



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

# Press Release

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Sandown & District Historical Association, working with Shanklin VYCC, have launched the first cut of a new Growing Up In The Bay ([www.guitb.co.uk](http://www.guitb.co.uk)) Film, highlighting the link between the Monarchy and the Isle of Wight, focussing on the Bay.

Narrated by local students Imogen and Neve Miller, who received certificates from IW High Sheriff Mrs Dawn Haig-Thomas and Sandown Mayor Alex Lightfoot, guide viewers through events such as the late Queen's visit to Sandown and Shanklin in 1965, recent visits of Prince Edward, and King Charles, when Prince, on his trip to Newport, with interviews by Islanders involved at the time.

Mrs Haig Thomas said 'What a great film and piece of history! Congratulations to all involved in the making of it. I loved every minute of it.'

Cllr Lightfoot added 'A fascinating look back through history, Immy and Neve were both fantastic. It was good to see former Mayors from Sandown and Shanklin, and representatives of community organisations at the screening.'

The film is available for 1 month at <https://youtu.be/iKawWDQhrss>, and there will be further cuts with new stories and memories being discovered at the premiere, and the film was originally a Jubilee project, and has been updated to include recent events.

Alex concluded 'Sandown, and the Bay, has a rich and diverse heritage, and the film gives a flavour of part of that history, and those at the launch are looking forward to future Historical Association Projects, and films that capture the community spirit of the Town.'

