging year for all businesses, especially for those in tourism, but the family are keen to progress with plans to develop their tourism offer to attract more visitors to the Island and support other local businesses. So, May half term sees the opening of five new luxury geodesic domes with en-suite

facilities and commanding the most stunning sea views across to Lymington and beyond.

There is also the opening of a second large adventure play barn in the Farm Park and then in June, look out for the opening of the Island's first Football Golf course. Fun for all ages, there will be two 9 hole courses, one more challenging than the other and the option to play all 18 holes. Again, with epic views of the West Wight.

MIX N' MATCH THE FUN – MAKE A DAY OF IT!

With so much to do at Tapnell Farm, why not make a day of it and mix n match the fun. Just choose a session or two – from Farm Park, Aqua Park, Archery & Axe Throwing, Football Golf – not forgetting a meal at The Cow. All attractions and The Cow (indoor seating) must be booked online in advance. www.tapnellfarm.com

SUMMER SEASON PASSES

Tapnell Farm Park's summer season pass is valid until 31st October 2021 and provides great value, especially if you're planning to visit the attraction three times or more this season. Priced at £35 per person – under 2s are free – the summer pass provides all weather indoor and outdoor play during the school holidays as well as term time.

As well as the attractions and restaurant, day visitors can also enjoy archery and axe throwing, clay-pigeon shooting and amazing country walks

The adult passes are also transferable when linked to a child's summer season pass.

MAY HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

From pedigree pigs to grumpy goats, get to know more about Tapnell's native animals on their fun Paddock Tours. Plus don't miss the three little Kune Kune pigs taking part in Trotter Training and showing how they've mastered some of the Crufts agility classics!

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Ryde Town Council

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Ryde in Bloom

This Year Ryde in Bloom is going to be bigger and better than ever before!

The last year has shown our communities how important gardens and outside spaces are for mental health and wellbeing and we at Ryde Town Council are determined to do our part.

You don't have to be a seasoned professional to win the competition either because we have two distinct categories – Adults and Under 16.

Judging will take place slightly differently this year, we are asking for all participants to take photos of their garden, patio, allotment, window-box, pots, whichever way it is you are getting creative and getting involved. We want to see your photos and judging will take place based on your photos. Entry photos need to be emailed to facilities@rydetowncouncil.gov.uk.

If you are unable to take and submit your own photos, we can make

arrangements for an officer to do this on your behalf. Please state this on your entry form.

The deadline for entries is Friday 2nd July, final judging will take place on Monday 5th July.

We have some great prizes to be won from Wightlink and Goodleaf Tree Climbing and many more spot prizes.

For more information or an entry form please email facilities@rydetowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01983 811105. Check out our Facebook page for more updates.



Town Council Grants

The Town Council is holding its first grants round since the recent local elections. Applications for community and marketing grants will be considered towards the end of June. Please see the Ryde Town

Council website rydetowncouncil.gov.uk for further details, deadlines and application form. Alternatively, please email grants@rydetowncouncil.gov.uk for an application form.

Upcoming Council Meetings

Date	Meeting	Time	Venue
Tuesday 25th May	Planning Committee	7pm	Please see the agenda on our website three working days before the meeting for venue details
Tuesday 8th June	Facilities and Assets Management Committee	2pm	Please see the agenda on our website three working days before the meeting for venue details
Tuesday 15th June	Planning Committee	7pm	Please see the agenda on our website three working days before the meeting for venue details
Thursday 17th June	Acquisition and Commercial Management Committee	2pm	Please see the agenda on our website three working days before the meeting for venue details
Monday 5th July	Full Council	7pm	Please see the agenda on our website three working days before the meeting for venue details

New Councillors

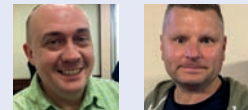
Following the recent elections Ryde Town Council would like to congratulate all of Ryde Town Council's elected members. Alongside six re-elected Councillors we are also pleased to wish a warm welcome to ten new Council members.

Below is a list of elected members and the ward they represent. For more details on councillors please go to rydetowncouncil.org.uk

Clr Michael Lilley was elected as Mayor and Clr Jenna Sabine as Deputy Mayor of the Town.

Binstead Ward

Clr Simon Cooke and Clr Ian Dore



Haylands and Swanmore Ward

Clr Les Kirkby and Clr Malcolm Ross



Ryde Appley and Elmfield Ward

Clr Lisa Carter, Clr Michael Lilley and Clr Jenna Sabine



Ryde Monktonmead Ward

Clr Georgie Carter, Clr Charles Chapman and Clr Karen Lucioni



Ryde North West Ward

Clr Phil Jordan and Clr John McLagan



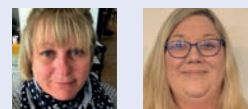
Ryde West Ward

Clr Richard May and Clr Ian Stephens



Ryde South East

Clr Jess Higgins and Clr Jo Park





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Town Mayor's Farewell

*Councillor Steve Knight
Shanklin Town Mayor*

Residents of Shanklin Town, it has been my privilege and pleasure to have had

the honour of being Mayor of the Town of Shanklin. I have served as Town Mayor for three years and it has been most enjoyable, in a normal year we would have been invited to attend between 25/30 engagements but during the 18 months of Covid-19 it was three! But never mind it seems we are coming out of the worst of lockdown we can now look forward again.

May I take this opportunity to thank all

our Town Councillors for their constant help throughout the years. And of course, a big thank you to Stella Town Clerk for tirelessly keeping the wheels turning.

This year we have seen some stalwart Councillors stand down after nearly 30 years, Councillor Richard Priest and Councillor John Fleming, also a very active Councillor Sarah James served four years we wish them good luck for the future in all they aspire to.

Shanklin Town Council has completed some major projects during lockdown,

the new Community Library and the Town Office, and going forward we hope to install new toilets at Chine Bluff on the Esplanade.

Thanks go to Green Towns for keeping so many of our green spaces looking great, thanks to Esther Knight for supplying the new planter at the library.

Now I would like to wish our new Town Council and the new Town Mayor the very best of luck for the coming years.

**Best Regards Steve.
Shanklin Town Mayor (2018-2020)**

Town Clerk's Report

Firstly, I must start by saying an enormous thank you to Steve Knight who has stood down as Town Mayor after three years. Steve & his wife/consort (Esther) have done a fantastic job, whoever takes over as Town Mayor has big shoes to

fill (Uggs) it has been a delight to work with Steve, and I am pleased to say he is staying with us a Town Councillor.

Thanks also to Richard Priest and John Fleming for their long service to the Town Council and Shanklin residents. On a

personal note, a big thank you to Steve, Richard & John for their support towards me over the past 17 years.

Below is a contact list of Shanklin Town Councillors, some names you will recognise, some are new. I wish old and

new all the best for the future and an exciting time working together for the town and its residents.

**Best Regards Stella.
Town Clerk RFO**

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News from Lake South

by Cllr Paul Brading

I want to say a huge thank you to all the residents of Lake South for re-electing me to serve as your County Councillor. I have been incredibly proud to represent you over the last four years, meeting and helping many of you, and I will continue to help and support you.

SKEW BRIDGE WORKS: Finally, on the 6th May Network Rail finally allowed access to the track for the crane to remove the bridge structure, allowing it to be taken away to the mainland for maintenance works to be completed. I had conversations with the contractors and the bridge should be away for around three weeks before being reassembled. At that point the footpath across the line into Lake Cliff Gardens will be open for access. I am talking to Island Roads to ensure that all the current roadworks in the area are better coordinated to avoid unnecessary congestion.

UPDATE ON LAND BEHIND PREMIER INN/KFC: Disappointingly, despite attempts at meaningful dialogue, enforcement actions have still not been complied with. The land levels remain completely different to before the unauthorised works happened, and buried materials have not been removed.

The position of the Local Authority remains robustly unchanged and

enforcement actions will now move to the next level speedily as non-compliance continues.

ILLEGAL MOTORCYCLE USE OF LAND BEHIND PREMIER INN: It is pleasing to report that the use of this land as a racetrack, creating damage and noise disturbance seems to have stopped following police intervention. The police will continue to regularly visit on their routine rounds, however, please do contact me if you see it happening again.

COPSE MEAD: Copse Mead had been run and maintained for many years by Wight Nature under a lease agreement, but the trustees recently handed back the lease to the IW Council. An agreement has been reached to now lease this to Gift2Nature, who manage other such sites on the Island. I am seeking confirmation that the lease is now in place so I can discuss the plans for the site, hopefully residents can become involved, and together can return the Mead to a beautiful asset for Lake.

Finally, I am glad to see that Covid restrictions are now being sensibly and safely lifted, so we can begin to return to normal activities, but still urge you all to stay safe and remain cautious.

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St. Mary's Church Celebrates 175th Anniversary



One of the oldest buildings in Ryde High Street is celebrating its 175th anniversary.

The Catholic church of St. Mary's opened on Trinity Sunday in 1846.

The church was founded by Elizabeth, Countess of Clare, granddaughter of the Duke of Ancaster and a wealthy Ryde resident, who converted to Catholicism in Rome, during the 'grand tour' in 1841. It was designed by Victorian church architect, Joseph Hansom (of 'Hansom cab' fame).

It is unusual to find a Catholic church in such a prominent and central position in a town, as there was a determined effort by local town commissioners in Victorian



times, for such churches to be built on the periphery of a town. Hence, the locations of the Catholic churches at Sandown, Shanklin and Ventnor.

St. Mary's has some fine stained glass windows throughout the church, designed by

Nathaniel Westlake; as well as a beautiful Lady Chapel, with a Pugin altar and biblical and devotional scenes around the chapel walls.

No festivities are planned to mark the anniversary due to Covid, but a booklet on the history of the church has been produced, with a foreword by the Bishop of Portsmouth. You can find it on sale at St. Mary's and at Quarr Abbey bookshop for £2.50.

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Wildheart Trust Launches Art Competition

The Wildheart Trust is launching an exciting art competition, the winners of which will see their creations sold in the Animal Sanctuary's shop.

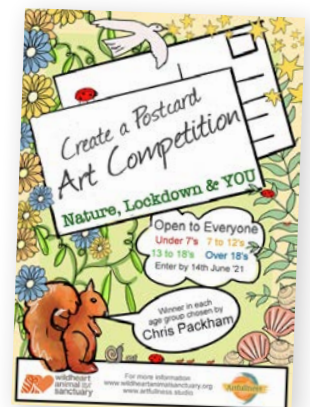
Whether you're a complete beginner, budding artist or have a wealth of experience, The Wildheart Trust is inviting everyone to create works of art that depict how nature helped them through lockdown. The entries will be judged by wildlife legend, Chris Packham.

The competition will be split into four categories: Under 7s, 7-12s, 13-18s and over 18s.

The winner of each category will have their creation recreated on a postcard, which will be sold in the sanctuary's shop, all proceeds from which will be donated to a wildlife charity of the artist's choice.

In addition, The Wildheart Trust will be offering a year's membership to the sanctuary — so the artists can continue to be inspired by the animals — plus a range of art and craft prizes.

The competition runs until 14th June. Visit wildheartanimalsanctuary.org for more details.



50 Years of IW Steam Railway



Events have been planned to celebrate the IW Steam Railway's 50th birthday, including a gala weekend this month, and guided walks along the Island's former lines.

On 24th January 1971, crowds flocked to Newport station and lined the line to Havenstreet, to witness the town's last trains.

In the late 1960s, the preservation group had assembled the Island's sole remaining steam locomotive, carriages and wagons at the old Newport station. The section through Newport was destined to become the town's bypass, and the preservation society had to find a new home at Havenstreet.

In January 1971 the group moved everything to

Havenstreet. There were lots of obstacles to overcome, with trains needing to run over five miles of heavily overgrown track which had closed five years earlier. At Wootton, torrential rain had washed away part of the trackbed, leaving the rails suspended above a sea of mud.

"Until the first train had got across, nobody really knew whether it was possible", explains volunteer John Woodhams, who as a 15 year-old schoolboy had worked to clear vegetation from the line, and is now a driver at the steam railway. "After all the uncertainty and destruction we'd experienced at Newport, there was a feeling of hope and new beginnings that we could establish a railway at Havenstreet."

Four trains ran that day, hauling the society's carriages and historic wagons to their new base. The final train departed in darkness, whistle blazing as it crossed the Medina viaduct for the last time, signalling the end of 109 years of railway history at Newport.

Find out more about the anniversary gala, on 4th-6th June at iwsteamrailway.co.uk.

Retired Teacher Writes Children's Book

A retired teacher has written her first children's book, which has also been illustrated by Island artist, Maria Ward.

"I took the advice of my late father – 'When you retire you need a purposeful project.' Within 48 hours of retiring I started writing my first children's book – Groovy Grandad," said Margaret Young.

"The story is about a young boy – Archie and his extraordinary Grandad. During the school holidays Archie stays with his Grandad in France, where he discovers he has an extraordinary talent too.

"The story sensitively addresses the issue of bullying



and the special relationship some children have with their grandparents. It has a sporting theme and explores the past of the little French town, Josselin, during World War II.

The book was published on March 25th and is available online from Amazon, Blackwells, Foyles and Waterstones, as well as Waterstones in Newport and the children's section of Newport's Lord Louis Library.

Katy Wade at Little Victories built the book's accompanying website: groovygrandad.co.uk. **The sequel Groovy Grandad Comes to the Rescue will be available in September.**



News from Ryde

by Cllr Charles Chapman

Halfway through an unusual year. One of the positives to come out of this ordeal is people rediscovering and enjoying the garden. However large or small, window boxes, window-sill pots to large community gardens and the growth in numbers of folks, especially younger people, wanting allotments. Families have joined together to be more aware of nature. On my many walks I have been welcomed in to view new low maintenance green house/tunnels and previous grass areas given over to vegetables and flowers, with a new knowledge of what can be grown and eaten. There appears to be a greater awareness of our food chain and particularly of food wastage.

Projects such as the Ryde Allotment Day in Ryde, which encourages young people to care for nature and grow your own, is a major step forward in encouraging people of all ages to get involved.

As a recently elected member of Ryde Parish Council, I will be working to encourage the freeing up of land, often going to shrub or worse, to enable people to have access to unused areas to grow their own food and flowers.

Many of you are already aware of my 30 year fight to stem the growth of housing on green field sites and to encourage developers to build on brown field sites i.e. Where buildings are no longer in use or derelict. We are all aware of the additional build costs for redeveloping

such areas versus the cheaper option of green field sites but developers should be encouraged to look at prebuilt, brown sites first before we ruin our countryside.

It will be strange not to be a county councillor after so many years, and I shall miss putting Ryde first at County Hall, but I am convinced that as a Parish Councillor, with the goodwill and support of local people we can have a much greater say in how our beautiful town develops.

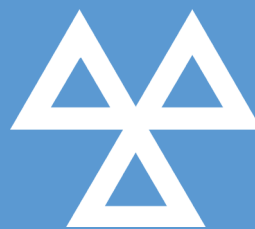
My work goes on with Ryde British Legion. Ironically, our work is needed more now than ever. So much good work has been curtailed by Covid-19 not only because of lack of funds but sheer volume of need. Any support or help that you can give is always welcomed. The same can be said of the youth groups. Young people need the support and structure of all organisations working with them, their funding is under threat without the appreciation of the positive outcomes to young people and their parents. Many groups, such as football are surviving because of the dedication of parents and grandparents. They need to be supported otherwise it could be a bleak future that we are building for our youth.

Lastly a big thank you for all the support I have had over the previous month. You have all made the work I do worthwhile. Thank You.

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News from Ryde North West

by Cllr Phil Jordan

Great news for Ryde! The return of the Classic Car event into Ryde for the whole weekend of the 11th and 12th September. Hundreds and hundreds of fantastic classic cars are descending on Ryde from across the Island and around the country to create what is likely to be one of the biggest classic car shows in the South of England. I am in constant touch with Vic Gallucci who organises this event and I am proud to say that Ryde Town Council have partly funded the event alongside some well-known other supporters. All profits to charity. The event is free to attend. Dependent on Government restrictions, do come and enjoy what the event has to offer on a great, free, family day out.

The project for the Interchange in Ryde is gathering pace. A public consultation period is imminent and whilst any possible changes to the scheme are likely to be minor, please do engage and give your comments to the online consultation process, details of which will be published very shortly.

The scheme is going to see an

upgrade to the station, a pedestrian/cycle pathway, separate from vehicles, the length of the pier and an improved and larger public space area in the Interchange. Improved seating, signage, lighting, surfacing, greenery and plants are being proposed and there is a new road layout plan to create a new entry approach and exit to the pier. Detailed plans will accompany the public consultation period of around six weeks.

My own work continues the Town Hall project and alongside the extensive business case being prepared by Hampshire CC, we are moving towards a large grant funding bid from the Lottery Heritage Fund. I am in regular contact with the owners. They are keen and determined to help us find a way to bring back the building into community ownership and use. There are always barriers to overcome but we are moving in the right direction and I am hopeful of a positive outcome for Ryde in the not-too-distant future.

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50 years of Island Morris Dancing

The Men of Wight Morris are celebrating their 50th anniversary and over 3,000 performances.

The group's first performance in public was on Thursday 15th April 1971, in Ryde Town Hall for the WRVS Derby & Joan Club.

The earliest mention of Morris Dancing on the Island is from the time of Queen Elizabeth I, specifically in 1567, when the Morris Dancers were part of the Mayday celebrations in Newport. The Morris dances performed today come from a much later period, from the records of Victorian collectors published in the early 1900s.

The Island's Morris revival started around 1968 when The English Dance and Song Society Peter Dashwood taught some Morris dances at the country dance sessions at The Sloop Inn, Wootton.

Members of The Sloop Folk Song Club and Circle Wight country dance group then made attempts at learning the traditional dances. Finally, in September of 1970, The Men of Wight team (the Morris term is a 'side') was formed at a meeting in the back room of the Eagle Tavern in Ryde. That team was male only but as the years went on, the group



Men of Wight welcomes new members every year. Contact bagman@menofwight.org.uk.

welcomed female members.

Over the ensuing 50 years, The Men of Wight became an integral part of the Island scene.

"In that time we have achieved some amazing things," said Men of Wight Musician Mike Butler. "We set a high altitude record for Morris dancing, organised and ran five major meetings for the national organisation The Morris Ring. We also worked on TV programmes with Keith Chegwin, Michael Palin and Warwick Davis, performed at the inauguration of Lord Louis Mountbatten, attended many UK Morris meetings and performed at the opening of the Island Games at Carisbrooke Castle.

We also have (up to now) maintained the custom of greeting the dawn on Mayday every year by dancing at the Longstones at Mottistone."

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Island Highland Gathering Returns

The Island Highland Gathering is celebrating its 10th anniversary, with performances from pipe bands, including the Wight Hot Pipes. Organisers are also delighted to be joined by the Scots Guard Association.

On Sunday, 18th July, visitors can enjoy the sounds and sights of the highland pipes and drums as many bands march and parade, culminating in the massed bands grand finale. There will be caber tossing and haggis hurling and the amazing 42nd Highland Regiment of Foot (1815) Black Watch regiment re-enactment group and their muskets battles.

Set at Havenstreet where the old traditional carriages and steam locomotives will be running throughout the day.

The event is in support of local charity Aspire, and sponsored by the IW Steam Railway and Red Funnel Ferries. For tickets phone 01983 716020 or visit www.iwsteamrailway.co.uk



Get the Island Noticed for the Film and TV Industry

Promoting the Island as a destination to film makers and supplying everything the production team need, Isle of Wight Film Fixers have a catalogue of properties, services and vehicles to hire.



So how Islanders can get involved?

Properties and vehicles

Register your property, shop, business, radio station, farm, church, stables, vintage cars, lorries, tanks, bikes, tractors etc at iowlocations.com.

Productions will spend a lot of money bringing this over to the Island, when we already have it here. Plus locals get to have their beloved homes and vehicles in films, while earning from them.

Services

Register your services,

whether you're an industry professional, a make up artist, caterer, sound crew, runner etc. Register at iowfilmfixers.co.uk

Island People

Register to be a part of a production, from professional actors to extras, Film Fixers provide options for film makers. They love local talent as they haven't got to spend loads of money bringing them over, supplying hotels and food. When a local can do the job and go back home until the next day. Plus, you'll get paid well.

Some families on the books get picked to have a day out at a resort playing and eating while being photographed — and paid. Register at iowpeople.co.uk.

Teen with Rare Disability Fundraises For Children's Charity

By Iona Stewart-Richardson

A teenager with a rare disability has raised nearly £5,000 for When you Wish Upon A Star.



Amelia Burns, who at the age of three was diagnosed with a very rare, life-limiting, neurological condition called MECP 2 Duplication Syndrome, completed the Red Squirrel trail from Newport to Sandown.

Although her condition mainly affects males, at the time of Amelia's diagnosis she was the first female diagnosed in the UK and thought to be just the second case in the world.

Her family were told that she would be unlikely to make her teenage years, but she will be turning 17 in August.

Amelia completed her ten-mile challenge on Sunday 9th May.

Her Dad Daniel said: "It was a great day, well other than the downpour halfway through for an hour, but thankfully the sun came out again for the finish."

"I wish to thank everyone for their support and donations. We have been totally blown away by the love people have shown towards Amelia and their generosity."

"We know the good work the charity will do and how these funds will help make a wish come true for children with life-limiting conditions." You can still make a donation by searching Amelia's Red Squirrel Walk on Just Giving.



News from Shanklin South & Central

by Cllr Chris Quirk & Cllr Michael Beston

Both Chris and Michael are honoured to have been re-elected to represent Shanklin South & Central respectively on the IW Council. We will continue to serve the residents of Shanklin to the best of our ability. We have both also been elected as members of Shanklin Town Council.

COASTAL COMMUNITY FUNDING: The IW Council has been working with our MP to secure significant Central Government funding to protect our coastal communities and has successfully secured a grant for £40 million. The submission included replacement groynes on the Bay beaches, repairs to the sea wall and launch ways, improvements to the Coastal Path including repair and re-installation of historic cliff paths.

ISLAND LINE UPGRADE: Whilst we are all very disappointed at the delay of the completion to the Island Line infrastructure upgrade, the Shanklin Railway Station refurbishment and platform upgrades are almost complete. The platform has now been raised to accommodate the new rolling stock and accessibility, with the installation of public Wi-Fi and a new fresh coat of paint to the station building.

Island Line's latest new train - Vivarail 484004 arrived onto the Island on the 18th May to join her sister 484001, having been delivered at Sandown after being transported from the Wightlink terminal at Fishbourne.

TASK FORCE TO TACKLE FLY-TIPPING: The IW Council is to develop an action plan to tackle the growing problem of fly-tipping. This includes a proposal for a task and finish working group with the aim of developing a strategy and a two-year rolling plan to crackdown on fly-tip and littering and increase enforcement action. The action plan will set out resources needed to protect the environment, reduce fly-tipping

and littering and take action against those who blight the landscape. Drawing together a single strategy will make sure our neighbourhood services have the resources to maintain clean public spaces, and support the enforcement policies for environmental crime. Local councils in England dealt with nearly one million cases of fly-tipping in the year up to March 2020. There were 525 fly-tips collected by the IW Council and its contractors in that period. Visit iwight.com to book a bulky waste collection or a slot for the council's household waste & recycling centres.

WORKS IN LANDGUARD MANOR ROAD AND LANDGUARD ROAD - SHANKLIN: Island Roads have announced carriageway works due to take place in our local area. Timing of the works:

- Reconstruction works started on Monday 10th May for approximately 39 working days
 - Reconstruction works will take place during the day between 07:30am - 6:00pm
 - Phase one - Landguard Manor Road, Shanklin between Witbank Gardens and Green Lane
 - Phase two - Landguard Manor Road, Shanklin between Green Lane and Atherley Park Way
 - Phase three - Landguard Manor Road and Landguard Road, Shanklin between Atherley Park Way and Carter Road additional closure - Marine Cross Road for its entire length
 - Phase four - Landguard Road, Shanklin between Carter Road and Falcon Cross Road
 - Phase five - Landguard Road, Shanklin between Falcon Cross Road and High Street
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News from Ryde Monktonmead

by Cllr Karen Lucioni

Let me start by thanking everyone who voted in the local election in Ryde Monktonmead, especially those who put their trust in me enough to put a X next to my name. I am humbled, honoured and determined to get what Ryde and our Island deserves.

On Saturday 12th June The Respect Ryde Project "Love Where You Live" are getting involved with The Great British Spring Clean. What I am asking for is as many residents as possible to take pride in our communities, beaches and green spaces and spend an hour tidying it up. Please follow @respectryde on Facebook for updates. Let's show how much we love where we live.

Ryde's World cafe on crime and ASB that was suppose to be in February 2020 is now reorganised for the 1st July 6/8pm, this is a community conversation about safety in our town. The event will be on Zoom, however we are hoping to have a few satellite stations where those who can't access Zoom will be able to have their say. We especially welcome our younger residents 13+ to take part to really understand how they feel about safety in Ryde.

Young at Heart is an over 70s lunch club which takes place every Thursday 11.30am until 2pm in the Community Hall at Aspire Ryde on Dover Street.

The lunch club is a great way to catch up with friends or to meet new people for a friendly chat, get you out the house, have a hot, two course. It only costs £3. They also offer pre-frozen easy to reheat take away meals to help throughout the rest of the week.

For more information please contact the friendly team on 01983 716020.

I will be writing in the Beacon every month, however I will be starting a website where you can sign up for a newsletter. I will update you all next month about my new site.

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Bright Future For Much Loved School

The closure of Chillerton and Rookley Primary School is looking increasingly unlikely thanks to a refresh at County Hall and a principled objection to closing rural schools by new Conservative group leader Steve Hastings.

Speaking prior to the election, Cllr Hastings said: "In principle I am completely against the closure of any rural school. I recall my visit to the school and I found it a very well loved school and the fabric of the village of Chillerton, which is a tight knit community."

Reassuring parents, Peter Shreeve, Assistant District Secretary of the National Education Union, said: "With no formal consultation started, the new school year will begin as usual."

Chillerton and Rookley's pupil attainment in reading, writing and maths is significantly above the local authority average. The 170-year-old rural school boasts some of the best teacher/pupil ratios in the country and a substantial outdoor nature area. With planned housing developments in the area and over-subscriptions at adjacent schools, pupil numbers are projected to



rise in the medium to long term.

It is hoped that the new council will follow government guidelines, and keep the much-loved rural school open by working with parents and community members. A popular solution being proposed is to create a flexi-school, which is successful elsewhere in the country and would secure the long term viability of the school as well as supporting home educating families.

Parent Hannah Dawkins said: "There is a real family feel to Chillerton and Rookley. The children play together across all year groups and the staff are fantastic. My son leaves and returns happily every day from this loving, caring school."

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Planning For Your Holidays

It seems that there might be some light at the end of the tunnel with the planned easing of the restrictions (keeping our fingers crossed!) and it seems that holidaying abroad again might be on the horizon for some of us.

We often find that people begin thinking about their Wills and their estate around this time of the year as they make plans for the worst case 'what if scenarios' of travelling to and being in different countries.

What is the worst that can happen if I don't have a Will?

The intestacy rules dictate who inherits if you have not made a Will; in lots of cases these rules go against what an individual might want to happen on their death. Making a Will allows you to choose:

- Who will administer your estate
- Who will look after your children in the event that something happens to you before they reach 18

- Who will inherit your assets and how you wish this to be achieved

Your Will may also allow you to protect your wealth from taxation or residential care fees and secure it for future generations.

Even if you have your Wills in place, it is important to check that it is up to date and still reflects your wishes. It would be unfortunate for your Will to be out of date and to fail to reflect your current wishes and circumstances.

Things that may trigger Wills to be amended can include:

- The birth of more children, grandchildren or children that have been adopted into the family

- Marriages, divorces or separation of those closest to you which means you might have to consider other options
- Change in relationships between you and your beneficiaries (falling out or divorce from your spouse)
- Deterioration of the physical or mental health of the beneficiaries, executors or guardians
- Death of a beneficiary, executor or guardian
- Increase in the value of the estate so that you may wish to consider adding more beneficiaries
- Decrease in the value of your estate so that you may wish to remove beneficiaries

Although your personal circumstances may not have changed, the law changes constantly and so a Will prepared some years back may need to be revised. Tax planning Wills may no longer be suitable and it can cost several thousands of pounds to overcome this if you die without updating your Wills. A new Will or a Will update is much cheaper!



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BEACH AWARDS 2021

The Parish Council successfully applied for beach awards for Seagrove Bay and Springvale Beach. This continues a proud tradition, stretching back several years. The Chairman (Cllr Elliott) and Cllr Hardie (a keen advocate of the importance of applying for the awards) have proudly raised them at each beach. The council looks forward to many visitors admiring them over the course of the summer.

LOCAL ELECTIONS – MAY 2021

The local electorate have chosen Cllr Dave Adams as their next Isle of Wight ward

councillor. Cllr Adams replaces Reg Barry BEM who chose to stand down after decades of service to the community – the parish council thanks Cllr Barry for all he has done for the community and look forward to working with his successor for the overall good of the community.

The Parish Council has welcomed five new councillors to their ranks and now returns to a full complement of ten members.

SEAGROVE BAY – DOG FOULING

The council loves to see the public enjoying the natural beauty that our community

offers and are always striving to enhance the enjoyment of it – to this end, we are asking dog walkers to be considerate of others when disposing of their dog’s waste at Seagrove Bay. Currently there is a (signposted) dog bin a few metres up the hill (in Gully Road) from the toilet block at Seagrove Bay and the council are urging people to take their waste those few extra steps rather than abandoning it in the public toilet — this creates a hazardous and unpleasant environment for everyone. The council are working on a solution even closer to the toilet block but in the meantime, everyone’s

co-operation would be much appreciated.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

● **Monday June 21st 2021 at 7pm, location to be confirmed (please check the parish council website for updates)**

As of May 7th 2021, meetings have to be held in a physical location and the council are ensuring this is done in a COVID-19 secure way. All meetings are open to the public and agendas available to view on the website seven days prior. All Councillors’ details are available on the parish notice boards and the parish website or by contacting the Clerk.



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In a nutshell, a direct cremation service for the Isle of Wight by an Isle of Wight independent funeral directors.

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at a time, place and venue of your choice.

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With their extensive experience and distinctive personal, caring service, they are passionate about supporting families when they need them most.

They are the only funeral directors based on the Isle of Wight dedicated to this style of service. isleofwightdirectcremation.co.uk

Isle of Wight Direct Cremation also offer Golden Charter pre-paid funeral plans which provides people a way of planning ahead by making arrangements and paying for the cremation in advance. A pre-paid funeral plan offers total security and allows you to pay the cost at today’s prices thus avoiding rising cremation costs. It also gives peace of mind and avoids any unnecessary stress on loved ones left behind.





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What's the difference between a direct cremation and a traditional funeral?

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How much does a direct cremation cost?

We have two options to choose from:-

- Our 'Island Way' is £1,695.00, this is for a direct cremation at the Isle of Wight Crematorium
- Our 'Wessex Way' is £1,495.00, this is for a direct cremation at a mainland crematorium.

We offer this option for families that would like to take advantage of the savings that mainland crematoriums offer. We then pass this saving onto families. Both these options are all inclusive with no hidden additional costs; unlike mainland providers who charge additionally for ferry fares.

Can I get help with the cremation costs?

Yes if you are in receipt of benefits you may be entitled to a payment of up to £1,000 from the Department of Work & Pensions, so we advise contacting them to enquire.

Why Choose it?

- Less expensive than a traditional funeral
- It allows you the freedom & flexibility to focus on celebrating a life well lived.
- Freed up from the cremation it opens up the options for venues and times, even weekends, to hold your celebration.
- A simple and easy to arrange process

What's the difference between Isle of Wight Direct Cremation and a mainland provider?

- To start with we are based here on the Island. We can promptly take your loved one into our care without the need for travelling over by ferry involving lengthy and distressing delays.
- We usually meet you face to face either at our island offices or in the comfort of your own home, but due to current restrictions of social distancing we can make all arrangements on the telephone
- Mainland providers courier the ashes back to you whereas we provide a more personal service by returning them to you at home, or you can come into either our Bembridge or East Cowes office.
- We are locals too and understand the local community.

Who is Isle of Wight Direct Cremation?

We are independent family funeral directors based here on the Isle of Wight. We are the Isle of Wight's longest running established undertakers.

We have offices based in Bembridge & East Cowes so you can come in, or call us on **632598** or even visit us on line at www.isleofwightdirectcremation.co.uk. With over 190 years of experience we are on hand to make a difficult time easier.

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The co-operative funeralcare

By Flo Whitaker

Monastic gardens were the pharmacies and laboratories of the medieval world. With a mostly illiterate population, the first herbal books were written by monks. A herbal publication was a complete instruction manual — a combined gardening book, cookery book and pharmacy journal. Drawings and descriptions of plants were set alongside notes on propagation, cultivation, medicinal uses and recipes for cures, ('prescription' comes from the Latin word 'recipe'). It had long been realised that different plants required different habitats. That's why the invention of sub-divided flower beds was so clever and it remains a flexible, practical system for the modern gardener wishing to grow a wide variety of plants in a limited space. For instance, moisture-retaining leaf mould can be incorporated into one bed, while free-draining grit can be dug into the neighbouring compartment.

Herb gardens can be as fancy, (expensive!) or as simple as you like. Edged with wood, brick or stone, the beds are commonly laid out as a series of squares or rectangles; sometimes sub-divided diagonally to create triangular shapes. Whatever style you choose, ensure the beds are level, otherwise soil/water will forever wash downhill and make a horrible



HERB GARDENS

Herb gardens are beautiful and practical — and you don't have to break the bank to make one.

mess. Herb beds traditionally had barriers of brick or slate sunk 30 cms below the soil surface to stop roots migrating into surrounding areas, but this isn't necessary, so long as you keep invasive herbs such as mint, lemon balm and

For culinary purposes or just ornamental effect, herbs should feature in every garden

comfrey in pots to curb their tuggish tendencies.

Some herbs are annuals; others die back in autumn, so think about how the space will look out of season. Terracotta edging or gravelled paths will embellish the scene, even in the middle of winter. Long-lived and fully hardy, bay can be clipped into an eye-catching topiary shape.

A herb garden in a container is possible, providing you choose plants that are not over-vigorous and enjoy similar conditions. Try adding some salad-type crops too — a trailing tomato plant will thrive in a sunny window box planted with basil and a colourful thyme - there are many thyme varieties to choose from. Lettuces, chives, dill, coriander and parsley will happily grow in pots in light shade — cooler temperatures makes them slower to run to seed. Strawberry pots are brilliant for herbs - position one by your kitchen door, perhaps? Plant the bottom tiers with shade/damp lovers; try violas, (for edible flowers) or different types of mint. Use the upper, drier levels for sun worshippers such as oregano

and marjoram.

If you have a boring expanse of paving, lift alternate slabs and make a 'chessboard' of planting pockets. In a sunny situation, drought-tolerant rosemary, lavender, thyme and sage will revel in impoverished free-draining soil and the heat radiated by the surrounding masonry will enhance their fragrance.

Whether grown for culinary purposes or just ornamental effect, herbs should feature in every garden. In the 1980s, I was fortunate to travel through Egypt. Stopping in a remote village, my travelling companions and I gratefully sat in the shade cast by the derelict walls of a once-substantial building. The house was uninhabitable, but someone had made a tiny garden in the ruins. An area of beaten earth no more than two metres square was neatly bordered by an assortment of old food tins and plastic containers. Herbs and salads of various types were growing out of these repurposed flowerpots. Positioned at the centre was a water-filled dish. Right on cue, a small bird appeared for a refreshing drink. That's the beauty of gardening. You can create a little bit of paradise anywhere. ☺



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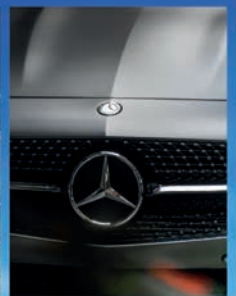
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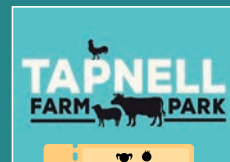
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