



## New Town Mayor is Dick Sweatman



THE new town Mayor is Cllr Dick Sweatman. Dick has lived in East Grinstead for the past 30 years, and was elected Town and District Councillor for Herontye Ward in 2011. His chosen charities for his year as East Grinstead's first citizen are the town branch of Age UK and the EG Lions. He has chosen the Lions to support all the work they do raising money for other local charities including the First Responders, and Age UK for the service they offer the elderly in our town community. Dick's deputy is Cllr Bob Mainstone.

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THE town turned out on a sunny Sunday to celebrate VE Day which marked the end of WWII 70 years ago.

## Introducing the new faces on the Town Council

**CHRISTINE Mainstone**, who represents Herontye Ward, has lived in East Grinstead for 45 years and has 16 years previous experience as a Town Councillor during which time she served as Town Mayor.

Christine is Chairman of the East Grinstead Music and Arts Festival and an honorary Friend of the Guinea Pig Club.

"I want to take up the challenge of playing an active part in improving our town. We are fortunate to live in East Grinstead and there are many aspects we need to protect, but we must look to the future and make sure the town develops in the best possible way."

**EDWARD Matthews** is another 'returner', representing Town Ward on the Town Council, and Copthorne and Worth at Mid Sussex District Council.

Now retired, he spends much of his time representing the local community.

He was first elected to Mid Sussex District Council and East Grinstead Town Council in 1995 and has been re-elected to MSDC every election since then.

He has served on a variety of committees and has a special interest in Planning issues.

Edward was elected Town Mayor for East Grinstead in 2002/2003, and what little spare time he has is spent on his passion for gardening and reading.

**JULIE Mockford**, a new councillor elected to represent Baldwins Ward, is Chair of East Grinstead in Bloom, a Staff Governor at the Queen Victoria Hospital and Secretary of the Imberhorne & Baldwins Neighbourhood Panel.

"I was born and bred in East Grinstead, as were both my parents and grandparents. I am immensely proud of my local heritage,

and I truly care about ensuring the community's survival and growth for future generations including my own children and grandchildren, who also live locally," she said.

**NORMAN Mockford**, is another first-timer on the Town Council, having been elected to the Town Ward. He is the Chairman of the Imberhorne and Baldwins Neighbourhood Panel and is also Treasurer of East Grinstead in Bloom. Regularly seen volunteering around the town, he is passionate about his local environment and his aim is to forge community awareness so that all residents and businesses can work together for the common good of the town.

**ADAM Peacock**, who represents the Town ward has lived in East Grinstead for over 25 years, and since graduating has been employed in the technology and business services sectors. He now has his own company, and his interests include rugby, swimming, football, cars and travelling.

"I have a positive vision for the future of East Grinstead, helping to make it more prosperous and enhancing the town's heritage whilst at the same time recognising a sustainable approach is required for the town's development."

**JACQUIE Russell**, representing Ashplats Ward is a mother of five and grandmother of two and has lived and worked around East Grinstead since 1984.

Her biggest passion is sport and she is a qualified coaching assistant who supports the East Grinstead Athletics Club. A campaigner for an athletics track in the town, Jacqui keeps bees and is one of the organisers of the quarterly Food Swap which encourages the community to get together, exchange ideas, recipes and home-made goods.

## Diary Dates

### Proms in the Park

FREE outdoor concert at East Court on 28 June, from 1pm to 5pm with Sackville School, East Grinstead Concert Band, Forest Row Orchestra and The Merry Opera Company.

### Jazz Festival

JAZZ Festival on 26 July from 1pm to 5pm with Jenny Green's Jazz Stage starring the Jonathan Vinten Trio, the Brighton Jazz School, Renato-D'Aiello and Ray Lowe, and The Jive Aces.

### VJ Day Memorial

THERE will also be a Memorial event to mark VJ Day on 16 August. Details are yet to be announced, but make a note in your diary, and keep an eye out on the Town Council website.

### Midsummer Market

MIDSUMMER Market on 25 July from 9am to 5.30pm – the London Road will be closed to traffic for the day, and there will be market stalls, small fairground attractions, charity and crafts stalls. To book a stall contact the Tourist desk on [tourism@eastgrinstead.gov.uk](mailto:tourism@eastgrinstead.gov.uk)

### Chequer Mead

BOOK now for actor John Challis who will be at Chequer Mead with his one-man show *Only Fools and Boycie* on 2 October.

Led Zeppelin tribute band *Whole Lotta Led* will be making a repeat appearance at Chequer Mead on 23 July.

Richard Digance will be back with *Animal Alphabet* on 3 August - a lively summer holiday treat for the whole family -

and the irrepressible Basil Brush will be celebrating more than 50 years in the entertainment business on 12 August.

Singer/songwriter Leo Sayer will be bringing his *Restless Years Tour* to Chequer Mead on 12 September with hits including *Thunder in My Heart*, *One Man Band* and *I Can't Stop Loving You*.

### Collectors Fairs

THERE is a Collectors Fair on the third Wednesday of every month at Chequer Mead.

## Help make East Grinstead a "dementia friendly" town

STRUGGLING with dementia is tough for the people who suffer from it, and for the friends and relatives who care for them.

But little things can mean a lot to someone who is confused or forgetful. A little patience, and taking the time to explain something, can make the world seem a lot less frightening.

So with the backing of the Town Council, **Dementia Friends** are doing what they can to make East Grinstead residents more aware of what they can do to help.

You can read up about the problems faced by people with dementia, and what you can do about them, at [www.dementiafriends.org.uk](http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk)



## Good Neighbours West Sussex

Supporting local elderly people to reduce social isolation across West Sussex

AS everyone is different, the Royal Voluntary Service provides support for seniors which is tailor-made to their individual needs.

Their overall aim is to enable elderly people to increase social contact and become more active in their local community.

This service is available free of charge and can include such things as:

- helping someone to the shops or to visit friends
- providing support for them to attend local clubs, groups and activities
- enabling a person to take up a hobby
- arranging for someone to have a daily hot meal delivered
- providing company with regular visits from a volunteer

The RVS can also link older people with a wide range of other organisations across West Sussex which provide advice, services and activities.

Whatever the situation, the Royal Voluntary Service will visit elderly people at home and work with them to create some ideas and plans which will help them live the way they want to.

\* For more information, contact the team on 01293 228 060. They are always in need of volunteers to lend a hand so if you have time to spare, give them a ring.

## Worth Way closure postponed

A plan to resurface the Worth Way between East Grinstead and Crawley Down this summer has been postponed until later in the year at a date yet to be announced.

## Become a museum patron and preserve the memory of the Guinea Pig Club

THE Town Museum is appealing for Patrons to help with the regular running costs of the museum.

The museum receives no regular funding, and the £650 a week it costs just to keep the doors open far exceeds its modest income from the sale of souvenirs, fundraisers and private hire.

So to create a regular and reliable source of income, the museum has launched a scheme asking people to consider becoming Patrons by pledging £150, £300 or £500 a year.

The need for a secure financial future comes as the museum plans to create a new exhibition which will form a lasting legacy for the Guinea Pig Club.

In November 2009, the Queen Victoria hospital gifted their McIndoe collection to the town museum, an archive which included more than 3,000 items including prosthetics, models, instruments and equipment, as well as the personal memorabilia of staff and patients.

Curator Sarah Corn said "The vision is to recreate the operating theatre, with the original Allen & Hanbury operating table as a key feature.

"There will be displays of the instruments used and interpretation of how the treatment was administered – and central to the display will be the interpretation of the personal stories of the Guinea Pigs."

\* For more details go to:

[www.eastgrinsteadmuseum.org.uk/patrons-scheme/](http://www.eastgrinsteadmuseum.org.uk/patrons-scheme/)

## Nick raises £10,000 for his chosen charities

RETIRING Town Mayor Nick Hodges presented cheques for £5,000 apiece to the two charities he chose to support during his year in office – the Town Museum and CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young).

## High Street flower beds to celebrate Freedom

THE High Street flower beds, which last year took the Gold in the South and South East in Bloom competition for the **Best War Memorial**, will commemorate the Magna Carta, the Battle of Waterloo, the Women's Institute, VE (Victory in Europe) Day and VJ (Victory in Japan) Day this summer.

East Grinstead Museum will be also holding exhibitions based around these five themes.

The colour scheme for the hanging baskets will be red and two shades of blue, and will contribute to the overall theme in the town.

Of the 220 hanging baskets ordered this year, 83 have been paid for by the business community. The Bluebell Railway has ordered eight of the baskets for the first time.

## New bench for the East Court War Memorial Garden

THE War Memorial at East Court has been refurbished and a new bench installed. Although the bench is very traditional in design and appearance it is actually made of more than 2,000 recycled plastic bottles so should withstand the wind and weather with very little needed in the way of maintenance.



# New Town Council line-up

Cllr Rex Whittaker has been re-appointed as Leader of the Town Council.

Cllr Bob Mainstone is chairman of Planning with Cllr Norman Mockford as his vice chairman.

Cllr Liz Bennett is Chairman of Public Services, with Cllr Julie Mockford as vice chairman.

The chairman and vice chairman of the Amenities and Tourism committee are Cllr Peter Wyan and Cllr Adam Peacock respectively.

And Cllr Rex Whittaker and Cllr Adam Reeves are chairman and vice chairman of Finance and General Purposes.

## Contact Your Councillor

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## Council Meetings 2015

18 June	Amenities & Tourism
22 June	Charities*
25 June	Finance & General Purposes
25 June	Special Council
29 June	Planning
6 July	Council
20 July	Planning
10 August	Planning
1 September	Planning
10 September	Public Services
17 September	Amenities & Tourism
21 September	Planning
24 September	Finance & General Purposes
28 September	Charities*

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.

\*Charities committee meets at Chequer Mead

## Contact the Town Council

**Visit:** East Court Mansion,  
College Lane,  
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Central Sussex College	01342 321874
Citizens Advice Bureau	03444 771171
East Grinstead Library	01342 332900
Queen Victoria Hospital	01342 414000
Affinity Sutton	0845 6887717
King's Centre	01342 328616
Police Station, East Court	101
Mid Sussex District Council	01444 458166
Samaritans	0845 7909090
Chequer Mead	01342 302000
Museum	01342 302233
EG CVS & Volunteer Centre	01342 328080

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 and Saturday 9.30am – 5pm.



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