



EJSU NW Germany

CLO's Community Newsletter



Supporting British Personnel, EJSU Staff and their Families

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Introduction

Frohes Neues Jahr, lets hope it's a fabulous year for everyone. I trust that Father Christmas was kind to you all and there weren't too many lumps of coal found in stockings. Have you made any resolutions for this coming year? It doesn't have to mean going without, why not take up a new hobby or travel to places you've only dreamed about.



Emma X

NSE Goch

The NSE Goch is open Monday to Friday between the following times:

Monday to Thursday: 0800-1230 & 1330-1630.

Friday: 0800-1230

The EJSU Admin Clerk's working hours are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 0800-1300

SineadJoyce103@mod.gov.uk

The Host Nation Liaison Officer's working hours are as follows:

Monday to Thursday 0730 - 1600 and Friday 0730 - 1230.

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The VLO and C&I, GEO working hours are as follows:

Monday: 0800-1600. Tuesday: 0800-1600

Wednesday 0800-1300

Sheila.Devlin107@mod.gov.uk

The CLO's working hours are as follows:

Monday, Friday: 0800-1200 Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday: 1200-1600

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02823 419 0837

NSE VLO (Sheila)

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Brunssum British Medical Admin Unit

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112

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RAF FAMILIES FEDERATION – YOUR VOICE

The RAF Families Federation provides all RAF personnel and their families - Regular and Reserve, single or married - with timely and professional support, assistance and an independent voice regarding issues or concerns that they may have. <https://www.raf-ff.org.uk/>



COVID INFORMATION WEBSITES

Everybody who comes into NRW from a Risk area will need to fill out this form with the German health authority. (<https://www.einreiseanmeldung.de>)

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/germany> UK Government website which is updated frequently.

<https://corona.rki.de/> is an excellent tool for checking areas in our vicinity for Corona updates.

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

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

<https://www.ejsu.net/covid-19/>

Covid 19 guidance from EJSU

<https://www.ejsu.net/covid19-test-request/>

For day 2 & 8 tests

These websites contain the most up to date information regarding Covid restrictions. Check before travelling.

REPORT A FAULT- BABCOCK

If your request requires urgent attendance, please call the help desk on: 0800 888 4242

Or use the online report a fault form

<https://bssg.babcockinternational.com/report-a-fault/>



EJSU.NET

EJSU.net contains a whole host of information ranging from Healthcare, Welfare, Vehicle information and EJSU.net can be accessed on all devices. However, to access Routine orders will require a DLE login.

DOG REGISTRATION

There is now a new process in place to register dogs at local Stadts. Please can all dog owners contact the NSE for application forms to apply for the relevant paperwork needed by each Stadt. Contact:

Sinead.Joyce103@mod.gov.uk



NORTH WEST GERMANY-EJSU COVID-19 WINTER MEASURES

In response to EJSU direction on COVID-19 winter measures. We kindly ask that all service personnel and their dependants help the NSE maintain the rules and guidance, by adhering to the simple steps below:

People are to attend the NSE on appointment only basis. One person per appointment. Appointments are to be made in advance by contacting the NSE. Ensure individuals wear a mask until seated. The seat will be placed 1.5m away to maintain social distancing. Please enter the NSE through the NSE door (the right side of the 2 houses) and not the community door (left side). This allows us to maintain the one-person rule using a one-way system. If you arrive and there is someone waiting, please adhere to the social distancing guidelines and wait outside until called in.

ARAL CARDS/TÜV

All Service Personnel and Dependants are reminded their vehicle TÜV expiry date is linked to their Aral Cards. If your TÜV has expired your Aral Card will be blocked until a new TÜV certificate has been presented to the NSE. To avoid unnecessary additional fuel charges at the pumps please renew as soon as possible.

BFBS GENERAL TECHNICAL QUERIES

For all technical queries, from help with the initial set up to any unforeseen breaks or interruptions to services, contact the BFBS service desk on **+44 (0) 203 750 4567** or email servicedesk@bfbs.com
Lines are open Monday to Friday 06:00–20:00 UK time excluding public holidays.



JCCC

For casualty and compassionate cases contact the telephone helpline +44 (0)1452 519951. This number is continually maned 24 hours a day including weekends and Bank Holidays. Might be worth adding to your contacts list on your phone.

KWC



KWC is a group for military spouses of all nationalities. They host coffee mornings, Mums and tots, Book club and Craft and Conversation

to name a few. For more information, please contact your UK representative Stephanie Lightfoot.

MAGAZINES

Titles such as Envoy, Army and You, Pathfinder and the RAF News are available in the NSE. Please feel free to help yourselves.

RAF News is also available to download at:
<https://www.rafnews.co.uk/>

NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIA PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2022

1st January – New Year's Day
15th April – Good Friday
18th April – Easter Monday
1st May – Labour Day
26th May – Ascension Day
6th June – Whit Monday
16th June – Corpus Christi
3rd October – Day of German Unity
1st November – All Saint's Day
25th December – Christmas day
26th December – 2nd Day of Christmas

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY UPDATE

On Friday 10th December the community dusted off their best Christmas jumpers all in aid of supporting Save the Children. It was great to see so many of you getting involved. Biscuits were baked (thank you Helen), decorated then sold for a donation. Every donation helps kids get the stuff they need most like food, school and medicine.

We managed to raise a grand total of £110, all of which goes directly to supporting children.



NSE Team



Team Lidl 😊

STEP CHANGE

They have more than 25 years' experience providing free, expert debt advice. They offer the widest range of practical debt solutions of any provider in the UK. No matter how large or small your debt problem is, they can help. They'll look at your financial situation and give you expert debt advice and recommend debt solutions to suit your situation. They can also help you set up and support your chosen solution.

Whether you get advice online or over the phone, you'll follow a straightforward advice process giving you a clear picture of how to deal with your debts.

<https://www.stepchange.org/how-we-help.aspx>

StepChange
Debt Charity

FORCESLINE

The team is there to listen and not to judge. They can give you useful information and signpost ways to help you.

Forcesline is a free and confidential telephone helpline and email service that provides support for serving (regulars and reserves), ex-Forces and for their families.

SSAFA is outside of the military chain of command, will listen and will not judge.

<https://www.ssafa.org.uk/get-help/forcesline>



BRITISH FORCES SOCIAL WORK SERVICE



For the past five years we have been delivering BFSWS in Germany and other isolated detachments, successfully serving over 33,000 Service personnel and dependents. On 1st November 2019, we began to deliver the overseas social work service from the UK.

<https://www.forcessocialwork.com/overseas>

CARROT AND CUMIN SOUP

Warm up with a comforting bowl of carrot soup

25g butter
2 tbsp cumin seeds, plus extra to serve
1 onion, finely chopped
1 leek, green part trimmed away, finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, chopped
1 star anise
600g carrots, chopped
1 litre vegetable stock
100ml double cream

STEP 1

Heat the butter in a deep saucepan over a medium heat until just starting to sizzle, then fry the cumin seeds until toasted and crackling.

STEP 2

Add the onion, leek, garlic, star anise, carrots and a pinch of salt. Stir to coat. Cover, reduce the heat to low and cook gently for 15-20 mins, stirring occasionally until the vegetables have softened in their own steam.

STEP 3

Pour over the stock and bring the mixture to a simmer, then continue to cook for 10 mins until the carrots are tender. Spoon 2 tbsp of the cream into a small dish and

set aside, then pour the rest into the pan and bring back to the boil. Remove the star anise and use a hand blender to blitz the mixture until smooth and silky. Or, tip into a standard blender in batches and blitz before returning to the pan. For a really smooth soup, push through a sieve into a saucepan. *At this stage, the soup can be cooled completely and chilled for up to three days or frozen for six months. Defrost fully before reheating.* Reheat until piping hot over a low heat, then pour into bowls, drizzle with the reserved cream and scatter the extra cumin seeds on top.

JANUARY FACTS

January's birthstone, the garnet, is thought to keep the wearer safe during travel.

January's birth flowers are the carnation and snowdrop.

January has two zodiac signs – Capricorn, which is until January 19, and Aquarius, which is for the rest of the month.

Sometimes the Saxons called January the wolf month because hungry wolves would come into their towns searching for food this time of year.

The name for January comes from the Roman god, Janus, who is always depicted with two heads. He uses one head to look back on the year before, and the other head to look forward into the New Year.

Oddly enough, couples tend to separate or divorce more so in January than any other month of the year.

On **4th January**, 2022, Earth reaches perihelion, which is the point in the planet's orbit where it is closest to the Sun. At perihelion, Earth will be 91,406,842 miles from our bright star.

5th January brings Twelfth Night, an English folk custom that marked the end of Christmas merrymaking, and in ancient Celtic tradition, the end of the 12-day winter solstice celebration. On Twelfth Night, it was customary for the assembled company to toast each other from the wassail bowl.

6th January is Epiphany. According to the New Testament's Gospels, on this date the Magi, the three wise men or kings venerated and brought gifts to the infant Jesus.

8th-9th January German Racing Pigeon Exhibition in Dortmund, where Pigeon Breeders expects up to 12,000 visitors to this world-famous event.

14th January: National Dress Up Your Pet Day.

NEW YEAR QUIZ

1. Portuguese navigators discovered 'The river of January' on Jan 1st 1502. What is 'The river of January'?

2. The best-selling record in the world in 1956 was recorded on New Year's Day in Nashville. What was the name of the song?

3. On Jan 1st 1907 US President Theodore Roosevelt shook a record number of hands in one day. How many hands did he shake? Plus or minus 1,000

4. The Anglo Saxon name for January was which predatory creature?

5. Traditionally, what do the Dutch eat to usher in the New Year?

- Raw Herring
- Gouda Cookies
- Oliebollen (donuts)
- Frikadellen (Hamburger patties)

6. Which two European countries declared their independence on Jan 1st 1993?

7. The following words are from songs with the word 'YEARS' in the title. Can you name the song?

- News guys wept and told us the Earth was really dying
- You were the one who imagined it all
- Bound for a star with fiery oceans, It's so very lonely
- I want to be with you, be with you night and day
- Don't let me hear you say life's taking you nowhere angel

8. Which man led the offensive against French troops in Indo China that began on Jan 1st 1950?

9. The US Congress prohibited the importation of what into the USA on Jan 1st 1808?

10. The first mobile phone call in Britain was made by which comedian on Jan 1st 1985?

- Spike Milligan
- Billy Connolly
- Benny Hill
- Ernie Wise

11. On New Year's Day 1925 Norway changed the name of its capital city to Oslo. What was the previous name?

12. Which 1972 film and mega box office success took place between New Year's Eve and New Year's Day?

13. What announcement did Emperor Hirohito of Japan make on Jan 1st 1946?

14. In which film did Helen Mirren appear with the word 'Year' in the title?

15. The European Economic Community (EEC) was first established on Jan 1st of which year? plus or minus 1

16. In which film did Mickey Rourke appear with the word 'Year' in the title?

17. Who sang the following 'Year' songs? 1 pt. for each correct answer

- Disco 2000
- 1999
- In the year 2525
- 1984

- e. December 1963 (Oh What a Night)
- f. 1979
- g. New York Mining Disaster 1941
- h. 1997
- i. Munich Air Disaster 1958

18. The Commonwealth of Australia was proclaimed on New Year's Day in which year? plus or minus 5 years

19. Traditionally, what do people in Portugal eat when the clock strikes 12 on New Year's Eve?

- a. 12 grapes
- b. 12 sardines
- c. 12 oysters
- d. 12 almonds

20. A BOAC turboprop Bristol Britannia flew from London to New York in record time on Jan 1st 1958. Plus or minus 1 hour, what was the record time?

Answers:

- 1. Rio de Janeiro
- 2. Heartbreak Hotel
- 3. 8,513
- 4. Wolf, Wolf month
- 5. c. Oliebollen (donuts)
- 6. Czech Republic and Slovakia
- 7. Five answers
- a. Five Years (David Bowie)
- b. All Those Years Ago (George Harrison)
- c. 2000 Light Years From Home (Rolling Stones)
- d. New Year's Day (U2)
- e. Golden Years (David Bowie)
- 8. Ho Chi Minh
- 9. Slaves
- 10. d. Ernie Wise
- 11. Christianity
- 12. The Poseidon Adventure
- 13. That he was not a god
- 14. 2010 (The Year We Make Contact)
- 15. 1958
- 16. The Year of The Dragon
- 17. Nine answers
- a. Pulp
- b. Prince
- c. Zager and Evans
- d. David Bowie
- e. Four Seasons
- f. Smashing Pumpkins
- g. Bee Gees
- h. Eminem
- i. Morrissey
- 18. 1901
- 19. a. 12 grapes
- 20. 7h 57 m

