



Here's edition 146 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.

HIGH SHERIFF'S AWARDS

The Island's High Sheriff Kay Marriott came to our Green Room at the start of Monday's Town Council Meeting to make her Awards to three of the town's local organisations. They are made each year through public nominations as a mark of distinction and

recognition given to public servants, individual volunteers or community groups based on the Isle of Wight, who are making a significant contribution to their communities.



Monday's three recipients were our Wellbeing Café, Baby Box and Better Days Café.

The Office of High Sheriff is an independent, non-political Royal appointment for a single year. Kay Marriott's 45 years work in the NHS included, on the Island, Head of Nursing and Clinical Director for the then, Community Directorate.

MONDAY'S TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The Town Council Meeting's first Agenda item was, as usual, to receive the monthly Finance report that was summarised in last month's Column. After that the Council formally approved the current framework for the Management of Financial Risk. The major item of the evening was the unanimous agreement of the Town Council's Budget and the resulting Precept of £430,371. That was followed by a Report on the new contract the Isle of Wight Council has granted to the newly formed Ventnor Haven Management Limited. Finally, a new sign for St Lawrence was supported

SEA WALL PUBLIC MEETING

The Isle of Wight Council's Strategic Manager for the Environment, Natasha Dix and her Environment Agency colleagues are inviting residents to a Public Meeting to discuss the serious damage to the Sea Wall and their plans for dealing with it on **Tuesday 21 February 6pm St Catherine's Church.** The Emergency repairs have been completed but the Urgent Repairs stage is predicted to last 8-10 months. Come and hear the detail and ask your questions of the team at the centre of it.



ASSETS & SERVICES WORKING GROUP

The Group's meeting on Tuesday morning started with an update on the ongoing maintenance of Salisbury Gardens South and West elevations followed by a discussion of the uses of our Green Room kitchen. Two items about Boniface Fields came next including the removal of a tree and the possibility of installing a WiFi facility. The final item focused on the rent for our four car parks, currently £24,900pa, and the level of charges compared with those in the other four that are managed by the Isle of Wight Council.

OUR PLACE

Thursday sees the return of our monthly Our Space from 10.30-12.30 at St Catherine's Church as part of the weekly provision of a Warm Space offering tea, chat and support with a wide range of local organisations. The Warm Space continues to 2pm and includes a hot lunch It's very welcoming.



OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Due to staff absences our office at Salisbury Gardens will continue to close at 2pm Monday to Friday. Phone and email connections will continue to be live and meetings will take place as usual.

FROM MY TWITTER FEED THIS WEEK

- A Report from the [Centre for Progressive Studies](#) finds 'on average, 1.5 years of life per person in England are being lost due to inequalities in income, unemployment, poor quality housing, exposure to crime and access to employment and education.'
- [Warm This Winter](#) says today: 'When the Energy Price Cap goes up again in April, 8.6 million households won't be able to afford their energy bills.'