



Here's edition 157 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.

TOWN MEETING 2023

The annual Town Meeting is open to all Ventnor's residents as an opportunity to hear from leaders of the town's voluntary organisations and comment on or ask questions about the Town Council's work.

This year's is being held at St Catherine's Church on Monday evening 15 May immediately following the short (usually 15 minutes) Annual Town Council Meeting that starts at 6pm. That meeting appoints the Mayor for the coming 12 month's and she or he will then Chair the Annual Town Meeting.

Organisations providing short outlines of their activity are likely to include: Baby Box, Community Pantry, Ventnor Community Foodbank, Ventnor Well-being Café, Ventnor Carnival Association Friends of Ventnor Botanic Gardens, Friends of Ventnor Cemetery, Ventnor Coastguard, Living Well, Early Help and Better Days Café.

BONCHURCH CELEBRATES

The Bonchurch Community Association held their Coronation picnic on Sunday and they found the



a very relaxed atmosphere, raising their glasses to the new King and Queen.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND COMMITTEE

The Committee met on Thursday, beginning with a report showing that as at 30 April the Fund had received a total of £38,345 of which the Committee had distributed £29,245 leaving a balance at that point of £9,100. This promoted a discussion of the future of the Fund as the level of contributions to it had fallen to just £350 in April. The Clerk then reported on the meeting he and the Mayor had the previous day with the Better Days Café to agree the information the Town Council – as with all grant making organisations – would need from them as the basis for a grant application. It was noted that no application for a grant had yet been received.

VIA MY TWITTER FEED THIS WEEK

- A dynamic graphic illustrates the years in which average house prices exceed multiples of average annual salaries since 1900...it's well worth a look <https://t.co/EZzwNuUttt>
- The [Institute for Fiscal Studies](#) finds 'The government's new pay offer for teachers in England is mostly funded, but will still leave teachers facing large real-terms salary cuts since 2010.'

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

ST LAWRENCE WARD ELECTION PROCESS

Time for anyone interested in representing the Ward as a Member of Ventnor Town Council to become nominated for the role.

NOTICE OF ELECTION	
Election of a Councillor for the Electoral Area listed below	
Electoral Area	Number of Councillors to be elected
Ventnor Town Council: St Lawrence 00112	One

1. Forms of nomination for the Parish Election may be obtained from the Clerk, or downloaded or copied from a computer site of rights, except from the Returning Officer site, at the request of an elector for the election or for purposes of a nomination paper for a candidate.
2. Nomination papers must be delivered by hand to the Returning Officer, County Hall, Newport (or by night, 17:00-21:00 hrs), before the hours of Election on any day other than the date of the election to the Returning Officer, 25 May 2023.
3. If the election is conducted the poll will take place on: Sunday, 22nd June 2023.
4. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 10 midnight on Sunday 2 June 2023. Applications can be made online.

To be a candidate at the election on Thursday 22 June the nomination paper, home address form and consent to nomination must be delivered by hand to the

Returning Officer, County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 1UD, by 4pm on Thursday 25 May 2023. A full Information Pack including all the necessary forms is available from our office or by email from us or by clicking [this link](#).

CORONATION MUGS FOR TOWN'S CHILDREN

Ventnor Town Council and The Ventnor Royal British Legion Social Club joined forces to make sure Ventnor's children aged 11 and under had a memento of the Coronation.

A specially commissioned Coronation mug to mark the special event was delivered to each child

during the week by visits to local School St Francis, Ventnor



Community Early Years and The Playroom Nursery and Pre School by The Mayor Steph Toogood, Councillor Steve Cooper, and a representative from the RBL Social Club.

Over 300 mugs were distributed during the week.

TRAFFIC ORDERS

From midnight on Sunday 30 April until midnight on Friday 12 May, or when the works has been completed, no traffic along the Esplanade between its junctions with Car Park La Falaise and Alma Road.