WELCOME TO EAST GRIMSTEAD

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I'm sending you this on behalf of the East Grimstead Reading Room Committee to offer you a warm welcome to our lovely village. Whether you have been here a while or only just arrived, I hope you have settled or are settling well and beginning to feel at home.
As a relative newcomer, I thought I would offer you some information that we found useful about the village and surrounding amenities when we first arrived.
The first thing to say is the Reading Room (Village Hall) and Holy Trinity Church are the focus of the village – the church currently holding a service on the last Sunday of the month, with a fundraising committee for the maintenance and repairs of the church. The Reading Room is the social hub of the village with a busy timetable of events to suit all tastes and ages throughout the year. It is also available for private hire.
There is plenty to enjoy in the local countryside, especially the beautiful Bentley Wood on our doorstep. But equally important is the sense of community that East Grimstead offers.

Below is a snapshot of village activities and amenities which is by no means exhaustive but offers opportunities for you to meet the locals and help you settle in. The Dun Valley Magazine circulated to East and West Grimstead, Farley and Pitton monthly is a more comprehensive resource.

Regular events at the Reading Room
The Grim Inn – pop-up pub 6pm on the second Friday of the month.
Grim Soup – 12.30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month.
Pilates – 9.45 am every Monday except bank holidays during term. Email: Girlslovefituk@gmail.com
Women's Table Tennis- 7.30 pm every Monday evening.
Men's Table Tennis – 7.30 pm every other Wednesday evening.

Annual Events at the Reading Room
The Big Breakfast – a Saturday morning in early Spring.
Cider competition and supper – sometime in Spring
Hot Cross Buns - Good Friday morning.
The Pig Roast – Sometime in June
Apple pressing – sometime in early autumn.
Christmas pop-up pub – a Friday evening before Christmas.

Other useful information
GP surgeries:
Whiteparish Surgery, Common Road, Whiteparish, Salisbury, SP5 2SU Tel:01794 884269
Three Chequers Practice, Branch Surgery; Middleton Road, Winterslow, SP5 1PQ 01722 336441

Dentist:
The Borough Dental Practice, 58 the Borough, Downton, Salisbury, SP5 3ND Tel: 01725 510303

Buses:
Salisbury Reds 37 Bus stop nearby the telephone box book exchange
Park and Ride – by Tesco Extra on the Southampton Road, A36.
Park and Ride – near Aldi on the London Road, A30.

Trains:
Dean Station, West Dean – approximately 2 miles by car or bike. South Western Railway (SWR) connecting Salisbury to Southampton Central.

Taxi: Keith Bath, Tel: 01722 710111, Mobile: 07771 561265

Travelling by car to Salisbury – it's advisable to check google maps for congestion on the A36 Southampton Road, as although a bit longer, it may be quicker to go via Pitton and the A30 during peak times.

Post Office and General Stores:
Alderbury Post Office, Whaddon, SP5 3EB
General Stores and Off Licence, Canal Lane, Alderbury, Salisbury SP5 3NY
Post Office, Village Store and Newsagent, High Street Pitton, SP5 1DQ

Chimney Sweep – R.J. Ralls Tel: 07795 060270

Contact information:
East Grimstead email group – to keep up-to-date with village activities we have a group email address. Please ask the committee secretary (see below) if you would like your name added.

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With best wishes

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