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**On the cover:** Graffham Pickleball Club members battled it out to be its first official Wallies at a glow-in-the-dark session in the Empire Hall. Meantime, there's talk of creating pickleball and boules courts at the Recreation Ground. Full stories and more pictures on pages 42-43.

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# Writing from the Rectory: Our 'Third Sunday Service'

A Happy Easter to you all – from me and the congregation of St Giles Graffham, where, for 800 years, quite possibly more, a church has stood at the foot of the Downs at the southern end of our village.

Throughout that time, people have made their way to St Giles by foot, horseback, cart, carriage, bicycle or car, to offer their prayers to God and to greet each other at Eastertide and throughout the year. The way we have prayed has changed, though.

For centuries people petitioned the parish priest to offer prayers on their behalf through the operation of the mass. For 450 years after the Reformation in England, the Book of Common Prayer became the required means by which people prayed together at Matins, Evensong and Holy Communion. Today, Prayer Book Services are still authorised public worship, alongside Common Worship, a series of services introduced in 2000 which offer flexibility and diversity for a range of worshipping needs.

This variety of options means that to whichever Church of England place of worship a person chooses to belong, they will find a pattern of services which is both similar to, yet different from, any other church. Having respected the basic liturgical requirements of the CoE, a church can fine-tune its worship to its location and the community it serves. In an urban

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**Do come and join us at St Giles Church's Holy Week and Easter services. Who knows – there may even also be some Easter eggs and real Easter lambs! See pages 47 and 49 for details.**



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area, with churches in close proximity, different styles of worship can be offered in different places. In a small rural parish like Graffham, with just one open church and one small chapel, a different plan needs to be in place to serve the greatest number of people in its scope and means.

We seek to achieve this as well as we possibly can, with a steady regular pattern of Common Worship Eucharist services every Sunday at 10.30am at St Giles alongside a monthly Prayer Book Evensong at 6pm at All Saints Chapel (opposite the village shop).

Special services allow us to focus on significant moments of the church year, and of people's lives. To broaden our accessibility, we now also offer Taize Prayer Services on alternate months at All Saints Chapel. And on the third Sunday of each month at St Giles, Prayer Book Holy Communion at 9am is followed at 10.30am by a Service of the Word, or the 'Third Sunday Service', as we tend to call it. This



This photo of the Rev Vivien, taken outside St Giles Church, will be featuring in an exhibition at Chichester Cathedral, running from late this month (April), marking 30 years since the first ordination of women as priests. Vivien has also been invited to attend a special service to be held there on 13 May to celebrate the three decades. She became the first female clergy person to minister in our parish when she was licensed as Priest-in-Charge in July 2018.

is designed to be easy for families, regular worshippers, and newcomers to church alike to join in.

This pattern of services is a generous provision for one small rural parish to offer. Do please take advantage of it. Whichever service suits you best, join the countless people who have come to church in Graffham over the centuries and discover the value and power of prayer for yourself.

And to every person who comes to church here in our time, whichever service you come to, thank you!

With love,  
  
Reverend Vivien



Villagers tuck into tasty soup, bread and cheese at the Lent Lunch in the Empire Hall and dig deep into pockets to support Nikki Garrard's Minority Matters.

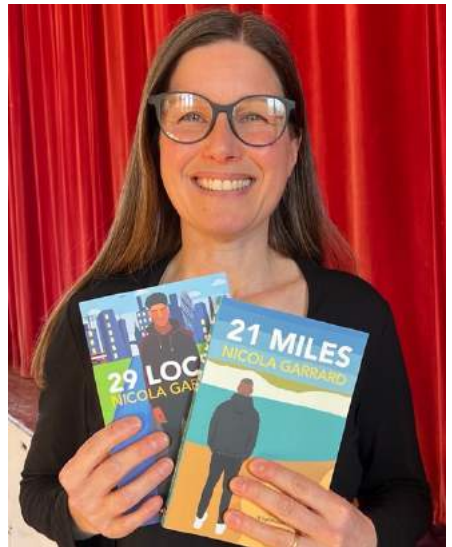
## Lent lunch raises £225 for Nikki's charity

Some £225 was raised for Minority Matters, a London-based education charity that supports vulnerable children, at Graffham's 2024 Lent Lunch, held in the Empire Hall on Wednesday 6 March.

Around three dozen tucked into a meal of soup with bread and cheese before hearing a talk on the charity's work by one of its team, Nikki Garrard, who was raised in the village and whose father, David, still lives here. She also spoke about her career as an author – two of her novels for young people have been successfully published.

At Minority Matters, she works on a programme called 'Positive Intervention' which builds young people's resistance to child criminal exploitation by drugs gangs. The money generated by the Graffham event will go towards the charity's next Outward Bound-style trip, a residential weekend at Lodge Hill, near Pulborough.

If you would like to donate to the charity, please give your contribution to the Rev Vivien who will pass it on to Nikki.



Nikki also spoke about the two novels for young people that she has had published.

# Four key new appointments made at St Giles

The Parish of Graffham with Woolavington has a new churchwarden, treasury team and safeguarding and electoral roll officers.

Cindy Bradley was elected a churchwarden, along with incumbent Ginny Barrett, at the annual parochial church meeting (APCM) at St Giles on Sunday 17 March. Cindy has lived in Norwood Lane for many years and was confirmed at our St Giles Church by Bishop Ruth of Horsham last May. Ginny has been our sole churchwarden for the past four or so years.



**Cindy Bradley (left) joins Ginny Barrett as a churchwarden.**

The meeting also marked the formal retirement of Yvonne Churchward from the role of Treasurer that she has filled for the past five years, but she is staying on to finalise the accounts for the first quarter and to mentor her successors. The Rev Vivien presented her with a painting of St Giles by village artist and regular congregation member Sue Hill, to thank Yvonne “for being a wonderful treasurer”.

Yvonne is being succeeded by a treasury team for the coming year, overseen by Ginny Barrett meantime, with Phillip Turner and Diane Bellis handling the book keeping and administrative elements. Ros Britton was appointed the parish’s independent external financial examiner for a further year at the APCM. The Rev Vivien said: “With thanks to everyone involved, this will hopefully provide an effective and pragmatic solution to the management of financial affairs in our parish pending the appointment of a new treasurer, which is currently progressing.”

The Rev Vivien also paid tribute at the meeting to Sonya Gillespie, who stood down from the post of safeguarding officer that she has filled for the past five years and from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of which she has been a member for a year. She is succeeded in the safeguarding role by Howard Pescott, who has considerable experience in this field in his professional career. Howard also stays in place



**New Safeguarding Officer  
Howard Pescott**



as tower captain of St Giles' bell ringers. He, Fiona Mackie and Nettie Lanaghan were all re-elected to the PCC for a further three years. At a meeting of the PCC immediately after the APCM, Beanie Bradley and Dinah Lamming were co-opted as members. Marie Bracey was re-appointed as Deputy Lay Chair of the PCC, Michael Blunt as PCC Secretary, and Stuart Lewis as Chairman of the Fabric Group.

Copies of the parish's annual and financial reports are available at [stgilesgraffham.org/2024-apcm](http://stgilesgraffham.org/2024-apcm)

The Rev Vivien concluded: "Grateful thanks go to everyone who continues to contribute to the life of our parish on our PCC and its committees and in so many other ways."

**More than 3,000  
people attended  
services at  
Graffham's St Giles  
Church in the past  
year - 2,722 adults  
and 481 children.**



It took an awful lot of daffodils - and laughs - to make the posies for St Giles' Mothering Sunday service, on 10 March. Among the mums and daughters arranging the flowers and foliage into bunches were, from left: Jan Brind, Celia Lilly, Jill Knight, Ann Brown, Janet Wakeford, Sue Hill and Beanie Bradley. Ann had the distinction of taking the basketful of finished arrangements to church (right). Every ma attending the service itself was presented with one of the posies with any left over going, in these days of equality, to dads, daughters and even sons too!



# Helen to retire after 17 years as school's Head

Helen Martin is to step down as Head Teacher of Graffham CoE Infants and Duncton CoE Junior Schools at the end of December after 17 years in the role and 32 years as a teacher.

She announced her decision in a letter to pupils, parents and carers last month, after informing the governors of the schools' Lavington Park Federation and her colleagues.

The governors will be meeting to plan the next steps for the recruitment of her successor, in a process guided by local education authority West Sussex County Council and the education team at the Diocese of Chichester. She said: "I am sad



but very proud to be leaving such a superb community of children, friends, skilled colleagues, families and committed governors.

"I believe it is the right time for me both personally and professionally and the schools will no doubt evolve from fresh leadership.

"I have always loved working at these amazing schools, and seeing countless children go through their education in the past 17 years.

"I have enjoyed so many supportive friendships and time with our school communities as a whole and will miss this enormously."

**Helen's says her decision to stand down was 'the hardest'.**

Helen suffered from Bell's Palsy (facial paralysis) a couple of years ago, with the diagnosis blaming high stress, potentially from her professional role, as a cause. She said: "A shock like that is always a warning. The stress of the role of headship is certainly increasing, and I am now able to take early retirement from the end of this year.

"I shall miss Graffham and Duncton so much. It's such an important place in my life. As you can imagine, this is a huge step for me, and one that I have pondered over for a long time – but know that with the support of the school community, we can move gently into the next exciting phase for my beloved schools."

She revealed that she plans next to train to become a professional celebrant, conducting weddings, funerals and naming ceremonies.



## Pupils at Graffham and Duncton mark book day

Graffham CoE Infants and Duncton CoE Junior School celebrated World Book Day on 7 March with lots of fun activities – beginning by children and staff dressing up as their favourite book character.

By sharing their favourite books and characters, children were encouraged to think about and explore a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, introducing them to new books that they may then want to read themselves.

A book swap during the day enabled pupils to bring up to five books from home and exchange them for new ones. Other activities throughout the day included book reviews, older children reading to the younger children, book raffles and story telling using props. A book company visited Graffham School to share a variety of new books and enabling children to redeem book vouchers.

## Seaford College transported to New York

Seaford College ‘moved’ temporarily to Manhattan’s Upper West Side for its big 2024 musical production. *West Side Story* played to rapturous sell-out audiences across four nights from 13 to 16 March, with several Graffham youngsters taking key roles. As one member of the audience was heard saying: “This was so good it could have filled Chichester Festival Theatre and done it proud!”



Seaford College’s *West Side Story* cast go through their paces.



# Burglar breaks in back to bag baccy

Police are investigating a break in at Graffham Village Shop in the early hours of Tuesday 5 March. The burglar got away with some £1,500 worth of cigarettes.

Closed circuit TV (CCTV) images indicated that the culprit was a male youth. He forced his way in by taking a crowbar to the back door at around 4.30am, activating the shop's alarm system. Apart from the tobacco, nothing else was taken.



**Graffham Village Shop's closed circuit television cameras caught the culprit red-handed. Do you recognise him?**

January, a Volvo XC60 parked outside the Empire Hall was stolen, while the owner had popped inside the building. A few days later, in early February, another car had its side window smashed while left in the car park to the north of Graffham Rec, with the vandals stealing a handbag that had been left inside. Later that same day, a van parked outside The Cricketers pub at Duncton was also broken into and two briefcases of paperwork snatched.

Police have warned residents to be extra vigilant, keeping their vehicles, homes and business premises locked.

**Other crimes locally reported by Sussex Police in recent weeks** Sheds in the gardens of three houses in Church Lane, Lodsworth, were broken into and multiple garden machinery items stolen, while a workshop was also raided at Fernden Lane, Lurgashall, where two electric bikes were stolen.

At Stedham, another electric bike and charger were stolen after a garage in Mill Lane was broken into, while a shed was also broken into in The Alley. An attempted garage break in was also reported at Redvins Road, Halnaker. A car was

Jeeva is offering a £50 shopping voucher to anyone providing information resulting in apprehending the culprit. The crime occurred just days before Jeeva had planned to upgrade the CCTV security at the shop – which he has now completed.

It is the third time the shop has suffered robberies since he and Vasu took it over 16 years ago, each time via the back door, which has now been strengthened.

March's break-in was the latest in a spate of crime in the district. In late

stolen from a driveway at Midhurst's Cavalier Close during the early hours one morning, while a van was broken into and damaged at Petworth's Hampers Green. Sussex Police is drawing the public's attention to its videos explaining what you can do to prevent thieves breaking into your as home, outbuildings or vehicles. See:

- [sussex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/window-security/](https://sussex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/window-security/)
- [sussex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/secure-shed-garage](https://sussex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/secure-shed-garage)
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## Just days left to vote for our shop as the best

There's just a few days left to vote for Graffham Village Shop in the rural enterprise Oscars, the Countryside Alliance Awards. Jeeva and Vasu are among four retailers shortlisted for running the best village shop or post office in the South East of England – so every vote is vital in helping the Graffham duo gain the ultimate top spot.

You can give them your backing at [bit.ly/best-shop-2024](https://bit.ly/best-shop-2024). The ballot closes on Tuesday 9 April – so don't delay!

The three other finalists are nearby Fittleworth Stores, Bledington Community Shop in Oxfordshire, and MB Farms in Kent's Stockbury.



## Welcome, Bertie – Graffham's newest resident



A warm welcome to Graffham's newest and youngest resident – Albert Manuel Aparicio, a third child but first son for Henrietta and Manny Aparicio of Pescods, The Street. Bertie, as he is known in the family, arrived at Guildford's Royal Surrey Hospital on Monday 11 March at 11.40am, weighing 7 lbs 9 oz. Henrietta said: "One sister was delighted and the other disappointed to get a brother. Bertie has been an angel baby. Edith a great helper and Stella has got over her disappointment!"



# Property watch

Homes for sale or rent locally, posted at [rightmove.com](https://www.rightmove.com) since our previous edition:

## For sale



**Halfway Bridge, GU28 9BP:** Detached former watermill with full planning consent to convert into a three-storey house with 300 sq m (3,272 sq ft) of interior space. Off street parking for two cars, small garden and terrace overlooking the River Lod. Price on application. *Southdown Property Solutions, Midhurst 01730 859156. Listed 15 Feb.*

**Strawberry Fields, Lodsworth GU28 9BZ:** Detached house, three bedrooms, bathroom plus cloakroom, reception room, snug, kitchen/diner. One-bedroomed annexe with en suite shower room. Garage. Garden. 156 sq m (1,678 sq ft) of interior space. £920,000. *Seymours, Haslemere 01428 787878. Listed 14 Mar.*



**Upaloft, Lodsworth GU28 9DA:** Attached cottage in need of updating, three bedrooms, shower room, sitting and dining rooms, kitchen, cellar. Private driveway, double garage. Garden. 122 sq m (1,317 sq ft) of interior space. Offers in excess of £600,000. *Henry Adams, Midhurst 01730 859156. Listed 15 Feb.*

**East View, Lodsworth GU28 9BZ:** Bungalow with planning permission for a replacement house with 3,200 sq ft of space. Garden of 0.3 acres. Guide price £795,000. *House, Cranleigh 01483 967667. Listed 7 Mar.*



## For rent



**The Street, Lodsworth GU28 9BZ:** Cottage, four double bedrooms, two bathrooms, open plan living room, home office, patio garden. £3,450 pcm. *Savills, Petworth 01798 345980. Listed 28 Feb.*

**Humbug Cottage, North Street, Petworth GU28 9BZ:** Cottage, two bedrooms, two bathrooms, living room, kitchen, garden. £1,495 pcm. *Open Rent, London 020 3322 3265. Listed 15 Mar.*





## Homes of Rest sold as soon as it was put on sale

Graffham's three remaining Homes of Rest were snapped up almost immediately they were put up for sale on 14 March. Estate agent Knight Frank was charged with finding buyers willing to pay "from" £325,000 for each of the two-bedroomed flats individually or the entire block of three units together.

A deal for a single buyer to acquire all three of them was struck almost before the ink on their sales details had dried. Knight Frank is not revealing the identity of the purchaser or the price agreed – but confirmed they attracted considerable interest.

The almshouses were built in 1928 by the then village squire and benefactor Lord Woolavington who, from 1903, lived at the adjoining Lavington Park, now the location of Seaford College. As a plaque on the front of the building declares, they were intended "for aged workers" of the estate. The lead rainwater hoppers are decorated with armorial motifs and Lord Woolavington's monogram 'WW'.

The building, designed by leading architects of the time Treadwell and Martin, gained Grade II listing in 2011. That protection was not extended to a separate building at right angles to it, which provided two further almshouses. This was demolished several years ago to make way, with adjacent pockets of land, for the St Giles Place development of new builds.

Lord Woolavington's successors, the Macdonald-Buchanan family, retained the Homes of Rest, along with some other properties and land, when they sold the 350-acre Lavington Stud, as the Park became, in 2021. The Homes of Rest was the last remaining building owned by the family in the village with which it had been closely connected for more than a century.

Their last three tenants were served with notices to vacate a few months ago, ahead of the sale. The property's listing on rightmove.com stated that the flats, each measuring between 59 and 62 sq m, were "in need of modernisation".

# Plans for playground upgrade progress

Plans for upgrading Graffham's playground, at the Rec, continue to move ahead, with tenders from half a dozen potential contractors now received – while approval has also been confirmed for renovating three of the finger signposts in the parish and the old telephone box by Pescods, which is to be equipped with a defibrillator.

Parish councillor Rachel Gerrett, who is leading the playground project, told Graffham Parish Council at its March meeting, that with costing options now in hand the focus is now moving onto raising funds to pay for it.

The council itself in October earmarked £20,000 from its “community infrastructure levy”(CIL) fund – paid for by local developers – as “seed” capital towards the initiative. The aim is to use this to gain matching finance and other funds from bodies issuing grants, like Sport England, Chichester District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority. Donations from individuals are also being invited. Plans for giving the play area a complete overhaul were originally floated early in 2022 as a potential Platinum Jubilee project for the village (*Graffham Parish News*, April 2022), when individuals in the community were invited to get behind it with donations.

Meantime, repairs have been carried out to some of the current equipment there, to ensure they are safe until the full upgrade can be carried out.

The cost of restoring the fingerposts signs and old Pescods phone box will also be covered from Graffham Parish Council's CIL fund.

Renovating the old phone box by Pescods and equipping it with a defibrillator will total some £5,000. There are already two defibrillators in the village – one at the Empire Hall and one at Graffham Infants School – and a third in the phone box opposite the Three Moles at Selham but currently none in the centre of the parish.

The traditional signposts opposite the village shop, at ‘Pound Corner’ and at the Woodcote Lane junction were reported to be in poor condition. They will be dismantled, repaired, treated for rust, repainted, restored and put back into position – similar treatment to what neighbouring East Lavington Parish Council gave last year to the fingerpost at the Norwood Lane junction – at a combined cost of some £6,000. The other two fingerpost signs in the parish – at the Topleigh and Last Post junctions – were not considered to be in urgent need of repair.

The council also approved the investment of £500 CIL funds to instal wooden posts around the verges by the village's War Memorial, to protect them from traffic damage. The CIL was introduced nationally by the government around a decade



ago. Financed by property developers, funds generated must be used to improve local facilities, not to cover a council's general on-going expenses.

Graffham has received a total of almost £45,000 through CIL, with £17,000 of that in 2023. The amount credited to the parish depends on the level of development authorised in the neighbourhood, so it is not known when or if it will be topped up further in the future.

Earlier this year, the parish council approved the use of around £6,000 of CIL money on four projects – a £2,000 contribution towards the new patio outside the Rec's pavilion, tree surgery to the damaged oak at the War Memorial, installing a flagpole there and a contribution to the renovation of the old phone box at Selham. These are believed to have been the first projects in Graffham funded through CIL.

## Parish councils combine to lobby for road repairs

Graffham Parish Council, East Lavington Parish Council and Heyshott Parish Council have combined to lobby West Sussex County Council to prioritise repairing roads running through their areas, between the A285 and A286.

The chairmen of the three local authorities – Graffham's Roger Coakes, East Lavington's Charles Britton and Heyshott's Robert Harris – have written to the highways officials about "the appalling state of our local roads which suffered further degradation last year as a result of the Midhurst closure".

Roger Coakes said: "We are hoping for a positive response to our request for priority to be given to the repair and resurfacing of these roads."

## Easter Market springs into the Empire Hall



Graffham's Easter Market, the Empire Hall's biggest fund-raiser of the year, filled the Empire Hall on Saturday 23 March with colourful stalls brimming with lovely things to buy – French soaps, beautiful linens, handmade wooden kitchen boards, fashions, freshly baked bread, Slow Grown Farm goodies, paintings and cards, local pottery... The home produce stand (left with Gaye Foord, daughter Annabel Heaton and granddaughters) was heaving with Simnel cakes and hot cross buns among the more usual home-bakes.

Full report and pictures in the next edition of *Graffham Parish News*.

## Lights! Camera! Action: Ring the bells!

St Giles' bellringers found themselves being filmed in action on 9 March – by a crew directed by Graffham's own Louis Higgins as a module for his MA in Film at Kingston University. The recording took place at the end of the ringers' regular second Saturday morning of the month training session, with the film focussing mainly on George White, who has been ringing St Giles' bells since 1982.

Louis, of St Giles Cottage, whose first degree was in Electronic Music from Berlin's Catalyst Institute, explained the background to the project: "The five



minute film will form one of my required modules which focuses on visual cinematography without dialogue. Graffham's bell ringers always intrigued me while growing up here. I have always been fascinated by the melodic sound of the bells on Sunday mornings and believe that this community tradition is often overlooked outside of a village environment."

Besides their regular monthly Saturday sessions, Graffham's bell ringers can be found practising every Tuesday evening in the church from 7.30pm to 9pm. If you might be interested, do go along and see what it's all about.

## Brain cancer fund raiser at Unicorn

The latest event to raise funds for Brain Tumour Research being staged by Heather Russell, of Guillods Cottages, whose daughter was diagnosed with the disease five years ago, takes place at Heyshott's Unicorn pub on the evening of Saturday 6 April, with live music from Willie Austen and Paul Stenton. Tickets, at £10 each, from the Unicorn.

## Errata

The surname of the former Graffham Archivist Terry Davy was misspelt in our March edition. Apologies, Terry!

# *Graffham Empire Movies*

*is back – bringing the silver screen to our village*



*From the team behind the Paddington films – a perfect Easter treat*

***Friday 12 April***

***Empire Hall, Graffham***

*Doors open 6pm for 6.30pm start*

*£10 adults, £5 under 18s*

*No need to book – just come on the night!*

*Bar with delicious confections*

*Cash-free – cards or contactless only, please!*



# Another top award for The Three Moles

The Three Moles, on Graffham's border with Selham, has another top accolade to display in its trophy cabinet, as a runner up in PubAid's 2024 Community Pub Hero Awards. It was one of just three inns from throughout the UK shortlisted as the scheme's Community Sustainability Hero, narrowly missing out on the title to The George in the Peak District. Almost a thousand pubs were



**Tom and Ollie at the Houses of Parliament where they received their award.**

nominated for PubAid's 2024 awards, with just 24 of them making it through to the shortlist. Congratulating the finalists, including The Three Moles, the awards sponsors said: "Narrowing down 926 heartfelt nominations to just 24 finalists was no small feat. Each submission told a story of gratitude for the pubs that foster community spirit and make a difference every day."

The Three Moles' landlords Tom Richardson and Ollie Robinson-Boulton were presented with their finalist's certificate on 5 March at the awards ceremony at the House of Commons, where Chichester MP Gillian Keegan dropped in to congratulate them.

It's the third sustainability award won by The Moles, after being made a 'Champion' by the British Institute of Innkeeping and certificated Silver by the South Downs National Park.

**Armed Forces Day headlines pub's summer programme** The Three Moles is developing its programme of special summer events – headlined by Armed Forces Day on 29 June, when it is inviting anyone connected to the services to play a part. There'll be a women's land army re-enactment group with displays during the day, and Graffham's Daniel Atkinson, now a serving officer in the Royal Army Medical Corps, will be attending along with displays from the RAMC museum. The pub hopes anyone owning British military vehicles will take them along. Members of the UK Forces Veterans Show Band will be performing at lunchtime with the event rounded off by Lancashire Belle, singing 1940s wartime songs. It will be taking collections throughout the day in aid of armed forces charities. No bookings required. Other dates in Three Moles'



**Lancashire Belle will sing 1940 favourites on Armed Forces Day.**

summer schedule so far include a drag night on 8 June, steam rally favourite Dr Busker and the Dorset Rats on 15 June, Captain's Beard singing pirate rock style sea shanties on 13 July and an ABBA tribute on 27 July.

## Thursday Club goes up the Downs

Graffham Down Trust Chairman Jim Kirke will be talking about the group's conservation work on the nature reserves it maintains on Graffham Down at the April meeting of the village's Thursday Club. It takes place on – you guessed it – Thursday 11 April at 2.30pm in the Empire Hall. All welcome.

## Garden Group first to use hall's new AV system

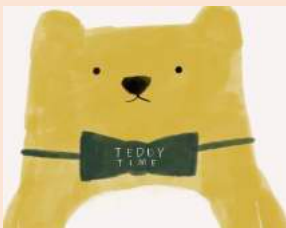
Graffham Garden Group members were the first to benefit from the Empire Hall's new audio visual system at its annual meeting there on 8 March, with guest speaker gardener Ben Pope using its new three metre reverse projection screen to display the photographs accompanying his talk and the sound system used to play suitably seasonal music before the meeting itself and during the interval – with the equipment receiving a rapturous reception.

The AGM saw the group's committee re-elected *en bloc* – Chairman Carole Kirke, Treasurer Carole Sargent, Show Organiser Marie Bracey, Membership Secretary Alison Davidson, Outings Organiser Nicky West, Village Enhancements Coordinator Tricia Wilson, Catering Rep Carol Tompkins, and Committee Members Martin Buckley, Peter Hardcastle and Gail Paterson.

- See page 30 for the group's calendar for the year.



Show toppers: During the AGM's interval, members voted for their favourite exhibits in the spring show, with Tessa Abbott (left) winning the Harmer Cup for her daffodils and Tricia Wilson taking top prize for her spring flowers and hellebores.



## TEDDY TIME IN THE PAVILION TODDLER GROUP

Wednesdays 10.15-11.30am  
Pavilion, Graffham Rec

No charge. All welcome. Just come along!



## *Easter Bank Holiday Weekend*

We are excited to reopen our doors for an extended Easter weekend from Good Friday 29th March, to Easter Monday 1st April.

Over the weekend you can expect delicious Easter specials, alongside the launch of our new Spring menu. Join us on Bank Holiday Monday for lunch, when you will also enjoy fantastic live Latin music.

We can't wait to see you all again to celebrate Spring, new beginnings and the Easter weekend.

**Reserve your table or come and stay with us.**

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# Planning matters

**Hay store for Woodcote Farm given green light** A proposal to build a new steel-framed hay store, 37 metres long, 24 metres wide with a ridge 8 metres high, at Woodcote Farm has been approved by South Down National Park planners. It will be built on land that has been used for a riding arena. The applicant said their existing structures were not suitable for modern use, causing significant spoilage of forage.

**Window replacements for Squirrels approved** A mix of timber windows at Squirrels, in Graffham's conservation area on The Street, can be replaced with new aluminium versions, and its guttering and front door renewed, too, South Downs National Park planners have ruled. They said that swapping the existing wooden single and double glazed windows, some painted brown and some white, with new ones in a consistent finish and all triple-glazed would "create some uniformity".

**Planning applications for Graffham and East Lavington filed with the South Downs National Park as we went to press (for details, see [bit.ly/sdnp-planning](https://bit.ly/sdnp-planning)):**

**Meadow Brook Farm, Woodcote Lane, Graffham GU28 0NZ:** Agricultural storage barn. SDNP/24/00948/APNB. *Received 5 Mar.*



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# Meet your neighbour: Olympia Nuttall

An occasional series in which we catch up with a village resident. This month editor Michael Blunt chats with Olympic Nuttall, of Calloways Bungalow.

It's taken Olympia Nuttall two years since arriving in Graffham to get back into her professional life – but she has had her hands more than full meantime, as a single Mum to twin toddlers. Orlando and Otterly were still in their pram when the trio arrived at Calloways Bungalow shortly after the pandemic. With the twins now three and starting at the nursery at Graffham Infants School, Olympia has the space to resume the career she left on hold when she returned home to the UK after 17 years in the USA.

She has just opened her studio in the Groom's Office at Lavington Estate, offering yoga, pilates and a range of other assorted treatments. With a beaming smile, she said: "All my life, I've wanted a studio in somewhere really beautiful and peaceful – which this certainly is, with the Downs and all the birdsong outside."

Olympia spent her early years split between London and Gloucestershire. Hailing from an aristocratic background, when she wasn't in her school classrooms in Oxfordshire, Dorset or Devon she was mostly astride a horse – hunting, trials and finally dressage. Her dream was to become an eventer. She paid the price, physically, though. After several riding injuries, she was taken, in her late teens and barely able to walk, to a specialist chiropractor. That consultation convinced her that she needed to take better care of her body and awakened her interest in the fields that would be the focus for the rest of her life.



Olympia in yoga mode.

disciplines along the way. The owner of the studio where she was taught had a colleague who needed some assistance at his practice in Sun Valley, Idaho, so off Olympia headed. She went on to build her own business there and in the foggy San Francisco Bay area.

After 17 years on the other side of the Atlantic, she returned home to care for her mother, who had been diagnosed with cancer. She opened a pilates and yoga studio there, in Gloucestershire – then Covid struck. Her business plan was built on face-to-face treatments but she was reduced to Zoom consultations. So she put it on hold.

Meantime, her body clock was telling her that becoming a mother was something that really could not wait any longer, so along came Orlando and Otterly.

Her many siblings in London urged her to join them there but she felt the big city was not the place she wanted to raise her children. By word of mouth, she found the Lavington Estate and Calloways and the rest, as they say, is history.

“I’d never heard of Graffham before, let alone visited it,” she recalled. “I’m so lucky to have found this place. It is so beautiful – far more so than Gloucestershire. When I first arrived and was pushing the twins around in their pram, I felt just as if I was in a Jane Austen novel. I love it here.

“I’ve met so many people just going out on walks. Everyone has been so friendly and so sweet. And it is lovely having so many horses about – just as it was where I grew up.”

Now she is looking forward to giving her new neighbours the care, support and treatment that she herself benefitted from when she was younger. “I know what it is like to suffer from pain, and this is too wonderful a place to be putting up with it so I can’t wait to help out whoever and whenever I can.”

- To find out more about Olympia’s treatments, contact her at [innerflosf@icloud.com](mailto:innerflosf@icloud.com)



**Olympia with twins Orlando and Otterly.**



Flashback to St Giles' floral celebration for the Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Graffham's florists are aiming to make this June's Glory of the Garden even more spectacular.

## Your chance to support June's floral celebration

Villagers are being invited to sponsor displays that will form part of 'The Glory of the Garden' floral celebration to be staged in St Giles Church during Graffham Festival this June.

The exhibition of blooms, blossom and foliage is being masterminded by Graffham's own Georgie Macqueen, who has served previously as festival designer for Chichester Cathedral's Festival of Flowers and many other high profile floral displays.

Working alongside her will be many of St Giles' regular arrangers. It will run from Graffham Festival's opening day, Friday 14 June, until the jamboree closes nine days later, on Sunday 23 June. Anyone who would like to support the flower festival financially, by sponsoring an arrangement to note a family celebration or remember someone special, for example, should contact the Rev Vivien. A card marking the family occasion can be placed alongside the arrangement.



**Plans for the overall 2024 Graffham Festival are firming up** with a packed programme of events to cater for all tastes and ages – and to involve the entire community. The schedule, which is expected to be finalised in the next week or so, will also include concerts by nationally acclaimed musicians, a revue showcasing local talents, open gardens and studios, talks by noted artists, poetry readings, films and much more. Watch for details in next month's *Graffham Parish News*.

Phil Jones, who is leading the team of organisers, said: "We've a great tradition of this kind of thing here in Graffham – and, after missing out in the past few years, we are pulling out all the stops to make 2024's festival our biggest and best yet. That needs everyone in the community to offer their talents, skills, enthusiasm and a little bit of time, to join in with a smile!"

**The Great Graffham Revue**, at the Empire Hall on the festival's final Saturday



evening, 22 June – will bring a touch of Britain’s Got Talent (without the judges and voting) and the Cambridge Footlights, showcasing local talent, with sketches, readings, musical numbers and more. Actors, comedians, singers, dancers, musicians, jugglers – now is your time to shine! Helpers with costumes, lighting, props and front-of-house roles are also wanted. Impresario Brian Lanaghan said: “If you’ve a party piece, then this is a chance to share it with the wider community!” Anyone interested in taking part, contact Brian at [brian.lanaghan@hotmail.com](mailto:brian.lanaghan@hotmail.com) or on 07775 947976.

**Open Studios** The open studio art trail will run over the festival’s final three days – Friday, Saturday and Sunday 21-23 June. Coordinator Richard Davidson said: “Art trails have proved to be extremely popular at previous festivals, showcasing the depth and variety of creative talent within the village while at the same time letting participants promote and market their work. We are hoping to have a record number of artists and craftspeople taking part this year and will do our best to make sure that anyone who doesn’t have their own studio space can be accommodated elsewhere.”

If you are interested in taking part and haven’t already made contact, please get in touch with Richard on [richard.davidson@btinternet.com](mailto:richard.davidson@btinternet.com) or Sue Hill at [jonsugraffham@btinternet.com](mailto:jonsugraffham@btinternet.com).

Richard is also planning to offer a day of painting under his guidance as part of the 2024 Festival.

**Open Gardens** Is your garden a carefully tended green delight, a naturalistic haven for wildlife, a showcase of veggie growing goodness, or are its roses your pride and joy? If so, Graffham Festival would love to include it in the Open Gardens programme that will be a key element of the event’s final weekend, 22-23 June. Coordinator Holly Sabin said: “It doesn’t need to be award-winning – it’s just a lovely chance for us to enjoy seeing each other’s gardens.”

Contact Holly at [hollysabin@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hollysabin@yahoo.co.uk) if you might be interested in opening your garden for the weekend.



**Flashback:** Some of the gardens opened in the 2018 Graffham Festival.

# Anthea Rosemary Hodgetts 1933 – 2024

*As reported as a late news item in our March edition, Anthea Hodgetts died on 13 February at her home at Oakfield in The Street, Graffham, where she lived for many years with her late husband Clifford. Here's an edited version of the tribute paid to her by her brother Richard Langhorne at her funeral at St Giles Church on Tuesday 5 March, after which she was laid to rest alongside Clifford in the churchyard.*

One may choose one's friends but not one's family, it is said. While for many Anthea was family, she was also to all a friend.

She was steady, slightly reserved and usually calm. She was careful, even cautious, sustained by a firm Christian faith, as all the events of life came along. She was stoical in the face of severe medical problems, particularly TB when she was young and macular degeneration when she was old.

She was also thoroughly practical and precise – whether it was keeping track of things generally or using a recipe. Yet sometimes caution could be cast to the wind – particularly when chocolate or chocolate cake were involved!

She could be quite a stickler for routine. She expected everybody to be out of bed promptly in the morning with no exception for teenagers. Even three days before she died she commented that her daughters Julia and Sarah were eating breakfast “rather late in the day” – even though they had spent much of the night looking after her!

Her caution did not deprive her of a sense of humour. Anthea did not enjoy undue solemnity. What could begin as wry amusement could turn into infectious and unquashable giggles.

She could also be ingenious. When she met Clifford, he was a pupil in his final year at Dean Close School, and she was living with the family in the headmaster's flat in Dean Close Junior School. Her bedroom window faced part of the senior school building, where Clifford's room then was, several hundred yards away across the playing fields. They communicated with each other secretly after dark with a deft use of strong torches.

During World War II, she lost everything in the bombardment of Exeter, which resulted in a strong desire for stability and regularity. Yet she embraced all the conveniences that emerging technology offered. When she reached 90, she was still in full command of running a household online – iPhone, iPad in full use

as well as WhatsApp traffic bubbling away.

Anthea needed her solid temperament and strong character early in her life because her teenage and early adult years were blighted by tuberculosis – in those days a killer without any obvious cure. She had two bouts of it.

The first took away her secondary education years and denied her the exam results that her intellectual command and capacity for hard work deserved. She was sent to be healed on the edge of the Cotswolds, south of Cheltenham, where she followed what was known as the “bacon and egg cure” by being fed vast quantities of protein.



Her second bout of TB forced her and Clifford to delay their wedding and ended with serious surgery to one of her lungs, at the King Edward VII Hospital at Midhurst.

It worked and she went on – with one and half lungs – to marry and raise a family: two daughters, Julia and Sarah, and son Richard.






She filled her life with music – classical, musicals and Flanders and Swann – and with gardens and good food. She left an excellent collection of her recipes and methods. With Clifford a Vice-Chairman of Chichester Festival Theatre, she was heavily involved there too.

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# From Town Hall: Tax hike likely for food waste

*Our representative on Chichester District Council, John Cross, provides his regular update on his key issues of focus right now.*



Chichester District Council (CDC) unanimously passed its budget last month, approving a 2.99% increase in your council tax. In listening to the debate and discussion on the budget, it was pleasing to hear how all political parties agreed.

Several issues stand out. Firstly, as you will have heard on the news, there is a universal frustration that local authority budgets are only set one year in advance. Chichester's leader and counterparts up and down the country have said the same thing – it is poor value for money when you are negotiating contracts and services on a one-year cycle. No business would operate on that basis, so change is needed if we are to get the most out of tight financial circumstances.

The other point I wanted to raise is that the government has told local authorities that from 2026 there must be separate bins to collect cooked food waste.

Food waste is not particularly useful, as it is deemed toxic – so what we do with it when it has been gathered is also an issue. Apart from that, to collect the food waste will require more refuse trucks – and of course every council in the country is also now trying to purchase these vehicles.

The electric trucks CDC has at present have not been a great success, as they are prone to failure, and they cannot cover the distance they need to travel. So the council will have to buy some secondhand diesel trucks until electric vehicles are more reliable. As you can imagine this food waste collection service is going to

be expensive. CDC is having to put aside £2.5 million – £1.5 million from reserves – to be able to afford to do this. While the council is financially capable of doing this, a lot of local authorities will not be in such a fortunate position.

So far CDC has had no notification from the central government that any extra contribution for this extra task will be forthcoming – so, again, down the line an increase in our council taxes will be required to meet this new cost.



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Westerlands is broadening its scope beyond horses and regenerative farming...

## Westerlands wants your views on its future

Westerlands, the estate that covers around 500 acres of farm and downland centred on East Lavington, is asking its neighbours to help develop its vision and action plan for the next 20 years, as it continues to diversify from its horse stud heritage to maintain its viability into the decades ahead.



It is inviting local residents to help shape a new ‘whole estate plan’ it is creating for the South Downs National Park by giving their thoughts, suggestions and feedback on the estate and its future and joining for an open morning on 20 April.

At the core of the consultation process is an online survey which everyone in the community is being urged to complete. It should take no more than five minutes –and to encourage as many as possible to participate all who do so and provide their details will be entered in a draw for a two-night stay at Westerlands ‘off grid cabin, Timber Country’. Just go to [westerlands.com/survey](https://westerlands.com/survey) or point your camera phone at the QR code (right) and it will take you straight there. The deadline for entries



Encouraging biodiversity is now a key part of Westerlands’ vision for the future.

is Friday 19 April. Among the areas it covers, the survey asks respondents to give their views on ways they would like to see Westerlands play a greater role in the local community, how they would like to see biodiversity there enhanced and which experiences they feel would most benefit its visitors. Those completing the



...to let visitors 'rewild' themselves, through riding, keeping fit or glamping.

survey are also being invited to the open morning at Westerlands, on Saturday 20 April, featuring tours and taster experiences, with coffee and cake at its Horsebox Café community hub (postcode GU28 0QJ). Two tours are available, starting from the café at 10.30 and at 11.30am, lasting around an hour.

For decades, Westerlands was best known as a stud, where leading trainer Florence Nagle and her team bred horses that became legends in the racing world.

With the changes in agricultural economy in recent decades, the Jamison family that owns the land have had to turn their thoughts and energy towards other avenues to keep the business viable.

Its recently redesigned website details what Westerlands is about today: a regenerative, Red Tractor accredited farm that raises traditional South of England cattle, sheep and pigs, which fosters biodiversity by planting kilometres of new hedgerows, creating wildlife corridors, building beetle hotels and letting its meadows grow to support insects and birds – while also encouraging visitors to 'rewild' themselves, by staying at its Woodfire camping ground, shepherd huts, yurts, cabins and cottages, or visiting its open space for horse-riding, fitness classes or just a cuppa at its horsebox café.


Westerlands' Managing Director Antonia Jamison said: "The views of our direct neighbours and the wider community are very valuable to us as we chart our future with the South Downs National Park, so we really would appreciate hearing your views and ideas. Thanks in anticipation to all who take part."






The hub of the Westerlands community – its Horsebox Café.

# Graffham Garden Group diary for 2024

Five outings are planned as part of Graffham Garden Group's programme of visits for this summer, taking in some of the best, most historic and newest gardens to open to the public locally. To book your place, contact Nicky West at [nicolamwest@btinternet.com](mailto:nicolamwest@btinternet.com) or on 07796 144647. The trips are open to all, not just members. Car sharing is encouraged so please always ask if you would like a lift!

<b>Thursday 25 April 10.30am</b>	<b>Visit to Lower House</b>
<b>Bowlhead Green, Godalming GU8 6NW</b>	
New to the National Garden Scheme this year, Lower House has established azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias and magnolias creating stunning vistas and quiet areas. Homemade teas available.	
<b>£7. Pay on arrival.</b> <b>Our visit is on an NGS day.</b>	

<b>Saturday 11 May 10am</b>	<b>Spring plant sale</b>
<b>Empire Hall, Graffham</b>	
	A wide range of vegetable plants – including tomatoes, cucumbers, courgettes and beans – and also some flowers, such as sweet peas, ammi and cosmos. No pre-orders or deliveries. First come, first served!

<b>Wednesday 29 May 10.30 am</b>	<b>Visit to Gilbert White's House</b>
<b>The Wakes, High Street, Selbourne GU34 3JH</b>	
Featured recently on BBC1's <i>Countryfile</i> , the 17th century house is now a museum, with collections belonging to pioneering 18 <sup>th</sup> century naturalist Gilbert White, South Pole explorer Lawrence Oates and his uncle, naturalist Frank Oates. The 18th century gardens have been restored to their former glory and include a wildflower meadow. Café and onsite brewery. The Selbourne Arms is a short walk for anyone who would like to have lunch after the tour.	 
<b>£12 including introductory talk.</b> <b>Payment details nearer the time.</b>	



**Monday 10 June 1pm**

**Visit to High Beeches**

**High Beeches Lane, Handcross RH17 6HQ**

27 acres of woodland and water gardens with the wildflower meadow its main feature in June. Takeaway refreshments available – or bring a picnic.



**£10 pay on arrival**  
**(free for Historic Houses members).**

**Saturday 13 July 2.30pm**

**Flower and produce show**

**Empire Hall, Graffham**



A chance to show off the results of your hard work in your garden and kitchen this summer, with classes for flowers, vegetables, fruit, baking and preserving, along with five photography classes – Graffham village life, a splash of colour, animal, reflections, and, for under 16s, any photograph. Don't be shy about your entries – it's the taking part that's important!

**Wednesday 7 August 2pm**

**Visit to Fittleworth House**

**Bedham Lane, Fittleworth RH20 1JH**

Three acres of country garden. Walled kitchen garden growing wide range of fruit, vegetables and dahlias. Mixed flower borders, roses and lawns. Glasshouse and potting shed. Teas available.



**£7. Pay on arrival. Our visit is on an NGS day.**

**Friday 13 September 12 noon**

**Visit to Parham House**

**Parham Park, Pulborough RH20 4HS**



A four-acre walled garden with wide herbaceous borders, rose garden, vegetable garden and orchard, with a 1920s Wendy house and a greenhouse with pelargonium collection. Further gardens with lake and specimen trees. Tearoom. Should you wish to visit the house, note that it is not open until 2pm.

**£11.50 to visit the gardens only (RHS and Historic Houses members free). Pay on arrival.**

# Nature Notes: Mine's a pint!

A regular column by Sussex naturalist and wildlife guide Michael Blencowe, who can regularly be spotted in and around Graffham.

*Arum maculatum* is the most wicked plant in the British Isles. Forget the highly toxic berries – this plant has the subversive power to steer the most pure-thinking botanist down the path to innuendo and obscenity. It's a tiny hybrid of Benny Hill and a triffid hiding in the hedgerow.

In April, a most bizarre sight appears in our countryside. Above shiny, speckled, trowel-shaped leaves arises a pale hood (the spathe). The spathe cloaks a purple poker-shaped flower-head (the spadix). This structure is a stinking beacon which gives off that sweet smell of decay so irresistible to insects. Flies are hypnotically drawn into the plant and are imprisoned by stiff bristles forcing them deep inside the hood where they pollinate the female flowers. After this pollination, the plant's male flowers develop, coating the insects with their pollen before the guard bristles wilt, releasing the prisoners to pollinate another plant. In the autumn, the pale hood drops to reveal the fertilised female flowers which have now developed into striking orange and red berries – a poisonous, lumpy lollypop.

What is even more fascinating than this entire performance is the huge array of common colloquial names that have been given to this plant. A few refer to its unusual appearance – 'parson in the pulpit', 'soldier in the sentry box' – but it seems that when most people are confronted with the plant they see something



Come join us on our  
**May Butterfly Walk**  
Sunday 12 May, 10.30am



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It's a steep climb up, so if you require a lift email [jimkirke@hotmail.com](mailto:jimkirke@hotmail.com)

Meet outside St Giles Church (GU28 0NJ) at the south end of Graffham Village, at the foot of the South Downs.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

If you would like to attend, or for more information,  
please email Jude Sennitt at [sennitt2@gmail.com](mailto:sennitt2@gmail.com)



**Arum maculatum goes through different guises through its life cycle – emerging from the soil to form a purple poker-shaped flower head which turns into brilliant orange and red berries in the autumn.**

altogether more obscene. Over the centuries botanists have stared at this floral Rorschach test and have likened the appearance of its reproductive structures to our own and the plant has earned itself a lewd lexicon of local names – ‘men’s and women’s’, ‘Adam and Eve’, ‘cows and bulls’. These have all given rise to its most commonly known title – ‘Lords and Ladies’. I wonder how many people use this name not knowing that they have been deceived by the plant’s vulgar charms? There are plenty of other ‘colourful’ titles for this plant too – some not befitting a high brow, family publication such as *Graffham Parish News* (although I wonder if Willy Lily gets past the editor?)

I’m just proud that I haven’t been perverted by this plant. I’ve always referred to it as cuckoo pint – a wonderfully evocative name, recalling the proud, lustful cry of the April cuckoo and pint which means, well, I’m not sure. Strangely I’ve always pronounced it as ‘pint’ to rhyme with ‘squint’ not pint as in ‘of Langham’s’. I wonder why? Ah, here it is – “pint: an abbreviation of the Old English slang word pintle meaning...” Oh crikey!

- You can find details of Michael’s upcoming events, wildlife sightings and adventures or book him for a wildlife survey of your garden or land at :



[michaelblencowe.com](http://michaelblencowe.com)

# Graffham Chronicles: In the spotlight

*In her regular column, as Graffham Empire Movies makes a welcome return this month, village historian Pauline Goodwin remembers the village's first family of screen and stage.*

*Stop all the clocks, cut off the telephone.* – *W H Auden.* Graffham had such a moment on 5 September 1976. Even the Rev David Grant cut out his Evensong sermon, so his congregation could get home to watch Series 7 Episode 77 of the BBC television serial *The Brothers*, directed by Timothy Coombe. This episode, entitled *To Honour and Obey*, featured a wedding which was shot in location our very own St Giles Church. The part of the groom was acted by Colin Baker, best known as one of the Dr Whos, while his bride was played by Lisa Goddard. Drama has always been important to Graffham folk!

It is interesting to consider our village's link to the world of drama in April 2024, when Graffham Empire Movies re-emerges from its period of hibernation (see page 15). Over the decades, many prominent persons from the field of drama have made our corner of West Sussex their home.

One such family, half a century ago, initiated strong links with the theatrical world including a Graffham location shoot and a series of celebrity sports matches which

really caught the attention of Graffham residents. Many villagers will remember, or have seen photographs, of these sports matches which attracted huge crowds to the Recreation Ground and raised a considerable portion of the sum needed to replace the old pavilion. Half a century later, villagers of the time, like Sandra Savins (née Brown), still treasure the programmes.

Whereas the early matches were mostly cricket, other sports, such as football, tennis and stoolball, also featured. On these occasions it was not just a theatrical team that came but many other showbiz people of all ages, from the 16-year-old Dai Bradley, star of the film *Kes*, to the



**Colin 'Dr Who' Baker 'married' Lisa Goddard in an episode of the hit BBC television show *The Brothers*, recorded at Graffham's St Giles in 1976.**



to the more mature Dame Wendy Hiller and Wilfred Hyde-White.

These celebrity sporting occasions came about due to the arrival here of an acting couple in the 1960s. They first lived in a cottage called The Stables in the grounds of Thraves, now known as Church Farm. In later years, they moved to Flowerlands.

They had both stage and real names – and in the village their use seemed to be interchangeable. Cary Ellison (1915-2002) had been advised by his agent to use permanently his stage name and not his real name of Ellison Bayles. His wife’s stage name was Olive Milbourne, (1909-1994). Her real name was Ellen Bayles (née Pollock).

The family did a lot for the village and Cary was a very approachable person as Bronwen Jones (née Robinson) well remembers. The young Bronwen lived then at Well Cottage and spent many hours chatting to Cary over the garden wall while he washed his car or gardened. Bronwen became very friendly with the Bayles’ granddaughter, Victoria. The two girls enjoyed mixing with the cast and crew during the filming at St Giles for the episode recorded there of *The Brothers*, a prime-time BBC series which ran for 92 episodes.

This production was very much a family affair as Cary and Olive’s son-in-law, Timothy Coombe, directed seven episodes. He has directed numerous other productions, including early Dr Who episodes in the 1960s and more recent ones in 2021. Timothy had married Cary’s actress daughter Angela for real at St Giles in 1965. Karen Howick and I sang in the

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**Graffham’s first family of the stage, Cary Ellison and Olive Milbourne, or, to use their real names, Ellison and Ellen Bayles.**



**The invitation to the wedding of the Bayles’ daughter Angela at St Giles in 1965.**

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choir and had a great view of the proceedings! Cary and Olive were a theatrical couple who had met while appearing in a 1940s run of *Pygmalion*. During this time, they also featured in several films together. They married four years after they met and shortly after they toured Britain with ENSA, entertaining the troops.

Olive continued to enjoy her acting roles, such as in the 1955 film *Children Galore*. In fact, her acting career spanned more than three decades. At the times of the



**Programmes for some of the sports matches between Graffham and the theatrical teams that Cary Ellison brought to the village.**

In the 1950s, Cary was growing dissatisfied with his actor's life, but he was totally committed to the theatrical world. He was keen to put his energies to good use to help others in his profession. For a brief period, he managed a theatrical agency and was involved in magazine publishing. During this time, he took on this role of casting director for, in the words of fellow actor Jerome Willis, “almost the entire acting profession... He wanted to make opportunities particularly for young actors... His skill in both spheres was phenomenal”. From observing his interactions with the theatrical community, it was clear that Cary was so very well respected.

Joining Spotlight, an international casting agency at the heart of the performing arts industry, was a natural progression for him. Spotlight produced a huge volume of actors' publicity photographs twice a year. Its latest edition was always to be found in Graffham's White Horse.

Cary became its casting director and established huge influence over the theatrical world. In the mid 1950s, he would tour the nation's 250 repertory companies,

Graffham celebrity matches, her face was very well known, as she played Terry Collier's mum in the BBC1 comedy *The Likely Lads* which had two runs in the mid 1960s and early 1970s. She was 65 when the series finished.

She didn't just perform in comedies. Her range was immense. IMDb, the internet movie database lists 43 credits for films, shows and series in which she appeared including *Z Cars*, *Dixon of Dock Green*, *The Saint*, *The Avengers*, *Emergency Ward 10* and *Armchair Theatre*.

driving more than 2,000 miles in a fortnight. Word that he was in a theatre would cause great excitement among the cast who he would invite to a local pub after their performance.

On his advice, productions were moved to the West End, noteworthy actors were brought to attention, and gifted playwrights were given opportunities. His extensive collection of 1,635 annotated programmes has been gifted to Kingston University by his daughter Angela.

There can be no doubting Cary's prowess in assessing the skills of actors and he had a knack of seeing potential in aspiring thespians. Among

the actors he spotted are some of the biggest names in British television and film, including Anthony Hopkins, Patrick Stewart, Derek Jacobi, Richard Briers, Judi Dench and Patricia Routledge. When he retired in 1980, *The Stage* said: "Around 15,000 actors owe him a debt and, in many cases, a career."

In the 1950s, alongside all of his Spotlight work, Cary started up a group of agents and casting directors called The Twelve, concerned with developing young talent. In the early 1970s, he developed the concept further to provide also vocal, movement and audition classes for aspiring actors and actresses. After he retired, he set up an actor's agency with Olive and Angela and became a consultant at Guildford School of Acting.

For all of his success and the admiration from the theatrical community, there was nothing he liked more than sitting around the fire at The White Horse with a group of locals "shooting the breeze". He was a great actor – and a great listener.



One of the programmes annotated with Cary's notes in the collection bequeathed to Kingston University. In this one, he describes Anthony Hopkins, who was playing Leontes in *A Winter's Tale* and who would go on to win an Oscar, as "short and stocky" with a "good grasp on this complex character".

**Need a helping hand...?** Graffham with Woolavington's Parish Priest Discretionary Fund is available to help any parishioner in real financial need. Funded by donations to St Giles, it's already come to the rescue of multiple individuals and families in the village hit by the cost of living crisis. Stretched to pay for something essential? Struggling to pay for your child's school extras? No cash for urgently needed groceries? It could be the answer to your prayers. Contact Rev Vivien to find out more.

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# Bill's bygones: Bishop and MP visit, 1066, Letters Patent

A regular feature in which joint editor Bill Barrett looks back at what was happening in the village and the wider world this month in the past.

**10 years ago – April 2014:** A ceremony led by Bishop of Chichester Martin Warner is staged to mark the reopening, after 100 years, of Graffham and Duncton Schools as Church of England Schools, under Head Teacher Helen Martin, with local MP Nick Herbert and Chair of School Governors Marie Bracey in attendance. President Obama introduces economic sanctions against Russia following its annexation of Crimea. In Chibok, Nigeria, 276 girls and women are taken hostage by Boko Haram. Pineau de Re wins the Grand National. Lewis Hamilton wins the Bahrain Grand Prix. Deaths of actors Mickey Rooney (aged 93) and Bob Hoskins (71), and author Sue Townsend (*Adrian Mole* series, 68).

**25 years ago – April 1999:** Graffham Rustics perform *1066 And All That*, with the performances of Sonia and Derek Williams as Queen Victoria and Julius Caesar and Philip Trower as one of the Three Saints receiving particular plaudits. Don Allen, Den Petter and Trish Walker are elected chair, treasurer and secretary respectively of Graffham Sports Club. The Graffham and Selham Map Group meets as part of plans for the millennium. A minimum wage of £3.60 per hour (£3 for under 21s) is introduced. Bobbyjo wins the Grand National. David Coulthard is second to Mika Häkkinen in the Brazilian Grand Prix. Deaths of village stalwart Dick Challen (74), England World Cup manager Sir Alf Ramsay (79), songsmith Lionel Bart (*Oliver!*, 68) and TV presenter Jill Dando (37).

**50 years ago – April 1974:** Graffham Easter Fair raises £170 (equivalent to about £1,800 today after accounting for inflation), with internationally renowned flower arranger and author Julia Clements the event's star attraction. Graffham Social Club winds up after 25 years. Cowdray Park's first point-to-point of the season attracts a crowd of 20,000. Chichester District Council is inaugurated on 1 April following reorganisation and merging of four rural councils, including those of Midhurst and Petworth. On the same date, the Queen is "pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm... to ordain that the Town of Chichester shall have the status of a City". ABBA win the Eurovision Song Contest with *Waterloo*. Golda Meir resigns as Israeli Prime Minister. Deaths of RFC/RAF flying ace Major Stephen Price MC of Graffham's Pound Cottage (80) and 19th President of France Georges Pompidou (62).

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# Graffham Parish News' awesome April quiz

Ten quick fire questions from Bill Barrett to test your local, topical and wider general knowledge. Answers at the foot of page 45 (no cheating!)

- 1 Which local-ish saint has a feast day on 3 April?
- 2 Of the 24 real tennis clubs in England, which is the nearest to Graffham?
- 3 Which nautical charity was founded 200 years ago last month?
- 4 What sort of animal is a Konik?
- 5 **BT** The Telecommunications Act of April 1984 privatised BT and established which regulator?
- 6 Born on 14 April 1857 and Governor of the Isle of Wight between 1896-1944, who was the youngest of Queen Victoria's children?
- 7 For how many minutes did Wales coach Warren Gatland claim the ball was in play during the first half of the recent Six Nations Ireland vs Wales match: (a) 13, (b) 18, (c) 23?
- 8 Music by Leonard Bernstein, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, Broadway debut in 1957, West End debut in 1958, blockbuster movie in 1961. Which musical?
- 9 How old will the BBC's Fiona Bruce be on 25 April?
- 10 During his marriage ceremony in a 1989 episode of *Only Fools and Horses*, Rodney Trotter's middle name was revealed by the registrar to the gathering's amusement. What was it?



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and surrounding areas.

*Graffham's sportsmen and women gear up for what will hopefully be a long, sunny summer. All the clubs welcome new players so do pop along if you are new. You will be sure of a warm welcome, however seriously or otherwise you like to play your sport.*

## **Plans aired for pickleball and boules courts**

The possibility of creating two new outdoor courts – one for pickleball and the other for boules – at the rec are at the early stage of discussion.

Chairman of the Rec Committee, John Bracey, revealed the tentative plans at the March meeting of Graffham Parish Council.

Pickleball has been attracting a growing band of enthusiasts since Sunday evening sessions started in the Empire Hall this winter with approaching 30 people, with ages ranging from single figures to the 70s, embracing the sport, a sort of cross between badminton and table tennis. It is said to be one of the fastest growing sports across the world.

A number of francophiles have also been lobbying the Rec Committee for an area to play the tranquil game of boules that is so popular in villages and cities across the Channel.

A local resident with a digger had offered to help construct the two new courts, if it is decided to proceed with the plan, and creating them both at the same time would further reduce the cost involved.

**Pavilion planks replaced** Work continues to renovate the Rec pavilion's weatherboarding. Many of the planks on the south west side, which had suffered from rot since they were installed more than a decade ago, have already been replaced with painting on hold for a decent spell of dry weather.

## **Graffham Pickleball Club**

Two dozen contestants donned their hi vis kit for the new Graffham Pickleball Club's first 'Glow Night' – playing almost in the dark with a luminous ball, luminous court lines and disco lighting to go with the 1980s music. Marty Newman and James Phimister emerged the victorious pairing with the serve as the match clock counted out and were duly crowned the club's first Wallys.

For those not in the know, pickleball is a sport that combines elements of tennis,



badminton, and ping-pong, played on a badminton-sized court with a slightly modified tennis net. Players use paddles to hit a plastic ball between them. It can be played as both singles and doubles. The accent is on having fun.

A growing number of Graffham folk, with ages ranging from single figures to the 70s, have been playing in the Empire Hall most Sundays from 6pm.

With the evenings now lightening up, club organiser Beanie Bradley says the frequency of the sessions is likely to ease off. Follow the club's Instagram feed [Graffham\\_pickleball\\_](#) to check when the session will take place.



The track of the luminous ball shows up as a green line in the dark in this photo from Graffham Pickleball's Glow Night in the Empire Hall (left) – when victors Marty Newman and James Phimister were duly crowned the club's first Wallys



## **Graffham Bowls Club** *by Secretary Liz Pegram*

All are welcome to the Bowls Club Open Day on Sunday 21 April at 2pm. Why not come and try bowls for free! Just bring flat shoes – we'll do the rest! If you can't make it that day, our roll up nights are Mondays at 6 pm, weather permitting. The green is nestled in the back corner of the recreation ground overlooking the Downs – a beautiful setting. We are a friendly club, always ready to welcome new members whether they are experienced or new to bowls.

For any further information, give us a call on 01798 867770. You're assured a very warm welcome!

## **Graffham's traditional great Easter egg toss**

Graffham's traditional Easter egg toss is hoped to take place as usual during the long weekend on the Rec. Watch on Facebook's Graffham Noticeboard for confirmation of the day and time. The aim is to see who can catch a hen's egg thrown from the furthest distance away without it breaking.

# Graffham Tennis Club



**Club nights** take place on Fridays at 6pm, from 5 April. Players of any standard are welcome. A committee member is always present and will swap people on and off as the evening progresses.

**Coaching** Players are hoping for some dry weather, after a series of interruptions to social and league tennis. After-school coaching with Richard Hopp has already begun, as have the adult Rusty Racquets sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays. Contact [richard.hopp@gmail.com](mailto:richard.hopp@gmail.com) for details.

**Crunch match** The final league match of the winter season sees Graffham's Mixed Doubles team attempt to keep their place in the elevated heights of Division 1. Do come and support Andy Craig, Emma Amin and their team!

## Graffham Tennis Club East Hants results

<b>2 Mar</b>	Drew 4-4	Mixed Doubles	Div 1	vs Medstead A
<b>6 Mar</b>	Lost 1-7	Ladies Doubles	Div 2	vs Denmead
<b>13 Mar</b>	Lost 2-6	Mixed Doubles	Div 1	vs Steep

## Graffham Tennis Club East Hants League home fixtures: April

**Do come and support your teams!**

<b>7</b>	Sat	10am	Mixed Doubles	Div 1	vs Swanmore A
<b>30</b>	Tue	6pm	Men's Doubles	Div 4	vs Liphook

# Graffham Ladies Cricket

Spring training begins on Thursday 4 April at 6pm on the tennis courts. Everyone is welcome, even if you have never picked up a bat before. The first fixture of the season will be away to West Wittering on Sunday 28 April and spectators are welcome to watch at this lovely ground near the sea. To date, the sun has always shone for this fixture! This will be the first outing for the Graffham team in their new kit, kindly provided by Jeeva and Vasu at the Graffham Village Shop.

**Did you know...?** April is bowel cancer awareness month. Bowel cancer is the fourth most common cancer in the UK. More than 40,000 people a year are diagnosed with bowel cancer in this country alone – and more than a quarter of a million have been diagnosed with it. If in doubt, have it checked out. For more information, see [bowelcanceruk.org.uk](http://bowelcanceruk.org.uk)



On the croquet lawns at Duncton's Rother Valley Club (left) and Lodsworth (right).

## Anyone for croquet?

Although many may associate croquet with English country vicarages or British Raj tea parties, it actually originated, like tennis, in France. The game made it across the Channel a century or so after William the Conqueror. It is said that the Scots developed golf from it while the Irish turned it into the game we know today.

It's a sport that involves hitting wooden or plastic balls with a long mallet through hoops embedded in the grass. A perfectly flat, well-maintained lawn is crucial, and Graffham is blessed with having two clubs with wonderful courts within just a few miles – the Rother Valley Croquet Club with two full size lawns plus a practice pitch and clubhouse, at Duncton, just three miles by car from Graffham Village Shop, and Lodsworth Croquet Club, 4.5 miles to the north, with its single lawn. Both are in breathtaking settings – and both count Graffham residents as members.

The main season is from this month (April) until October depending on the weather. Duncton's Rother Valley Club keeps one or both of the full lawns and its smaller pitch open for play during the winter months when conditions allow, too.

Two variants can be played – association croquet, which can be quite vicious with players tonking one another's balls to kingdom come as they cunningly battle around the course, and golf croquet, which is said to be more inclusive and social.

Both our local clubs promise a warm welcome to all, with programmes of training and warm-up sessions catering for everyone from debutants to scratch players, with social activities for those who like that kind of thing.

To find out more, see [rothervalleycroquet.co.uk](http://rothervalleycroquet.co.uk) or [lodsworthcroquetclub.co.uk](http://lodsworthcroquetclub.co.uk)

### Quiz answers (from page 41)

- 1 St Richard. 2 Petworth House. 3 The RNLI. 4 A pony. 5 Otel. 6 Princess
- Beatrice. 7 13. 8 *West Side Story*. 9 60. 10 Charlton.





# Easter in Graffham and Woolavington



The Rev Vivien previews the services and events planned for the village for this special season.

## Holy Week



**Holy Week in Graffham** Everyone is welcome to join in any of these Holy Week and Easter opportunities to explore or deepen your faith, and I commend this to you.

**Thursday, 28 March** Maundy Thursday Eucharist 7pm, followed by Watch of Prayer, St Giles Church  
Recalling the events in the Upper Room, with our Lord's washing of the disciples' feet in humility and the institution of the Lord's Supper, followed by a Watch of Prayer.

**Good Friday, 29 March** St Giles Church 2-3pm A reflective journey to keep vigil with readings and hymns until our Lord gives up his spirit on the Cross.



**Sunday, 31 March 6am** Dawn service with Easter fire, St Giles – followed by breakfast



This service is sometimes held in the evening before Easter Day, sometimes, as this year, at dawn on Easter Sunday. From a fire kindled in the churchyard, the Easter candle will be lit and carried into a darkened church, as a sign of Christ's light overcoming darkness in the world. We hear the Exsultet, an ancient song sung in the candlelight, before sharing in thanksgiving in our first Easter Eucharist of 2023.

**Sunday, 31 March, 10.30am**  
**Easter Day Family Eucharist, St Giles** A celebration of Easter hope, with our church decorated with flowers. Who knows – there may even be Easter eggs to share and Easter lambs to cuddle...



# Who's doing what at St Giles in April

Here's the rota for 10.30am services this month. If you cannot do your slot, please arrange a swap and advise Diane Bellis at [diane.bellis@gmail.com](mailto:diane.bellis@gmail.com) and the Rev Vivien at [reverendvivien@gmail.com](mailto:reverendvivien@gmail.com)

	Welcomers	Reader	Reading	Refreshments
7	Sue Hill	Sally Blunt	Acts 4 v32-35	Fiona Mackie
14	Mary Coakes	Nettie Lanaghan	Acts 3 v12-19	Nettie Lanaghan
21	Fiona Mackie	Sue Hill	Acts 4 v5-12	Fiona Mackie
28	Sue Hill + Marie Bracey	Baptism	Acts 8 v26-end	Ann Brown
		<b>Flowers</b>		
		14 and 21	Gillian Brandt	
		28	Jill Knight	
		<b>Cleaning</b>		
		Diane Bellis and Sally Blunt		

## Other denominations locally

**Methodist:** Midhurst. *Minister:* David Muskett *Tel:* 01730 233436. *email:* [superintendent@esanddcircuit.org.uk](mailto:superintendent@esanddcircuit.org.uk). *Web:* [midhurstmethodist.com](http://midhurstmethodist.com) *Worship:* Sundays 10.00am, and Café Church 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 10.30am.

**Roman Catholic:** The Catholic Churches of Saints Anthony and George, Duncton, The Divine Motherhood and St Francis of Assisi, Midhurst, and The Sacred Heart, Petworth. *email:* [petworth.abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:petworth.abdiocese.org.uk). *Tel:* 01798 342169. *Web:* [www.petworthcatholic.org](http://www.petworthcatholic.org)

Mass					
Sun	8am	Duncton	Thu	9.30am	Petworth
	9.30am	Midhurst		12noon	Midhurst Convent
	11am	Petworth	Fri	6.30pm	Petworth
Tue	10.30am	Petworth	Sat	9.30am	Midhurst
Wed	9.30am	Midhurst		5.30pm	Petworth

**Society of Friends (Quakers):** St Anne's Community Centre, St Anne's Hill, Midhurst, GU29 9NN. *Web:* [sussexwestquakers.org.uk](http://sussexwestquakers.org.uk) *Meetings:* 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10.30am.

**United Reformed Church:** Petworth. *Minister:* Revd Anne Lewitt *Tel:* 01798 872535. *Web:* [petworthurc.co.uk](http://petworthurc.co.uk) *Worship:* Sundays 10.30am.

## PACT's spring focus on rural ministry

The challenges and opportunities of rural ministry will be the subject of Petworth Area Churches Together (PACT)'s spring lecture on Friday 26 April at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Petworth, where the Diocese of Chichester's Rural Officer for East Sussex the Rev Gary Cregeen will be the guest speaker. All welcome.

# What's on at our village church and chapel

- All residents of and visitors to Graffham are welcome to all services.
- St Giles Church is at the far south end of Graffham Street, near the Downs.
- All Saints' Chapel is opposite Graffham Village Shop.
- Both St Giles Church and All Saints' Chapel are open daily.
- See [stgilesgraffham.org](http://stgilesgraffham.org) or Facebook's @stgilesgraffham for any changes.
- Teddy Time is at the Rec Pavilion every Wednesday 10.15 to 11.30am.

## April

6	Sat	9.30am	'Come and Sing' singing practice	St Giles Church
7	Sun	10.30am	Parish Eucharist Easter 2	St Giles Church
9	Tue	9.30am	Morning Prayer then Pilgrims at 10am	All Saints Chapel
		2.30pm	PCC Community Group meeting	
10	Wed	12.30pm	Food with Friends	The Rectory
14	Sun	10.30am	Parish Eucharist Easter 3	St Giles Church
			No Evensong	
21	Sun	9am	BCP Holy Communion	St Giles Church
		10.30am	Third Sunday Service of the Word	St Giles Church
23	Tue	9.30am	Morning Prayer then Pilgrims at 10am	All Saints Chapel
24	Wed	2.30pm	PCC Fabric Group meeting	
26	Fri	7.30pm	PACT lecture on rural mission	St Mary's, Petworth
28	Sun	10.30am	Parish Service Easter 4 including Holy Baptism of Arielle Cimpson	St Giles Church

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**Did you know...?** You can recycle the tops from your plastic milk bottles and used printer cartridges – and raise funds for charities at the same time? Just drop them (as clean as you can make them!) into the appropriate boxes at St Giles Church. The milk bottle tops are recycled to make plastic toys for children, with proceeds given to Chestnut Tree Children's Hospital. Old printer cartridges are also sold for recycling, in aid of other good causes.

# What's on in and around the village

## March

Maundy Thursday			
28	Thu		WSSC schools term ends
			White Horse scheduled to reopen (pages 18)
			White Horse
Good Friday			
30	Sat	10-11 am	Community garden work party
			Easter egg hunt – see westerlands.com
			War Memorial Westerlands
31	Sun	Easter Sunday – for all Holy Week and Easter services in Graffham, see page 47	

## April

Easter Monday			
1	Mon		
2	Tue		Junior Easter tennis course (till 5 April)
		9-11 am	Great Feet foot health professional <sup>1</sup>
		2pm	Arts Society of West Sussex talk on <i>The Art of Captain Cook's Voyage</i>
			Rec Empire Hall Fittleworth Village Hall
3	Wed		Heritage site family fun day
4	Thu	6pm	Graffham Ladies cricket coaching resumes
			Rec
6	Sat	evening	Fund raiser with live music for Brain Tumour Trust (see page 14)
			Unicorn, Heyshott
9	Tue		Deadline to vote for Graffham Village Shop in Countryside Alliance Awards (see page 9)
11	Thu	2.30pm	Thursday Club talk on Graffham Down Trust
			Empire Hall
12	Fri	6.30pm	Graffham Empire Movies presents <i>Wonka</i> (see page 15)
			Empire Hall
14	Sun	7pm	Folk music night
			Three Moles
15	Mon		WSSC school and Seaford College term starts
19	Fri		Deadline to respond to Westerlands consultation survey (see pages 28-29)
20	Sat	10.30am	Open morning
		11am-5pm	Fun dog day in aid of Canine Partners
			Westerlands Langham Brewery
23	Tue		St George's Day
			Asparagus Day
		9-11 am	Great Feet foot health professional <sup>1</sup>
			Empire Hall
24	Wed	12.30pm	Lunch Club <sup>2</sup>
			Empire Hall
25	Thu	10.30am	Graffham Garden Group outing to Lower House (see page 30)
			Godalming
26	Fri	7.30pm	PACT talk on rural ministry
			St Mary's, Petworth
27	Sat	9am-1pm	Petworth Farmers Market
		10-11 am	Community garden work party
			Petworth War Memorial
28	Sun	1pm	Graffham ladies' cricket vs West Wittering
			West Wittering

<sup>1</sup>**Great Feet foot health professional:** Available to Graffham Health Support Association members only.

<sup>2</sup>**Lunch Club:** Graffham Empire Hall Lunch Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 12.30pm for 12.45pm for a home cooked two-course meal and coffee, at £8 a head. Please book via Sarah on 01798 867567.



## Regular weekly activities (for notes, how to book, etc, see below)

<b>Mondays</b>	9-10am	Fitflows Fitness <sup>2</sup>	Empire Hall
	Daytime-evening	Osteopath <sup>3</sup>	Empire Hall
<b>Tuesdays</b>	8.30am-12noon	Post Office	Empire Hall
	9am	Strength and mobility with Abi Martin <sup>1</sup>	Westerlands
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Daytime-evening	Osteopath <sup>3</sup>	Empire Hall
	9-10am	Yoga <sup>4</sup>	Empire Hall
	10.15-11.30am	Teddy Time toddler group <sup>5</sup>	Pavilion
	11.15am-12noon	Pilates <sup>6</sup>	Empire Hall
	1.45-2.45pm	Rusty Racquets adults tennis coaching <sup>7</sup>	Rec
	6pm	Boot camp with Nina <sup>1</sup>	Westerlands
	7-8.30pm	Badminton <sup>8</sup>	Empire Hall
<b>Thursdays</b>	Daytime-evening	Osteopath <sup>3</sup>	Empire Hall
	9am	Boot camp with Abi Martin	Westerlands
	10.45-11.45am	Ease Into Exercise <sup>9</sup>	Empire Hall
	6-7.15pm	Yoga <sup>4</sup>	Empire Hall
<b>Fridays</b>	8am	Functional circuit training <sup>1</sup>	Westerlands
	9-10.15am	Yoga <sup>4</sup>	Empire Hall
	9am-3pm	Physiotherapy clinic <sup>10</sup>	Empire Hall
	3-4pm	Rusty Racquets adults tennis coaching <sup>7</sup>	Rec
	4pm	Functional circuit training <sup>1</sup>	Westerlands
<b>Saturdays</b>	8am	Hard core exercise with Nina <sup>1</sup>	Westerlands
	10am	In motion with Gareth <sup>1</sup>	Westerlands
<b>Sundays</b>	5pm	Pickleball	Empire Hall

**Empire Hall:** For booking and contact details, see Directory, inside back cover.

<sup>1</sup>**For all Westerlands events:** Book online at [www.westerlands.com/experiences/wild-fit](http://www.westerlands.com/experiences/wild-fit)

<sup>2</sup>**Fitflows Fitness:** Contact Susie Bush 07870 219956.

<sup>3</sup>**Osteopath:** Bookings required. To make an appointment, for daytime or early evening, contact Anna Shawcross on 01798 867523 or see [www.annashawcross.co.uk](http://www.annashawcross.co.uk)

<sup>4</sup>**Yoga:** Deborah Albon on 07790 867009.

<sup>5</sup>**Teddy Time:** No charge. All welcome. Just come along.

<sup>6</sup>**Pilates:** Contact Nicky Capes on 07990 517858 or 01730 812297.

<sup>7</sup>**Rusty Racquets:** Contact Richard Hopp at [richard@hoppcoaching.co.uk](mailto:richard@hoppcoaching.co.uk), on 07904 069457.

<sup>8</sup>**Badminton:** Contact Louisa Thomas, at [louisa9000@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:louisa9000@hotmail.co.uk). All welcome.

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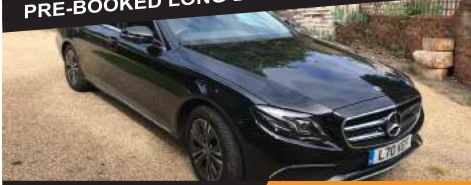
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