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Thank you from the outgoing Town Mayor

The outgoing Town Mayor, Councillor Julie Mockford would like to thank everyone she has met in the course of her Mayoral year.

During the year, Julie organised many events, music quizzes, Mayor's meals, raffles and the Mayor's ball, showcasing many local businesses along the way.

Julie commented: "Each function I have attended has shown me what a wonderful place East Grinstead is. Our volunteer sector is totally amazing and I applaud each and every one of them."

I have been fundraising for my three chosen charities, QVH, Chequer Mead and Melanoma Fund (formerly Myfanwy Townsend Melanoma Research Fund) and thanks must go to all those who have attended and supported me. Ending my role as Mayor is a double-edged sword - I have loved every second of the last year - but I am looking forward to now being able to spend more time with my family and getting back into the garden!"



Cllr Julie Mockford

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Click: www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk

FIND help with services provided by West Sussex County Council, Mid Sussex District Council or East Grinstead Town Council at the Help Point in the Library or call 01342 332900.

The Help Point is open Monday 9.30am – 7pm, Tuesday – Thursday 9.30am – 6pm, Friday & Saturday 9.30am – 5pm.

New Mayor

At the Annual Council Meeting on 14 May, Cllr Rex Whittaker was elected as the new East Grinstead Town Mayor.

Having represented Imberhorne Ward for the Town Council since 2011, Rex has served various previous roles including Chair of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committees, Council Leader for three years, and he is currently Chair of Trustees for the Chequer Mead Community Arts Trust.

As well as chairing the Council meetings (the office of Chairman of the Council is the legal duty, but as a Town Council, we are entitled to call our Chairman 'Town Mayor'), the Mayor will seek to raise funds for charities by hosting regular fundraisers. Rex's chosen charities for the year and his reasons for choosing them are:



Town Mayor
Cllr Rex Whittaker

Air Ambulance Kent Surrey Sussex

This life-saving charity operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from Redhill Aerodrome and Rochester Airport. Their crews are always ready to respond to people who need them. Sussex has beautiful countryside but can be very remote. Air Ambulance Kent Surrey Sussex can give advanced care to people in our area, which is usually only available in hospital. This can make all the difference.

East Park Riding for the Disabled Association

For more than 40 years, this charity has been delivering opportunities for therapy, achievement and enjoyment to people with disabilities. RDA work across the spectrum of disabilities, age range, social status, and environments. Their work focuses to ensure that each individual has the chance to derive a direct therapeutic benefit and the opportunity to achieve their personal goal. Their motto 'it's what you can do that counts' is a lesson to us all.

CARE

This incredible small local outreach charity provides help and volunteer drivers 7 days a week to take and return vulnerable people to GP and hospital medical appointments. Celebrating their 30th anniversary, the 80 dedicated volunteers help around 400 clients and complete nearly 1000 transport jobs per year. Their small dedicated team provides an essential and confidential support service to our increasingly overstretched NHS professionals. The Deputy Town Mayor will be Cllr Danny Favor.



COUNCIL MEETINGS

25 June	(M)	Planning
2 July	(M)	Council
16 July	(M)	Planning
6 August	(M)	Planning
29 August	(W)	Planning
6 September	(TH)	Public Services
13 September	(TH)	Amenities and Tourism
17 September	(M)	Planning
20 September	(TH)	Finance and General Purposes
1 October	(M)	Council
8 October	(M)	Planning

All full Committee and Council meetings are held in the Council Chamber at East Court Mansion and are open to the public. Meetings commence at 7pm.

Council meetings provide a maximum period of 30 minutes for public questions, commencing at 7pm.

Committee meetings provide a maximum period of 15 minutes for public questions, commencing at 7pm.

Mid Sussex Voluntary Action (MSVA)

MSVA is a registered charity which exists to support all charitable and not-for-profit groups and organisations in Mid Sussex.

If you run a community group or a charitable organisation, or if you are thinking about setting one up, MSVA can help you by providing information on available funding, requirements for policies and procedures, subsidised training courses, opportunities to network with other local groups and by helping you recruit volunteers.

If you would like to become a volunteer MSVA can help you find a suitable role. Whether you have a cause that you are passionate about supporting or if you want to get more involved in local community, improve your career prospects, build up your skills and



confidence or if you are looking for something that will provide social interaction and the satisfaction that comes from doing something worthwhile – there is a volunteering role waiting for you. To explore the many volunteering opportunities out there, go to www.msva.org.uk/opportunities or ring 01444 258102. Find out more about MSVA and how it can help you at www.msva.org.uk.

Diary Dates

For information on these and other events in and around the town, contact our tourist information on 01342 410121 tourism@eastgrinstead.gov.uk or go to www.visiteastgrinstead.com.

Saturday 30 June

Armed Forces Day 11am – 3pm

An annual event celebrating all those associated with the armed forces past and present. A wreath-laying ceremony at East Court War Memorial will be followed by WWI and RAF100 centenary anniversary activities and displays.

Sunday 1 July

East Court Live! 1pm – 5pm

East Grinstead Choral Society, A Bag Full of Hats, Smokin' Joe Band and Into the Blue take to the stage. For further information www.eastcourtlive.co.uk Twitter @eastcourtlive Facebook eastcourtlive

Sunday 22 July

EG & District Lions' Donkey Derby 12pm – 5pm

Charity stalls, entertainment, a dog show and of course those racing donkeys. A real family day out. **King George's Field, Moat Road, East Grinstead.**

Sunday 5 August

East Court Live! 1pm – 5pm

Vox, Urban City, Euphoria and Skatonics take to the stage. For further information www.eastcourtlive.co.uk Twitter @eastcourtlive Facebook eastcourtlive

Wednesday 8 August

MSDC Play Day 1pm – 5pm

MSDC Play Day is a free event for children with a seaside theme; suitable for children under 13 yrs. King George's Field, Moat Road, East Grinstead. www.midsussex.gov.uk

East Court Live

Music on the terraces of the East Court Estate continues over the summer, with two **FREE** picnic concerts brought to you by East Grinstead Town Council. **Sundays 1 July and 5 August 1 - 5pm**

Free entry. There will be a pay Bar and food stalls. Parking for people with disabilities, and some limited further parking on site (weather dependent). Please use town car parks where possible (free on Sundays).

Staff moves

The Town Council has recently said goodbye to Peter Carr, Linda Williams and Sarah Kane and welcomed –

Jana Norman: Office Administrator

Jana moved to the UK from Switzerland in 2004 with her husband after completing a diploma in Business Studies and languages. Before joining the team, she worked in a number of roles, including client services for the financial service industry in the City of London, administration and most recently as a library assistant. Jana commented, "Learning languages is a passion for me, I speak fluent English and German, basic Italian and French and my mother tongue Slovak. I live in Horsham with my son and husband. I am very much enjoying working for East Grinstead Town Council. We have a fantastic team here, every day is different and I am enjoying meeting new people."



Jana Norman



Alice Burrows

Alice Burrows: Booking and Functions Administrator

Alice has lived in East Grinstead most of her life and has a 4 year old daughter. In her spare time she enjoys going to the cinema and exploring National Trust parks. Talking about her new role, Alice commented, "Before working for East Grinstead Town Council I worked for an events company and I am excited to be working in an industry I am passionate about".

Introducing new Town Councillor: Stephen Ody

Stephen represents Herontye ward and has lived and worked in East Grinstead since 1995. Since leaving school he has been involved in tourism and in 2004 set up his own travel company, Citrus Travel. He hopes that his knowledge and expertise in this field can be of benefit to the town.

He's a very keen sportsman with a passion for cycling, golf, walking and (for his sins) Fulham FC! Stephen is currently on the committee for the East Grinstead Cycling Forum.

Commenting on his appointment, Stephen enthused, "My family and I love living in East Grinstead. It's a wonderful town to have bought our first home and subsequently bring our two daughters up in. I hope that I can help make a real difference to the future of East Grinstead and its residents and businesses".



Cllr Stephen Ody

Floral East Grinstead

The annual summer planting schemes in the High Street flower beds for 2018 commemorate local and national anniversaries.

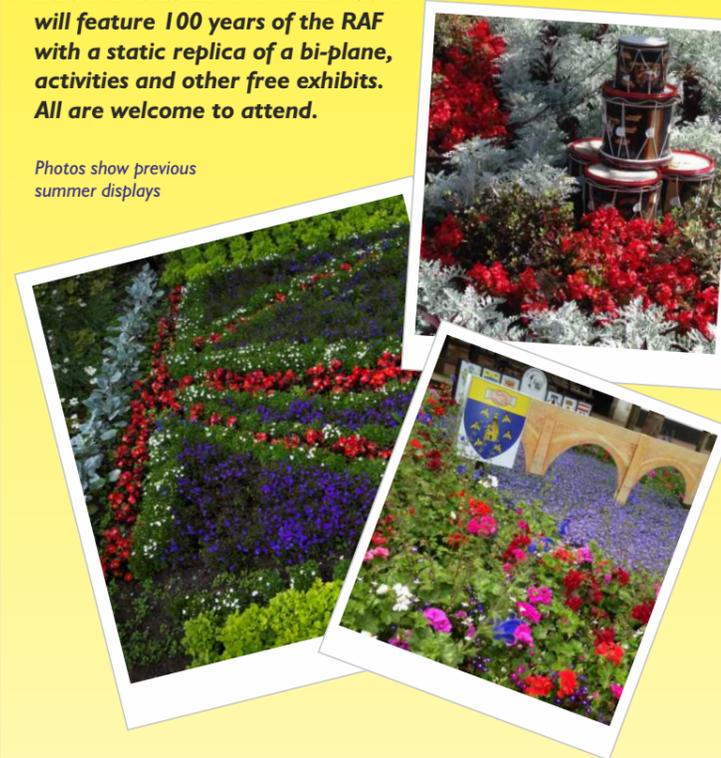
RAF100

April 2018 marked the centenary of the formation of the Royal Air Force, making it the oldest Independent Air Force in the world. It was formed by the amalgamation of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service. The RAF motto is *per ardua ad astra* (through adversity to the stars).

The bed depicts three plumes, representing the coloured smoke often emitted by the Red Arrows (RAF aerobatic team); one each in red, white and blue and the RAF100 logo. The model planes depict WWI bi-planes, WW2 Spitfires and modern day Typhoons.

The Armed Forces Day on 30 June this year (11am – 3pm) held at Meridian Hall in East Court will feature 100 years of the RAF with a static replica of a bi-plane, activities and other free exhibits. All are welcome to attend.

Photos show previous summer displays



100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WWI

In 2014 the Town Council commemorated the anniversary of the beginning of WWI with spectacular themed beds depicting poppies. These Beds won a prize in the South East in Bloom's Best War Memorial competition.

Inspired by the poppies at the Tower of London in 2014, this year, the beds take the 2014 theme to new heights. The War Memorial bed will mark the 100th anniversary of the end of hostilities and the planting will remain in situ throughout the remainder of 2018. On Remembrance Sunday, 11 November, the lighting of a Beacon will be shown on a big screen during the High St Service of Remembrance.

Please do not remove the props in the beds, as it spoils the overall showcase and enjoyment of others. If you are interested in owning any of them post display, please contact the Town Council directly.



EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT LIONS

East Grinstead Lions Club was formed in 1968, and 2018 sees the club reach its Golden Anniversary. The bed marks this milestone with the Lion's logo; the heads facing both ways to represent pride in heritage and confidence in the future. The club is very active in the town, organising the annual May Fair and Donkey Derby. Its members give over 3800 voluntary hours per year, and over the 50 years have raised and donated more than £1 million to local, national and international charities.

The Lion's mission statement is "to create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international co-operation."

For more information www.eastgrinsteadlions.co.uk

The town council's hanging baskets this year will also give a nod to the Lion's anniversary with the predominant colours being blue and yellow.

JOHN MASON NEALE - WARDEN OF SACKVILLE COLLEGE

2018 marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of John Mason Neale, Warden of Sackville College between 1846 and his death in 1866. During his time as warden he translated many ancient and medieval hymns from Latin and Greek and wrote many original hymns. He also wrote lyrics for the carol Good King Wenceslas drawing inspiration from Ashdown Forest, which was visible from his study window (Still the Warden's Study today). He is buried in St Swithun's churchyard where an elaborate tomb marks his memory.

The planting takes inspiration from Good King Wenceslas and depicts the King and his page setting out against the winter's wild weather to take sustenance to an old man he saw gathering winter fuel.



Sackville College is a working alms-house, rich in history and is open to the public Wednesdays – Sundays, 13 June – 16 September, 2-5 pm. Group bookings can be made at other times by request.

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