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After a long, hot summer, September has arrived with promises of a bright, new academic year.

I love it as the weather starts to cool and the first signs of autumn show themselves. This month is a great one for Isle of Wight walks and Sunday lunches. The walk we're sharing this month passes some great local pubs to grab a meal and a drink after your stroll.

It's also the month of the much-awaited Tour of Britain, when the Isle of Wight hosts the last leg of the UK's most prestigious cycle race. There's more details on page 16.

If cycling's not your thing, there's plenty of other events to add to your diary in this month's Entertainment Guide.

Have a great month.

Amy Shephard

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designed to keep the while that's okay with me, it is the adults who seem to find this baked treat particularly irresistible.

If I can find a tub of edible disco glitter in one of my cupboards, I sprinkle some on while the marshmallow is still sticky, but it has a certain pearly, luminescent appeal as it is.

It's also beautiful cut into squares. Alternatively, you could turn this into more of a pickable pud, by cutting the slab into teeny-tiny squares

INGREDIENTS

45g butter 300g mini marshmallows 180g rice krispies Edible glitter or sprinkles (optional)

METHOD

Melt the butter in a large, heavy-based saucepan over a low heat.

 $2^{\rm Add\ the\ marshmallows}$ and cook gently until they are completely melted and blended, stirring constantly.

and immediately add the cereal, mixing lightly until well coated.

Press the finates.
greased 32cmx23cm tin /13x9" pan; you may have to put on vinyl CSI gloves and press it down into the corners, as it will be very sticky. Flatten the top and then scatter over the edible glitter or sprinkles, if so inclined.

5 Let the marshmallow crispy squares cool completely in the tin and then cut them into 24 squares. 3



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his circular walk along the River Medina can be joined at any point along the route. We're starting at Newport Quay and heading towards East Cowes.

Walk along the riverside, through Seaclose Park, which plays host to the Isle of Wight Festival each year. Follow the cycle track, through the wooden archway.

As you walk along the river, you may notice wading birds

As you walk

along the river,

and waterfowl including black tailed godwits, redshank, grey herons and little egret.

Continue to walk until you reach The Breeze

steamer built in 1937 which

hotel and a disco back in the 1970s-80s.

Another piece of (slightly more modern) history...the Spice Bus is also located here outside The Breeze. The tour bus used in the 1997 Spice Girls movie can now be hired for overnight stays through Airbnb.

Here you'll need to cross over the water to continue along the cycle track towards The Folly Inn. You'll walk along the riverbank and cross

> over a little bridge until you reach The Folly.

Walk a little way up Folly Lane and take a left to that leads round

Once you reach Cowes, turn left into Bridge Road, and left again into Pelham Road. Follow South Road round to join Arctic Road, which will

lead you to the Cowes Cycle Track. Join the cycle track and walk along the route until you reach Newport's Riverway Industrial Estate.

Under this leafy walkway, you may spot the Isle of Wight's native red squirrels up in the trees.

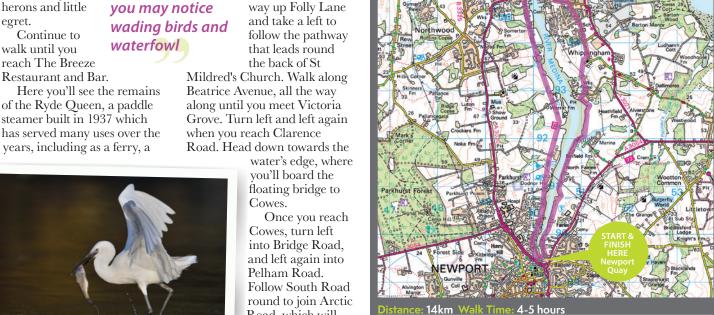
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Walk along the pathway, keeping the river on your left until you reach The Bargeman's Rest on Newport Quay, opposite where you started.

The walk should take around 4-5 hours (not including any picnic/pub stops!). 3

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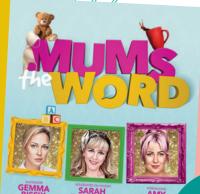
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Isle of Wight Rotary welcomes Cowbridge Welsh Male Voice Choir to **Newport Minster** for a fundraising

concert supporting MND IOW and Dream Holidays, granting wishes and holidays to children with Cystic Fibrosis.

The choir have performed in the USA, Canada and across Europe. Their repertoire is very varied, performing pop and rock ballads as well as the more traditional choral numbers.



has sung the Welsh National Anthem at a France V Wales Rugby Union Match.

Local duo Puckaster, complete the line up, an interesting mix of Harp and Guitar who will complement the roof lifting choral performance to follow.

Tickets just £10 each. See isleofwightrotary.org for details. www.isleofwightrotary.org



10TH

SEPTEMBER

7.30PM SHANKLIN

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ore than 80 years ago, fuselage frames and system components were supplied for Spitfire AA810 from GKN's facility in East Cowes, under the name J Samuel White (which was acquired by GKN Aerospace).

GKN has been a UK industrial champion for more than 260 years and during the 1930s and 1940s, 1,000

Spitfire AA810

was launched

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aim of returning

Alastair 'Sandy'

Gunn's historic

aircraft to flight

Spitfires rolled off its Hadley Castle production line, near Telford. It also made Spitfire components at its East Cowes facility, just seven miles from Sandown Airport, where Spitfire AA810 is being restored today. GKN Aerospace's

£500,000 donation will support the restoration of its fuselage structure, as well as the wing spars, leading edges and the wing ribs. GKN Aerospace apprentices in Bristol and here on the Isle of Wight will also be directly involved in the project,

working on the machined components of the storied aircraft.

Once restored to flight in 2024, the aircraft will be used by the Sandy Gunn Aerospace Careers Programme to promote engineering careers and inspire future generations into the aerospace industry.

Spitfire AA810 is known as Sandy's Spitfire, after its last pilot and engineer Alastair Sandy Gunn, who died in

1944. The charity operates in his name offering free engineering careers advice to school pupils all over the United Kingdom. Sandy's Spitfire is unique given its history and its role as a super long-range photographic aircraft during

WWII. It also has the highest operational hours of any surviving Mk1 Spitfire and is the earliest surviving unarmed military reconnaissance aircraft in existence.

Spitfire AA810 Restoration Ltd was launched in 2018 with the aim of returning



Cottish pilot, Alastair Donald Mackintosh 'Sandy' Gunn was taken prisoner after he bailed out of his Spitfire before it crashed.

Gunn was on a photo reconnaissance mission of the German naval bases in Norway when his plane was shot down.

He was soon captured by German forces and questioned over a period of three weeks, before being taken to a prison camp in Poland.

Two years later on March 24th 1944, Gunn was one of 76 men who escaped from Stalag Luft III camp, in the now famous 'Great Escape'.

However, just one hour after his escape, Gunn was recaptured, along with 72 others. He was one of 50 who were executed following their escape. He was just 24 years old.

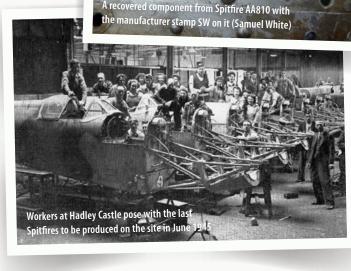
Gunn's plane — the Spitfire AA810 now being restored on the Island — was found in 2018 near the Norwegian village of Surnadal and returned to the UK.

Alastair 'Sandy' Gunn's historic aircraft to flight. The associated charitable education arm - the Sandy Gunn Aerospace Careers Programme - was launched a year later in 2019, just before the Covid-19 pandemic hit. This year, the education programme will reach out to almost 100 schools around the UK via a series of roadshows and presentations. With the support of digital education platforms and the launch of a new careers network aimed at bringing students and industry face-to-face, the outreach programme will reach more than 500,000 young people by the end of

John Pritchard, President Civil Airframe GKN Aerospace, said: "GKN Aerospace's history is entwined with this remarkable story, having originally made components for this aircraft more than 80 years ago. We are extremely proud of our heritage and the pioneering spirit of our industry, and Spitfire AA810 captures that perfectly. What excites me most, however, is what it can do for the future. With our own apprentices working on this aircraft, and through the charity's outreach to schools, we can inspire the next generation of aerospace engineers. By doing so, this restoration project can help us shape the future of flight."

Tony Hoskins and Dr Michael Smith, co-directors of Spitfire Restoration Ltd and co-trustees of the Sandy Gunn Aerospace Careers Programme Charity, said: "Given their shared history, GKN Aerospace is the ideal partner in this

iconic project and educational programme which, together, revives the past and inspires the future. We are delighted to welcome them to this exciting collaboration that we firmly believe will be extremely beneficial all round – from the young people concerned, to the UK aerospace industry, economy and wider society."



Once completed the aircraft will make a return flight to Norway, and will attend air shows in Wanaka, New Zealand, and Oshkosh, in the USA. The aircraft is expected to be based with the Shuttleworth Collection at Old Warden airfield, near Bedford, where it will be available to the public. 3



Memories of Visiting the Isle of Wight as a Child

83-year-old Anna Shepherd remembers fondly her first trip to the Isle of Wight as a child. She was just 10 years old and considered it a great adventure.

ore than seven decades later, Anna recalls her visit, travelling from Poole to Yarmouth.

"When I was ten years of age I found myself sharing a beautiful white bell tent with two other families in the New Forest.

"On the second day, our guardian angel, Michael, said what would you like to do tomorrow. I said 'I want to see the sea!' Michael said in that case we have all to get up early in the morning. It will be a mystery tour.

"The next day, early in the morning, we all scrambled on to the truck and headed out of the forest towards Bournemouth. He drove us down to Poole where at the quayside a boat was waiting for us. We did not set sail as it had no sails but a very good engine. It was quite close to the water but luckily we did not need to use oars either. We headed out to sea, not to Brownsea Island nor a desert island, but eventually arrived at Yarmouth on the Isle of Wight.

'Michael marshalled us all into a double decker bus and we headed off towards The Needles and Alum Bay. There were chair lifts to take us to the foot of the cliff. We saw the multi-coloured

sands in the cliffs. Fellow camper Naomi donned her swimming costume and went swimming. I did a little paddling. I was more interested in exploring and looking for caves. I found a

"After some time, Michael herded us back to the top of the cliff and we caught a bus back to Yarmouth. There we had lunch at The Bugle Inn.

"What would you like to do next?" asked Michael. "I'd love to see a castle," I said.

"Can we go to Carisbrooke Častle" said family-friend Klim.

"İ'm afraid that is too far for today," said Michael, "but there is a castle right here."

"After lunch we went seeking the hidden castle and sure enough, we found it tucked away.

"It had very thick walls and cavernous looking rooms and battlements. From the roof we could watch the ferry coming in just by the walls.

"Soon we had to reembark upon our sturdy boat and headed for Poole and the New Forest.

'The weather had been perfect all day and that evening there was a red sky – a real 'Shepherd's Delight'." 🕒





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lanchard Fields is a brand-new development in the heart of Brighstone with a mixture of housing priority given to those who have a connection to the parish of Brighstone - which includes Brook, Limerstone, Hulverstone and Mottistone.

Available are two semidetached three-bedroom houses and two, two-bedroom terraced houses that will be built to a very high standard by local builders DN Associates.

The village of Brighstone is popular for its thatched cottages, village pub and local

Several large events are hosted in the village each year including the Brighstone Show, Art Exhibitions and the Brighstone Christmas Tree Festival. The entire parish lies within an area of outstanding natural beauty and its coastline is designated as Heritage Coast and Site of Special Scientific Interest.

The development has been very popular, with the over 55s housing and open market housing all reserved. Hose Rhodes Dickson are now pleased to be marketing four shared ownership properties for Vectis Housing Association an independent reputable Island housing provider with over 400 homes in their

portfolio across the Isle of Wight, which is continuing to expand.

The internal finishes are completed to a high standard, the kitchens are fitted with a range of wall and base units along with a stainless-steel sink and benefit from free standing appliances such as oven with hob, washing machine and fridge/freezer, making the move to your new home that little bit less stressful. The lounge looks out onto the rear garden with a door that leads out for alfresco dining. The garden will be laid to lawn with a small patio area, side access and a shed is provided.

The bathrooms will have contemporary white sanitary ware, a heated towel rail, extractor fan and downlights with a vinyl flooring supplied. Flooring can be chosen up to a specified amount with an allocated flooring provider which can be confirmed when you reserve your new home, please note that flooring is already provided in the kitchen and wet areas.

Vectis Housing contribute to the Island's housing by providing affordable rental, social rental and shared ownership homes while supporting their tenants and local communities along the

Shared ownership is a



great way of getting on to the property ladder by purchasing less than the full market value of a property, you then pay a rent on the remaining share to the housing provider. Each shared ownership scheme differs and has its own criteria

Blanchard Fields is currently available to those with a local connection as well as a housing need. The properties can only be purchased to a maximum of 80% ownership this keeps affordable housing in the area allowing the same opportunities to others in the future. There are specific lenders who offer shared ownership mortgages.

Hose Rhodes Dickson can put you in touch with mortgage advisors with extensive knowledge in this area to offer advice. The properties are offered on a 125-year lease with a small service charge payable

to Vectis Housing Association. With the provider promoting affordable housing the cost is always less than it would be if the property was purchased at full market value.

The heating on this development is Calor Gas and this is via a combination boiler. The Calor Gas tanks are located underground near the meadow area on this development. Not only do you have a brand-new home in a wonderful location you have peace of mind knowing that the properties come with an LABC Warranty of up to 10 years.

Contact Louisa in Hose Rhodes Dickson New Homes today for further information on how you can apply for a shared ownership property on this development. 3

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ISLAND STORY

t will be the first time the iconic race would have been hosted on the Island and one of the largest sporting events to ever be held here.

The Tour of Britain starts in Aberdeenshire on Sunday 4 September and over eight days, 19 of the world's top teams and 100 pro riders, will work their way down, arriving in Ryde on Sunday September 11.

Stage 8, the final leg of the race, spans 150km and passes through a wide range of the Island's towns and villages. After starting in Ryde — between 11am-12pm - the race will pass through the main towns and villages of Bembridge, Sandown, Rookley, Shorwell, Mottistone, Freshwater, Yarmouth, Shalfleet, Cowes, Newport, Godshill, Shanklin, Ventnor, Niton to finish at the National Trust's The Needles Battery around 3.30pm.

The race will be televised live on ITV4 in the UK and shown in over 150 countries worldwide, via Eurosport and the Global Cycling Network. A one-hour highlights show will also be broadcast each evening.

On the day and in the build-up to the race, Islanders are being encouraged to get involved and help to host an Island-wide festival of cycling, sport, and celebration! There are plenty of ways to show support; from reusing union jack bunting from the Jubilee celebrations or Isle of Wight Day to dressing your property, shop fronts and windows. Or dig out that old bike, decorate it, hang it high or leave it down low just make it stand out for the cameras.

Cafes, bars and restaurants could have some fun with a special cycling themed

Last month, Visit IOW and the IW Council also launched an Island-wide Land Art competition. The tradition of creating land art masterpieces along the route has long been the practice at the Tour of Britain, as well as other cycle races around the world including the Tour de France.

Winning entries could collect a £50 Wight Gift card voucher for their efforts, encouraging individuals, businesses, schools, land-owners and communities to create something spectacular for spectators



This month the Isle of Wight hosts the final stage of the UK's most prestigious cycle race, the Tour of Britain.

- and the television cameras to look out for whilst they are following the peloton.

Mountbatten will be the official charity of the final stage of this year's Tour of Britain, working alongside the tour organisers to maximise opportunities to promote its brand and services over the race weekend and raise the profile of the charity which relies heavily on public support to deliver its services.

Mountbatten joins GKN Aerospace,

Wightlink, Red Funnel and South Western Railways as partners of the Tour of Britain Isle of Wight stage, alongside Isle of Wight Council and Visit Isle of Wight.

As part of the traffic management plans for the event, Ryde seafront will be closed for a period as will Military Road at Chale.

Organisers say the closures will be in place at the start and finish points on each road.

While the event will be broadcast live to a global audience, thousands of Islanders will also get the chance to see the event on their own doorsteps — quite literally in many cases.

An approximate guide of race timings has been published. It shows the event is expected to start between 11am-11.45am in Ryde.

Riders will then embark on the 150-kilometre route to the Needles.

The estimated timings – which are subject to change - are available via www. iow.gov.uk/Council/OtherServices/Tourof-Britain/Route/.

Now that race organisers have confirmed the start time and also estimates of when the riders will reach race milestones, the council has published details of the rolling road closures that will







be in place to facilitate the race.

The rolling road closures – which should last for a maximum period of between 30 minutes and an hour – are explained in a video which can be viewed here www.tourofbritain.co.uk/race/road-

Some residents will also be asked to remove their cars from the route so the race can pass safely.

Organisers are promising it will be "the toughest ending" to the Tour of Britain in modern history.

Councillor Phil Jordan, Cabinet member for highways and infrastructure, said: "Seeing these detailed timings really starts to bring home the excitement of the Island staging such a prestigious international sporting event.

"We are however asking Island residents to play their part in ensuring the course is safe and looks the part for the cameras who will be beaming live pictures of the raceand the Island – across the world."

In order to reduce traffic on the roads during the race, Islanders are being encouraged to spectate locally if they can. If journeys are necessary then they should, if possible, be timed to avoid the short rolling road closures on the day.

There are two online channels created where residents can find out more about the event. These are via the council website www.iow.gov.uk/tourofbritain and Facebook Tour of Britain Resident Info.

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TFAMS 2022

The 18 teams competing in the Tour of Britain 2022 are:



Bardiani CSF Faizanè



Bingoal Pauwels Sauces WB (Belgium)



BORA - hansgrohe (Germany)



Caja Rural - Seguros RGA (Spain)



Global 6 Cycling (New Zealand)



Great Britain Cycling Team (Great Britain)



Human Powered Health (USA)



INEOS Grenadiers (Great Britain)



Israel - Premier Tech (Israel)



Movistar Team (Spain)



Ribble Weldtite Pro Cycling (Great Britain)



Saint Piran (Great Britain)



Sport Vlaanderen – Baloise (Belgium)



Team DSM (Netherlands)



Team Qhubeka (Italy)



TRINITY Racing (Great Britain)



Uno-X Pro Cycling Team (Norway)



Wiv SunGod (Great Britain) Eighteen of the world's leading teams, including home fan favourites INEOS Grenadiers, will compete in this year's Tour

They will be one of five UCI WorldTeams who will take the start in the 18th edition on the UK's most prestigious race, which begins in Aberdeen on Sunday 4 September and culminates with what promises to be a spectacular finale on the Isle of Wight eight stages later.

BORA – hansgrohe, Israel – Premier Tech, Movistar Team and Team DSM will join INEOS Grenadiers at the race six weeks on from competing in the Tour de France, the world's biggest cycle race.

INEOS Grenadiers will look to go one better than the 2021 Tour, in which young British star Ethan Hayter placed second overall.

While Movistar (lining up for their ninth consecutive participation), Team DSM (who first competed in the race in 2006) and Israel – Premier Tech (third start in as many editions) are regulars at the Tour, BORA -Hansgrohe will return to the race for the first time since 2014.

Three months after their women's team competed in their first edition of the Women's Tour, the Tour of Britain's sister race, Uno-X Pro Cycling Team will make their debut in the ÚK's leading men's cycling event. The event will also welcome the Bingoal Pauwels Sauces WB team from Belgium for the first time.

Having impressed in 2021, most notably when Robin Carpenter became the first American to win a stage of the race, Human Powered Health will return to the Tour in September. They will be joined by Bardiani CSF Faizanè, competing in their 10th edition of the race; Sport Vlaanderen – Baloise, whose involvement with the Tour stretches back to the first modern edition in 2004; and Caja Rural - Seguros RGA, returning for their third start.

The participation of six teams – a Great British national squad, the country's four leading domestic squads (Ribble Weldtite Pro Cycling, Saint Piran, TRINITY Racing and Wiv SunGod) and Team Qhubeka – was previously announced.

The 2022 race starts in Aberdeen city centre and finishes eight days later here on the Isle of Wight. Along the way riders will tackle stages in the Scottish Borders, North East England, North Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, Gloucestershire and

ITV4 will continue to broadcast live flagto-flag coverage of every stage and nightly highlights show, allowing fans in the UK to watch wherever they are. The race will also be shown in over 150 countries worldwide, thanks to the event's partnerships with Eurosport and the Global Cycling Network.

Last year's star-studded race was won by Belgian rider Wout Van Aert (Team Jumbo Visma), with reigning world road race champion Julian Alaphilippe finishing third overall.



NEWS FROM

COWES MEDINA

by Cllr Lora Peacey-Wilcox

FUEL INCREASES: I would be interested to know what you have done in preparation. Were you clever and chose set prices? What saving ideas have you undertaken? I've only ever done full load washing machine and dishwashers over the years. Keeping lights off? Unplugging all those items that are just 'on'? Being mindful of putting kettle on? We all need to work together for solutions. The Footprint Trust really know their stuff when it comes to energy. Have you looked at all your

tother bills for money savings?

COWES WEEK: How did you enjoy it?

What are your thoughts? Again, I would be interested in your thoughts. My thanks to those dedicated staff who worked throughout!
PLANTERS ON COWES SIGNS: What a

magnificent display and during a heatwave too. My sincere thanks to whoever plants and maintains them, especially the person watering them. And to Cowes Town Council for paying for them. A truly superb display this year, and good red, white and blue theme

BUDGET: Are you organised and able to budgetyour finances? There are many people out there who simply do not know how to do this. They end up in a dreadful mess. Wouldn't it be good if some of us could help out those who do not understand? Citizens Advice offer help and support. Look on the web: www.islefindit.org.uk or call: 0800 web: wv

PATIENCE: I have been quite surprised at people's lack of patience and understanding. We know there is a huge shortage of people

within all sectors, health, business, councils, everywhere, which means the few dedicated staff who are working under massive pressure. Be kind and understanding please. FRAUD: Please remember:

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scam and how to protect yourself by visiting the Action Fraud website (www.actionfraud. police.uk/) or by calling them on 0300 123 2040. There have been a couple of people on the Island who, fortunately knew something wasn't right and was able to prevent the fraud. PLEASE BE WARY!

Meanwhile, please look after your physical, mental and financial health.

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Medicines Delivered to the Isle of Wight by Drone

By Tom Lawrence

The Isle of Wight has welcomed its first drone flight delivering prescription medicines.

In a UK First, Boots has successfully delivered prescriptions from Portsmouth to the Isle of Wight via uncrewed aerial vehicles (UAVs) — or drones as they are more commonly known.

The flight departed from the British Army's Baker Barracks on Thorney Island near Portsmouth and arrived at St. Mary's Hospital on the Isle of Wight.

The medicines were then collected by Boots and transported to their various pharmacies across the island.

A test flight last month made Boots the first community pharmacy in the UK to transport such goods

The high street pharmacy is now assessing the potential for using drones for more consistent delivery.

Rich Corbridge, Chief Information Officer at Boots, said: "Drones have huge potential in the delivery of medicines and it is incredibly exciting to be the first community pharmacy in the UK to transport them in this way. An island location like the Isle of Wight seemed like a sensible place to start a trial of drones and their value to the delivery of medicines to more remote locations is very clear.

"In this trial, we will be

looking at how much time we can save, as well as how we can incorporate drones into our medicines supply chain to create economic efficiencies too. We want to prepare now for the wider use of this technology in the future."

Medical drone start up Apian helped facilitate the flight.

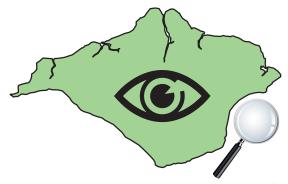
The company is working with the NHS to deliver supplies across the Solent and is trialling drone flights with the aim to speed up delivery and access to chemotherapy for cancer patients.

We want to prepare now for the wider use of this technology in the future

Max Coppin, Chief Operating Officer at Apian, said: "Not only can drones deliver medicine to hospitals but we are particularly excited about our partnership with Boots as it demonstrates drones can also help bring care closer to communities. Whilst faster and more reliable than ground transportation they bring with them additional environmental benefits and offer a more sustainable solution for delivery.'

The airspace used for the flight was subject to permission from the Civil Aviation Authority.

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Northwood Cemetery Receives Coveted Green Flag Áward

The Friends of Northwood Cemetery, in partnership with the Isle of Wight Council, is celebrating after receiving a Green Flag

Northwood Cemetery is one of 2,208 UK winners to receive the prestigious award — an international quality mark for parks and green spaces.

After two years that have seen our parks and green spaces play a vital role for people through lockdowns as a place to relax, exercise and meet friends and family safely, the news that Northwood Cemetery has achieved the Green Flag Award is testament to the hard work and dedication of the team that make the green space a great space that everyone can

A spokesperson for the Friends of Northwood Cemetery said: "This is the fifth year in succession that we have been successful in achieving Green Flag status and is a result of the tremendous hard work and dedication of a small team of volunteers, fully supported by the IW Council; an achievement of which we are all immensely proud.

"We continue to work hard on both the visual appearance of the cemetery and encouraging



members of the public to share and enjoy all the facilities we have on

"This award justifies our confidence in helping provide a safe, welcoming green space in Cowes and a place that supports the wellbeing of the local community."

The Green Flag Award scheme, managed by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy under licence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, recognises and rewards wellmanaged parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of green spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.

A full list of Green Flag Award-winning parks and green spaces is available online at www.keepbritaintidy.org



NFWS FROM

COWES WEST & GURNARD

by Cllr Paul Fuller

TRANSPARENCY: I have no issue sharing aspects of my work and dealings that I have. Unless confidential (and would not be disclosable under Freedom Of Information requests), I am always open and happy to share information to anybody that makes a request directly to me.

SPEEDWATCH: More volunteers are needed to join Cowes Speedwatch. Please let me know if you are interested?

volunteers Last month monitored traffic in Tuttons Hill. I understand that following the survey a large number of residents were witnessed speeding on this

HELICOPTERS: Last month, low flying helicopters were reported to the Civil Aviation Authority. Since then, the issue seems resolved. www.caa.co.uk/our-work/ about-us/contact-us/ for details.

HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES: I spoke to Reynolds and Read following complaints of HGVs using Church Road, Gurnard. Again following these the practise stopped. A big thank you to the team at Reynolds and Read for their support!

SERVICE: JURY From September I've been selected for Jury Service, and for two weeks from this date my availability will be limited. If you need me during this time, please text or leave a message on my voicemail, and I will respond once free.

LOCAL LISTINGS: Heritage Assets: I am seeking to update our local list of heritage assets important to our community. If there are assets you consider should be recognised that isn't, please let me know! The current Local List can be found here: www.iow.gov.uk/azservices/ documents/1322-Local%20 List%20Database%20220211.pdf **PARKHURST**

POISONINGS: There has been further instances of dogs falling ill when being walked from Marks Corner. Please be on your guard, and report instances to the police! TAYLA WRIGHT: I met the family of talented dancer Tayla, who would have celebrated her 15th birthday this month. To find out more and celebrate Tayla's life visit: www qofundme.com/f/help-taylasfamily-give-her-the-best-send-off

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St Saviour's Catholic Church to Mark Centenary

St. Saviour's Catholic Church in Totland is set to celebrate 100 years since its first mass, by fundraising for a new stained glass window.

A concert courtesy of the Phoenix Choir, was held in the in the church in August with all funds raised used to install the window next August.

The mixed choir sang a

collection of easy listening songs from films and musicals in their repertoire. The programme included 'My Heart Will Go On' (Titanic), 'Love Changes Everything' (Aspects Of Love), 'The Nun's Chorus' (Casanova), 'Memory' (Cats), as well as songs from Les Miserables, Abba and Elvis Presley amongst others.







NEWS FROM

CENTRAL NEWPORT

by Cllr Julie Jones-Evans

Newport is once again gearing up to put on a free public event, following the popularity of the Jubilee and the carnival this summer.

When the Tour of Britain races through the High Street on Sunday 11th September, we'll be having St James's Square as an event space and the big screen up again so you can watch the race live from the start.

The day before we'll be putting on Car Free Day in the same space, encouraging people to use alternative transport. Southern Vectis will be bringing one of their buses along and offering demonstrations of their new app. If you sign up for the app on the day you'll get a free bus ticket! The big screen will be showing sustainable transport footage, films of Newport and live action from the Tour of Britain as it goes through Dorset. There will be family activities and the market in St Thomas's Square too.

Of course, sometimes it's not practical to leave the car at home and for those times the hour free parking in Chapel Street, Lugley Street and Sea Street car parks is proving really popular. Just get a ticket from machines or use the Pay by Phone app. If you use the app it's possible to pay to top up your parking if you want to stay a bit longer, rather than go back to the car park.

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Snacks and Ladders Moving Home as Art Shop Closes

By Dominic Kureen

As one community business prepares to close its doors, another has revealed an exciting blueprint for the new site.

Forget Me Not, based on Upper St James Street, has been a staple of the Isle of Wight's arts community for the past 37 years, having first opened its doors in 1985.

In its place, visitors to Newport will soon be greeted by a revamped version of the popular Snacks and Ladders Cafe. currently based three doors

Cafe owners Karen and Chris Longhurst said: "We have ambitious plans and are hoping to open our doors at the new premises by mid-October.'

The current Forget Me Not site will represent an area more than three times larger than the current Snacks and Ladders site, which Karen says will allow them to offer a range of new services:

"We're incorporating our bakery into the new shop, along with teachergame sessions, specific social nights, Dungeon and Dragon evenings and the resumption of our toddler sessions.

"We plan to host art classes as a nod to the history of the building as well."

"One of the most important aspects of the new building is it's fully accessible to everyone, with things such as a ramp and plenty of space to move about.

Purchased by Clara and Alex Kureen in 2005, Forget Me Not has been run as a family business for nearly two decades.

But a damaging combination of the pandemic, a surge in cheap online materials and bulk selling national chain stores has impacted on the once thriving store, with this the latest of the Island's small art businesses to





shut up shop.

Clara said: "I have loved running my own art shop for the past 17 years.

'The Island's rich arts community has supported us during that period, and while part of me is sad to be leaving, I know Karen will be an incredible custodian here I'm excited to see what she does!

"Thank you to all of the people who have passed through our doors since we took over all the way back in 2005 — we loved serving you."

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New Website Brings History of Newport to Life

A new website launched by Newport & Carisbrooke Community Council (NCCC) will illustrate what it was like to live in Newport in times gone by.

The new Living History website, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, will contain oral accounts from Newport residents about what life was like growing up in the town.

The website historicalnewport.org will also offer a variety of themed walking trails with accompanying photographs so users can see how buildings once looked.

Late local historian Brian Greening donated numerous

photographs and stories to the project.

Working with InspirEd and the Isle of Wight Heritage Service, students from Barton Primary School were trained on how to carry out 'reminiscence' sessions using museum artefacts, interview local residents and record their oral histories as part of the project.

Memories can be added to the website over time so if you or someone you know has a memory or photographs which would be suitable for the project, please contact NCCC by emailing info@newportwight.org. uk or telephoning 01983

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Shipwrecks Hailed "Nationally Significant"



By Oliver Dyer

Two "extremely rare" shipwrecks off the Isle of Wight have been granted the highest level of protection.

The remains of the vessels, named Shingles Bank Wreck NW96 and Shingles Bank Wreck NW68, were discovered off the Needles Channel by divers Martin Pritchard and Dave Fox.

Historic England said they are "well-preserved" which is "extremely rare" given they date back to the 16th and 17th centuries.

It said this, and the unearthing of previously unrecorded wreck sites in the Solent, makes their discoveries "nationally significant".

Both vessels have been designated protection under the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973.

It means divers need a special licence administered by Historic England on behalf of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to explore the wrecks.

Martin Pritchard, co-finder of the Shingles Bank wrecks, said: "I am very pleased that these shipwrecks dating to the 16th and 17th centuries have been granted the highest level of protection. They are a remarkable find.

"Working with Historic England, volunteer divers and archaeologists, we will continue to investigate, understand and record these wreck sites."

Their artefacts are protected and their condition is carefully monitored.

What are the Shingles Bank Wrecks?

The Shingles Bank in the Needles Channel is a wellknown navigational hazard for ships entering the Solent from the west. It is thought that the

both NW96 and NW68 became stranded on the banks before sinking.

Archaeological remains of these vessels include several cannons, a large anchor, at least 50 very large lead ingots with unidentified markings and stone cannonballs. The ingots are a fixed size and weight and would have been used as currency for trade - so they could be made into a variety of products including bullets, lead flashing on roofs and pipes.

Initial research suggests the lead ingots were cast from a furnace known as a 'bole'. Boles fell out of use from around 1580, suggesting the NW96 wreck dates from the 16th or very late 15th century. This theory is supported by the presence of stone cannon balls, which were replaced with iron shot and were no longer used by the end of the 16th century.

Analysis of the cannons indicates that one of them was cast in Amsterdam between 1621 and 1661, which helps place the NW68 wreck as a mid-late 17th century armed vessel, probably of Dutch origin. This indicates that the ship could have been associated with the Battle of Portland in 1653, when the fleet of the Commonwealth of England was attacked by the Dutch Republic during the First Anglo-Dutch War. The Netherlands was the maritime and economic power in the world during this period so this site could help further our knowledge of 17th century seafaring activity.

The finds are being investigated by archaeologists from the Maritime Archaeology Trust and Wessex Archaeology, along with the finders Martin Pritchard and Dave Fox.

Pritchetts Pond Gets Information Board

A new information board giving details of the history and inhabitants of Pritchetts Pond has been installed by Newport & Carisbrooke Community Council (NCCC).

As well as being of historical significance, Pritchetts Pond is also home to a variety of wildlife, including newts.

Mark Earp of Kitbridge Enterprises Trust said: "The Pritchett family originally came from Alberbury & Whaddon in 1770 in response to an advertisement in the Salisbury Journal asking for a company to build a House of Industry, more commonly known as a workhouse.

"The House of Industry was built on the site of St Mary's Hospital and some of the original building is still in use today."



In digging for clay to make the bricks and tiles, the pond was formed which used to be a third bigger than it is nowadays.

The House of Industry was completed in 1810 and the family set up a brickbuilding empire across the

The permanent board was unveiled by NCCC Cllr Joe Lever, alongside Mark Earp. Also in attendance were Mary Pragnell and Wayne Pritchett, both descendants of the original Pritchett family.





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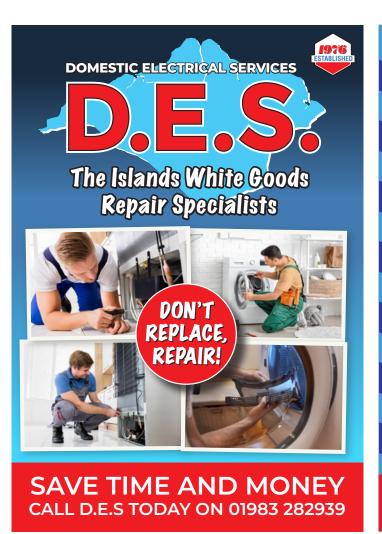
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Dealing with Negligence Within the NHS

The current Health and Social Care Committee Chairman, Jeremy Hunt, refers to the system as being a failing NHS negligence system rather than referring to a failing NHS which requires change.

n view of the vast majority of lawyers representing Claimants who have suffered an injury due to negligent medical treatment received at the hands of the NHS, the NHS and those representing them are responsible for delays and unnecessary escalating legal costs being incurred when they continue to deny negligence, even though ultimately they accept responsibility at a point several years after the event. There is a human cost to this behaviour which has not necessarily taken into account by Jeremy Hunt. He has stated recently that in his view the way forward is a major reform of the way such claims are handled.

According to this committee the current system is too expensive and the way forward would be for an independent body to be set up to adjudicate on cases. In essence doing away with the need to prove fault against the NHS but also disposing of the manner in which the courts currently decide such cases. Other countries such as New Zealand and Sweden, where a similar scheme to the one proposed operates, have spent half of what is being spent by the NHS currently.

AVMA, the Action for Victims of Medical Accidents, a charity have accused MPs of headline grabbing. In particular the committee is focusing its attention on legal costs rather than preventing future harm and ensuring lessons are learnt by the NHS and those who represent them. A vast amount of legal costs funded by the taxpayer for both sides could be

avoided if earlier admissions were made by the NHS, resulting in less payments out from the public purse. There should be a willingness to admit fault (where justified) and to make a settlement as well as learning from mistakes, rather than for Ministers and those in charge of the NHS to continuously and erroneously place blame on the shoulders of lawyers who are fighting to achieve justice for those injured through no fault of their own.

The NHS is a marvellous body providing an invaluable service. However to suggest that they should be above the law calls into question the rule of law and the right of all to have access to justice. The courts have been charged with the obligation of righting those wrongs; to suggest such access to justice be denied risks a loss of faith in members of Parliament, the Judiciary and the Justice System and the fabric of our society.

The legal duty placed on the medical profession not to cause harm is in essence being called into question as is the right to obtain proper compensation when harm has been caused. If it is envisaged that compensation will only be paid in accordance with a limited tariff system, then it is highly likely such awards would be a lot lower than those which an injured party could expect to receive currently from a court. The suggestion of an independent adjudicator could result in lower payments being made to deserving Claimants as well as denying legal costs, leaving a Claimant not only to recover lower amounts of compensation, but also

to have to pay for legal costs themselves if they wish to challenge the decision of a Government body/adjudicator.

The proposal is to prevent Claimants the right to claim for costs of future treatment on a private basis but to expect Claimants to rely on an overstretched NHS for future needed medical treatment. To give an example of how vastly different this proposed system would operate is to look at what is currently happening in Japan where such a system operates. In a cerebral palsy case where a child is injured for life due to negligence during delivery only £195,000 lump sum is payable along with £8,000per annum for a maximum of 20 years. In the UK such claims command awards of several millions of pounds to cater for an injured person's care needs. Quite clearly any awards under the system proposed will fall short of what will be needed by an injured party to cater for their ongoing needs.

It is essential for the rule of law not to be compromised as a result of attempts being made to restrict payments out by the NHS. The law is complex, and rightly so. It is designed to achieve parity or justice between the parties. The role of the courts has been to achieve this intention. To call into question the system is calling into question the role of the judicial system. No Government and no statutory body is above the law. That is the basis on which a legal system should operate. Suggesting otherwise will lead to a loss of trust in those in charge. 🕒



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This month, Alan Titchmarsh discusses the changing seasons, and why he ventures out into his garden in any weather.

've been talking to a number of people over these summer months and it's always a pleasure. Naturally, it feels like the part of the year where we all come out and celebrate what it is to have a space that is all ours – we all share in the successes and, okay, some of the failures too!

Yet what's interesting is the fact the longer the summer goes on, the more the chat seems to evolve to become nervy and negative. There is an unspoken devil

in the air, and it goes by the name of winter, where gardeners all across the UK dread not just the hibernation of some of the creatures in their garden, but their own removal or withdrawal from service as the skies grow darker and rain threatens.

Of course, I can see why so many of us sink into this mindset of what is effectively a subconscious filling of time before things start to pick up again in early spring. Though as I have said on many occasions, there are still so many plants that flourish across the winter months that we can take real pleasure from, so I would be firm in encouraging

Whether rain, hail, sleet or snow, I will always potter around the garden



people to look at winter as a lot more than just a time when we feel like stepping off the gardening carousel.

Certainly, my routine in those quieter months never changes. Whether rain, hail, sleet or snow, I will always potter around the garden. Okay, so in the winter months it's a lot more difficult to sit still in a garden anyway, but just getting out there, soaking up the air and feeling the natural goodness around you, is really inspiring.

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I get mucky every day when I'm at home, and if I've got a day of work or filming that will take me away from the house, I'll always make sure I step out and spend some peaceful time alone before I leave – it sort of sets me up for the day.

What I will say about late autumn and winter in the garden is its arrival follows much the same school of thought as going out in the rain - namely that it makes you appreciate the summer, or the sunshine, all the more.

As people, we are so used to conflict and contrast, and embracing that only serves to highlight the good stuff when it comes round.



Mostly, what I tell people about their gardens is that the most special feeling you can have will never be whether or not you can produce some floral spray of colour and texture; nor will it be if your water feature resembles something like the Victoria Falls.

Ultimately, what it's all about is being out there, and believing you are making a difference. I've

always thought however tiny a patch of ground you have, if you look after it well when you shuffle off your mortal coil you've paid your rent for your life on Earth.

To leave that space just a little bit better than how it was previously is a very special thing, and no wintry rainstorm should stop us from wanting to achieve that! 1

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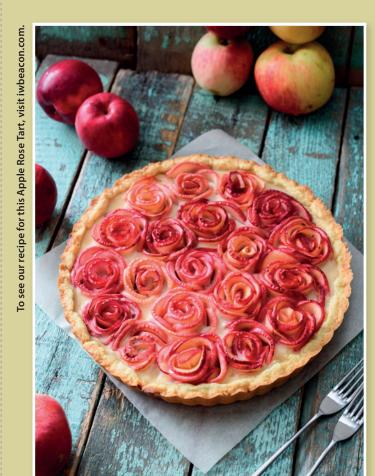
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