



# The Poggio Post

UK Community Newsletter – October 2021  
EJSU - Supporting service personnel and their families

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## *Introducing our new NSE Clerk!*

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With 7 years of serving the Queen and livin' the dream; I Mitchell Peter Grantham am the latest addition to the NSE Poggio Family. With a genuine fear of returning back to the UK, I was ecstatic bagging a 3 year tour in Northern Italy, following 2.5 years in sunny Cyprus & the Army led Ayios Nikolaos.

A keen gym-goer, a football enthusiast & a lover of 80's music. Often referred to as Grant Mitchell, Cpl Mitchell or Cpl Graham in my last role, I'm hoping the far more intelligent RAF (sorry WO2 Donohue) won't struggle with my name. Interestingly (for some maybe) I bumped into Peter Andre in the Troodos Mountains Oct 20 & Cliff Richard in Disneyland Paris 1995.

Although fairly experienced in J1 now covering many roles in my time, I can safely say I've never worked in a place like this before. I will be doing the usual J1 day to day with expenses, moves, queries, claims, appraisals, JPA, leave etc. Also, I will assist with MT, Earthquake contingency plans, BFPO Mail. I'm hoping to get amongst the Community & share many experiences with this great community I've heard so much about.

Mitchell Grantham BSc (Bronze Swimming Certificate)



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## Events in and around Ferrara

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### **Oktoberfest** 1st-10th October.

This event is free to attend and booking is highly recommended. By booking you will be entitled to priority entry and guaranteed table! You can book a spot via the links below;

Oktoberfest Ferrara 2021 is divided into Two Areas. Outer Area and Internal Area.

External Area Reservation (Access Allowed Without Green Pass)

<https://www.eventbrite.it/e/biglietti-oktoberfest-ferrara-area-esterna-168406834375>

Internal Area Reservation (Access Allowed with Green Pass only)

<https://www.eventbrite.it/e/biglietti-oktoberfest-ferrara-area-interna-168411847369>

Tickets are still available and full details of the event are available via the following link;

[www.oktoberfestferrara.it](http://www.oktoberfestferrara.it)

### **Avventura dei 12 Regni – The adventure of the 12 kingdoms**

Parco Massari

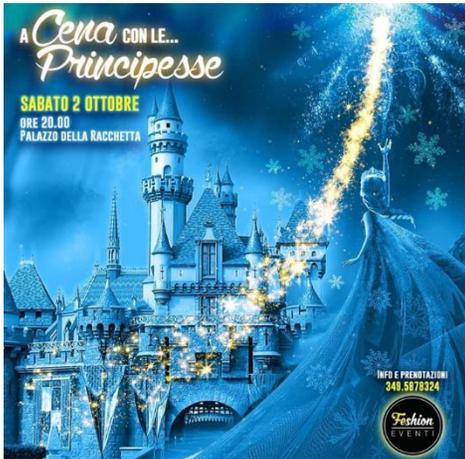
1st, 2nd, 3rd October

Ticket: €7

The Kingdom of fairy tales has lost its magic words! Come and help find them and save the magic kingdom. At the entrance to the park, each child will be given a kit which contains a magic book. With the help of mum or dad, the children need to follow the instructions and complete a series of challenges, collect characters and complete a map which will lead them to the lost word. Once the book is complete and has been handed back, say the magic words and it will be exchanged for a little gift. N.B. the trail can be done at any time during the event.

<https://feshioneventi.it/prodotto/avventura-12-regni/>





## A Cena Con Le Principesse – Dinner with the Princesses

Palazzo della Rchetta on Saturday 2nd October.

Enjoy a splendid dinner with the princesses from Walt Disney, with fairy tale theme entertainment from the children's theatre company 'I Muffins'.

To book tickets: <https://feshioneventi.it/prodotto/cena-principesse/>

## Food Fair - Salama da sugo

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th October

Pro Loco di Madonna Boschi (a village just outside Ferrara)  
Via Madonna Boschi, 1

To book a table telephone: 3407095358 or  
[www.prolocomadonnaboschi.it](http://www.prolocomadonnaboschi.it)

The Salamina Ferrarese is a special type of sausage which is cooked very slowly in wine and spices for a very long time. It is served with creamy mashed potato which helps balance the strong flavor. MadonnaBoschi is famous for this traditional dish and it is a food fair which is well-worth a visit



## Comacchio Eel Festival.

2nd – 3rd & 9th – 10th October

A historic festival which celebrates the locally caught eel. A gastronomic stand opens on Friday evening then for lunch and dinner on Saturday and Sunday. During the festival, there will be street animation, a craft market, farm products, fishing demonstrations and much more, spread across the historic city centre.

## Back to Wizard School

Magic School at Castello Estense - 16th & 17th October



It is back to Hogwarts for all of you who are passionate about Harry Potter! Two days of magic lessons, potion brewing, dueling and flying with some of your favourite professors. The event lasts 90 minutes, tickets include entrance to the castle, all the activities and a badge. Please arrive 10 minutes before the entrance time and wait on the correct platform!

### Magic School in Parco Massari:

The magic school includes a treasure hunt, potion experiments to do, magic game challenges, arts and crafts and a magic snack. At the end of the lesson the young witches and wizards will be awarded a diploma.

To book tickets for this event, either at the castle or in Parco Massari, click on the link below:  
<https://feshioneventi.it/prodotto/a-scuola-di-magia/>

### Ferrara Tattoo Convention

22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> October.

The third edition of the Ferrara Tattoo Convention. Over 250 Italian and international tattoo artists, and more than 50 events and entertainment of all kinds. Special Food & Beverage will also be available. Tickets are €10. Full details available via the following link;

[www.ferraratattooconvention.it](http://www.ferraratattooconvention.it)





## FESTIVAL DEL CICLISTA LENTO

29 - 31st October

The slowest bike ride in the world - 5km in 5 hours! A bike ride which is suitable for everyone and encourages you to enjoy our beautiful city.

For further information and the program visit:

[www.ciclistalento.it](http://www.ciclistalento.it)

## Monsterland at the Castle

Monsterland Halloween Festival is due to take place in Castello Estense on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Further details will be released once available.



## Ferrara Market



As always, the weekly Friday morning market continues to take place in Ferrara. This includes the Friday farmers market which takes place in Piazza Travaglio from 0800-1300. Local farms present their best products: wine, fruit, vegetables, meat, cheese, jam, as well as flowers and plants. A good chance to purchase fresh delicious products!

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## Community Updates

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### BFPO Service announcement

With Christmas fast approaching, here are our tips for sending your all-important festive gifts...



100 Days to go

Ministry of Defence  
BRITISH FORCES POST OFFICE

BFPO are underway preparing for **Christmas deliveries** and to help we ask customers to use our tips:

- ◇ Post early
- ◇ Remember your mail parcel **must** have a customs declaration form attached
- ◇ Don't forget to add a returns address

For more details visit [www.gov.uk/bfpo](http://www.gov.uk/bfpo) or @HQBFPO

### NSE Update



#### Coffee Morning

Coffee Morning in the NSE will return on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October. We are very excited to be able to welcome you back into our great facility.

In order to adhere to current regulations NSE events will require an RSVP in order to enable me to put the correct procedures in place. I would like to thank you all for your patience during an extremely challenging time and look forward to seeing you soon.

Annual leave; The CLO will be on Annual leave from 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October.



## **LOSS AND BEREAVEMENT AWARENESS WEBINAR**

We all come into contact with bereaved people during the course of our working lives, be it clients, customers colleagues or family, even the most confident person can find it hard to know what to say.

Cruse Bereavement Care is the leading national charity for bereaved people in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. They offer support, advice and information to children, young people and adults when someone dies and work to enhance society's care of bereaved people.

Due to the recognised and invaluable support which Cruse has provided supporting bereaved families, especially children and young people in military families, Cruse are delivering Loss and Bereavement Awareness Webinar to the EJSU personnel on Fri 15<sup>th</sup> October 21. The webinar will last approximately 2.5 hours and is open to Mil personnel, spouses and dependants.

To ensure maximum benefit is achieved, priority will be given to those who are in employment so that they can use their learning in the workplace as well as at home. This training is not just 'a nice to have', it is emotionally challenging, thought provoking and designed to enable people to support those in their time of need. Interested? Then please call the Welfare Team on ext 6733 or email: the Welfare coordinator, Mrs Jackie Wigglesworth [Jackie.Wigglesworth101@mod.gov.uk](mailto:Jackie.Wigglesworth101@mod.gov.uk)

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## *Covid-19*

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Emilia-Romagna is currently in the White Zone. This means that the following restrictions are in place;

- Outdoor sports is allowed
- All shops have reopened including shopping centres on a weekend
- Bars and Restaurants have reopened, you can dine inside on tables of 6 and outside on larger tables
- There is no longer a curfew
- It is possible to visit friends and family at a home with no restrictions in terms of numbers and hours (structured parties are still not allowed and you must have sufficient space to socially distance)
- It is possible to travel between yellow regions
- Outdoor swimming pools have reopened
- SPA's will reopen
- It is still mandatory to wear a mask

Up to date information relating to Covid-19 and restrictions can be found via the following links;

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/italy>

<https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control>

<https://www.esteri.it/mae/it/>

<https://www.thelocal.it/>

In addition to this there is a News section on the Poggio Renatico EJSU.Net page which contains regular updates and can be accessed via the following link;

<https://www.ejsu.net/poggio/>

If you have any questions or queries, please contact the NSE team. We will continue to provide regular updates once they become available.



# COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

**The British community is looking for volunteers to join the EJSU Registered Activities Group, Poggio. You will get the opportunity to learn transferable skills, obtain safeguarding training, acquire an up to date DBS check and most importantly bring the community together for Guaranteed Fun! Contact the CLO to express interest or learn more!**