



Welcome to edition 111 of our Clerk's Column circulated as usual to the 490 residents on our Residents' Forum email list and through the Chronicle's page 4.

VENTNOR COMMUNITY PANTRY'S OPENING



The Pantry was formally opened by County Councillor Debbie Andre at noon on Tuesday. The Baby Box team had completed an amazing job of reorganising the floor space to accommodate their now two separate services thanks to a team of volunteers including two staff from Morrisons. Joyce Milford, the inspiration for both projects (right of picture) and the Pantry's Coordinator Marzena Turner (next to Joyce) were thanked as was the Town Council for its support for the development, particularly our Tony McCarthy. County Councillor Rodney Downer also attended.

HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND: FOOD VOUCHERS

The Isle of Wight Council's share of the government's new £421M funding to support the poorest with food for the first half of this year is £1,131,576. Of that total, a Report approved on Tuesday showed that a total of £635,00 would be used to provide Food Vouchers on the following basis:

- One-off £125 food voucher for residents eligible for Local Council Tax Support and Pension Credit Guaranteed Credit.
- One-off £50 food voucher per household eligible for Local Council Tax Support and benefits-related Free School Meals.
- One-off £25 food voucher for residents eligible for Local Council Tax Support where there are no children or pensioners living at the property.

PARKING PERMITS

Anyone wanting a Parking Permit for one of the car parks we manage, either an initial Permit or to renew an existing one is advised to phone our office on 853775 between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday to make an appointment.

VIA MY TWITTER FEED LAST WEEK

- New analysis by the [New Economics Foundation](#) finds 'over a third of the population, 23.2 million people, unable to afford the cost of living by £6,500 on average from October.
- A [Nuffield Foundation](#) Press Release says 'Increased demand, staff burnout and deteriorating patient experience are threatening the stability of general practice.' and explores the issues

TOWN COUNCIL'S PLATINUM JUBILEE TREE

The Town Council marked the Platinum Jubilee with the planting of a tree in Ventnor Park on Friday. The Rev Canon Hugh Wright blessed the planting of a new *Sorbus* tree, together with Mayor Steph Toogood and County Councillor Gary Peace as



part of Ventnor's commitment to the Queen's Green Canopy initiative.

The ceremony was followed by a Jubilee cream tea at the Putting Green with a charity donation to the Wellbeing Café.

WELLBEING CAFÉ JUBILEE PARTY

On Wednesday Ventnor Wellbeing café held a small Jubilee party and barbeque for its members



at Salisbury Gardens on the Green with a background of period

music and members dressed up. Mayor Steph Toogood joined the group for the afternoon and handed out some well-deserved merit awards on behalf of the café for certain people who have gone the extra mile in helping the group in some way and she was handed a bouquet of flowers by one of the youngest helpers. The Mayor is a great supporter of the group along with Councillor John Watkins and the Wellbeing café members all truly appreciate the efforts made by the Town Council in providing such a fabulous and much needed community resource. which provides so much comfort to its members. Terri Exposit, the café's Coordinator, was handed a surprise bouquet for her tireless efforts in making the Café such a success and safe haven for the group.