



THE 2012 Olympic Torch is due to reach Copthorne at 9.40am on 17 July. Runners scheduled to reach Felbridge by 10.01am, will then bring the Torch into East Grinstead on a route up the London Road and along the High Street, exiting town along the A22 towards Tunbridge Wells.



# The Line

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## Olympian Richard Leman to bring 2012 torch into town

RICHARD Leman, who won a hockey Gold Medal in the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, will bring the 2012 Torch into East Grinstead on 17 July.

Richard, who was also a Bronze medallist in Los Angeles four years earlier, said he was delighted to have been chosen to run a 300-yard leg of the UK Torch tour in front of his home crowd. "It is a great honour, and I will be doing it on behalf of the whole sporting community of East Grinstead.

"I am still very much involved in playing and supporting sport in the town, and in encouraging youngsters who want to be involved in sporting activities."

With several of the East Grinstead mens hockey team due to take part in the London Olympics, Richard hopes the whole town will get behind the Games. And although he can't promise to wear his medals over the official white Olympic strip for his lap into the town centre, Richard promises they won't be very far away.

"I will certainly have my medals somewhere with me and I hope as many children as possible will have the chance to see them and perhaps be inspired by them.

"I am very lucky still to be involved in sport and it will be an opportunity to give something back."



**THE new Town Mayor is Cllr Liz Bennett.** Mum of two Liz has lived in East Grinstead all her life. In addition to being a councillor for the town, district and county, Liz is also heavily involved with local charity and community groups, including Meridian FM radio. The charity she has chosen to benefit from her mayoral year is the Advance Centre for brain-injured children. Liz's Deputy Town Mayor is Cllr Margaret Belsey.

## Park and Walk

WITH crowds from surrounding villages expected to pour into East Grinstead for the arrival of the Olympic Torch, residents have been asked to walk into town wherever possible. There will be extra parking, but road closures, and the slow-moving torch procession up from Felbridge, are likely to cause traffic hold-ups.

There will be no crowd barriers in place along the route, so visitors will be responsible for their own and their children's safety.



# Problems? Who you gonna call...?

The library Helpdesk can advise on matters related to West Sussex County Council or Mid Sussex District Council



WEST Sussex County Council's responsibilities include education, youth and social services, and the maintenance of roads including filling potholes. Contact WSCC by post at:

West Sussex County Council

County Hall

West Street

Chichester

West Sussex

PO19 1RQ

Phone: 01243 777100

Or see the WSCC website:

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

## East Grinstead Town Council

EAST Grinstead Town Council's duties include maintaining our cemeteries, removing graffiti and flyposting, planting the civic flower beds and issuing bus and rail passes. The tourist desk at the library can advise visitors and residents on walks, sports, transport links and places to eat locally.

See back page for full contact details.



## MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

MID Sussex District Council is the one to contact about street sweeping and litter clearance, planning, pest control and public toilets, refuse collection and dog poo bins. Contact MSDC at:

Mid Sussex District Council

Oaklands Road

Haywards Heath

West Sussex

RH16 1SS

Phone: 01444 458166

Or see the MSDC website:

[www.midsussex.gov.uk](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk)

## Three Towns Marathon "a huge success"

MUD and lashing rain did nothing to quench the enthusiasm of more than 1100 runners who took part in the first-ever Sussex Living Three Towns Marathon over the May Bank holiday weekend.

A tough 234 runners completed all three races and they each received a special commemorative Sussex Living Marathon Weekend medal. The winners of the East Grinstead race, pictured right, were: 1st Russ Mullen (1 hour 4 minutes 23 seconds), 2nd Bob De Wolf (1 hour 6 minutes 58 seconds) and 3rd Timmy Gedin (1 hour 7 minutes 46 seconds). Russ, also took the trophy for the overall winner.



**BORN 2 Perform? Then sign up for summer school at Chequer Mead this summer.** Born 2 Productions will be holding their annual theatre skills workshop from the 30 July to 10 August, with two performances on the 11 August at 2.30pm and 7pm. For an action-packed fortnight on stage or behind the scenes, visit [www.born2perform.org.uk](http://www.born2perform.org.uk).





## Treble triumph for Rugby Club

EAST Grinstead's Rugby Club has won three major trophies in its most successful season ever.

Players who scooped the London 2SE Title, the RFU Intermediate Cup and the Sussex Trophy, now hope to establish the town team as one of the premier rugby clubs in the south east.

Congratulating the players on their historic triple, Town Mayor Liz Bennett said: "This is an amazing achievement of which the whole town can be proud."

**SACKVILLE pupil Laura Van der Heijden has won the BBC's Young Musician of the Year competition. The 15-year-old played Sir William Walton's Cello Concerto, beating off stiff competition to take the prestigious title and a £2,000 prize.**

A TEAM of healthcare professionals headed by Cllr Danny Favor will be holding free monthly sessions to carry out painless tests which can detect and prevent a range of life-threatening illnesses. To arrange a session for your community group contact the East Grinstead Extra Care Health and Wellness Support team at: [extracare.df@googlemail.com](mailto:extracare.df@googlemail.com) or ring Danny on 07867846495.

THE Bluebell Railway is appealing for a *Fiver for the Finish* in a last push to pay for the track extension into East Grinstead due to open in 2013.

To donate visit: [www.bluebell-railway.co.uk](http://www.bluebell-railway.co.uk) and give online

## Mayor hands over charity cash

FORMER Town Mayor John Saull said his year as East Grinstead's first citizen had been "a pleasure and a privilege".

"I've met many people from many organisations in the past year, and it has all been very interesting," he said.

The Guinea Pig Club and St Catherine's Hospice, which were John's chosen charities, will share the £3,000 he raised during his year in office.

EAST Grinstead Athletic Club's 10km cross-country race in memory of England International rugby player Andy Ripley will take place on 23 September. Entry fees: affiliated £10, unaffiliated £12. No entries on the day, limit of 400. Contact [colinjamesday@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:colinjamesday@yahoo.co.uk)



TOWN Councillors ran a stall at the May Day Fair to sell unique East Grinstead souvenirs of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The patriotic red, white or blue t-shirts, sold to help fund Jubilee events in the town,

THE Registrar service is back, by appointment, at the town library on Fridays. Ring 01243 642122 for details.





# Contact your Councillor

## Ashplats

Jacqueline Beckford (LD): 7 Woodlands Road, RH19 3EH. 01342 317864

Liz Bennett (Con): 39 Copse Close, RH19 3EF. 01342 301007

Danny Favor (Con): 7 Barn Field Place, RH19 3FD. 01342 410244

Tony Scott (Con): Flat 2, 26 Railway Approach, RH19 1BP. 01342 325045

## Baldwins

Margaret Belsey (Con): Gotwick Farm, Holtye Road, RH19 3PP. 01342 321574

Nick Hodges (Con): Wellbourne, 75 Lingfield Road, RH19 2EP. 01342 300113

Norman Webster (Con): 7 Newlands Crescent, RH19 1LF. 01342 317806

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Bob Mainstone (LD): Mallaig, Windmill Lane, RH19 2DY. 01342 326454

Frank Osborne (Con): Wisborough, Furze Lane, RH19 2BQ. 01342 322646

Rex Whittaker (Con): 11 The Stennings, RH19 1PF. 01342 302515

## Town

Ben Burns (Con): 3 The Close, RH19 1DQ. 07740 075331

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Peter Wyan (Con): 7 Clays Close, RH19 4DJ. 01342 313985

## Herontye

John OBrien (Con): 5 The Dell, RH19 3XP. 01342 321883

John Saul (Con): Little Beeches, Woods Hill Lane, RH19 3RF. 01342 822712

Dick Sweatman (Con): 81 Estcots Drive, RH19 3YW. 01342 322743

## Worsted

Garry Sillitoe (Con): 3 Farm Close, RH19 3QQ. 07771 892113

<b>East Grinstead Town Council</b>	<b>01342 323636</b>
<b>West Sussex CC Area Highways</b>	<b>01243 642105</b>
<b>East Grinstead Learning Centre</b>	<b>01342 321874</b>
<b>Citizens Advice Bureau</b>	<b>01342 321638</b>
<b>West Street Library</b>	<b>01342 410050</b>
<b>Library Help Point</b>	<b>01342 300780</b>
<b>Queen Victoria Hospital</b>	<b>01342 414000</b>
<b>Affinity Sutton</b>	<b>0300 1000303</b>
<b>Olympos Leisure Centre</b>	<b>01342 328616</b>
<b>Police Station, East Court</b>	<b>0845 6070999</b>
<b>Mid Sussex District Council</b>	<b>01444 458166</b>
<b>East Grinstead Visitor Desk</b>	<b>01342 410121</b>
<b>Samaritans</b>	<b>0845 7909090</b>
<b>Chequer Mead</b>	<b>01342 302000</b>
<b>Town Museum</b>	<b>01342 302233</b>
<b>EG CVS &amp; Volunteer Centre</b>	<b>01342 328080</b>

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.

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

## Meetings

6 August	(M)	Planning
3 September	(M)	Planning
6 September	(Th)	Public Services
13 September	(Th)	Amenities and Tourism
13 September	(Th)	Charities
20 September	(Th)	F & GP
24 September	(M)	Planning
1 October	(M)	Council
15 October	(M)	Planning
5 November	(M)	Planning
26 November	(M)	Planning
29 November	(Th)	Public Services

Meetings in the East Court Council Chamber are open to the public and start at 7pm with a maximum of 30 minutes for public questions before Council meetings, and 15 minutes before Committee meetings.

**Email your councillor at:**  
**[initial.surname@eastgrinstead.gov.uk](mailto:initial.surname@eastgrinstead.gov.uk)**

## Upcoming events

\* THE Farmers Market is in the High Street every Thursday for local produce including baked goods, meat, fish, plants and vegetables.

\* THE Midsummer Market returns on 21 July when stalls including the popular French Market will take over London Road.

\* SACKVILLE College, the beautiful 400 year old almshouse in the High Street, will be open to the public until 16 September. Adults £4, children £1. Ring 01342 323414 for details.

\* THERE will be an open air performance of The Railway Children at Standen Annual on 24 August.

\* EGOS will be back at Chequer Mead with Guys and Dolls from 13 to 15 September.



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East Grinstead, RH19 3LT.  
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Or visit our website at:  
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