



VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

CLERK'S COLUMN

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Welcome to edition 112 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.

ROUND BRITAIN CYCLE RACE

On Sunday 11 September the Island will host 19 world leading cyclist teams and over 100 professional riders in the final stage – Ryde to the Needles – of this year's Round Britain race.



We met on Monday with Sarah and Jo who are contracted by Visit Isle of Wight to develop community engagement with the event that is expected to be going through Ventnor around 2pm that afternoon. As the Visit Isle of Wight Web site says: *The steep spiralling hills in and out of Ventnor will make for exciting viewing. Fast hair pin declines down to the beach and almost vertical corkscrew climbs back out of the town will have spectators cheering the riders on and holding their breath at the same time!*

The riders are expected to leave Ryde between 10 and 11am with the finish being at the Needles around four hours later. We've asked for advance information about any road closures and been assured that a full information pack about the event will be with us in good time.

NEW WEB SITE STATS

We launched our new web site on 30 April and this week had our first look at its analytics section that

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| Agenda | 330 |
| Town Council Meetings | 275 |
| Council Tax | 254 |
| Council Meetings | 254 |
| Ventnor Park | 237 |
| Blue Badge Application | 232 |
| Phone No. For Ventnor | 232 |
| Disabled Parking | 230 |
| Ventnor School | 225 |
| Ventnor Footpaths | 222 |
| Clerk Email | 213 |
| Planning Application | 190 |
| Planning | 185 |

gives us very detailed information about the usage of its many different areas – just those with over 200 hits in this initial period are shown here. The total number of hits recorded in its first five weeks was 4,067, which is in line with expectations. Clearer patterns

will emerge over the coming months, The site's address is www.ventnortowncouncil.gov.uk--

MAY'S FINANCIALS

The combined balance of the Town Council's two Bank accounts at 31 May was £503,541 after spending £64,782 during that month and receiving £10,332. The Salisbury Gardens' figures are included in those totals with receipts from rents of £5,532 and expenditure of £2,894.

The main non-salary expenditures during the month were the £6,675 for the food vouchers provided for the school half term, £7,950 for rent of the four car parks we manage, £4,564 to our Grounds Management contractor and £2,760 for ongoing work on the new Public Toilet.

Expenditure over the two months of the financial year to date was £4,864 more than budgeted for and receipts £3,081 under budget, mainly due to timing changes.

VENTNOR'S MAY WEATHER

Chris Woods, who collects and collates the daily statistics from

our own weather station, has provided his usual monthly summary along with the comment that there were four days with thunder: 15th, 16th, 18th and 31st.

| Rainfall (mm): | | Date |
|-------------------------|------|------|
| Total amount | 37.5 | |
| % of average | 82 | |
| No. of dry days | 18 | |
| Highest | 13.8 | 15th |
| Temperatures (deg C): | | |
| Mean | 13.6 | |
| Difference from average | +1.1 | |
| Highest | 19.9 | 17th |
| Lowest | 8.5 | 1st |
| Coldest day | 12.6 | 1st |

FREE FIRST AID COURSE

In association with Isle of Wight Ambulance Service, Ventnor Town Council are arranging an Emergency First Aid at Work course on *Friday 24th June, at Trinity Church Hall.*

This is a full-day certificated course, 9am until 5pm. Places are limited and taken quickly, so please contact Alison Killick on 853775 or email: alison@ventnortowncouncil.org.uk if you would like to attend.

VIA MY TWITTER FEED LAST WEEK

- A Press Release by [Child Poverty Action Group](#) today highlights '1 in 3 school-age children in England living in poverty (800,000) miss out on free school meals despite cost of living struggles of families.'
- A [New Economics Foundation](#) update on social housing says: 'Since 1980, over 2m social homes have been sold, with only 4% of these replaced. At the same time, house prices have risen by a staggering 1,145%.'

MORE INFORMATION is available from the Town Council's website and @ventnor clerk