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Welcome to the first of our quarterly newsletters, we hope you find them interesting and informative. Should you have any comments or wish to discuss any parish matters further, please contact the Clerk or any of the councillors.

NEWPORT'S BLOOMIN' GREEN!

The alternative gardening competition, that was devised by Cllr Lois Prior in 2012, as part of Newport's Green Town project, has grown from strength to strength and this year saw a large increase in entries from local residents to community groups and schools. Instead of judging the gardens on how many flowers it has, or how glamorous it is, the aim is to encourage Newport and Carisbrooke's residents to grow gardens that are good for wildlife and for the environment. Past winner Claire Draper from the Plant Shop agreed to help Cllr Prior and Jones-Evans with the hard task of judging and selecting the winners. The results are:

- Best for Butterflies and Bees—Brian and Ruth Colling
 - Best for Wildlife—Mrs Wilcox
 - Best use of recycled materials— Mr Kevin Law
 - Most Productive (fruit and vegetables) - Alvington Allotments
 - Best organic allotment -Ms Danielle Perez,
- 9 Highly Commended prizes were also awarded along with 10 Commended.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Family Firework event in partnership with IW Radio - Spooks and Sparks!

Saturday 31st October at Victoria Recreation Ground, Newport.
Gates open at 4.45pm with



music from Cornerstone, magic from Huxley and lots of spooky surprises. Family tickets are once again £10 for 2 adults and 2 children.

Christmas Lights Switch on - our annual lights switch on takes place on Saturday 28th November at 5.45pm in St James Square

GREAT WAR COMMEMORATION

A dedication ceremony took place on the banks of the River Medina on 12th August to commemorate those who served and those who lost their lives at Gallipoli 100 years ago. Life size silhouettes have been erected as well as an interpretation board.

The project was developed by the Parish Council, along with local historian Mark Earp, During the short service the sculptures were blessed by the Rev Kevin Arkell and flowers were laid by the Chairman of the IW Council, Charles Chapman and Newport PC Chairman, Julie Jones-Evans. 10 standard bearers were in attendance, with the last post sounded by a member of the Vectis Corp of Drums. Guests included descendants of the IW Rifles servicemen.



SOUTHERN VECTIS ROUTE No 39

The under threat No 39 bus through Newport's Barton, Fairlee and Pan has been saved for the next 5 years.



The service had been funded through developer contributions related to the B&Q store for the past 5 years, but that money has now run out.

Newport PC has committed a £5,000 per annum contribution and along with a further £13,000 per annum contribution from the Pan Meadows developer community contributions, this will ensure that the service will run for a further 5 years.

CHAIRMAN JULIE JONES-EVANS

Living in the County Town we all have to experience heavy volumes of traffic, some of which travels at speeds not conducive to a good quality of life. The Parish Council has some money allocated to promote and facilitate 20mph zone(s) across the parish area. Slower speeds have been proven to improve communities, people feel safer to go out and therefore begin to re engage. Children can play out, walk to school and cycle more confidently. There is evidence to show that 20mph zones improve the economy of a local area. For more information please contact me, or visit the '20s Plenty' website www.20splentyforum.org.uk. Please look out for the posters and take part in the consultation.

NEWS FROM NEWPORT WEST

Report from Cllr Peter J Whiteman

It's been busy since I was elected in May 2015 and you will be aware that NPC are taking over the lease of Victoria Recreation Ground & Clubhouse and as part of the process we need to bring it all up to a good standard.

I have been in liaison with the contractor on site to make sure all essential repairs have been carried out and this I'm glad to say has been achieved. I think you would agree the clubhouse is now looking splendid with its new coat of paint. I am in the process of trying to get 2 notice boards for the ward, one outside of the newspaper shop in Wellington Road/Mountbatten Drive and the other on the grass area opposite Snowberry Road. This will allow me and NPC to keep you up to date with what's happening with Planning and events etc.

BUDGET SETTING 2016



The budget setting process will begin in the next few weeks, ahead of setting the precept for 2016/2017.

The precept for 2015/16 was decreased by 40% as the transfer of services from the

IW Council had not been completed.

This decrease was made with the cautionary note that the precept for 2016/17 would need to rise to maintain those devolved services.

If you would like to discuss this matter further or have any project suggestions please contact your parish councillor.

OUR NEXT MEETINGS

Our Full Council meeting are held on the second Monday of the month at 6.45pm. The scheduled meeting for the next three months are:

- October 12th at The Riverside Centre
- November 9th at The Riverside Centre
- December 14th at Gunville Methodist Church

The Planning and Licensing Committee meet every fortnight at the Riverside Centre starting at 6.30pm. The meetings in October will be on 1st, 15th and 29th, November will be on 12th and 26th and December on 10th.

All members of the public are very welcome.

CLATTERFORD RECREATION GROUND

The parish council has taken over this excellent facility and are now maintaining the football pitch, which is the home ground for Carisbrooke Utd FC. If any Sunday league teams are interested in hiring the pitch please contact the Clerk.



NEWS FROM CARISBROOKE

Report from Cllr John Hobart

2015 has so far been a mixed year in Carisbrooke and Gunville. Despite poor weather conditions in the winter of 2014/15 the ward fared much better than in the previous winter with a minimum of flood damage in the area. I do believe this is due to the efforts of Southern Water, the Environment Agency, the IOW Council and of course the pro-active stance taken by the local residents who are riparian owners. The one potential flooding incident in the Forest Hills Area, caused by field run off, was averted by the prompt action of the farmer whose land it was coming from. His intervention in the form of digging out a ditch as soon as he realised what was happening meant no real property damage occurred.

We continue to be active on the flooding front and the formation of the Flood Watch Group is ongoing, in addition to this our Parish Clerk is putting together a bid for funding to train and equip flood wardens for the whole of the Newport, Carisbrooke and Gunville areas. If successful this would go a long way to keeping ahead of any potential problems and dealing with any that may arise due to foul weather conditions. After the rain we have just experienced (end of August) who knows what the winter might hold.

COMMUNICATIONS

Newport Parish Council are keen to communicate with all residents and to aid this have launched a Facebook page, please visit and 'like' us regularly, www.facebook.com/newportwight or follow us on Twitter - @newportIWPC.

The full council meetings are also recorded and uploaded to the website so you don't need to miss a thing!

