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NORTHWOOD HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Nearly 90 years ago the Ward family gifted Northwood House and Park to Cowes Urban District Council. With your support it will continue to contribute to the community reflecting the vibrancy and history of the Isle of Wight.



Dear Friends and Supporters

It has been a busy Summer in the House and Park – the time has sped by. We hope you all enjoyed the fabulous Summer weather during August. It certainly was a vintage Cowes Week – and very successful for the Charity. Read the report on Page 2.



I was delighted to welcome HRH the Duke of Edinburgh to the house on Wednesday 10th August and introduce him to many of our supporters. The Duke chatted to the Directors – the Mayor of Cowes, staff and volunteers. He was particularly interested in the display from the Classic Boat Museum and the events we run for members and the wider Cowes community.

The House team have managed a full diary of weddings and celebrations at weekends over the Summer. Event hire generates much needed income to fund the maintenance and repairs on the Estate. The 2017 diary is already filling up, so if you are thinking of making a booking get in touch as soon as possible.

Members' events in the diary

We have several events for members and friends in the run up to Christmas.

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The popular Cabaret evening will be repeated on 18th November, and the 2nd annual Charity Ball will take place on 17th December. Book your tickets with Shirley Hilton our administrator as soon as you can. We look forward to seeing you in the House over the coming months!

Janet Allan, Chairman

SUMMER FUN IN THE HOUSE AND PARK

It was a busy July and August at the House and in the Park with the Members Barbeque on the 15th July, Island Highland gathering on 24th July and, of course the highlight of the Summer

Cowes Week

We welcomed many competitors and their families to the Estate with an extensive schedule of events and entertainments.

This year we extended the entertainment on offer, live music in the Lawn Lounge, with a new Gin Festival featuring over 30 gins and cocktails to enjoy.

Open air theatre performances of Peter Rabbit and the Outdoor Cinema took

advantage of the excellent weather during August. The Ladies Lunch on Thursday was a great success.

Visitors could enjoy the Victorian Fun Fair, The King's Britannia exhibition in the Library, tree climbing, falconry and classic car displays.

Several organisations took advantage of the facilities and booked private parties and

dinners during the week.

And once again Northwood House featured in Tatler!





THE ISLE OF WIGHT LITERARY FESTIVAL 13th - 16th October, 2016

Now in its 5th year The Isle of Wight Literary Festival is an annual event based at Northwood House.

This year's line-up is exciting with a wide ranging cast of over 60 local and international speakers covering a diverse range of topics from history, music, poetry, travel, theatre, politics, espionage, fiction, architecture through to medicine and nature.

In addition, the Festival has a vibrant youth programme and an expanded jazz programme featuring the Gary Plumley

and Nick Page Quartet on Thursday, award winning jazz singer Liane Carroll on Friday and Cat Skellington on Saturday.

Speakers at the festival this year include:

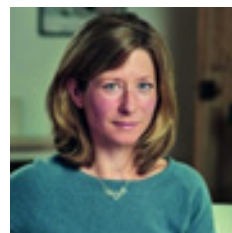
The Incomplete Shakespeare – John Crace and John Sutherland provide an abbreviated version Shakespeare's greatest plays in witty rhyming couplets.

A N Wilson provides highlights from "Victoria: A Life" his definitive biography of Queen Victoria. He also talks about his new novel "Resolution" about George Forster – a botanist who travelled with Captain Cook to the southern hemisphere.



Alan Titchmarsh discusses his latest novel Mr Gandy's Grand Tour with Stephanie Cross.

Dr Jo Marchant investigates the power of mind over body, delving in to the latest scientific research and the influence of thoughts beliefs and emotions on our physical health.



Other speakers include **Alan Johnson MP** talking about his

political career, **Rosa Prince** and **Dr James D Boys** discussing Hillary Clinton and Jeremy Corbyn, **Michael Portillo** speaking about his "life of two halves", eminent Shakespearean actor **Michael Pennington** recalling playing King Lear in Brooklyn, and our own **Tim Wander**.

Be sure to take a look at the full programme at www.isleofwightliteraryfestival.com/ and book your tickets now.

Youth Zone @IWLF

The Youth Zone offers a varied and stimulating programme for 4-13 year olds. Events will be provided in a specially designed space including the Imagine Yurt, the Inspire Yurt and the Entertainment Hall.

Children can invent their own magic trick, make puppets and fairy doors, draw and take part in competitions. Throughout the Festival storytellers and plays will enthral.

Dates for your Diary

October

Sunday 2nd - Cowes Car Boot Sale in Northwood Park

The last of our monthly car boot sales attracting 50+ stall holders. Come along to pick up a bargain! Refreshments served in the Stable Cafe.

13th -16th - Isle of Wight Literary Festival

The 5th annual festival attracts a range of speakers and visitors to Cowes (See details page 3, or visit isleofwightliteraryfestival.com)

November

Saturday 12th - Diwali Celebration - Festival of Lights

The Asian Cultural Club (IOW) host an evening of Cultural Dance, Indian Cuisine, Fireworks and Bollywood Disco, Fund-raising in Aid of Alzheimer's Cafe. Email accisleofwight@gmail.com or telephone 07810 678173 or 07912 848809 for further information and to order tickets.

Friday 18th – Cabaret night

An evening of live music and dancing in the Ballroom with Nick Cane, Company B plus a supporting cast. Please book your tickets in advance through the Northwood House Office.

Sunday 20th – Decorating the House

Our volunteers gather to prepare the house for the holiday season, festooning the function rooms with decorations, lights and laughter.

Sunday 27th - Northwood House Christmas Fair Over 30 local crafts people and traders provide a range of gifts to stuff your stockings. Browse the displays and enjoy refreshments from the café.

December

Sunday 11th – Members' Drinks Party

Our annual Christmas drinks party to mark the holiday season. Tickets are £12.50 from the Northwood House office.

Saturday 17th – Charity Christmas Ball

In collaboration with the Isle of Wight College we will be repeating our Christmas Charity Ball raising funds for the Beaulieu House Respite Centre, the Kissy Puppy Appeal and Northwood House. Dress up for this black tie occasion and enjoy a sumptuous four course Christmas dinner in the Ballroom with live music from local bands and a disco until 12.30am. Tickets for tables of up to 10 people will be available shortly.



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In between newsletters – keep up to date on events at:

www.facebook.com/northwoodhousecowes
our official facebook site(beware of imitations!)

Calling all volunteers!

For details of the next volunteers meeting contact volunteers@northwoodhouse.org

Bring a friend to join in! We welcome help in the Park and for the fund raising events, whether it's car park marshalling or helping with the refreshments.

Tell us what you think about the Cowes Week member's party!

It has been a tradition for the Charity to host a Members' Drinks Party on the Friday evening – just before the firework display. With many other events taking place around Cowes on Friday we are considering moving the party to earlier in the week. Please send your comments to administrator@northwoodhouse.org

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For all Northwood House events – contact the office to confirm your interest, get booking details and up to date news.

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