

**NEWS**

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Harry is allowed to sidestep planning rules on cheap homes for seafront flats  
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**Statue is chosen**

A preferred design for a Charles Dickens statue in Portsmouth has been chosen  
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**WEATHER**

**CLEAR SPELLS**

**Tonight**  
Dry with clear spells and variable cloud.  
Min temp 8C (46F).



**Tomorrow**  
Mostly dry and fine with lots of sunshine.  
Max temp 21C (70F).

**FOUR-DAY OUTLOOK**

Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
21C (70F) 8C (46F)	23C (73F) 17C (63F)	20C (68F) 13C (55F)	20C (68F) 13C (55F)

**SUN & MOON**

Sunrise 5.58am      Sunset 8.21pm  
Moonrise 9.32pm      Moonset 11.08am  
Lighting up times: 8.21pm to 6.00am

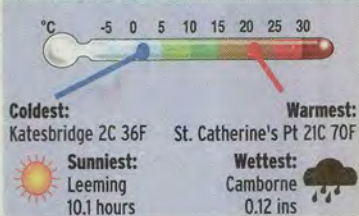
**SAILING FORECAST**

**Tomorrow** North-westerly, force 3. Fair. Moderate seas. Good visibility. Channel Crossing: Moderate. **Saturday** Southerly, force 3. Fair. A moderate sea. Visibility good. Channel Crossing: Moderate.

**HIGH & LOW TIDES**

**Tomorrow**  
Portsmouth 02:54 4.4m 15:18 4.4m 08:20 1.2m 20:36 1.3m  
Chichester 03:11 4.4m 15:33 4.4m 08:33 1.2m 20:46 1.4m  
Warsash 02:46 4.2m 15:12 4.2m 08:06 1.2m 20:25 1.3m

**YESTERDAY'S EXTREMES**



**WORLD WEATHER**

Yesterday	C	F
Algarve.....	sunny	26 79
Amsterdam.....	cloudy	20 68
Bordeaux.....	sunny	32 90
Brussels.....	fair	22 72
Corfu.....	sunny	32 90
Costa del Sol.....	sunny	28 82
Cyprus.....	sunny	31 88
Edinburgh.....	fair	17 63
Geneva.....	sunny	25 77
Hong Kong.....	cloudy	31 88
Jersey.....	sunny	20 68
Los Angeles.....	fair	22 72
Majorca.....	sunny	30 86
Miami.....	cloudy	32 90
New York.....	cloudy	22 72
Nice.....	sunny	26 79
Paris.....	fair	23 73
Rome.....	sunny	30 86
Sydney.....	drizzle	18 64
Tenerife.....	sunny	27 81
Tokyo.....	sunny	33 91
Venice.....	sunny	29 84

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# Inquest date set 13 years on from mother's death

Hearing to be held after 91-year-old died at a Gosport hospital

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A DATE has been set for an inquest into the death of a mother at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital 13 years ago.

Gladys Richards died at the Bury Road hospital in August 1998 under the care of Dr Jane Barton.

On October 25, a two-week inquest will begin and will look at the circumstances surrounding the 91-year-old's death.

John White, a solicitor at Blake Laphorn who will be representing Gillian Mackenzie - Mrs Richards' daughter - said: 'I am very pleased that the coroner has decided the inquest hearing will take place over two weeks this autumn.'

'This will give time for a thorough examination in to the events surrounding the death of Mrs Mackenzie's mother and we are particularly concerned to hear what the nursing staff have to say.'

'Mrs Mackenzie has waited a very long time for this and understandably what happens will be of immense importance to her.'

Mrs Mackenzie approached police with concerns over her mother's care after she died.

It was this case that initiated the original investigation by Hampshire Constabulary into the deaths at the Gosport hospital.

Inquests into the deaths of five other patients at the hospital took place in 2009 when a jury ruled drugs prescribed by Dr Barton contributed to the deaths. Mrs Richards' inquest was not included.

But, as previously reported, in May this year Portsmouth and south-east Hampshire coroner David Horsley agreed to an inquest.

The Portsmouth coroner's office said the October 25 date is provisional.

When asked why the inquest has taken 13 years to take place, a spokeswoman for the coroner's office said there had been a delay because Mrs Richards' death was under police investigation.

Mrs Richards was admitted to Gosport War Memorial Hospital after suffering a fall at a nursing home where she was staying.

As a result of the fall she sustained a fracture to her right hip.

This led to an operation at the Royal Hospital Haslar and Mrs Richards was then transferred to Gosport War



**INQUEST BATTLE** Gillian Mackenzie, and inset, her mum Gladys Richards

Memorial Hospital for rehabilitation.

Mr White said: 'Whilst the coroner is going to look into the occurrence of the original fall it is, of course, apparent to him that one of the consequences of that fall and the fracture was the need for Mrs Richards to receive some pain relief.'

'It is the circumstances of the administration of that pain relief that he will also be considering and therefore the details of the care that was provided by Dr Barton and the ward staff.'

Mrs Mackenzie did not want to comment about the pending inquest.

She and her sister Leslie O'Brien will give evidence at the inquest. Dr Barton and nursing staff will also give evidence during the hearing.



**EVIDENCE** Dr Jane Barton

## A weekend of spooky stories and scary walks

PREPARE to be spooked there's a chance to hear some terrifying ghost stories and venture on a haunted walk this weekend.

Supernatural Tours will be hosting a Psychic and Holistic fair at The Square Tower, Broad Street, Old Portsmouth on Sunday.

Anyone feeling ghoulish, can meet local mediums James Kemp, Ben Legg and Jenny Docherty.

Jenny will be doing a tour with TV psychic Colin Fry later this year.

The event, between 10am and 5pm, will also hold stalls, displays and scary workshops.

The Square Tower, built in 1494, only reopened to the public a year ago.

Supernatural Tours hope the event will generate public interest in the historic building.

Jensen House, Supernatural Tours events manager, said: 'Portsmouth Council has been trying to show people the historic aspect of the tower.'

'We hope we'll be able to bring it back into the public eye.'

Supernatural Tours runs paranormal themed events across the UK.

## Drink-driver is banned

A DRINK-DRIVER has been banned from the roads.

Oyaylo Yordanov pleaded guilty to driving a BMW in Stanhope Road, Portsmouth, after drinking too much on April 10.

A test revealed his breath contained 52 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres.

The legal limit is 35mg.

Yordanov, from Springfield Road, Walthamstow, east London, was banned from driving for a year by Fareham magistrates. He was also fined £200. Yordanov was told to pay £15 to a fund for crime victims and £100 costs.

## Driver had no insurance

A MAN has been fined for driving without insurance.

Xun Zhang, 21, of Cross Street, Portsmouth, admitted committing the crime in Campbell Road, Southsea, on January 29.

He was told to pay £150 in a fine and costs by Fareham magistrates. Six points were added to his licence.