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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

30 March	(M)	Planning
6 April	(M)	Council
20 April	(M)	Planning
11 May	(M)	Annual Town Council
13 May	(W)	Planning
1 June	(M)	Planning
4 June	(Th)	Public Services
10 June	(W)	Amenities & Tourism
18 June	(Th)	Finance & General Purposes
18 June	(Th)	Special Council

Dates of meetings, agendas and minutes can be found here [www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk/meetings/](http://www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk/meetings/)

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.



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## Mid Sussex District Council Site Allocations Development Plan

The next round of public consultation on development sites to provide sufficient land for housing and employment, whilst safeguarding community buildings and green infrastructure, will commence on 2 April for 6 weeks. Information can be found at the Town Council offices, in the Library and [www.midsussex.gov.uk/planning-building/development-plan-documents/](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/planning-building/development-plan-documents/)

Make sure to have your say.

## Contacts

Chequer Mead	01342 302000
Citizens Advice	03444 771171
Clarion Housing	03001 000303
Disability Access – East Grinstead Area	01342 322242
East Grinstead Foodbank	07983 209940
East Grinstead Library	01342 332900
East Grinstead Tourism Desk	01342 410121
East Grinstead Town Council	01342 323636
Kings Centre	01342 328616
Mid Sussex District Council	01444 458166
Mid Sussex Voluntary Action Museum	01342 302233
Police Station, Chequer Mead 101 or	01273 470101
Queen Victoria Hospital	01342 414000
Samaritans	0845 7909090
The Hope Job Club	01342 488282
West Sussex CC Area Highways	01243 642105



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**Call:** 01342 323636

**Click:** [www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk](http://www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk)

Find help with services provided by West Sussex County Council, Mid Sussex District Council or East Grinstead Town Council in the library or call 01342 332900.

The library is open: Monday 9.30am – 7pm, Tuesday – Thursday 9.30am – 6pm, Friday and Saturday 9.30am – 5pm.

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# THE Line

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NEWS FROM  
EAST GRINSTEAD  
TOWN COUNCIL



**VE DAY**  
75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION  
8 - 10 MAY 2020

## VE Day 75 Mayoral Reception

**T**own Mayor, Cllr Danny Favor, would like to invite East Grinstead residents with personal memories of VE Day celebrations to a special reception in the Meridian Hall at East Court.

A cream tea will be served and guests will take part in the 'Nation's Toast' to honour the heroes of WWII. A piper will perform Battle's O'er, a traditional air performed on the bagpipes at the end of a battle and VE Day 75, a tune specially composed for this occasion.

Numbers are limited and those who would like to attend are invited to apply for places by emailing or calling the Mayor's Secretary [mayors.secretary@eastgrinstead.gov.uk](mailto:mayors.secretary@eastgrinstead.gov.uk)  
Tel: 01342 323636

Closing date for applications is 31st March 2020. Please note invitees will be asked to consent to be filmed recounting their memories.

## VE Day 75 Celebrations at East Court

Friday 8 May has been designated as a Bank Holiday to mark the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day, the unconditional surrender by Germany that brought a formal end to World War II in Europe.

This anniversary will provide an opportunity to reflect on the enormous sacrifice, courage and determination of people who lived through this dark and terrifying period. It is likely to be the last at which those who actually served in the war will be present in any significant numbers.

To mark this landmark in the country's history, the Town Council will be hosting a free VE Day commemoration event at East Court. From 4pm, 1940s style entertainment will be provided in the Meridian Piazza. Food stalls and a pay bar will be available.

At 6.55pm town criers around the world will take part in a special international Cry for Peace, and at 7pm East Grinstead church bells will be rung in celebration of peace and friendship.

Entertainment will continue throughout the evening until 8.30pm. The event will finish with a firework display set to music at 9pm.

## Street Parties

The Town Council is offering the first 10 applicants £100 towards their own street party. This will be on a first come first served basis and subject to all the correct licences and insurances being in place.

For advice and to apply [mayors.secretary@eastgrinstead.gov.uk](mailto:mayors.secretary@eastgrinstead.gov.uk)  
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Please be aware that applications may now be closed with lead time to this printed issue.



THIS week's old photograph from the Town Museum's collections (supplied, with caption, by the honorary curator, Mr M. J. Leppard) is a snapshot of the Queens Road street party for VE Day, 8 May, 1945.  
The houses on the left still stand but those on the extreme right, which at that date included a shop, have gone to make way for a car park. Most of the people in the picture must be still alive and able to tell us something of the occasion, which was hurriedly prepared overnight for about 50 children who lived in and around the road.  
Entertainment was provided by Mr Allan Truwell whose top-hatted and tail-coated figure can be glimpsed bending over the table.

Newspaper clipping of VE Day street party, Queen's Road 1945



VE Day celebrations in East Grinstead High Street to mark 70th Anniversary of VE Day

# 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](mailto:tourism@eastgrinstead.gov.uk) or go to [www.visiteastgrinstead.com](http://www.visiteastgrinstead.com)

## Sunday 19 April

### Vintage Bus Running Day 9pm - 4pm

Vintage buses fill the High Street before heading out to the villages and countryside, recreating the bus routes of yesteryear. Buses are **FREE** to ride all day. Timetables can be purchased on the day.

## Sunday 3 May

### East Grinstead and District Lions May Fair 10am - 4pm

East Grinstead's historic High Street will be closed to traffic for the day. There will be charity stalls, small fairground rides, music, food and entertainment for all the family. The May Fair is a popular annual event raising funds for local charities.

## Friday 8 May

### VE Day 75 Celebrations 4pm - 9.15pm

1940s music and entertainment at East Court 4pm - 8.30pm. Fireworks at 9pm. Parking very limited. Please use town centre car parks (free on Bank Holidays).  
**East Court, College Lane, East Grinstead RH19 3LT**

## Saturday 23 - Monday 25 May

### Mid Sussex Marathon Weekend 9.30am - 1.00pm

Three towns, and three races over three days making up the classic marathon distance; the Mid Sussex Marathon returns for its eighth year.

- **Saturday 23 May:** East Grinstead 10 mile
- **Sunday 24 May:** Haywards Heath 10 mile (Sussex Grand Prix race)
- **Monday 25 May:** Burgess Hill 10 kilometre

To find out more about the Mid Sussex Marathon weekend and how you can get involved, go to [www.midsussexmarathon.co.uk](http://www.midsussexmarathon.co.uk)

## Sundays 7 June, 5 July, 2 August

### East Court Live 1pm - 5pm

Music on the terraces of the East Court Estate with three **FREE** picnic concerts brought to you by East Grinstead Town Council. Free entry. There will be a pay bar and food stalls. Parking on site is dry-weather dependent. Please use town car parks where possible (free on Sundays)

## Sunday 26 July

### East Grinstead and District Lions Donkey Derby 1pm - 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.**

# Civic Duties and Services

We have highlighted this in previous copies of The Line; however, we feel it is worth a reminder.

**East Grinstead is served by three Councils which work together as needed, but have separate remits.**

## West Sussex County Council:

The County Council is responsible for the management, maintenance and improvement of the highways which includes the roads, pavements, verges, road signs and street lighting.



You can help by reporting problems, faults and complaints online.

[love.westsussex.gov.uk/reports/home](http://love.westsussex.gov.uk/reports/home) makes it easier to report faults and community concerns: potholes, overgrown, trees and vegetation, road flooding, damaged and overgrown pavements.

### WSCC responsibilities are:

Births, marriages and deaths, bus stop electronic information, education, social services, highways, library services, Children & Family Centres, recycling sites, street lighting, fire, emergencies and crime, walking, horse riding and cycling.

[www.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk) 01243 777100



# Youth Sports Grants

The Town Council's Youth Sports Grants are intended to facilitate new initiatives in youth sport within the East Grinstead civil parish which have a primary focus of serving and benefiting residents and seeking to improve the health of those participating.

Awarded at the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 12th December 2019 a presentation ceremony took place at the council meeting of 6th January. Each recipient received £500 towards their project.

*Applications for Youth Sports Grants are invited by 20 October each year. Community Revenue Grants are also available and applications must be received by 10 September.*

[www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk/the-council/services/grants/](http://www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk/the-council/services/grants/)



# Councillor's Long Service Recognised

Cllr Frank Osborne has been recognised for his long service to local government with a surprise presentation ceremony at the Council meeting of 6 January. He was first elected to the then, East Grinstead Urban District Council in November 1969, going on to serve on both the new Mid Sussex District Council and East Grinstead Town Council, following local government reorganisations of 1974, where he remained until the 1990s. He returned to the Council in 2011, representing the residents of Imberhorne, which he continues to do to this day.



## Mid Sussex District Council:

Keeping East Grinstead clean and tidy is essential to ensure that we have an attractive place to live, work and enjoy. Mid Sussex District Council is responsible for keeping the Borough clean and litter free.



You can help by reporting problems, faults and complaints online: [www.midsussex.gov.uk](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk) 01444 458166

### MSDC responsibilities are:

- **Council Tax and Housing:** Council tax, benefits and Council tax support, homelessness and housing advice.
- **Elections and voting**
- **Environmental:** antisocial behaviour and noise issues, bonfires and smoke, dog control, fouling and dog waste bins, Gypsies and Travellers.
- **Licensing and Business**
- **Parks and open spaces:** management of the recreation grounds and open spaces in the town, the playing fields at East Court and the Kings Leisure Centre.
- **Parking:** Blue badge parking, parking permits and parking penalty charges.
- **Planning**
- **Waste and Recycling:** Clinical waste, fly tipping, garden waste, litter bins, street sweeping, house bin collections.



*The Football Clubs and Imberhorne School are all developing girls football teams, the Rugby Club and Cricket Club are developing their qualified coaching staff and the Hockey Club will be installing safety dividers to create more practice opportunities.*

Council officers had discovered the original Declaration of Office, signed by Cllr Osborne, in the East Court archives and a copy of this was mounted and framed with a copy of his most recent declaration, signed in May 2019, to mark his remarkable length of service.

*Cllr Osborne and Town Mayor Danny Favor*

After accepting the award from Town Mayor Cllr Danny Favor, Cllr Osborne quipped that this was a great surprise and he was pleased he had dressed up for the meeting! He went on to acknowledge that he had seen many changes, challenges and fights over the years, had worked with many Councillors and he was proud to be a member of the current Council.



## East Grinstead Town Council:

### EGTC responsibilities are:

Mount Noddy and Queens Road cemeteries, Burial Services, East Court Mansion, High Street flower beds, Old Court House, Meridian Hall, street furniture, the McIndoe Statue and lawn, War Memorials, street name plates, winter grit bins, fly posting and graffiti removal.



The Town Council also organises town events during the year to mark anniversaries, when appropriate, and three free outdoor, picnic concerts during the summer: "East Court Live!".

The Town Council owns the allotments and the tennis club at East Court, but these are managed via lease to the allotment companies and Estcots Tennis club respectively.

The **Tourist Information service** in the library is also run by the Town Council with contributions from Mid Sussex and West Sussex Councils.

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# Message of thanks from the Mayor



*Town Mayor Cllr Danny Favor*

The Town Mayor and Mayoress, Cllr Danny Favor and Mrs Maribel Favor would like to sincerely thank everyone for their kindness and generous support in making this mayoral year a great and enjoyable one.

As Mayor, Danny has attended and supported more than 140 civic events during the period May to December 2019, with many more planned for the remainder of the year to the end of April and has been overwhelmed by the warm hospitality received from the varied organisations. He has also represented East Grinstead Council at Filipino charity events around the country and in Europe.

Danny commented, "Being the first Filipino-born person elected as Town Councillor and Mayor in the UK and Europe is an opportunity for which I am truly honoured and privileged. It is a once in a lifetime experience that my family will treasure forever. This has been and continues to be a very busy year for me, juggling my demanding fulltime work as Clinical Nurse Specialist at QVH, my role as Mayor and other responsibilities, however it has been a very rewarding and worthwhile experience that has brought me closer to the community. Public Service is one of my passions and I enjoy representing our town, reaching out and getting to know such wonderful community groups and amazing volunteers, families and individuals. I am sincerely proud of their outstanding works and contributions in making a difference to our community.

"As Town Mayor I have been privileged and delighted to be able to support groups in the best way I can. These include my three beneficiaries, Queen Victoria Hospital Charity Fund, EG Community First Responder and EG Street Pastors, and I thank everyone for their help in making my charity events a great success."

Danny and Maribel are looking forward to attending more civic events and enthusiastically working towards their final mayoral event: The Mayor's Ball on 18 April at Crowne Plaza Hotel, East Grinstead. For further details, contact: [mayors.secretary@eastgrinstead.gov.uk](mailto:mayors.secretary@eastgrinstead.gov.uk) 01342 323636