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On the cover: It's all happening at Graffham Recreation Ground – with a new tractor to cut the grass, work set to start on the new playground, tennis week underway as we went to press, a new wide-screen TV fitted in the Pavilion and the summer fete set for later this month! Reports and pictures inside this edition.

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Writing from the Rectory: Our churchwardens

Following their election at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting in March, Ginny Barrett and Cindy Bradley were both formally admitted to the Office of Churchwarden by the Archdeacon of Chichester in St Mary's Church, Easebourne, on Thursday 11 July, having read the following declaration in the service: "I do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will faithfully and diligently perform the duties of the office of churchwarden of the Parish of Graffham with Woolavington and according to the best of my skill and knowledge will present such reports as are required by the laws ecclesiastical of the realm." As I delightedly watched them being admitted, I thought it worth highlighting here what this all means for Ginny and Cindy and the inhabitants of our parish who elected them.

According to the canons and guidebooks, churchwardens are baptised churchgoers who hold office for one year at a time. They are the bishop's officers – not the priest's or the Parochial Church Council's. They are expected to represent the people, co-operate with the priest in charge, encourage faith in the parish and promote peace and unity. They must maintain order and decency in the church and churchyard, especially during services. They have duties in relation to church collections, and its buildings and land and property. Alongside the rural dean, they manage the parish during a vacancy, when there is no priest. So says the text, more or less.

According to the priest and PCC however, our churchwardens are our inspiration. They are people who have offered themselves out of love to serve and care for our parish – what a brilliant offering that is. They are witnessing to the good news of the Gospel by giving their time

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St Giles' churchwardens Cindy Bradley (left) and Ginny Barrett flank the Archdeacon of Chichester the Venerable Luke Irvine-Capel after the service to admit them to office at St Mary's Church Easebourne on 11 July.

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and skills and demonstrating willingness to learn as they go – what a wonderful commitment that is. They are expressing their enthusiasm for faith through worship and service – what an infectious attitude that is. An offering, commitment, and attitude reflected too by the whole team of volunteer supporters in our Parochial Church Council and all who find hope and confidence and courage and compassion and solace and trust and joy in belonging to the church community our churchwardens lead. It is a church community anyone is encouraged to join just by coming along to a service on Sunday. Don't let any kind of barrier get in the way! Church is good, and good for you, both our churchwardens and I confidently say. And at the beginning of their (new and continuing) official term of office, they have some other words to add, too.

Cindy: I will take my duties and responsibilities of churchwarden seriously and look forward to it being richly rewarding working alongside the PCC supporting Ginny and working with Rev Vivien.

Ginny: Thank you for all your support during 'love your burial ground' and the festival. It is much appreciated, and we have received so many wonderful comments!

As we say in return: "Thank you both for helping our church and parish to thrive, and God bless you in your new and continuing ministry in our parish."

Every blessing,



Reverend Vivien

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New tractor to make light work of Rec's lawns

A new bright blue tractor has been bought to keep the lawns at Graffham Recreation Ground neat and tidy – thanks to grants from Graffham Parish Council and Chichester District Council.

The brand new Solis 20 tractor – made in India by what is now the world's fifth biggest tractor manufacturer, powered by a Mitsubishi engine and all supplied by Bale Baron of Pulborough – comes with a 1.8 metre wide finishing mower, specially built for sports fields.

Richard Gyles, who serves as the Rec's volunteer greenkeeper, reckons it will also cut the amount of time it takes him to mow the lawns there by more than two hours against the four and half hours on the old John Deere garden tractor used till now.

That smaller mower will be serviced and repaired, to make it easier to reach parts that the new larger machine will find it more tricky to squeeze itself into.

The new tractor and mowing deck cost more than £9,000. Of that, £4,400 came from Graffham Parish Council's community infrastructure levy fund, which is financed

by property developers locally, another £4,000 from Chichester District Council and the rest from the part exchange of the Rec's old Jacobsen mower.

Rec Ground Committee Chairman John Bracey said: "The old Jacobsen was bought second hand many years ago and is now unserviceable. The John Deere machine has strained to do a job that is really much too big for it. The new Solis is ideal for the task in hand and should give many years of solid service."



The Rec's volunteer lawnsman Richard Gyles takes the controls of the new tractor while Rec Committee Chairman John Bracey looks on.



Graffham playground as it looked last month (left) and (right) the sort of equipment that could be installed in the near future.

Work starts soon on new playground at Rec

Work is to start in the coming weeks on upgrading the playground at Graffham's recreation ground after a major contribution from Selham House's Glen and Asta Manchester and an encouraging response to the crowdfunding appeal launched just three months ago.

This significantly bolsters Graffham Parish Council's £20,000 pledge from its Community Investment Levy (CIL) fund towards the initial project target total of £50,000.

To help get the project off the ground, the Manchesters have offered to contribute members of the workforce currently renovating their new home in the village. They are scheduled to swing into action soon. First, the current playground equipment and surrounding fence will be dismantled and cleared. Groundworks needed for the new space will then be completed, a new fence erected, and woodchip laid to cover the ground.

Rachel Gerrett, who is leading the project team, said: "Together with the parish council's generous allocation from CIL funds, Mr and Mrs Manchester's amazingly kind contribution moves us much closer to our initial overall funding goal.

"On top of that, the response has been very positive to our appeal launched only two months ago inviting villagers to rally round the cause. We've already received donations totalling almost £5,000 and some generous private pledges yet to be added to this number – plus £1,000 gifted by Graffham Festival (see page 7). Once again, Graffham has beaten the best expectations. I'm absolutely delighted that this now puts us in a position to get work underway." She added: "The current

playground was wonderful when it was installed several decades ago and has served the village well but is now very tired. Its replacement will be something that Graffham can again be immensely proud of, thanks to everyone who has helped.”

As reported in last month’s edition, key concepts for the new playground have already been agreed. The project team intend it to be an inspiring space that caters for children of all ages, that everyone can enjoy, is sustainably sourced and created by a local provider, and is aesthetically pleasing, utilising natural materials. Elsted-based Playsafe has been selected as the preferred provider and will maintain the equipment, too.

For any queries contact Rachel at rachel.gerrett@graffham.pc.uk

You can still chip in to help make it even better

You can still contribute towards the new playground via its page by scanning this QR code (right) with your Smartphone camera, or type gofund.me/546c06a7 in your web browser. As a charity, the project is eligible for Gift Aid, which adds 25 per cent to everything you donate – so please add this if you are a UK taxpayer. Any funds collected beyond the initial target will go towards more equipment for the playground and its on-going maintenance.



Big screen at Pavilion: The Pavilion has a massive new television – a 75 inch LG flatscreen model connected via the building’s new ultrafast broadband. Paid for by Tennis Club, it replaces the much smaller, older and temperamental one. It was used for the first time to screen the men’s finals from Wimbledon.

Wallace Square residents can now use West Gate

Seaford College is opening its West Gate, opposite St Giles Church, to the private residents of Wallace Square, enabling them to access Graffham village's facilities more easily, safely and quickly.

It had been closed to them, under a covenant implemented by the school, since the 18 houses built on its land there were first sold a decade ago. Now, Seaford is easing that from 1 August, with some limited restrictions, for a one-year trial period.

The proposal came shortly before Graffham Parish Council had been due to discuss the issue at its regular meeting on Wednesday 3 July.

Announcing an outcome reached "after much collaborative discussion", Clerk to Seaford College's Governors Andrew Golding said: "We have had much to consider in relation to this decision and we have always attempted to be transparent throughout this process with all members of the Wallace Square community.

"I trust this is seen as most welcome news and demonstrates our firm intention to continue to live alongside our neighbours in Wallace Square in a most positive and proactive manner. We do respectfully request that due care and attention is taken at all times when passing through Graffham village."

Each Wallace Square house will be allowed to register up to two vehicles to pass through the electronic number plate recognition controlled West Gate. It will be open to them year-round, apart from between 7.45 and 9.15am and between 2.45 and 4.15pm during Graffham Infants School term times. It will remain inaccessible at all times to Wallace Square deliveries and visitors.

Wallace Square residents, who had been pressing for a complete withdrawal of the restrictive covenant, estimated that opening the gate to them would result in a marginal 5 per cent increase in traffic through the Graffham gateway, equivalent to an average three round-trip journeys a day, delivering valuable trade for the village shop, pubs and facilities and saving them around 15 minutes each round trip.



Come and hear how the past year has been for 'the grand old lady of the village and its plans for the year ahead – and have your say!

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Wednesday 18 September 6pm

Committee Room

All welcome

Village assets benefit by £5,000 from festival

Graffham Festival 2024, which concluded its ten-day run of 25 events on 23 June, raised thousands of pounds for the village's key community assets.

After bolstering its reserves for the next jamboree by £1,500, the festival committee agreed to donate £1,000 each to the new playground appeal fund, the Empire Hall, the Rec, Graffham Infants School and St Giles Church – so £5,000 in total. St Giles benefitted further from the proceeds of refreshments served at the concerts and flower festival at the church, the recreation ground by the end-of-festival party outside the pavilion, and the Empire Hall from rental charges.

Organising committee chairman Phil Jones said: “It was a great result. Thanks to so many people who volunteered to take part in one way or another, we have been able to donate a record amount to these four valuable village assets that all contributed in such a big way to the festival – and to the new playground.

“The main aim of the festival was to bring some fun to the village – and we hope everyone did enjoy it – but the icing on the cake is to be able to contribute financially to the community in the way we have.

“Whether you baked a cake, organised an event, handed out flyers, washed up, planted flowers, designed posters and programmes, put out signs, organised publicity, dealt with red tape, told your friends, opened your garden or studio, ran a bar, sang a song, danced a dance, or simply bought a ticket, you all contributed in your own way. I could go on about community spirit and why Graffham is so special, but I think we all already appreciate that.”

Virtually every event in the festival programme showed a profit, with the biggest money spinners including the open gardens and studios, the talk by local sculptor Philip Jackson, *Graffham's Got Talent!* revue (see page 36), the opening reception and concert by Benedetti Foundation Ambassadors and the folk evening featuring the Noble Jacks Duo at the Three Moles.

The committee has already held a meeting to review the festival and lay plans for the next one in two years' time, with potentially some smaller scale, weekend-long events in the meantime.

For pictures and reports of most festival events, see July's *Graffham Parish News*.



New headteacher appointed for village school

The Lavington Park Federation, which brings together Graffham Infants and Duncton Junior Schools, has appointed a new head teacher, with Charles Beckerson named to succeed Helen Martin when she steps down from the role at the end of the year after nearly two decades.

Announcing the appointment to parents on 2 July, Helen said: “You all know how hard it is for me to leave our schools, but Charles will be a superb successor who I am extremely confident will take our schools from strength to strength. During the selection process, he particularly impressed us with his personable manner and his open and listening approach to all children.”

He will bring experience of being headteacher of two different schools already – a very large one and another small church school. Helen said she would work closely with him and the Lavington Park Federation team to ensure a smooth transition. He



Village school's new head Charles Beckerson

plans to visit his new schools frequently before taking up the reins in January.

Charles has for the past two years been head teacher at Schoolsworks Academy Trust's Edward Bryant School in Bognor Regis, leading its 75 staff and more than 600 pupils. Before, he was head teacher of St Bartholomew's Church of England Primary in Haslemere, which he joined in 2006. A gifted musician, while at Haslemere he led the creation of a specialist music centre on the premises and was instrumental in a group of its pupils recording the song *She Owns The World* at Rak Studios in London which hit No1 in the children's iTunes chart and saw them perform it at the Barbican and the Royal Festival Hall.

Helen announced her decision to stand down in March after 17 years at Lavington and 32 years as a teacher, with plans to train to become a professional celebrant, conducting weddings, funerals and naming ceremonies.

She said then: “I believe it is the right time for me both personally and professionally and the schools will no doubt evolve from fresh leadership. 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.”

Merger of civil parishes to be discussed

The potential for a merger of the civil parishes of Graffham and East Lavington is to be on the agenda at meetings of both parish councils next month.

At the East Lavington meeting – on Monday 16 September from 6.15pm at Seaford College – the parish council will review a business case for an amalgamation to be compiled by Councillor Simon Longman before it decides whether or not to consult residents on such a move.

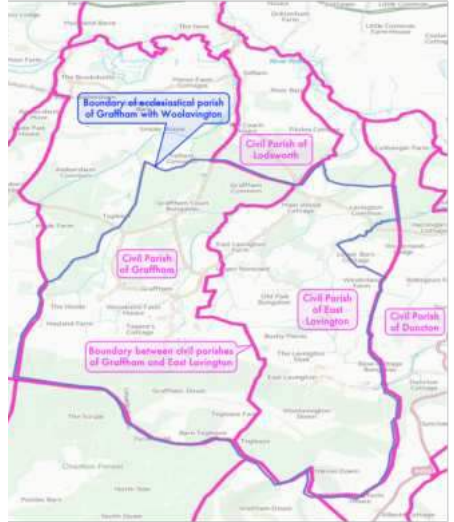
Graffham Parish Council will already have met by then – on Wednesday 4 September from 7pm in the Empire Hall – to develop its own position on a potential combination with its neighbour.

The matter has been aired several times over the decades and was raised again most recently by a speaker from the floor at the annual meeting of the parish of Graffham, in May, prompting an initial discussion at subsequent meetings of both parish councils.

At the session of East Lavington Parish Council on Monday 15 July, Councillor Patrick Limpus said: “From a purely financial standpoint, the case of a merger is clear. Currently 90 per cent of East Lavington’s annual parish precept of £3,700 is spent on administration. Graffham also spends a high proportion of its income likewise. If we were to merge, that would result in almost £4,000 that could be spent on things that deliver real benefits to our residents.”

Councillor Simon Longman pointed out that many civil parishes had amalgamated locally – Graffham itself decades ago with Ambersham and Selham, while more recently Sutton and Barlavington had combined, as had Elsted with Iping, Woolbeding with Redford and others. He added: “There is precedent for this and I think we should investigate it.” Chairman Charles Britton said he was open minded

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The boundaries of Graffham, East Lavington and other bordering civil parishes are in pink on this map and the boundary of the ecclesiastical parish of Graffham with Woolavington in blue.

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about the idea, while pointing out that East Lavington and Graffham are “radically different” parishes, that any proposal to merge would need to be supported by a large majority of residents and require a significant amount of work if was to be pursued, with the support of Chichester District Council required should it proceed. East Lavington civil parish today covers 7.97 km² including Norwood, Westerlands, Lavington Estate and Seaford College. It has a population of around 275 (excluding Seaford College boarders). Graffham covers 11.81 km² including the village itself and Graffham Common and, since 1933, Selham and South Ambersham. It is home to some 520 people. The boundary between Graffham and East Lavington is the stream under Popple Hill, running southwards a few hundred yards to the east of The Street. The recreation ground is just inside Graffham, but Tangletrees, the house overlooking it immediately to the north, is in East Lavington while its next door neighbour to the east, The Old Orchard, is in Graffham.

East Lavington to consider Rec funding request

East Lavington Parish Council (ELPC) will consider at its next meeting how to respond to a request from Graffham Recreation Ground’s committee for a financial contribution.

Rec Chairman John Bracey pointed out that the space, which sits immediately inside the Graffham side of the boundary between the two civil parishes, is used by residents of both East Lavington and Graffham but that, while Graffham Parish Council donates around £3,000 a year towards its upkeep, East Lavington provides no funding at all. The Rec had no financial reserves and relies on the summer fete to remain solvent. “Wet weather on fete day would be a disaster,” he said.

ELPC Chairman Charles Britton pointed out that the parish council’s total annual income from precept (the ‘council tax’ it receives from residents) is only £3,700 a year and that this was already allocated so it currently had no funds available. He added: “It’s a big ask. We’d be asking all of our residents to pay for something that is not in our parish and whether they use it or not. Surely it is better for those who do use it to contribute more?”

John Bracey responded that the tennis and bowls clubs already pay around £1,000 between them towards the Rec’s facilities and that the grounds and pavilion are used by many other people from both parishes for non-sports activities – for community events, like the recent festival and Coronation and Jubilee picnics, by families visiting its playground, by walkers and others. Councillor Barry Gosden

noted that Seaford College residents are able to use the school's own sports facilities – but Councillor Patrick Limpus stated that these are not available to other members of the community and that a number of Seaford staff and pupils regularly play sports at Graffham.

Councillor Simon Longman, who also serves as Chairman of Graffham Tennis Club, said: “The Rec is a community asset for both Graffham and East Lavington. I disagree that it should be just the sports clubs funding it because so many other people use it too. I would like East Lavington to consider seriously that as a parish council we should support it.” He also observed that there was precedent as ELPC had in the past agreed to contribute financially to Duncton's playground. He proposed that ELPC could next year consider raising its precept to enable it to donate to the Rec on a like-by-like basis per household as Graffham.

After lengthy discussion, it was resolved as a first step to investigate whether any grants might be available from other external sources to fund a one-off contribution from ELPC with a report back to the council's next meeting, at Seaford College on Monday 16 September.

Highways chief pledges repairs to local roads

Improvements to the roads running through the neighbourhood have been promised by West Sussex County Council's top highways official, Cabinet Member Joy Dennis, following a visit to the area on Thursday 18 July at the invitation of East Lavington, Graffham and Heyshott Parish Councils.

She and the county's Senior Highways Steward Trevor Clayton were hosted by East Lavington Parish Council Chairman Charles Britton, his Graffham counterpart Roger Coakes and Heyshott's Councillor for Highways Chris Weeks, standing in for its Chairman Rob Harris. They showed her the current state of our lanes – described by Roger Coakes at Graffham's Annual Meeting of the Parish in May as “probably the biggest frustration for everyone living here”. The

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Graffham's Roger Coakes, Heyshott's Chris Weeks and East Lavington's Charles Britton show West Sussex Highways chief Joy Dennis just one of the village's potholes during her visit.



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number of potholes, crumbling verges and blocked drains rose heavily after the A286 through Midhurst was closed last year following the massive fire in the town centre with their state or repair worsened by the heavy rain of the past year.

Roger described the meeting with the West Sussex officials as “very productive”. Our local councillors were assured that repairs to and resurfacing of the lanes from the A285 to Graffham (Duncton Common Road and Graffham Road) were in their detailed planning stage although work on them may have to wait until the council’s new financial year.

Detailed inspection of the worst sections of the roads running from Graffham through Heyshott to the A286 showed poor drainage to be the major cause of damage and remedial actions were discussed. Roger added: “The dangerous situation at Bex Mill Bridge was witnessed first-hand when a large lorry hurtled through and improved safety measures were proposed.”

Joy Dennis also told her hosts that she felt the C road status of the lanes between the A285 and A286 was inadequate given that, in effect, they constitute a ‘rat run’ and would hence be accorded higher priority in terms of repair and maintenance.

Andrew Griffith re-elected as our MP

The residents of Graffham and East Lavington joined the rest of the country in voting in the general election on Thursday 4 July. As usual, our local polling station was the Empire Hall, open like its counterparts throughout the UK from 7am to 10pm. The team on duty there reported a healthy turnout from the village.

While the overall outcome resulted in a change of government for the country, our constituency of Arundel and South Downs re-elected Andrew Griffith, the Conservative candidate, to continue to represent us as our MP. The 22,001 votes cast for him represented a 40.2 per cent share, down 20.2 points on the previous election.

Following the election, Mr Griffith was appointed Shadow Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology in the Shadow Cabinet.



Among the first-time general election voters at the Empire Hall polling station was Beanie Bradley, of Norwood Lane.

New secretary and treasurer for GVSA

Graffham Village Shop Association (GVSA) has a new secretary and treasurer in Ros Britton and Andy Jones respectively, both rejoining its committee to succeed Neil McLean and Andy Paterson.

All other members of its committee were re-elected at its AGM, held in the Empire Hall on Tuesday 2 July. Andy Jones has served previously as its chairman and Ros and its treasurer.

The GVSA owns the shop operated by Jeeva and Vasu, the workshop alongside the shop currently used by picture framer Stephanie Marx and the Chapel View residential house. All three are leased out and the association has little involvement in the day to day running of the businesses.

As their landlord, however, the GVSA's committee is responsible for the longer term success of the association, the overall maintenance of the properties and for collecting rents owed by the lessees, which enable it to repay the bank loan which financed the redevelopment of buildings in 2015. It also considers improvements which will benefit the community as a whole and for safeguarding these vital village assets for the long-term future.

In his annual report, Chairman Steve Dover said: "From high interest rates to lease renewals, serious water leaks to fires and poor-quality construction to burglaries there has been much to keep the committee busy this year above and beyond 'business as usual'."

The recent rises in interest rates applied to the loan it took out from Barclays Bank to finance the development of its properties a decade or so ago had "created considerable financial pressure, reduced our ability to make occasional additional capital repayments, invest in our properties and improve reserves."

All the same, from its gross rental income of £33,000 in the past year, it had continued to make monthly loan repayments to the bank covering both interest and capital, reducing the loan by some £6,500, leaving an outstanding total of £103,300 at its year-end. Villagers are encouraged to participate in the GVSA by becoming shareholder members. For more details, please contact admin@gvsa.uk.

Jo steps down from Graffham Parish Council

Graffham Parish Council is to appoint a new councillor to keep an eye on the roads, footpaths and other rights of way within its boundaries after Joanna Morris resigned from the council, a year after being co-opted.

Fingerpost signs and telephone box restored

Three of the ‘finger post’ signs in Graffham – opposite the village shop, at Marsh corner and at Pound junction – are now looking like new after being restored on behalf of Graffham Parish Council by Tim Ralph, of Ralph Restorations, Ashington, who has recently given fresh life to the signs in neighbouring East Lavington.

Graffham’s remaining two fingerpost signs – at Topleigh and opposite the Last Post – were deemed not needing such intense restoration at this stage.

The old phone box, by Pescods, however, was being smartened up by Tim as *Graffham Parish News* went to press.

All the work is being paid for from the parish council’s Community Infrastructure Levy fund, which is financed by local property developers.



Looking as new, Graffham’s fingerpost signs (above, from left) opposite the village shop and at Marsh and Pound junctions. Restorer Tim Ralph carefully applies paint to one of the signposts (left) and prepares the phone box for finishing.



Appeal to allow Norwood containers dismissed

Refusal by South Downs National Park (SDNP) and Chichester District planners of permission for two containers to be positioned on land at the far southern end of Norwood Lane, East Lavington, has been upheld by the government's Planning Inspectorate following an appeal by the applicants.

Agents Smith Simmons and Partners on behalf of brothers Ben and William Vince, who gave their address as London, had argued that the two "utilitarian" storage units (left) were needed to store tools for maintaining woodland at their Parsons Copse land. Their application for retrospective planning permission (SDNP/23/03553/FUL) had been turned down by the local planning authorities in December.



That verdict was backed on appeal by a ruling issued on 16 July by Planning Inspector S Harley who decreed that "the need for the retention of the storage units has not been justified" and that they had a harmful effect on the character and appearance of the SDNP. He said that during his visit to the site, the tools stored in the units were "of a domestic rather than forestry scale" and that storage containers were much larger than were necessary "for the maintenance and management of one small field and such a relatively small area of woodland".

Inspector rejects proposals for The Folly A government planning inspector has backed the refusal by South Downs National Park (SDNP) and Chichester District planners for permission for developments at The Folly, Graffham Common Road, Graffham. The application – for replacing the existing attached garage and erection of two-storey extensions together with veranda and balconies along with the construction of a new detached garage/workshop – had originally been turned down in the autumn. In dismissing an appeal, Planning Inspector S Harley ruled on 16 July that the proposals would not "conserve or enhance" the SDNP.

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):

Middle Barn, Smokyhouse Lane, Selham GU28 OPR: Temporary caravan accommodation. SDNP/24/02289/FUL. Received 5 June.

Botany Bay, Land South of East Lodge, Lavington Park: Removal of turf and topsoil and creation of bund. SDNP/24/02178/FUL. Received 29 May.

Hoyle Farm, Hoyle Lane, Hoyle GU29 ODY: Replacement roof tiles. SDNP/24/02063/LIS. Received 20 May.

Shop cameras catch shoplifter gang in the act

Four shoplifters were caught on camera brazenly helping themselves to sandwiches, crisps, drinks, fruit and other items at Graffham Village Shop at around 1.53pm on Tuesday 9 July – then walking straight out without paying.

The video showed the quartet of young men, all wearing hats and jackets, secreting the stolen goods into their pockets or up their jumpers before calmly walking out of the door. The footage has been handed over to Sussex Police.

The raid happened while the shop assistant on duty was distracted making hot drinks for an elderly couple of customers unconnected with the thieves.

It is the second time in just a few months that our village store has been targeted, after a young man broke in via the backdoor and stole £1,500 worth of cigarettes in the middle of the night on 5 March.

Chichester District Councillor for the village John Cross said other local food retailers had suffered similar experiences recently and domestic sheds and garages had also been targeted – so all householders should be vigilant. He has asked Sussex's Police Commissioner Katy Bourne for assurances that steps would be taken to address the issue.

Jeeva has promised a shopping voucher for any information that leads to the shoplifters' apprehension.



Do you recognise any of them? The four thieves caught in the act by the shop's security video system.



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Property watch: Homes of Rest back on market

Graffham's three Homes of Rest were back up for sale on property website [rightmove.co.uk](https://www.rightmove.co.uk) in mid-July after the buyer who snapped them up almost immediately they were put up on the market in March withdrew from the deal.

As this edition went to press, Knight Frank was looking for new purchasers willing to pay "from" £325,000 for each of the two-bedroomed flats individually or the entire block of three units together. The estate agent confirmed the properties were again attracting a great deal of interest. Their listing stated that the flats, each measuring between 59 and 62 sq m, were "in need of modernisation".

The Homes of Rest 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.



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.

No homes in the village have been posted for sale at [rightmove.com](https://www.rightmove.com) since our previous edition but the following were available for rent as we went to press:



St Giles Place, Graffham GU28 0FF: Almost new detached three-bedroomed house, two bathrooms plus cloakroom, kitchen/diner, sitting room, study. Garden, garage. £2,750 pcm. *Fowlers, Billingshurst 01403 333245. Listed 1 July.*

Callows House, Graffham, Duncton GU28 0NJ: Newly refurbished detached house, four-bedroomed, two bathrooms plus cloakroom, living and dining rooms, office, kitchen/breakfast room. Double car port and store. Garden. In a private estate. £3,995 pcm. *Savills, Petworth 01798 309661. Listed 8 July.*



Ride and stride to raise funds for historic churches



This year's Graffham with Woolavington parish sponsored walk will support Ride and Stride, the national fund-raising initiative for the Historic Churches Trust – which generously donated £5,000 towards the recently completed roof repairs at our St Giles. Under Ride and Stride, half the funds collected go to the church that raised them, and half to Historic Churches Trust.

This year's Ride and Stride is on Saturday 14 September – so save the date now, dubbin your walking boots and be prepared to sponsor those who will set foot!

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Pete West's first book has just been published

Pete West, of Popple Hill's Dragon Oak, has a new string to his bow. Best known locally as a woodman, crafting high-end furniture, organising the annual West's Wood Fair at East Dean and brewing his own beer, he is now also a published author.

He describes it as a children's book that took him 20 years to write. *Oliver Oaktree* tells the tale of how a little acorn grows into a mighty oak – but along the way reflects on Pete's own lifetime working with wood, learning the individual properties of different types of timber and the connectivity between mankind and trees. It also recounts the history of our South Downs and its people. Its 112 pages touch on friendship, family and community and on appreciating what is around you and safeguarding it for future generations.



With beautiful illustrations by Chloe Dowsett, it has a foreword written by Goodwood Estate's Forestry Manager Darren Norris. Copies are available from Graffham Village Shop at £18 each and soon also via westsofeastdean.co.uk – or doubtless Pete will sell you a copy next time you bump into him at the Foresters or Three Moles!

Fashion Exchange set for third season

Graffham's Fashion Exchange is returning for a third season – by popular demand. It will start its run at St Giles Church on Monday 11 August where it will remain for two weeks, moving to the Rec for the village fete on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August before shutting up shop.

It's a chance for you to clear out your wardrobe and drawers and give away items of clothing you no longer want – and to find something that you would love to wear. No money changes hands. It's all for free.





If there's anything you would like to donate, please hang it tidily on the rails at the church from Monday 11 August onwards.

Men's, women's, children's clothes are welcome and do take whatever you fancy.

Graffham Garden Group's summer diary

Graffham Garden Group has a busy programme of visits and other events this summer. To book your place on any of the outings – which are open to everyone, not just members – contact Nicky West at nicolamwest@btinternet.com or on 07796 144647. Car sharing is encouraged so please always ask if you would like a lift!

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.		
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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. Tearoom. Should you wish to visit the house, note that it is not open until 2pm.	
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Summer show was best yet

Competition in 2024's Graffham Garden Group flower and produce summer show was the fiercest yet, with a record number of entries – despite the rain and shortage of sunshine in recent months.

Held as ever in the Empire Hall, on Saturday 13 July, almost 35 villagers submitted a total of 324 entries – up across the total of 56 classes. That was well up on 2023's 207 entries, which was itself a 20 per cent rise

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on the previous year. Marie Bracey, who was the show's organiser for the first time after taking over the baton from Peter Hardcastle, said: "It's wonderful that Graffham can keep alive the traditional flower and produce show. The village is full of beautiful gardens and we have the best bakers in the county – reflected in our show.

"It was also good to see new talents emerging with Caroline Smithers, John Edge, Molly Allen and Cindy Bradley all winning classes in their first year of entering."

Competition was as fierce for the top prizes in the raffle, generously donated by local businesses Bepton's Park House Hotel, Hennings of Petworth, Stedham's Rotherhill Nursery, Pulborough's Architectural Plants, West Chiltonington's Village Nurseries and Petworth's Bear and Austen's Home Hardware.



Winner of Graffham Garden Group's Ricardo Cup for best photograph in its 2024 summer show at the Empire Hall on 13 July, was this shot (above) of reflections, taken by Richard Davidson. He also topped the class in the category *Graffham Village Life* (below left), while his wife Alison took first place in the *Animals* photo class. Trish Wilson broke the Davidsons' stranglehold in the photo section by snapping the winning entry in *A Splash of Colour*.





Prize-giving time: The hall is full of entries and entrants as organiser Marie Bracey announces who won what.



Top of the class: Winners of the silverware were (from left) Carole Kirke with the Agar Cup for best roses, Johnson Cup for best pot plant, Longridge Cup for highest points in the flower classes and Cactus Cup for best mixed garden flowers, Jim Kirke with the Dennis Phillips Trophy for highest veg points, Gay Foord with the Pezzaro Bowl for best specimen rose, Sally Blunt with the Sutherland Cup for best cookery exhibit, Alison Davidson with the Walter Parsons Trophy for best soft fruit and the Banksian Medal, Richard Davidson with the Ricardo Cup for best photograph, and Cindy Bradley with the Thraves Cup for best flower arrangement.

The Laurels' Annie and Gaius marry at St Giles

Gaius Ghinn, who has built or upgraded many houses in the neighbourhood, and Annie Cauchi, who has been a leading light on the Lavington Federation School's Parent Teacher Association, were married at St Giles Church on Saturday 22 June. It was a culmination of a summer of more 'wedmin' than most couples have to contend with – for Annie's second daughter Rebekah had married a few months before in Hampshire.

Annie and Clive have eight children between them. Three of Annie's six live with them at The Laurels, two attending Midhurst Rother College and one in his last year at Duncton Junior School. Her elder three and his two boys, both Seaford College alumni, all have homes of their own now. But the entire octet had a role to play in their parents' wedding.

Rebekah and her two sisters Hannah and Poppy were bridesmaids – with the family dog, also Poppy, an attendant, wearing a specially made floral collar and lead! Boys Jack, Charlie, Isaac, George and William acted as groomsmen.

Annie and her bridal party, including her parents and best friend Joy Stringer, drove from her home up The Street to St Giles in a vintage bus. She wore a cream lace bardot-style dress and carried a bouquet of English garden flowers and herbs with pink roses – her favourite flowers – entering the church to *How Long Will I Love You* by Ellie Goulding.

Gaius, who was in a blue suit, was supported by best man Jonathan Frost. The rings the bride and groom exchanged during the ceremony, conducted by the Rev Vivien, were made by a friend, Rod Smart.

After the new Mr and Mrs Ghinn left the church, to Handel's *The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba*, the bells rang out as the newlyweds drove off in a Corvette to their reception at home, with a cream tea and band for their 100 guests.

For their honeymoon, they will be heading for a sailing trip around French Polynesia, with a stop off en route in Los Angeles.



Emma and Sam wed at her Westerlands home

Emma Jamison, the youngest daughter of David and Pam Jamison, exchanged vows with Sam McManus in an outdoor ceremony at her family's Westerlands Farm home, on Saturday 6 July, following a civil marriage at Chichester's Edes House.

In front of family and friends, with the Downs in the distance, James Simpson, a poet who leads creative writing groups on the estate, conducted a Christian wedding service for them. The open marquee was decorated with hedgerow, field and garden flowers by Martina Schneiderova, who also lives at Westerlands. It was, all agreed, a very pastoral wedding.

To celebrate, there was dancing to a ceilidh band and neighbour Sebastian Gorbea cooked lambs and hogs in his native Argentinian style over a fire.

The whole event adopted a yellow and gold theme – in reflection of Sam's proposal to Emma a year ago on top of the Downs by a field of sunflowers.

The newlyweds met two years ago. Artist Emma is an adventurous traveller. After a perilous hiking adventure in Iceland when she had to be rescued, a friend put her in contact with Sam, who is a founder of Yellowwood Adventures, which organises alternative holidays across Europe and further afield to the Middle East, Africa and Mongolia. They met by the River Rother at Fittleworth bridge and the rest, as they say, is history.



A beaming Sam and Emma after their open air wedding ceremony at her family's Westerlands Farm home.



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The Sabin family line up after Emily's marriage to Tom Luck, from left: Lucy's partner Patrick Maher, Lucy and 'honorary daughter/sister' Becca Burge, who were two of the four bridesmaids, Emily, Tom, Rich and Holly.

Sabin family gather for New Forest nuptials

Rich Sabin, of Graffham's High View, played the part of proud Dad walking his daughter Emily down the grassy aisle at Sopley Mill in the New Forest for her outdoor marriage to Tom Luck on 30 June – a joyous family occasion. Emily and Tom chose the venue because they love that area.

They moved into their new home the same month – up the road at Haslemere so we should see lots of them in Graffham whenever they come to visit Rich and Holly.



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From Town Hall: Support the Sussex Six!

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



We are extremely lucky to have an abundance of fantastic food producers here in the district, who are involved in a wide range of food production, from growing and harvesting crops to rearing livestock, and as well as producing milk and eggs. We also have amazing bakers, award-winning vineyards and small-batch brewers. You could literally fill your kitchen cupboards with the array of food that is made right here on our doorstep.

While horticulture and tourism are the biggest economic sectors within our district, food and drink businesses also represent a major slice of our economy, with just less than 1,500 of them registered in the district. We have seen an increase in the number of small, local food producers, too. The people behind them are often individuals or families who want to make a difference to their communities and who are passionate about making high-quality, sustainable food.

As part of Chichester District Council's commitment to supporting these local, independent businesses, we have put money towards a new campaign called 'Sussex Six', which aims to increase the amount of local produce featured on menus and shop shelves in the district.

The idea is to encourage eateries, shops and other food businesses in the district to stock at least six locally produced products or use at least six locally produced ingredients in their menus across the coming year. Businesses that take the 'Sussex Six' pledge are then encouraged to highlight this to their customers in a variety of ways including on their social media channels, in their menus and by including special labelling on their shop shelves. We should all be asking our local businesses and restaurants to support this campaign.

The aim is to help build a circular economy where producers, hospitality and retail help strengthen our local community by using each other's products. You may not be aware but for every £1 spent in a local business, around 63p stays within the local area. So, by signing up to the 'Sussex Six' campaign, it will help to keep money within the local area, support our economy and help keep local people in local jobs. As part of the campaign there is also a dedicated food and drink directory where you can find all the different food and drink producers in our district and the places that serve and sell it. I encourage all our local producers to make sure they get listed as soon as possible. See sussexfoodanddrink.org.

Diary of a New Farm: Say cheese!

Katie and Brett Sacks continue their occasional diary as they establish Slow Grown Farm, at Hoyle, on Graffham's Heyshott border.

It's been an extremely busy spring and summer for us, with all eight of our pregnant cows having given birth (unassisted!) to healthy calves. We have been milking our cows since the end of April, and the cheesemaking is going well.

This year, we have 17 Saddleback pigs in our woodland, as some of you may have seen when driving past Hoyle Farm. The pigs are growing well and enjoying the whey from our cheesemaking.

In October, we were fortunate to welcome our son, Otis, into the world. He is doing great, and, at nine months old now, he is full of energy. To help us with our farming and food production, we are really lucky to have Olive Amin working as part of the Slow Grown Farm team.

With our production in full swing, there are several opportunities to sample and purchase our 2024 cheeses in Graffham this summer.

We are hosting a pop-up shop, farm tour and BBQ lunch at our Hoyle Depot on Sunday 28 July. To book tickets for the 11.30am farm tour visit our website slowgrownfarm.co.uk – there may also be the chance to buy in person on the day.

We'll be hosting two pop-up shops in August – on Saturday 3 and Sunday 18 – also at Hoyle Depot and we'll also be at the Graffham Fête on August Bank Holiday Monday and look forward to seeing everyone there!

All details of our upcoming events are on our website so do check there or get in touch if you'd like to know more.



Northern Dairy Shorthorn calf Heather with her Mum, Hazel.

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The Rec pavilion – what can it do for you?

Planning an event that needs plenty of adjoining open space? Graffham Recreation Ground's pavilion could be the answer and it's available for private bookings all year round, *writes joint editor Bill Barrett.*

Remarkably, it was ten years last month when June Challen formally opened the refurbished pavilion after a successful campaign to raise the £100,000+ needed – helped by a £50,000 grant from Sport England's Olympic Legacy Inspired Facilities Fund – to upgrade its 1969 predecessor.

While the hoped-for increase in sports participation never materialised, the pavilion has, together with the Empire Hall, been a focus of village life for local and national events, as well as proving a popular venue for children's birthday parties, wedding receptions, funeral wakes, society meetings, keep fit classes, drumming lessons, horticultural workshops, village quizzes, wine and whiskey tastings, art workshops and plant sales, thanks to its comfortable, warm and tastefully decorated club room.

The maintenance and improvement of the pavilion is the responsibility of the Recreation Ground's committee, currently under the chairmanship of John Bracey.

Recent works have replaced the westerly outside wall and installed wifi to enable easy online payments at the fully stocked bar. New electric wall heaters have been installed for winter functions, and the fabulous patio created, complete with table and chair sets, for summer al fresco events.

In the coming months the committee plans to add some kitchen equipment to



The Pavilion has formed a backdrop and centre point for many village landmark events, like the village party to mark the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee two years ago – but it's an equally popular location for smaller private events and meetings.

increase the catering capability together with some new tables, chairs and crockery to improve the facilities further. Hot water is provided by cost-effective, environmentally friendly solar panels on the pavilion's roof.

A vast amount of work has gone into planning the long-term future of the children's playground, which is on-going (see page 4), but it is hoped serious progress will be made before long.

The pavilion is easily accessed with plenty of parking to the north of the Rec and south of the pavilion. The external doors are opened by key code, the loos include a baby changing table and there is a wheelchair accessible shower. Corridors and doors are wider by design, and the doors have little or no threshold.

Hiring the pavilion costs £17 per hour or £120 per day. For enquiries and further information, please contact Bookings Secretary Sonya Gillespie at graffhamrecpavilion@gmail.com.



The pavilion has acres of open space around it, great views of the Downs, easy access and parking – and its new patio with picnic tables.



The pavilion's kitchen and servery along with the main club room will be familiar to anyone who has enjoyed the teas they have hosted during many a Graffham fete.



What a song and dance, from left: Susie Tink performing *Old Tyme Dancing*, George Butler, Beanie Bradley and Marie Bracey's delivery of *And Her Mother Came Too*, and Celia Lilly's rendition of *Why Am I Always The Bridesmaid?*

Graffham's Got Talent! – by the bucketful

After a week of highbrow culture, the tone adopted something of a slightly different tack for the vibrant grand finale of the Graffham Festival 2024, in the form of *Graffham's Got Talent!*, a variety spectacular held on the evening of Saturday, 22 June, writes joint editor **Bill Barrett**.

Organised, compered and extensively scripted by Brian Lanaghan, whose resemblance to Simon Cowell is thankfully fleeting, the show was the first event of the festival to sell out. Indeed spare tickets were so hard to come by that a flourishing black market quickly emerged. Possibly.

In a packed Empire Hall the show kicked off with the first specially written song and dance number *Graffham is Best!*, and the acts which followed ranged from homages to Flanders and Swann (*A Song of Weather* and *The Ocado Van Cometh*, both performed and adapted by Phil Jones and Roy Barden) to modified versions of the well-known hymns *All Things Bright And Beautiful* (*The Gardeners' Hymn*) and *We Plough the Fields and Scatter* (*We Browse the Aisles and Stock Up*), both rousinglly led by the Rev Vivien, and from a *Not the Nine O'Clock News* sketch (*Swedish Pharmacy*, performed by Brian with Julian Biggs) to Bizet's *Au Fond du Temple Saint* (sung by Philip Trower and Martin Ridley).

In between, vocal offerings came from Sue Tink (*Old Tyme Dancing*) who, together



Songs: The specially written *Graffham Is Best!*, performed by the ensemble, was a fitting opening and finale for the revue.

with Philip Trower (*Tit Willow*) and pianist Ellen Oakley (who sterlingly provided the musical accompaniment throughout the show) all too briefly rekindled the glory days of the Graffham Rustics. Ivor Novello's *And Her Mother Came Too* was stylishly rejuvenated by George Butler, Beanie Bradley and Marie Bracey and followed by a serenely virtuoso performance of *The Year Turns Round* and *Wings* on the harp by Rich Sabin. A tribute was paid to a village institution and its members' long-suffering spouses in Brian's *O Cardigan*, and David Garrard's

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Sketches: Brian Lanaghan played the part of a vicar with Beanie Bradley (complete with a pillow up her jumper!), George Butler and Pete Bradley in *A Graffham Wedding* (left), while Bill and Ginny Barrett performed daughter Izzy's poem *Grandpa You're Crackers*.



The men and ladies of the chorus paid tribute to village institution the Cardigan Club.

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costumed renditions of *The Gnome Song* and *The Teachers' Shanty* were fitting recognition of Sussex' wry folk songwriter Miles Wooton. Continuing the comic theme, Julian and Philip gave an excellent delivery of *A Bit of a Chat* (by Peter



Dressed appropriately, David Garrard sang *The Gnome Song* (above) while Ellen Oakley provided musical accompaniment throughout.



Cook) followed by Rowan Atkinson's edgy *Fatal Beatings*. Brian's admiration of Tom Lehrer's work manifested in his performances of *A Poke at Woke* and the macabrely hilarious *I Hold Your Hand in Mine*, and of Skellern and Stilgoe's in *Joyce the Librarian* who, like her lothario's borrowed book, ended up two weeks overdue.

Other comic offerings came in the form of the shocking suggestion that the South Downs National Park Authority might, on occasion, put the interests of wildlife ahead of those of villagers (*The Best Laid Plans*, written and performed by Brian and Marie), and *A Graffham Wedding*, which harked back to the days when brides-to-be who had been, er, caught short, needed to make it up the aisle in haste (also written by Brian and featuring him as the vicar, George and Beanie as the couple in a hurry and her dad Pete as churchwarden.)

Choreographer Sallie Pattie joined Angie Thornley and Brian for an updated version of a Kool & The Gang hit in *Ladies Tennis Night* and there was poetry too: Paul de Zulueta read one of his grandmother Daphne du Maurier's works *The Writer*, the more rustic *Fifty Shades of Grey* by John Summers was earthily delivered by Julian and

newcomer Izzy Barrett's *Grandpa You're Crackers* was acted out by her adoring, if theatrically-challenged, parents including an accent presumably inspired by Monty Python's *Four Yorkshiremen*.

The show moved towards its close with Celia Lilly singing *Why Am I Always The Bridesmaid?* and to finish the cast reprised *Graffham is Best*.

A not surprisingly sympathetic audience (as it mostly comprised performers' friends and relatives) joined in and, for the most part, laughed, at the right times, and enthusiastically kept Jim and Carole Kirke, Murray and Nikki West and Gail Paterson busy in the bar.

Thanks go, of course, to all cast members – but also to everyone else involved behind the scenes, particularly to lighting designer and technician James Turner, and also to Angie, Sally, Michael Blunt, Dinah Lamming and Holly Sabin for all round sound and stage management, to David Sparkes, Paul de Zulueta and Nick White for pre-show furniture shifting, and to Sally Blunt and Jim again for hall and ticket arrangements.

Hats off most of all to Brian Lanaghan, without whose hard work and cheerful, seemingly limitless creative juices and optimism conjured up, and held together, an evening that will live long in Graffham memories and folklore.



Rich Sabin sang two numbers, accompanying himself on his harp.



Clockwise from left: The Rev Vivien led two variations on traditional hymns, Brian Lanaghan with Sally Pattie and Angie Thornley in *Ladies' Tennis Night*, Roy Barden and Phil Jones' *Flanders & Swan* tribute, and Martin Ridley and Philip Trower delivered Bizet's *Au Fond du Temple Saint*.



Nature Notes: The smartest tiddler in the school

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

There is a genius in our midst. Lurking in the ditches, ponds and streams around Sussex you can find schools of three-spined sticklebacks. These fish are not much to look at – a tiny slip of dirty silver (with some pointy dorsal spines to annoy predators) but as befits an animal that spends so much of its time in a school, they're real brainboxes.

The clever behaviour of sticklebacks has been the subject of endless academic studies with boffins recently declaring them the 'genius of the fish world' after discovering that they actually learn from observing the mistakes of other sticklebacks. As a bloke who can't seem to learn from his own mistakes, I have to agree that that's pretty smart for a fish.

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Three-spined stickleback in their silvery state (left) and gaudy red with day-glo blue mating season colours. Pictures by ©Derek Middleton Sussex Wildlife Trust.

oxygen-rich water over his eggs with his tail. During the breeding season, he undergoes a dramatic make-over from silver to gaudy red (with day-glo blue eyeliner).

Despite looking like Cyndi Lauper circa 1984, he's still as rowdy as ever and will aggressively defend his eggs against anything that passes by – especially if it's red. One scientist noted his stickleback's fish tank tantrums coincided with the postman's red van passing by the window each morning.

For me, the smartest thing the stickleback has achieved is that it has single-handedly encouraged generations of children out of their homes and into the countryside. For many people, their early encounters with this little fish, while stood knee-deep in the great outdoors with net and jam jar, has instilled them with a lifetime's worth of wonder and respect for nature.

Nowadays such rituals of passage are rarely played out and recent reports warn that alienation from our environment has serious implications on a child's development. There's a lot that our children can learn from the three-spined stickleback. The countryside around Sussex is one big classroom – so get out in August and explore. There is so much to be learned. Or should that be learnt?

- 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:



Graffham Parish News' awesome August quiz

Ten quick fire questions from Bill Barrett to test your local, topical and wider general knowledge. Answers at the top of page 59 (no cheating!)

- 1 Jess Brown-Fuller defeated which sitting MP at the recent general election?
- 2 The River Lavant is an example of a winterbourne – which means what?
- 3 The shell of which West Sussex castle, once owned (and destroyed) by King John, stands next to the A24 just west of the village of West Grinstead?
- 4 What does an arenologist study: [a] sand, [b] gladiators, [c] clocks?
- 5 The Purple Hand Gang are led by which paediatric villain in the books by Francesca Simon?
- 6 Introduced in 1977, which daily sporting feature did Radio 4's *Today* programme abandon last month?
- 7 In his fourth appearance for England, which iconic Yorkshire batsman scored the first of his 22 Test centuries against Australia this month in 1964?
- 8 In terms of television history, what was significant about the Liverpool vs Arsenal match played at Anfield on 22 August 1964?
- 9 Who is employed as Fry Cook at the Krusty Krab restaurant in Bikini Bottom: [a] Jordan, [b] Spongebob Squarepants, [c] Tom Kerridge?
- 10 Which British singer/songwriter, who will be 70 on 25 August, knew *Accidents Will Happen*, but would *Pump It Up* on the *Radio Radio* with *Oliver's Army*?



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Bill's bygones: 164, total eclipse, Fergie

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 – August 2014: Atrocious Bank Holiday Monday weather leads to a six-day postponement of Graffham Fête, which goes on to raise just more than £4,500. Mike Dimmers's novel *Net Cord* is published as an e-book. Ray and Lesley Tough buy the Foresters Arms from Lloyd Pocock. Work starts on an extension to the village shop. Graffham Cricket Club complete the double over Kirdford, winning at home by 77 runs to follow the away win in June, with Leon Fourie (126 not out) and Mark Bowden (50) sharing a stand of 164. Graffham Noticeboard is set up on Facebook. Rory McIlroy wins the US PGA, his fourth major, on the back of victory at the Open in July. Deaths of Richard Attenborough, aged 90, and BBC radio football results reader James Alexander Gordon (78).

25 years ago – August 1999: Glorious Bank Holiday Monday weather helps the fête, opened by Olympic gold medallist Duncan Goodhew and compered by Russell Walker, produce a profit of more than £4,000. Anthony Dimmer defeats Andrew Wilson-Smith to take on William Godman-Dorington in Graffham Tennis Club's men's singles final, while Anthony and Mike Dimmer reach the doubles final – their opponents Andrew and William. In the early rounds of the mixed doubles there are victories for John Head with Wendy Challen, and for Chris Major with Dorothy Haverhals. The UK experiences a total solar eclipse. Charles Kennedy becomes leader of the Liberal Democrats. Deaths of TV chef Jennifer Paterson (*Two Fat Ladies*, 71) and sports presenter Helen Rollason (43).

50 years ago – August 1974: Despite unsettled weather, 'record crowds' attend the village fête, where the produce stall is run by Rosie Godman-Dorington, Diana Kingsmill and Janet Wakeford. Daphne Howick wins the raffle's £10 first prize – while there is a separate raffle with, as the prize, a caged budgerigar. The prize in the children's bowling competition is a guinea pig, while for the adults it's a real pig. The Duke of Edinburgh umpires polo matches at Ambersham and at Cowdray. At the latter, the other umpire is Major Ronald Ferguson. As Richard Nixon resigns, Gerald Ford becomes 38th US President. The first edition of *Football Focus*, presented by Bob Wilson, airs at lunchtime on BBC1's *Grandstand*. Billy Bremner (Leeds Utd) and Kevin Keegan (Liverpool) are sent off in the FA Charity Shield match at Wembley after a fight. The Three Degrees' *When Will I See You Again* is UK number 1. Death of Jacob Bronowski (*The Ascent of Man*, 66).

Graffham Chronicles: Hoofbeats hereabouts

As the horse sports season reaches its peak, historian Pauline Goodwin continues her look at the neighbourhood's close relationship with the animal.

The equine factors which attract people to Graffham are diverse and go far beyond the thoroughbred racers and their owners. Attention is now turned to other equine activities where the name of the individual horses is of secondary focus as in polo.

'I am still under the impression that there is nothing alive quite so beautiful as a horse.' – John Galsworthy, Nobel prize-winning author.

Certainly, there has been an influx of people to Graffham attracted by the noble steed. (Apologies, there are too many to identify them all individually here.)

The quirkiest arrival was in 1974 when Jo Morgan moved with her family from the outskirts of Chichester to the Norwood Equestrian Centre in Norwood Lane – riding all 23 of their horses over the Downs to their new home!

Graffham has a history of events for riders, old and young, with the village's first gymkhana held in the early 1960s at Fairacre Field which is now a landscaped, wooded area off the Marsh Road. Press cuttings from 1985-1990 detail various events for young riders. These involved the Norwood Equestrian Centre, including riding competitions and involvement in the South Downs Harness Club, in which carts were driven along a designated route on the South Downs Way. In April and May of 2002, show jumping events were held at Eastwood Stud Farm. In September of the same year, four young riders who had trained at Eastwood had success at the National Schools Dressage Competition at Hickstead. A very different sort of event was documented in *The Midhurst and Petworth Observer* in 2012 when 60 horses and their riders "enjoyed the Graffham Down Endurance Ride on 18 March". Distances covered were between 22km and 39km.



John Behan shoeing at Graffham Court.

In 1979, John Behan, his wife Shirley and their two children moved to Graffham. He was much in demand as a farrier and worked across the area at polo yards and stables, as well as the grounds at Ambersham and Cowdray. He was a farrier at Goodwood for 40 years and also at Fontwell, Lingfield, Newbury and Kempton race meetings. He shod competition horses in the village for

those involved in events such as the trails in which Hilary Major competed.

But some of those involved with horses here are home-grown individuals – such as Viv Gray, youngest daughter of John and June Challen. In 1976, at seven years old, she began helping Barbara Mullins with her horses. Barbara, a world-renowned Graffham weaver, loved horses and regularly rode large steeds through the village. In return for her help, Viv was able to ride Barbara's big mare, Cora. Viv travelled with Barbara to local shows and pony club events and was taught well by her mentor.

Viv recalls that her passion for polo started at 10 years old, when she rode a polo pony called Binny, thanks to her friendship with the daughter of the head groom at the local polo yard, owned by Lavinia Black. In the 1970s, Lavinia (née Roberts) headed the movement to include women in 'high goal' polo, the elite form of this competitive sport for teams with high handicaps.

Her work on the committee of Schools and Universities Polo Association (SUPA) has paved the way for our local current polo star, Beanie Bradley, to become the youngest ever England player. Beanie now trains her own ponies which you may have seen being exercised along our lanes. At this level, high quality horses are used which are

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Two well-known Graffham horsewomen – Barbara Mullins pictured above in saddle during a trip to the USA in about 1950 and (below) Beanie Bradley, playing polo for England in Italy a year ago.



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small thoroughbreds, often former racehorses. They are usually under 15.3 hands, with compact build and back, shorter neck and are typically mares rather than geldings.

After leaving school, Viv worked for eight years at the High Goal Yard of Centaurs/Southfields, Graffham, and Tramontana, Ambersham. She enjoyed turning out the ponies in their matching bandages, numnahs and equipment.



Graffham's 'Voice of Polo' Terry Hanlon.

From those times, she remembers Terry Hanlon, the 'commentator extraordinaire'. For decades he was known as the 'Voice of Polo', adding extra entertainment to the spectators watching. A frequent face in Graffham, he also ran the Ambersham Academy introducing many well-known players to the sport, such as Marquess of Milford Haven, Mike Rutherford (of the band Genesis) and Gordon Roddick (husband of Dame Anita).

Many rock stars and Royals have regularly visited this area for its horses, either to Lavington Stud or Ambersham. One time Wally Claydon, Head Groom at Lavington, recalls that the late Queen Elizabeth often visited the stud while staying at Arundel with The Duke of Norfolk. When coming home from Midhurst Grammer School on the school bus, I remember frequently passing a MGC GT in British racing green at Ambersham. It was driven by Charles, now our King, on his way to play polo there. This car was only produced during 1967 and 1969, so that dates it very accurately. Royal attendance and participation at Ambersham is captured magnificently in Midhurst photographer Michael Chevis' online polo archives, dating back to the 1950s.

Ambersham Polo Ground has always been something of a Mecca attracting a diverse range of people for many reasons. Harold Passam, who grew up in this area, remembers: "Sixty years ago, the polo ground was also our playground. When nobody was around, we would ride over to the ground with our home-made mallets... and play bicycle polo." It wasn't just the polo that attracted him there: "In October to November, we would rise at the break of dawn on a Saturday morning and ride over to the polo ground. Usually, there were already one or two people shuffling around in mackintoshes with heads bent to the ground. Each of us would carry a small kitchen knife and a basket and a stranger observing our movements might well have thought that we were up to some mysterious, shady activity. In fact, we were searching for mushrooms!" As a retired Professor of

Botany, Harold Passam considers the role that equines play even in this presence of mushrooms on the Ambersham Lawns. He explains: “The fungal spores were present in horse manure and where the manure was deposited the fungal spores would germinate to form a mycelium just below the surface of the soil. The mycelium would grow out in a circle from the spore and button mushrooms would appear overnight at the edges of what are popularly called ‘fairy rings’.”

Even today, artists are drawn to Graffham because of their love and admiration of the equine form. As Sharon Ralls Lemon says: “The essential joy of being with horses is that it brings us in contact with the rare elements of grace, beauty, spirit, and freedom.”

Current Graffham parish councillor and professional photographer Colin Barker, for example, made Graffham his home because of the horses at Lavington Stud. He states: “As a photographer I find the conformation of the horse visually irresistible.”

A measure of this is illustrated by his devotion of several years to the Caspian Horse Society, raising awareness globally, including via a photographic trip to the Caspian Sea with Ateshé Firouz, granddaughter of the Shah of Iran. They encountered a stunning dappled grey Caspian stallion and arranged to photograph it on the ranch of its owner. Far away from Graffham pastures, Colin had lit his scene and the feisty stallion was led in. All in position, the family elder walked across the scene and sat down in frame, watching the horse.

Colin takes the story up: “Then for reasons unknown, the stallion reared up completely on his hind legs. I knew we were witnessing one of those unplanned photographic moments in which magic happens”.

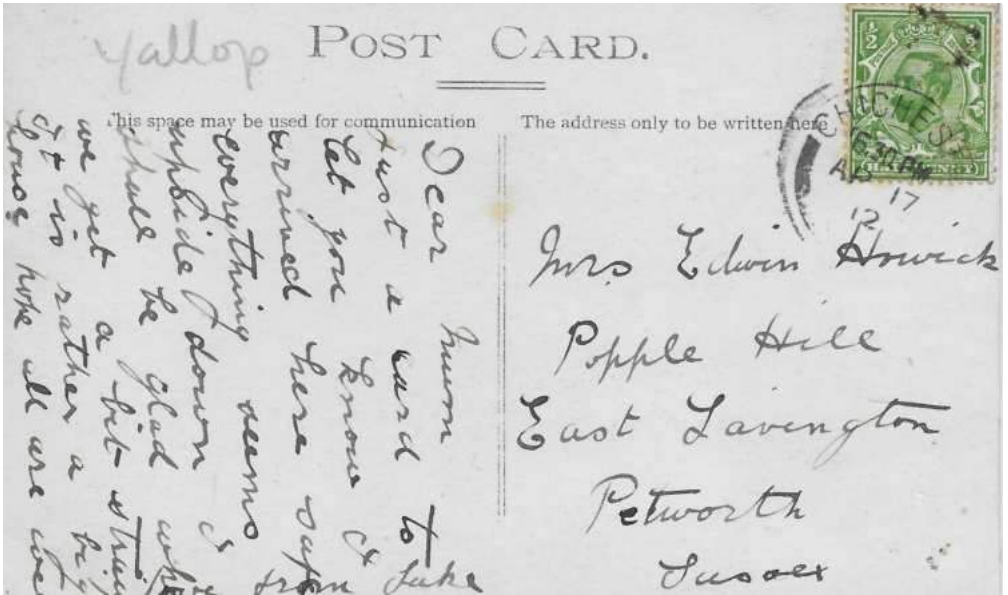
Maybe a magic moment similar to when you hit a winning goal in the final chukka on one of the polo fields in the neighbourhood that we and our horses are lucky enough to call home.



Colin Barker's magical photo of a Caspian stallion.

A postcard from Graffham

The first instalment of a new occasional regular feature. Amateur archivist and fount of knowledge on things most people would prefer to forget Jonathan Simons dips into the Graffham Archive postcard collection.



Dear Mum, Just a card to let you know I have arrived here safe. Everything seems upside down. I shall be glad when we get a bit straight. It is rather a big house. Hope all well, Love from Jake.

It is April 1917, during World War I and well before Seaford College took over Lavington House, after the next global conflict.

It is amusing to speculate that the postcard was sent from there to Popple Hill, less than two miles away – however, it carries a Chichester postmark. We can suppose that postcards of Lavington House and other local landmarks were freely available at Graffham post office or village shops and folk would take a few with them whenever they went away. My hunch is that this is what happened in this case.

Notice that the addressee is Mrs EDWIN (my capitals) Howick – so his mother took the husband's first name, a convention hardly ever observed today.

'Yallop' seems to have been pencilled in subsequently (top left), possibly indicating a collection from which the card came. The 1911 census records Edwin Howick,



aged 63, general labourer, and his wife Elizabeth Jane Howick, 57 and two sons Walter Howick, 20, and James, 18, both 'under gardeners', at East Lavington's Popple Hill – not to be confused with Popple Hill Cottage, across the stream and the parish boundary in Graffham. A number of houses were recorded at Popple Hill, East Lavington, back then. They all have different names today – Hedgers Cottage, Luffs Cottage, Parsley Cottage...

The Howicks had nine children in all, eight surviving for baptism at St Giles' Church – Emma, Edwin, Annie, George, Susan, Arthur, Walter and James. Was Jake a pet name for James? Was he the last to leave home, moving to take up a situation at a big house in Chichester, in 1917, and sending his worrying mother a postcard he had taken with him to let her know he had settled in? It seems a bit late for conscription.

The Howicks were clearly a prominent village family, supporting each other as best they could. In 1911 son Edwin Howick, for instance, was unmarried and listed as a blacksmith living at the Forge on Bishops Hill with his widowed aunt Sarah Norkett nee Howick, who was running the business. The 1891 census listed him as an 11-year-old living with his grandparents just along the road, although of course that might just have been an overnight stay to relieve pressure at Popple Hill.

This is pc002 in the Graffham Archive collection. To view all the postcards it holds and its many other treasures, go to www.graffhamarchive.co.uk

Hopes for a glorious July did not materialise but a promising forecast for the start of tennis week, just as we went to press, suggest that there will be much to report in our September edition. Maybe even some Ladies' cricket!

Graffham Tennis Club



Club tournaments Two club tournaments finished in recent weeks with some unofficial club records being broken.

The Ladies' Doubles final was contested by title holders Emma Amin and Sian Green who faced their strongest opponents yet in Sam Adams and Sarah Selman. On an evening in early July, with rain and wind to contend with, the match lasted an unprecedented four hours, with Emma and Sian emerging victorious with a scoreline of 7-6, 6-7, 6-4.

Rather more spectators got to see the men's singles competition, played over one morning in July. Two groups tackled a round robin format with the entrants including the Major brothers Andrew and Ben, both past winners of many club events. The younger generation was represented by Lawrence Bates and Teddy Syed. Winners of the two groups, Matthew Syed and Andy Major, faced off in a one-set final that pitted Andy's shot-making against. Matthew's extraordinary ability to retrieve. In a match described by one onlooker as 'the best yet seen on Graffham's courts' the result ended as a 6-2 win for current holder Matthew.

Summer leagues A vast number of league fixtures did get played in the peak months of June and July, despite the poor weather, though there were several that have had to be rearranged. The men are above Liphook at the bottom of Division 4 so will face a tough few final games to avoid relegation. Ladies A are similarly placed in Division 1, with Steep A their closest rival. The Mixed team have had a very comfortable summer so far and are vying with Fernhurst A for the top spot in Division 2. The Ladies B team, in Division 4, are as yet unbeaten and are placed comfortably towards the top of the table with promotion still a possibility.

Graffham Tennis Club East Hants League home fixtures: August

Do come and spend a summer's evening supporting your teams!

5	Mon	6.30pm	Ladies' Doubles	Div 4	v Liphook
6	Tue	6.30pm	Men's Doubles	Div 4	v Haslemere C
7	Wed	6.30pm	Ladies' Doubles	Div 4	v Fernhurst C

Graffham Tennis Club East Hants results

17 June	Won 5-3	Ladies' Doubles	Div 4	v Medstead C
17 June	Drew 4-4	Mixed Doubles	Div 2	v Alton
20 June	Lost 8-0	Men's Doubles	Div 4	v Denmead C
23 June	Won 8-0	Men's Doubles	Div 4	v Liphook
24 June	Won 5-3	Mixed Doubles	Div 2	v Swanmore B
1 July	Won 8-0	Mixed Doubles	Div 2	v Headley B
4 July	Lost 8-0	Men's Doubles	Div 4	v Alton B
10 July	Won 5-3	Ladies' Doubles	Div 4	v Steep C
12 July	Lost 7-1	Men's Doubles	Div 4	v Fernhurst B
18 July	Won 6-2	Ladies' Doubles	Div 4	v Newman Collard C

Graffham Bowls Club

by Secretary Liz Pegram

Our July calendar of matches was affected by the weather unsurprisingly. Fortunately, Sunday 23 June was fine for the Janet Hurst Cup, an internal club competition. Jane Riley and Charlie Tyrrell (right) were the overall winners. As always, if you would like to try bowls; you are welcome to come along on a Monday evening at 6pm. All you need are flat shoes. The club will be open during Graffham fête on August Bank Holiday Monday for anyone who would like to give it a try. Juniors must be accompanied by a responsible adult. All subject to the weather.



Graffham Bowls Club Home fixtures: August

Spectators welcome

1	Thu	6pm	v Petersfield
11	Sun	2.30pm	v Frensham
23	Fri	2.30pm	v Headley

Graffham Ladies Cricket

The unluckiest of Graffham's sports teams in terms of weather, our cricket ladies are still waiting for a fixture that is not rained off. The build-up now will be towards the home West Wittering fixture on 15 September, with hopefully a rearranged Petworth fixture in the meantime. Practices continue, weather permitting (!) on Thursdays at 6.30pm.



A 'Leavers' Service' was held at St Giles Church on Monday for Graffham Infant School's Year 2 pupils moving on to Duncton Junior School or elsewhere in September. Each was presented with a little holding cross and Lord's Prayer card from St Giles Church as a keepsake.

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Who's doing what at St Giles in August

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

	Welcomers	Reader	Reading	Refreshments
4	Mary Coakes	TBA	Ephesians 4 v1-16	TBA
11	Stuart and Bridget Lewis	Sue Hill	Ephesians 4 v25 - 5 v2	TBA
18	TBA	TBA	Ephesians 5 v15-20	TBA
25	Barbara Edge	Barbara Edge	Ephesians 6 v10-20	TBA
Flowers and cleaning			Diane Bellis	

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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. *Tel:* 01798 342169. *Web:* www.petworthcatholic.org

Mass

	8am	Duncton	Thu	9.30am	Petworth
Sun	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 *Meetings:* 2nd and 4th Sundays 10.30am.



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- 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 or Facebook's @stgilesgraffham for any changes.
- Teddy Time is at the Rec Pavilion every Wednesday 10.15 to 11.30am.

August				
3	Sat	9.30am	Come and Sing!	St Giles Church
4	Sun	10.30am	Parish Eucharist and Lammastide	St Giles Church
			Wedding of Will and Rebecca	St Peter's, Woolavington
10	Sat	10am-12noon	Bellringing practice	St Giles Church
11	Sun	10.30am	Parish Eucharist	St Giles Church
		6pm	Evensong	All Saints Chapel
18	Sun	9am	BCP Holy Communion	St Giles Church
		10.30am	'Third Sunday' Service of the Word	St Giles Church
25	Sun	10.30am	Parish Eucharist	St Giles Church
September				
1	Sun	10.30am	St Giles Day Parish Eucharist with Baptism of Ted and James Major	St Giles Church
6	Fri	7.30pm	Petworth Area Churches Together lecture	St Mary's, Petworth

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What's on in and around the village

For all St Giles and All Saints events, see pages 55. For all sports dates, see page 50-52.

August				
1	Thu	10am	UKHarvest surplus food market	Sylvia Beaufoy Centre, Petworth
		10am-3.30pm	Bignor Sunflower Maze and Pumpkin patch (till 28 Aug)	By Bignor Roman Villa RH20 1PH
		11am-7pm	Qatar Glorious Goodwood racing festival (till 3 Aug)	Goodwood
			Madhurst festival (till 31 August)	Midhurst
3	Sat	9am-2pm	Midhurst Farmers Market	Midhurst
			Slow Grown Farm pop-up shop (see page 31)	Hoyle Depot
4	Sun		Wedding of Will and Rebecca	St Peter's, Woolavington
7	Wed	2pm	Graffham Garden Group outing to Fittleworth House (see page 22)	Fittleworth
10	Sat	8pm	Sea shanties with The Captain's Beard	Three Moles
11	Sun		Graffham Fashion Exchange opens (till 26 Aug) (see page 21)	St Giles Church
		7pm	Folk music night	Three Moles
12	Mon		<i>The Glorious Twelfth</i>	
13	Tue	9-11am	Great Feet foot health professional ¹	Empire Hall
18	Sun		Slow Grown Farm pop-up shop (see page 31)	Hoyle Depot
23	Fri		August Bank Holiday Racing (till 25 August)	Goodwood
24	Sat	9am-1pm	Petworth Farmers Market	Petworth
26	Mon		Summer bank holiday	
		From 2pm	Graffham Summer Fête (see centre pages)	Rec
28	Wed	12.30pm	Lunch Club ²	Empire Hall
31	Sat	10-11am	Community garden work party	War Memorial
September				
2	Mon		WSCC schools term starts	
3	Tue	9-11am	Great Feet foot health professional ¹	Empire Hall
		11.30am-6.30pm	Midweek Racing	Goodwood
		1.15 for 2pm	Arts Society West Sussex talk on influence of Japanese art on Monet and van Gogh	Fittleworth Village Hall
4	Wed	7pm	Graffham Parish Council meeting	Empire Hall
			Seaford College term starts	
5	Thu	10am	UKHarvest surplus food market	Sylvia Beaufoy, Petworth
6	Fri		Goodwood Revival (till 8 Sep)	Goodwood
7	Sat	9am-2pm	Midhurst Farmers Market	Midhurst
8	Sun	7pm	Folk music night	Three Moles
13	Fri	12 noon	Graffham Garden Group outing to Parham House (see page 22)	Parham

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14	Sat	From 8am	Annual parish Ride and Stride sponsored walk (see page 20)	From St Giles
		7.30pm	Tesoro tenor and soprano duo	Three Moles
16	Mon	6.15pm	East Lavington Parish Council meeting	Seaford College

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

²**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)

Mondays	9-10am	Fitflows Fitness ²	Empire Hall
	Daytime-evening	Osteopath ³	Empire Hall
Tuesdays	8.30am-12noon	Post Office	Empire Hall
	9am	Strength and mobility with Abi Martin ¹	Westerlands
	Daytime-evening	Osteopath ³	Empire Hall
Wednesdays	7.30pm	Bell Ringing practice - newcomers welcome	St Giles Church
	9-10am	Yoga ⁴	Empire Hall
	10.15-11.30am	Teddy Time toddler group ⁵	Pavilion
	11.15am-12noon	Pilates ⁶	Empire Hall
	1.45-2.45pm	Rusty Racquets adults tennis coaching ⁷	Rec
	6pm	Boot camp with Nina ¹	Westerlands
	7-8.30pm	Badminton ⁸ - all welcome	Empire Hall
Thursdays	Daytime-evening	Osteopath ³	Empire Hall
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	9am	Boot camp with Abi Martin ¹	Westerlands
	10.45-11.45am	Ease Into Exercise ⁹	Empire Hall
Fridays	6-7.15pm	Yoga ⁴	Empire Hall
	9-10.15am	Yoga ⁴	Empire Hall
	9am-3pm	Physiotherapy clinic ¹⁰	Empire Hall
Saturdays	evening	Tennis Club social evening	Rec
	8am	Hard core exercise with Nina ¹	Westerlands
Sundays	10am	In motion with Gareth ¹	Westerlands
	5pm	Pickleball ¹¹	Empire Hall
	5pm	Casual football ¹²	Rec

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

¹**For all Westerlands events:** Book online at www.westerlands.com/experiences/wild-fit

²**Fitflows Fitness:** Contact Susie Bush 07870 219956.

³**Osteopath:** Bookings required. To make an appointment, for daytime or early evening, contact Anna Shawcross on 01798 867523 or see www.annashawcross.co.uk

⁴**Yoga:** Deborah Albon on 07790 867009.

⁵**Teddy Time:** No charge. All welcome. Just come along.

⁶**Pilates:** Contact Nicky Capes on 07990 517858 or 01730 812297.

⁷**Rusty Racquets:** Contact Richard Hopp at richard@hoppcoaching.co.uk, on 07904 069457.

⁸**Badminton:** Contact Louisa Thomas, at louisa9000@hotmail.co.uk. All welcome.

⁹**Ease Into Exercise:** Contact Susie Bush 07870 219956.

¹⁰**Physiotherapy:** Contact Serena Cooper on 07884 445983 or at serenacooper.physiotherapy@outlook.com.

¹¹**Pickleball:** Contact Beanie Bradley on 07500 080417.

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