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Service of Dedication of Sir Archibald McIndoe Memorial Statue



On Sunday 15 September the town came together to hold a Service of Dedication of the Sir Archibald McIndoe memorial statue.

Sir Archibald McIndoe
statue by Martin Jennings

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	01444 258102
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

CONTACT THE COUNCIL

Visit: East Court Mansion, College Lane, East Grinstead RH19 3LT

Call: 01342 323636

Click: 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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Gift Vouchers for Older East Grinstead Residents

A legacy left by a 16th-century salt merchant and philanthropist is still benefitting East Grinstead residents who find themselves in need at Christmas time. On his death in 1628 Henry Smith left £2000 for the purchase of land that would yield an annual income to help the poor, with which his trustees bought land in Kensington and Westminster.

The Henry Smith Charity's capital endowment now consists of a substantial portfolio of stock market investments, property and investments in Hedge Funds, Private Equity and Venture Capital. Its grant making, which totals many millions of pounds each year, addresses a wide range of causes and extends throughout the whole of the UK.

East Grinstead residents, 65 years old and over and on a low income, are invited to apply for a grant. Successful single applicants will receive a £50 voucher for Sainsbury's or Waitrose, £70 for a married couple. An extra £15 will be awarded to successful applicants 90 years old and above.

The closing date for applications is 14 November, and forms can be collected from and returned to: East Grinstead Town Council offices, East Grinstead Library, Citizens Advice Bureau East Grinstead, Judges Close Surgery, Age UK East Grinstead, Waitrose East Grinstead, Sainsbury's East Grinstead, Moatfield Surgery, Ashurst Wood News Store, St Dunstan's, Forest Row Parish Council, Ashdown Forest Health Centre.

Application form

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

THE SIDNEY BETCHLEY CHARITY, HENRY SMITH'S CHARITY AND JOHN SMITH'S TRUST
EAST GRINSTEAD PARISH
(Henry Smith's Charity also includes the Parish of Forest Row and Ashurst Wood)

Full Name(s) and Age(s) of Applicant(s) - (Married ☐ Single ☐ Widow ☐ Widower ☐
1) Age _____
2) Age _____
(Please note all applicants must be over the age of 65)

ADDRESS _____

Post Code _____ Telephone Number _____

How long have you (each) lived in the Parish? 1) Years 2) Years

Is your dwelling shared? YES ☐ NO ☐ If 'Yes' with whom? _____

ENTER THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF YOUR WEEKLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME including :
OCCUPATIONAL PENSION _____
STATE PENSION _____
INCOME SUPPORT _____
ANY OTHER BENEFIT ALLOWANCES _____
TOTAL INCOME _____

DO NOT INCLUDE ATTENDANCE OR WAR WIDOWS ALLOWANCE

DID YOU RECEIVE A GRANT FROM US LAST YEAR? YES ☐ NO ☐

PLEASE SPECIFY ANY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES YOU MAY HAVE, INCLUDING DISABILITIES, WHICH YOU WISH TO MAKE KNOWN TO THE TRUSTEES. CONTINUE ON REVERSE OF FORM IF NECESSARY

PLEASE TICK YOUR PREFERENCE FOR A VOUCHER FOR:-
SAINSBURY'S ☐ WAITROSE ☐

SIGNATURE(S) OF APPLICANT(S) 1) _____
2) _____

PLEASE NOTE:-
THIS FORM SHOULD BE CORRECTLY FILLED IN AND RETURNED TO THE TOWN CLERK, EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN COUNCIL, EAST COURT MANSION, COLLEGE LANE, EAST GRINSTEAD, OR THE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU, CANTELUPE HOUSE, CANTELUPE ROAD, EAST GRINSTEAD OR THE HELP POINT, THE LIBRARY, WEST STREET, EAST GRINSTEAD, OR AGE CONCERN, QUEENS ROAD, EAST GRINSTEAD BY NOT LATER THAN MONDAY 27th OCTOBER 2014.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

25 November	(M)	Planning
28 November	(Th)	Public Services
05 December	(Th)	Amenities & Tourism
12 December	(Th)	Finance & General Purposes
16 December	(M)	Planning
06 January	(M)	Council
08 January	(M)	Planning
16 January	(Th)	Consecutive standing committees for budget
27 January	(M)	Council (Budget and Precept)

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.

Town Council's Prestigious Council Chamber Licensed for Ceremonies

Situated only minutes away from East Grinstead's town centre, the East Court Estate is nestled within the countryside of Sussex, with sweeping views of Ashdown Forest. The Greenwich Meridian passes through the award-winning formal gardens, making East Court a truly unique venue for any event to be held where East meets West.

Licensed for civil ceremonies and perfect for special events such as weddings, conferences, seminars and training sessions, East Court offers a choice of layouts that can accommodate your needs indoors and outdoors, together with the flexibility of individual catering choices.

The Town Council is proud to announce that the latest room to be licensed for ceremonies is the Council Chamber, and our enthusiastic staff can help you deliver a value-for-money solution to all your wedding and hospitality requirements, from an intimate ceremony to a large celebration.



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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 or go to www.visiteastgrinstead.com

Sunday 10 November

Remembrance Day Service and Parade 10.45am – 11.30am

Parade forms up in King Street and processes to the High Street, where a Service of Remembrance is held. London Road (from King Street) and High Street will be closed to traffic 10.15am – 12pm.



Saturday 23 November

The Big Reveal & Christmas Lights Switch on 4pm – 8pm

East Grinstead welcomes in the festive season with the return of this popular town event. Traders will have been keeping their Christmas window displays under wraps and all will be revealed following the switching on of the town lights and Rotary Clubs' Tree of Light.

There'll be fun, surprises, and late-night shopping.

High Street closed to traffic 3pm – 8pm. Closure on London Road to be confirmed.



Sunday 1 December

Christmas Family Festival 10am – 4pm

A French market, charity and craft stalls, children's fairground rides, entertainment and Father Christmas take over London Road.

London Road: Railway Approach to High Street closed to traffic 7am – 7pm.



14 – 30 December

Cinderella Pantomime at Chequer Mead
www.chequermeadtheatre.org.uk

VE Day Celebrations at East Court

May 2020 will 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. By the end of the conflict up to 80 million people had died.

The 75th 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.

Friday 8 May 2020 has been designated as a Bank Holiday, to give as many people as possible the opportunity to pay tribute to those who gave so much to ensure the freedoms we enjoy today, and to joyously celebrate, as people did in 1945, the arrival of peace in Europe.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that the War in Europe was over at 3pm on 8 May 1945 and people are encouraged to take part in 'The Nation's Toast' – an opportunity to raise a glass, wherever they are at 3pm on 8 May 2020, to the heroes of World War II.

To mark this landmark in the country's history, the Town Council will be hosting a VE Day commemoration event at East Court on Friday 8 May, with a Mayoral Reception from 2.30pm to 4pm for East Grinstead residents who remember taking part in the VE Day celebrations of 1945. Guests will be invited to the Meridian Hall for refreshments and entertainment, where they will take part in The Nation's Toast and share their reminiscences.

The day will have many elements, which are currently taking shape but will follow a national format. At 3pm a piper will play Battle's O'er, a traditional air performed on the bagpipes at the end of a battle, followed by The Nation's Toast.

From 4pm, entertainment will be provided in the Meridian Piazza and a pay bar will be available. Members of the public will be able to attend this free outdoor event.

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, culminating in a firework display at 9pm.

Anyone with memories of VE Day 1945 who is willing to be recorded recounting their stories, is invited to apply for spaces at the Mayoral Reception by contacting the Mayor's secretary mayorssecretary@eastgrinstead.gov.uk or **01342 335055**



Meet Your Councillor

East Grinstead Town Councillors are available in the library on the first Saturday of each month, **10am – 12pm**. If you have any concerns or something you would like to discuss face-to-face, please go along for a chat.



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Town Twinning: Mindelheim

The Town Twinning Association received a visit of delegates from Mindelheim, Germany at the beginning of September.

Mindelheim was twinned with East Grinstead in 1994 and the links between the two towns remain strong today. The delegation of more than 40 people arrived in East Grinstead on 2 September, with many of them staying at the Travelodge hotel in the town centre. After a tour of the Museum, they were welcomed to the Town Council Offices for a Mayoral Reception in the Meridian Hall by Town Mayor Danny Favor and Mayoress Maribel. During their visit they were given a brief history of the East Court Estate by the Town Clerk Julie Holden, followed by a chance to view an exhibition marking the mansion's 250th anniversary. Before bidding farewell to East Court, the delegates were encouraged to cross the Greenwich Meridian (Nullmeridian in German) and received official certificates to mark their visit to both the East and West hemispheres.

The Greenwich Meridian passes through the town, and is marked by a series of terracotta posts and an ironstone rock and plaque on the terraces at East Court. www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk/tourism/. Certificates are available from the Council Reception during office hours.

After lunch, the delegates enjoyed a tour of St Swithun's Church, followed by a history walk through the town, guided by our Town Promotions Manager, Dawn Spalding.



Photo caption: Town Mayor Danny Favor with Erich Meier, member of Mindelheim Twinning Association



During the rest of their visit to the region they enjoyed an excursion to Eastbourne and a sightseeing trip on a London Bus around the capital.

The East Grinstead Town Twinning Association, chaired by Ken Averill, made all the arrangements and were delighted to spend time with old and new friends from our twin town. Town Mayor Danny Favor said, "I was so pleased to welcome the visitors from Germany; they had made me very welcome when I visited Mindelheim during the summer and it was my opportunity to repay the compliment. Ken and his committee did a wonderful job with the arrangements and also with the translation services. It is so good to see twinning links as strong as ever."

Ken Averill, who has been the Chairman of the Town Twinning Association for 34 years, is retiring in November. There is to be a reception for him at East Court and the Town Council thank him and wife Sheila for all their hard work over the many years.

To discover more about town twinning visit www.egtwinning.org.uk or contact **Alex Dale** alexander.dale@btinternet.com

High Street Flower Beds – Winter Cover

Two of the High Street War Memorial flower beds had become so heavily infested with weeds during the summer months that the best course of action has been to cover them with an artificial turf over winter. The natural-looking grass alternative has been kindly supplied and sponsored by Perfectly Green from Uckfield.

www.perfectlygreen.co.uk



Fairtrade Fortnight 2020

24 February – 8 March

Fairtrade Fortnight is an action-packed highlight of the year, when campaigners, businesses, schools and places of worship show their support for the farmers and workers who grow our food in developing countries. Fairtrade East Grinstead will be organising a range of events.

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We Will Remember Them

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings, the 80th anniversary of the start of WWII, and all those lost in the conflict, the Sackville Lacemakers group members have crocheted hundreds of poppies. These will surround the War Memorial during the week leading up to Remembrance Sunday. Small brooch versions will be available for a donation from the Town Council Offices and the Tourist Information Desk in East Grinstead Library.

Sackville Lacemakers meet at East Court, and anyone interested in joining the group can contact **Lynda Brown** on **01342 311906**

