

# East Cowes Town Crier

## Your quarterly newsletter from East Cowes Town Council

Quarter one 2025



I would like to start with a huge thank you to the Town Crafters for creating some beautiful displays for another well received Remembrance Day and their contributions towards the towns Christmas decorations. We are so lucky to have them brightening up our town and it's very much appreciated. We are making progress with the new skatepark project and we're looking forward to getting this underway soon. I received a lovely thank you from Southampton hospital for taking part in the Light the South auction where I was very pleased to bring home a lighthouse and make this charity donation to help those needing to use the facilities for the communities in the South region. We had an incredible turn out for the Christmas Market and the Christmas

Light Switch On. It really was wonderful to see all the community taking part in the festivities. As you will have probably seen in the press at the January Council meeting the Town Council reluctantly decided to raise the precept by 30p per week. Primarily, this will enable us to undertake urgent remedial work to the Esplanade paddling pool, which is so valued by the people of East Cowes and beyond. If this work is not undertaken, then it was likely that the pool would not have been open this summer. This is the first increase in the precept since April 2023 and it will enable us to continue supporting your priorities and tackling larger town projects identified at the Public Consultation. This year we will be rebuilding the skatepark and undertaking a major refurbishment of the Esplanade toilets. During this council's term, we have opened the East Side Curve, which houses the library and is the base for many community activities, established the community orchard, the community market and community cinema, opened the beach hut for community environmental facilities and improved accessibility at Jubilee Recreation with a new path, as well as taking over the Victoria Grove playpark and recreation ground. We have continued to provide additional services to the town, despite cuts by the Isle of Wight Council, and we are committed to providing essential services to our community and ensuring that East Cowes continues to thrive.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas period and wish you all a Happy New Year.

**The Mayor**



**EAST COWES  
TOWN COUNCIL**

# Community News



## All aboard the Osprey

A big thank you to **Red Funnel** for the Senior Moments trip to Southampton and back. A beautiful afternoon tea was provided for the 16 members of the group that went on the Solent Cruise. A real Christmas treat that included, for those that could make it up the steep stairs, a view from the bridge with the captain providing answers to the many questions he was asked. A further thank you also for the £1,000 donation made to the group which has enabled us to buy games, art and craft supplies as well as equipment to run the seated aerobics class. **Senior Moments on Mondays 1.30pm to 3.30pm at The East Side Curve.**

## Monthly Coffee Mornings

The Town Council are delighted to announce that with the support of our regular users we have raised **£699.69** in 2024 through our monthly coffee mornings. 12 individual charities have benefited from your generosity. As well as raising this money for the charities giving them presence and publicity has been PRICELESS.

**A HUGE thank you.**

## Coffee Mornings 2025

**10am to 12 noon**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 25

**IOW Defibrillators**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Hampshire & IOW Wildlife  
Trust**

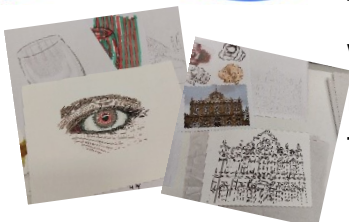
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Alzheimer's Cafe**



## Tuesday nights 6pm to 8pm

This group has been running since May 2024 with the gentlemen attending benefitting from the artistic flair and talent of their Tutor Adam Gaterell. New techniques have been discovered, creative ideas have come to life and friendships made. There are still spaces for anyone who wants to discover a new talent, learn different techniques or improve their skills. Pop into The East Side Curve and ask for more information.





## Amy White Theatre – Robin Hood production

A great review for this years pantomime “A good pantomime should make a stage look like it is bursting with joy, and Amy White Theatre’s production certainly felt that way; from the youngest to oldest, every performer clearly loved being on stage and it showed”. The photos take a glimpse back at the first pantomime many years ago to the most recent! What a difference the re-investment has made. The whole production was supported by Ollie Partridge and Dan Parrot as creative directors, providing fabulous lighting effects and Sarah Hazel-Ravel who designed and created the scenery. Director Becky Savage and Musical Director Tressa Lambert said, “We are immensely proud of all the cast and crew for bringing together such a professional show. Our aim is to give some festive cheer to the community whilst putting all profits back into the venue to update and maintain the



facilities there. Thank you to all those who came to watch and took time to send us messages of congratulations.” Cllr Cameron Palin, Chair of the East Cowes Town Council Theatre Committee said “The show was absolutely spectacular, seeing where the panto started over a decade ago to where it is now is truly heartwarming. A massive thank you to the public for supporting us.”



**Keep an eye out on the Amy White Facebook page for news on our mid year show in June.**

 Living Well and Early Help Service 01983 240732

Support and guidance

### East Cowes Together drop-in sessions

These FREE monthly sessions take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at The East Side Curve from 10am to 12 noon. This is a safe and relaxed space to meet other members of the community over a cuppa.

A range of guest organisations and members of the Living Well Service are on hand to provide support, information and guidance.

The theme this winter is ‘keeping warm and connected’.

Come along and bring a friend if you can. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Next meeting Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 10am – 12 noon**

## Blood pressure monitor home loan scheme

Free to loan with your library membership

Starts here on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025



For more information ask at The East Side Curve on 299082

# What's on

## What's on in The East Side Curve

### **Mondays**

10am Tots Time (0 – 5 yrs)

1.30pm Senior Moments

### **Tuesdays**

10am Charity Coffee

Morning – *2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday*

11.00am Creative Writing –  
(fortnightly)

1.30pm Games afternoon

4.30pm Reading Group –  
(1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday)

6.00pm Men's Art Group

7.30pm W. I. – (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday)

### **Wednesdays**

10.15am Rhyme Time

### **Thursdays**

9.30am Adult Community

Learning - (*Term time*)

7.30pm Osborne Book Club  
– (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday)

### **Fridays**

2.00pm Careless Solicitors  
(1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of month)

7.30pm Bingo

## What's on in the Town Hall

### **Mondays**

10.00am Crafters

2.00pm Line Dancing

### **Tuesdays**

2.00pm Alzheimer's Café  
- (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday)

7.00pm Canine Assoc

### **Wednesdays**

9.45am Short Mat Bowls

7.00pm Bingo

### **Thursdays**

2.00pm SingAbout

6.00pm Council meeting  
-(3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)

### **Fridays**

9.45am Short Mat Bowls

### **Saturdays**

10.00am Badminton –  
(excluding 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday)

10.00am Community  
Market – (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday)

6.45pm Community  
Cinema – (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday)

## Admit One

### Community Cinema

Town Hall, York Ave.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February

### 'The Intern'

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March

### 'Wonka'

Ticket £4.00

Admit One

## East Cowes Community Markets

Town Hall, York Ave.

10am to 2.00pm

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February  
2025

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## Town Council Meetings - East Cowes Town Hall on

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**at 6.00pm**

Agendas are available 3 clear days beforehand on the Town Council website, social media and in the notice boards at the Town Hall, Parkside Pavilion and Bumble Bee Garden Play Area.

## NHS Health Checks

### Aged between 40 and 74?

The FREE NHS Health Checks are designed to help spot early signs of stroke, kidney disease, heart disease, type 2 diabetes and dementia.

Here at **The East Side Curve**  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025**  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
**1pm to 5pm**

**The Town Hall and East Side Curve will be  
closed:**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April  
2025**

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