

Farewell to Madeira House

It would seem that this is the season for goodbyes. Only a few weeks after having said farewell to Irene Fletcher the remaining members of the WWLP find themselves packing up the project base at Madeira House for the last time.

It is with a touch of sadness that we leave behind Madeira House as it has proved a versatile base for the team over the past 3^{1/2} years. As well as providing the scheme with a tangible local presence Madeira House has:

- been used as a venue for 49 public events and activities that have involved more than 500 participants
- provided temporary office accommodation for the Hants & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust's 'Pond Team';
- provided storage space for Freshwater and Totland Archive Group, West Wight Carnival and Yarmouth Carnival;
- provided a base for the fledgling IW Orchard Group.



All Hallows - one of the many events hosted at Madeira House

Moreover, it is estimated that spend by WWLP staff in local shops and businesses over the past 3^{1/2} years has topped £10,000 thereby contributing to the ongoing viability of the village.

Change of Address

The closure of the WWLP office base brings with it the inevitable change of address and telephone number on which the team can be contacted.

From the beginning of October postal correspondence should be addressed to:

WWLP c/o Isle of Wight Council
County Hall, High Street, Newport
PO30 1UD.



Peter Fellows can be contacted via the Council's main switchboard, the number for which is 01983 821000. Fortunately our email and website addresses remain unchanged and in the short term probably offer the most reliable point for communications.

They are:

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Tapnell Easy Access Trail

The Isle of Wight Ramblers' *Access for All* project aims to encourage everyone to take up walking and to make it easier for people of all abilities to access the countryside. It includes the provision of gates and boardwalks which will assist dog walkers and people who may be less mobile.

With the support of the WWLP and local farmer Andy Turney, the Ramblers have established a brand new easy access trail that takes in some of the West Wight's most iconic scenery. The 6.5 mile Tapnell Trail passes through the site of the infamous 1970 Isle of Wight Festival which attracted an estimated 600,000 fans to watch the likes of Jimi Hendrix and The Who perform.



Tapnell Trail leaflet

What is more, the new stile-free trail links up with the corresponding easy access route around the Yar Estuary which was also developed by the Ramblers with WWLP support, to provide a 10 mile 'figure of eight' trail across the western tip of the Island. A leaflet detailing the Tapnell Trail and providing contextual information is currently being published and will soon be available to pick up at venues across the Island.

West Wight Fire Show

With support from the WWLP, the Island's unique New Carnival Company is planning a spectacular winter outdoor celebration in the West Wight on Saturday Dec 1st.

The event will be the culmination of a short but intensive programme of FREE local community and schools activities including storytelling workshops, giant puppet making, shadow puppets, costume, performance, and lantern making.



Fire spinners and twirlers

If you are interested in being involved (or just want to partake in FREE tea and cakes), come along to the West Wight Nursery, Summers Lane, Totland on Tuesday 9 October at 4.30pm