

NEWSLETTER Winter 2024



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Chairman's NEW YEAR message

2024. Our wonderful and most enjoyable "Bavarian Night" is now a thing of the past, with many happy memories for all those who came to this event. We were delighted to have 10 visitors over from Mindelheim, who went home with great memories of East Grinstead. They really added to the event, and it was so good to be able to entertain

our friends from our Twin Towns. Now, we look forward to the events for 2024. As always, my immense thanks to all the Contributors, AND Committee Members, for what they do to put these events on, and to Frank Osborne for all the organising that he readily does on our behalf. We would like to welcome Ed Drury back on to the Committee as our new Secretary and look forward to working with him. I wish you all well and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our future events Without you, we are not an Association. **Nick.**

Prospective Diary of Events:

2 nd Saturday of every month	Coffee Morning	Chequer Mead
01 st March 2024	Cockney Evening	Peacock Lodge - Felbridge
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We're due to host the Youth Event in 2026. Bourg de Peage this year and Verbania in 2025. Let's get ready to host this event in 2026. Highlight it in your diaries. We also need to raise funds for our youth event in 2026, any ideas, please let us know. Thank you in anticipation.



PERMANENT EVENTS

Coffee Morning at
The Chequer Mead every second
Saturday of the month.
from 10.00am to 12.00 noon.



Please let us know your news and any special events that you think we could support, or our members would be interested in.

Next Newsletter planned for March 2024

Invitation for any German speakers in EG twinning By Ros Furley

If you are a member of the East Grinstead u3a, or are willing to join it, have you thought about joining a German conversation group? Presently, there are only four of us including one native German speaker and we would very much welcome some more members. We meet at my house on alternate Mondays at 2:30pm till 4pm.

Our members all have a good comprehension of spoken and written German, which we wish to maintain!

At the meeting we read and discuss a German text sent by one of us or from open learn advance German section of the open University, as well as enjoying a conversation in German!

Some of us belong to the National u3a German group, where two short stories are emailed to us every month, which we read and discuss by zoom with other members of this national reading group.

If you would like to join us, please contact me at <u>rosfurley@btinternet.com</u> or mobile 07850 463369.

A few years ago, East Grinstead's **u3a German for Improvers** group formed a link with an Adult Education class of English learners in Mindelheim.

Every so often we exchange emails about local events, seasonal topics, our holidays and interests. This enables members to read, translate and learn from the German messages and vice versa. We have recently received such emails and our group has found out what our friends in Mindelheim like about their town and its facilities. *Vicky Jackson*.

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East Grinstead Town Twinning Association

7.30pm - Friday 1st March 2024
Peacock Lodge, Eastbourne Road, Felbridge



Menu

Fish and Chips
or
Chicken and Mushroom Pie
or
Vegetarian Burger and Chips

If you have any dietary requirements please contact us

Ticket Application

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Number of tickets	@ £20.00	Total £	
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Payment by cheque :- "East Grinstead Town Twinning Association"
With stamped addressed envelope to :Frank Osborne, Wisborough, Furze Lane,
East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 2BQ

Pay direct to:-

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East Grinstead Town Twinning Association Account No - 00374524 Sort code - 30-92-92 Ref - Cockney

So we know your choice of food please post completed form to the above address or email a copy to ozziecouncil@gmail.com

For further information please contact us :-Frank Osborne - ozziecouncil@gmail.com (07428 536376) Email - Nick Hodges - nicklucyolivia@yahoo.com



A LOOK BACK TO EVENTS OF 2023

A NIGHT IN BAVARIA



We are pleased to say that the raffle made £268 which is brilliant. Well done to Julie for her hard work selling the tickets. Excellent night indeed. Thanks for all your hard work to everyone who helped put this event on.



Italian Evening









What a great evening this was, everybody enjoyed themselves. Fantastic organisation by Frank Osbourne.

MAYFAIR



The Mayfair took place on Monday 1st May 2023 in East Grinstead High Street and started at 11 am. We had a stall, and our members made several donations of Chocolates, Cakes, and Plants which we offered for sale with the proceeds going to Club funds. A few members volunteered their time in manning the stall. Here is one of our new members, Judy Lilley, sharing the workload.



Coronation Parade & Picnic



The Parade commenced on 6th May 2023 at 9 am from East Court to King George's Field. There was a screen to watch the Coronation Ceremony, there were also food stalls, and people also brought a picnic. Here is our Chairman, Nick Hodges in his Gold "Armani" suit.



Youth in Europe Schwaz in Austria hosted this event from 6th to 9th July 2023.









Six pupils from East
Grinstead schools had
signed up and were
accompanied by a
delegation from EGTTA
as well as Town
dignitaries Including our
Mayor Frazer Visser.



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Was a fantastic weekend and Rex did us credit too. Was good to see Alex and Margret and Andy & Bernie Mason. Such a shame that Chris and Monika couldn't come. *Nick*







Flag Competition: Local Schools had been asked to create a design for our East Grinstead Town Twinning Flag There were several designs, and the winner was Emily. Here she is with her mother. Our thanks go to Anna, who organised the schools into action and to Frank Osborne who procured the flag from a local company.







NEWS FROM OUR TWIN TOWNS

MINDELHEIM



Farmers protest in Mindelheim-Blocking roads onto the motorway.

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