



Merry Christmas
Wishing you peace, love & happiness
In 2023



Ryde Interchange

Well work is certainly underway !
This is a MASSIVE project , £10 million of investment into Ryde from the Department of Transport. The first phase of paving is complete and it looks terrific.

We know the Contractors are under a lot of pressure to complete by April 2023 , but they seem to be cracking on with it.

It's a great relief to see the flapping, battered old sidings from the Pier Head removed at long last and we are excited to see the new walkway take shape.

We all know it's inconvenient and it has been infuriating that the Temporary Toilets on Western Gardens had to be removed after repeated vandalism , but it will all be worth it soon.

Speaking of vandalism.....



Policing in Ryde

One tenacious TRS member has repeatedly requested that RTC arranges a public meeting with Police Commissioner Donna Jones to address the concerns of Ryde residents. The Commissioner has visited other Towns and the latest news is that she may visit in the New Year.

Please report any issues to : <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/>

If it's not reported , it's not logged , and if it's not logged the Commissioner presumes there is no crime in Ryde.

One good outcome of our Member's persistence is that Inspector McDonald has agreed to attend Ryde Town Council bimonthly meetings

On November 7 he told us that anti social behaviour in Ryde has increased but staggeringly 3 young people had been charged with 20 offences !

Its hard to believe that 3 of these baby faced wannabe gangsters could cause such mayhem but let's hope they get the right help to turn their lives around. These are the kids who all too easily get sucked into the County Lines drug couriership and it's hard to come back from there.



Ryde Heritage Action Zone

The Project Manager quit the post earlier this year and so the Ryde HAZ has been absorbed into the Newport Project , although it still has its own Steering Group. To date we have been disappointed that there is little to show 2 years into a £1million grant. TRS continues to lobby for a commitment to high quality public realm in the pedestrianised zone , please see submission from TRS on website. <https://theyrydesociety.co.uk/> and pictures below. Let's all lobby to get this !



Unless someone like you
cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get
better. It's not.

Dr Seuss

Special buildings of Ryde

It is true , Ryde has been mistreated and some areas neglected.

Many residents throw up their hands and say “why don't they do something about it ?”

Well Ryders , they are YOU !

The only way some of these jewels will be restored and cared for is if we assist and support the purchase through social ownership . Many of us are actively assisting RTC to heal the wounds inflicted by IOWC by thoughtless and careless cost cutting considerations , which no doubt they will continue to commit. Sounds dramatic ? Let's see what happens with the Canoe Lake....

St Thomas's Church

Exciting times ahead as Network Ryde /RTC continue to voraciously bid for grants , and good on them .

Network Ryde goes from strength to strength providing a safe and stimulating space for our younger residents.



Vectis Hall

Yes it looks forlorn and redefines the unloved description .
However , a Working Group has been assembled and using Grants from the Architectural Heritage Fund are starting to wade through the formalities of further applications and professional assistance.

Ryde Town Hall

The Working Group continues to explore all options to bring this building back into use. Please see RTC website for full update from Cllr Jordan

It's important to remember a project of this size will take some time to coordinate , but the WG remains committed and focused and more importantly realistic about the significance of this project for real regeneration in the town.





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TOWN COUNCIL

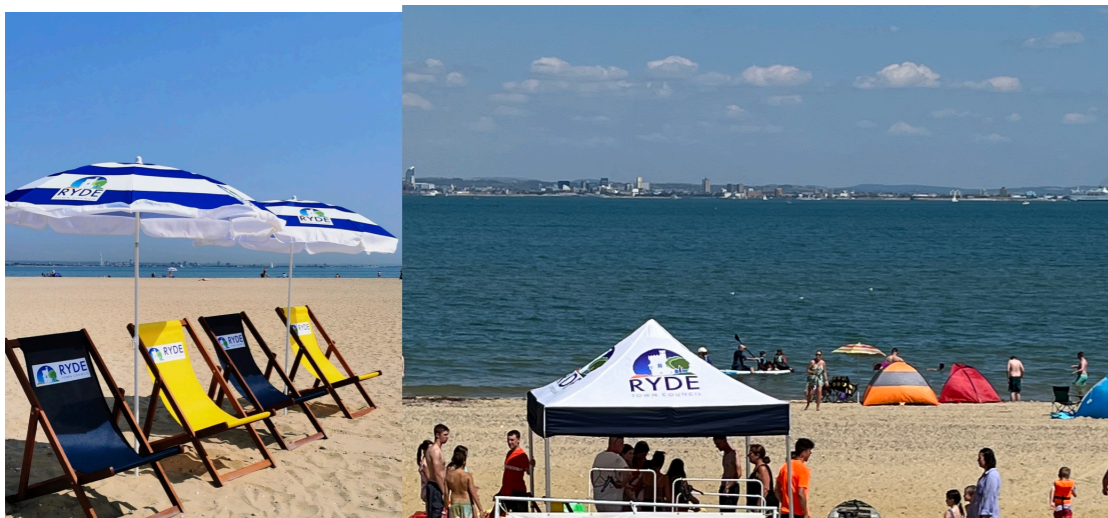
Yes folks , it's YOUR council !

TRS attends Council meetings to find out what is happening and what is planned for our town. Why don't you come along and join us in the Public Gallery and learn about the civic machinery that drives Ryde ?

Full Council meetings are held bimonthly and you are also welcome to attend Planning and Finance Committees. Check RTC website for dates and Agenda.

Do you have a question ? Don't ask Facebook , ask it yourself in Public Question Time , or forward to us and we will pose it for you.

P.S. Welcome Tom Hanley , new Council member for Appley and Elmfield !



Planning Applications

As we compile this newsletter, Government Planning Reforms are being debated. This could influence where and how many homes are built on the Island. We all know that the southern arc of Ryde has been literally bombarded with Planning Applications for literally thousands of homes.

To date West Acre Park awaits its final sign off, Rosemary Vineyard and Penny-feathers move to Reserved Matters. TRS maintains a watching brief on all Planning Matters and are particularly concerned about the Pennyfeathers development, hundreds of documents on the planning portal, some too massive to download to look at, conflict with other development plans, an untidy cloud of confusion



It's not just the major developments we have been following. It's easy to understand why in these times of eye watering energy bills homeowners will consider double glazing. If you live in a conservation area, Don't do Secondary glazing is fine, and low tech solutions like shutters and heavy curtains are worth considering. The charm of our conservation areas are the original features of period properties. Kudos to any homeowner, and there are some who reinstate timber windows, preserving our lovely streets.



St John's Church a Welcoming Warm Space

Thursdays 2pm - 5pm
St John's Church, High Park Road,
Ryde PO33 1BP

We offer:



- Hot soup and a roll
- Hot drinks
- Activities for children and adults
- Information about local services and organisations

Come and join us



With thanks to donations from
Oakfield Food Pantry and Aspire

Community Chest

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM



Date:

Wednesday 14th December 2022 and Wednesday 11th January 2023

Time:

10.30am - 12.30pm

Location:

Ryde Library

If you have an issue or problem with anti-social behaviour, youth nuisance or matters, come along and speak to your local Neighbourhoods Team. Email:

BETTER TIMES ARE COMING

FIND ISLE OF WIGHT

WARM SPACES



New Carnival Presents **RYDE**

Merry and Bright

Friday 16th December
5-8pm

Join Us...

FREE
EVENT

Symbol Key:

- ★ Lantern parade route, 5.30pm start @ Dover Park School Illuminated gardens
- Performance & entertainment areas



Vernon Square

'The Land and the Sea' & Christmas Games
Double Take and Dover Park Singers 6.30-6.50pm
Monkton Merman Story 6.55-7.05pm
UV Dancers 7.10-7.20pm
Monkton Merman Story 7.25-7.35pm

Christmas Arena Town Square

In the Square:
5-6pm The Grinch
5-7pm Christmas Crowns Activity
5-8pm DJ Kaf-Tan
On the Stage:
5.00-5.30pm Huxley Magic
5.30-5.45pm IW College 'Scrooge'
5.45-6.15pm Em Johnson Acoustic Set
6.15-6.40pm Mila Lake, Vocalist
6.40-7.00pm Raw Samba
7.00-7.30pm DJ Kaf-Tan
7.30-7.55pm Jaydene Ariel

Minghella Square

Santa's Sleigh & FREE Facepainting
Hannah the Vintage Songbird 5.15-5.40pm
UV Dancers 6.45-6.55pm

St Thomas's

Lucy Baker 5-6.15pm
Vectis Brass Band 6.30-7pm
Isobel Russell 7-7.30pm
FOOD MARKET 'Neon Garden'

Victoria Arcade

Double Take 5.30-5.55pm
IW College 'Scrooge' 6-6.20pm
Hannah the Vintage Songbird 6.20-7pm
Em Johnson & Moths 7-7.30pm
PyroLight- 7.30-8pm

Roaming

PyroLight
Grinch
Theatre Train Moths
Scrooge Storytelling



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