

# Ventnor Matters

EDITION THREE

THE E-NEWSLETTER OF VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

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## THE ISLAND GAMES COME TO TOWN

**The Island Games arrive in Ventnor on Sunday 26 June with Volleyball at the Middle School and Cycle Races in the Town Centre expected to attract more than 2,000 visitors.**

So here is the information residents and visitors need on the arrangements necessary to accommodate these major events and ensure the health and safety of competitors and spectators alike.

- + The following roads will be closed from 8am to 8pm: High Street, Victoria Street & Albert Street, Albert Street to Dudley Road, Pier Street from Albert Street to High Street, Market Street and Pound Lane.
- + Central Car Park will be closed for vehicles all day.
- + A Park & Ride scheme will operate from Ventnor Middle School to the junction of Madeira Road/Trinity Road from 11:30am-1:30pm and again from 4:00pm-6:00pm.
- + Temporary toilets will be available in Central Car Park.
- + Stewards and First Aiders will be available all round the course.
- + There will be a taxi rank at the bottom of Spring Hill (opposite Ventnor Museum).
- + Racing will start at 1:00pm for the Women's Race and 3:00pm for the Men's Race with the finish at the top end of the High Street.
- + Presentations of medals will be from approximately 5:00pm in Central Car Park.

A detailed map of the changes to the area is available on the Central Car Park Notice Board.

## NEW MEMBERS

**Ventnor Town Council has gained two new Members since the last Newsletter, and is due to gain two more by the end of this week, giving the Council its full complement for the first time since December 2009.**



Jim Morgan was co-opted to a vacancy for Ventnor East at the Council's April Meeting.

Dr Jim has a bunch of degrees, and has worked in industrial research for quite a long time. He was head of oilfield chemistry for BP Research. He left BP in 2002 after 24 years, believing that 25 years in the same company might feel like being in a

rut, and runs his own oilfield consulting company on a part-time basis. More details about Jim by following [this link](#).

Russell Hall joined the Town Council by co-option to a St Lawrence vacancy on 13 June. More about Russell in Edition Four.

## WHO DOES WHAT?

**At the Town Council Meeting of 11 June, Members formalised their lead responsibilities that have been taking shape over recent months.**

The result is a clear list of the town-wide matters for which each will be primarily responsible for progress and action:

<i>David George</i>	Green Town
<i>Carol Jones</i>	Youth, Schools, Police
<i>Jason Mack</i>	Benches, Bus Shelters, Allotments
<i>Jim Morgan</i>	Library, Botanic Gardens
<i>Harry Rees</i>	IWALC, Town Plan, Core Strategy
<i>Debby Robinson</i>	Waste, Recycling, Tidy Town
<i>Jim Toogood</i>	Beach Safety, Planning, Seaweed

For specific concerns or complaints residents are asked to contact the Councillors for their own Ward in the first instance.

## TOILETS REOPENED

**Bonchurch's Shore Road Toilets were formally re-opened this morning.**



A distinguished queue led by Mr & Mrs Scovells whose willingness to take on the cleaning on a voluntary basis together with a 1,300 signature petition was central to Ventnor Town Council's decision last week to take on management responsibility for them included Mayor Steve Stubbings and Councillor Jim Morgan.

With Bonchurch Town Councillor David George behind the camera, the facility is back in business.

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## BEACH SAFETY

**The Isle of Wight Council's decision to withdraw the Lifeguard service from the four beaches of Ryde, Sandown Shanklin and Ventnor caused much concern for the safety of beach users this season.**



The Council's offer to each local council of a quarter share of £25,000 ring-fenced for beach safety has enabled Ventnor Town Council to develop a first aid service based in the old Lifeguard Hut, now relabelled.

Dave Gray, previously the Winter Gardens Maintenance Manager, has been appointed as the member of staff responsible for the service.

Thanks to Councillor Jim Toogood's promotion of the project, 10 volunteers have committed themselves to increase the availability of the service and three donations from local residents have ensured a full range of supplies are available as well as funding a whole day First Aid training course run by the St Johns Ambulance Service for all involved in delivery.

It needs to be stressed that this is a *first aid only* project, with no service beyond the waterline. Within those limits, staff and volunteers are fully insured and all will have been CRB checked.

It's expected that the Hut will be open generally from 10am – 4pm on at least six days a week. The project is funded to 30 September.

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## WINTER GARDENS UPDATE

**The necessarily confidential discussions between the Isle of Wight Council and the Hambrough Group as the Preferred Bidder for the Winter Gardens are progressing positively.**

It is hoped that negotiations over the terms of the transfer will be completed by, or soon after, the end of this month.

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## GREEN TOWN

**With the strong support of our Town Council, and following a series of public meetings, Ventnor became a Green Town in May of this year.**

A steering group has been formed and, following a recent information day, many suggestions to help improve the environmental performance of the town are being considered.

The steering group are keen to hear from every section of the community and all are welcome at regular monthly meetings held at the library - the next being at 7.00pm Thursday 23rd June.

If you'd like more information or have suggestions to make please contact Cllr David George on 852540.

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## VENTNOR NEWS... VENTNOR NEWS...

These are some of the news items recently posted to the News Section of the Town Council's web site with *read more* links to the full story.

### MUSIC EVENT AT VENTNOR LIBRARY

Friends of Ventnor Library have arranged a music event in the library on Saturday June 25th from 2pm to 4.15pm. Various local and Island musicians are performing, Entry free.

[Read more...](#)

### ROADS PFI INFORMATION PUBLISHED

The Isle of Wight Council has circulated its latest presentation on its plans for the major renovation of the Island's road network under the PFI scheme. It gives a lot of information on the proposals and can be viewed or downloaded by [clicking this link](#).

[Read more...](#)

### LIBRARY FRIENDS LOOKING FOR SUPPORT

The Friends of the IW Library Service have issued a Newsletter today asking for support in a Petition to go to the Isle of Wight Council's Ethical Standards Committee with a complaint about the behaviour of the Council's Cabinet.

[Read more...](#)

### FUTURE OF THE YOUTH SERVICE

The latest proposals for the future of the Island's Youth Service, due to be discussed at next Tuesday's meeting of the Isle of Wight Council's Cabinet, have just been published. The paper can be read or downloaded by [clicking this link](#).

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### CENTRAL VENTNOR 4<sup>TH</sup> MOST DEPRIVED ISLAND AREA

Ventnor's central area, home to 1,613 people including 240 children under 16, is classified in the latest official figures as the 4th most deprived part of the Island, with only Ryde North East, St Johns West and Pan being more deprived.

[Read more...](#)

### WINTER GARDENS PREFERRED BIDDER PROCESS

In view of the amount of interest - both local and more widely - in the future of the Winter Gardens a summary of the Preferred Bidder process can be reached via the Winter Gardens' tab or by [clicking this link](#).

[Read more...](#)

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## NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Will be at St Lawrence Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 11 July 2011.

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