



East Grinstead Society is an independent organisation founded to maintain the quality of our ancient heritage and to encourage community interest in the town

We care about

The conservation area and historic buildings

Planning applications, other developments and their effect on the character of the town

Our local cultural heritage and future environment

If you would like to join us please visit our website
www.eastgrinsteadsociety.org

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THE EAST GRINSTEAD SOCIETY



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EAST GRINSTEAD SOCIETY PRESENTS

LOCAL HERITAGE WEEK

1 – 9 September 2012

Events for adults and children celebrating
the history and cultural heritage of East Grinstead



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LOCAL HERITAGE WEEK | EVENTS



SACKVILLE COLLEGE, EAST GRINSTEAD HIGH STREET

Sat 1st Sept. | Sun 2nd Sept. | Weds 5th Sept. | Thurs 6th Sept. | Fri 7th Sept. | Sat 8th Sept. | Sun 9th Sept.

Open from | 14:00 –17:00 **Entrance Costs** | Adults £4 Children £1

Guided tours round this perfect Jacobean almshouse, founded in 1609 by Robert Sackville, 2nd Earl of Dorset. Visit the Great Hall with its minstrel's gallery and hammer beam roof and the Chapel with its original carved door.



ST SWITHUN'S CHURCH BELL TOWER, EAST GRINSTEAD HIGH STREET

Weds 5th Sept.

Time | 19:45 –21:00 **Costs** | No Charge

Visit to St. Swithun's Bell Tower for a short talk on the ancient art of campanology and a demonstration of bell ringing.



EAST GRINSTEAD LIBRARY, WEST STREET

Sat 1st Sept.

Time | 10:00 –12:00 **Costs** | No Charge

'Tales about our town' A fun activity for children aged 5 – 11 years to launch 'Local Heritage Week'. Come and hear the 'horrible history' of East Grinstead told by Sir Simon Smythe, a Victorian railway gentleman. We shall then make a model of our historic High Street to display in the library window and enjoy refreshments with the Mayor.

Thurs 6th Sept.

Time | 19:00 –21:00 **Costs** | Tickets £3 (Available from Library)

'Death on the Somme' An illustrated talk, by information librarian, Tim Stanton, on the involvement of three young local soldiers, who were killed in this historic battle. Tim will use their stories to illustrate methods of tracing your own family tree.



EAST GRINSTEAD MUSEUM, CANTELUPE ROAD

Tues 28th Aug.

Time | 10.30 – 15:00 **Costs** | Children £1

'Knights and Princesses' A fun activity for children aged 5 – 11 years. Come and make a shield emblazoned with the East Grinstead Coat of Arms, or become a princess for the day.

No need to book, as this is a drop in event, just come and stay as long as you like.

Fri 7th Sept.

Time | 19:30 –21:30 **Costs** | £10, to include wine and light refreshments

'Another Night at the Museum' A dramatic performance of scenes from East Grinstead's history, organised by the Friends of the Museum.

Tickets, from the Museum, are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Sat 8th Sept.

Time | 19:30 –21:00 **Costs** | No Charge

'Light a Lantern' Join in one of the national Light a Lantern celebrations in support of the London 2012 Paralympics. Meet at the Museum. See website www.eastgrinsteadmuseum.org.uk for details of art and lantern making workshops prior to the celebration.

LOCAL HERITAGE WEEK | VISITS AND WALKS



WALK FROM WEST HOATHLY TO EAST GRINSTEAD

Thurs 6th Sept. **Time** | 10:30 –13:00

Meet at St Margaret's Church Lych-gate. High Weald landscape traverse. Bus 84 from East Grinstead, or, Crawley.

Free parking. Unsuitable for wheelchairs.



VISIT TO ASHDOWN PARK CONVENT, NEAR WYCH CROSS

Fri 7th Sept. **Time** | 09:30 –10:30

Meet Upper Car Park, Ashdown Park Hotel. Home to Sisters of the Order of Notre Dame from 1920 to 1970, the convent has a series of 14 windows, by Harry Clarke.

Private cars please. Free parking. Unsuitable for wheelchairs.



VISIT TO ST MARGARET'S CONVENT, EAST GRINSTEAD

Fri 7th Sept. **Time** | 11:30 –12:30

Meet in entrance car park. Grade 2 listed buildings, mainly by G E Street, begun in 1865. Quadrangle, cloister and chapel.

Private cars please. Free parking. Parts with wheelchair access.



STANDEN OPEN DAY, WEST HOATHLY ROAD

Sat 8th Sept. **Time** | 11.00 – 16:00

Grade 1 house built 1892-94 of local materials by Philip Webb, a friend of William Morris, for James Beale. Decorated with Morris carpets, wallpapers.

Bus 473. Free Entry and Free Parking. If disabled, parts of house and garden accessible with assistance.



EAST GRINSTEAD HIGH STREET GUIDED WALKS

Fri 7th Sept.

Time | 16.30 – 18:00 Meet outside the Bookshop

Sat 8th Sept.

Time | 10.00 – 11:30 Meet outside the Bookshop

Sun 9th Sept.

Time | 14.30 – 16:00 Meet in the Parish Church of St. Swithun's

Guided walk around a 13th century 'New Town', rich in timber-framed buildings from 14th century onwards. Now is a conservation area of outstanding status.

Parking off Church Lane, free on Sundays. Arduous for wheelchair users.



IMBERHORNE FARM MUSEUM AND GULLEGE

Sun 9th Sept. **Time** | 10.00 – 12:30

Meet Upper Station car park. Walk through 20th century Imberhorne Estate to 15th century. View Gullege, a timber-framed yeoman's house and the local field museum.

Free parking in Upper Station car park, off Grosvenor Road. Unsuitable for wheelchair users.



BAPTIST CHURCH (ZION CHAPEL), WEST STREET

Sun 9th Sept. **Time** | 16.00 – 16:30

Grade 2 building, built 1810.

Free parking off West Street. Partial wheelchair access.