

# Bourne again Christmas lights

4 November 2025



Bourne Hall is delighted to announce the return of its much-loved Christmas Lights Switch-On event, taking place on Saturday 29 November from 4pm until 7.30pm.

This free, family-friendly celebration invites the local community to gather for an evening filled with festive entertainment, seasonal treats, and holiday cheer.

## **Event highlights include:**

**Live Music & Performances:** Enjoy a lively programme of performances from local musicians and dance schools on the main stage. Special guests include Santa Claus and the cast of this year's Epsom Playhouse Pantomime, Aladdin, bringing a sprinkle of theatrical magic to the festivities.

**Market & Craft Stalls:** Browse a variety of stalls featuring handmade crafts, unique gifts, and festive products - perfect for early Christmas shopping.

**Food & Refreshments:** Indulge in delicious seasonal fare from The Flying Saucer Café, offering warm treats and tasty bites throughout the evening.

**Santa's Grotto Grand Opening:** Be among the first to visit the newly opened Santa's Grotto, where children can meet Father Christmas and experience the joy of the season.

**Christmas Lights Switch-On Ceremony:** Be there for the magical moment at 5.15pm, when The Deputy Mayor of Epsom & Ewell, Santa and beloved festive characters illuminate Bourne Hall with a dazzling display of Christmas lights.

Speaking of the upcoming event, Councillor **Clive Woodbridge** (RA Ewell Village), Chair of the Community & Wellbeing Committee, said: "We're absolutely delighted to welcome back the Christmas Lights Switch-On at Bourne Hall - a cherished tradition that brings our community together in the most magical way. This year's event promises festive fun for all ages, with music, entertainment, and of course, the grand illumination that marks the start of the holiday season in Ewell. I encourage everyone to come along and share in the joy."

This outdoor event is free and open to all, promising a heartwarming celebration for families, friends, and neighbours. Attendees are encouraged to dress warmly and arrive early to enjoy the full programme of festivities.

Visit Bourne Hall from 29 November for a whole host of festivities.

## **Bourne Hall Christmas Lights Switch On**

Saturday 29 November, 4pm - 7.30pm. Free event.

A day of festive fun including:

- Live music and performances
- Market and craft stalls
- Food and refreshments
- Santa's Grotto Grand Opening
- Christmas Lights Switch On 5.15pm - The Deputy Mayor of Epsom & Ewell and Santa switch on the Christmas lights at Bourne Hall.

## **Santa's Grotto - Saturday 29 November to Saturday 20 December**

Step into the magic of Christmas at Bourne Hall's enchanting *Santa's Grotto!*

**Please note that Santa's Grotto is free to visit during the week but Saturday visits cost £1 per person**

## **Grand Opening - Friday 29 November**

Celebrate the launch of the grotto with a special evening of festive cheer!

Opening times on Saturday 29th November only:

- 16:00-17:00
- 18:00-19:30

- Entry: £1.00 per person (card payment only, payable at the door) due to the high footfall on this date, there is no pre booking option available, we will operate a first come first serve basis during the two time slots.

### **Pre-Book Your Visit - Saturdays 6, 13 & 20 December**

Reserve your time slot online to guarantee your child's magical moment with Santa.  
Spaces are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment!

Tickets are £1.00 per child and can be booked online by following the links below, please select the link for your desired date, this will take you to the booking page where you can select a ticket for your desired time slot:

Saturday 6 December: [https://sessami.co/events/meetsantabounrehall?utm\\_medium=website&utm\\_sou...](https://sessami.co/events/meetsantabounrehall?utm_medium=website&utm_sou...)

Saturday 13 December: [https://sessami.co/events/6529dc6f-1b2e-4c07-bd35-48c0c157cdde?utm\\_mediu...](https://sessami.co/events/6529dc6f-1b2e-4c07-bd35-48c0c157cdde?utm_mediu...)

Saturday 20 December: [https://sessami.co/events/45c92d02-ab10-48c4-8e69-7836930592d4?utm\\_mediu...](https://sessami.co/events/45c92d02-ab10-48c4-8e69-7836930592d4?utm_mediu...)

### **Weekday Visits - Monday to Friday 10:00-16:00**

Enjoy the grotto scenery at your leisure with **free entry** during the week.  
Take festive photos, soak in the decorations, and write a letter to Santa to post!

Whether you're booking a weekend visit or popping in during the week, Bourne Hall's grotto is the perfect way to celebrate the season and make lasting memories.

For more information or to get involved, please contact [bhevents@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:bhevents@epsom-ewell.gov.uk) or visit [bournehall.org](http://bournehall.org).

Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey KT17 1UF. 020 8393 9571. Bourne Hall is open Monday - Saturday, 10am - 5pm.

<https://www.bournehall.org>

Epsom and Ewell Borough Council



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## **18th September 2025**

4 November 2025

Community Health

### **Laser gift to Epsom Hospital shines light on the hand of Jimmy Hendry**



17 September 2025

The arrival of a major piece of medical equipment always lifts spirits among hospital staff—but the recent installation of a £40,000 laser at Epsom General Orthopaedics held particular poignancy, bringing ... [Read More](#)

Business Education

### **Surrey Uni studies the climate friendly way to grow our lettuces**



17 September 2025

Vertical farming has been hailed as a futuristic answer to Britain's food security challenges - but a new study led by the University of Surrey suggests the picture is more ... [Read More](#)

Business Community News

## Big improvements required of Epsom care home



17 September 2025

An Epsom care home has been told it needs to make big improvements after inspectors found residents were being left to lead "very isolated lives." Fir Trees House, a residential ... [Read More](#)

Arts Culture News

## Epsom's Milly to share spotlight with West End star Kerry Ellis



17 September 2025

Local talent will step into the limelight at the Epsom Playhouse this Thursday, when Stagecoach Epsom student Milly Playle performs alongside one of Britain's most celebrated West End stars, Kerry ... [Read More](#)

Council Education

## Surrey's education failings cost £1 million



15 September 2025

Surrey County Council's failings have cost the authority more than £1m in fines and redress payments over the past two years - the vast majority within its education services, newly ... [Read More](#)

Rugby Sports

## Dartford fail to bridge the gap with Epsom rugby



15 September 2025

Sutton and Epsom RFC 33 Dartfordians 29 Saturday 13th September Last season's meetings between these two clubs reflected the Sutton and Epsom campaign. The early encounter in Bexley was one ... [Read More](#)

Cricket Sports

13 September 2025

## Surrey County Cricket Club ground in the red



A Surrey sports ground is set to get a £114,000 hand out to keep it afloat after the site racked up a big budget shortfall last year. But councillors insist ... [Read More](#)

Council Housing

## No Place Like Home - Until Surrey Sells It



13 September 2025

Families have been left worried sick and children devastated after Surrey County Council decided to sell their homes "to ensure best value" in the "disposal of public assets". Residents say ... [Read More](#)

Horse racing Sports

## Today's racing at Epsom racecourse



11 September 2025

This afternoon's first race is a two-year-olds' seven-furlong novice (1.37). Each of the seven runners have been seen before, with the best currently presenting as Ollie Sangster's Red Tsarina, who ... [Read More](#)

Council News

## Epsom library opening to register births and deaths



11 September 2025

Surrey's Registration & Nationality Service has been undergoing changes over the past year with the aim of providing an improved experience for residents at important life moments. Dated and non-energy ... [Read More](#)

News Planning Policing

## Surrey Police HQ development dogged by flood risks



11 September 2025

Plans to redevelop Surrey Police's Mount Browne headquarters in Guildford — including a new dog training school — have been green-lit for a second time despite fresh flood risk modelling ... [Read More](#)

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## Today's racing at Epsom racecourse

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This afternoon's first race is a two-year-olds' seven-furlong novice (1.37). Each of the seven runners have been seen before, with the best currently presenting as Ollie Sangster's Red Tsarina, who won a fillies' race at Chelmsford most recently. She makes her turf debut today, while the best with turf form is St Anton, who placed on debut at Newmarket and will be a big player once again.

*Courtesy of Boyle Sports, who provide all the latest **horse racing odds**.*

Next is a seven-furlong handicap (2.12). Rod Millman's Cypriot Diaspora seeks a hat-trick, having won her last two starts at Ffos Las, but may not be so well suited to this track, so it may pay to look elsewhere. Dylan Cunha's Valley Of the Kings went well over course and distance last time out and, running off the same mark again, could pick up at least a place, but David O'Meara's 10-year-old veteran Orbaan looks the most likely candidate given his good track record and recent strain of form.

Race three is a handicap over a mile and a quarter (2.47). Racing Demon should have a good chance after a recent pair of places and the addition of a visor for today. Didaar also should be able to run a good race off the same mark which saw him place last time at Ffos Las, and has a useful five pounds from his rider. Questionable could be the winner, though, now just one pound above his last winning mark.

The Jump Jockeys Derby is next - a handicap over a mile and a half (3.18). Balhambar could have a good chance for Paul O'Brien, now two pounds below his last run on the Flat, in which he finished a respectable third of 11 last October. Returning from a break, he could win this, but will have to watch out for Alan King's Westerton, who has dipped down to a very workable mark.

Race five is another handicap over a mile and a half, this time for three-year-olds (3.53). Owen Burrows' Girls Night Out could go well, having come down a couple of pounds in the weights. She is ridden by a five-pound claimer, which helps her case. Drawn next door, though, is Love You Back, who makes more appeal with a good bit of course form from July and a workable mark for Gary and Josh Moore.

The penultimate race is a handicap run over the extended mile (4.25). Another for Gary and Josh Moore, Oj Lifestyle goes well at this track and is on a mark which should lend itself to winning here. Magical Merlin could run for a place under claiming rider Millie Wonnacott, while Beau Jardine could do the same from the innermost draw.

Last of all is another handicap over the same trip, this time for three-year-olds (5.00). Nigel Tinkler's Amidst The Chaos travels a long way for this and seeks a hat-trick today, while Pink Azalea - who also has a long drive from Malton to Epsom - looks more likely on a mark which may be winnable from under a five-pound claimer.

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

1.37 - St Anton

2.12 - Orbaan

2.47 - Questionable

3.18 - Balhambar

3.53 - Love You Back

4.25 - Oj Lifestyle

5.00 - Pink Azalea

Horses racing Image: Credit Paul. CC BY 2.0

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## 11th September 2025

4 November 2025

Community Council News

### Surrey County Council flags up the flag issue



10 September 2025

Surrey County Council has set the record straight about whether residents can hang flags from lampposts. In a statement shared with councillors and online, the authority said: "We recognise the ... [Read More](#)

Horse racing Sports

### Should Epsom's Derby revert to Wednesday?



9 September 2025

Epsom-based trainer: make the Derby "London's Race" as town's training revival gathers pace "There's a genuine feel that Epsom is back on the map" Epsom-based trainer George Baker says the ... [Read More](#)

Council Finances Policing

### Surrey Police tax set to rise



8 September 2025

Council tax bills could keep climbing despite warnings residents could be getting less bang for their buck. Surrey's Police and Crime Commissioner has insisted she "will not ask the public ... [Read More](#)

Community Council

### The young of Epsom and Ewell can be legends



8 September 2025

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council is proud to announce its new local initiative - Epsom & Ewell Young Legends - an exciting programme of sports and creative activities taking place ... [Read More](#)

Rugby Sports

## Sutton and Epsom rugby season opener



8 September 2025

Having enjoyed their first winning season since lifting the Level 5 title in 2018-19 Sutton approached this new campaign with renewed vigour, optimism and purpose. The opening fixture was a ... [Read More](#)

Community Education News

## New Centre at Nescot gives vision impaired students “the best of both worlds”



8 September 2025

A new Centre of Excellence for vision impaired young people has opened at the North East Surrey College of Technology (Nescot) in Ewell. The initiative is run by the Royal ... [Read More](#)

Council Housing Planning

## Epsom care home to become hotel and staff HMO



7 September 2025

A former Surrey care home is being given a new lease of life - not for elderly residents but as a mix of hotel rooms and shared housing. The Elders, ... [Read More](#)

News Policing

## Anti-catcalling campaign triggered ‘vitriolic’ backlash



7 September 2025

Surrey's Police and Crime Commissioner has said the "vitriolic" online abuse she faced after an anti-catcalling trial campaign went viral shows why tackling violence against women and girls must remain ... [Read More](#)

Local History News Transport

## King Athelstan returns to Kingston

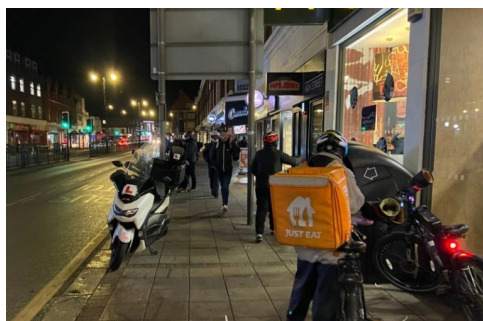


7 September 2025

Podcaster and historian Tom Holland was in Kingston on Thursday 4th September to mark the 1,100th anniversary of the coronation of King Athelstan, regarded as England's first monarch. At a ... [Read More](#)

News Transport Westminster

## Pavement Parking: Epsom & Ewell MP Speaks Out



7 September 2025

3rd September Helen Maguire, Liberal Democrat MP for Epsom & Ewell, spotlighted i

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## Citizens Advice Bureau AGM

4 November 2025



### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

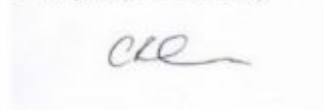
Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Citizens Advice Epsom and Ewell will be held at the Old Town Hall, The Parade, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5AG on Tuesday 16th September 2025 at 5.00pm.

#### Agenda:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Resolution A: To approve the minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting.
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Treasurer's oral report
5. Resolutions B-E:
  - B. To approve and adopt the Annual Report and Accounts for the year 2024-25.
  - C. To note the re-appointment of Longmeade Consult Ltd as the Independent Examiner for the year 2025-26.
  - D. To re-elect Yvette Ball as a Trustee Director for a three-year term.
  - E. To elect Samantha Denning, Barnaby Hopson and Vanessa King as Trustee Directors for a three-year term.
6. Special Resolution:
  - F. **THAT** the articles of association contained in the document attached to this Resolution be and hereby are approved and adopted as the new articles of association of the Company (the "New Articles") in substitution for and to the entire exclusion of the existing articles of association.

Members who are unable to attend may appoint a proxy. Proxy forms must be submitted by email to the Company Secretary at [secretary@caee.org.uk](mailto:secretary@caee.org.uk) or delivered to Citizens Advice Epsom and Ewell, Old Town Hall, The Parade, Epsom, Surrey KT18 5AG at least 48 hours before the meeting. An instrument of proxy which is not so delivered shall be invalid.

Company Secretary



By Order of the Board

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## 4th September 2025

4 November 2025

Business Community News

### Godstone's gasworks fury while sinkhole not fixed



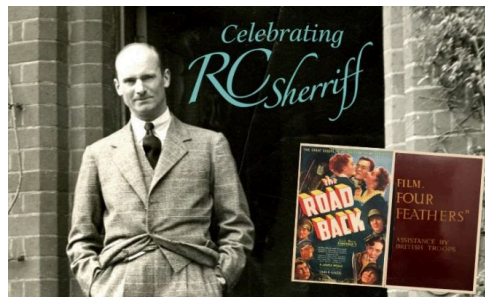
3 September 2025

Godstone residents are up in arms over suddenly announced gasworks on a 'major cut through', warning the closures

could turn traffic into a nightmare and hit local businesses - all ... [Read More](#)

Arts Culture Local History

## Surrey to mark 50 years since the death of playwright R.C. Sherriff



3 September 2025

This November marks the 50th anniversary of the death of Robert Cedric Sherriff (1896-1975), the Surrey-born playwright and screenwriter best remembered for his First World War play Journey's End. Sherriff, ... [Read More](#)

News Policing

3 September 2025



A former Surrey Police officer secretly got back with his ex while under investigation for behaviour in their relationship - then tried to persuade her to retract a statement, a ... [Read More](#)

Education News

## Surrey expansion of SEN places

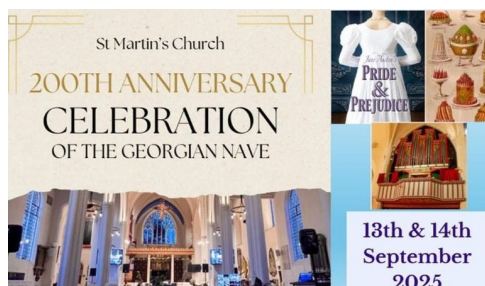


3 September 2025

An 'Outstanding' Surrey school could open a new satellite site at another primary- around eight miles away. Surrey County Council has revealed plans to expand a top-rated school for children ... [Read More](#)

Community Faith Local History

## Epsom's Parish Church Marks 200 Years



29 August 2025

This September, Epsom pauses to celebrate the 200th anniversary of its parish church, the Church of St Martin of Tours. For two centuries the building has stood at the centre ... [Read More](#)

Community Local History News

## Two new Epsom and Ewell virtual day trips unveiled



28 August 2025

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council has launched two new inclusive tours, part of their Virtual Day Trips series, in partnership with Whistlestop Tours. These tours explore Epsom and Ewell, shining ... [Read More](#)

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## 28th August 2025

4 November 2025

Horse racing News

### Epsom racecourse caught short of loos on family day



27 August 2025

A long-standing racegoer has written to the Epsom & Ewell Times to complain of what she described as “a complete lack of sanitation facilities” at Epsom Downs Racecourse during the ... [Read More](#)

Business Health News

### Surrey care home concerns



26 August 2025

The death of a 76-year-old man, who was found on the floor with fractured ribs, has led to concerns over safety of the remaining residents at a Surrey care home. ... [Read More](#)

Horse racing Sports

### Epsom's bank holiday racing results



26 August 2025

The seven-race card at Epsom on Monday afternoon saw a good spread of results with a pair of winning favourites alongside some less anticipated victors, with some very impressive winning ... [Read More](#)

News Transport

## Epsom rail commuters brace for fare increases



26 August 2025

Commuters travelling from Epsom to London terminals are set to pay significantly more for their journeys next year if government policy on rail fares continues unchanged. The current cost of ... [Read More](#)

Council Finances

## Epsom and Ewell Borough Council debt update

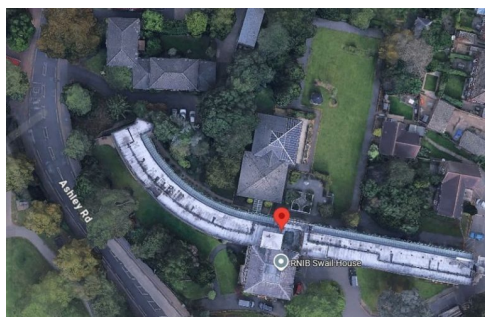


26 August 2025

Councils across the UK have added a further £7.8bn to their collective borrowing in the last year, leaving local authorities with debts of £122.2bn - the equivalent of £1,791 for ... [Read More](#)

Community Housing News

## RNIB blind to the interests of its Epsom residents?



24 August 2025

The future of Swail House in Epsom, a landmark housing estate for visually impaired people, has become the subject of debate as residents and the Royal National Institute of Blind ... [Read More](#)

Education Health News

## Prostate cancer vaccine research launched in Surrey



22 August 2025

In September 2025, The Prostate Project, a Guildford-based volunteer-led charity, will launch a £250,000 campaign to raise funds for a prostate cancer research project widely anticipated to be 'game-changing'. ... [Read More](#)

Education News

## Epsom schools celebrate GCSE results



22 August 2025

Epsom schools have been celebrating another strong year of GCSE results, with both Glyn School and Rosebery School reporting exceptional performances from the Class of 2025. At Glyn School, 86% ... [Read More](#)

Community Faith Local History

## Epsom commemorates VJ day



18 August 2025

St Martin's Church, Epsom, was filled on Friday 15th August as the borough came together to mark the 80th anniversary of VJ Day - the end of the Second World ... [Read More](#)

Health News

## Local MP speaks out on Epsom Hospital's bed-blocking



16 August 2025

Epsom & Ewell's MP, Helen Maguire, has called for urgent action on social care after visiting Epsom Hospital's accident and emergency department this week. The Liberal Democrat MP met hospital ... [Read More](#)

Business Council

## No alcohol sales between 3am and 7am rules Epsom licensing committee



15 August 2025

An Epsom corner shop has been given the green light for longer trading hours - but stopped short of being allowed to serve alcohol 24/7. Ruxley Food & Wine, an ... [Read More](#)

Education News

## Epsom's boys' and girls' schools celebrate A level results



15 August 2025

Epsom's two prominent secondary schools, Rosebery and Glyn, are celebrating outstanding A-level and vocational qualification results, with this year's achievements marking new highs in performance and student destinations. At Rosebery ... [Read More](#)

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## Epsom's bank holiday racing results

4 November 2025



The seven-race card at Epsom on Monday afternoon saw a good spread of results with a pair of winning favourites alongside some less anticipated victors, with some very impressive winning distances among them; the combined winning distance was around 15 lengths.

*Read on for a full report of the Epsom card, courtesy of **Sporting Life**.*

Up first was a six-furlong handicap (1.35). Of the six runners, the most fancied was Emma Lavelle's Silver Wraith at 6/4, who raced in touch with the leader, Em Four (6/1), who made all and began to extend his lead in the last couple of furlongs. The favourite could get no closer, with a challenge delivered by George Baker's Danger Alert, but the Jamie Osborne-trained Em Four was not for catching and won by a length.

Next was a seven-furlong two-year-olds' maiden (2.10). In a field of just four, Andrew Balding's Ghost Mode, ridden by Oisin Murphy, was the favourite at 1/3. The colt was keen, though, and though he led into the closing stages, he couldn't hold on for long enough and was overtaken by Ollie Sangster's filly Mayaada in the hands of Sam James at 4/1. The Nick Bradley Racing-owned filly won by a tidy two and a half lengths.

Following was a seven-furlong handicap (2.45). This saw our first winning favourite of the afternoon; David Loughnane's Partisan Hero under Rossa Ryan (3/1). This was a competitive race, with a number of possibilities with two furlongs left to travel. The market leader had to fight Archie Watson's Aurora Majesty home, but managed to cross the line a head in front with Native American following on in third.

An amateur riders' handicap was next, run over a mile and four furlongs (3.20). This race saw the second and final favourite of the day win a race; Gordon Grey at 9/4 for Ben Brookhouse under Paul Hainey. The grey gelding was never really in doubt, making all from the off in first-time cheekpieces, and no other runner made it close to him. Ridden home, Gordon Grey was eased down over the line and won by a very impressive five lengths.

Race five was a handicap run over a mile and a quarter (3.55). Oisin Murphy rode the favourite once again, Andrew Balding's Soul Dance, who led the field for most of the way. The pair looked likely to win at the two-furlong pole, but Ed Walker's Stormy Monday ran on home more strongly and snatched the win under Kieran Shoemark, eventually crossing the line nearly three lengths ahead.

The penultimate race was a handicap over the extended mile (4.28). Three of the field of six were finishing strongly; Jiff's Army, Due West and Play Me, with the former pair ahead of the rest. In the end, though Jiff's Army and Due West duelled home, it was Jiff's Army who stuck his neck to take the win under Rossa Ryan at 11/2.

Finally, the afternoon's racing concluded with a seven-furlong handicap (5.03). It was a slightly surprising result in that the favourite, 11/8 Silver Trumpet, all but pulled up having reportedly lost his action, while the 9/1 shot The Bitter Moose made all under Jim Crowley to win in emphatic fashion by nearly five lengths, totally unchallenged.

### **Epsom results - Monday:**

1.35 - Em Four (6/1)

2.10 - Mayaada (4/1)

2.45 - Partisan Hero (3/1)

3.20 - Gordon Grey (9/4)

3.55 - Stormy Monday (5/1)

4.28 - Jiff's Army (11/2)

5.03 - The Bitter Moose (9/1)

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## Today's Epsom racing tips

4 November 2025



Epsom Racecourse presents its latest meeting on Friday afternoon, with a six-race card consisting of five handicaps and one fillies' novice.

*Read on for a full preview of and tips for the Epsom card, courtesy of Boyle Sports, who offer all the latest **horse racing odds**.*

The first race of the afternoon is a seven-furlong two-year-olds' nursery handicap (2.05). Of the six runners, Tom Dascombe's Jowalla is the only one making her handicap debut, and wears first-time cheekpieces for the occasion, which could help her improve on her consistent placing form. Gascony wasn't suited by the heavy ground when last seen at Glorious Goodwood, and should be able to get back to his best today under a five pound claimer.

Next is a seven-furlong two-year-old fillies' novice (2.40). We have two newcomers here; Born To Bright, who wears a hood, and the expensive Lady Vanguard, who cost 320,000 guineas as a yearling, for George Scott. Calendar Girl is the filly she has to get past, who won on her debut in smart fashion at Newbury in July, but Epsom is a very different track and Lady Vanguard's trainer has the higher strike rate with juveniles in this context, so ought to be worth siding with.

Race three is a six-furlong handicap (3.15). There are just five runners here, but this is nonetheless a competitive race. Harry Eustace's Kisskodi completed a hat-trick earlier this season, and another good race is unlikely to be beyond him, especially with a claiming rider in the saddle again. Nordic Games has good course form, having placed a very close second at this track last time out, so could be involved again.

The fourth race is a mile and a quarter handicap (3.50). Letsbeatsepsis should have a chance, remaining on the same mark today as when second of 10 last time out, while Twilight Guest is back down to his last winning mark and could get back to the hat-trick winning ways of earlier this summer. He's a consistent type who should be capable of a decent result.

Second to last, race five is an extended mile handicap for three-year-olds (4.20). Jim Boyle's Play Me has come down two pounds in the handicap lately and now looks tempting, especially with a seven-pound claimer in the saddle. Though disappointing last time out at Lingfield, he is normally better and should be able to do his best work today. Coma Cluster similarly is at a winnable mark and should be at the sharp end.

Finally, the afternoon's racing concludes with a seven-furlong handicap (4.50). Revolutionise should be bang there, running off the same mark as last time when second over course and distance. Course and distance winner Marlay Park also should be able to run a good race on the same mark as a promising performance last time at Brighton. With Luke Catton's three pounds to boot, he could win this.

***Epsom selections - Friday (via Sporting Life):***

2.05 - Gascony

2.40 - Lady Vanguard

3.15 - Kisskodi

3.50 - Letsbeatsepsis

4.20 - Coma Cluster

4.50 - Marlay Park

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## 14th August 2025

4 November 2025

Arts Education

### Let your A level winners be creative says Epsom's Arts University



13 August 2025

Ahead of A-level results day and Clearing, University for the Creative Arts (UCA) has written an open letter to parents and carers asking them not to discourage their children from ... [Read More](#)

Council Housing Planning

### Keep our Valley Green say Langley Vale campaigners



13 August 2025

Campaigners in an Epsom village have hit out at proposals to build on "pristine farmland", warning the plans will destroy a cherished stretch of countryside on the edge of the ... [Read More](#)

Business Council

### New Business Start-Up Surrey Programme



13 August 2025

Budding entrepreneurs and early-stage businesses across Surrey are set to receive a major boost with the launch of the Start-Up Surrey Programme, a dynamic new initiative funded by Surrey County ... [Read More](#)

Arts Community Culture

### Silver musical lines under a cloudless Epsom sky



11 August 2025

On Sunday 10 August, under a radiant summer sky, the Epsom & Ewell Silver Band gave a free open-air concert in Rosebery Park. Families and friends gathered, bringing their own ... [Read More](#)

Business Community Health

## Garage Gives Ewell a Heart-Start



11 August 2025

A busy garage in Ewell that supports a prominent local charity now offers a rather special - and potentially life-saving - service. Autotest MOT in Ruxley Lane recently celebrated its ... [Read More](#)

Football News Sports

## Banned fan cheers on Epsom and Ewell FC from tree



10 August 2025

A lifelong supporter of Epsom & Ewell Football Club has taken to watching matches from a nearby tree after receiving what he describes as an “unwarranted” lifetime ban from the ... [Read More](#)

Community News

## Epsom Mother and Daughter join British Army together

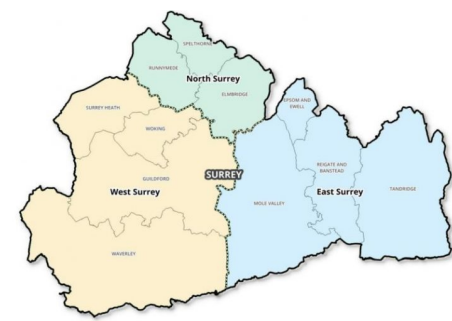


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A mother and daughter from Epsom have completed Army entry training within weeks of each other, marking the start of their respective military careers. Sherene De Stadler, 40, will join ... [Read More](#)

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## Let your A level winners be creative says Epsom's Arts University

4 November 2025



Ahead of A-level results day and Clearing, University for the Creative Arts (UCA) has written an open letter to parents and carers asking them not to discourage their children from making the creative choice and ultimately pursuing their dreams this week.

UCA writes on behalf of the children that came before, those that didn't choose games over geography, marketing over

medicine or animation over accounting due to pressure from their parents and carers, of which there are many examples posted on the online community, The Student Room. *"I'm honestly just doing linguistics for my parents. They expect me to get a 'good' degree, to get a secure job - they think working in the film industry won't get me anywhere."*

The University, which for nearly 170 years has delivered creative education, acknowledges it's only natural for parents and carers to feel uncertain when children say they want to pursue a creative subject. *"We understand the hopes and concerns that come with guiding children's higher education and subject choice. Parents and carers want the best for them - a secure future,"* says UCA's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Melanie Gray.

This is reinforced in UCAS' Project Next Generation report, which states parents want to guide their children towards the pathways that have the best capacity for earning and stability. As a result, almost half (48%) of children in the report, agreed that they feel pressure from parents to make 'good' decisions about their education.

UCA reassures in the letter that 'a creative choice is a career choice,' with the creative industries worth £124 billion a year to the UK economy and support more than 2.4 million jobs. Long-term, the sector is also part of the Government's modern Industrial Strategy - a 10-year plan backing the UK's strengths with ambitions for eight high-growth sectors, aiming to increase productivity and create jobs.

Professor Gray, adds: *"With this letter we're not reprimanding parents and carers, we're simply asking them to support their children and have confidence in them choosing what they love. We have seen time and time again, children not pursuing their creative dreams, which now more than ever, have a secure future."*

UCAS' report acknowledges parents and carers play a pivotal role in the crucial choices children make about their future. It also shows children's higher education choices are inspired by their passions. Support and reassurance, not pressure, is needed to empower children in their decision making.

Support ahead of A-level results day and Clearing is available on UCA's dedicated webpage, [uca.ac.uk/clearing](http://uca.ac.uk/clearing) for parents and carers, as well as those wanting to make the creative choice. On Friday 15 and Saturday 16 August, the University also welcomes anyone to tour its campuses and ask staff and current students questions. For those not yet applied through Clearing, Staff will also make on-the-spot offers to those suitable.

Image: Student work by UCA BA Graphic Ryon Pattison

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## Epsom & Ewell Community Fund Seeks New Chair

4 November 2025



The *Epsom & Ewell Community Fund* is a philanthropic fund that provides financial support to local charities and projects across the borough.

As Chair, your role is to lead a Fund Panel made up of individuals with experience in serving the local community. The Fund is an 'area fund' under the umbrella of the Community Foundation for Surrey.

The Epsom & Ewell Community Fund maintains and builds assets in two parts:

1. **Grants Fund** - for immediate grant giving.
2. **Endowment Fund** - an investment fund for future generations, with the investment income used for making grants.

### Responsibilities of the Fund Panel:

- Raising philanthropic donations from local high-net-worth individuals, businesses, and other sources.
- Deciding which local charitable organisations or projects should receive grants.
- Managing the strategic development and growth of the Fund.

### Ideal candidates will bring:

- Experience of leading a team of volunteers.
- A passion to improve the lives of local people, especially those experiencing disadvantage.
- An understanding and/or experience of the voluntary sector.

- Experience in fundraising, philanthropic giving, or event organisation.
- A strategic vision.
- Strong networking skills across the local community.
- Professional experience in areas such as marketing, communications, fundraising, events, or business networking.

There are currently eight members of the Fund Panel. Meetings are held approximately four times a year, either in person or online. A representative from the Community Foundation usually attends to provide advice and support.

While this is an unpaid, voluntary position, the opportunity to help improve the lives of individuals and communities across the borough is deeply rewarding.

You can find out more about the Epsom & Ewell Community Fund at:

**Epsom and Ewell Community Fund – Community Foundation for Surrey**

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**The deadline for applications is 5pm, Friday 19th September 2025.**