

## Chairman's Report July- Sept 2019

**Thursday 25 July** 18:00- 21:00

Newport Carnival

It was a pleasure to see the enthusiasm of all the entries and to take part in the judging. I was proud to join the Island games team on the bus, the atmosphere was fantastic.

**Friday 2 August** 18:00 – 19:30

Royal Ocean Racing Club 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1979 Fastnet Race.

This was a very moving service at Cowes Trinity Church to commemorate the 19 sailors that lost their lives in the 1979 fastnet race. Over 500 people attended the service.

**Tuesday 6 august** 10:0- 11:30

Citizenship Ceremony

Four residents successfully gained British citizenship, it is a privilege to welcome them to their new country and especially to our island.

**Thursday 8 August** 10:30 – 12:30

Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes

I was proud and felt privileged to be part of the line-up to meet Prince William and Kate, welcoming them to the island when they came over to take part in their charity yacht race. It was a brilliant day for sailing as well.

**Saturday 10 August** 18:30- 20:30

Royal Ocean Yacht Club Cocktail Party

This was the first cocktail party at the start of Cowes Week, a great opportunity for networking and meeting people.

**Sunday 11 August**

11:00- 2012:00:00 Holy Trinity Church Civic Service.

A brilliant service, this is an annual service for Cowes Week.

**Sunday 11 August** 12:30- 13:30

Island Sailing Club Reception.

Meeting people from the sailing world and participants of Cowes week yacht racing.

**Sunday 11 August** 19:00- 21:00

Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club Cocktail Party.

Another chance to meet up with people from the sailing world and networking, this was an enjoyable event and it was good to see other councillors attending the event.

**Monday 12 August** 18:30 – 21:30

Cowes Town Mayor Reception

This was a fantastic evening at Northwood House, my thanks to Councillor Lora Peacey-Wilcox whose speech was the best I have heard.

**Wednesday 14 August 18:30- 20:00**

Cowes Harbour Commission Reception – Cowes

Another great evening of networking and chatting to local people.

**Wednesday 20 August 15:00 – 17:00**

West Wight Abbeyfield Garden Party

A celebration of Abbeyfield residents and staff, this was a brilliant event and it was good to see how closely the residents and staff work together. I think this is a brilliant home.

**Friday 23 August 15:45 – 16:45**

Barbara Foster's Funeral.

This was a sad occasion; Medina Marching band was paying tribute to Barbara by playing her favourites afterwards.

**Friday 23 August 18:30 – 20:30**

Dimbola Lodge

This was the opening of the Ray Foulkes's pop festival pictures exhibition; this photographic exhibition is running for a few weeks and I encourage all to pay a visit to Dimbola and have a look.

**Friday 30 August 18:30 – 20:00**

Hartley's Newport

Meeting with Julia Gross, Envoy to the German Embassy and Deputy Head of Mission along with members of the Isle of Wight Twinning Association. This was to discuss strengthening relations with our partners in Germany.

**Tuesday 3 September**

10:30- 11:30 Citizenship Ceremony- St Catherine's Room Seaclose Offices

Five residents made the long journey to become British Citizens, it is always a pleasure to welcome them.