

## News Reports – June 2006

### Wednesday 7 June

#### Mini bus catches fire

#### \*Suspicious fire in Shanklin

A mini bus has caught fire after being involved in an accident in Atherfield. It happened just before five AM this morning and fire crews quickly put out the blaze. The mini-bus itself has been badly damaged. Meanwhile, police have been called in after a car was virtually destroyed by fire in Beatrice Avenue in Shanklin at 10pm last night.

### Monday 12 June 2006

#### Suspect fire investigated – IOW Radio Website

Police are investigating a suspected arson attack at a derelict former residential home in Ryde. At least 50 firefighters with eight fire engines were called to the blaze, which is believed to have started in the basement of the two-storey building. No-one was hurt. Some emergency services remain at the address in Bellevue Road this morning after the alarm was raised at 8.00pm last night. Nearby residents were evacuated while fire crews spent most of the night bringing the flames under control.

#### Large Fire Rips Through Derelict Care Home

50 firefighters have been tackling a large fire at a disused care home in Ryde. Fire crews were called to the blaze at 7:45pm on Sunday evening. A spokesperson for the service said the police were involved in the investigation in to the cause. Early indications suspect the fire started in the basement and may be suspicious. 10 fire engines, a foam unit and an aerial platform attended the scene on Bellevue Road, the flames were eventually extinguished in the early hours of Monday morning.



### Friday 16th June

#### Buses crash in Newport

At least five people are hurt because two buses have crashed in Newport town centre. A blue double decker collided with the rear end of a single decker green bus in Church Litten at around 4.30pm this afternoon. Police say the single decker bus in front then hit a tree and hedge, causing a branch to fall on two cars parked in the Morrisons supermarket car park. According to witnesses, the single decker bus came

close to falling into the car park. Firefighters at the crash scene say at least three people were taken to hospital with a mixture of neck and back injuries. One elderly woman was given oxygen therapy.

## **Sunday 18th June**

### Couple escape house fire in East Cowes

An elderly couple have been treated in hospital for shock - caused by a fire at a house in East Cowes. Flames broke out in a bedroom at the property in Connaught Road at around 3.00pm on Saturday afternoon. Firefighters say the couple escaped the fire and were not burned.

## **Monday 26 June**

### Man arrested after Havenstreet fire

Isle of Wight Police say a man's been arrested after a fire at a house in Havenstreet. A spokesman says officers went to a property on the Main Road at around 6pm last night. More details are expected to be released later.

### Chalet and shed catch fire

A garden shed and a chalet have caught fire in Lake. Fire crews went to a property on Alfred Road at 2AM this morning. Two cylinders were removed as a precaution and the flames were quickly put out. A spokesman for the Fire Service says the cause of the blaze is not suspicious.

## **Tuesday 27 June 2006**

### Woman critical after crash

A 21 year old woman is in a critical but stable condition after a crash in Thorness last night. She lost control of her BMW 5 Series which then hit a wall on Rolls Hill - trapping her inside. Fire crews spent more than an hour freeing the woman who lives in Northwood. Police say she suffered a broken leg, bruised shoulders and a head injury. She was taken to St Mary's Hospital but later transferred to the Neuro Intensive Care Department at Southampton General. Police are particularly eager to hear from the driver of a taxi who was in the area at the time of the collision as well as anyone else who may've seen what happened.

## **Friday 30 June 2006**

### Crews Attend Small Pub Fire

Firefighters were called to deal with a blaze at the Hare and Hounds pub on Friday morning.

Just after 4:30am, fire crews had to tackle a fire in an over-heated de-carbonising machine which is used for degreasing kitchen equipment. 2 firefighters with breathing apparatus using a hose reel entered the building to tackle the flames. The fire was quickly extinguished and crews were stood down half an hour later.