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**Goodbye Gary, our popular postman**

**So long to Seaford head John Green**

**Farewell to village lynchpin Ann - and Truly**



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**On the cover:** Villagers gathered at The Three Moles to wish postman Gary Hamilton – pictured on the front step with his wife Charlotte – the happiest of retirements, while also this month bidding adieu to Seaford head John Green and community stalwart Ann Rowney. See from page 10.

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# Writing from the Rectory: A warm welcome

A welcoming village community like Graffham deserves an equally welcoming church. The congregation of St Giles does everything it can to welcome everyone entering its doors, despite some significant challenges which the church building presents. Having been built many centuries ago, then reordered according to Victorian priorities which are less user-friendly for our times, four challenges stand out in order to ensure a welcome that is as warm as it can be.

First, warmth itself. Despite pew cushion heating to warm our cheeks (!) when the weather is chilly, in the coldest months the central heating with antiquated radiators and oil-fired boiler is still needed. This must be turned on at least two hours before a service to make an appreciable difference. However, once the church door is opened for congregation members to enter, the heat is swiftly lost outside. We are almost closing the door in people's faces to retain heat for as long as we can, as well as burning more fuel than we should. This is not very welcoming!

Second, comfort. We are grateful to Graffham Infant School for use of its lavatory facilities across the road, though would also appreciate having a toilet closer to hand – for older people who may

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**Facing up to four challenges to ensure St Giles can offer the warmest of welcomes.**



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need to consider whether or not to attend church because the convenience is inconveniently far away, for example. This is not very comfortable!

Third, hospitality. We regularly offer refreshments after services to meet and chat with familiar friends and newcomers. However, hosts cope with poor storage facilities and regularly take mugs and glasses home to wash because the vestry area of the church is in poor condition, with one sink for all purposes including flower arranging and cleaning. This is not very hospitable!

Finally, safety. The upper area of the dilapidated vestry, where many items are stored for regular and occasional use, is reached by a ladder, not a staircase. This is not very safe! The Parochial Church Council has decided to face up to these

*'Where there is no vision,  
the people perish.'*  
Proverbs 29.18

challenges. So, this is an early heads-up to the Graffham village community that we are doing so. Members met with church architect Simon Goddard in June to begin discussing possible ways

to achieve our aims. We await a second meeting in July to receive his suggestions.

This project now needs a name. With warmth of welcome at its heart, our Worship group has decided on the "St Giles' Warm Welcome Project". Look out for its official launch, once we have a clear understanding of what can be achieved. We pray that through this initiative our church will soon be offering the warmest welcome possible for everyone who comes to worship here.

Every blessing.



Reverend Vivien

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of Graffham's  
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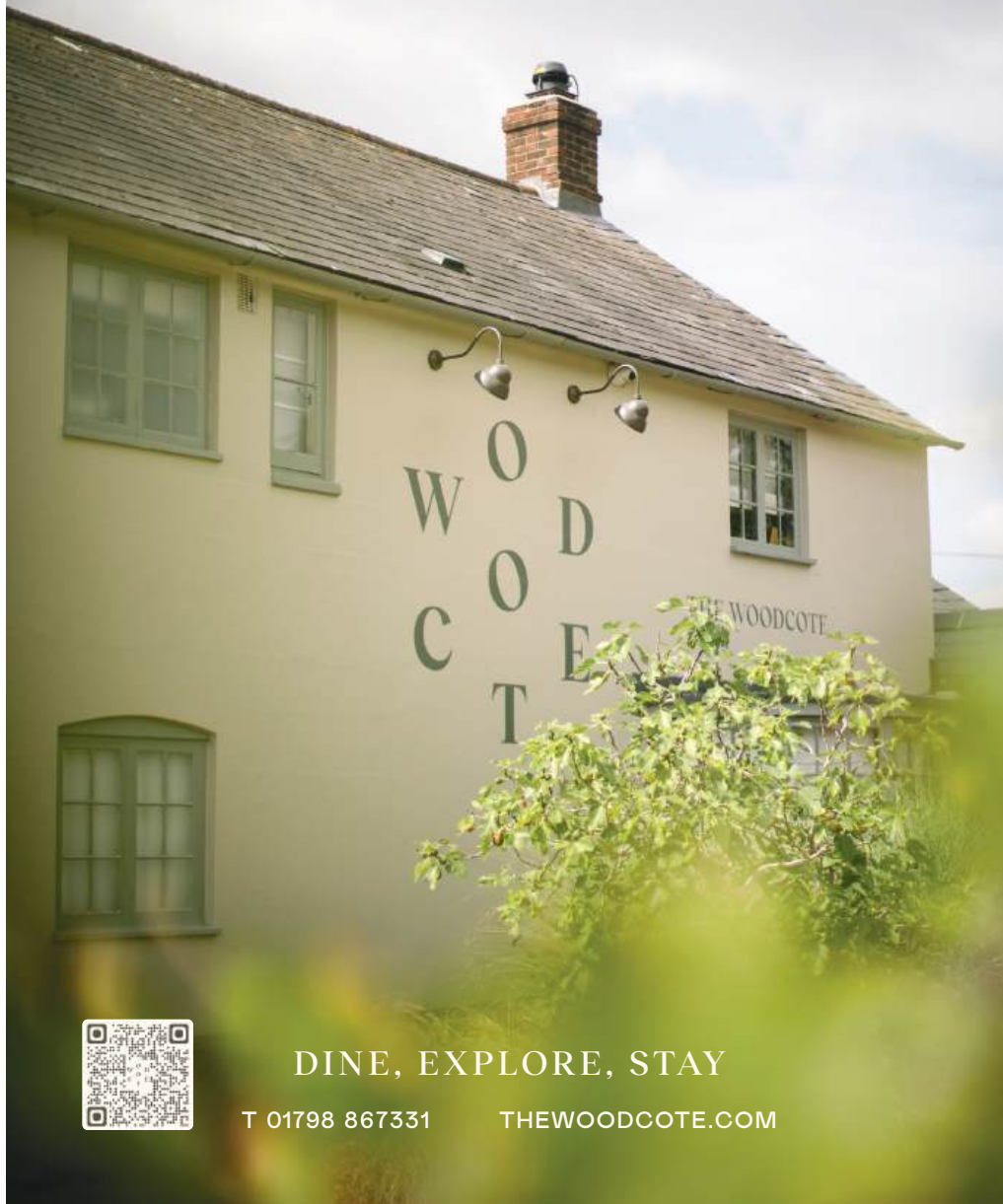
**Then and now** Thanks to Colin Barker for sharing on Facebook's Graffham Noticeboard this postcard (above) of the village from 1907 that he found on eBay. The smartly dressed girls are standing on The Street outside The Woodman, then an ale house. For comparison, here's the same view (right), pictured last month.



## Police investigate electric kit stolen from farm

Sussex Police opened an investigation after receiving reports on Saturday 23 May that electrical items had been stolen from a farm in Norwood Lane. Officers attended and engaged with the informants, who had tracked some of the missing items to a storage facility nearby. These were taken away for forensic examination. At the time of writing, a police spokesman said no arrests had been made but the investigation was continuing into a number of lines of enquiry.

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**Owl-o, owl-o** Anthony Hurren, who charts the wildlife of Lavington Stud and Estate, waited patiently in his hide for eight hours last month to capture this stunning shot of a young little owl living there (above) - and then a day or two later saw this fully grown barn owl in flight nearby (right).

## Sewage outflow at Barnetts Bridge rises

There were more discharges from the combined sewer outflow from Southern Water's pumping station at Barnetts Bridge into the River Rother in the first four months of 2026 than in the whole of 2025, according to figures released by the Western Sussex Rivers Trust. Barnetts Bridge is on Fitzlea Wood Road, just north of the Cathanger crossroads.

From January to May this year, there were a total of 231 spills across 1,496 hours, while throughout all of 2025 there were 64 spills across 988 hours. That, however, was well down on the previous two years with 2023 the worst on record, with 154 spills across nearly 3,000 hours.

This year's increased outflow is put down to the high level of rainfall, with groundwater flooding into the area's sewage system. To counter this, Southern Water plans to spend some £6 million on improvements in the next few years, including carrying out sealing to some 32km of sewers in this area.



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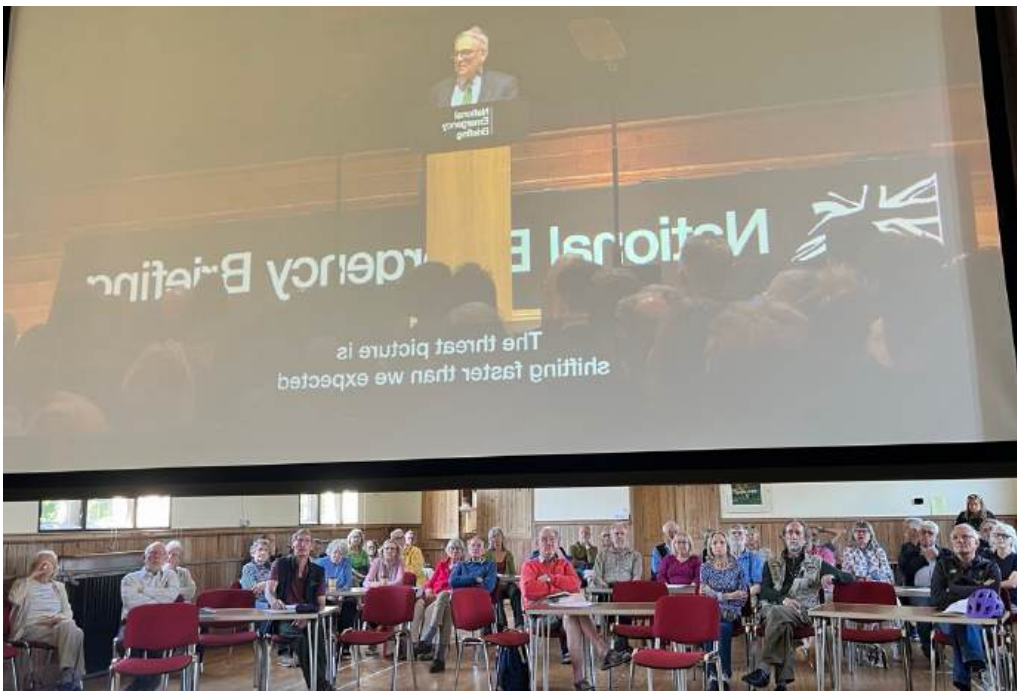
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**Community confronts climate crisis** More than 50 local residents attended a screening of the film *National Emergency Briefing* at the Empire Hall on Saturday 13 June. Among them were our representative on Chichester District Council John Cross and Chairmen of Graffham and East Lavington Parish Councils Gillian Charlesworth and Simon Longman. The film highlights the climate change crisis confronting our planet and what each one of us can do to help address it, with contributions from a panel of experts and household names including naturalist Chris Packham, comedian Jennifer Saunders, Dragons' Den business guru Deborah Meaden and former Blue Peter presenter Konnie Huq, along with ordinary, everyday people. The Empire Hall screening was followed by a brief discussion on how each of us locally could play our part. You can watch *National Emergency Briefing* online at [www.nebriefing.org/the-film](http://www.nebriefing.org/the-film)

## Boundary review for parish merger proposal

Chichester District Council's Boundary Review Panel will meet on Friday 3 July to consider the proposal by Graffham and East Lavington Parish Councils to merge. The meeting will include key council officers and councillors. If the panel supports the proposal, it will then go to the full district council for approval, later in July or in September. The meeting will be webcast live via [chichester.moderngov.co.uk](http://chichester.moderngov.co.uk)

# Looking forward to merging within a year



*East Lavington Parish Council held its annual general meeting and annual meeting of the parish on Monday 18 May at Seaford College, with Simon Longman re-elected to serve as its Chairman for a second year, with Barry Gosden as Deputy. Here's an abridged version of Simon's annual report to the parish:*

Starting my eighth year as a councillor on East Lavington Parish Council (ELPC) and concluding my first as Chairman, I have been reflecting on our journey this year, the role of a micro parish, the definition of community, and the direction of local government reorganisation.

On 14 October 2025, following a clear request by the electorate to be consulted, ELPC held a joint parish meeting with Graffham Parish Council on the amalgamation of the two parishes. I presented a case for merger which was not countered by a case for remaining independent. The indicative direction was overwhelmingly in favour of merging, validating that Graffham and East Lavington are in fact one community, aligned with the measures that are factored into a community governance review which defines communities and boundaries.

Councillor Gillian Charlesworth and I, as chairs of the two parishes, met with representatives of Chichester District Council's (CDC) legal and electoral services teams on 18 May to request the community governance review that will ultimately decide whether CDC agrees with our merger assessment. Feedback from this meeting, the evidence of community engagement and support for amalgamation, plus the direction of travel in local government reorganisation all point favourably to conclude this review within the next year – ahead of the May 2027 elections, which, we trust, will be electing councillors for the new amalgamated parish with representation for wards covering East Lavington and Graffham.

Separately, ELPC in the past year considered planning responses relating to eight properties. We are still awaiting any changes that may be submitted as a result of the feedback to the significant Lavington Stud and Estate proposals but welcome the long overdue decision on Tangletrees. A focus in the next 12 months should be on traffic reviews, to extend the work done by Graffham on the impact of the approaches into the settlement that run through East Lavington and jointly support any requests to a traffic review.

I conclude with thanks, to our full complement of ELPC councillors for their continued engagement and contribution to parish matters, and the communication

from CDC via our district councillor John Cross and from West Sussex County Council via our recently re-elected county councillor Tom Richardson. We are also indebted and give thanks to our clerk, Amy Harte, who undertakes the necessary and considerable efforts in the running, organisation and compliance of our council.

## West Sussex now run by cross-party alliance

West Sussex County Council is now run by cross-party alliance led by the Liberal Democrats, supported by the Greens and Labour plus the council's only independent councillor. May's local government elections left the Liberal Democrats tied as the largest party with Reform, both with 23 councillors. The grouping now leading the authority has a majority of two.

Donna Johnson, representing Selsey as an independent, has been appointed Chairman with the Liberal Democrat's Jay Mercer, of Horsham East, as Leader.

Councillor Johnson added: "We've come together to form the alliance for West Sussex to provide balanced, workable governance for the county, at a critical time given local government reorganisation. Although we may come from different political traditions, we share a commitment to putting our residents first, and avoiding the risk of political paralysis, at such a challenging time. With a working majority, however narrow, we can provide the stability needed to protect services, represent our communities, and guide West Sussex through the changes ahead, in a constructive and responsible way. The alliance is built on pragmatism, co-operation, and a determination to deliver for the residents of West Sussex."



# So long: Seaford head John Green retires

*John Green steps down as Headmaster of Seaford College at the end of its summer term after leading the school for 14 years.*

*He will be succeeded by Matt Williams, moving from his role as head of Wiltshire's Warminster School – who will be just the tenth head since Seaford was founded in 1884.*

*Under John's tenure, the school has grown from a little more than 500 pupils in 2012 to almost a thousand today. Some 3,100 children have benefited from the college during this time, including around 55 from the village.*

*Graffham Parish News caught up with John before he handed over the reins.*



## **Why did you decide that now is the right time to retire?**

After nearly 14 incredibly fulfilling years, it simply feels like the right moment. The school is in a very strong position, academically, pastorally and in terms of its wider reputation, and that gives me real confidence to hand over to my successor. We have built significant momentum, and it feels like a natural point at which to pass on the baton, ensuring Seaford continues to thrive and evolve.

## **What are you planning to do next? Will you and your wife Sian stay locally?**

After much thought, Sian and I will be moving to the Gower Peninsula, where we are excited to be able to enjoy the stunning coastline and, importantly, play a good deal of golf.

Adding something new to a life that has been so deeply embedded in Seaford will, of course, be a challenge. It has been such a special community, and it will be incredibly hard to leave and adapt. Seaford will always be very much a part of me, of Sian, and of our wider family.

## **Seaford has progressed a great deal during your time in charge. What's made you most proud?**

There is so much to be proud of, but above all it is the transformation of the school over the past 14 years. Student numbers have almost doubled, and Seaford is now firmly established as one of the strongest schools in the area – very much a school of choice for families locally and beyond. We have developed excellent relationships with a number of prestigious prep schools in the region, which has

strengthened our position further. However, what truly sets Seaford apart is our ethos: warm, authentic, inclusive and unwavering in its commitment to every child. What you see is very much what you get.

At the heart of the school is a commitment to enabling every student to achieve their personal best, both inside and outside the classroom. Our students thrive because they genuinely love to learn, and there is a tangible sense of positivity across the campus, with students engaged, motivated and, importantly, happy.

Academically, the school has been consistently outstanding over many years. Our results have remained exceptionally strong year-on-year, reflecting both the quality of teaching and the ambition of our pupils. Initiatives such as “Challenge Grades” have been instrumental in setting high expectations and providing a clear framework for success, enabling students to achieve excellent outcomes. This sustained academic strength has been reinforced by consistently impressive ISI inspection reports, including the awarding of a “Significant Strength” rating, of which we are particularly proud.

Beyond the classroom, our co-curricular provision is exceptional. Sport is outstanding, with students achieving at the highest level. This includes professional contracts across a range of sports, as well as prestigious international representation.

The Performing Arts are truly exceptional. Our major productions, including *Les Misérables*, *The Phantom of the Opera* and *Miss Saigon*, have been of an outstanding standard, and our Seafordstock summer concert is simply sensational. Outdoor Education and the CCF also play a central role, developing confidence, leadership and independence in our young people.

I am also immensely proud of the investment in our facilities during this period. We have developed a number of outstanding new spaces, including our Reception Class provision, and we are currently exploring the potential addition of an exciting new nursery from September 2027. Above all, I am proud of the culture we have

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created – an environment where students achieve “success without undue stress” and where happiness and achievement genuinely go hand in hand.

### **What were the biggest challenges you encountered?**

Leading a school through a period of such significant growth always brings its challenges. Ensuring that we maintained our ethos, our strong sense of community and our high standards while expanding has been a constant focus.

In addition, navigating the Covid-19 pandemic was, of course, a major challenge for all schools, as has been adapting to the recent imposition of VAT on school fees. However, what has been so impressive is how our community has responded. Time and again, staff, students and parents have come together with determination and a real sense of unity. As a team, we have worked through these challenges extremely strongly, and I believe we are better for it.

### **What memories of Graffham will you stay with you?**

There are countless memories, but what will stay with me most is the warmth and support of the local community. Graffham and Seaford are closely connected, and that sense of partnership has been incredibly important throughout my time here.

Whether it is school events, community occasions or simply day-to-day interactions, there is a genuine sense of goodwill and belonging. It is a very special place, and one that will always mean a great deal to both Sian and me.

It has been a privilege to lead Seaford College, and I leave with immense pride in all that has been achieved and every confidence that the school will continue to flourish in the years ahead.



***‘The sense of partnership between Seaford and Graffham has been incredibly important throughout my time here.’***

# Farewell: Village lynchpin Ann – and Truly



*Ann Rowney has been a lynchpin in the village for more than a decade and a half as a key member of Graffham Health Support Association, Graffham Village Shop Association, Thursday Club, Christmas Fair organising teams and much more – but will shortly be moving away, much as though she'd prefer to stay.*

*Joint editor Philippa Sanders caught up with Ann before she completed her packing.*

## What brought you to Graffham in the first place?

It was quite serendipitous actually. I was working as a matron at Oakwood School, near Chichester, with about a year to go until retirement. A staff member there had left the Chichester Observer open on the staff room table and my eye was drawn to what seemed to be an obituary as it was bordered in black. It was actually an advert for renting Graffham's Homes of Rest – and a visit was arranged.

I remember parking outside Pescods and walking up past the lovely houses along The Street. Ryan Eunson happened to be working outside the property and filled me in on the village and the lovely neighbours. The rest, as they say, is history. So I've spent 18 years in this wonderful place.



## Why are you moving on now?

The property that I rent here at the moment is being sold. I was told this would be happening three years ago and have spent a great deal of time since then trying to find somewhere to live, ideally in Graffham but, if not, within a 20 mile radius.

I'll be heading to Emsworth where I have a number of friends, and where I'll be in walking distance of the shops and amenities. Truly (Ann's dog) and I are

regular walkers along the coast path at Prinsted anyway, so she will feel quite at home. I will be back, certainly for my regular Lunch Club and Thursday Club rendezvous. In fact, I'm going to remain on the Thursday Club committee. I'll also make sure to come back for many of the wonderful Empire Hall events.

### Who or what will you miss most?

An awful lot of people! I will still see my dear regular friends, so many of whom were such a support while I was having my hips replaced. I'll certainly see Diane Bellis, Janet Wakeford and Carole Sargent at Thursday Club committee meetings.

Otherwise, I think the people I'll miss most will be Jeeva and Vasu. I had the pleasure of being their first shop assistant after they started their business here and stayed with them for three happy years. I felt very honoured that they entrusted me with the shop when they went away for their first ever break for three days.

In terms of events, I will have happy memories of Graffham Christmas Fairs, which I ran for three years, and volunteering on the Graffham Health Support Association, which I did for 16 years, and Graffham Village Shop Association, where I was on the committee for 10 years.

### Are there any memories which particularly stand out?

That would have to be the marvellous occasion last summer when my son Paul married his wife Michaela at St Giles. The Rev Vivien led an absolutely beautiful service, the village looked its stunning best and the Empire Hall was the perfect venue for a fun reception, attended by a good number of villagers.



Ann with son Paul and his bride Michaela at St Giles on their wedding day last year.

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# Goodbye: Gary the postie is now a pensioner

Villagers came together to show their appreciation for Gary Hamilton when the popular postman who has been delivering letters to Graffham and Selham for the past 15 years took early retirement on Saturday 6 June.

Many on his round contributed to a farewell gift – netting well in excess of £500 towards Friends of Chichester Festival Theatre membership and vouchers for shows, dinners and interval ice creams. Visiting the theatre is one of Gary's passions. As donations kept flowing in, the rest of the money went towards a new bike he has promised himself to help keep fit.

The Three Moles hosted a “farewell and thank you” evening for Gary, too, a week after he delivered his last post, with many of those on his rounds turning out to buy him and his wife Charlotte a drink – as pictured on our front cover.

Gary, who had worked for the Royal Mail for 41 years in total, has now handed over his Graffham and Selham round to successor Keiran Mason, with Carmine Simac continuing to cover the rest of our parish.

Gary assures the community it has not seen the last of him, promising to visit the village shop regularly for coffee and cakes – so watch out for him peddling there kitted out in his new lycra! He's also heading across the Channel for a long planned visit to World War I battlefields and memorials.



Gary's retirement gift from The Three Moles.



Gary (left) has now handed over his Graffham and Selham round to successor Keiran Mason.

## Sporty July for the Foresters

The Foresters Arms will have a sporty feel about it this month, screening July's major sporting events on its big screen – including soccer World Cup matches, Wimbledon tennis and the final rounds of the Cowdray Polo Gold Cup. There will be Pimms and strawberries and cream to complete the summer feel. On Friday 17 July, a live band will be playing for you to dance the night away. See facing page.



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Details for *Graffham, East Lavington and nearby* filed by the South Downs National Park since our previous edition. For details, see [bit.ly/sdnp-planning](https://bit.ly/sdnp-planning)

## Applications

**Yew Cottage, 1 The Street, Graffham GU28 0QA:** Erection of single-storey extension. *SDNP/26/00943/HOUS. Validated 21 Apr 2026. Consultation ended 30 Jun 2026.*

## Decisions

**1 & 2 Firtree Cottages, Graffham Common Road, Graffham GU28 0PT:** Internal alterations to amalgamate the two adjoining semi-detached dwellings into a single dwellinghouse. *SDNP/26/01264/LDP. APPROVED 21 May 2026.*

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# Property watch

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

**Heath End House, Heath End GU28 0JG:** Detached house, five bedrooms, two bathrooms plus cloakroom, sitting, dining, family and games rooms, snug, study, conservatory, kitchen, utility, sauna, bar, roof terrace. 374 sq m (4,026 sq ft). Offers in region £1.75 million. *Henry Adams, Midhurst 01730 771345. Listed 5 Jun.*



**Aumonier House, Tillington GU28 9AA:** Portion of Grade II listed former rectory. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms plus cloakroom, sitting and family rooms, study, kitchen/diner, utility, cellar. 208 sq m (2,239 sq ft). Courtyard and walled garden. Guide £1.4 million. *Jackson-Stops, Midhurst 01730 774837. Listed 16 May.*

**The Larks, Westside, Tillington GU28 9AL:** Detached bungalow, two bedrooms, one bathroom, sitting room, kitchen. 78 sq m (840 sq ft). Garden with garage and store. Offers in region of £550,000. *Henry Adams, Midhurst 01730 771345. Listed 4 Jun.*



**North Street, Petworth GU28 0DG:** Detached grade II listed period house. Five bedrooms, four bathrooms plus two cloakrooms, sitting, drawing and dining rooms, kitchen, laundry, conservatory, separate one-bed cottage. 399 sq m (4,295 sq ft). Gardens. Guide £1,395,000. *Savills, Petworth. 01798 303558. Listed 3 Jun.*

**Cocking GU29 0HD:** Barn conversion, five bedrooms, four bathrooms, kitchen/dining/living room, sitting room, laundry, workshop, office, store. 335 sq m (3,610 sq ft). Garage, garden courtyard. Guide £1.65 million. *Savills, Petworth. 01798 303558. Listed 8 Jun.*



## Local roads to receive top dressing

Selham Road is scheduled to remain closed until 15 July to enable Southern Water to replace a stop tap outside The Folly. Then, from 28 June to 2 July, West Sussex County Council will be carrying out surface dressing of The Street and Duncton Common, Fitzlea and Selham Roads. Later, on 10 and 16 July, a traffic management system will be in place along Popple Hill and Graffham Road, East Lavington, for works by Scottish and Southern Electricity.

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# Letters to the editor: The column you write

Something in Graffham Parish News or the village caught your eye? Let us know at [editor.graffhamparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:editor.graffhamparishnews@gmail.com)

**Bowling along in Greece** I have lived abroad for several decades but like to keep in touch with the village where I grew up by regularly reading the online version of *Graffham Parish News*. I found Pauline Goodwin's article on the centenary of Graffham Bowls Club particularly interesting. I have not seen bowls played here in Greece, but there is a version in which a small ball, or "jack", is thrown some 30 to 40 metres and the players then toss their metallic balls (cricket ball size) as close as possible to it. The game's played on soil or gravel, or on a sandy beach. Naturally, it lacks the skill of rolling/curving a ball over a smooth grass surface, although there is a knack in estimating the distance, not just to the "jack" but also to knock away any rival balls that are too close it. I do not know what the game is called, but a number of old folk (not including me) play it here regularly. – **Harold Passam, former Graffham resident, now living in Heraklion, Crete, Greece.**

• *Editor's note: The Greek game to which Harold refers sounds very much like boules – for which Graffham now has a court on the Rec, just yards from our village bowls green! See page 41. You can read Graffham Parish News wherever you are – at [stgilesgraffham.org/graffham-parish-news](http://stgilesgraffham.org/graffham-parish-news)*

**Thanks for your loans to our Ukrainian guests** Our Ukrainian guests have now all left Tangletrees, so if anyone who so kindly donated furniture, crockery, cutlery *et al* for them would like whatever they provided returned, then please give me call on 07720 292044.

I appreciate that many of the generous donors will not want their stuff back, in which case I'll pass it on to other deserving causes. – **Ian Forest, Tangletrees, Graffham.**



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# School report: Flowers, fortress, first aid, fundraiser



*Graffham Infant and Duncton Junior Business Manager Jenny Godfrey provides her monthly update on what is going on at our village schools.*

With just a few weeks to the end of term and the end of the school year, things are as busy as ever for our pupils and the entire school family. Many of our children now have just a few more weeks until their time with us comes to an end as they prepare to move on up.

**Festival of Flowers artwork** Artwork created by Graffham pupils, led by Dominique Kenway and Mrs Wethered, formed a spectacular display at Chichester Cathedral's Festival of Flowers last month.

**Keyboard runner** Thank you to our wonderful piano teacher, Annette Mathias, for raising money for our school, by running a half marathon. We have used this amazing donation to buy eight keyboards for Duncton.

**Learning about Medieval England and saving lives** Years 5 and 6 have enjoyed an inspiring visit to Arundel Castle as part of their history project on Medieval England – where dressing up as soldiers from the time added to the fun and learning. They have also spent an afternoon with an organisation called Little Lifesavers learning first aid skills – how to perform CPR, help someone who is choking and how to place a casualty in the recovery position.



The school's spectacular Chichester Cathedral's Festival of Flowers display.

**Sports days** By the time you read this, our sports days will have come and gone – Duncton's on our own school field on Thursday 18 June and Graffham's at the village Rec the following day.

**Time to bid in the big silent auction** Friends of Graffham and Duncton, our village schools' parent teacher association, has kicked off its major fund-raiser of the year – its annual silent auction. Lots under the hammer include meals at the Foresters, Woodcote and the Cricketers, music lessons, a sauna, logs, skincare, babysitting and many more not-on-the- high-street treats, all donated by local businesses, supporters, families and friends. Every penny raised goes to supporting pupils. To see the full list of what's up for grabs – and to bid – go to [www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/friend-of-graffham-and-dunctons-silent-auction](http://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/friend-of-graffham-and-dunctons-silent-auction) or point your phone camera at this QR code (left).



**School meals launch** Graffham and Duncton will be holding a special event on 28 August for our school families and the wider community to meet our new chef and celebrate the roll out of our new hot lunch provision at both schools. More details to follow in the next couple of months as we gear up to starting in September.

**Follow us on social media** Keep in touch through our social media:

- [instagram.com/graffhamandduncton](https://www.instagram.com/graffhamandduncton) schools
- [facebook.com/graffhamandduncton](https://www.facebook.com/graffhamandduncton)

## Graffham Village Shop Association



### AGM

**Tuesday 14 July 2026 7pm**  
**Recreation Ground Pavilion**

Find out how we've been looking after the village shop, picture framing gallery, car park and Chapel View in the past year – and our plans for safeguarding these vital community assets into the future.

*All welcome – you don't need to be a shareholder to attend, but you can enrol on the evening if you haven't already done so!*

**The agenda for the meeting and associated paperwork have been circulated to shareholder members.** If you haven't received yours yet, contact its Secretary Ros Britton at [rosalind.britton@btinternet.com](mailto:rosalind.britton@btinternet.com)



Villagers will be able to visit Thakeham Place Farm's flower-filled borders (left) and the grounds of the graceful Cumberland House on the garden group's final outing.

## Garden group's final outing is two for one

Graffham Garden Group's final outing of the summer is on Thursday 23 July – to two gardens, both in nearby Thakeham, just the other side of Pulborough. It will include a visit to Thakeham Place Farm, where the garden has evolved over the past 35 years with borders full of sun-loving plants and grasses, a more formal area surrounding the house and a new pond to encourage wildlife.

It will then move on to nearby Cumberland House, a Georgian village home next to the 12<sup>th</sup> century church with a beautiful mature English country garden, a walled garden with well-stocked flower beds and informal garden with vegetables, fruit and herbs. Teas will be available at Thakeham Place Farm.

Meeting there at 2pm, the cost is just £10 for both gardens, to be paid on arrival. All are welcome to join in – not just garden group members. To book your place, contact Nicky West at [nicolamwest@btinternet.com](mailto:nicolamwest@btinternet.com) or on 07796 144647. Car sharing is encouraged so please ask if you would like a lift!



*Hear how the new committee has been looking after 'the grand old lady of the village' in the past year and plans for the future.*

## EMPIRE HALL AGM

Wednesday 2 September  
4.30pm

All welcome

*Let's fill the hall with flowers, fruit, veg, photos,  
wonderful cookery and handicrafts!*

# GRAFFHAM GARDEN GROUP FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 11 July

Empire Hall

8-10am Hall open for entries

2.30pm Hall open for viewings and teas

4pm Presentation of prizes

*Classes for flowers, fruit, vegetables,  
cookery, handicraft and photographs*

*New this year: Marmalade, handmade toy, any knitted or crochet item.*

*Photo classes: 1 Colourful and Outrageous 2 Local Scene  
3 Building/ Architecture 4 Animal Portrait  
5 Any subject (under 16s)*

The schedule of classes and full details were circulated with June's issue of *Graffham Parish News* – with more available from the village shop or from Marie Bracey on 01798 867760

*Silverware and cash prizes up for grabs – but it's  
the taking part that counts!*

# Graffham Chronicles: Wartime schooling here

*In her column this month, local historian Pauline Goodwin talks to Anne Larkin, who is believed to be the last member of Graffham's Pescod family, about her memories of the village during World War II.*



**Anne Larkin, now aged 92.**

During several interviews in recent months, I have enjoyed listening to Anne Larkin's fascinating reminiscences about her Graffham childhood. Currently 92-years-old, she believes she is the last remaining member of Graffham's Pescod family, who played a central role in the village for decades.

She was born Joy Anne Pescod to Jack and Mary Pescod in Graffham on 1 May 1934 and baptised at St Giles Church. For the first five years of her life, her family lived at Suntrap, now called Mulberry Cottage. Anne, as she began to be called, remembers

little about her time there, but recalls its sunny layout which matched its original name. Out in the garden, the sounds from the forge next door were particularly memorable.

Anne enrolled at Graffham School, aged five, for the summer term of 1939. On her first day, she walked there with Stella Hilton and her mother, along the footpath past Calloways Farm. Everything changed in September of that year. The family moved into the newly converted Post Office house next to Pescod Stores on 1 September – and war with Nazi Germany was declared three days later.

The main impact of this for village children was that, as they returned to school for the autumn term (or Michaelmas term, as Anne's teacher, Miss Beevor, liked to call it), evacuees from London's East End joined them. To escape the bombing, Anne's cousins from Carshalton, near Croydon, also came to stay with their grandmother Susan Pescod, who lived next door. The school was not big enough to accommodate all these extra children, with a wide range of ages all crammed together. Some of the older boys from London became difficult as they had been uprooted from the guiding hands of their families.

After a short while, things improved, as the Empire Hall was used for half the children. Later, Thraves (also known as Church Farm) became their classroom. Anne happily spent the next few years there in classes of mixed local children and



**Pescod Stores with the Post Office to the left (south) of it. In the older, black and white picture, there's a greenhouse to the side where the Old Post Office house was built for Anne's family.**

evacuees. Friendships were made, and Anne was a bridesmaid, in Watford, to one of the evacuees after the war. Another of them returned to the village some years later and, with Anne's mother as organist, sang a solo at a service at St Giles to thank the village for keeping all of them safe during those troubled times. Anne and Pam also attended a 30th year reunion for evacuees at Graffham School in 1969. They were very surprised to find that the boys who had been domineering towards them in 1939 were the nicest men three decades later.

Evacuees were not the only newcomers to Graffham during the war. A bomb disposal squad was billeted at Glasses on the Selham road. Among these young men were several accomplished tennis players and musicians. The Pescods had a tennis court which had been dug out of the land just to the south of Pescods Stores, before Shieling was built there for Anne's Aunt Lindsey and Uncle Dick. Lindsey was still living there when I lived at Hillside, across the road, and I remember most vividly the formidable flock of geese she kept. They were terrifying and hurled themselves against the wire netting, hissing menacingly. Yet Anne remembers a sight of calm and tranquility when she walked across the lawns to visit her aunt. Two of the geese were lying curled up asleep on the chest of her sleeping uncle, stretched out on a steamer chair. Such trust in the hand that fed them!

The later months of the war were marked by a dramatic episode, as Anne recalls. Early on the morning of 6 June 1944, hundreds of planes passed quite low overhead the village, making a lot of noise. It was soon realised these were "ours" as the villagers marvelled at the sight of gliders being towed by aeroplanes, so close together that the sky seemed darkened. This was, of course, the start of the Normandy invasion.

Anne stayed at Graffham School until 1945, when she passed the scholarship to go

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to Chichester High School for Girls – Midhurst Grammar School only took boys at that time. She was the first from Graffham to be enrolled at the Chichester school for a long time, although, others joined her the following year, including Doreen Philips, Pat Woodbridge and Sylvia Lee. They'd catch the bus from the Petworth Road to Chichester Railway Station then walk to the school a few hundred yards further on, over the rail track.

In 1947, the winter was very severe. For six weeks, freezing snow made Duncton Hill impassable to buses, so Anne and the other pupils attending school in Chichester had to walk up and down the slippery steep part of the hill. But that did not stop her from enjoying her school days there, both learning new subjects and playing tennis for the school team. She continued there until she was 18, in 1952, after passing her School Certificate with eight credits and three A level distinctions.

Soon afterwards, her father was hospitalised. For a few weeks, until he was fit again, she ran the Graffham Post Office for him, with the support of the head postmaster at Petworth.

Her excellent school qualifications secured her a scientific civil service post at the National Physical Laboratory (NPL) in Teddington, Middlesex. She went on to spend 42 years there, retiring as a senior scientific officer, after playing a key role in developing new international standards for light and colour. The work was so sensitive that she was required to sign the Official Secrets Act.

She always kept in close contact with Graffham, via her parents and through the Graffham Rustics am-dram troupe which she joined as a founder member in 1951,



*Graffham Rustics' presentation of **Back To The Land**, in the Empire Hall, with Anne playing the soprano lead.*

singing in their first production *Back To The Land*. Anne was the group's lead soprano, opposite Don Skinner of The Potteries, from 1961-1987, travelling from her home at Teddington down to Graffham to attend rehearsals and performances.

She and her husband John moved to Dorset in April 1993 but still returned to Graffham until 2000 for Rustics events.

# Bill's bygones: Murray, Mika, Montréal

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 – July 2016:** Over nine days, and with funding from the Arts Council, Graffham holds its second Arts Festival, giving fans of BBC shows *The Great Pottery Throw Down* and *Show Me The Monet* the chance to see the work of local stars Jo Morris and Richard Davidson in person in the open studios trail. Diana Bowden, Jim Kirke and Sue Hill are lead organisers. The White Horse (now The Woodcote) holds a beer and wine festival. After the UK votes narrowly for Brexit in the referendum, Nigel Farage resigns as leader of UKIP saying: “I want my life back.” Theresa May becomes leader of the Conservative Party after David Cameron resigns. Lewis Hamilton wins the British Grand Prix, Andy Murray the Men’s Singles at Wimbledon (for the second time) and Chris Froome the Tour de France (for the third time, and second year running). Death of comedian, actress and writer Caroline Aherne (*Fast Show, Mrs Merton, The Royle Family*, aged 52).

**25 years ago – July 2001:** Ina and Mike Bridger host a strawberry tea for the Thursday Club at Woodcote’s Marsh Cottage. *Graffham Parish News* publishes an obituary for Daphne Howick. The Tennis Club stage a music evening at the Pavilion. Barry George is sentenced to life for the murder of Jill Dando (but is acquitted at a retrial in 2008), and Jeffrey Archer to four years for perjury and perverting the course of justice. Tim Henman loses the Wimbledon men’s singles semi-final to Goran Ivanišević after a rain delay. England are hammered in the first two Ashes Tests. First showing on BBC2 of landmark “mockumentary” *The Office*. Death of Stella Webster of Woodcote (81).

**50 years ago – July 1976:** Graffham Garden Group cancels its annual flower show in the interests, says chair Dorothy Reeve-Flaxman, of saving water in the drought. Graffham Junior Youth Club’s season is brought to an “exciting and traditional end” with a visit to Chichester swimming pool followed by a picnic on Goodwood Down. Israeli commandos rescue 103 hostages at Entebbe airport after an Air France flight is hijacked. David Steel becomes leader of the Liberal Party. The XXI Olympiad begins in Montréal. The British Grand Prix is held on a Sunday for the first time – Niki Lauda wins after James Hunt is disqualified. Björn Borg wins the first of five sequential Wimbledon Men’s Singles titles. Death of Charles Thomas of Graffham House, sidesman at St Giles for 16 years (70).

# Out and about: Snakes alive!

A regular column by Jonathan Simons, Graffham-based heathland habitué and amateur herpetologist – who also took all these pictures...

England has three native species of snake – the Adder, the Smooth Snake and the Grass Snake. The Slow Worm is a lizard, not a snake (or a worm) as it can blink.

The Adder, *Vipera berus*, is our only venomous native snake. Between 50 and a hundred people and a similar number of dogs are bitten by them each year. If you or your dog are bitten by one, you should get help immediately. The chances of it being fatal are small. There have been only 14 recorded human deaths from adder bite since 1876, the last in 1975 according to the Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust.

When I was young, my father took the family “primrosing”. He led the way into the wood but then stopped short. He had seen an adder on the path. He immediately ordered us to reverse track back to the car. He abandoned the whole project and we all drove home. Such has been the paranoia surrounding this noble creature that most encounters between humans and adders end up with the adder being chopped in half. The adder will avoid disturbance and only strike if threatened. So just stop and let it go on its way. It is also advisable to keep your dogs under control on heathland and not let them go scurrying around in the heather where they might disturb birds and pick a fight with an adder. And don’t go “primrosing”!

The dark continuous zig-zag pattern on the back of the adder is a sure identification sign. Females are a lighter brown. I have seen them on Heyshott and Graffham Commons and in Middleheath Copse. In July 2007 I came across a spot where on three occasions I saw black adders. I was so surprised to see them that they always slid away before I could get the defining snap.



An Adder, with its continuous zig-zag pattern on its back (left), and a Black Adder.



Smooth snakes can be found on heathland, like Heyshott Common.

The Smooth Snake, *Coronella austriaca*, was, until recently, only found naturally in the UK on heathlands in Dorset, Hampshire and Surrey. However, it has been reintroduced to West Sussex. I have seen it on Heyshott Common regularly since 2005. It is light brown with a discontinuous pattern of darker markings on its back and a dark stripe through the eyes.

Smooth snakes are quite elusive but can be found warming up under squares of corrugated iron that have been laid down by herpetologists (biologists who study reptiles and amphibians). The snakes are protected under The Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 and you could be liable of a fine up to £5,000 for harassing them if you are not qualified. I have, though, seen “tins” lifted, with camera at the ready. Usually there are just ants there. When there is a snake or lizard there, it is often such a surprise that it slides away before you can adjust focus on your camera. If you do find a smooth snake out in the open, don't touch it or disturb it.



A Smooth Snake, with a dark stripe through its eyes.

# Nature Notes: A moth to the flame, rekindling

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

1858. Darkest Sussex. Their lanterns threw long shadows across the bare chalk. Forty men frantically scoured the wood in the advancing chill of an October night. They are men looking for glory and fortune. They are men looking for a moth.

At Ranscombe, a small, wooded fold in the South Downs, an insect had been discovered that had set the Victorian entomological world on fire – the Flame Brocade, a moth with a distinctive white flash of lightning on its wings.

Its allure was not its beauty but its rarity, and the most reliable place in Britain to find it was this one tiny Sussex woodland. But this rarity was its downfall. Victorians were obsessed with collecting, and men travelled from all across the country to hunt the moth. Armed with gas-powered lanterns, nets and extravagant moustaches, they descended on our county in hordes, captured the moth and pinned it in serried ranks in polished oak cabinets. One of them noted: “Such was the rage for the Flame Brocade at the time that specimens fetched several guineas a pair.”

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**A Flame Brocade, with its distinctive flash of lightening on its wings.** © Wikipedia

Unsurprisingly, the Flame Brocade's population dwindled. There were only a few recorded after 1900, and this particular lepidopteral gold rush came to an end. The moth vanished completely from Britain and lived in exile across the Channel.

Then, more than a century later, three local naturalists armed with battery-powered torches, nets and a moderate amount of facial hair were amazed to discover the Flame Brocade on the Sussex coast. The moth was attempting a comeback. Maybe it will recolonise its ancestral home to fly amongst the ghosts of the Victorian collectors of the South Downs.

The Flame Brocade is one of around 2,500 species of moth found in Britain, and each one has a story to tell. There are big ones, tiny ones, pink ones and shiny ones. There are some that look like twigs, and some that look like bird poo. There's even one that looks like Des Lynam. There are tigers and sharks, carpets and cabbages. The diversity of structure, pattern and colour is mind blowing – a fluttering kaleidoscope which appears when we sleep and vanishes with the first light of day.

Join me at the Graffham Down Trust picnic on Sunday 5 July to see what surprises await us in the moth trap – see next page.

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





**Graffham Down Trust Annual Picnic**  
**Sunday 5 July 2026 from 10 am to 2 pm**  
**A day to enjoy the reserves**  
**– and a moth trap with Michael Blencowe**

**Meet outside St Giles Church at 9.45 am.**  
**Picnic on the Downs for all ages – two and four legs!**  
**Bring a picnic and join us in Bowley's Reserve at midday.**



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# Graffham Parish News' jim-nastic July quiz

Ten quick fire questions from Bill Barrett to test your local, topical and wider general knowledge. Answers at the bottom of page 53 (no cheating!)

- 1 Which Graffham resident became High Sherriff of West Sussex in 1986?
- 2 Who became the first Baron Woolavington in 1922?
- 3 Which James was landlord of the Foresters in 2012 and 2013: [a] Tippett-Iles, [b] Bond-Joyce, [c] Bon-Jovi?
- 4 Who was the last Catholic monarch of England, Scotland and Ireland?
- 5 The Act of Parliament privatising which utility company received its Royal Assent in July 1986 (you may need to ask Sid, rather than Jim)?
- 6 Who wrote the 1954 novel *Lucky Jim*?
- 7 Whose place did hat-trick scorer Geoff Hurst take in the England team which won the 1966 World Cup final?
- 8 Who won men's singles titles at Wimbledon in 1974 and 1982, was a US Open semi-finalist as late as 1991 and retired in 1996 when aged nearly 44?
- 9 Who took 30 Test wickets in two matches against Australia in 1956, including 19 at Old Trafford?
- 10 Jim Lea and the group's singer wrote Slade's 1970s glam rock hits (*Coz I Luv You*, *Cum on Feel the Noize*, etc). What was the singer's name?

**Save the date for Graffham's fete**



**August Bank Holiday  
Monday**

**31 August**

**afternoon**

**on - and in aid of - the Rec**



# GRAFFHAM TENNIS CLUB

## Tennis Week 2026 Friday 17 July – Friday 24 July

<b>Fri 17 Jul</b>	● 5.30pm	● Family Club Night – Parent and child tennis. ● BYO BBQ / picnic – Pavilion Bar open
<b>Sat 18 Jul</b>	● 9.30am	● Coffee and bacon butties
	● 10am – 12.30pm	● Social mixed doubles tournament
	● 1pm	● Mixed doubles final
	● 2pm	● Parent and kids two wicket cricket match ● Pavilion bar open. Bring picnics
<b>Sun 19 Jul</b>	● 10am	● Men's doubles Tournament
	● 1.30pm	● Men's doubles final
	● 5.30pm	● Table tennis tournament and foot tennis ● BBQ – BYO – Pavilion Bar open ● Showing Football World Cup Final
<b>Mon 20 Jul</b>	● 10am to 12noon	● Seniors' tennis
	● 4.30pm – 6pm	● Richard Hopp free adult coaching ( <i>Sign up via email</i> )
	● 6pm	● Men's B home match vs Fernhurst
<b>Tue 21 Jul</b>	● 1pm to 2.30pm	● Richard Hopp free adult coaching ( <i>Sign up via email</i> )
	● 3pm to 6pm	● Juniors' match Graffham vs Rogate
	● 6.30pm	● East Hants League Match – Ladies A vs Midhurst A
<b>Wed 22 Jul</b>	● 9.30am – 2pm	● Junior/Academy coaching
	● 6pm onwards	● Sports night including volleyball, table tennis, croquet, boules, spikeball, pickleball ● Bring and share BBQ / picnic – Pavilion Bar open
<b>Thu 23 Jul</b>	● 9.30am - 2pm	● Junior/Academy coaching
	● 6.30pm	● East Hants League match Mixed vs Haslemere A
<b>Fri 24 Jul</b>	● 9.30am – 2pm	● Junior/Academy coaching
	● 6pm	● Club Night
	● 7pm onwards	● Curry Night at the Pavillion

ENTRIES for any events please email us at  
admin@graффhamtennis.co.uk or see below for contacts

Richard Hopp	richard@hoppcoaching.co.uk	Junior coaching
Simon Longman	07979 590 891	Men's Doubles
David Sparkes	07958 655 288	Mixed Doubles
Richard Sabin	07947 486 211	Curry Night tickets

## Graffham Tennis Week



Hot on the heels of Wimbledon, after a day of marking out the grass courts and erecting the marquee, Graffham Tennis Club's Tennis Week kicks off on the evening of Friday 17 July with an adult-junior club night. See the poster on facing page for a full schedule for the week. Events are open to all – not just club members. Here are some highlights to look out for:

- The opening event on Saturday morning, the social mixed doubles, pairs up entrants so that teams are evenly matched – you will only discover your partner at the great reveal just before the event. This sociable tournament is always great fun and is accompanied by complimentary bacon butties, teas and coffees.
- Saturday afternoon sees the ever popular mixed age group softball cricket match organised by maestro Brett Creed.
- Sunday morning features the men's doubles tournament in the morning while in the evening there's the annual table tennis tourney and, for the first time, football tennis on the grass courts.
- Coaching and league matches continue through the week – do note the free adult sessions on Monday and Tuesday.
- Club juniors play a match versus Rogate on Tuesday afternoon.
- A highlight of 2025, the sports evening, is back on Wednesday with the full range of ball games available, including boules on the Rec's new court! Tennis Club versus Cardigan Club perhaps?
- And the grand finale, the end of week Curry Night, finishes the jamboree off on Friday evening.
- See the poster (opposite) for timings and contact details for all events and for the catering schedule.

### East Hants league

The club has recorded another mixed bag of results in recent league matches:

#### Graffham Tennis Club East Hants results

<b>13 May</b>	<b>Won 5-3</b>	<b>Ladies' Doubles</b>	<b>Div 4</b>	<b>v Medstead C</b>
<b>19 May</b>	<b>Lost 3-5</b>	<b>Ladies' Doubles</b>	<b>Div 2</b>	<b>v Newman Callard A</b>
<b>21 May</b>	<b>Lost 1-7</b>	<b>Ladies' Doubles</b>	<b>Div 4</b>	<b>v Newman Collard B</b>
<b>9 Jun</b>	<b>Postponed</b>	<b>Ladies' Doubles</b>	<b>Div 2</b>	<b>v The Avenue</b>

There are many league fixtures in July – do check the court booking pages of the website if Wimbledon tempts you to dust off those rackets!

### Graffham Tennis Club July home fixtures

<b>6 Jul</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Ladies' Doubles</b>	<b>Div 2</b>	<b>v Denmead</b>
<b>9 Jul</b>		<b>Mixed Doubles</b>	<b>Div 1</b>	<b>v Steep A</b>
<b>20 Jul</b>		<b>Men's Doubles</b>	<b>Div 4</b>	<b>v Fernhurst C</b>
<b>21 Jul</b>		<b>Ladies' Doubles</b>	<b>Div 2</b>	<b>v Midhurst A</b>
<b>23 Jul</b>		<b>Mixed Doubles</b>	<b>Div 1</b>	<b>v Haslemere B</b>
<b>27 Jul</b>		<b>Men's Doubles</b>	<b>Div 4</b>	<b>vs Steep C</b>
<b>29 Jul</b>		<b>Ladies' Doubles</b>	<b>Div 4</b>	<b>vs Liphook</b>

## Graffham Bowls Club

The weather hasn't cancelled any games so far this season! The President's Day went ahead despite torrential rain in the days before. The triples competition was won by Rich Jackson, Jane Riley and Charlie Tyrrell in a very close competition finally decided on points for and against. The trophy was presented by Captain Wendy Folkes.

As always, the club is looking for new members. If you'd like to try bowls, come along on a Monday evening at 5.30pm (weather permitting). All you need are flat shoes. Your first three sessions are free.



**Club captain Wendy Folkes (left) presents the President's Day triples trophy to winners Rich Jackson, Jane Riley and Charlie Tyrrell.**

### Graffham Bowls Club July home fixtures

<b>7 Jul</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>vs Pulborough</b>
<b>15 Jul</b>		<b>vs Stedham</b>
<b>28 Jul</b>		<b>vs Billingshurst</b>
<b>30 Jul</b>		<b>vs Petersfield</b>

### Graffham Bowls Club recent results

<b>vs Arundel</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>Lost</b>
<b>vs Fishbourne</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Lost</b>
<b>vs Midhurst</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>Lost</b>
<b>vs Sutton</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Won</b>

# Graffham Ladies Cricket Club

Graffham Ladies were scheduled to have their second match of the season, away at local rivals Petworth, on 22 June. Watch for a report on that match in our next issue. Meanwhile, informal mixed cricket has been taking place on Brett's carefully curated wicket.

## Boules up regularly now on the Rec

Graffham's new boules court, on the Rec by the Play Park and tennis courts, is now being used regularly, with members of the informal Cardigan Club working up a thirst there on Thursday afternoons before their regular social sessions at the Foresters Arms.

Anyone can use the court – just take along your own set of boules. There is no booking or payment system. If there's someone already playing, there's usually space for a second group alongside them. Sets of boules can be bought online.

The rules are very simple. A player from the starting side throws a small ball, the "jack", six to 10 yards away on the court. The aim then is to see who can land their boules – metal spheres each about the size of a tennis or cricket ball – nearest the jack, all throwing from the same place. Each player takes their turn, starting with whoever threw the jack. Normally, each player throws two boules. They can

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Nick White, Sandy Macqueen, Chris Mackie and John Edge try out the village's new boules court at the Rec.

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either aim to get close to the jack – or to knock an opponent’s boule out of the way. Once all boules have been thrown, the round is over. The team or player with the closest boule to the jack wins the round, scoring one point for each of their boules that is closer than the opponent’s closest boule. The game continues with more rounds until a team or player has scored 13, seven, five or however many points you decide on before you start the game.

Graffham’s boules court, measuring some 14 x 7 metres, covered in shingle and surrounded by old railway sleepers, was created in the spring with the cost, of just more than £5,000, funded entirely by contributions from local residents, mainly Cardigan Club members. The groundworks were performed by Jack Strange’s JFS Contracting, with the project led from start to finish by Chris Mackie, in coordination with the Recreation Ground Committee.

## London Marathon’s Graffham connection

Georgia Barden, who was raised in Graffham and whose parents Roy and Elsa still live in the village, succeeded in what was a particularly memorable London Marathon on 26 April. While Kenya’s Sabastian Sawe grabbed the headlines after



Georgia, after crossing the London Marathon’s finishing line, with her parents Roy and Elsa.

running the first ever competitive marathon in under two hours as a record number completed the course, Georgia finished in just under five hours – and raised more than £2,700 pounds for the Lullaby Trust, which aims to reduce the number of babies who die from sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

In a message to her backers afterwards, she said: “Thank you so much for supporting my marathon run. The total raised has absolutely blown my mind! I am so grateful for every single penny and kind, motivational word I received.”

## The beautiful game comes to our village

Inspired by the World Cup? Assure Coaching are running one or two-day football courses for boys and girls aged 5-12 on the Rec throughout the summer holidays. See [assurecoaching.co.uk](http://assurecoaching.co.uk) for details.

# Latest in line of Godman-Doringtons baptised

Three generations of Godman-Doringtons gathered in St Giles Church in recent weeks for the latest additions to the Graffham family of farmers to be baptised, just as grandfather William and Dads Archie and Hamish – of the village’s Haylands Farm – had been a few decades before them.

Atticus Barnabus, son of Archie and Amber, was christened first, on Sunday 24 May – a year or two after his sister Winnie Rosie. He was followed by his cousin Paddy (Patrick James), son of Hamish and Laura, two weeks later, on Sunday 7 June.



Hamish with Paddy, William with Winnie Rosie (Archie’s daughter) and Archie with Atticus – all baptised at St Giles recently... or less recently!



Amber and Archie with Atticus (left) and Laura and Hamish with Paddy.



Churchwarden Liz Jenkins helps children make doves at a craft table in St Giles at a Messy Church session with the theme of "the Holy Spirit". Some of these now on the prayer tree in the church.

## Messy Church set to go up in flames



The theme of the next Messy Church – on Thursday 2 July from 3.30pm – is “Moses and the Burning Bush”. Rev Vivien says: “Churchwarden Cindy wonders if this may be a good chance for a bonfire, as she has loads to burn from the churchyard. But I’m not so sure...!”

In Messy Church the crafts are creative and fun to make, the bible stories are valuable to learn. The worship takes place in St Giles’ Lady Chapel which contains visual aids like the dove with olive branch embroidered frontal and Easter themed stained glass window. The food is delicious and conveniently served in the school hall. All families welcome. All helpers appreciated! Contact Rev Vivien for information or just come along!



## TAIZÉ PRAYER

*song, prayer and silence*

Sunday 26 July 6.30pm

All Saints Chapel, Graffham (opposite shop)

*All welcome to this short ecumenical service based around a pattern of worship from the Taizé Community*



**Ding dong** Six local ringers – including Graffham’s own George White – rang a full quarter peal on St Giles’ bells on Friday 22 May – a noted achievement in bell ringers’ circles as no sequence of the six bells is ever repeated during the cycle. It took them 44 minutes of continuous ringing to complete the 540 different bell sequences.

**Churchwardens sworn in** St Giles’ two churchwardens Cindy Bradley (left) and Liz Jenkins were formally admitted to office at a special service led by Archdeacon Tom Carpenter at Midhurst’s Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene and St Denys on the evening of Tuesday 2 June.

It followed their election to the roles at Graffham with Woolavington’s annual vestry meeting at St Giles the previous month. Rev Vivien said: “We are delighted Cindy and Liz are undertaking this serious responsibility and offer them our grateful thanks and assurance of support.”



# Busy summer for Sussex family support charity

Family Support Work, the Sussex charity supported by Petworth Area Churches Together, which includes Graffham's St Giles, has been supporting hundreds of adults and children across the county this summer.

In May alone, its 95 volunteers spent a combined almost 400 hours staging nearly 40 group sessions attended by 489 adults and 224 children, made more than 185 home visits, carried out 445 phone calls or remote support sessions for a total of 230 parents and 174 children, attended 38 supported meetings with other agencies and made 79 deliveries of food to families in need.

The charity supports children and families through a combination of school-based sessions, home visits, and close partnership working with schools and other professionals. It aims to provide early intervention, practical support, and emotional guidance to help families navigate a wide range of challenges. This can include one-to-one sessions with children to help them



explore worries, build confidence and self-esteem, and better understand diagnoses or behaviour. Practitioners also support parents with practical issues such as benefits forms, housing concerns, and access to wider services, as well as attending multi-agency meetings to ensure our families' voice is heard and represented. One of its key roles is advocacy – supporting families in complex situations and helping them access the right services at the right time, often working alongside schools, health professionals, housing providers, and local authorities.

To find out more, see [familysupportwork.org](http://familysupportwork.org)

# Foodbank updates its shopping list of urgent items

Petworth Foodbank has updated its list of items most urgently needed as the summer holiday season approaches. You can contribute at its collection points in All Saints Chapel, directly opposite Graffham Village Shop or at St Giles Church or supermarkets in most local towns. Items currently most wanted include:



- Deodorant.
- Kitchen roll.
- Long-life juice and milk.
- Nappies sizes 6 and 7.
- Shampoo.
- Shower gel.
- Stock cubes.
- Sugar.
- Tinned fish.
- Tinned meat.
- Tinned vegetables.
- Toilet roll.
- Tomato ketchup.
- Washing powder.
- Washing up liquid.



Sir Alex Beard, Chief Executive, of London's Royal Opera House (left) will be opening the 2026 Petworth Festival at St Mary's Church on 16 July.

## Royal Ballet and Opera head opens Petworth Festival

London's Royal Ballet and Opera is opening the 2026 Petworth Festival – in the form of its Chief Executive Sir Alex Beard CBE, who is guest speaker at the opening event of the town's annual arts jamboree. He will be addressing the service launching the two week extravaganza, at St Mary's Church, on Thursday 16 July at 6.30pm. Sir Alex is one of the UK's leading figures in the arts. He has led the Royal Ballet and Opera, based at the Royal Opera House, since 2013 after 19 years at the Tate, where he was responsible for the business plan for the creation of Tate Modern. Before that, he worked for the Arts Council England for seven years.



The one-hour service – hosted by Petworth Area Churches Together (PACT) – will also feature music by Royal Academy of Music pianist Tomos Boyles alongside an augmented St Mary's choir, under its Director of Music Matthew Cooke. It will be led by Cannon Martin Poll. It will be rounded off with refreshments. All welcome – no need to book.

## PACT prepares for its kids' summer club

Petworth Area Churches Together (PACT) will be holding its Kids Summer Holiday Bible Club from Monday 27 July to Friday 31 July for all children of primary school age. The theme will be *The Mystery Gang*, based on the *Scooby Doo* stories. For more information, contact Annie Sneller on 07790 107377 or The Sylvia Beaufoy Centre at [enquiries@sylviabeaufoy.org](mailto:enquiries@sylviabeaufoy.org)

# Other denominations locally

**Methodist:** Midhurst. *Minister:* David Muskett *Tel:* 01730 233436. *email:* superintendent@esanddcircuit.org.uk. *Web:* 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. *Tel:* 01798 342169. *Web:* 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 *Meetings:* 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10.30am.

**Details of services at Graffham's St Giles Church are on the opposite page.**

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# What's on at our village church and chapel

- All residents and visitors 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 are open daily.
- See [stgilesgraffham.org](http://stgilesgraffham.org) or Facebook's @stgilesgraffham for any changes.
- Bellringing practice is every Tuesday at 7.30pm.
- The Rev Vivien's rest days are Fridays and Saturdays.

## July

1	Wed	12.30pm	Food with Friends	The Rectory
2	Thu	3.30pm	Messy Church	St Giles Church
4	Sat	9.30am	Come and Sing!	St Giles Church
5	Sun	10.30am	Parish Eucharist Trinity 5	St Giles Church
7	Tue	9.30am	Morning Prayer followed by Pilgrims	All Saints Chapel
12	Sun	10.30am	Parish Eucharist Trinity 5	St Giles Church
		6pm	Evensong	All Saints Chapel
14	Tue		NO Morning Prayer or Pilgrims	All Saints Chapel
19	Sun	9am	BCP Holy Communion	St Giles Church
		10.30 am	Church Family Eucharist	St Giles Church
21	Tue	9.30am	Morning Prayer followed by Pilgrims	All Saints Chapel
22	Wed	6pm	PCC meeting	The Rectory
26	Sun	10.30am	Parish Eucharist	St Giles Church
		6.30pm	Taizé Prayer	All Saints Chapel
28	Tue	9.30am	Morning Prayer followed by Pilgrims	All Saints Chapel
29	Wed	12.30pm	Food with Friends	The Rectory

## RINGING and SINGING:

To join Graffham's bellringers  
or occasional choir,  
contact Rev Vivien on 01798 867199  
or at [hello@stgilesgraffham.org](mailto:hello@stgilesgraffham.org)

# What's on in and around the village

- For weekly events, see page 53. For church services and other events, see page 49. For home sports fixtures, see page 40.
- To see what's on in the village, locally and further afield for a full year ahead, see [graffham-pc.gov.uk/graffham-village-diary](http://graffham-pc.gov.uk/graffham-village-diary)

July				
1	Wed		Seaford College term ends	Seaford College
			World Cup soccer matches (till 19 July) and Wimbledon (till 12 July) screened –page 16	Foresters Arms
		6.30pm	Graffham Parish Council meeting	Empire Hall
2	Thu	10.30am	UKHarvest community food hub	Sylvia Beaufoy, Petworth
3	Fri	6pm	Graffham Health Support Association thank-you party for volunteers ( <i>by invitation only</i> )	Empire Hall
4	Sat	11am-5pm	Midhurst Jazz and Blues Festival's vinyl fair	Old Library, Midhurst
		2-5pm	Northchapel village fair	Northchapel
			Rugby Nations Cup opening round South Africa vs England	Johannesburg
5	Sun	10am-1pm	Graffham Down Trust annual picnic –page 36	Bowley's Reserve
			Classic car day	Coultershaw Heritage Site
			Graffham Tennis Club ladies' singles tournament	Rec
			British Grand Prix	Silverstone
7	Tue	10.45am	Arts Society of Midhurst talk on <i>Scottish Colourists</i>	Midhurst Methodist Hall
		2pm	Arts Society West Sussex talk on <i>Vanessa Bell and her Bloomsbury Group relationships</i>	Fittleworth Village Hall
		3pm	PCC Community Group meeting	
8	Wed		Hampton Court Flower Show (till 12 July)	
		7-10pm	Midhurst Jazz and Blues Festival presents HMT Trio	Midhurst Fairview Wines
9	Thu		Festival of Speed (till 12 Jul)	Goodwood
		2.30pm	Thursday Club	Empire Hall
11	Sat		Graffham Tennis Club men's doubles tournament	Rec
			Cowdray Park Gold Cup polo screened (also 12 and 19 July) – see page 16	Foresters Arms
			Rugby Nations Cup round 2 Fiji vs England	Fiji
		2.30pm	Graffham Garden Group summer flower and produce show – see page 27	Empire Hall
			Wimbledon ladies' final	
12	Sun		Wimbledon men's final	
		7pm	Folk music night	The Three Moles
14	Tue	7pm	Graffham Village Shop Association AGM – see page 25	Rec Pavilion

15	Wed	7-10.15pm	Midhurst Jazz and Blues Festival presents The Jam Sessions	The Wheatsheaf, Midhurst
16	Thu		Petworth Festival (till 1 Aug)	Petworth
			The Open (till 19 July)	Royal Birkdale
17	Fri		Graffham Tennis Week (to Fri 24 July) <sup>3</sup>	Rec
			Arundel Festival of the Arts (to 31 Aug)	Arundel
			The Proms (till 12 Sep)	London
		Evening	Hot Summer's Party with live music –page 16	Foresters Arms
18	Sat		Rugby Nations Cup opening round Argentina vs England	Argentina
		Afternoon	Graffham Tennis Week social mixed doubles and parents and kids softball cricket <sup>3</sup>	Rec
		7-10.15pm	Midhurst Jazz and Blues Festival presents Resolution88	Langham Brewery, Lodsworth
19	Sun		Graffham Tennis Club men's B singles tournament <sup>3</sup>	Rec
			Vintage tractors and machinery	Coultershaw Heritage Site
		From 10am	Graffham Tennis Week doubles tournament <sup>3</sup>	Rec
		5.30pm	Graffham Tennis Week table tennis and foot tennis <sup>3</sup>	Rec
			Cowdray Park polo Gold Cup final	Easebourne
20	Mon	6.15pm	East Lavington Parish Council meeting	Seaford College
21	Tue	9-11am	Great Feet foot health professional <sup>1</sup>	Empire Hall
22	Wed		WSCC schools term ends	
		From 6pm	Graffham Tennis Week sports night <sup>3</sup>	Rec
		6.30pm	PCC meeting	The Rectory
			Graffham and Duncton Schools INSET day	
		Various	Summer tennis course for Years R-11	Graffham Tennis Club
	12.30pm	Lunch Club <sup>2</sup>	Empire Hall	
23	Thu	2pm	Graffham Garden Group outing to Place Farm and Cumberland House	Thakeham RH20 3EP
		7.15-10.15pm	Midhurst Jazz and Blues Festival presents Fraser Smith Quartet	The Lions Den, Midhurst
24	Fri	7pm	Graffham Tennis Club curry night <sup>3</sup>	Pavilion
25	Sat	10-11am	Community garden work party	War Memorial
		9am-1pm	Petworth Farmers Market	Petworth
26	Sun	7-10pm	Booze 'n' Blues Night	Three Moles
27	Mon		Graffham Tennis Club seniors' mixed tournament	Rec
			PACT Kids Club (till 31 July)	Herbert Shiner, Petworth
28	Tue	9-11am	Great Feet foot health professional <sup>1</sup>	Empire Hall
			Glorious Goodwood (to Sat 1 Aug)	Goodwood

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

<sup>2</sup>**Graffham 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 £10 a head. Please book via Harriet on 07415 256432.

<sup>3</sup>**Graffham Tennis Week:** For details of all events, see page 38.



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

<b>Mondays</b>	9-10am	Fitflows Fitness <sup>1</sup>	Empire Hall
	Daytime-evening	Osteopath <sup>2</sup>	Empire Hall
	6pm in summer	Bowls Club practices – all welcome	Rec
<b>Tuesdays</b>	8.30am-12noon	Post Office	Empire Hall
	9-11am	Breakfast served	Three Moles
	Daytime-evening	Osteopath <sup>2</sup>	Empire Hall
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice – newcomers welcome	St Giles
<b>Wednesdays</b>	9-10am	Yoga <sup>4</sup>	Empire Hall
	11.15am-12noon	Pilates <sup>5</sup>	Empire Hall
	1.45-2.45pm	Rusty Racquets adults tennis coaching <sup>6</sup>	Rec
	3.30-6.15pm	After school tennis club	Tennis Club
	5pm	Nina's Core to Floor <sup>3</sup>	Westerlands
	7-8.30pm	Badminton <sup>7</sup> – all welcome	Empire Hall
	Daytime-evening	Osteopath <sup>2</sup>	Empire Hall
<b>Thursdays</b>	Daytime-evening	Osteopath <sup>2</sup>	Empire Hall
	10.45-11.45am	Ease Into Exercise <sup>8</sup>	Empire Hall
	6-7.15pm	Yoga <sup>4</sup>	Empire Hall
<b>Fridays</b>	9-10.15am	Yoga <sup>4</sup>	Empire Hall
	9am-3pm	Physiotherapy clinic <sup>9</sup>	Empire Hall
	3-4pm	Rusty Racquets adults tennis coaching <sup>6</sup>	Tennis Club
	Evenings	Tennis Club evenings	Pavilion
<b>Saturdays</b>	8.30am	Boxfit with Nina <sup>3</sup>	Westerlands
	9-10.15am	Yoga <sup>4</sup>	Empire Hall
	10am	Nina's Core to Floor <sup>3</sup>	Westerlands
	10.30am	Yoga with Kate <sup>3</sup>	Westerlands
	9am-3pm	Physiotherapy clinic <sup>9</sup>	Empire Hall

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

<sup>1</sup>**Fitflows Fitness:** Contact Susie Bush 07870 219956. <sup>2</sup>**Osteopath:** Bookings required. To make an appointment, for daytime or early evening, contact Anna Shawcross on 01798 303557 or see [annahawcross.co.uk](http://annahawcross.co.uk) <sup>3</sup>**For all Westerlands events:** Book online at [www.westerlands.com/experiences/wild-fit](http://www.westerlands.com/experiences/wild-fit) <sup>4</sup>**Yoga:** Deborah Albon on 07790 367009. <sup>5</sup>**Pilates:** Contact Nicky Capes on 07990 517858 or 01730 812297. <sup>6</sup>**Rusty Racquets:** Contact Richard Hopp at [richard@hoppcoaching.co.uk](mailto:richard@hoppcoaching.co.uk), on 07904 069457. <sup>7</sup>**Badminton:** Contact Christina Federowicz on 07900 055574. All welcome. <sup>8</sup>**Ease Into Exercise:** Contact Susie Bush 07870 219956. <sup>9</sup>**Physiotherapy:** Contact Serena Cooper on 07884 445983 or at [serenacooper.physiotherapy@outlook.com](mailto:serenacooper.physiotherapy@outlook.com).

### Quiz answers (for questions see page 37)

1 Jim Godman-Dorington. 2 James Buchanan. 3 [a] Tippett-Iles. 4 James II (VII of Scotland). 5 British Gas. 6 Kingsley Amis. 7 Jimmy Greaves. 8 Jimmy Connors. 9 Jim Laker. 10 Noddy Holder.

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