



Brunssum and GK Community Newsletter



October 2022

The times they are a-changin'

As we're now over a month into the reign King Charles III, we can reflect on events not witnessed before by any in our community. Most of us will have been able to pick out a friend or oppo among the many military faces in the various processions surrounding the passing and burial of Her Majesty. What an incredible job done by all involved.

As we look a little closer to home, we would like to extend a very warm welcome to all those who have joined the community over the summer period. If we haven't seen you at an event already, we hope to be welcoming you in person very soon.

We also have 2 new arrivals to welcome not only to the UK community, but the world! Congratulations to Cherie and Dom Ward who welcomed Wilbur on 22 August and to Emily and Babbs Babbington who welcomed Hamish on 27 August.

I won't mention the 'C word' here on the front page, but as we are most definitely into Autumn, the festive period is just around the corner. Not only will the team here be organising various events over the coming months, but Morale and Welfare Activities will be ongoing, including Hogwarts Hallowe'en at the library. Keep an eye out for updates on facebook, WhatsApp and the newsletter.

Finally, a plea. Help us to help you by getting involved, taking part, giving feedback, making suggestions. There's so much on offer across the JFC Brunssum Community.

Happy Autumn Everyone,

Your NSE Team

HALLOWE'EN ACTIVITIES

WHAT'S GOING ON AT JFC BS AND
BEYOND...



Trunk or Treat at USAG Benelux -29 Oct, 5-8pm

Hogwarts Hallowe'en at the Library - 29 Oct, 12-4pm

Pumpkin Carving Event @ USAG, 3pm Fri 28 Oct

Tri-Border Area Haunted House - 29 Oct @ GK

Harry Potter week at the library 24-28 Oct

WE'LL PASS ON DETAILS AS WE GET THEM, FEEL FREE TO SHARE INFORMATION!

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**IF YOU HAVE A GREAT PUMPKIN CARVED, HAVE DECORATED YOUR
HOUSE OR WANT TO SHOW US YOUR SCARY FANCY DRESS, PLEASE
SHARE YOUR PHOTOS WITH US!**

What's On...



Wednesday Coffee

Coffee mornings are now at the new time of 10-11 on Wednesday mornings. Please pop in to the Community Room in the NSE and grab a cuppa and a biscuit.



Big Drop In Coffee & Family Friendly Friday

Instead of being every month, these events will now be termly, so that we can make them bigger and better! Family Friendly Bar opening on the first Friday will continue, with the bar open from 14-18:00



Thrift Shop Opening

Keep up to date with Thrift Shop Opening Hours by following 'Curios Thrift Shop' on Facebook.



NAAFI Delivery

Now a monthly service, don't forget to place your order by the last Monday of the month for delivery the following Monday. For more details or to sign up, please send an email to: gso-ejsu-netherlands-community@mod.gov.uk

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Do sign up for the HIVE newsletter to find out about everything going on in the local area. Charlotte will be keeping you updated with plenty to keep you busy over half term and at Hallowe'en!

What is the Brunssum International Club and why would I join?

The Brunssum International Club (BIC) is open to all NATO ID holders and spouses. It meets monthly for Coffee and Culture mornings, hosted by different delegations. There's usually a short presentation / activity / quiz, followed by coffee and food from the host delegation and finally, a raffle. BIC offers a limited number of childcare places for a small additional fee.

Regardless of whether you're a member, we would love your support at the next Coffee and Culture morning, hosted by the UK delegation on 1 November. If you would like to attend, look out for notices on Facebook. If you would like to help with practical support (like baking!) please get in touch. You don't have to be a member to attend, so you can come along with no strings attached!

Membership is just 12 EUR per year, which entitles you to attend coffee and culture for 5 EUR instead of 7 and to get member discount on trips and events. For more information, including how to sign up, head to www.jfcbic.com





Thank you all for your patience and for sending in your measurements. It's fair to say there was a broad range of specimens this year, with some struggling, some simply dying through lack of water and others being nurtured to great heights!

Here are a few pics of this year's entries. Honourable mentions to Andy and Jacqui Fleming, The Brown family, The Mattens and The Birds who all managed to not kill off their seeds and raised some beautiful sunflowers. However, there can only be one winner and, reaching a height of over 3 metres, it was the Neal family who were triumphant! Congratulations!



Thank you so much to everyone who took part and don't worry, it's only about 6 months until you can plant your seeds for 2023!!



Looking for a child friendly space to use?

Want to get out of the house?

Want somewhere quiet to gather your thoughts*?

Use the Community Room!

With the café currently not regularly opening, you'll need to bring your own coffee, but you're very welcome to use it. No booking required**

Coffee drop in held every Wednesday 10-11—EVERYONE WELCOME!!

*We can put a Do Not Disturb sign on the door, the amount of thinking is up to you!

**Unless this proves really popular...

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WE NEED YOU!



Our Service committee is small and friendly but we'd love to be a bit bigger!

Do you have an hour a week or a month that you are willing to offer to support our British community here in Brunssum? Would you like to meet friendly people with local knowledge?

Please get in touch as we have vacancies coming up in our Service committee which must be filled for us to continue. The committee meets 4 x a year and runs events a few times a year.

Come and meet us at the CLO's Wednesday Coffee group or email Suzy.Matten@Brunssum.ssafa.org.uk

Want to know more?

The British Community Facebook page (Brunssum and Geilenkirchen British Community) is where we post all of our official notices, and these are usually repeated in the WhatsApp group. However, there are lots of other places where you can find out about what's going on in and around JFC Brunssum.

****Please note that some of these sites are unmonitored / open forum. If you need accurate advice, it is advisable to contact the NSE. Inclusion in this page does not imply endorsement****

HIVE	You can pop into the HIVE, located in the NSE building from 0900—1300 Monday to Thursday, 0900-1200 Friday to pick up information or speak to HIVE Officer, Charlotte Graham.
JFC Brunssum Morale and Welfare	JFC Brunssum Happenings is the name of the facebook page of the Morale and Welfare organisation covering JFC Brunssum. Movie Schedule, library information, it can all be found on this page. They also have a website: www.jfcbunssum.com
JFC Physical Activities	Facebook page advertising sporting activities, classes and challenges for JFCBS, GK and USAG
GK/AFNorth/JFC Friends and Faux	Facebook page of the wider community. A great place to look for things going on and ask questions. This is a non-official site.
JFC Brunssum International Club	If you want to meet new people from across the NATO community, then join the International Club. They also have a website: www.jfcbic.com
Buying and Selling	There are (at least!) 3 buying and selling groups for the NATO community. PCS season can throw up some amazing bargains! GK/AFNORTH/JFC Childless Classifieds Easy Buy & Sell GK USAG, JFC, GK, NATO CLASSIFIED PAGE
AFNORTH School British Section Unofficial Site	A group for parents to share information. This is a non-official site.
Curios Thrift Shop	The facebook page of our very own Thrift Shop. Find opening hours and promotions here.

Nothing on?
Want to do something
different?



Volunteers

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU



Is there something you want
to do?

Can you spare some time to help
the community?

The CLOs can help support you to
run events and access funding.

If you are interested in becoming
a community volunteer or have
ideas, please pop in and see us in
the office, come to a coffee
(Wednesdays 10-11:00) or drop us
a line:

[gso-ejsu-netherlands-community
@mod.gov.uk](mailto:gso-ejsu-netherlands-community@mod.gov.uk)

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EJSU

+3145 526 / 045 526 followed by the extension you require:

Head of Location: 2506

Chief Clerk: 2480

DIO: 3593

Registry: 2231

CLO Office: 2615

HIVE: 2891

E-learning Centre: 3455

MT Office: 3836

HNLO: 2850

Healthcare

CEP +31 45 526 2497

Dutch Med Centre: 0889 502 717 #3

For out of hours medical issues – Nightcare Heerlen: +31 45 577 8844 / 045 577 8844

Healix: +44208 481 7800 / 0208 481 7800

Security

Military Police: +31 45 526 2616 / 045 526 2616

Emergency Number: 112

Main Gate: +31 45 526 4041 / 045 526 4041

THIS OCTOBER ON

BFBS TV For full listings go to bfbs.com/channels

Sport



Premier League

This October will see two big matches for reigning champions Manchester City, as Pep Guardiola's men play the away fixture of the Manchester Derby at Old Trafford.



Formula 1

Formula One teams through Japan, the USA and Mexico in October as Max Verstappen looks to wrap up his first world championship defence. This will be the first Formula One event held in Japan since 2019.



Rugby League World Cup

After a postponement due to Covid, the Rugby League World Cup is finally here. Hosts England are looking for glory on home territory, but all eyes will be on eleven times champions, Australia.

Movie Premieres on BFBS Extra



A Quiet Place 2



Pride and Prejudice and Zombies



Robin Hood



Blair Witch



Nerve

bfbs TV

New on BFBS TV



Day Of The Dead

A normal day for the town of Mowbricken takes a horrifying turn when the dead begin to rise.



We Own This City

Crime drama chronicling the rise and fall of the Baltimore Police Department's Own Trace Task Force.



Wellington Paranormal

A haunted leather jacket and a goat-worshipping cult are just some of the dangers as we return to the spooky streets of Wellington.



Shopping With Keith Lemon

Danny Dyer, Made in Chelsea's Jamie Laing and Louise Wilson join Low one among the stars enjoying a very special shopping trip.

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Support Contacts

In addition to contacting your CLOs, JFC Welfare Champions and the NSE, there are organisations and people who can help in many ways.

Please take note of the below welfare points of contact for future use:

For details on multiple available supporting organisations, and to contact the EJSU welfare team, please visit: www.ejsu.net/welfare

Padre:

Maj. Nia Williams: Email: Nia.Williams264@mod.gov.uk

European Welfare Officer (EWO)

Ann Mckenzie

Office: 0032 (0) 6544 8082

Mobile: 0032 (0) 478 97 02 80

Email Address: annmarie.mckenzie114@mod.gov.uk

SSAFA Health Visitor, Kerry Riley: UKStratCom-DMS-DPHC-EJSU-CEPGrp@mod.gov.uk

Army Families Federation: ejsu@aff.org.uk

Brunssum Hive: brunssumhive@armymail.mod.uk

Did you know....??

There is now an electronic referral form for EJSU Welfare Services.

In addition to reaching out directly to any of the contacts provided above, you can complete the form on EJSU.net to request contact from either a Welfare Officer or the Chaplaincy service. You can also use the form to refer on someone else's behalf if you have concerns.

Just go to EJSU.net, click on the Welfare Heading and the form can be found under 'referrals'.