

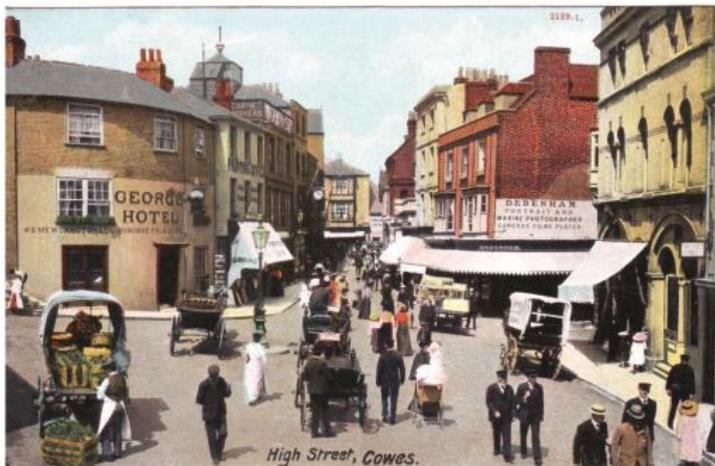
COWES HERITAGE NEWSLETTER



CHRISTMAS EDITION 2019.

Our 2020 calendar contains a great selection of local images. Costing a very reasonable £5.00. Available to purchase from our website www.cowesheritage.co.uk (post & packing extra), Cowes Library, Cheverton's, or request one for local free delivery from David 298445 or daywin@talktalk.net

COWES HERITAGE 2020 CALENDAR



Cowes High Street at the bottom of Market Hill
The George Hotel and other nearby buildings were destroyed by bombs on the night of the 4th/5th May 1942.

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A voluntary group dedicated to recording and exhibiting the history of Cowes, Isle of Wight

Our recent exhibition “Made in Cowes” is now but a memory, although the material used will be archived by our hard working team.

Thank you for the positive comments and donations, we are self-funding so all contributions are welcome.

Many people contributed to the success of the exhibition, apologies if I do not mention you individually. Thank you to those who gave up their time to help. Special thanks go to Barry Price, who lent us parts and material for our Enfield Electric car display and the Classic Boat Museum who lent us a model of Surfury.



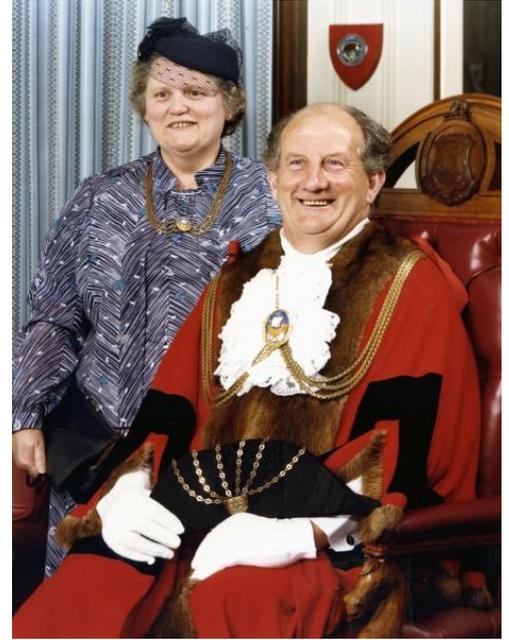
Next year is the 75th Anniversary of the ending of the Second World War, so look out for feature in a future newsletter and a display in the Library.

This picture, taken in May 1944, shows King George VI accompanied by Admiral Bertram Ramsay inspecting WRENS on Cowes Parade, which at the time was requisitioned as HMS Vectis, Force “J” HQs. This was a busy time for Admiral Ramsay who, as part of Operation Overlord, was coordinating and commanding a fleet of almost 7,000 vessels delivering over 160,000 men onto the beaches of Normandy on D-Day alone, with over 875,000 disembarked by the end of June.

From the many local people who have added something to the area, I have chosen three, mainly because I always felt better after being in their company.

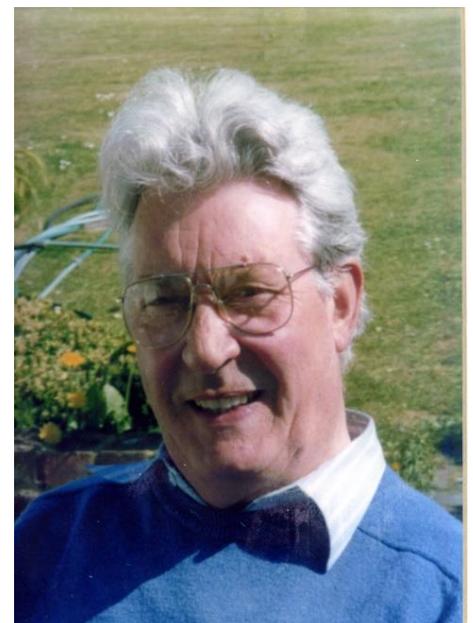
Norman Butchers pictured here as Mayor of Medina Borough Council with his wife Ileana. He was also a founder member of Cowes Town Council and its first Mayor, Chairman of the local NFU and Chairman of the Board of Governors at Northwood School.

For many years he delivered milk in Cowes 6 days a week come rain or shine, always with a cheerful word and a wave to my small daughters.



Colin Winsor in his High St Fishmongers; his smile says it all. After selling his shop to John & Annie Hogan he concentrated on his window cleaning business but still found time to open and close the High St bollards plus erecting the town's flags and banners.

Geoff Wroath opened a newsagent's in Birmingham Rd plus Greeting Card shops in Cowes and Newport. A keen sportsman he was a member of several local yacht clubs and bowling clubs. He was a member of Cowes Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society and Cowes Rotary. Upon retirement he was an active volunteer at the Earl Mountbatten Hospice and the League of Friends of St Mary's Hospital. I knew him mostly as a friendly and welcome customer.



Fed up with the weather and politics? Here are a few celebrations from 1977



Silver Jubilee. You might recognise our present Cowes Mayor in one of them. Top Norman Butchers at Northwood. Middle Newport Rd, Cowes. Bottom Northwood again. Greenways Street Party. Would it happen today, I wonder! Insurance and Health & Safety would prove too much.



May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful 2020. How time flies; it does not seem that long ago we were celebrating the Millennium.

We are always pleased to hear your comments and suggestions.
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