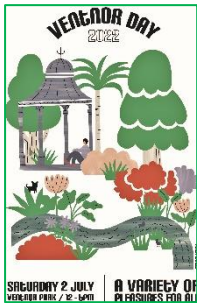




Welcome to edition 114 of our Clerk's Column circulated as usual to the 490 residents on our Residents' Forum email list and through the Chronicle's page 4.

## SATURDAY 2 JULY IS VENTNOR DAY 2022!

From 12 noon until 6pm in Ventnor Park this year's Ventnor Day promises to be bigger and better than ever. Artists booked to perform so far include The Ventnor Darlings, Greg and the Bears, The Hillmans, The Slow Cats, Moonshine Border Morris, Andy



Roberts, Bethan John, Lucan, Tink Beadle and Ventnor Theatre Group.

The event also features the first performance in their home town by Ventnor Comic Jazz Band after their recent successful appearance in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Pageant.

Food and drinks are being provided by Crave Ice Cream, Lady Scarlett's Tea Parlour, Stripped Burgers, Sweet Charlie's Crepes and Tee in The Park.

Alongside the Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary, there will be stalls from around 50 community groups and voluntary sector organisations. There will also be stalls from around 50 local businesses, crafters and artists.

## THIS WEEK'S TRAFFIC ORDERS

Five Traffic Orders will affect the town this week, four excluding vehicles and one preventing parking:

### No Vehicles

*Bellevue Road* from 9am Monday to 5pm on Friday 8 July 2022 between its junctions with Zig Zag Road and the Burlington Hotel.

*Undercliff Gardens* from 7am on Wednesday to 6.30pm on Wednesday 6 July.

*Spring Hill* from 7am on Monday until Wednesday 6 July for its entire length.

*Grove Road* until 4.30pm on Saturday 25 July between its junction with Southgrove Road and a point 75 metres south thereof.

### No Waiting

from 7am on Monday until 5pm until Friday 8 July along Lowtherville Road, between its junctions with Newport Road and house No. 35.

## NEW PUBLIC TOILET NEARS COMPLETION

Residents and visitors will soon have access to a



new public toilet with facilities for people with disabilities readily accessible in the Central Car Park. It's just waiting for the utilities to

complete the joining up of their services and we expect it to be ready for opening and use in the middle of July.

## LITTER PICKING

We invite you to join us on Sunday 3 July at 9am at The Green Room for our Summer Litter Pick. Can you help to make our town look even better? Come and join the us for chat with refreshments after. We do need more help for the busy tourist season. Can you spare an hour or so?

## ISLAND HOUSING COSTS

The Isle of Wight Council has received the latest *Local Housing Needs Assessment* commissioned



from the Capita-owned GL Hearn consultancy. It includes

disturbing figures on the relationship between wages and both house purchase prices and rents, especially for poorer residents.

### House purchasing

With a median (average) property price of £255,000, a household income of approximately £54,188 is required. For cheapest 25% of houses it is assumed that a household must earn at least £39,950. So *it is estimated that 96% of households are unable to afford median property prices, and 85% are unable to afford the entry-level, lower quartile costs.*

### Renting

The lower quartile rent is £550 per month. In terms of the income needed to afford an annual rental cost of £6,600...*this would equate to an annual household income requirement of £25,385.*

## VIA MY TWITTER FEED LAST WEEK

- [Nursing Notes](#) reports on a survey showing that 'more than half of NHS workers considered leaving in the last 12 months, with one in five actively looking or already leaving.'
- Debt advice charity [StepChange](#) quotes an ONS analysis showing that people are 'using a variety of responses to cope such as cutting back on food/essential spending (41%), using savings (21%), and turning more to credit (15%).'