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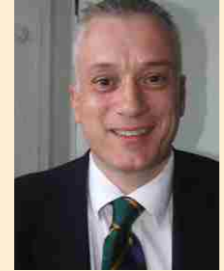
New Town Mayor

EAST Grinstead's new town mayor is Cllr Margaret Belsey, who has chosen Macmillan nurses as the charity for her mayoral year.

Margaret, who runs a family business in the town and has worked for several local charities, believes strongly in community responsibility and is looking forward to the challenges of being mayor. She enjoys reading, walking and spending time with her family including her 16-month-old granddaughter.

Her deputy is Cllr Nick Hodges, and Cllr Peter Wyan is the new Council Leader.

* **Outgoing mayor Liz Bennett raised £6,400 for her chosen charity, the Advance Centre.**



Adam to represent Town ward

ADAM Reeves has been elected as the new councillor for the Town Ward. He first came to East Grinstead when he was 21, and worked in banking before running one of the largest independently owned financial services companies in the South East.

Adam says he is "passionate about entrepreneurial small business success," and feels East Grinstead is "a great place to live and work."

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

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.

2013 dates:

13 June	Amenities & Tourism
17 June	Charities
20 June	Finance & General Purposes
20 June	Special Council
24 June	Planning
1 July	Council
15 July	Planning
5 August	Planning

CONTACT THE COUNCIL

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East Grinstead remembers

THERE will be a wreath-laying ceremony at the town war memorial in East Court at 4.30pm on 9 July to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Whitehall bombing.

The town mayor and councillors will also attend a minute's silence to be held outside the Whitehall building in the London Road at 5pm.

Victims will be remembered at a Civic service at St Swithun's at 10.30am on Sunday 14 July, which will be followed by a picnic in the vicarage gardens.

The service will be conducted by the newly enthroned Bishop of Chichester, the Right Rev Martin Warner, on his first episcopal visit to East Grinstead.

Those killed and maimed will also be honoured in the High Street which will be planted with white blooms in their memory this summer.

On 9 July 1943, ten German aircraft entered English airspace over Hastings and headed on a bombing run to London.

At 5.05pm the air raid sirens sounded in East Grinstead - it was teatime and the Whitehall Cinema in the London Road had an audience of 184 people, many of them children watching a showing of Hopalong Cassidy after school.

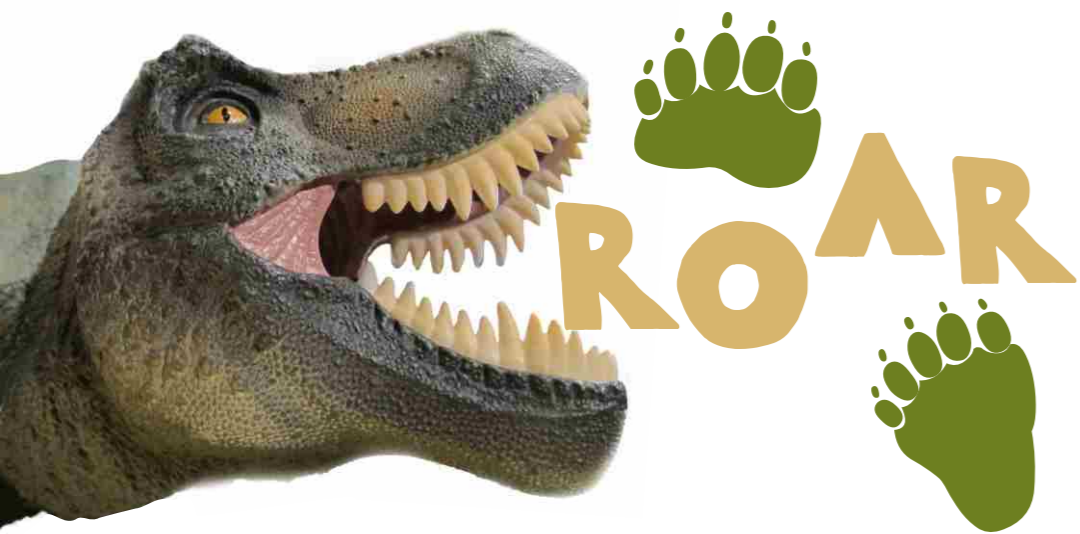
A warning was flashed up on-screen but few of the audience took any notice of it and remained in their seats.

Five minutes later one of the German planes lost contact with the others and the pilot decided to find a new target before turning for home.

He first fired on a train entering East Grinstead station, then circled the area twice before dropping his load on the town centre.

One bomb hit the cinema, others landed on shops in the High Street and London Road, killing 108 people and seriously injuring 235 more. It was the largest loss of life in any WWII air raid in Sussex.

* **The anniversary will also be marked with a small exhibition at the town museum from 27 June to 28 July. Entry is free.**



Picnics in the park



Bring a picnic and enjoy some fun in the sun with some great events

SUNDAY afternoon live entertainment will be back at East Court this summer from 3pm until 6pm on the dates listed below:

16 June	Zumba
30 June	ConChord Big Band Glenn Miller
7 July	Royal Marines
4 August	Adam the Magic Man
18 August	Elvis, Fisher Stevens
1 September	The Jive Aces

Could you be a foster carer?

WEST Sussex County Council is looking for warm and loving homes for some of the county's most vulnerable youngsters. Anyone who would like to know more about fostering can attend one of the regular monthly drop-in sessions at locations across the county. Foster homes offer children a stable family environment while their own parents are unable to look after them. Their stay with foster carers may be short or long term, and the County Council tries to place them near home so they can remain at school with their friends, and close to the places and people they

know best. This means the Council is always on the lookout for new carers to come forward from across West Sussex. People from a variety of backgrounds can apply to foster, regardless of their marital status or sexuality, if they have a good sense of humour, patience, energy and the ability to treat children and young people as individuals. Carers receive a comprehensive support package, including ongoing training and allowances.

To find out more see the website www.westsussex.gov.uk/fostering or call 01403 229333.



Photo competition

THE first ever East Grinstead in Bloom Annual Photography Competition is now open to the town's residents. Photographs can be anything from flowers growing in private gardens, scenic pictures of East Grinstead to seasonal wild flowers in bloom.

To enter, or find out more, email competition@eastgrinsteadinbloom.co.uk

Deadline is 9 August.

Discover

Dinos!
THE latest exhibition at the town museum in Cantelupe Road features Dinosaurs – entry is free and it's on until 29 September

Shop

Farmers Market
THE Farmers Market is in the High Street every Thursday for local produce including baked goods, meat, fish, plants and vegetables

Visit

Midsummer Market and French traders
THE popular Midsummer Market and French traders will return on 20 July

Watch

The King and I
THE Company of Friends production will be at Chequer Mead from 6 to 10 August

Remember

150 years of Cottage hospitals
RUNS from 2 October until the new year which brings the centenary of WWI – Town Museum

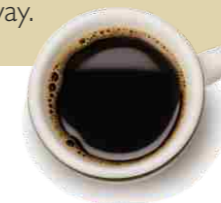
Entertain

Oliver!
EAST Grinstead Operatic Society will be back with Oliver! from 19 to 21 September



Back to the Future

FORMER Imberhorne teacher Mike Hopps has designed a series of retro-style posters extolling the wonders of steam rail travel, and featuring East Grinstead and local beauty spots including the Ashdown Forest and Sheffield Park. The heritage rail posters can be seen on display at Sheffield Park station, and are all helping raise funds for the Bluebell Railway.



New caterers

THE new team running the Pavilion restaurant at Chequer Mead are Rob and Nikki Ward. Their menu will showcase traditional English cuisine – steak and ale pie, sausages and fish pie – with coffee at just £1 a cup.

Lock it or lose it



AS summer hots up, thefts from outside sheds increase, which is why Mid Sussex District Council is offering householders cut-price alarms as part of a crime prevention drive. Reduced to £7 from the usual retail cost of £15, the shed alarms are available from the Council Help Point in the town library.

Times are a-changing...



THE town museum is working on a new book, East Grinstead Through Time, which is due for publication later this year. Above are two photographs that show how the site of the present-day fire station in London Road has changed from the days when it was a brewery.

Make it for McIndoe

AN appeal has been launched to raise £175,000 for a statue of pioneering plastic surgeon Sir Archibald McIndoe. The scale model maquette pictured shows McIndoe with an anonymous airman (one of his Guinea Pigs) above an inscription referring to his work and the role of East Grinstead as the town "that did not stare". The complete piece includes a bench for visitors to sit and reflect on the work.

Donations are being accepted via a special website www.mcindoememorial.com.

The Town Council is working alongside the Blond McIndoe Research Centre, East Grinstead Business Association, and the McIndoe family to steer the project, although it is to be funded through donations made to the appeal.

The sculptor is Martin Jennings whose father was treated by the team at the QVH following burns he sustained during the war. Should the donations be sufficient it is hoped that the statue will be in place by spring 2014.



Photo courtesy of John O'Brien

East Court needs you...

A group of volunteer gardeners has been helping to maintain the award-winning grounds at East Court for the past year.

To volunteer or for more information ring 01342 335051 or email Katrina Hamill at k.hamill@eastgrinstead.gov.uk.

