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## Seven-race card tips for Epsom Thursday

12 September 2024



Epsom Racecourse hosts its penultimate meeting of the Summer on Thursday with a seven-race card for punters heading to the track.

Racing gets underway at 2.00pm with a novice stakes in class four before the action comes to a close at 5.22pm with a nine-runner handicap in class five.

*Read below to discover the latest tips and meeting preview for Epsom's card on Thursday courtesy of BoyleSports, who offer the latest **horse racing odds** throughout the season.*

The opening contest on the Epsom card (2.00) sees a field of seven head to the start for the seven furlong handicap in class four, with the two-year-old's taking centre stage in the opener. Luna Girl was a €95,000 purchase as a yearling for trainer Richard Hannon and ticks plenty of boxes on paper making her debut here. Bold Impact for the Ralph Beckett teams also makes plenty of appeal, a thrice-race maiden who has been beaten as an odds-on favourite twice but could go one place better at Epsom this time around.

Race two on the card (2.35) is a seven furlong handicap in class four and a good field of 15 will be taking it on. Red Mirage was a winner at Catterick in April and followed up with a third in a Chester handicap so is a big player here 11lb lower in the weights. He should see off the inform Roscioli, a winner at Salisbury last month and a very good second of 11 in a Lingfield handicap three weeks ago.

Nine runners will head to the start for the class five handicap over the one mile and two furlong trip to mark race three on Epsom's card (3.10). Imperial Cult gets the nod here for trainers Rachel Cook and John Bridger, only narrowly denied in his handicap bid over this course and distance last month having landed back-to-back all weather wins at Lingfield. Mrembo rates the main danger if she can handle the expected softer conditions at Epsom as she has shown preference for better ground than this previously.

A competitive class four handicap is race four of the afternoon (3.45) with ten runners set to tackle the one mile and four furlong distance. Enochdhu gets the very slight edge here, the slow ground expected to be very much in his favour after a disappointing outing on a faster surface at Kempton last week when he was a disappointing fifth of seven. Of his rivals, Haliphon rates the main danger, the Ian Williams runner arriving off the back of a win at Haydock last time out just a week ago.

Dubawi Time looks very much the one to beat in race five of the meeting (4.20) having been bang in-form prior to flopping

at Chelmsford last time around where he didn't appreciate the step up in trip so is back down at a more comfortable distance heading to Epsom, while race six (4.50) can go the way of Chips And Rice, who is in good order for trainer James Fanshawe despite being hampered in-running last time out at this track.

Finally, the card comes to a close with the class five handicap for three-year-olds at 5.22 over the extended mile trip. Preference in the finale heads the way of Tribal Chief for trainer David Menuisier, landing a career-best when winning a ten-runner Kempton handicap last month and has a very progressive profile to boost his chances. Crimson Spirit is a previous course winner and was second at Epsom on his last spin so clearly has a liking for the track and rates the chief threat so can fill out the second spot.

#### **Epsom selections - Thursday**

2.00 - Luna Girl  
2.35 - Red Mirage  
3.10 - Imperial Cult  
3.45 - Enochdhu  
4.20 - Dubawi Time  
4.50 - Chips And Rice  
5.22 - Tribal Chief

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## **Rosebery Park Public Party - Sat 21st Sept.**

12 September 2024



**Rotary** is a global Club of like-minded individuals, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers founded in 1905 in Chicago in the United States, working to give something back to the community they live in. Epsom Rotary Club is celebrating one hundred years of working with the Community in Epsom on 21st September in **Rosebery Park**. This will be a fun filled day for all the family with market stalls, rides for children, entertainment, and food stands. It promises to be a day of family fun and entertainment. [See event entry [HERE](#)]

Rotary began its association with the people of Epsom in June 1924 with an inaugural lunch held by local businessmen marking the start of the Rotary Club of Epsom. Early Community involvement provided a member representative on the Epsom Cottage Hospital Committee and supporting street collections for the hospital fund. Very quickly the club provided support for disabled service men at the Star and Garter home and the Club began providing Christmas hampers to local distressed elderly.

The Armed Forces service connection was restored recently in 2020 when Surrey County Council and Royal British Legion Surrey started a monthly hub for military veterans who were potentially isolated and lonely. This is organised by Epsom Rotary and RBL Epsom and Ewell in partnership, with two offshoot activity groups, archery and model making. Over thirty members of various ages, men and women have formed small friendship / support groups of their own and are offered coach outings such as to the D Day Museum Portsmouth. This year we have organised trips to the Poppy Factory in Richmond, and the Christmas lights in the West End.

#### **Veterans' Hub members and supporters**

Into the late 1920s/30s Epsom Rotary worked locally as Rotary members played an active role in restarting the Epsom Chamber of Commerce and nationally providing cash and clothing for the hunger marches during the General Strike in 1926. The Club continued to expand its involvement locally during the second World War by supporting Armed Forces personnel at the anti-aircraft gun sites at Ashted and Headley and the Canadian soldier's military hospital at West Park.



In the Community the Club was instrumental in starting the Annual Careers exhibition in 1957 and soon after visits to Wisley Gardens were organised for the elderly in the community. In 1957 Epsom Rotary set up a Christmas tree by the clocktower in the town Centre which was an annual event for many years. During the 1970s Thomas the tank engine arrived as part of the Christmas Street collections. The train was constructed by apprentices at Epsom Coaches and remains the centre piece of Christmas collections to this day focussed on Epsom and Langley Vale, now renamed as Tilly the train. These are always joyous occasions with great excitement amongst both children and parents as the train approaches.

#### Recent years

In 2012 in conjunction with Epsom and Ewell Borough Council the Rotary clubs of Epsom and Ewell organised a Community Fun day at Hook Road arena with a fun fair, pitches for local artisans and charities. This proved highly successful and continued until 2019 until the pandemic.

The Centenary Party in the Park in Rosebery Park is a natural successor to this with the added element that it is a celebration of one hundred years of Epsom Rotary serving the Community. In recent years, the Club has developed more “service related” projects which involves members giving more of their time to work on Community projects. This approach has always been part of the Rotary ethos. Examples include supporting the Veterans Hub highlighted earlier, leasing an allotment from the local Council with a small group of resolute members growing an increasing volume of fruit and vegetables which are donated over the summer months to the Pantry, the Good Company/Food Bank shop in South Street in Epsom.

A current activity is providing support/volunteers to work on an Epsom BID led project called Family Fridays that provides family activities in the town centre for young families in the school summer holidays.

Epsom Rotary continues to prioritise support for young people with regional competitions for Young Musicians, Young Chef and French speaking competitions.

#### International

The first international visit undertaken by the Club was to the Rotary Club of Rheims in France in 1937 and the Club now has an association with the Rotary Club of Chantilly in France which started in the 1990s and there have been several visits in both directions. This ties in with the town twinning of Epsom and Chantilly and reinforces our shared involvement with the horse racing industry.

The Club has been involved in several international projects with the current focus being AMECA, a small charity in Malawi providing medical services to the local community in a rural setting. The charity has recently built a maternity unit in an area in great need of support for women and children. Secondly, we have supported the Zimbabwe Victims Support Fund for the last five years, which is a small charity supporting dispossessed families, mainly women and children in Zimbabwe.

#### The future

As we have seen Rotary continues to evolve whilst reacting to the needs in the local community. We face many challenges, particularly attracting new members from the diverse spread of residents locally the Club needs to continue to thrive. There is less emphasis on procedure and formality which potentially enables a wider cross-section of the local community to become involved.

Rotary is a unique organisation which like no other, gives opportunities to become involved in education, community support, training, international activities, visits to other countries, social welfare, and hands-on experience. The challenge is to ensure that our Club can adapt to whatever the future holds yet retain our essential purpose of 'service above self.'

#### Summary

Throughout the Clubs "100 years in Epsom", it has actively looked for opportunities to take part in local charity projects. One of the threads which runs through the Club's history is its contribution to the local community and its close relationship with the Borough Council. From the beginning its membership has included ex-mayors, councillors, and senior officers of the local authority. Over the past one hundred years it has participated in civic ceremonies, attended the annual Mayor's reception and nowadays the incoming mayor is an honorary member of the Club.

**Jim Munns** - Joint President Epsom Rotary Club

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If you wish to join Epsom Rotary you may apply [HERE](#)

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## 5th September 2024

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Council Housing Planning

### What are the solutions to Epsom's homeless crisis?



4 September 2024

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, like many local authorities across England, is grappling with a growing homelessness crisis, as highlighted in a recent press release. [\[Click here for full press ... Read More\]](#)

Business Council

### Surrey Business Leaders Forum re-booted



3 September 2024

Businesses across Surrey now have a much greater voice in guiding the growth of the county's economy thanks to the relaunched and revitalised Surrey Business Leaders Forum. Just weeks after the ... [Read More](#)

Community Environment Volunteers

### Trust the public to check our rivers



3 September 2024

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Business Community Local History

## Landmark pub re-assembles Tuesday



1 September 2024

The Assembly Rooms pub, in Epsom, is reopening at 8am on Tuesday 3 September, following an extensive refurbishment project, costing £1.375 million. The Mayor of Epsom and Ewell Councillor Steve ... [Read More](#)

News Policing

## Epsom murders advance police responses



30 August 2024

Surrey Police say its response to coercive and controlling behaviour in domestic abuse cases is “significantly more advanced” following the Epsom College murders. Emma Pattison, 45, was found dead alongside ... [Read More](#)

Arts Community Council

## Epsom Playhouse gets a 40 year uplift



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Epsom Playhouse opened in 1984 as part of the development of The Ashley Centre and since opening has hosted a wide and varied programme of events featuring both professional and ... [Read More](#)

Council Education

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29 August 2024

With 132 libraries closing permanently between 2016-2023 in England, there are growing concerns of further actions from local councils to make savings at the expense of public libraries. Should Epsom ... [Read More](#)

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## Trust the public to check our rivers

12 September 2024



The **Big River Watch** is returning. From 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September, the **South East Rivers Trust** is inviting people across the South East to join the only UK and Ireland-wide citizen science survey of river health, which has attracted more than 9,000 participants in its first year.

Anyone can join the Big River Watch by downloading the free, easy-to-use app and spending 15 minutes by their local river, answering the simple survey questions. The results will be made available on an interactive dashboard and will help drive action to improve rivers both on-the-ground and via campaigns and political advocacy.

We want to build a complete picture of river health, and topics covered include the plants and wildlife people can see, as well as visible signs of pollution or observations on flow levels. Some of the rivers and chalk streams across South East England provide habitats for rare species such as Beavers, Otters, Nightingales, Turtle Doves, Salmon and Brown Trout. It's essential that we try and restore healthy ecosystems for these rare species and local communities by carefully monitoring the health of the waterways across the region.

The South East Rivers Trust is running a series of volunteer events across the South East throughout September, including river clean-ups, gravel seeding and planting, where local communities can get involved and help restore their river: [www.southeastriverstrust.org/events](http://www.southeastriverstrust.org/events)

**Bella Davies**, CEO at The South East Rivers Trust, said: "People across the UK and Ireland are becoming more and more interested in the health of their rivers, using their voices - and their votes - to show they care. With the Big River Watch, anyone can get involved in monitoring signs of pollution, spotting wildlife, and sharing their connection with their local river. This isn't just important for us gathering data but is also empowering for people who are demanding better for our rivers."

**Tessa Wardley**, Director of Communication & Advocacy at The Rivers Trust, said: "We know that no rivers in England are in good overall health, but we also know that environmental monitoring is currently very sparse. Having a large set of data from one weekend will help our experts to understand what's going on in our rivers, and what needs to be done to make them cleaner, healthier, and part of a thriving wider environment. As well as learning where pollution and wildlife are spotted, we also want to know how spending time near rivers affects people's wellbeing, so I'd encourage anyone and everyone to spend some time by their river and make their voice heard."

- The survey includes questions on river wildlife, signs of pollution, and health and wellbeing
- Results will be updated in near-real time on the **Big River Watch Data Dashboard**
- More than 9,000 people have now taken part in the Big River Watch, 59% of those being new to citizen science

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Image: Views of the Hogsmill River that runs through Epsom and Ewell

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## Phil Bradley of Ewell was a fair man

12 September 2024



World Fun Fair Month aims to unite Showmen from around the world to celebrate all aspects of fairgrounds, and the joy they bring to communities everywhere, find out more with the Future4Fairgrounds website. Don't forget to check out our social media as we'll have more posts running throughout September to celebrate World Fun Fair Month.

Fairs have been part of Surrey's history for centuries and the origins of many can be traced back to charters and privileges granted in medieval times. Surrey History Centre holds a wealth of sources for fairground history including photographs, illustrations, and published works. Without a doubt, our key fairground collection is that of Fairground enthusiast, **Philip Bradley of Ewell**, who spent his life compiling a written and photographic record of every fair he visited from 1936 until his death in 1999. He amassed 30,000 photographs of fairs across the country and was highly regarded by showmen and fairground people. His collection provides an invaluable history of twentieth century fairgrounds (Surrey History Centre reference 6790). You can find out more about Philip Bradley and his archive on our Exploring Surrey's Past website.

This Bradley photograph shows features the glamorous and daring 'Wall of Death' display riders Patsy Kelly, Bobbie Hall and Gene Dare, known as "The Bombshells", on their motorbike at Guildford Fair, 6th May 1939, just a couple of months before the start of the Second World War (Philip Bradley Collection, Surrey History Centre reference 6790/4/2).

## Fairs during Wartime

During wartime, fairs were affected by blackout restrictions and limited supplies of food, fuel and 'swag'. Coconut shies became rare as coconuts took up valuable shipping space and rifle ranges were deprived of ammunition. Music was also muted in case it drowned out the air raid alert. Many showmen's engines were used for demolition work clearing debris from blitzed cities and demolishing unstable buildings, especially in areas of severe bomb damage in Merseyside, Manchester and London. Find out more about fairs during wartime.

Surrey History Centre

Image: Philip Bradley seated in an Orton & Spooner 'Whale Car' at Butlins Ltd, Florence Park, Oxford, 28 Aug 1943 (Philip Bradley Collection, Surrey History Centre reference 6790/4/8).

**Heritage open days in Surrey**

Heritage open days take place between 6 to 15 September, and there's over 200 events in Surrey to choose from. Why not visit The Grange Centre on 13 September, where Archaeologists from Surrey County Archaeological Unit will be opening a testpit in the grounds of the Centre.

### 09/10/2024 17:30 - 18:45      **From Patient to Professor**

#### Online Zoom Talk

Dan Jacobson was a teenage inpatient at **Long Grove** Psychiatric Hospital for four months in the years just before its closure in the 1990s. This talk will explore the geography and history of the **Epsom Cluster** of psychiatric hospitals, weaving together his personal and professional journey - from a patient to becoming a professor. What was it like on the wards of the hospital? Dan is going to discuss negotiation and treatment for mental illness. These experiences will be used to reflect on his ongoing research into the changes to the landscape within and surrounding the former hospital sites.

Dan Jacobson, PhD, is an Associate Professor of Geography at the University of Calgary, Canada.

Cost: £6

96 spaces available - book this event

## 29th August 2024

12 September 2024

Football Sports

### **Epsom take the boot from landlords**



27 August 2024

Epsom and Ewell 1-2 Corinthian-Casuals, Combined Counties League - Premier Division South. Monday 26th August 2024. A late rally almost enabled us to take something out of our first Tolworth ... [Read More](#)

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Crime News

## Epsom College murder inquest



20 August 2024

A coroner has called on the government to tighten gun-licensing laws after the former head of Epsom College and her daughter were murdered. Emma Pattison, 45, was found dead alongside her seven-year-old ... [Read More](#)

Council Health

## Walk on the Downs to feel Up.



19 August 2024

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council is hosting a walk around Epsom Downs on 10th September to coincide with World Suicide Prevention Day. This event supports the council's Suicide Prevention Action ... [Read More](#)

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## Epsom and Ewell Brace for Government Housing Targets



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17 August 2024

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17 August 2024

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17 August 2024

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## 15th August 2024

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News Policing

## Surrey police to move to Epsom and Ewell constituency



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Education News

## A classes for Rosebery girls



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The class of 2024 at Rosebery School Sixth Form did themselves proud with one in three A level results including an A\* or A. The excellent results also saw 86 ... [Read More](#)

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## Racing tips for Friday at Epsom



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## Social housing options boxed in



12 August 2024

Hundreds of people desperate for social housing will finally have homes to call their own after a seven storey block was approved – despite concerns it would blight historic views ... [Read More](#)

Arts Health

## Mental health art exhibition in Epsom



12 August 2024

Children and young people using mental health services have been taking part in a 'My Voice Matters' exhibition, which allows participants to express themselves through the medium of art. The ... [Read More](#)

Football Sports

## Things can only get better.....?



12 August 2024

Epsom and Ewell 0-5 Guildford City. Combined Counties League – Premier Division South. Saturday 10th August 2024. On Tuesday our club acclaimed a “great” performance in defeating Step Four Phoenix ... [Read More](#)

Business Nature

## Wine tasting on the slopes of Leith Hill



10 August 2024

Wine aficionados will soon be able to sample the delights of pinot noir, chardonnay, and cabernet in their famous fermented form after a Surrey Hills vineyard was granted planning permission ... [Read More](#)

Arts Council

## Redhill theatre gone to rack and ruin?



9 August 2024

There are currently no plans to reopen a much loved Surrey town centre theatre according to a new report. The Harlequin

Theatre in Redhill closed its doors in September 2023 ... [Read More](#)

Environment News

## 'Don't put your national trust in Barclays' climate protestors urge.



9 August 2024

On Saturday, 3rd August, visitors to Box Hill from Epsom, Ewell, and surrounding areas held a peaceful demonstration, urging The National Trust to cease banking with Barclays. The group organised ... [Read More](#)

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## A classes for Rosebery girls

12 September 2024



The class of 2024 at Rosebery School Sixth Form did themselves proud with one in three A level results including an A\* or A.

The excellent results also saw 86 per cent of students achieve grades A\* to C and the average vocational qualification saw a distinction, so it was celebrations all round.

"These results are a testament to the unwavering hard work, dedication and determination of our exceptional cohort," said David Lach, Head of School.

"We could not be prouder of the Class of 2024. We have always known they were a special and talented group, and we are delighted that their efforts have resulted in such fantastic outcomes. Well done, girls!"

There were many outstanding results, but to highlight a few of the school's most notable performers: Ysabel C was awarded an incredible 4 A\*, Ilana A and Edith P achieved 3 A\*s and 1 A, Rachel A achieved 4 A grades. Jessica W received 3A\*s. Connie H, Becca J, Elizabeth Q P and Maya S were awarded 2A\*s and an A in their core A levels but with Maya and Connie also achieving an A\* in their EPQ.

"Following the school's recent Outstanding Ofsted Judgement for Sixth Form Provision, and building on last year's record-breaking results, Rosebery School Sixth Form continues to excel and grow stronger each year - with the school receiving a record number of both internal and external applications to join the Sixth Form in September," said Mr Lach.

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## Racing tips for Friday at Epsom

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The action continues at Epsom Downs this week with a competitive six-race card on offer for punters heading to the track

on Friday 16th August.

Racing gets underway at 1.40 with a class five nursery contest before rounding off at 4.35 as eight runners tackle a class five handicap.

*Read below to discover the latest tips for Epsom's card on Friday, courtesy of **OLBG**:*

The opening race of the afternoon (1.40) sees a field of nine head to the start for the class five nursery for two-year-olds. Liberty Bird was a runner up last time out at Leicester for trainer Charlie Johnston and gets the nod here to bag a second win of the campaign, having been victorious at Beverley in June. Enchanted Eye rates the main danger from the Eve Johnson Houghton yard, a good second on nursery debut at Leicester 29 days ago.

A small field of four will take on race two of the afternoon at Epsom in the maiden fillies' stakes (2.15) over the seven furlong distance. The Amy Murphy-trained Creative Lady is the clear pick on form here, a decent second in a Lingfield maiden last time out and is the one to beat here. Graduated, for trainer Dr Richard Newland, can fill the second spot, second at Brighton on her last spin.

A class four handicap marks race three on the Friday card at 2.50, with eight runners set to travel over the six furlong sprint distance. Winner of this race last year, Musicka is back for another crack for trainer David O'Meara and has hit form at the right time with a second in a big-field handicap at York last month so is the one to beat again. Of his rivals, Tourist can make his presence felt if bouncing back to form following a fifth at Doncaster last time out.

Race four (3.25) is an 11-runner handicap in class six for horses aged three and older, with preference heading the way of Imperial Cult, who landed a career best when scoring in a 12-runner handicap at Lingfield 17 days ago to follow up another win at that venue a month previously so is taken to complete the hat trick here ahead of Corporate Raider, a Brighton winner in June and second at that track 45 days ago.

The penultimate race on Epsom's card this week arrives at 4.00 as six runners head to the start for the extended mile handicap in class five. Unreal Connection for trainer Amanda Perratt looks the one to beat here, a previous winner at Epsom who was fourth in a Sandown handicap when last seen. Eretat is the main danger, a cosy winner at Wolverhampton three weeks ago who is bidding to follow up.

Finally, the card comes to a close with the class five handicap over seven furlongs (4.35) and eight runners will take it on, with preference heading the way of Marlay Park, a four-time course and distance winner who has yet to fire this season but is sliding down the weights as well as dropping in grade here.

#### **Epsom selections - Friday**

1.40 - Liberty Bird

2.15 - Creative Lady

2.50 - Musicka

3.25 - Imperial Cult

4.00 - Unreal Connection

4.35 - Marlay Park

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## 8th August 2024

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Health Helen Maguire Westminster

### Our Health Deserves Better



9 August 2024

I want to take this opportunity to thank those who voted for me at the general election. There is much to do to improve our situation in Epsom & Ewell ... [Read More](#)

Health News

### Epsom Hospital upgrade at risk?



8 August 2024

A “crumbling” Surrey hospital trust says it is “cracking on” with plans for a new hospital and upgrades despite concerns the government could scrap a funding plan Epsom General Hospital and ... [Read More](#)

Football Sports

## Epsom rose from the ashes of Phoenix defeat



8 August 2024

Phoenix Sports 1-3 Epsom and Ewell FC. Emirates F.A. Cup Extra-Preliminary Round Replay - Tuesday 6th August 2024. Well this was a strange one! With just fifteen minutes remaining, we ... [Read More](#)

Council Environment

## A question of Chalk Pit noise and dust



7 August 2024

Noise and dust pollution from the Chalk Pit waste recycling centre in Epsom continues to exacerbate the Council as residents' complaints continue unabated. On 26th March 2024 Epsom and Ewell ... [Read More](#)

Council

## Epsom and Ewell Mayor's busy year



7 August 2024

The Mayor of Epsom and Ewell Cllr. Steve Bridger (RA Stamford) addressed the full council 30th July and told the meeting about his business. “My Mayoral year has started well, ... [Read More](#)

Community Council Volunteers

## Council pay tribute to Epsom tree hero



7 August 2024

Councillors of Epsom and Ewell stood in silence in memory of local tree hero Mike Ford. The full council meeting held in

the Town Hall chamber on 30th July heard ... [Read More](#)

Community Football

## Local football feel the blues from Chelsea FC



7 August 2024

The Epsom and Ewell Colts, a longstanding community-led grassroots football club, are facing a crisis after the abrupt cancellation of their primary training venue at Blenheim High School. The school's ... [Read More](#)

Crime Policing

## Surrey Police's response to national disorder



6 August 2024

Following the tragic events in Southport last week and the subsequent violent disorder we have seen across the country, we are providing our communities with an update on our policing ... [Read More](#)

Football Sports

## Epsom replay rise from the ashes hoped for



5 August 2024

Epsom & Ewell 0-0 Phoenix Sports. Emirates F.A. Cup Extra-Preliminary Round. Saturday 3rd August 2024. Our first competitive match at the ninth official "home" ground in club history took place ... [Read More](#)

Council Transport

## Surrey roads get better marks



2 August 2024

Nearly £2m will be spent this year on improving road markings across the county, with over 48 miles of line painting already completed. Surrey County Council has substantially increased its ... [Read More](#)

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## 1st August 2024

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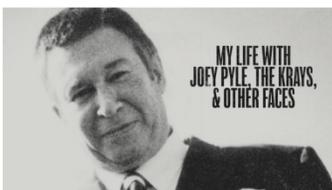


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## Epsom Racing tips for Thursday

12 September 2024



Racing returns to Epsom on Thursday, with six races on the card for what is expected to be an exciting evening of racing.

Timed perfectly to pick up punters following the day's racing at Glorious Goodwood, the action begins at 6pm, with the final race taking place at 8:35pm. The going on the Downs is good to firm, but with another day where the temperatures are set to top 30 degrees, the ground could be firm by the time racing gets underway.

Read below to find out the latest **horse racing odds** and tips from Thursday's Epsom card.

#### **18:00 - Peter Bromwich Apprentice Handicap**

The opener is a 1m2f handicap, with four-year-olds and above contesting this Class 5 contest. Having finished second over a shorter trip at Epsom earlier this month, **Chips And Rice** will run off an unchanged mark and could push the fancied Big Bear Hug.

#### **18:30 - Pick And Place Your Stakes Challenge EBF Restricted Novice Stakes**

Next up, a race for Novice two-year-olds, with a 7f trip to negotiate in this Class 4 contest. Parole D'Oro's second placed start at Ascot makes for an appealing option, however, debutant **Noble Phoenix** is an exciting newcomer and could upset the odds.

#### **19:00 - Outdoor Advertising Is The Best British EBF Fillies' Handicap**

Another Class 4 race is up next, with a 1m1/2f trip for a top prize of £7,731 on offer for the winner. **Dreamrocker** is the favourite, with a career-best win at Ascot 20 days ago representing excellent form and this should be enough to push through a 4lb rise in weights.

#### **19:30 - Iron Maiden Red Wine Handicap**

Up next, a Class 6 handicap for three-year-olds which will be run at just over seven furlongs. Having finished a strong fourth at Doncaster 21 days ago, **Moakadd** for Roger Varian is the likely frontrunner, down 1lb.

#### **20:05 - Miles Commercial Handicap**

The penultimate race of the card is a Class 5 contest, run over 1m4f and open to 4yo+ horses. Having shown a marked improvement in form so far this year, **Rogue Tornado** is expected to continue this good form as the front-runner in this race.

#### **20:35 - Trooper 'Time People Please!' Handicap**

Finally, this 6f handicap sees just five expected runners for what is a close Class 5 contest to call. With a first time visor fitted and good form this season, **Macanudo** will be expected to perform well especially when considering a drop back in grade for this race.

#### **Selections - odds courtesy of BoyleSports**

18:00: Chips And Rice - 11/4

18:30: Noble Phoenix - 6/1

19:00: Dreamrocker - 11/4

19:30: Moakadd - 3/1

20:05: Rogue Tornado - 4/1

20:35: Macanudo - 15/8

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## **Bikes that blight the blind**

12 September 2024



Dear Editor,

I would like to bring a serious problem to the attention of Epsom residents, that is if they are not already aware of it but do not want to do anything about it. For at least the last year I have been battling and campaigning against motorbike delivery riders who insist on illegally parking in Epsom Square (formerly Derby Square) off Epsom High Street and all along that stretch of the High Street.

Continually all through the day these motorbike riders park their motorbikes and I do mean the whole of the motorbike, on the pavement. They ride their motorbikes on to the pavement and park up. At times there has been as many as 21 motorbikes parked on the pavement outside shops like McDonalds. It is a serious safety issue as well as being an illegal parking matter.

I have reported this issue to Surrey County Council Parking Enforcement Team dozens of times and all that happens is that they send an Enforcement Officer out, who simply moves the motorbike riders on and what always happens is the riders return later on. The Parking Enforcement Team should be fining them and then they might start to listen.

I have contacted my local new MP a couple of times about this issue but I have yet to receive an acknowledgement about the matter. I am sure my local MP is very busy as she is newly elected but this is a local issue and that should be the focus of any MP, to deal with their local issues. I am a blind person living in Epsom and there are a higher than average of blind people in Epsom as there is a residential housing building in Epsom for blind people.

Surrey Parking Enforcement Team need to get a grip of this situation before there are some serious accidents.

Regards

Russell Bailey

Swail House Association for the Visually Impaired

Image: Delivery moped on pavement in Epsom - Google

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## The lime light a foot in Epsom

12 September 2024



Aydin Mustafa, a lifelong performer and dedicated advocate for the arts, has taken on a new role as the Owner and Director of **Footlights Epsom**, the first Footlights franchise in London. Aydin's passion for the performing arts began at a young age, starting in the industry at the tender age of 4. Reflecting on his early beginnings, Aydin shares, "My mum introduced me to the world of performing arts not with the aim of fame, but to instil confidence, nurture development, and foster social connections. It was a love that ignited in me instantly and continued to burn bright throughout my teenage years."



After studying performing arts at GCSE and A-level at Woodcote High School in Coulsdon, Surrey, Aydin pursued a career in the corporate world but found himself yearning for something more fulfilling. Inspired by his deep-rooted passion for the arts and his desire to make a positive impact on the community, Aydin sought guidance from Jo Fisher, the visionary founder of Footlights, founded in 2005.

Aydin recalls, “Jo Fisher’s journey from leaving school at the age of 14 to crafting Footlights into the illustrious, multi-award-winning performing arts franchise it is today has been a constant source of inspiration for me. Her commitment to empowering young talent and creating avenues for personal growth resonates profoundly with my own beliefs and values.”

With a vision to establish a sanctuary of excellence, diversity, and inclusivity for children and teenagers aged 3-18, Aydin envisions Footlights Epsom as a nurturing environment where individuals can freely express themselves and cultivate lifelong skills “In a world that can often feel overwhelming and chaotic”.

Aydin poignantly expresses, “Our mission is to nurture the generation of tomorrow today, equipping them with the tools, confidence, and resilience needed to navigate the complexities of the modern world.”

Aydin’s unwavering dedication to fostering young talent and nurturing personal growth is deeply rooted in his love for his 2-year-old daughter, Ayla, who serves as his greatest inspiration. “Every step I take with Footlights Epsom is guided by the hope of creating a world where my daughter can flourish, learn, and boldly express her true self. A performing arts school isn’t just about creating the next star; it’s about empowering young individuals, fostering their creativity, and equipping them with essential skills for life,” said Aydin Mustafa, Owner and Director of Footlights Epsom.

The grand opening of Footlights Epsom is set to take place on Saturday 14th September, at Epsom and Ewell High School from 9:30am to 1pm. Individuals aged 3-18 years old, regardless of background or experience, are invited to join in the celebration. The Mayor of Epsom and Ewell, Steve Bridger, will be in attendance to mark this exciting new chapter in the performing arts scene in Surrey.

Aydin lastly adds “Join us at Epsom and Ewell High School on Saturday 14th September for a day filled with fun, creativity, and the magic of Performing Arts. We look forward to welcoming the Epsom and Ewell community and neighbouring towns to our grand opening event.”

For more information about Footlights Epsom, including updates on workshops and events, follow them on Instagram and Facebook @footlightsepsom. To learn more about the school and register for the open day, visit [www.footlightstheatre.co.uk/location/footlights-epsom/](http://www.footlightstheatre.co.uk/location/footlights-epsom/) or contact Aydin Mustafa via email at [epsom@footlightstheatre.co.uk](mailto:epsom@footlightstheatre.co.uk)

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## 25th July 2024

12 September 2024

ARTS CULTURE NEWS

### Satisfy your eye at Epsom film festival



24 July 2024

Epsom based Satisfied Eye International Film Festival (SEIFF) is set to dazzle film enthusiasts with its “Best of Fest

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## Ahmadiyya roti for local food bank



24 July 2024

Fresh bread from local Ahmadi Muslims will be made from the Roti-making factory at the UK's largest Muslim convention, the Jalsa Salana, as part of the "Bread for Britain" campaign ... [READ MORE](#)

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Access has been vastly improved up to iconic landmark, Box Hill in the Surrey Hills National Landscape thanks to the refurbishment of 300 steps. Originally installed by volunteers back in ... [READ MORE](#)

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Surrey County Council is seeking support from residents, businesses and community groups to help shape a new 'Local Nature Recovery Strategy' (LNRS). Developed with partners, the strategy will set out ... [READ MORE](#)

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Continuing the enthusiasm for tennis following Wimbledon, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council will be offering bookable free tennis sessions from Tuesday 23 July to Monday 26 August, between 8am and ... [READ MORE](#)

EDUCATION NEWS

## Surrey teacher banned for underwear social media pupil chat



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A Surrey teacher has been banned after messaging pupils about thongs, favourite underwear, and shaving. [The Teachers' Regulation Agency (TRA) has not published the name of the school in the ... [READ MORE](#)