



# VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

CLERK'S COLUMN

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Welcome to edition 120 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

## NEW TOILET NOW OPEN

The town's new Public Toilet accessibly located in the Central Car Park is now open and available from 8am to 8pm daily with facilities including female, male and disability friendly (including excellent provision for baby changing) sections all to the highest trade standards. This is the successful conclusion of a project that began with a decision of the Town Council meeting of 12 August 2019. We're delighted that residents and visitors with disabilities will no longer required to climb the Marlborough Road gradient for toilet access as they have been since the Isle of Wight Council closed the old Market Street toilets in 2012. The new facility will also encourage access to the town's High Street/Pier Street shops and cafes.



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## PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting on Tuesday afternoon had three applications to assess. It did not support a revised application for the Esplanade's Beachlands *due to the increased height and the consequently increased dominance by the building on the local area.* It saw no reason to object to the proposed changes at 40 Castle Court and supported the replacement of front and rear extensions at Rocklea, Undercliff Drive *as it provides useful additional space and is harmonious with the existing building.*



## BUSKING ON SATURDAYS

A talented duo - Laura and Gary entertained a regular group of both locals and holiday makers this week after the very popular Bethan John had shared some different tracks. The Mayor says: *Today I had enquiries from 2 well known local groups for September. It looks as though we can extend the free entertainment for a couple more weeks this season.*



## JULY FINANCES

The total of our two Bank Accounts at 31 July was £412,440. The major items in the month's total expenditure of £54,578 were ££12,05 for work on the new public toilet and the £7,740 cost of our annual insurance premium. Salisbury Gardens' costs totalled £2,781. Receipts during July came to £19,751 of which £11,043 came from Salisbury Gardens' rents.

Payments during the first five months of the financial year were £12,785 more than Budget with receipts in that period £3,016 more than Budget.

## VENTNOR'S JULY WEATHER

In addition to his usual monthly summary of the town's weather readings for its own

weather centre Chris Watts adds: *Although hot and dry, no rainfall or temperature*

Rainfall (mm):		Date
Total amount	3.7	
% of average	9	
No. of dry days	29	
Highest	2.7	21st
Temperatures (deg C):		
Mean	19.3	
Difference from average	+2.6	
Highest	30.3	19th
Lowest	11.5	4th
Coldest day	17.7	1st

*records broken here. Of note, however, was the overnight minimum of 23.9°C on the 19th.*

## VENTNOR CARNIVAL IS BACK IN TOWN!

Major events this week thanks to Ventnor Carnival Committee:

- Baby Competition: Monday noon at St Catherine's
- Quiz: Monday 7pm at the Mill Bay
- Dog Show: Tuesday 1pm at the Putting Green
- Children's Carnival: Wednesday noon from Dudley Road
- Main Carnival & Fireworks: from Dudley Road at 7pm
- Karaoke: Friday the Blenheim from 7pm
- Children's Fete: Saturday 1- 4pm Putting Green
- Illuminated Carnival: Saturday 9pm from Dudley Road.



## VIA MY TWITTER FEED LAST WEEK

- The [Child Poverty Action Group](#) has published University of York research showing 'By January 2023 over half of UK households (15mn) will be in fuel poverty, spending over 10% of net income on fuel.'
- 'Over 8 in 10 18-34s on low incomes are going without essentials, and over 7 in 10 18-24s are in arrears with at least one household bill.' [Joseph Rowntree Trust.](#)