

# CHATTY NEWS

## *Festivities at Our Christmas Chatty Brew Event*

On 10th December 2024, The Minster Church in Newport was filled with festive spirit as we hosted our Christmas Chatty Brew. The event saw a fantastic turnout, bringing together individuals eager to celebrate.

Guests enjoyed live Christmas music, creating a warm atmosphere filled with chatter. Maria Bunce, Chief Officer at Age UK Isle of Wight, commented, "It was a heartening event, lots of smiles and laughter, and a great way to end the year. Seeing sessions like this really does reinforce the work we do and the differences we make to our Island elders."

Thanks to the generous donation of 100 mince pies from Ryde School and Upper Chine, we were able to offer a small treat to everyone in attendance, ensuring that each

guest left with a Christmas gift.

Additionally, we would like to extend our gratitude to an anonymous sponsor whose support helped us to enhance the Chatty Brew event, making it even more special for our attendees.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating, and for your continued support of our mission to connect and uplift the older individuals in our community.



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## AN AFTERNOON SPENT AT THE OLD SMITHY



Due to the Christmas break, we've got two Chatty Brews to tell you about in this edition. Our recent gathering at the Old Smithy in January was another success. We were thrilled to welcome around 40 attendees, starting great conversations and building new connections.

Thanks to everyone who participated, we raised just over £90 from our raffle, which will help us continue to organise even more events in the future. The atmosphere was warm and inviting as everyone indulged in delicious fresh cream cakes and tea - what a treat!

We appreciate everyone who joined us and contributed to making this event another one to remember. Stay tuned for our upcoming events by checking our 'Save The Dates'. We can't wait to see you at the next Chatty Brew!

## STATEMENT FROM AGE UK IW'S CHIEF OFFICER

Some of you may have seen our Chief Officer's statement shared with various MPs, press and town councillors last month. We're pleased to report that Age UK Isle of Wight was mentioned in Parliament by Joe Robinson MP. It also led to proactive discussions with the Isle of Wight's Cabinet Member for Adult Services and successfully generated donations from local Town Councils. To view the full statement, please [click here](#).

## FEBRUARY'S CHATTY BREW

We will be hosting the event at one of your favourites, Busy Bee in Ryde. Please note the change of time from our usual schedule. As always, our raffle will be taking place, and we have some lovely prizes thanks to generous donations. At the Busy Bee, you can also look forward to a variety of refreshments, both hot and cold, and an optional leisurely browse around the garden centre.

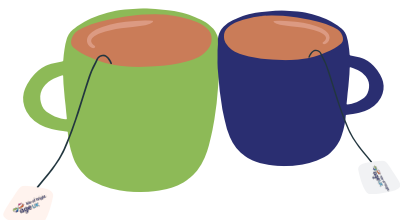
**Busy Bee Garden Centre, Brading Road, Ryde, PO33 1QG | 13th Feb 1PM to 3PM**



## SAVE THE DATES

- 13th Feb - Busy Bee, Ryde 1PM - 3PM
- 18th Mar - The Minster, Newport 2PM - 4PM
- 16th Apr - Chessell Pottery, Yarmouth 2PM - 4PM (TBC)
- 15th May - IW Bus and Coach Museum, Ryde 2pm-4PM





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