

A quiet start to the New year after the busy Christmas period. However, the Town Hall and The East Side Curve are back into the swing of things with plenty of groups making use of the facilities. In January the Town Hall hosted The Royal British Legions Annual County Conference. It was lovely to hear about the important work they do across the island. We hope to support them more in the future and urge anyone that would like to volunteer with them to become a member of this highly important charity. On the 5th February Councillor Palin and myself met with 6th Form students from Cowes Enterprise College that are doing a project on regeneration, and hopefully gave them some insight into the many different schemes that have been proposed for our Town over the last 35 years. They said that it had been very informative and gave them a lot of ideas on how it's imperative for such a project to be collaborative between all stakeholders to succeed. At the younger end of the scale Councillor Hendry, Councillor Packham and I met with the children on the school council of Holy Cross Primary School to share with them the things that Town and Ward Councillors do to benefit the town. They asked us some great questions and they showed real enthusiasm for trying to use some of our principles in their own projects. It was nice to be able to share what we do with the younger generation, and I hope that we have encouraged them to consider that a role in Councillor life may be something they might like to be part of in the future. With future projects in mind the Clerks and Facilities Officer, along with myself, met with the contractor to sign off the works to refurbish the Esplanade toilets with the works having started on Monday 17th February 2025. We hope that it goes smoothly and that it, as well as the paddling pool will be complete ready for the summer season. We also continue to wait for more news on how devolution will affect us as a council and again will keep you updated on the progression as we go forward. **The Mayor**



East Cowes Town Council launch the 'Luncheon Club' *(Every 2nd Tuesday)*

Starting Tuesday 8th April 2025

12.00 noon to 2.30pm lunch served at 12.30pm

Lunch £5.00 per person

**For Tuesday 8th April's Luncheon Club bookings will be required by 5pm on
Wednesday 2nd April 2025.**

**To book please call 01983 299082 Reception or drop in to The East Side
Curve. Payment required at the time of booking.**

Town Council Luncheon Club



Mayor Tracy Reardon pictured with Kim Massey from Terry's Fish and Chip Shop based in Wootton.

The Town Council are very pleased to announce the launch of their Luncheon Clubs, the first of which will take place in the East Cowes Town Hall on Tuesday 8th April 2025. Residents will be able to enjoy a fish and chip lunch, provided by Terrys Takeaway, Wootton Bridge, for £5 per head. Those wishing to come along **MUST** pre-book and pay in advance by the Wednesday before. So, for April's lunch **you must pre-order and pay** (cash or card) **by Wednesday 2nd April**. You can do this at The East Side Curve (the new building alongside the Town Hall), which is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm on a Saturday. Or call 299082. Doors open at 12 noon and lunch service will begin at 12.30pm in the Town Hall, and you will need to show your tickets on entering. **You will not be able to pay at the door**. We hope to provide a friendly and sociable occasion, which will become a regular enjoyable experience, for those attending. In following months, the luncheon clubs will be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Dates can be found in the Council's monthly/quarterly newsletter, and in the Council's notice boards, website and Facebook. We look forward to welcoming you on the 8th April 2025.

June's Luncheon Club Tuesday 10th June. May's Luncheon Club Tuesday 13th May.
Last date for booking Wednesday 4th June 2025. Last date for booking Wednesday 7th May 2025

Are you ready to journey back in time to experience the magic of "The Picture House"? Can you remember Saturday Club at the cinema? Or the Golden Era of the silver screen?

It's showtime this summer!

Join our cast live in this action-packed show for all the family; a heartwarming story full of adventure and some of the greatest songs of the movies to boogie to!

A promotional poster for a theatre show. At the top, it says 'AMY WHITE THEATRE SHOWTIME' in a stylized font. Below that, '27&28 JUNE 2025 7PM'. The main title 'PICTURE HOUSE' is in large, bold letters, with 'THE GREATEST PROJECTIONIST OF THE MOVIES' underneath. At the bottom, it says 'EAST COWES TOWN HALL' and 'JOIN OUR CAST LIVE AT THE THEATRE'. There are also graphics for 'No Booking Fee!', 'BOOK NOW', and '£10 ALL TICKETS'.

A new group at The East Side Curve

East Cowes Watercolour Group

Every Monday 6.30pm to 8.30pm



Would you like to meet socially, paint, share ideas and skills?

For more information contact **Andrew Davidson** on **07976369724** or email **andrewdavidson06@btinternet.com**

Community News

Visit from Hampshire and IOW Wildlife Trust



During the winter, the amount of daylight hours is hugely diminished, so birds don't have as much time to eat and find the additional food required. When the weather becomes cold, birds need a lot of food to survive. Birds must maintain a high body temperature, and their hearts beat very rapidly, so a lot of energy is required. We had a delightful visit from Tina at the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, where she helped our 'Senior Moments' group create some garden bird feeders. We hope these feeders, as shown in the picture on the left, will make a positive impact on our feathered friends.

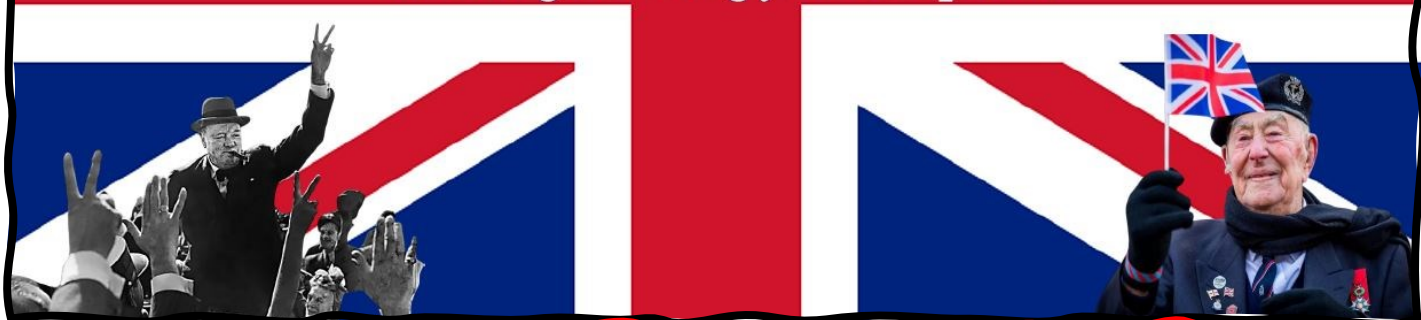
CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF VICTORY IN EUROPE

THURSDAY 8TH MAY 2025



Join us at East Cowes Esplanade starting at 4pm on the 8th of May for an evening of live music and the Beacon Lighting ceremony.

Don't forget to bring your own picnic!



V. E. Day Celebration – Tea Dance

East Cowes Town Hall, York Ave

Join us on Friday 9th May 2025 – 2.00pm to 4.00pm

£2 entrance fee with free refreshments



All welcome, have a dance, tap your feet, sing along or just enjoy the music.
No need to pre-book

What's on?

EAST COWES COMMUNITY MARKETS

We're excited to invite you to explore a wonderful variety of sights and delicious treats. There's truly something for everyone to enjoy! The markets will take place on the following dates:

- 12th April - 12th July
- 10th May - 16th August
- 7th June - 13th Sept

To book a stall please email
admin@eastcwestowncouncil.gov.uk

Charity Coffee mornings

Tuesday 8th April

Alzheimer's Cafe

Tuesday 13th May

RNLI

Tuesday 10th June

Friends of the Animals

Meet friends for a chat, cup of tea/coffee and cake supporting our local charities

Don't forget we are part of the **FREE Blood Pressure monitoring home loan scheme.**

Ask at the East Side Curve

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What's on in The East Side Curve

Mondays

10am Tots Time (0 – 5 yrs)

1.30pm Senior Moments

6.30pm Water colour Group

Tuesdays

10am Charity Coffee

Morning – 2nd Tuesday

11.00am Creative Writing –
(fortnightly)

1.30pm Games afternoon

4.30pm Reading Group –
(1st Tuesday)

6.00pm Men's Art Group

7.30pm W. I. – (1st
Tuesday)

Wednesdays

10.15am Rhyme Time

Thursdays

9.30am Adult Community

Learning - (Term time)

7.30pm Osborne Book Club
– (1st Thursday)

Fridays

10am East Cowes Together
(2nd Friday)

2.00pm Careless Solicitors
(1st and 3rd of month)

7.30pm Bingo

What's on in the Town Hall

Mondays

10.00am Crafters

2.00pm Line Dancing

Tuesdays

11.30am to 2.30pm

NEW 12.00pm Luncheon

Club - (2nd Tuesday)

2.00pm Alzheimer's Café -
(1st Tuesday)

7.00pm Canine Assoc

Wednesdays

9.45am Short Mat Bowls

7.00pm Bingo

Thursdays

2.00pm SingAbout

6.00pm Council meeting -
(3rd Thursday)

Fridays

9.45am Short Mat Bowls

Saturdays

10.00am Badminton –

(excluding 2nd Saturday)

10.00am Community

Market – (2nd Saturday)

6.45pm Community

Cinema – (2nd Saturday)

EASTER is coming please note that The Town Hall and East Side Curve will be closed:

Friday 18th April and Monday 21st April 2025

Community Cinema – East Cowes Town Hall

Saturday 12th April – **Paddington goes to Peru**

Saturday 10th May – **Blitz**

Saturday 14th June - **Conclave**

£5 per ticket (can be purchased on the door) includes refreshments - Doors open at 6.45pm