

McIndoe Appeal Fund



Sir Archibald McIndoe and friends

To learn more about the statue project visit www.mcindoememorial.com

AN appeal is being launched to raise money for a statue commemorating the work of pioneering plastic surgeon Sir Archibald McIndoe.

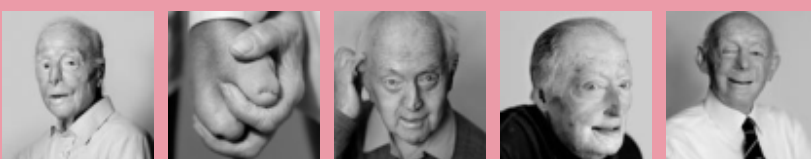
The launch will be at receptions on 4 and 5 April in London and East Grinstead where the maquette will be unveiled. A picture of the maquette will be available on the East Grinstead Town Council website.

At the outbreak of World War II Sir Archie treated the serious

disfigurements of badly-burned airmen at the Queen Victoria Hospital. His patients proudly dubbed themselves The Guinea Pigs because of the experimental nature of his ground-breaking techniques.

It is hoped that the proposed statue will be placed on land in front of Sackville College, on the route Sir Archibald would have taken to reach the hospital every day.

"After what these boys have been through, nothing is too good for them"
Sir Archibald McIndoe



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To make a donation visit www.justgiving.com/McIndoe-Memorial

Annual Town Meeting 23 April, 7pm



Historic East Court

THE Annual Town Meeting will take place at East Court on 23 April.

A report of the Town Council's activities over the previous 12 months will be given, and this year a guest from the Bluebell Railway has been invited to talk about the historic delivery of the preserved steam railway in East Grinstead.

Monthly season tickets for long-stay car parks

DRIVERS can save money by buying a monthly season ticket for long-stay parking in Mid Sussex District Council car parks. Daily tickets for a long stay car park currently cost £4 but motorists can save up to £38 by buying a monthly ticket for just £66. The money-saving offer is in addition to the £150 quarterly season ticket and £550 yearly season ticket that are already available.

* For more information contact the Mid Sussex District Council Parking Services Team on 01444 477212 or email parkinginfo@midsussex.gov.uk

Hockey Club wins indoor European silverware

EAST Grinstead earned a return to Europe's elite top tier next season after winning every one of their matches at the EuroHockey Indoor Club Trophy in Vienna.

Their finals triumph against hosts NAVAX-AHTC saw GB Olympian and Scotland International Niall Stott hammer home two winning goals.

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Mid Sussex District Council	01444 458166
East Grinstead Visitor Desk	01342 410121
Samaritans	0845 7909090
Chequer Mead	01342 302000
Museum	01342 302233
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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Residents can attend meetings held in public at East Court Council Chamber (locations subject to change).

Questions can be asked at the beginning of meetings with 30 minutes for public questions before Council meetings, and 15 minutes before Committee meetings.

The next public meeting of the Chequer Mead trustees will be held at 7pm at the theatre on 17 June, not at East Court as previously.

Meetings start at 7pm unless otherwise stated.

- Full Council 8 April
- Planning 22 April
- Annual Town Meeting 23 April
- Annual Town Council 13 May
- Planning 14 May
- Planning 3 June
- Public Services 6 June
- Amenities & Tourism 13 June
- Charities* 17 June
- Planning 24 June

CONTACT THE COUNCIL

Visit us: **East Court Mansion, College Lane, East Grinstead, RH19 3LT**
Call us: **01342 323636**
Click: **www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk**

FIND help with services provided by your local 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.

Your local councillors

Email your councillor at:
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Modest rise

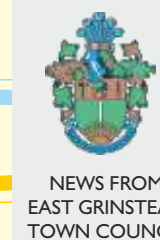
EAST Grinstead Town Council's precept for 2013/14 is set to rise by 2% to £67.02 per year per band D property. The annual rise ranges from 66p for a Band A property, to £2.64 for a Band H.

The Town Council's services include civic planting, street furnishings, town promotions, and it also gives financial support to local organizations. The total band D council tax equates to £1.28 per week, comparing favourably with consumer costs such as a loaf of bread at £1.35.

THE Line

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ON THE MERIDIAN LINE

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Construction workers and volunteers 'mend the gap' - photo courtesy of Michael Hopps



Bluebell Line arrives in time for Easter

THE Bluebell Line is now running passenger trains out of East Grinstead station for the first time since 1958. The steam railway's station is linked to the Southern Railway mainline station by a short walkway which will enable visitors to come off the line from Victoria and take a step back into railway history.

The first train out of East Grinstead was formed of 1920/30s Southern Railway carriages and hauled by the E4

Class Locomotive number B473 and the first train from Sheffield Park to East Grinstead was the Grinsteade Belle Pullman which offered passengers a celebration breakfast to mark the event.

"The opening of the Bluebell Line's East Grinstead extension is a tribute to the efforts of everyone who believed it could be done, to the volunteers, and to everyone who donated," said Council Leader Norman Webster.

After the initial two week opening festival it is planned to run the new service daily for three weeks but then the line between Kingscote and East Grinstead will be closed temporarily except at weekends to allow for a short programme of tidying the worksite.

For more details of the Bluebell's spring and summer timetable, see the website at www.bluebell-railway.com.

Gamesmakers needed for Sussex Living Marathon

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help steward the Sussex Living Marathon weekend over the 4/5/6 May Bank Holiday weekend.

The race is run in East Grinstead, Haywards Heath and Burgess Hill over three days, and totals the classic Marathon length over courses which are largely off-road.

Gamesmakers need to be over 18 (over 16 for water stations) and available between 9.30am and 1pm on the day of the race.

For more details contact d.spalding@eastgrinstead.gov.uk or ring 01342 410121.

* To enter one or all of the races see www.midsussexmarathonweekend.co.uk or call 01797 230009 for more information.



Save the dates

Every Thursday
High Street

Farmers
Market

Stock up on local produce including baked goods, meat, fish, plants and vegetables



Spring Sunday
and Vintage
Bus Day

Family fun!

14 April
High Street



Music and Arts
Festival

Competitive Music and Arts
Weekends promoting Dancing,
Singing and Speech & Drama

20 April - 11 May
Chequer Mead



Free holidays for needy families

THE East Grinstead and District Lions Club funds free, week-long caravan holidays in Pevensey for families who would not otherwise be able to afford a break.

The caravan is available from April to October in a park which offers a heated indoor pool, a leisure centre, social club and restaurant.

To apply for yourself or on behalf of someone else, contact the Lions Caravan Officer at 10, Southlands, East Grinstead, RH19 4BN enclosing an sae. Or call 07595 956724.



999 Day at East Court

THE town's emergency services will be holding a 999 day at East Court on Sunday 9 June. Fire engines and the air ambulance helicopter will attend this annual family event and there will be police dog displays, stalls and activities, plus an insight into how the Road Traffic Accident services respond and work together. Meridian FM will be on hand throughout the day.



27 April
East Grinstead
Sports Club

Mayor's Ball

Dinner, live entertainment, disco and pay bar. In aid of The Advance Centre. Tickets: £35
Tickets available from East Grinstead Town Council or email l.williams@eastgrinstead.gov.uk



15 May
The Vienna
Festival Ballet

Enjoy a performance of Sleeping Beauty, 15 May at 5pm and 8pm

Chequer Mead



6-8 June

Ardingly
Show

Visit the Town Council tent for news, updates and great give-aways

South of England
Showground



Town Museum retains its accreditation

THE Town Museum in Cantelupe Road has retained its accreditation by the Arts Council. Calling the award a tribute to the hard work and enthusiasm of the museum's staff and volunteers, chairman Mike Hollins said it was a well-deserved recognition of the service they offer which he hoped would encourage people who haven't yet visited the museum to do so.

Entry to the Museum is free.



Meals on Wheels - delivering a difference

THE Meals on Wheels service delivers nutritious meals to thousands of older or housebound people across West Sussex, enabling them to remain independent in their own homes.

New customers can sample some of the dinners on offer by ordering a five-day Taster Pack for £15, which includes roast beef, fish in butter sauce, lamb with minted dumplings, apple pie and Irish coffee cream mousse. Delivered by the WRVS, the service offers a

wide range of hot meals, salads, desserts and an "afternoon tea" with sandwiches and cakes. Diabetic, low fat, gluten free, reduced salts, cultural and pureed options are available, and meals can be delivered frozen to be eaten when required.

The Meals on Wheels service also carries out a welfare check on its customers, which provides reassurance and the chance to chat to a friendly face, said spokesman John Figgins.



The service is available to all West Sussex residents, including younger people who might need extra help after being in hospital, for example, and no referral is required.
* To find out more phone 01293 528223 or email crawleymys@wrvs.org.uk

Watch Out, Thieves About!

THE Town Council is selling anti-theft devices to protect handbags purses and rucksacks. The £3.50 kits, which are available from the Help Desk at the library and from the Council's East Court offices include a stretchy cable to attach a purse to a handbag, an electronic alarm with a siren, a metal bell with attachment and a carabineer to connect two zips on a rucksack.



Fairtrade in
East Grinstead
needs YOU!



EAST Grinstead is one of more than 500 UK towns to have joined Fairtrade, an international movement to reduce poverty in developing countries.

Two billion people in the world live on less than £1 a day but Fairtrade enables local communities to help global communities by promoting justice in the international market place. East Grinstead's schools, shops, churches and other community groups involved in the project would like everyone to try the range of Fairtrade products which are available locally and include tea, coffee, chocolate, sugar, bananas, wine and flowers.

* To find out more see the website at www.fairtrade-eg.co.uk

Metrobus takes top awards

METROBUS has been named as the Top National Bus Operator at the National Transport Awards 2012. It also scooped the Top National Bus Depot award at the UK Bus Award 2012. Metrobus was runner-up for the Top Shire Bus Operator title and saw John Russell, one of its drivers, named as runner up for Top National Bus Driver award.

Photo right: Metrobus staff holding award certificates taken at the UK Bus Awards are (l to r). Charlotte Bruce Marketing Manager, Nick Hill Commercial Manager, John Russell – bus driver and runner-up of the Top National Bus Driver award.



Metrobus award winners