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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

3 July	(M)	Council
10 July	(M)	Planning
31 July	(M)	Planning
21 August	(M)	Planning
7 September	(Th)	Public Services
11 September	(M)	Planning
14 September	(Th)	Amenities & Tourism
21 September	(Th)	Finance & General Purposes

## CONTACT THE COUNCIL

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## Thank you from the outgoing Town Mayor

The outgoing Town Mayor Cllr Bob Mainstone would like to thank everyone for supporting him during his year in office. A feature of his year was to raise funds for his chosen charities: Jigsaw (South East), the Town Museum and the Bluebell Railway. Bob held a variety of fundraising events, including raffles, quizzes, a Murder Mystery evening and the Mayor's Ball. The total raised from these events was £9,300 and cheques were presented to the charities at the Council Meeting on 8 May.

Bob commented: 'I am delighted to support my three charities and I thank the many people who have helped with the fundraising. I would particularly like to thank the Friends of the Museum who have held raffles at every event. In addition to my fundraising events there have been very generous donations given direct to the charities.'



Jennie Hollins  
(Chairman of Friends of the Museum)  
with Cllr Bob Mainstone

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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
Horsham & Mid Sussex Voluntary Action	01444 258102
Kings Centre	01342 328616
Mid Sussex District Council	01444 458166
Museum	01342 302233
Police Station, Chequer Mead	101
Queen Victoria Hospital	01342 414000
Samaritans	0845 7909090
West Sussex CC Area Highways	01243 642105

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

## New Mayor

**A**t the Annual Council Meeting on 8 May, Cllr Mrs Julie Mockford was elected as the new East Grinstead Town Mayor.

Having represented Baldwins Ward for the Town Council since 2015, Julie also served as Vice Chairman for the Public Services committee during 2015 and 2016.

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. Julie's chosen charities for the year and her reasons for choosing them are:

**Queen Victoria Hospital**  
'I intend to raise money for signage, and way-finding lines, which will show people where we have come from, where we are and where we, as a hospital, are going. Patients often say 'the place is a maze!' To which I answer, yes, but it's also amazing! I'm proud to work there and even more proud to support it.'

**Chequer Mead**  
'Having been a dance and drama teacher (in a past life) and having 'trod the boards' on many occasions in the theatre with Company of Friends, East Grinstead Operatic Society and Roshe, I want to ensure that this jewel in the crown of East Grinstead remains in the town for future generations to use and love.'

**The Myfanwy Townsend Melanoma Trust**  
'I knew Myfanwy through the Operatic Society, where we performed in productions. I admire her husband, Harry, immensely for his phenomenal fundraising following her death from this disease. I want people to be aware of this dreadful disease that is on the increase and try, through fundraising and research, to find a cure.'

The Deputy Town Mayor will be Cllr Rex Whittaker.



Town Mayor  
Cllr Mrs Julie Mockford

## Sussex Police Public Contact Point and Policing Base opens at Chequer Mead

**A** report by Paul Wood; Inspector Neighbourhood Policing

On 6 March the local policing team moved from the Police Station in East Court to the annexe of the Chequer Mead Arts Centre. The move forms part of a strategy to ensure we have the optimum mix of buildings in the right locations, including co-location with partners, to deliver the best service possible to the public. The current policing site in East Grinstead sits some distance away outside the town centre and will be sold. By moving into the Chequer Mead Arts Centre we are looking to increase the visibility and accessibility of staff and officers in the local team, save money by being co-located and improve local engagement with communities.

The approach to local policing is changing, due in part to the way some crime is committed, including cybercrime, fraud and scams. As a police force, we recognise the need to keep pace of advances in technology and how the public gain access to services and information as a result. In addition to having a strong digital footprint, we also want to ensure that police buildings are modern, well-equipped and in the locations where the public need them most.



Public Contact Point and Policing Base at Chequer Mead.

Chief Inspector Rosie Ross, District Commander for Crawley and Mid Sussex, said: 'Having a public contact point and neighbourhood policing base in the Chequer Mead Arts Centre means services will be easier to access. This is because the police will be in a more convenient position in the centre of the town where there is a considerably greater footfall. It also means working more closely with partners for a joined-up approach. A modern workplace for our staff and partners will assist in promoting positive, open and trusting relationships, making us more efficient and effective with our service to the public.'

'Any development and changes to Sussex Police Estates is not being progressed in isolation. Decisions are also informed by the Force's 'Local Policing Plan' with the aim of delivering a service that is sustainable and flexible to deal with future demand. We face a continued challenge of greatly reducing our costs while maintaining a service that protects the public, keeps communities safe, catches criminals and places victims at the heart of policing.'

**Tel: 101 ext. 535224**



# East Court Live

**M**usic 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 2 July and 6 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. Please use town car parks where possible (free on Sundays).



## Staff moves

**W**e have waved goodbye to Community Services Manager Katrina Hamill and welcomed Natalia Morelli who has joined us as Community Services Officer (with responsibility for the outside team), Jonathan Ansley has left the outside team and moved in to a new Community Liaison Officer role, Luc Pineau has left the housekeeping team to become our full-time handyman and new Caretaker Ali Mevrit has joined the housekeeping team.

All the new staff members are based at East Court, although Jonathan's role includes liaison with the town centre businesses and he may be seen patrolling the town centre.



Jonathan Ansley



Ali Mevrit



Natalia Morelli

## Diary Dates

### Sunday 2 July

**East Court Live!**  
1pm – 5pm

Cantu Amici, Ariel youth productions, The Buffaloes and Canadian Rock Band; Cherry Suede take to the stage. For further information: [www.eastcourtlive.co.uk](http://www.eastcourtlive.co.uk)  
Twitter: @eastcourtlive  
Telephone: 01342 410121  
Email: [tourism@eastgrinstead.gov.uk](mailto:tourism@eastgrinstead.gov.uk)

### Sunday 23 July

**Lion's Donkey Derby**  
12 noon–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 6 August

**East Court Live!**  
1–5pm

Inchoir, Joanne Larcombe, The Radiators and David Hays's Duck Soup entertain at the last of this year's event. For further information: [www.eastcourtlive.co.uk](http://www.eastcourtlive.co.uk)  
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### Sunday 24 September

**East Grinstead 10K The Andy Ripley Memorial Race**  
10am–12 noon

The eighth running of the East Grinstead 10K. The race will start at Imberhorne Upper School – raising funds for Prostate Cancer UK and East Grinstead Lions.  
Online entry. [www.eg10k.com](http://www.eg10k.com)

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Christine Hardisty

## Christine steps down from her HAMSVA role

**C**hief Officer Christine Hardisty has retired from the **Horsham and Mid-Sussex Voluntary Action Charity (HAMSVA)** after serving for twelve years in the organisation. **Sue Edgson, currently the volunteer coordinator, has been appointed to take over from Christine.**

HAMSVA provides a first-class service to voluntary and community groups in a variety of ways. They match people who want to volunteer with organisations that need their time and skill. They coordinate open meetings, training events, seminars and consultations so that voluntary groups can meet and exchange ideas. They help groups and small businesses to access

specialist training in areas such as First Aid and Food Hygiene. HAMSVA describes their organisation as 'The charity which helps other charities and groups'. The full range of their support can be found on the website [www.hamsva.org.uk](http://www.hamsva.org.uk)

Christine commented: 'I have had a wonderful twelve years working with the local groups and helping them become important to our community. We have been based at East Court and have enjoyed excellent support from the Town Council.'

HAMSVA will in the future be based at Burgess Hill although they will continue to run training courses and hold meetings at East Court.

When asked what advice groups most often seek from HAMSVA, Christine explained: 'Groups always ask us how to get funding and how to recruit more volunteers. These are two vital requirements and HAMSVA is able to provide plenty of support and advice.'

## Toddlers' play at East Court made more 'FUN'

**F**urther improvements have been made to the recently upgraded playground which was opened last year by **The Town Mayor and Chairman of Mid Sussex District Council.** The new equipment funded solely by the Town Council has been installed and the younger users are delighted.

'Our priority is to provide a safe environment for people to take their children to and let them all enjoy themselves among the amazing parkland views of the estate,' said Estates Manager, Alison Merricks. 'The playground has the benefit of a separate area for younger children and we have now installed two new features to make it even more fun.'

The Town Council's Amenities and Tourism Committee have been supporting the refurbishment of the playground which also offers a seating area with tables set under the shade of the surrounding trees and is a popular place for families and friends to meet.



The new play equipment in action