

What's On?.....Lots!!

September is often a time for new beginnings – starting school, moving to a new school – and if you are not in that age bracket it could be a good time to look at taking up a new hobby. Here is some information about the varied groups using the Town Hall.....why not try something new?



Mondays 6.00-7.00pm and Tuesdays 10-11.00am **Zumba** Contact Tamara 07973 834595

Tuesdays 11.30am-12.30pm and Saturdays 10.00-11.00am **Fun Badminton for over 60's** – Contact Lucy email lucypunch@ymail.com

Tuesdays **WRVS Welcome Club** for over 50's 1.45-3.45pm – Contact Mrs Audrey Eslen 01983 297775

Tuesdays 6.45-10.00pm **Canine Association** – Ringcraft and monthly matches – Contact Cheryl Blackley 01983 521540 or Ian Andrews 01983 508039

Wednesdays and Fridays 10.00am-12.00noon **Short Mat Bowls**

Wednesdays 5.00-7.00pm **Slimming World** – Contact Julie Benson 07813 635202

Wednesdays 8.00-9.30pm **Community Bingo**

Thursday 10.30-11.15am **Paracise** – Contact Helen Baker on 07732 879123 or helen@paracise.com

Thursday afternoons **Citizens Advice Bureau** – twice a month for pre-booked appointments Contact 01983 823898 ext.2828

Fridays 2.00-5.00pm **Careless Solicitors** – twice a month for pre-booked appointments Contact 01983 852626

Community Noticeboard

East Cowes Community Partnership is currently working on some arts projects for this year and preparation for celebrating VE Day next year

East Cowes Business Association are focussing on organising a Christmas Market

Xmas Panto SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS in the Amy White Theatre at East Cowes Town Hall on 14TH AND 15TH December 12.30pm and 6.30pm. All tickets £6.50 online www.ticketsource.co.uk Available from 1st September (under 3's FREE (must obtain free ticket online))

Heritage Centre September- November you can see the final part of the Queens Victoria Exhibition all about the Queens impact on the town

Community Beach Clean East Cowes Esplanade Sunday 22nd September 10am

FAECES (Fight Against Environmental Contamination of Estuaries & Seafronts) in conjunction with Surfers Against Sewage invite everyone to participate. Meet at the Esplanade Car Park. Bring wellies, work gloves, and pickers if you have them. Supervised children and dogs very welcome.

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

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EAST COWES TOWN CRIER

Autumn Edition

MAYORS REPORT



As Mayor of East Cowes, it gives me great pleasure to write you a regular report in our quarterly newsletter. We hope this will keep you up to date with what the Council are doing and of other matters that are happening and are important to the community of East Cowes.

The Town Council are responsible for the paddling pool, the Esplanade, including the play area and equipment, our public toilets, the skate park and Jubilee, Bumble Bee and Victoria recreation areas and Town Councillors and staff have been working tirelessly to keep our town looking beautiful. Our thanks also go to Care in the Garden who are responsible for planting and looking after the beautiful floral displays around the Town. All of them deserve a very big THANK YOU! The Jigsaw Festival at St James Church was very busy with extra visitors who came to buy the numerous jigsaws on sale. East Cowes is our home, our community; may I politely ask you all to respect this and keep our town tidy. If litter bins are full take your litter home and please dog-owners, pick up behind your dog! We now have signs along the Esplanade asking the public NOT to feed the gulls. Please don't be tempted as this is encouraging the gulls to become very bold and they have been seen to steal food from people's hands.

It was wonderful to attend the Keziah Fun Day on the Victoria Rec. It was a very hot day and many people attended. There were a variety of stalls and entertainment and everyone had a great time.

There will be no let up for us as we move into Autumn and we have exciting plans. A public consultation will be taking place soon to help the Council determine its budget and to identify what our priorities should be for the coming year. So please look out on the Council's notice boards and website for more news on this. Following last year's consultation, the Council are pursuing your ideas of developing a community hub extension to the Town hall. The hub will provide an extension to the Library, to give more room and space, and will also include public toilets, accessible public offices and meeting rooms, public toilets and a place for outside agencies to help members of the public with their problems. We are also going forward with your suggestion to develop Arts and Culture projects in East Cowes. East Cowes Community Partnership are kindly working with the Town Council to make this happen. If you have any ideas that you feel might make a good art or culture project, then let your local councillor know and we will give it our full consideration.

The pictures show the transformation the hall has undergone throughout August. We hope that this will provide a much-used space for the community.



Please take some time to check out our website where you will find lots of news about council meetings and all sorts of other interesting information. It includes any news of events that are happening and gives you details of how to contact your Town/Ward Councillors. We are developing a more user-friendly website, and this should be ready soon. But in the meantime, you can still find us at www.eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk .I hope you enjoy this newsletter and I look forward to seeing you at one of our council meetings.



Jane Rann, Mayor of East Cowes

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Full Council meets monthly, Facilities Projects and Events Committee meets bi-monthly. All meetings take place on Thursday evenings at 7.00pm unless there are planning applications to be considered in which case there will be an earlier start time of 6.30pm. All these meetings are open to the public to attend.

September 5th Facilities Projects and Events 7.00pm Town Hall
September 19th Full Council 7.00pm Queensgate Primary School
October 17th Full Council 7.00pm Town Hall
November 7th Facilities Projects and Events 7.00pm Town Hall
November 21st Full Council 7.00pm Town Hall
December 19th Full Council 7.00pm Town Hall

Your views matter

Please take the opportunity to give your views this autumn:

TOWN COUNCIL CONSULTATION HAVE YOUR SAY!

What do you think the Council should be making their priorities next year? How should the budget be spent? The Town Council would like as many people as possible to complete a questionnaire to help inform setting the budget for the next financial year. You can find it on-line at www.eastcwestowncouncil.co.uk or come along to the Town Hall FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm and SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 11.00 am - 4.00 pm

Closing date Saturday 5th October



Isle of Wight Festival of the Mind

Sunday 6th October 2019
Riverside Centre, Newport, IOW

FREE EVENT



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East Cowes Community Library

The Library is now well established at the Town Hall. Thank you to all the volunteers who keep this facility running. As well as having a wide range of books to borrow there is public access to computers. A good variety of nearly new books are for sale. There are plenty of information leaflets about what is going on locally are available from their display the lobby area. Many local children have taken part in the Space Chase Reading Challenge which finishes on 7th September.



Library Opening Hours

Monday 9.30am- 12.30pm
Tuesday 1.30pm-4.30pm
Wednesday 9.30am-12.30pm
Thursday 1.30pm-4.30pm
Saturday 10.00am- 1.00pm

Watch this space.....

Transport links – The Town Council continues to talk to Red Funnel, Island Roads and Isle of Wight Council about plans to alter the road layout in the town and how it will affect access to the car ferry and floating bridge.

New website- Planned in the next few months the Town Council is looking forward to launching a new more modern website

Town Map – The project to produce a town map is now well under way. This will be a useful tool for promoting the town. Look out for this in the spring- it's for locals and visitors alike.

East Cowes Town Councillors

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

What Does the Town Council Do?

Over recent years the profile of local government has been changing. Various functions formerly fulfilled by the Isle of Wight Council have been taken on by the town and parish councils across the island. The Town Council employs part time staff to carry out the business of the council: a clerk and assistant, a facilities officer, two caretakers and cleaners and a library co-ordinator.

The Town Council has a full council meeting once a month with a varied agenda. Any planning applications are considered and commented on. Guests are often invited to speak on matters of interest including local developments, projects and initiatives. Financial transactions are presented for consideration and approval. Reports are received from the Clerk, Town Councillors and Isle of Wight Ward Councillors. Every two months there is also a Facilities, Projects and Events Committee. Both meetings are open to the press and public to attend and 15 minutes are allotted at the beginning of each meeting for members of the public to comment or ask questions on matters on the agenda.

If you are interested in attending a meeting you can find the agenda on the noticeboard outside the Town Hall and on the Town Council's website 3 days before the meeting is due to take place.

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

Join the Town Councillors

on

Saturday 21st September 10.00am-12.00pm

Meet at the Parkside Pavilion, Vectis Road, East Cowes

Light refreshments