

EJSU N Germany

CLO's Community Newsletter

JUNE

Supporting British Personnel, EJSU Staff and their Families

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Introduction

A few dates for your diary: Sunday 4th June Aral card outage, 18th June Father's Day in the UK, 25th June Sunday roast in the UKCC.

I hope you all have a lovely month,

Until next time,

Emma x

NSE Goch

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

Monday to Thursday: 0830-1200 & 1300-1700.

Friday: 0800-1300

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

Monday-Thurs 0800-1300

GSO-EJSU-NGermany-AdminCk@mod.gov.uk

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

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

GSO-EJSU-NGermany-HNLO@mod.gov.uk

The VLO clerk's working hours are as follows:

Monday-Thursday 0800-1300

GSO-EJSU-NGermany-VLOClk@mod.gov.uk

The CLO's working hours are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 0800-1200
Thursday: 1200-1600

GSO-EJSU-NGermany-CLOGoch@mod.gov.uk

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Do not contact NSE staff on their personal numbers for work issues.

Useful Telephone Numbers

If dialling from the UK, please remember to prefix with +49

EJSU North Germany – NSE Goch

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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/>

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Families
Federation**

WELFARE REFERRAL FORM

There is now a live 'Referral Form' available on EJSU.net for any Welfare and/or Pastoral issues. Available for any individuals who need reaching out to Welfare Officers (Ms Ann McKenzie) or Padre Wg Cdr David Norfield. Be it for personal, direct needs or raising concerns of others. An easy to use, digital form requesting contact details and a selection of the preferred supporting personnel, is all that is required. On submission, individuals shall be contacted in the first instance of receipt via their method of contact, by their chosen service representative. **CLICK THE LINK BELOW FOR THE REFERRAL FORM WELFARE & PASTORAL REFERRALS –**
<https://www.ejsu.net/welfare-referrals/>

The dropdown Welfare menu on EJSU.net will also give you all the contact details for the welfare and chaplaincy team should you wish to contact them directly.



European Joint Support Unit

JCCC VIRTUAL CARD

Once downloaded, you can open the JCCC Virtual Contact Card in your contacts and edit it to include your Service Number. This contact can then be saved and shared with your family to give them the information they need if they have to contact JCCC.
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/joint-casualty-and-compassionate-centre-jccc>

MEDICAL BILLS AND PRESCRIPTIONS

In some instances, you may be expected to settle a bill for healthcare or medication upfront. You must ask for a receipt as proof of your payment. Service Personnel (SP) must complete [FIN07 Form](#) for both their own healthcare or for that of their dependants, (*electronic signature accepted*) and submit the completed form along with the proof of payment to the CEP. The CEP will issue an unique JPA authorisation code & appropriate UIN to claim a refund against.



For all correspondence regarding the settling of payments or for claiming JPA refunds, the following mailbox should be contacted: UKStratCom-DMS-DPHC-EJSU-Fin@mod.gov.uk
For more information see:

<https://www.ejsu.net/central-european-practice-cep/>

Central European Practice (CEP) Telephone 0032 (0) 6544 2280

Central European Practice (CEP) Email UKStratCom-DMS-DPHC-EJSU-CEPGrp@mod.gov.uk

One HMG HEALIX Telephone 0044 (0) 20 8481 7800
One HMG HEALIX Email healthline@healix.com

The Big Word healthcare translation service is available for when you are visiting any medical practitioner. Please see here for further details.

<https://www.ejsu.net/EJSUNET/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Central-European-Practice-Patient-Information-Leaflet-1.docx>

REPORTING HOUSING FAULTS

You can report faults in one of the following ways:

Web Portal: <https://bssg.babcockinternational.com/>
Email: bssihelp@babcockinternational.com

(Wisseler Straße only)

Link can be found at: <https://bfgnet.de/>



For the flats please use:

<https://www.ejsu.net/dio-fault-reporting/>

Select 'Germany Hirings' on the location drop down menu.

NAAFI



If you require the current order form, please either contact myself or NAAFI directly at:

Naafionline@naafi.co.uk

NAAFI deliveries will now be monthly, due to a downturn in orders.

This month the delivery day will be 19th June. Place your order before 12th June.

If you need the new order form please let me know and I will send it to you.

DOG REGISTRATION

All dog owners are to contact the NSE for application forms needed to apply for the relevant paperwork required by each Stadt. Contact: GSO-EJSU-NGermany-AdminClk@mod.gov.uk



Dogs should be registered within 14 days of arrival in country.

Once you have received your tags please let Sinead know so she can make a note of the registration number.

If you are posted don't forget to inform the Stadt. This can be done using an online form and return your tags to them.

<https://www.goch.de/de/dienstleistungen/hundesteuer/>

HOLIDAYS IN JUNE

8th June Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi (Fronleichnam) falls on a Thursday 60 days after Easter Sunday. The day honours the Eucharist (Holy Communion, Lord's Supper), which is important in the Catholic church. Corpus Christi is a public holiday in some parts of Germany and is marked by parades for the blessed sacrament (in form of bread or wafers).

The NSE will be open with a reduced workforce.

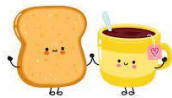
MODNET ACCESS



For those who need to access MODNet but are having trouble for one reason or another, there is a MODNet terminal set up in the NSE. It is in the post room and will only be available during NSE opening hours (see front page).

TEA AND TOAST

Tea and toast will be held on Wednesday 28th June in the UKCC 0930-1100, €1 per adult.



Everyone is welcome ☺

GOCH LODGE

Goch Lodge is a 4 bedroom semi-detached house consisting of 2 double rooms and two twin rooms, which can accommodate a maximum of 8 people.

Goch Lodge is fully equipped with TVs, kitchen accessories (microwave, kettle, toaster, pots, pans, dinner service, drinking glasses, wine glasses, cutlery and oven to tableware), white goods including washing machine, tumble dryer, fridge freezer and dishwasher.

All bed linen and towels are provided.

Currently the house does not have Wi-Fi.

Bookings can be made for a minimum of 1 night and a maximum stay of 14 nights. Any extensions beyond the 14 days maximum can be discussed with the OIC.

ELIGIBILITY & PRIORITY OF ALLOCATION AND CANCELLATION

The following eligibility and priorities will be used in allocating and cancellation of the Contact Houses:

- Regular and FTRS (FC) SP (tri-service) visiting/contact with children.
- Regular and FTRS (FC) SP (tri-service) welfare/emergency.
- Regular and FTRS (FC) SP (tri-service) assignment moves.
- EJSU/CAOC UEDEM SP's families and friends.
- Regular SP & FTRS (FC) from other Units with their immediate family.
- MOD Civil Servants.

COST OF HIRE

The cost of hiring the contact house is as follows: €25 per night for the first night and €15 for subsequent nights.

For more information, please contact Flt Lt Gary Garewal or Cpl Katrina Conboy.



SUNDAY ROAST SUNDAY 25TH JUNE

On Sunday 25th June Jon is organising a Sunday Roast / Carvery to be held in the UKCC. If you want to take part, you will be asked to bring cooked offerings for everyone to share. A list of items will follow soon and all he asks is that the amount / type of food you bring is appropriate to the number of people in your family group. For more details contact Jon or see the Facebook invitation.



CYCLE CHALLENGE- JOIN THE PEDAL PUSHERS

This year the **town of Goch**, together with all other municipalities in the district of Kleve, is taking part in the **CITY CYCLING 2023 campaign**.

After successfully collecting kilometres last year, this year it's time to get on your bikes, get set, go!

You will have the opportunity to collect as many kilometres as possible in the period from 29th May to 18th June and make your own personal contribution to protecting our climate, promoting cycling, improve the quality of life and cycle for your health.



Your commitment is appreciated.



This year as a thank you for your participation and for your personal incentive to use the bike as often as possible, various prizes will be awarded in the categories listed below. You can easily win this by leaving your car at home as often as possible and diligently collecting kilometres on your bike.

- *Most active single cyclist
- *Most bicycle-active local parliamentarian
- *Most active cycling team (km per capita)
- *Most active cycling club

You can register now - whether alone, as a couple, as a company, club, in a smaller or larger group:

www.stadtradeln.de/goch

If you would like to join the community team 'Pedal Pushers' you are more than welcome ☺



STADTRADELN
Radeln für ein gutes Klima

Cycle into town, to work, day out, every kilometre counts. Let's work together and get ourselves up on that leader board.

SCOTTISH FESTIVAL IN GOCH

On 17th-18th June there will be a Scottish festival with music, dance and Scottish specialties in the Stadt park Goch.

On Saturday, the bagpipe championships of the bagpipe bands from Germany and abroad, as well as the Highland Games for children and for everyone, will take place again. In the evening a folk band will play on the Stadtparkbühne.

Sunday is then all about the Highland Games, where the most diverse groups will compete for "fame and honour". In the musical part, soloists of different levels of difficulty compete against each other.

A colourful variety of different stands await you every day; from bagpipes to kilts and haggis to whisky, there are many stalls with Scottish specialties.

In terms of cuisine, the festival is British/German; In addition to fish 'n' chips, haggis and our tea tent, there is of course French fries and currywurst, waffles and similar delicacies. €10 per adult, €4 children up to the age of 14.



HUND SOMMER FEST

Come along to the Dog summer fete, where your dog can run free whilst you enjoy a drink and slice of cake.

Tombola, stalls, pool for the dogs, all in a secure park. Monies raised go towards dog rescue charities in the region.

1100-1300 for Beagles

1330-1800 all breeds of dog

Spierheide 45

47546

Kalkar-Kehrum



HUNDE Sommer FEST

Mega-Hundespaß, Speisen und Getränke, Tombola, Verkaufs- und Infostände, Hunde-Pool & vieles mehr!

11.00 bis 13.00 Uhr:
Beagle & Friends
(Freilauf & Markt)

13.30 bis 18.00 Uhr:
Freilauf & Markt
für alle Hunde

18 JUNI

Beaglefreilauf Kalkar e.V. & VHKK Hundefreilauf • Spierheide 45 • 47546 Kalkar-Kehrum
www.beaglefreilauf-Kalkar.com • www.vhkk.de

INTERNATIONAL BEER FESTIVAL 9TH-10TH JUNE

It is with great excitement that we announce the first major international beer festival at Kloster Graefenthal! Unique and central to this festival is its international character.

With dozens of regional, national and international beers, there is plenty to choose from for beer lovers! The carefully selected beers come from the region of Bavaria, Düsseldorf and Cologne, among others, but also from countries such as Japan, Mexico, Spain, Poland, the Czech Republic, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and the United States. Craft beer will also be there.

Another special feature is that these beers are offered at separate stands, combined with selected dishes from the respective country.

So, pair your Heineken with a delicious bowl of Kibbeling or a sushi with a Kirin. Or grab an American hamburger and pair it with a cold Desperados. You can combine international culinary delicacies with a wide and varied selection of beers to your heart's content and enjoy them at a beer table reserved by you.

Accompanied by live music and summer vibes, this event is the ideal opportunity to meet up with friends and/or family and enjoy this dynamic and international mix of beers and food.

Tickets are discounted in advance, so hurry up! If not sold out, there is a box office (€12 pp).

Opening hours

• Friday: 17:00 – 00:00

• Saturday: 16:00 – 00:00

<https://kloster-graefenthal.de/internationales-bierfestival-2023/>

MUD MASTERS

You might be aware that a few of us took part in Muddy Angel in Duisburg. I think we would all agree that a great time was had and no bones broken 😊 Can't believe the amount of mud we came home wearing! Although the clue was in the title. This event is a ladies only event with a portion of the entry fee going to Cancer research DE. If you would like to take part next year entry is now open. This year was sold out so act quickly and take advantage of the price before it rises.

<https://de.muddyangelrun.com/duisburg-2024/>

If you want to compete in something a bit more hardcore how about the Mud Masters in Weeze? They are also running a 'family' event for families with children between the ages of 5-12.

Participating in Mud Masters is definitely on the list of things to do in life. A day full of mud and obstacles and great fun with your friends. The memory will put a grin on your face for years to come. The rough obstacle course at Weeze Airport lets you do your best. Amidst the roar of planes taking off and the battle cries of your teammates, you'll experience the ultimate adrenaline rush on the gigantic mud playground for adults.

The huge slide leaves no one cold. Screams, splashes and then joyful cheers. The route takes you through gravel pits, steep terrain and over abandoned bunkers and hangars.

Book now before it sells out!

<https://mudmasters.de/event/airport-weeze-2023/>



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49 EURO TRANSPORT TICKET

49-Euro- Deutschland ticket for local public transportation and Regional Trains (NOT VALID FOR ICE TRAIN)

After a long dispute about financing, the 49-Euro-Ticket follow-up offer has now been decided and was launched on 1st May.

Can I buy the ticket on a monthly basis? Yes. If new customers want to buy the ticket online, they must take out a new subscription by the 10th of each month in order to be able to use the Deutschlandticket on time in the following month.

For which period is the 49-euro ticket valid? The Deutschlandticket is only valid for the current calendar month. So, if you only decide on the 15th of a month, you will have to pay the full 49 euros for the period until the end of that month.

Where can I buy the ticket? The ticket can be purchased at the ticket counter or booked digitally as a subscription.

Do I have to cancel the subscription? If the subscription is not cancelled, it continues automatically. However, the ticket can be cancelled at the end of each month.

The aim is to make public transportation more attractive and encourage more citizens to switch from cars to buses and trains.



SUMMER MUSIC

Which artist had the hit "Summer of '69"?

The song "Summer Nights" is from which 1978 movie?

Which American singer and songwriter was known as the "Queen of Disco"?

What 1980s girl band sang "Cruel Summer"?

Which music artist had a dance hit called "Summer Love"?

FINAL THOUGHT...

When squirrels come across an especially spectacular nut, they'll often gather and stare in amazement... very similar to how they're looking at you right now.

