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OUR MISSION



Hello and welcome to the second issue of the brand new Local Directory magazine! The Local Directory was founded in October 2016 as a small community project with the aim to help promote small independent businesses on the Isle of Wight. It has fast grown into a well-recognised and trusted platform for an amazing community of people - sharing local businesses, events and charities from across the Island.

Our ethos – the mission of The Local Directory Magazine is to inspire, encourage and promote all things local on the Isle of Wight; from the self-employed and small businesses, the thriving creative community, local events and activities, the incredible history and culture, innovative and fun ideas, and the unknown places which makes this Island so special. Our aim is to always be affordable, no matter what your budget.

SHARE YOUR TALENTS AND TIPS!

Do you love photography? Have a passion for writing? Have you discovered a really amazing hidden gem around the Island? Do you have the perfect date night, or something to do that's a bit different? If you have something awesome to share with the Isle of Wight community, we would love to hear from you. You will be seen by thousands for free in a published magazine; all your work and contributions will be credited of course, and you can share as much or as little as you wish!

If you're a company and wish to shout about your business to the Isle of Wight people, have a look at the advertising rates opposite; options for any budget!

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If you have any tips or quirky places to visit around the Island, we'd love to hear from you!

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love island

VALENTINE'S DAY IDEAS by Dennis Jones

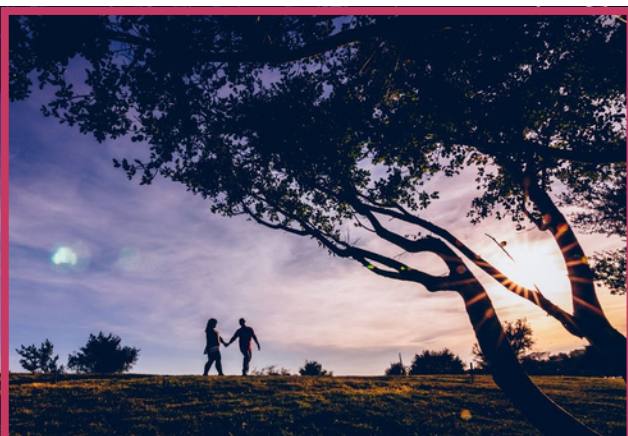
We might not be the 'Love Island' from the television, but we're definitely the real island of love. We've got beautiful beaches to walk along, highly rated restaurants, great music, and even quirky coffee shops for those who want to keep it simple. So no matter what your plans are this Valentine's Day, we've got ideas to help make any occasion special.



STROLL WITH A WINTER PICNIC

There are so many places to choose from! Long sandy beaches, small coves, rolling hills, forests... even castles. The Isle of Wight is one of the best places in the whole world to go hand-in-hand on a romantic stroll. The sun might be hidden behind the clouds or there may even be snow on the ground, but you won't have any trouble

spotting the buzzards, kestrels, and passerines flying high above. Maybe you could make the most of local produce from shops around the Island to impress your partner with a hamper full of tasty treats to warm the heart. Farmhouse Fayre, Newport, have a range of delicious locally sourced foods you'll both enjoy. Don't forget to take a blanket - it's a little chilly!



Adventure outside and take in the Island's beauty



Love Coffee, Newport.
Photo: Photolife Photography

A SIMPLE COFFEE OR HOT CHOC!

Love Coffee in Newport is the perfect destination for those who love coffee and love their other half. Not only can you sit back and relax in comfort whilst enjoying each other's conversation, but you can treat the apple of your eye to an apple pie. We recommend a delicious premium hot chocolate as the best way to win a heart. You can even choose to give your very own last Rolo Hot Chocolate, as proof that your heart has truly been won this Valentine's Day.



Try local florists for that personal touch!

love



HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

For some, the best way to spend time with a loved one is to be curled up with a bottle of wine and something to eat at home. Don't worry, we've got this covered too. Novo in Newport offers delivery to Newport, Cowes, East Cowes, Wootton, and Rookley (minimum order applies), and has a packed menu to suit all tastes, including vegan and vegetarian. I also recommend Jade Garden in East Cowes, New China House in Ventnor or Double Dragon in Freshwater.

Wannabe Gordon Ramsey's might want to make the most of local produce to create something sensational. Briddlesford Farm, Toby's of Cowes, and Barrow Boys, Ryde, are all great options for finding something fresh or fruity to put together your heart-winning menu with. Whatever you choose to do, don't forget to pick up some Mermaid's Gin as an extra treat.



FOOD FIT FOR A KING OR QUEEN!

The Waverley, in Carisbrooke, has a special Valentine's event this year. Enjoy spending time with your loved one looking at views of Carisbrooke Castle, as you enjoy cocktails, tapas, and live music. Booking is essential as the Valentine's special is always popular.

Seafood is the food of lovers, and everybody knows it. It's no wonder the Smoking Lobster, Ventnor, is the place most couples go to when they want a date night. You'll be able to sample some of the freshest seafood - all locally caught, and cooked to all tastes and desires.



THE SIMPLE THINGS

Sometimes the simple things are the best. Flowers are always a great choice to show that you care, and Bay Tree in Cowes or Flower Garden in Newport will help you come up with the perfect bouquet of flowers. Think about colours, smells, and what your loved one enjoys, and leave the hard work to the florists. I also recommend a film at the Commodore Cinema in Ryde with popcorn and sweets, followed by a game of bowling at Ryde Superbowl!



Use the Island's Mermaid Gin to make a cocktail at home (party!).
PHOTO: Jonathan Hoare



Suggestion by Fran Clarke - excellent hamper idea!



Make a picnic and go on a bike ride - take blankets!

OUR CHOICES...

From Dennis Jones
(editor)

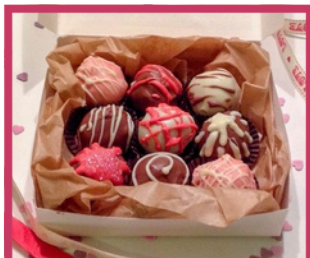
“I would go for a stroll along the beach, then warm up with a drink at one of the great pubs in and around Ryde. The dates are the simple ones.”

From Kai Davis
(founder)

“My partner and I always go to a nice meal; Novo in Newport was last years choice, great food, music and company... and of course a bunch of flowers from the wonderful Sarah Mathews Flower Rectory Mansion, Blakeney.”

From David Hayles
(head consultant)

“I would go for a walk along the Tennyson Trail, followed by dinner at The Cow Restaurant at Tapnell Farm. If your partner likes flowers, I would recommend Blossom's of Yarmouth, which is tucked away in Wheatsheaf Lane; my favourite flower shop on the island.”



A Cherry On Top's delights (£12)

From Michele Lott
(graphic designer)

“Valentine's can be so unnecessarily expensive, so I make 'vouchers' which gives the other half a few things to look forward to, such as 1: breakfast in bed, 2: a night off washing up, 3: you choose the movie (his taste in films is generally black and white western movies urgh! So he likes this one). It's free and all you're giving is your time. And, it works for men and woman!

Kids love baking so get them involved - make some heart shaped shortbread for the grandparents/friends/mum or dad (may will be messy).

‘A Cherry On Top’ is an incredible cake-creator and has fantastic Valentine's delights available now (Facebook - A Cherry On Top). They always go down a treat!

Lastly, I really love a good game of bingo (Leo Leisure Bingo at Ryde Commodore).

A whole evening of entertainment for less.”



Run a simple bath for your other half...

half term

BREATHE IN THE FRESH AIR! by Dennis Jones

The Isle of Wight is renowned for its big attractions, such as Robin Hill and Blackgang Chine, and we always recommend a visit when it comes to school holidays. However, we love to shout about small businesses or places that aren't so much in the limelight, so here are a few ideas...



Arty Shakes, Shanklin



Skateboarding for all ages at John Cattle's Skate Club

PAINT YOUR OWN POTTERY GET SPORTY

Arty Shakes, Shanklin, combine Those who want to use up some delicious milkshakes with the energy should book a session with chance to paint your own pottery. John Cattle's Skate Club, Ventnor. Kids will love using their creative It's a great chance for children to skills to turn a pottery-pig into build confidence, as well as learn their own super creation. Visitors new skills - and there are sessions can also enjoy homemade Belgian available for people of all ages - waffles, ice cream, or even their so mum and dad can join in the favourite sweets turned into a fun too! To book, visit bookwhen. shake. And, they clean up the com/skateclub, or search John mess! Search for Arty Shakes on Cattle's Skate Club on Facebook. Facebook for more information.

Tip: Why not visit one of the skate

Tip: Make a hand (and foot) print parks on the Island to get in a bit to make a lovely keepsake or of practice. Ventnor or Sandown present for a loved one. Skate Park is a good place to start!



Have fun and learn something new! Note: trousers will be much better this time of year!



Ventnor Botanical Gardens have a spooky ghost walk... are you brave enough?

I'VE GOT CHILLS!

For those who like things a little spooky, we highly recommend taking part in the **Ventnor Botanic Garden Ghost Walk. Taking place on 19th February**, the walk will take you through the gardens - where you will learn more about the hospital which once stood on the sight. It'll be a brave family who takes on this challenge, are you up for it?

Tip: Turn up during the day and enjoy the sights and sounds of the Ventnor Botanic Garden, perhaps even taking in a spot of lunch!



The Edulis Restaurant serves fabulous lunches or snacks



Beautiful greenery



Incredible plant life



Many fossils are waiting to be found around Compton Beach



Create a masterpiece at a Library Lego Club



Stunning walks around Newtown. PHOTO: Kai Davis

COMPTON RANGER TOUR

Compton Beach offers stunning scenery and the possibility that you might even uncover something prehistoric. So why not take advantage of the **Compton Family Outing on February Tuesday 19th**, 2pm - 4pm to learn more about the Compton area, discovering dinosaur footprints, fossils, and even enjoy a splash in the waves (if you're feeling brave!).

Tip: Listen to the ranger and learn all about the work they do to protect local wildlife.

FREE LEGO CREATING

Every parent understands the pain of standing on a Lego brick. Save and back to nature? **Take a trip** your own feet by letting Cowes to Newtown on February 16th, and Ventnor Lego Clubs do the **10am - 12pm** and learn all about hard work so your carpet can stay birds, from how to spot them to brick free. Taking place at **Ventnor** what songs they sing. The guided and **Cowes Libraries on the 23rd** walk will be a great introduction of **February**, the Lego Club lets to some of the species we have children explore their creativity as living on the Island. You can they are handed a challenge to even choose to do your own complete. Their creation is kept on wildlife walk - we recommend the display for a month. Both events marshes at Brading or the path are free for all the family to enjoy. from Yarmouth to Freshwater. These are just a couple of great

Tip: Start practicing your Lego places to take in the environment builds at home, work on speed! and fresh air.

NEWTOWN GUIDED TOUR

Tip: Take your camera so you can take photos of the wildlife you see



Walk from Compton to Brooke for even more stunning views.
PHOTO: Light at Night Photography

along the way.

Send us photos of your half term adventures and we will share your fun on our social media!

Do you have any tips for activities during half term? Get in touch and let us know!

go green

By **Kayleigh Richter** from **KR SUSTAINABILITY CONSULTANCY—**

A thought occurred to me this weekend when I was shopping in my local supermarket... why haven't I seen any TerraCycle Crisp Packet recycling points on the Island yet? Aren't we striving for a 'plastic free' Island?...

The Walkers Crisp Packet bins as part of your waste school with their recycling Recycling Scheme is in full management strategy. Crisps are efforts, and Haylands Primary swing, but why have so few a delicious add on to a sandwich School in Ryde. Excellent

Island communities signed up? meal deal, and crisps are that examples set and I hope the rest Our local waste contractor Amey perfect mid-afternoon snack to of the Island follows suit!

does not currently recycle crisp tuck into at your desk...

packets, so we should be doing What are you waiting for?

as much as we possibly can to I haven't seen any collection Supermarkets, cafes, workplaces, prevent these from ending up in points in shops, supermarkets, communities get signing up and landfill. anywhere at all! Have you become a collection point today.

seen any? Can you become a

If we're aiming for a Plastic Free collection point? These collection Visit the blog at

Island, we shouldn't be forgetting points take all crisp packets, not krsustainability.co.uk to sign up. about this favourite lunchtime just Walkers!

snack and the huge amounts of

waste it generates every day!The only registered places on the Island so far are schools.

Especially if you are a workplace Christ the King College, who or work in the hospitality sector, are already on their way in you should have one of these becoming an eco-conscious

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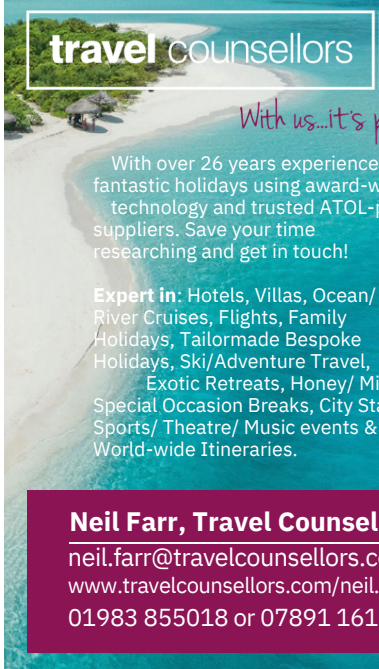
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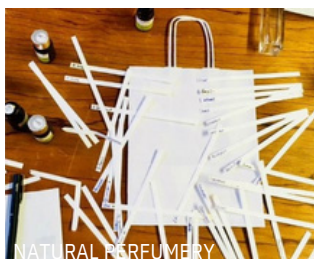
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FEBRUARY 2019 THINGS TO DO

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NATURAL PERFUMERY
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WHERE: Tiny Homes Holidays, Hillis Gate Stables, Hillis Gate Road, Cowes, PO30 5UB

PRICE: £95

DATE: Sat 2nd Feb

TIME: 10am - 5pm

AGES: 16+

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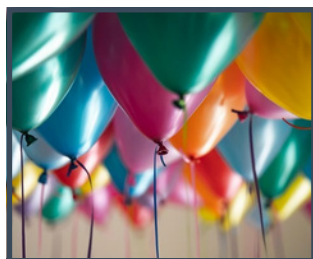
WHERE: The Wight Military and Heritage Museum, Cowes, PO31 8QU

DATE: Wed 6th Feb

TIME: Viewing from 12pm, auction starts 6pm

AGES: 18+

Held on the first Wednesday of every month, showcasing an array of household goods, collectables and vintage.
Facebook - [iwauctions](#)



THE LOCAL DIRECTORY
MAGAZINE PARTY!

WHERE: Love Coffee, 115 Pyle Street, Newport, PO30 1XA

PRICE: FREE

DATES: Thurs 7th Feb

TIME: 4pm - 8pm

AGES: 16+

Perfect event for any business owners, event organisers or Charity fundraisers. Come along and meet the Local Directory Magazine team. Great discounts and prizes are also on offer. We look forward to seeing you all!

Facebook - [localdirectoryhubisleofwight](#)



**BEOWULF INTERACTIVE
PERFORMANCE-GAME**

WHERE: Ventnor Exchange, 11 Church Street, Ventnor, PO38 1SW
PRICE: £10 (Under 25's £5) Friends 2 for 1
DATE: Thurs 7th Feb
TIME: 8pm - 9pm
AGES: 14+

Explore the world of a legendary story from our ancient past without leaving your seat! Create a felt heart to attach to a card with envelope. All materials provided. Booking essential.

Phone - 01983 716767 Facebook - TheDottyimagingCo



**NEEDLE FELT HEART CARD
WORKSHOP**

WHERE: The Stitching Elmers, Church Street, Ryde, PO33 2SU
PRICE: £6.50
DATE: Sun 10th Feb
TIME: 10:30am - 12pm
AGES: 16+

Create a felt heart to attach to a card with envelope. All materials provided. Booking essential.

Facebook - TheDottyimagingCo



THE JUKEBOX JAZZ BAND

WHERE: The Gaslight Café, Sandown Train Station, PO36 9BW
PRICE: £10
DATE: Mon 11th Feb
TIME: 6pm - 9pm (music 7pm - 9pm)
AGES: Contact venue

Expect a lively evening of upbeat traditional Jazz and Old Time Skiffle with a 5 piece band.

Facebook - TheGaslightCafe



HALF TERM AT MONKEY HAVEN

WHERE: Monkey Haven, Staplers Road, Newport, PO30 2NB
PRICE: From £7.95
DATE: Thurs 14th - Sun 24th
TIME: Open from 10am
AGES: All

We'll be serving up Love Shakes in the Tea Room and offering special deals that will appeal to anyone who loves monkeys and owls (surely that's everyone?).

www.monkeyhaven.org



CAMPFIRE SESSIONS #17

WHERE: Brown's Golf Course, Sandown, PO36 8QA
PRICE: FREE
DATE: Sat 16th Feb
TIME: 6pm - 10pm
AGES: All

This is a free family-friendly event with a fully licensed bar, hot food available, live music, toasted marshmallows & pit fires.

Facebook - CampfireSessions#17



DINOMANIA

WHERE: 1Leisure Medina Leisure Centre, Newport, PO30 2EW
PRICE: £8
DATE: Sat 23rd Feb
TIME: 1pm - 2pm
AGES: 4+

This indoor arena extravaganza will be fun filled and full of music, lights and amazing dinosaurs with an educational twist. Seating is bums on floor.

Tickets - www.dino4hire.co.uk

hidden gems

AWESOME FINDS OR THINGS TO DO! by Michelle Lott

The Island is crammed full of awesome little secrets. I am proudly born and bred on the Island and there are so many places I haven't 'had the time' to explore. Time; now there's a book all in itself.

I adore going outside, even if it means digging out every coat, scarf and balaclava (they're making a come-back I hear) I have in the family coat cupboard (these are always a mess, especially in these cold months when you use them everyday). I have a few recommendations that some of you may want to venture to, however as this is an

Island-wide mag, we'd love to hear your suggestions too! Send over an email and don't forget to include a pic! And of course, you'll be credited.

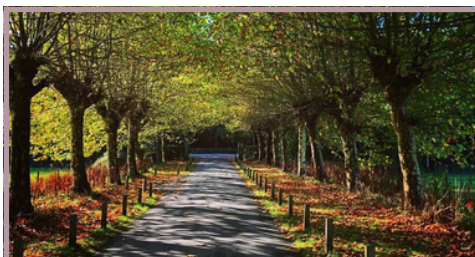


PHOTO: Jodie Corke

QUARR ABBEY

HOW TO GET THERE: Quarr Rd, Ryde, PO33 4ES.

WHAT TO DO: Animals to see (depending on time of year), amazing food served in the teas garden and local produce sold in the farm shop, an art gallery, stunning architecture, and it is home to a group of Benedictine monks! There's 200 acres of pasture, woodlands, coastline and formal gardens; its gorgeous (and it's free to enter and park!).

TIPS: There's a squirrel hide and the Explorer kit is a must (from the cafe - £10 deposit - you get that back on returning it). You'll receive a bum-bag full of explorer goodies, including activity cards, binoculars and a bug-catcher with magnifying glass!



SUGGESTED BY: Ruth Westmore

END OF SHANKLIN BEACH

HOW TO GET THERE: Shanklin seafront, right to the end by Fisherman's Cottage and just keep walking!

WHAT TO DO: When the tide is out there is an incredible network of rockpools filled with anemones, snails and crabs. There's loads of stones, shells, driftwood, places to climb and jump with rock-bridges and fabulous cliffs to see.

TIPS: Crabs can't resist raw bacon! (put them back though if you catch one, that little crab may be out looking for dinner for his family! No one likes an angry crab). Certain rocks can be super slippery so be careful with little ones (and big ones actually).



Squirrel spotting at Quarr Abbey. PHOTO: Incredible shot from Neal Staley



OCEAN DECK CARVERY

HOW TO GET THERE: The Ocean Deck, Sandown Esplanade, PO36 8AE

WHAT TO DO: The carvery is served every Sunday from 12pm - 3pm and is one of the best I have ever had! Full of delicious home-made goodness with all the trimmings (booking is advised - it gets packed!).

TIP: They have slow-cooked pulled pork but you have to ask for it from the member of staff carving your meat. Also, the 'well done beef' is actually slow cooked so it melts in your mouth... mmmm. It's great for children too as they have an activity sheet they can get stuck into whilst the grown-ups have something bubbly (lemonade of course).



PHOTO: My daughter loving life.

FOREST ROPE SWINGS!

HOW TO GET THERE: I have found two; one in Parkhurst Forest, Newport PO30 5NQ, and the other at Borthwood Copse, Sandown, PO36 0JS

WHAT TO DO: Find the swing and have a great time! We (us adults) loved it just as much as the children.

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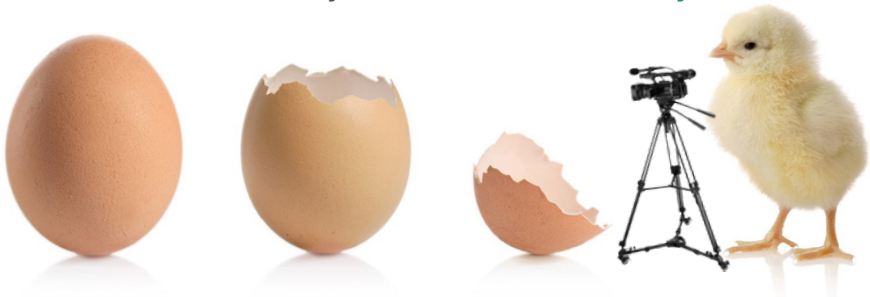


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mum2mum market

GRAB A BARGAIN! by Kai Davis

Expecting a little bundle of joy in a few months, weeks or even days? Well, we all know that one of the biggest worries (after the baby's health) is the cost of it all... yes, all those toys, changing mats, cots, clothes, books and so many more things all need to be bought from somewhere! They can also be a little pricey too, but you can now prepare for your new born without the worry of your bank balance thanks to Mum2Mum Market!



Mum2Mum Markets have been a huge hit around the UK and now one is starting up on the Isle of Wight. Local mum, Michelle Couse, will be launching Mum2Mum Market in Newport from the 2nd of February at the VI Form College, Newport.

Michelle says, "I regularly bought from Mum2Mum Market when living in South London and picked up some fantastic bargains. Having tried to sell my own collection of baby and children's outgrown clothes, toys and equipment on various sites without much success, I thought it was time to introduce Isle of

Wight to Mum2Mum Market. I am so excited to be giving local parents the opportunity to buy great quality second hand goods or make some cash from their outgrown children's stuff."

This is only the beginning. Michelle is hoping that the new Mum2Mum Market will continue and become a monthly event.



WHERE: Island Innovation VI Form

We'll follow up in our March Campus, Upper St James Street, magazine to see how well the first Newport PO30 1LJ market went - good luck Michelle. **PRICE:** £2 on the door, kids free, and free admission for the last half

For more information visit: hour of the sale

www.mum2mummarket.co.uk **DATE:** Sat 2nd February

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LOCAL PUBS ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT by David Hayles

Nothing beats heading down to the pub at the weekend, especially if you've had a tough few days at work. But with an abundance of places to visit on the Isle of Wight, it's not always easy to choose where to go.

The nice people at the Good Pub Guide claim to have visited and reviewed every pub in the country. However, with a bit of local knowledge, and some first hand experience, I'm going to review and recommend three or four pubs each month that are well worth a visit.



The Wheatsheaf Hotel, Newport

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THE WHEATSHEAF HOTEL

February's Pub Guide takes us to the heart of Newport; my first stop being the recently refurbished Wheatsheaf Hotel in St Thomas' Square.

As you enter through the front door, you are immediately drawn to the rustic decor and layout.

The beautiful, relaxing sofas and open fire are a welcome place to unwind and enjoy a drink whilst chatting with friends. You could sit for hours on a Saturday afternoon in the comfortable bar, with further sofa seating available in the more private, quieter areas downstairs.

The bar is well stocked with ales, lagers, wines and spirits, and you can even try the local



 www.thewheatsheaf-hotel.co.uk
 Newport, PO30 1SG
 01983 532444

Isle of Wight gin which is highly recommended.

You cannot fault the food, which are large portions and to a high standard. If you're staying on the Island, the Hotel is right in the centre of Newport and close to all the major connections. The rooms are small and quaint, but it is a beautiful old building.



The Royal British Legion, Ventnor

2 THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Royal British Legion, Ventnor, is a members club. It's a common held thought that you need to be an ex-serviceman to be granted membership or entry – not true. Contrary to belief, membership is actually open to anyone; and at £22 to join and an annual renewal of £21, it is well worth becoming a member.

The Legion is a great place if you're looking for some social interaction, with inclusion on race trips, weekly live entertainment, two full-size snooker tables, a pétanque terrain, along with darts, rings and crib nights, plus a big screen for ultimate TV viewing. The bar also stocks a selection of spirits, wines and beers, with four real ales available at all times... and at cheaper prices that a lot of places on the Island.



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The Legion is a very popular stop on the Beer and Buses event, where they feature extra live music, a BBQ and a large rotation of ales to cater for all tastes. Ventnor Legion is a non-profit organisation; therefore, any monies made are put directly back into the club. You can even become a member of the "One Legion Club", which grants you access to all Legion clubs.



Rocket Ronnies, Newport

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To add some variety to the Pub Guide, I thought I'd pay a visit to the popular Pool and Snooker Halls at Rocket Ronnies, Newport.

As you enter, it's immediately apparent that this place is completely snooker-loopy! It has a Tardis-like feel to it (a lot bigger on the inside than you think!) and if Ronnie O'Sullivan had served me at the bar, I really wouldn't have been surprised...there's

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more snooker tables in there than The Crucible! It's a great place to meet up with friends, enjoy a few drinks and have really good evening over a few games.

Pints are affordable from the central bar area, and the atmosphere is welcoming and friendly. As a bonus, they offer live sport on a regular basis, and if you fancy something different, keep an eye on their social media, as they often feature karaoke on a Saturday evening.

If pool or snooker is your thing, this is the place to go.

editor's choice

PLACES WORTH A VISIT by Dennis Jones

Each month I will write about small businesses on the Island I feel you should check out...

YARMOUTH DELI

Next time you're in Yarmouth, make sure you stop off at the Yarmouth Deli. The moment you walk through the door, you'll be hit by the smell of freshly cooked meats and pastries, as well as a selection of bread rolls and baps filled with locally sourced foods.

Once you've decided on what you want to eat, take a short walk down to Yarmouth Pier where you'll be rewarded with views of the Solent as you tuck into your appetising treat.

Pop in and see for yourself - it's worth the trip!



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THE MAGIC OF BOOKSHOPS

Ever since I was a child, I was fascinated by books. I'm not sure what it is, but I think it has something to do with the fact you have a whole world in something small enough to fit in your pocket. As I got older, I spent a lot of money adding to my already growing collection.

More recently, I have fallen in love with a number of bookshops on the Island. These shops sell pre-loved books, and I get a real kick out of knowing there have been people before me who have sat back and spent time flicking through the pages.

I know I have a bit of an addiction to buying books, and always have my eyes open for a bargain. Just

recently, I added to my collection of Agatha Christie and Stephen King novels, from the Books 2 Love shop on Pyle Street, Newport.

There are so many places on the Island which offer me the chance to buy books. I can never resist a visit to Ryde Bookshop, on Ryde High Street. I've picked up a number of bargains from there – and I am always planning my next visit.

Whether you are looking for a quick read, or something long lasting, why not pop into one of the wonderful pre-loved bookshops we have on the Island. And be sure to let us know what books you have found and where you found it!



FANTASTIC STORE

There was a time when I could be seen running around with my pants over my trousers. But enough about 2018, we're now looking ahead towards the latest Editor's Choice, which is pretty fantastic.

Let's get this straight, I confess, I have been a geek since I was a young boy. The problem is, when I was 8, being a geek was something people laughed at. Thankfully, being a geek is now cool - and because of this, there are now shops we can go to and buy all the Spiderman pyjamas we need, for me that means 8 pairs.

When I am in Ryde, I like to make sure I visit Fantastic Store, on Union Street, and spend some of my hard earned cash on new merchandise from my favourite shows, as well as a comic or two. Granted, I am 37, but for me - the best thing in the world is being able to enjoy the many fantastic collectibles available to buy.

As a kid, I would do my paper-round on a Thursday, save that money for 6-8 weeks, and then take a long trip into town to buy the latest comic-books from a man who always seemed to give me a shifty look when I asked for edition number 121. Now I can

walk into a shop like Fantastic Store and I'm free to buy what I like, and nobody can stop me - well, perhaps my bank.

I'm proud to be a geek, and I'm happy to be able to spend my money in such a great shop, especially when I'm wearing my Spiderman onesie.

Think I am wrong? Let me know: editor@iowlocaldirectory.co.uk

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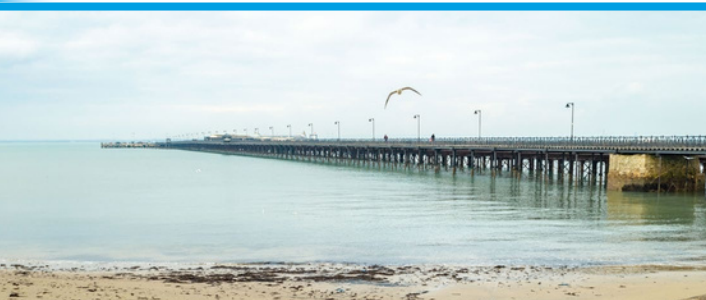


Everything comic-book related, plus so much more! This Fantastic Store is well worth a visit - even if it's for a quirky gift.





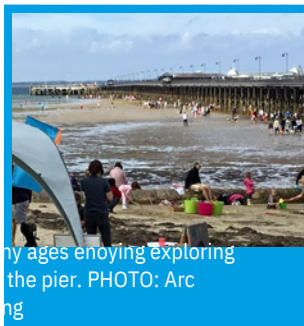
This month we look at some of the wonderful things which make Ryde unique. We recommend starting this journey through Ryde from the bus station - but those who find hills tricky might want to begin their journey at French Franks, at the top of Union Street. Don't forget to pick up a cup of coffee while you are there...



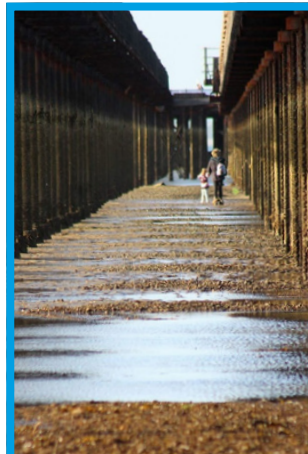
Ryde Pier - one of the oldest piers in the country!

Ryde is home to one of the oldest piers in the country and is purported to be the town which hosted the first-ever carnival in the UK, dating back to 1887 and the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria.

Continuing the Royal connection, the first stop for those arriving at Ryde should be the Royal Victoria Arcade, situated on Union Street. The Grade II listed interesting curios and collectibles building was designed by William Westmacott and named after Royal Ryde certainly has a ring to Princess Victoria - following her it, and with Victorian architecture stay at Norris Castle. The arcade being plentiful, as well as the was built between 1835-6 - and many other connections with hosts a number of shops selling the Royal Family, it can't be long



any ages enjoying exploring the pier. PHOTO: Arc Consulting



When the tide is out under Ryde Pier, it's a great opportunity to discover the resident marine life. This image was taken at the free family event 'Under The Pier' with Arc Consulting. They have many free events like this all year round!
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before HRH the Queen gives the go-ahead for Ryde to become an official Royal town.

Ryde is packed full of quirky shops, little places you feel you are discovering for the first time -



Named after royalty - Royal Victoria Arcade

and want to return to again and again. It's towns like Ryde which remind us that we don't need out-of-town shopping centres, we've got everything we need - with added character in equal measure. You can spend a whole day in Ryde - from dawn till dusk - and still find plenty more to do next time you visit.

Union Street has a collection of interesting shops to visit - from Fantastic Store, a place for geeks and gods, to restaurants and even the Pink Elephant Sweet Shop, where you can stock up on delightful sweets and treats.

A few minutes from Union Street you will find the busy High Street. This area is mainly pedestrianised, which makes it much easier to enjoy yourself and not having to worry about cars. No matter which end of the high street you start from, you'll find plenty of interesting shops to visit. There are also a number of restaurants, fish and chip shops,



Pink Elephant Sweet Shop has an array of delicious treats!



The pedestrianised High Street



Visit Wight Trash for everything skating!

coffee shops and cafés - meaning you won't have to go for long on an empty stomach.

For those who want to get their skates on, Wight Trash has all you need to start a career in skateboarding - or perhaps, something to make life easier on the walk down to the beautiful seafront. Owner of Wight Trash, John Cattle, is a pro-skater - and his skate club, which takes place across the Island, is invaluable in helping young people learn new skills and gain confidence.

If you're interested in time travel and police boxes from the 1960s, be sure to visit the Doctor Who Shop - a short walk from Wight Trash. And those who classify themselves as a geek or a gamer are in for a treat, as Ryde is also home to the comic-book and collectibles shop, Fantastic Store (Union Street) and the independent gaming shop Outland - where you can pick up games and consoles from all decades.

If you're looking for a cinematic experience but always want to watch the latest releases, and at a price which won't leave you feeling the pinch, make sure you visit the Community Cinema. The Local Cinema is just next door too if you're feeling lucky! Talk about it over a

Independent gaming shop, Outland shop just a few steps away.

plate of chips at Wight's fish and chip



The bottom of Union Street with small independent shops and restaurants with a lovely view of the Solent

We all like coming up smelling of roses, and this is where Indulge Me comes in. You can treat yourself to a delightful selection of locally produced candles, soaps, and scented creations to help you relax and unwind. They also produce vegan-friendly options, for those who are interested.

Once you've had time to unwind, thanks to the selection of natural delights from Indulge me, why not meet friends for a meal at Restaurant

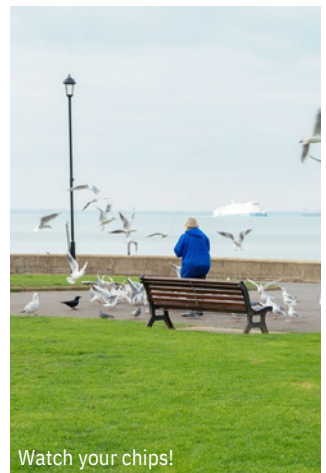
Michelangelo, on the corner of St Thomas' Street and Union Street, where you can sample delicious foods from the fine menu, lovingly created with fresh ingredients for you and friends to enjoy.

And before you head home, don't forget to visit one of the many pubs or bars, where you can end the night in style with a drink, before you head back down towards the seafront and a stroll along the beach - thinking about a trip along the oldest pleasure pier in the world.



Next time you are looking to spend a day in a town on the Island, why not visit Ryde, for history, food, coffee, and a great night out.

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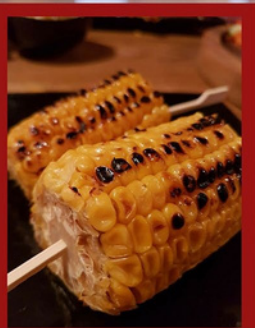
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meet the boss...

...OF PHOTOLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY by Dennis Jones

This month we have spoken to Adele Alvina Jackson, of Photolife Photography, about her business and what makes her tick!

PhotoLife Photography
Photographed by Adele Jackson

Tell us about your business?

Photolife Photography is my passion and it's all about capturing the special moments in life.

For example, I do child photography, all ages and I even do cake smashes - which is where a child gets very messy with a cake to celebrate their birthday and I capture the moment. I do lots more photography too, for people of all ages. I also do photos for families, couples, weddings - just about anything people need, I can do.

I can also do photos for businesses, such as headshots, event work, and promotional shoots when they are needed

I understand you have just had a big anniversary?

I have been running my business for 4 years, the 13th of January was my 4th anniversary!

How did you start out as a photographer?

I had to choose my 4th A-Level, and I didn't want to do photography but I had to choose. I actually said to them that I didn't want to do a fourth A-Level, but they forced my hand and I chose photography.



The face of Photolife Photography, Adele Jackson

I ended up falling in love with it! I found it really therapeutic, and it also helped me with my mental health. It really relaxed me, so during my studies I started a business and was doing really cheap photoshoots for my A-Level coursework. I now have a home studio!

What camera do you use?

I use a Nikon D810. I am a Nikon fan, I love my camera and get on with it really well. I have invested over £12k into my business, which



Incredible talent from Adele!

you'll find your own way.

What do you do outside of work?

I work a lot so I like to get out and be active when I get the chance. I do boxing, and I've been teaching myself Spanish.

Can you say something in Spanish?

Hola me llamo Adele. I have friends and family who live in Spain, so I visit regularly and I just pick up the language. I visit friends when I'm not working, usually on a Saturday night.

Finally, can you recommend a great Isle of Wight business or place?

Hewitt's Restaurant - the food there is to die for. I'm a very fussy eater when I go out, but Hewitt's are great with wonderful standards. They put so much time and effort in and the food is always perfect. The whole environment there, it's a great place, and the staff are wonderful too.

Get in contact with Adele using the details below.



'Cake smash!'

includes all sorts of equipment; props, backdrops, lenses, umbrellas, software, and lots more. I have everything I need which can be used in any situation for photography.

What tips can you give people who want to get into photography?

If you want to go into business, you need a lot of motivation. There is a lot of competition on the Island and if you aren't motivated enough, you won't go far.

You also need to have a passion for it, but it can be draining and really time-consuming. It's something that needs a lot of investment of time and money - it's a long process. But if you're passionate about photography and commit yourself, you'll go far.

A typical day for me starts at 9am, and I will still be editing photos at 2 or 3am the next morning!

People who want to take up photography as a hobby, what tips can you give them?

Have fun and be creative! Photography is an art so try to find your own style, but it might take a little time for you to get to grips with it. I've gone through a few styles to find my own niche, but stick to it and

now and then

ORCHARD BROTHERS by David Hayles

The long-established family grocers, Orchard Brothers, in Freshwater Bay, celebrated their 150th birthday in 2015!

Originally a branch of Misslebrook and Weston grocers which was based in Newport, William Orchard rented the property in 1865, with an annual rent of just £50.00! He then bought the business outright at auction at the Albion Hotel in Freshwater Bay, and re-named it "Orchard and Son" with his son, William Thomas.

Today, Orchard Brothers offers fresh groceries, beers, wines and spirits, confectionery and newspapers. They offer local delivery, and customer/business accounts, but most importantly they have the same friendly, personal service that has been a hallmark for the past 154 years.



Orchard Brothers circa 1940s



Orchard Brothers 2019

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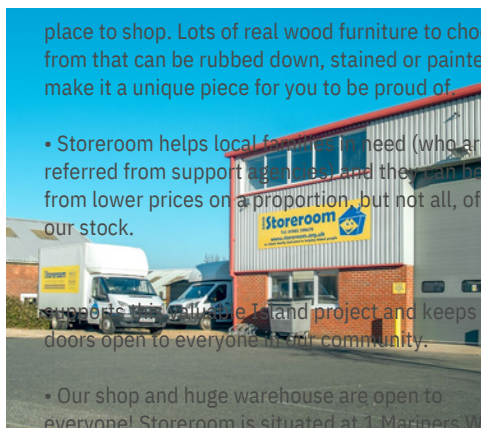
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