

## Who are your Councillors?

At the Full Council Meeting held at Queensgate Primary School in May the Town Council elected Cllr Jane Rann as the new Mayor. Cllr Michael Paler was elected Deputy Mayor. Many thanks to the outgoing Mayor Cllr Peter Lloyd who has served the town for the last 2 years.

East Cowes Town Councillors represent the town on 9 other bodies including the Floating Bridge User Group, Island Roads, Cowes Town Council, Cowes Harbour Commissioners East Cowes Community Partnership

**Osborne Ward:** Cllr Jane Rann (Mayor), Cllr Michael Paler (Deputy Mayor), Cllr Simon Walker, Cllr Peter Lloyd  
**North Ward:** Cllr Margaret Webster, Cllr Stephen Hendry, Cllr Karl Love, Cllr Bob Packham

### FORTHCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Facilities, Projects and Events Committee

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 10.00 am Town Hall

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 10.00am Town Hall

Full Council Meeting

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 7.00 pm Town Hall

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 7.00pm Venue to be confirmed



### \*\*\*\*\*COMPETITION\*\*\*\*\*

If you attended or performed in Dessert Song in 1972 at the Town Hall please contact Reg Milton on 882692 or regandkay@hotmail.com with your name and number and he will pick a name out of a hat and you will win a bottle of wine!

## Presentations at recent Town Council Meetings

### Combatting Loneliness

Sally List from the Mountbatten Neighbours Project gave spoke about how their scheme aims to help combat loneliness. Hospice UK has provided funding to train volunteers in 6 areas on the Isle of Wight including East Cowes. 2 of the Mountbatten charity shops on the island have cafes and run some social activities. The provision of training venues and social spaces is important for the success of the project. If you are interested in being a volunteer please contact Sally at the hospice. Watch this space to see how the project rolls out over the coming months.

### Crossways Development

ERMC Ltd have been commissioned by joint developers PSP and IWC to assist with the public consultation exercise relating to the proposed residential development at Crossways. Sarah Chatwin from ERMC attended a Town Council meeting in May to explain how the community will be consulted. Stage 1 of the process will take place from June to November 2019. To have your say please attend one of the exhibitions.

**Weds 19<sup>th</sup> June 4.00-6.30pm Whippingham Community Hall**

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> June 4.00-6.30pm East Cowes Town Hall**

### East Cowes Traffic Plan

Director of Regeneration from IWC, representatives of Savills and Red Funnel attended a meeting in May to give an update on the planned changes to the traffic system in East Cowes. A package of highway works will include the widening of Castle Street to the east, improvements to the roundabout and reconfiguration of the Link Road and York Avenue area from 1 way to 2 way traffic. More to follow....

June 2019

## EAST COWES TOWN CRIER



Plenty of photos for you to enjoy in this edition thanks to a wonderful weekend of events in the town between 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> May. East Cowes Town Council provided a grant to contribute towards EC2019. The events celebrated the Bicentenary of the births of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.

A lovely sunny day saw HRH The Duke of Kent visit the Jubilee Recreation Ground to dedicate the Victoria and Albert commemorative bench donated by GKN. This will give people the opportunity to take a little time to sit and contemplate by the Romanov memorial.



## Opening of the Town Trail



Members of the Syed family, descendants of Queen Victoria's mummy were invited to lay a wreath at the Abdul Karim Stone by the gate near the entrance to Osborne House. Also pictured are Cllr Jane Rann (Mayor of East Cowes), Dr. Birgit Weber ( Mayor of Saxe-Coburg) and of course Victoria and Albert!



## Civic Reception and Launch of the Grand Exhibition

East Cowes Town Council was proud to host a Civic reception at the Town Hall. Invited guests included visitors from Saxe Coburg, representatives of the Syed Family and members of the local community who were instrumental in putting the weekend's events and displays together.



A comprehensive well researched exhibition was put together by East Cowes Heritage Centre. The display included a diorama of the funeral procession of Queen Victoria which ran the width of the stage in the town hall. Numerous display boards showed photographs and other items of interest about the life of the Royal family and their association with the Osborne Estate and the town East Cowes. Around 1200 visitors came to see the exhibition over the weekend.

Congratulations to East Cowes Community Partnership, East Cowes Business Association, the Heritage Centre, the WI and all members of the local community who worked so hard putting this fantastic range of events together promoting the town.

Crowds flocked to see the grand procession that moved off from Sovereign Gate at Osborne House, down York Avenue, through the town and along the Esplanade. The procession consisted of carriages, vintage cars, marching bands and more!



The royal panel of the town tapestry produced by dedicated members of the community was amongst the artwork on display at Osborne House. This is the first section of a growing piece of work with further panels planned depicting all aspects of the town and its heritage.

**Coming soon**

**EAST COWES ARTS AND CULTURE EVENTS**

**Look out for details on the Town Hall noticeboard**

**From September the EAST COWES TOWN CRIER will be published quarterly in a larger format with lots more news and information about things to celebrate and what's coming up.**

[Contributions to this newsletter from the community are welcome. If you are involved with a local group, project or event please email an article and a photo to: \[assistantclerk@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk\]\(mailto:assistantclerk@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk\)](#)

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