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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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June brings the start of the festival season and fabulous outdoor events

green fingers

GARDENING TIPS by BUSY BEE GARDEN CENTRE

Summer is here! We have lots to look forward to this month as (hopefully) the warm weather starts to shine down on us. We also have the longest day on the 21st of June meaning more hours in the day to get out into the garden. Whether you're just dusting off the barbeque or getting your plants in order for the summertime, there's plenty of work to do this month. Here's some more top gardening advice from us that will have your garden looking the best in June.

HARVESTING SOME SALAD CROPS

If you have been growing any salad crop you should be able to harvest some this month- just in time for a barbeque! Salad crops like Lettuce, Radishes, Early Peas, Broad Beans, Baby Carrots, Spinach, and Garlic should be ready to harvest, making sure to leave smaller developed crops to grow more.

There are also some fruits that can be harvested. June is



June is strawberry month

the month of Strawberries. If you have been growing these delicious fruits you would have noticed bigger and juicier berries appear over the past few weeks. You can harvest Strawberries when they are fully red in colour. Another fruit to harvest is Rhubarb. You may have seen some substantial growth in the latter end of last month already. You should harvest Rhubarb when they get to around 9 to 12 inches in length. And of course, don't forget to ready your crumble mixture!

CONTINUING TO PULL UP WEEDS

Like all plants, weeds will be at their most invasive during warmer weather and will grow very rapidly. If you took our advice last month, you should already be quite on top of any weeds appearing in the garden and particularly in the lawn. So just continue to pull up any



Keep on top of weeding

weeds you find and use weed killers on the more stubborn weeds invading your garden. Additionally, you can use weed suppressing fabrics on borders to prevent the weeds and cover it with a mulch of bark or gravel. Pick up a Twin Pack Weedstop 5 year Weed Control Fabric from us for just £9.99.

HANGING BASKETS

From late last month and this month, you can start making up your hanging basket arrangements. Hanging baskets bring lots of colour to gardens

and look great when in full bloom. You can get pre-lined baskets or line your own baskets using a fibrous material like coco liner which absorbs the water giving the plants a more continuous supply of hydration. You should fill the basket about halfway using a multi-purpose compost or if you wanted to have a longer lasting arrangement you could use Gro-Sure Easy Container Compost. Its high level of nutrients makes this particular compost ideal for hanging baskets and other contained planting for just £6.99 per 50L bale. Why not try a perennial

arrangement of Cordyline, Once half filled you can add Hedera, and Salvia? Or a Summer water retaining gel which will arrangement of Argyranthemum, continue to help with watering Geranium, Viola, Fuchsia, and minimising the chore as it Petunia, Pelargonium and Salvia? slowly releases water to the Be creative!

plants. A good tip is to plant your basket plants from the centre You need to make sure hanging outwards, this will make it easier baskets are checked every day to maintain good shape in your to make sure the soil is moist as arrangements and give you more these shallower rooted plants visibility planting as you work will dry out quicker. Water the towards the sides of the basket. plants when the soil becomes dry You could use trailing plants but make sure not to overwater on the sides which will drape so the soil is soggy. You can add down over the edges giving the a liquid fertilizer in the summer arrangement more impact. It's to the baskets about once a

also best to work with coloured week to keep the plants healthy flowers that complement each and deadhead them regularly. other to avoid your arrangements Removing the dead heads looking too mismatched.regularly will prevent the plant from using its energy to start

The most popular plants to use in producing seed and instead keep a hanging basket are Geraniums, it producing flowers for longer. Petunias, and Lobelia but there are a lot of different plants you Hopefully, this article has could use depending on your inspired you to get out in the arrangement. Our Hanging garden and get ready for Basket plants are £1.45 or 4 for £5 summer! There are so many currently.flowers in bloom that have



Busy Bee have all you need to create stunning hanging baskets

arrangement of Cordyline,

you to enjoy this month, as well as the good weather to enjoy gardening in. And don't forget we also have an extensive range of garden furniture at Busy Bee. If you are looking to replace or get something new to sit in the sun and enjoy your colourful hanging baskets and home-grown salads this year, why not take a look at our ranges in store and online. Be sure to look out for our article next month as we discuss gardening in July!

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Hulabaloo, at Sandown Bay, Folk & Blues at Wolverton Manor and exploring the beautiful Island countryside with the Isle of Wight Walking Festival, May has been a busy month.

HULABALOO by David Hayles



Hulabaloo is now a fully established annual festival, packed full of activities for all the family. It's a FREE day out at Sandown Bay, with exploration and discovery as the main theme.

If you've not been before, it's all about bringing a community together in one common space. The impressive show from the London Science Museum in the Discovery Marquee was

a highlight for me...but there was so much going on, and it's already becoming a remarkable and exciting event, not just for Sandown, but for the whole Island.

If you've never been before, make sure you do in 2020.



Images courtesy of Adele Jackson

Wolverton Folk & Blues Festival by Leif Marriner



Set at Wolverton Manor, the architecture was familiar and it was bathed in the hot sun. We pitched up our family camp not too far from the Acoustic Tent, which just so happened

to also be the real ale tent.

I turned to exit the ale tent, taking a moment to find my equilibrium as the inevitable festival spillage of beer was going to commence, but not this time even though it was busy there was still plenty of room for beer juggling.

A buzz kicked the main stage into life and up stepped the embodiment of a country

blues band named The Goat Roper Band. With an upright bass and two old guitars, they soon infected everyone with a harmonious song and the



Images courtesy of Leif Marriner

symptomatic foot tapping. I was thinking it was different but I could get used to this.

I could say so much more about the day, the bands, the location, and the people but I think the last photo sums it all up nicely.

Tim Hollis - Wolverton Folk and

Blues Fair organiser. A genuine, honest and warm event reflected in the smile of the main man.

You can read a more in-depth review of the festival by visiting iowlocaldirectory.co.uk



The Isle of Wight Walking Festival



Den's walk

This was my first year as a walk leader, and I took my group for a walk from Shanklin, following the coastline, up and over Culver Down, and into Bembridge. All 25 walkers were on holiday here, so I made sure I told them a few stories as we made our journey. I spoke about PLUTO, the story about the Hermit who once lived within the cliffs at Culver Ness, and why the Charles Yarborough monument sits high upon Culver.

The walk took nearly 4 hours, more than 22,000 steps, and plenty of fruit and water – but

most of all, I made many friends on my walk.

For anybody looking to join a walk in 2020, or for those who want to lead a walk but are worried you won't know what to do – my advice would be to just do it. I wasn't sure what to expect from my walk - but it turned out to be even more enjoyable than I could ever have imagined, and I had the time of my life.

Visit Isle of Wight and Warner Leisure have done wonders to put this event on, and I will be leading another walk in 2020 – watch this space.

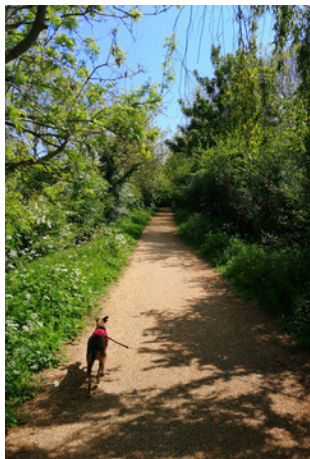


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David's Walk

Living on this beautiful Island, there are always opportunities to explore the excess of footpaths and beaches on foot. Last month, it became the headline and we were encouraged to lace up those boots and go shank's pony for the Isle of Wight Walking Festival, from May 4th-19th.

If you've never taken part before, it's definitely something you should think about being a part of. Each walk throughout the two weeks has an experienced guide to direct us all, and small donations are raised for Island charities. Head along to isleofwightwalkingfestival.co.uk to find out more.



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a guide to

LOCAL CAFÉS ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT by David Hayles

Our Island is full of great tea rooms, cafés and coffee shops, many of them hidden away... so sit back, relax and let me tell you about a place I love to stop off at.

If you have a favourite Isle of Wight café that you like to visit, get in touch. You can email at: hello@iowlocaldirectory.co.uk or on Twitter: @DibHaylesLocal.



ComiCoffee, Pyle Street, Newport



A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away...yes, we're entering pure geekdom for the month of June as we head to the popular cafe, ComiCoffee – and yes, they do accept droids. Head towards McDonalds and turn right, then take the next left into Pyle St – ComiCoffee can be found on the left hand side behind B&M.

If you love Captain America, Thor, Superman, Wookies and great tasting coffee, this is the cool place in town to hang out. For those of you who think this

is simply a cafe...think again, because CC have a great Panini selection. They also have Nutella, Banana or American Breakfast Waffles, along with a selection of yogurts, cakes, smoothies...oh, and you need to have one of the shakes! Do, or do not; there is no try!

The decor throughout is completely comic and movie themed, but what really stands out, above and beyond the premise of the idea, is the owners. We were very well

looked after, the staff are so polite and the service was second to none.

Keep an eye on their events too, as they even hold film nights from time to time. "I guess you guys aren't ready for it yet, but your kids are going to love it."

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by Heather Berry

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events

THE ISLAND HAS LOTS GOING ON...

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ICONIC BOWIE Fri 7th June - Sun 18th August	Iconic Bowie featuring Kevin Cummins and Terry O'Neil at Dimbola Museum. WHERE: Dimbola Museum & Galleries, Freshwater Bay. PRICE: £5.45, concessions £5
ONE LIFE FESTIVAL 2019 Fri 7th June 11am - Sat 8th June 6pm	The local music festival for adults, children and families with learning and physical disabilities. WHERE: Tapnell Farm Park. PRICE: £15, Under 16's £10, Under 5's free INFO: onelifefestival.co.uk
RETINA UK HOPE TO SEAVIEW Sun 9th June 10am - 5pm	Raising money for those who have lost/losing their sight and can not see our wonderful Island views. WHERE: Hope Beach, Shanklin. PRICE: Contact Venue INFO: facebook.com/events/699795360416958/
ROOKOLEKYL EMYA MNAONRO Sun 9th June 10pm - 4pm	GARDEN. Part of the National Garden Scheme, raising money for nursing and health charities. WHERE: Niton Road, Rookley, Isle of Wight PO38 3NR. PRICE: Adults £4, Children £1
ISLE OF WIGHT FESTIVAL Sun 9th June 10pm - 4pm	The iconic Isle of Wight Festival returns to Seaclose Park. Acts include Biffy Clyro, Fat Boy Slim and George Ezra WHERE: Seaclose Park, PO30 2DN. TICKETS: festkt.co/kWTKz8 INFO: isleofwightfestival.com
RO707K:7L8E LYI MVEA ANTO SR Fri 7th June 7:30pm - 11:30pm	77:78 is a new project from Aaron Fletcher & Tim Parkin, card carrying members of the musical kaleidoscope that is The Bees WHERE: Strings Bar & Venue. PRICE: £12
QUIZ NIGHT Thurs 13th June 8pm - 10pm	Fun and friendly quiz night for teams of up to 4 people, organised by the local Parish Church. WHERE: The Eight Bells, Carisbrooke. INFO: www.facebook.com/events/394378784638000/
SHORWELL MIDSUMMER FAIR Sun 22nd June 1:30pm - 5pm	A traditional village fair held in the grounds of Northcourt. 2019 marks the 59th anniversary. WHERE: Northcourt Manor, Shorwell PO30 3JG. PRICE: £2, Under 16 Free

BEMBRIDGE SUMMER ... Sat 22nd June 2pm - 6pm	FESTIVAL. Entertainment, Fun Dog Show, stalls, exhibitions, food drink and much more! WHERE: Bembridge Youth and Community Centre, Steyne Road. PRICE: FREE!
COMEDY AT THE QUAY Sat 22nd June 8pm - 10:30pm	The best up and coming comedians from across the country join your loveable host Bobbin Dixon for a superb night of hilarity. WHERE: Quay Arts, PO30 5BD. PRICE: £10, £15 with food.
REVAMP FESTIVAL 2019 Sun 22nd June 1:30pm - 5pm	Family orientated event showcasing local artists, bands & DJs whilst raising money for charity. WHERE: Oakfield School, Ryde, PO33 1NE PRICE: £10 adults, £5 children TICKETS: revampfestival.com
BRADING 10KM ROAD RACE Sun 7th July 11am - 2pm	Annual 10k road race, organised by the Ryde Harriers. Out and back loops on closed roads - flat/slightly undulating. WHERE: Smallbrook Speedway Stadium, PO33 1BH. PRICE: FROM £14
RHYTHMTREE FESTIVAL Fri 12th July, 10am - Sun 14th July 11pm	The Islands family friendly festival returns for its 10th year. Fun filled, original and relaxed. WHERE: Three Gates Farm, Shalfleet, PO30 4NA PRICE: From £45 for adult day tickets TICKETS: rhythmtree.co.uk

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victoria festival

by Sarah Jones

We are always looking for people to tell us about things they have seen or done on the island. Sarah Jones enjoyed the Victorian Festival held in East Cowes during May, and has sent in her thoughts on the event.

If you want to tell us about something on the island, email our editor: editor@iowlocaldirectory.co.uk

Queen Victoria was born 200 years ago, and during May (24th-26th) many celebrations of her birth took place in East Cowes - which has a rich Royal heritage thanks to Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.

I like East Cowes and wanted to take in the festivities, as I have always enjoyed hearing stories about Queen Victoria and wanted to celebrate her life.

Despite the breeze, there was a lively atmosphere

around. There was plenty of interest, with toddlers running around enjoying themselves,

A YOUNG VICTORIA AND ALBERT go karts for children to ride, and the crew from the East Cowes Fire Station were also on hand to offer youngsters the chance to sit in their fire engine.

There were lovely views over the Solent and towards the mainland, with plenty of yachts on the water.

The parade was interesting, with a marching band, vintage vehicles and people

dressed in Victorian attire, including a young Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, alongside other Victorian characters.



PHOTOS BY SARAH JONES

Queen Victoria made very good friends with an Indian servant called Abdul, and the festival also celebrated this, with Indian carriages (tuk-tuk) and people dressed in native Indian clothing.

The life and soul of the event was the parade, where you could find places

to eat and drink, as well as a stage which hosted live music throughout the day.



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hidden gems

THE DRAGON TREE by Kai Davis

The Island is crammed full of fabulous little secrets. I am proudly born and bred on the Isle of Wight so each month I will share a few places that some of you may want to venture to.

We'd love to hear your suggestions too! Send over an email and don't forget to include a picture if you can. And of course, you'll be credited - info@iowlocaldirectory.co.uk

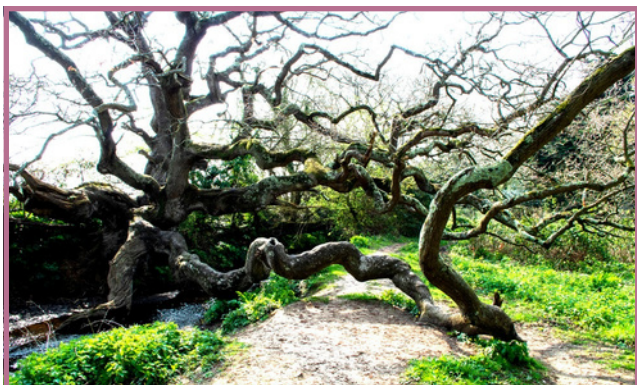
Situated in the beautiful Brighstone village, the Dragon Tree can be discovered amongst the woodland and streams. A place that can bring dreams alive, you might even see a fairy or two fluttering around the mythical woodland.

The woodland is situated around the waterways that feed the nearby watermill, consisting of streams, sluice gates and tranquil ponds.

Take a walk through the trees, listen to rushing and trickling waters as you make your way towards the renowned Dragon Tree. This magnificent tree towers out of the far river bank, looming over the stream below, its branches twisting and turning. You can easily see what many describe as the body, legs, claws and even tail of a fire breathing dragon. Discover for yourself, the entrance to this mythical world can be found on New Lane, just before Mill Lane.



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THE DRAGON TREE, Brightstone

editor's choice

THE ISLE OF WIGHT FESTIVAL by Dennis Jones

As a young man, I used to host my own little music festivals. I was part of the biggest boyband in my street, my friends were a girlband, and nobody ever wanted to miss our festival. We sold out our garden on no less than three occasions - it was a dream.



PHOTO: Jennifer McCord

With that in mind, I can't choose anything other than the Isle of Wight Festival for my Editor's Choice.

It's a festival which caters for everybody - and I have created so many great memories at Seaclose Park. Highlights for me include Jay-Z, David Bowie, and The Who - with performances which will stay with me forever.

This year you will be able to see Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds, George Ezra, and Biffy Clyro - and many more artists playing across the weekend.

And don't forget to check out Sub Pacific, the winners of the Wight Noize competition, they will be performing on the main stage at some point during the weekend.

And if John Giddings wants to book my boyband, we are more than ready to come out of retirement.

For more information about the Isle of Wight Festival, visit: IsleofWightFestival.com



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PHOTO: James Bridle



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ISLE OF WIGHT FESTIVAL

Sun 9th June
10pm - 4pm

The iconic Isle of Wight Festival returns to Seaclose Park. Acts include Biffy Clyro, Fat Boy Slim and George Ezra **WHERE:** Seaclose Park,

PO30 2DN. **TICKETS:** festkt.co.uk/TKz9 **INFO:** isleofwightfestival.com

stargazer cott

DEAN CROFT, REVIEW OF OUR STAY by Kai Davis

I'm sat in a conservatory, the late March sun pouring through the windows. We're in the beautiful Isle of Wight countryside staying at Dean Croft / Stargazer Cottage just outside of Godshell.

We were invited to stay at this stunning cottage in the heart of the Island's designated dark sky area to see Dean Croft Holiday Cottage, AKA – Stargazers Cottage in all its beauty. We have spent the weekend here being tourists and exploring the local area with the attractions, wildlife and brilliant foodie places that surround this countryside retreat.

Dean Croft was originally a 200+ year old barn, converted into accommodation in 2004 and more recently split into a house, (Chestnut farm next door) and the now Stargazers/ Dean Croft cottage to make the perfect rural getaway. Owners, Janet and John, live next door in Chestnut Farm and in their back



garden they have two amazing observatories built to explore the night sky. It's not all about the dark skies though. With one of the specialist telescopes within the observatory, you can even observe the Sun close up!

or simply looking to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, this cottage would provide the getaway that you're looking for.

Stargazer/Dean Croft are situated just outside of the medieval village of Godshell, a typically British village with thatched roof cottages, beautiful pubs and stunning local traders for you to discover. You simply must spare some time to visit Godshell – See this months Spotlight on Godshell to discover fantastic things to do there!



If you're looking for a countryside retreat on the Isle of Wight, then this is the place for you. Whether you are looking for the unique attraction of the observatory



At the cottage you are surrounded by nature - horse and riders often ride past your windows and the private garden looks out towards Godshill with its medieval church spire seen on the hill a mile or so away.

You enter through the gateway from the road into the garden, then into the conservatory which is used as a dining area. On through the beautiful wooden stable doors into the spacious living room with its electric log fire, (perfect on chilly evenings...) off the living room is the small but very functional self-catering kitchen. Also, off the main living space is a very spacious double room with en-suite. This room can



be used with its large king-sized bed as one, or with two large single beds. There's plenty of storage and the large bathroom makes this a very comfortable room. Back out to the living area and following the wooden staircase upstairs you have a second bathroom and then a smaller twin single bedroom with views across the nearby fields, spot the sheep and horses from your bed!

walk from the cottage you'll find several country walks that will take you through woodland, fields and past reminders of the Island's steam railway history.

So, if you're looking for a country retreat with rush hour being no more than horse and riders trotting past from time to time then this is the place for you. Take advantage of the observatory with John showing you the night sky. Explore the nearby countryside and rural villages and learn to relax and take it all in.

spacious and

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Within a few

Janet and John are incredibly friendly hosts and will make sure you feel right at home. We thoroughly enjoyed our stay!



This cottage is incredibly homely, we felt right at home. Within a few minutes'

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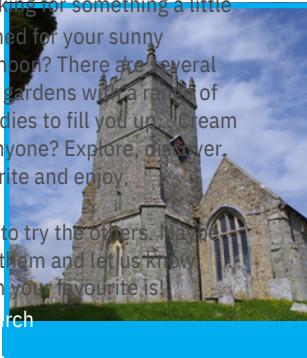
spotlight on

Godshill by Kai Davis

Godshill, possibly one of the most picturesque and traditional English villages on the Isle of Wight, with one main winding street lined with stunning thatched cottages and tearooms, boasting some of the oldest architecture on the Island.

The Medieval All Saints Church, Looking for something a little which gives the village its more refined for your sunny name sits upon its lofty perch, afternoon? There are several looking down over Godshill. The tea gardens with a real of church can be visited, either via goodies to fill you up, cream the steep steps or the equally tea anyone? Explore, discover, steep Church Hollow Rd. your favourite and enjoy.

Did you know, Godshill hosted wish to try the others. What the very first Isle of Wight compare them and let us know Festival at Ford Farm in 1968, which your favourite is? No? Well you do now...



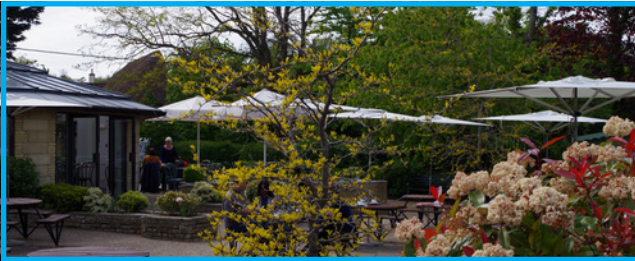
there's always tomorrow if you

There's plenty to do in Godshill, Don't forget to fill up on all those and only... Chocolate Island! including the Model Village that's touristy goodies at the gift shop! Wow! Tease your taste buds fun for all the family. Live like a within the chocolate shop, giant for the afternoon, explore When you've tired yourself then realise your dreams have the miniature streets of the out pretending to tower over come true as you discover the very village you're visiting, see the innocent miniature people wonderfulness that awaits you famous miniatures throughout of the Model Village, head to in the café! Yes, they have a the displays and discover a little one of the many great eateries bit of the history of the Island. that can be found in Godshill.



looking Griffin pub with its stone griffin, maze and children's play in the centre of the village with





The Old Smithy

chocolate lovers' dream café. Sit and enjoy your melted chocolate as you dip all sorts of goodies into it and watch the chocolatiers as they craft the chocolate into beautiful creations. Did I give away just how much I love this place by any chance? Pssst ... They have chocolate Daleks in their shop too!!!

I guess after all that food it's time to relax. Why not browse the shops, discover beautiful local produce at the Godshill Cider

Barn, local craft items in The Old Smithy, Island Gems, Nostalgia Toys and so many other great shops in the alleyways off the main High Street. Don't miss out, the easiest route to these hidden gems is from the main car park and through the Old Smithy. There's some stunning little shops to be found!

Nearby places...

There are a few places within a short drive or walk from Godshill

that also shouldn't be missed! As with many places on the Island there are some brilliant hidden gems that often get overlooked.

Brownrigg's Farm Shop and Café, this one you shouldn't be able to miss as there's a large old double decker bus parked outside of it. On the road out of Godshill and on the way to Newport, you'll find plenty of parking, explore the farm shop, stop for a cupper and enjoy the peace of being in the countryside.

A little bit of steam history...

In the area around Godshill you'll find a few small reminders of the Islands steam railway history. One of these is the remains of an old railway bridge, on Beacon Alley, just off Whitwell Rd. There's also some nice woodland walks around here!



Hanging Wisteria at Worsley Tea Rooms and Bistro

Just outside of Godshill you'll also find the Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary, it's free to enter, but do feel free to drop some pennies into the donation pots that can be found around the site.

Explore the grounds, take a walk in woodland and fields or simply relax like a donkey and take it easy watching life gently pass you by as you watch the donkeys rolling and frolicking in their paddocks.

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What can i do?

Prevention is possible by wiping kitchen surfaces with soapy water or a mixture of vinegar and water and not leaving food or fruit out on worktops. But if you do find that you have an ant infestation then it's time to call the professionals who will use gel baits carried back to the queen and insecticide barriers to control and prevent re-infestation.





NOSY DESIGNS by Dennis Jones

This month we spoke to somebody who is a web man in more ways than one. Matt Greg of Nosy Design is our Meet The Boss for June.



Matt, can you tell us a bit about Nosy Design?

I started Nosy Design a year ago; initially working from cafés and other offices our business quickly developed. We now employ 5 people and consult with various experts across a multitude of fields. If I had to describe the business model in one sentence, it would go something like: “We are a marketing agency that never stops developing and goes the extra mile for every client.”

What did you do before starting the business?

Originally, I wanted to study a physics degree at Exeter University but when I started to code; I fell in love with making websites. The problem? I was also conscious that I loved interacting with people – I worked for 2 years in the hospitality sector across various manager roles and spent 6 months at Age UK IOW as a ‘Digital Tutor’. Nosy Design started when I realised I could bring those two things together and start helping others to market themselves. Both boxes were ticked: Love of People & Love of Design.

What tips can you give to people who might want to start their own business?

Figure out exactly ‘why’ you want to start a business and don’t do it for money – you will face a multitude of obstacles and if you don’t love what you’re doing, you will give up. Keep learning and focus on your own success instead of trying to bring others down. But most importantly, don’t be scared to fail. If you’ve never failed you are not REALLY reaching your potential and that’s a failure in itself.



What can you tell the readers about CGI Con?

CGI stands for ‘Cosplay Gaming Island’, it’s a separate limited company I’m a part of (along with PC Consultants, Big Screen Media & Alex Watts Blog). The venture focuses on providing great events to the Isle of Wight’s community. So far we’ve hosted 3 events and are planning something BIG for October this year.



(Top Mops), Jonathan Thornton (PC Consultants), Martin Hall (Big Screen Media), Dale Howarth, Kai Davies (The Local Directory), Carl Crawley (Made by Hippo), George Steed and Neil Bradley (No.64 Shanklin & Superbowl). I'm happy to give advice on who to use in the sales, PR and marketing world. Send me an email to matt@nosydesign.co.uk

And finally, tell us your favourite family-friendly joke?

Someone stole my Microsoft Office account... they will pay.

You have my Word.

You're also known as "Spiderman" what is the story behind that?

As most things often start, I once said 'yes' to the following questions: "Matt, are you free this Saturday? We've got a thing..." Since then, I've been dressing up as Spiderman for a company called Enchanted Isle – we visit events and birthday parties. Once, Spiderman even paid a visit to a LinkedIn Local event (with Alex dressed as Batman). You've got to live up to a reputation of a web designer, right?

How do you relax after a busy week?

I could tell you that I enjoy playing sports, hanging out with friends and watching movies. But if you want the truth – I don't currently feel like I need to take Saturdays and Sundays off to recharge. For me, there are ways to both; 'relax' and 'work' (like the CGI events, filming or learning something new). Everyone will be different of course, and I know that my priorities will change over the next 2 years – so ask me again in 2021. maybe I'll be watching a Game of Thrones marathon for the 5th time in a row!

What island businesses do you recommend and why?

We've interacted with too many businesses over the past year for me to name a complete list! However if I had to name some individuals who have gone out of their way to help me, I'd say: David Thornton (Sales & PR), Jon Carter (Betapak), Mark Tutty



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CASTLE STREET, CARISBROOKE by David Hayles

The town of Carisbrooke is steeped in history. After coming across a postcard bought at auction recently, I thought it would be nice to have a comparison with the same location today.

For the month of June, we move to the beautiful and historic village of Carisbrooke for our Now and Then feature.

I came across this postcard recently and the same location today hasn't really changed that much over the last

is taken from the ford in Castle St.

In the background, I can clearly see St Mary's Church, which sits at the top of the hill and overlooks

Castle Street, Carisbrooke, circa 1900
Church is Lady Margaret Seymour,

Lady Seymour. Also buried there is Captain William Keeling of the East India Company, who discovered the Keeling Islands in 1609.

From the original postcard, there is one or two structural building and it is not hard to see roof and chimney alterations, but as you can see from our 2019 image, very little of the street has changed, and Carisbrooke is one of the most picturesque and beautiful places in the village.

Photograph of the same location today, 2019

and chose to share it with you, as the

120 years. The year is circa 1900 and

looking towards Carisbrooke High St.

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