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On the cover: Curry night – held for the first time in many years in the open air, without even the covering of canvas – rounded off another terrific Graffham Tennis Week in late July, with the setting sun turning the sky gold... and leaving our lawns and fields scorched.

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Writing from the Rectory: St Giles to St Francis

Most people in our country are at least familiar with the Christian festivals and seasons of Christmas, Easter and Pentecost, the focus of the first two of these festivals being on Jesus and the third on the Holy Spirit. In the Church of England, focus on God as Creator has been carried by the four festivals of the agricultural year, and more recently by an annual animal blessing service. The agricultural festivals are:

- Plough Monday in January blessing the plough and the seed.
- Rogationtide on the three weekdays before Ascension Day, blessing the land and beating the bounds of the parish.
- Lammas or 'loaf-mass' on 1 August presenting the first fruits of the harvest in a loaf of bread.
- Harvest Festival in the autumn, giving thanks for a safe 'Harvest Home'.

These are no longer regularly observed in all churches, however, except rural communities

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Lammas Sunday, the first Sunday in August which is a traditional thanksgiving celebration of wheat harvests, this year coincided with the Rev Vivien's birthday and the eighth anniversary of her arrival as Priest in Charge of our Parish of Graffham with Woolavington. To mark the special day, Barbara Edge baked her a delicious sponge cake with cream and fresh strawberries and raspberries – which was swiftly wolfed down by the congregation at the 10.30am service at St Giles.



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like St Giles, which continues faithfully to observe Lammas and Harvest Festival. In 1989, the Ecumenical Patriarch of the Eastern Orthodox Church introduced a new Season of Creation to run from 1 September to 4 October, with a strong focus on God as Creator. Recognising its importance for our times, the initiative rapidly spread to other Christian denominations of the Church, incorporating Harvest Festival and St Francis Day, the traditional day for animal blessing, within its season. Now, for the first time this year a new festival of God the Creator opens the season of Creation. This happens to coincide with the patronal festival of St Giles. Thankfully, as St Giles is very much associated with forests and his deer companion, this joint celebration works well.

This more emphatic opening to Creationtide highlights its importance – all too easy to see in a year of record temperatures and resultant wildfires and tremendous challenges for farmers and prospective poor harvests. The whole season honours our human instinct to wonder at the glory of creation, its intricacy and its majesty. It requires us to press for moderation in drawing resources from the earth and calls for respect for its fragility. It humbles us to confess our too-often failure to do so and calls us to pray with and for those facing the challenges of a warming climate on our behalf. It resolves us to do more ourselves, and do better, while there is yet time, to do what is right. In all this, we need to recognise that we are judged solely on our own integrity, irrespective of how others may or may not be behaving or responding. All this is necessary to be thankful people who raise the song of harvest home today. Please give yourself time for reflection on these important matters. Join us in church this season if you can.

Sundays not falling conveniently on calendar dates, the welcoming service for everyone to mark St Giles Day, the new Feast of God the Creator, and the beginning of Creationtide will take place on Sunday 6 September. And we shall bless animals on Sunday 4 October, St Francis Day. Do bring your two- or four-legged friends. You are welcome at all our services and events.

Every blessing.



Reverend Vivien

'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.'

– Genesis 2.15



Creationtide in Graffham

1 September to 4 October 2026

St Giles' Day to St Francis' Day



Tuesday 1 September
Opening of Creationtide



Sunday 6 September 10.30am
St Giles Sunday and the Feast of God the Creator
Service for all ages at St Giles Church



Sunday 20 September 10.30am
Harvest Festival

Celebrate the harvest at a service with some traditional and novel elements at St Giles Church! Bring dried or tinned goods, toiletries or other household consumables to donate to our local homeless charity Stonepillow



Friday 25 September 6.30pm
Harvest Supper

A bring-and-share meal for the entire village. All are welcome – particularly families. No need to book – the more the merrier! Just take along your favourite dish – savoury and/or sweet – to share with your fellow villagers, plus your own drinks. Donations invited towards the cost of hiring the hall – with any surplus to be given to Petworth Foodbank.



Thursday 1 October 3.30-6pm
Messy Church

With God Made Me as this month's theme, 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!



Sunday 4 October 10.30am
St Francis Day Animal Blessing and close of Creationtide
Service at St Giles Church for all ages –bring any two- or four-legged friends with you!

More than 200 sign petition to make roads safer

Graffham Parish Council (GPC) on Friday 31 July formally asked West Sussex County Council (WSCC) to implement its proposals for making the village's roads safer – the culmination of a near two-year community consultation project. The paperwork presented included a petition launched barely a week before – signed to date by more than 200 residents supporting the scheme.

The proposal has three core elements:

- Reducing the current 30mph speed limit in the most densely populated part of the village – running along The Street to its dead end at the foot of the Downs, just past the school – to 20mph.
- Introducing new “buffer zones” with speed restrictions lower than the current national limit at each approach to the village. GPC noted these were usually implemented for similar schemes, rather than switching straight from 60mph to 20mph – and were included in response to requests from residents on these roads.
- Installing signs, designed appropriately for our rural setting, at each access point to make visiting drivers aware they are entering the village where they need to take

more care. Graffham is currently a rare exception locally without any such signage.

The move follows a recent spate of near misses on our roads at a time when traffic through the village is increasing, with more development, including the recently approved Woodcote expansion, along with an increasing trend towards multiple vehicle households and more online shopping deliveries. Meantime, cars, lorries and vans today are much larger and faster than our roads were originally envisaged to handle.

The proposals, designed to improve safety on local roads for all users – residents, school children, visitors, dog walkers and other pedestrians, cyclists

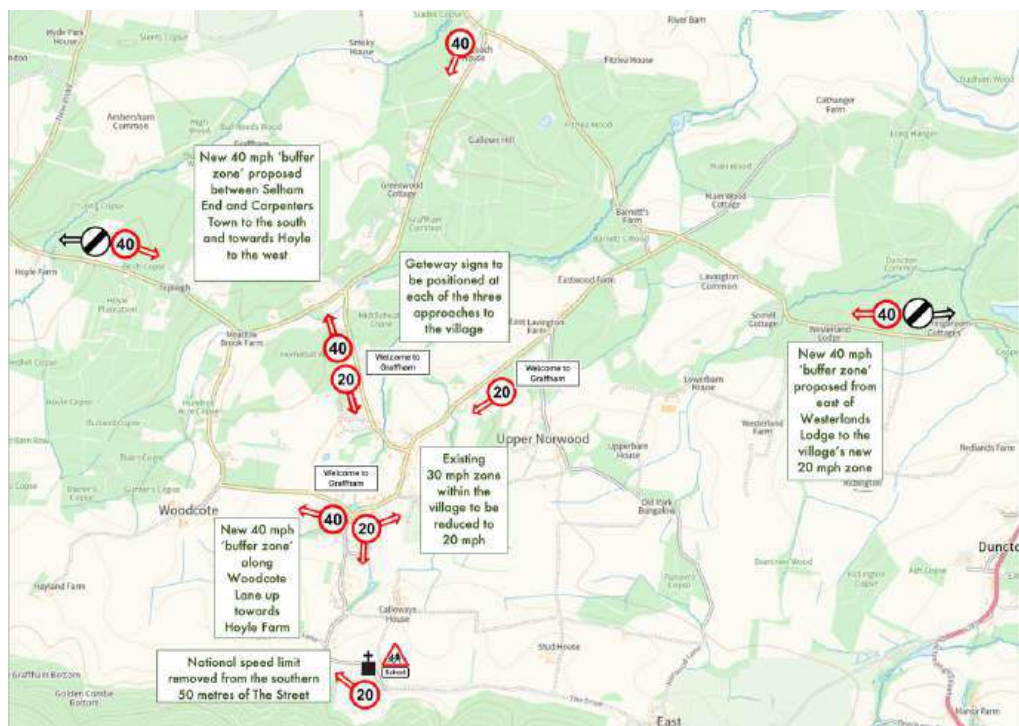
HOW TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

The petition supporting the proposals to make the village's roads safer for all users had been signed by more than 200 people from some 120 properties across the village as this issue went to press. To add your name:

- Go to ipetitions.com/p/make-graffhams-roads-safer/
- OR scan this QR code with your phone camera
- OR by pen and paper
- at Graffham Village Shop.



Other comments on the road safety proposals can be submitted by email to clerk@graffham-pc.gov.uk



Graffham Parish Council's proposals for making the village's roads safer for all users.

and horse-riders – have been developed in response to calls from residents, as part of Graffham's Village Plan adopted at the turn of the year. GPC Chairman Gillian Charlesworth said: "One of the issues raised most frequently by the community is improving road safety. The proposals that were developed as a result were subject to extensive consultation – at annual meetings of the parish, at regular parish council sessions, via dedicated surveys and in frequent articles in Graffham Parish News and Facebook's Graffham Noticeboard.

"During this lengthy process, 40 residents made representations supporting the measures that emerged while just five objected. Ahead of finally seeking approval from the county council, we noted that it looks for strong community backing when considering this kind of scheme – hence the petition launched in late July. In little more than a week, and at peak holiday time when so many people are away, this has to date been signed by over 200 people, from 120 properties in the village."

Graffham parish has just more than 400 adults on its electoral roll, living in some 200 households. The proposal also has the backing of the village's WSCC councillor Tom Richardson, its Chichester District councillor John Cross and local

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MP Andrew Griffith. Gillian added: “This represents the biggest show of opinion by our community on any single issue in recent years. It represents a firm validation of proposals developed after such extensive consultation. Thanks to all who have given their support.

“Inevitably with a change like this, there are some detractors. Some of them are from within our community – but, judging from comments posted on social media, those objecting most loudly do not live in Graffham. What is clear, nonetheless, is that there is extensive support across our village for action to make our roads safer.”

GPC’s application to WSCC is for a Community Highways Scheme, after the county advised the scheme put forward was more extensive than could be covered by the simpler Road Traffic Order.

While the proposal is now in WSCC’s hands, the petition will remain open for residents to sign, to be used in any future dialogue with the county council. Gillian said: “The more residents who sign, the greater the impact it could have, so please encourage any other adults in your households and your neighbours to sign it too.”

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

West Sussex County Council assesses all applications for Community Highways Schemes, like the one submitted by Graffham Parish Council, once a year – and the few that are approved usually take around two years to be implemented. Typically, WSCC delivers between 10 and 20 annually – so most will not be progressed. The total given the go ahead each year depends on available funding and resources.



Graffham Parish Council filed its submission just ahead of WSCC’s annual deadline. The county’s highways team reviews schemes initially for feasibility and measures them against a set of standard criteria. Those that pass this first stage review then go through a detailed assessment and are prioritised against all other applications.

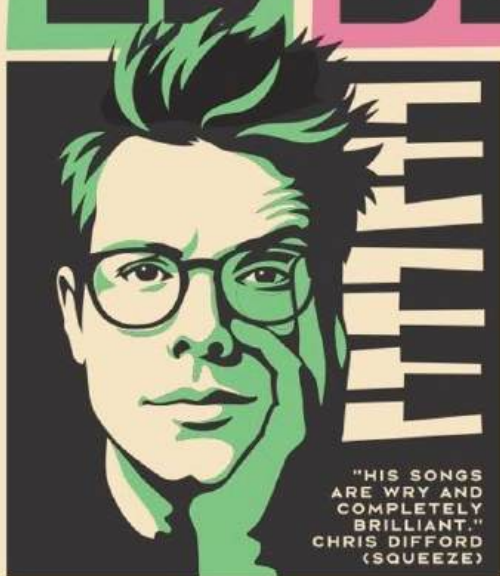
They are then moderated by a technical panel towards the end of the calendar year and the highest priority schemes recommended for technical design work in WSCC’s delivery programme for the following year. Those that make the cut are then considered for construction in the following year, although the more complex schemes can take longer still.

Before final approval, schemes are subject to a further round of public consultation.

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Drawing comparisons to James Taylor, Paul Simon and Randy Newman, he blends folk, jazz and roots with a dry, self-deprecating wit and a gift for turning everyday moments into profound songs.

You may have heard him on BBC Radio, at the many festivals or other venues he has played. This promises to be an intimate, story-led evening full of humour, honesty and musicianship.

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Revised proposals lodged for Lavington Estate

Revised plans for the “restoration and regeneration” of Lavington Stud and Estate, including Calloways, were filed with South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) in late July. They are designed to address, where “feasible, reasonable and proportionate”, comments made by the public and planning officials since the original proposals were posted a year ago.

Both Graffham and East Lavington Parish Councils supported in principle those previous plans, which had been submitted following community consultation carried out early last year. Consultation on the revised plans was scheduled to close on 13 August.

The updated proposal is supported by more than 40 supplementary documents and plans detailing the changes since then. Genesis, the planning consultants advising the owners James and Bianca Pitt, said: “The proposals have been significantly revised, with strong focus on retaining more of the historic farmstead character, reducing subdivision, and improving the overall design approach.

“Substantial revisions have been made to both Calloways and Home Farm proposals to deliver a more sensitive landscape and heritage-led approach, retaining more historic fabric, reducing subdivision and strengthening the agricultural character of the estate. The application should be considered within the context of the wider long-term vision for the estate, which seeks to secure sustainable estate management, landscape recovery, biodiversity enhancement and continued investment in nature-friendly farming and public engagement initiatives.”

At Calloways, in Graffham parish, the intention now is to convert the existing old agricultural buildings into nine smaller homes (rather than six larger ones proposed a year ago, and two fewer than for which planning approval has already been granted around a decade ago) and seven “enterprise” units, intended for local



At Calloways, rather than replace the current bungalow with one large detached house as proposed a year ago (left), the aim now is to create two, smaller, semi-detached vernacular-style cottages (right), inspired by the existing Calloways Cottages nearby.



The latest plans for Calloways would see the existing old agricultural buildings converted into nine homes and seven 'enterprise' units (above), against the six homes and seven enterprise units proposed a year ago (below) – and instead of the 11 homes for which planning permission has already been granted. Buildings that would be homes are indicated by numbers while 'enterprise' units and estate facilities are lettered.



artisan craftspeople and not-for-profit organisations, the same number as proposed a year ago, with four of the existing structures left as they are today. Five of the nine homes would have three bedrooms, and the remaining four contain two bedrooms. The applicants pointed out that this mix is more in line with SDNPA policies and priorities. More of the existing buildings and their historic features,

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including flint and brick walls, would be retained, reducing the scale of demolition previously envisaged, with the revised design “better reflecting the agricultural and equestrian character of the buildings”.

At Home Farm, the base of the former stud operation, in East Lavington civil parish, the proposed new main house, which would replace many of the 20th Century stables and barns, has been “comprehensively redesigned” to provide “a clearer and more coherent Georgian farmhouse approach”. The revised design has less glazing, deeper eaves, larger chimneys and different materials including Wealden stone and brick, with more sustainability elements included. What had been the estate’s manor in days gone by is now Seaford College’s Mansion House.

As with the previous proposal, courtyard buildings at Home Farm would be renovated to become holiday units, offices and a multifunctional space for education, estate meetings, ancillary residential use and a limited number of visitor events a year. Other buildings would be retained as existing stables and storage.

The applicants noted that “given the scale and nature of the development, the works will inevitably be undertaken in phases”.

A few Graffham residents lodged objections to the previous proposal over concerns about the additional traffic it would generate through the village. The latest filings stated “that no construction route through Seaford College is proposed or intended as part of the development proposals” and that a detailed transport statement had been prepared covering construction traffic and highways impacts, concluding that “the proposed development would not result in an unacceptable impact on highway safety, nor would it adversely affect the operation of the local highway network through Graffham village”. It added: The assessment also confirms that the residual cumulative impacts of the development would not be severe.”

You can see full details and leave your comments at tinyurl.com/lavington-plans



Architects’ drawings of how the new estate house would look from the south under the latest proposals (above), compared with the previous plans (below).



Graffham Parish Council supported the revised Lavington proposals at its planning meeting on Wednesday 19 August but questioned why Seaford College could not be used as access for the development of Home Farm with appropriate conditions, such as only using that route during school holidays, rather than all traffic having to pass through Graffham village.



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Tangletrees appeals against planning conditions

The owners of Tangletrees are appealing against a number of conditions imposed when it was granted planning approval for its rebuilding, covering the use of its loft and need for frosted glass in some windows. Chichester District Council and South Downs National Park Authority, supported by Graffham Parish Council, oppose the appeal, which will be decided upon by a government inspector.

Planning applications

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

Old Perrots House, Perrott Lane, Graffham GU28 0NZ: Removal of existing glazed roof, infilling of affected roof and addition of a new rooflight. External alterations and changes to fenestration. *SDNP/26/02777/HOUS. Validated 15 Jul 2026. Consultation ended 19 Aug 2026.*

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RIP Biddy Dimmer

We were saddened to hear of the death of long-term Graffham resident Biddy Dimmer on 4 August 2026. Biddy moved to Red Oak, in The Street, in 1979 and remained there for some 40 years with her husband Paul, who passed away four years ago. A memorial service for Biddy will be held at St Giles Church on Saturday 3 October at 1pm, followed by a light lunch at the Empire Hall. All who knew her will be welcome. The family ask that nobody should wear a black tie. We plan to feature a full tribute to Biddy in a future edition.

Drain cleaning and pole works to close roads

Graffham Common and Fitzlea Wood Roads face temporary closures on Tuesday and Wednesday 22 and 23 September for drains to be jetwashed. A week later, Fitzlea Wood Road again, this time with Duncton Common Road, face temporary closures again, on 29 and 30 September, for telecoms poles to be replaced. For full details, see one.network

Westminster waits again on West Sussex future

Westminster announced in mid-July a further delay to its decision on local government reorganisation in West Sussex. It follows two separate consultations. Our county is just one of two regions in England now left in limbo.

The government intends to replace the current two-tier system of district and county councils with new unitary authorities delivering all local government services within a single area. West Sussex County Council had urged for it to add the



districts' duties to its responsibilities, as one unitary authority for the entire county. Chichester and the other district and borough councils proposed two unitaries – with our Chichester merging with Arun, Worthing, and Adur. Westminster rejected both proposals and suggested instead that Chichester could

be combined with Horsham, Mid-Sussex and Crawley as one of two unitaries.

However, in a statement just four days before Andy Burnham took over as Prime Minister, then Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government Steve Reed said more time was needed to ensure the right decision was made for West Sussex. He expected a ruling by October and confirmed the Government remained committed to its current timetable for implementing whatever change is eventually decided upon, with the new authority taking over in the year after next.

Selham's St James stars in new book on 'kirks'



Selham's St James' features in a new book that looks at some of Britain's more unusual churches. *The Charms of Kirks and Quirks* is self-published by Chichester author Sally Rieder. While St James is outside the ecclesiastical parish of Graffham with Woolavington, it sits within Graffham civil parish. Sally says of it: "Both the church and its rustic surroundings are so pretty that I'm surprised we haven't seen it on television, as a venue for a wedding or funeral in a period tale. Apart from repairs and inevitable additions down the years, this is still very much a Saxon church, its best feature being the chancel arch with stunning capitals either side."

Parish merger boundary review on 1 September

Chichester District Council's Boundary Review Panel will hold a rare meeting on Tuesday 1 September to consider the proposal by Graffham and East Lavington Parish Councils to merge. The session was originally scheduled for Friday 3 July, but was postponed as a number of representatives could not attend at short notice.

The committee, which is only convened when needed, last met in November 2024. Its September session will be held 'remotely', at 2pm. Graffham and East Lavington Parish Council Chairmen Gillian Charlesworth and Simon Longman have been invited to attend. The public can listen in via chichester.nucast.live/



The six district councillors on the panel will be asked to support a recommendation that a community governance review should be undertaken of the parish arrangements for East Lavington and Graffham, including whether the existing area they cover should be altered. They will also consider whether further consultation on the proposal is required. If approved, the issue will then go before a full meeting of Chichester District Council on Tuesday 22 September.

The proposal has already been subject to extensive consultation across the two parishes in the past few years, with an overwhelming majority of residents supporting it.



Parish councils raise concerns on wildfire threat

Graffham and East Lavington Parish Councils have been liaising with other local authorities about the risk of wildfires during the current drought, which has turned much of the countryside in and around our village into a potential tinderbox.

Our two parish councils wrote to the SDNPA in July asking how it was planning to protect the landscape from the risk of wild fires, raising concerns in particular over cleared rhododendrons

How you can reduce the risk to our community

West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service has warned that even small heat sources, such as discarded cigarettes or a spark from a campfire, can develop into significant incidents that spread rapidly, especially during the hot, dry and windy weather we have experienced for much of the summer.

The sale of disposable barbeques was banned by the government on Friday 14 August – while the use of any barbeque on heathlands or open countryside in the South Downs National Park was already prohibited by the park authority.

Besides not using disposable barbecues in the countryside or on areas of dry grass, the Fire Service urges us all to:

- Not light campfires or other flames in open spaces.
- Properly extinguish and dispose of any smoking materials.
- Take litter home, especially glass bottles which can focus sunlight and start a fire.
- Not park vehicles on dry grass.
- Report fires or signs of fire immediately by calling 999.

In a letter to the SDNPA's Chief Executive Siôn McGeever and Chairman Vanessa Rowlands, they warned that "one spark is all it would take to ignite this vast area."

While at Singleton "there are various contingency plans in place" they pointed out: "The fire break around the site is only minimal with large mature conifer plantations overlapping and breaching the area.

"As nearby parishes, we see an uncontrollable wild fire threat, with a methane-enriched atmosphere" from vents and leaks.

Regarding Duncton Common's cleared rhododendrons, they stated: "In the dry conditions, this practice of leaving the branches to rot does not seem to us sensible and we would appreciate you as the authority raising this with the (land owner) Leconfield Estate."

Graffham Parish Council will provide a full report on the outcomes and actions being taken as a result of its activity at its meeting on Wednesday 9 September at 6.30pm at the Pavilion.

Could you help if there was an emergency here?

Graffham Parish Council is creating a new resilience plan as one of the actions in the Village Plan adopted earlier this year. The aim is to ensure the community is as well placed as possible in the event of emergencies such as fires, floods or power cuts, when the parish council is the designated first responder before emergency services arrive.

Chairman Gillian Charlesworth said: “We are looking for contributions from residents – so if you have expertise, knowledge or ideas or would be prepared to assist in the event of an emergency, by contributing vehicles, equipment, accommodation or skills and elbow grease, please let us know. The wildfires some poor people in our country have faced this summer and flooding others experienced in the winter highlight the need to be as set up as we can be. It’s part of our role to ensure Graffham’s as prepared as it can be if the worst comes to the worst.” Skills that might be particularly helpful in an emergency include medical, caring, plumbing, electrical, general building/DIY, logistics, catering or just plain manpower. Items that could be needed include chainsaws, power and other tools, generators, tractors and other four-by-four vehicles.



Any offers of help should be submitted via email to clerk@graffham-pc.gov.uk

Free defib training could enable you to save a life

Graffham and East Lavington residents are being offered free training in the use of defibrillators. There are six of the life-saving units in the community – on the outside walls of the Empire Hall and the Rec Pavilion, in old telephone boxes by The Three Moles, outside Pescods on The Street and at Seaford College and one inside Graffham Infant School.

The guidance on offer will make those participating more confident in using them. The two-hour sessions, both on Saturday 26 September, one at 9.30am and the other at 1pm, are being funded by Graffham Parish Council and run in conjunction with Graffham Health Support Association. A maximum of 10 places is available at each session – making a total of 20 in all – so anyone interested is advised to sign up in advance, by email to gillian.charlesworth@graffham-pc.gov.uk or via text or WhatsApp to 07973 768924.



Local colleges celebrate awesome exam results

Students at both Midhurst Rother and Seaford Colleges have been celebrating some of the colleges' best yet sets of A level, GCSE and equivalent results.

Seaford's largest cohort gained its best yet grades at A Level, BTEC, CTEC and EPQ. Outgoing headmaster John Green said: "Seaford impressively maintained its academic momentum by achieving our highest yet [top] grades for Sixth Form in publicly sat examinations. I am so proud of what we have achieved through teamwork with students, staff and parents." Half of its leavers are going on to Russell Group universities, including Bristol, Exeter, Nottingham and Cardiff. This is not just the highest number it has sent on to these unis but it also saw the highest number of students yet accepted by their first-choice university.

Students also achieved Seaford's best yet GCSE grades, with the highest number of 9-7 and 9-5 grades recorded by the school to date, with 100 per cent clocking up grades 9-4 in English Language and English Literature.

Midhurst's Rother College is also sending a bumper number of students to top universities, with places gained at Cambridge, Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama, the Universities of Warwick and Sheffield and other institutions.

Speaking on results day, Principal Stuart Edwards said: "To see such excitement and pride on our Sixth Formers' faces is brilliant. We are pleased for every one of our young people seeing their hard work and commitment pay off. We know they have all developed into fantastic young adults and grown in confidence, leadership and character – something that will serve them well as they move forward."

Threequarters of Rother College's GCSE cohort achieved at least a Grade 4 in both English and Maths.

Reminder of ragwort's risks to livestock

Graffham Parish Council is reminding local landowners of the risks to horses and livestock of ragwort. Councillor Colin Barker, the council's lead on environmental



matters, said: "Under the Weeds Act 1959, it is an offence to leave ragwort in or next to any field intended for grazing or hay making or to allow it to seed or spread onto any adjacent land used for grazing or hay making. If your neighbours use land for grazing or hay making, they could take legal action against you if you let ragwort flower and seed on your property."

Successors sought for key Empire Hall roles

Volunteers are being sought to succeed four of the key officers on the Empire Hall's committee of trustees at its AGM on Wednesday 2 September at 6.30pm – keeping the doors of this vital village asset open.

Chairman Ollie Robinson-Boulton and Maintenance Officer Tom Richardson have said they will not be seeking re-election. Bookings Secretary Anna Shawcross is emigrating to New Zealand. Long-serving Treasurer Carole Sargent also wants finally to stand down after many years of service.

Graffham Parish Council (GPC) has reaffirmed the offer it made in its 2026 Village Plan of facilitating some administrative help. Chairman Gillian Charlesworth said: "The council is not looking to take over the hall – it must continue to be run by a group of dedicated trustees – but we are offering help to ensure that this key community resource can keep its doors open. Hopefully, the admin support we are proposing to organise will take a great deal of the work involved off the shoulders of the volunteers."

It is hoped that volunteers can be identified ahead of the hall's AGM. If you would like to help, or would like to find out more, contact the hall secretary Jonathan Simons (who has indicated his willingness to stay on board) on 01798 867689 or at JonathanHSimons@outlook.com. The Empire Hall was built and bequeathed to the community by village benefactor James Buchanan, later Lord Woolavington, in 1907. Its committee of trustees, comprising representatives of regular users supplemented by others elected at its AGMs, has responsibility for looking after it. A number of improvements have been made by the committee in the past year, including deep cleaning, repainting and a new online bookings system.



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The eclipse that left Graffham in the dark

It was billed as the most spectacular eclipse for a generation – and Graffham and East Lavington residents weren't going to miss it! They were out in force at the Foresters Arms, The Three Moles, the Village Shop car park, the Rec, the Downs and in their gardens, as the Moon blocked 93 per cent of the Sun from shining on our neighbourhood at around 7.14pm on Wednesday 12 August.

Many gazed at the phenomenon through solar filter glasses – The Foresters had ordered in almost three dozen of them! Others adhered to official advice to follow the Moon's track over the Sun by projecting an image of it through a make-shift pinhole camera or just a colander.

From around 6.15pm, when our planet's lunar satellite first edged over our nearest star, the sky gradually darkened and everything quietened, apart from the oohs and aahs of humans watching the spectacle, until everything gradually returned to normal two hours or so later.

It was the largest partial solar eclipse experienced here in more than a quarter of a century. You'll not see another in our village until 2081 – if you are around that long!



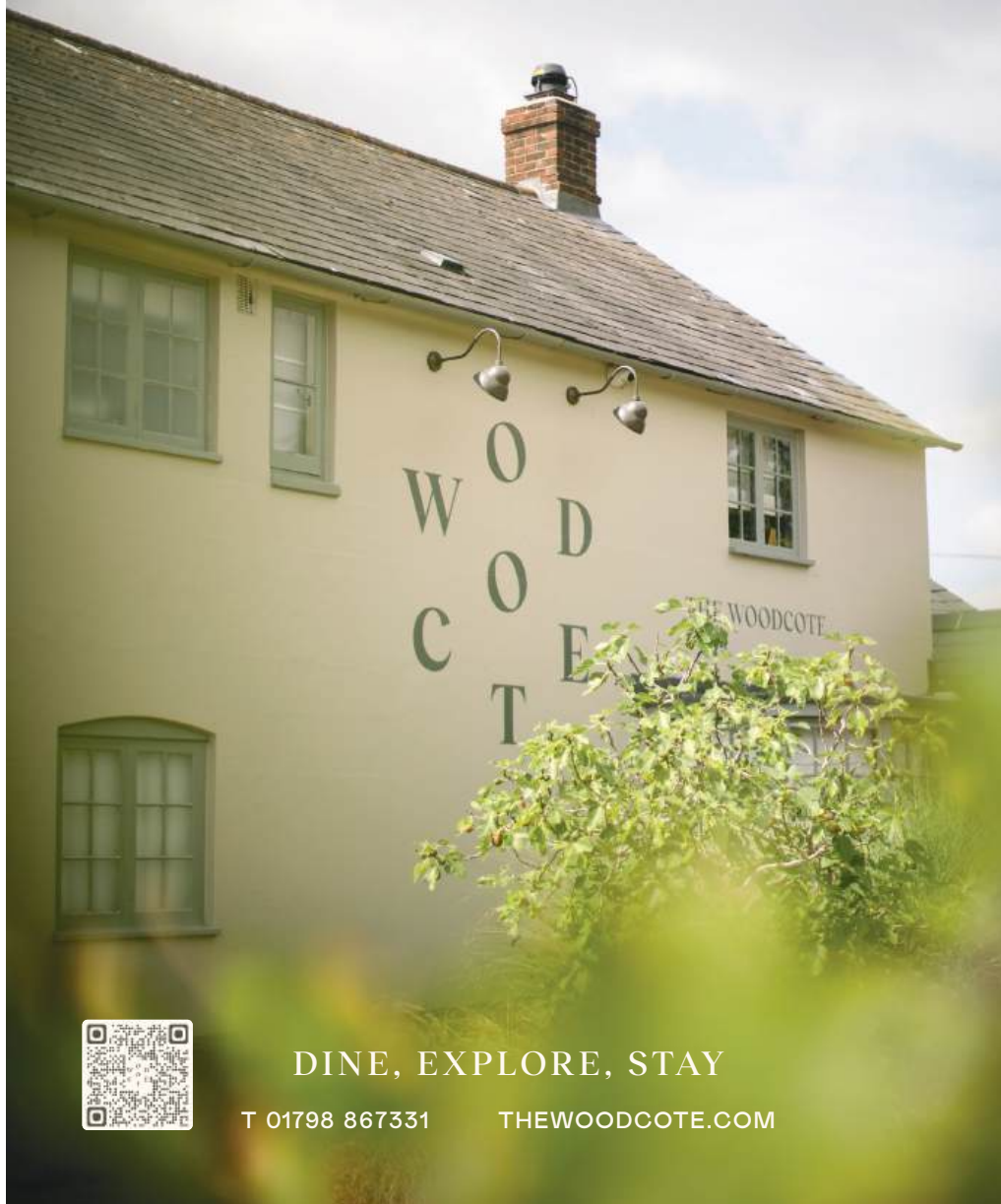
East Lavington's Patrick Limpus captured this stunning shot of the partial eclipse at its height through a special lens from The Foresters Arms, where pub dog Ted was in charge of health and safety for the evening.



Entrance fees waived over heritage weekend

A number of local attractions, including Petworth House, Petworth Cottage Museum, Coultershaw Heritage Site and Burton Mill will welcome visitors for free throughout Heritage Open Weekend, Saturday and Sunday 12-13 September. Petworth House will also be offering guided walks over the weekend, with guides recounting the connections between the town and the stately home.

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Woodcote woos Michelin star winner Nathan

The Woodcote has a new Executive Chef – multiple Michelin star winner Nathan Cornwell. He brings more than 15 years' experience in some of Europe's most respected kitchens, most recently at London's highly rated Silver Birch.

Nathan earned his first Michelin star as Head Chef of The Barn at Moor Hall in West Lancashire before moving to The Silver Birch, where his cooking received a rare five star review from *The Sunday Times*, whose restaurant critic Charlotte Ivers named it one of her favourite restaurants in the capital.

He started his career aged 16 and went on to work at Cheltenham's Le Champignon Sauvage and Stockholm's Oaxen Krog, both with two Michelin stars, and Copenhagen's Geranium, which had three Michelin stars.

The Woodcote said his "thoughtful, ingredient-led approach is rooted in seasonality, provenance and a deep respect for the landscape". His menus would "follow the rhythm of the seasons, celebrating the finest produce from the South

Downs and the surrounding coastline". He'll work closely with The Woodcote's Head Gardener Phil Austin to develop the restaurant-with-rooms' kitchen garden and further develop its links with local farmers, gamekeepers, fishermen and producers to "shape menus that reflect both the place and the people behind every ingredient".

He succeeds Matt Gillan who led The Woodcote's kitchen for the past year.



The Three Moles launches loyalty scheme



The Three Moles now has its own loyalty scheme. Customers who sign up are issued with a key fob which they tap onto a reader each time they make a purchase. For each whole pound spent, they receive a loyalty point, with 100 points worth £5, which landlords Tom Richardson and Ollie Boulton say makes it "much more generous than certain supermarkets!" Points can be used as they are earned or saved up for a special occasion.

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Property watch

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

Guillod Cottages, Graffham GU28 0NW: Semi-detached house. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, lounge, kitchen/diner. 100 sq m (1,082 sq ft). Garden. Guide price £895,000. *Cubitt & West, Pulborough 01798 309665. Listed 4 Aug.*



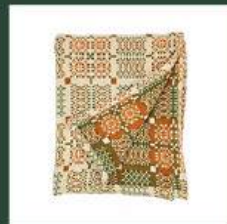
8 Woodberry House, Burton Park Road, Heath End GU28 0JU: Apartment in period house. Two bedrooms, one bathroom, sitting room, kitchen/breakfast room. 72 sq m (775 sq ft). Shared gardens with parking spaces. Guide £225,000. *RH & RW Clutton, Petworth 01798 303593. Listed 29 Jul.*

Toad Hall, Church Lane, Duncton GU28 0JZ: Detached house. Seven bedrooms, three bathrooms plus cloakroom, sitting room, study, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room with pantry and utility. Self-contained two-bed annexe. 421 sq m (4,530 sq ft). Garden, garaging, outbuildings. Guide price £1.35 million. *Savills, Petworth 301451. Listed 14 Aug.*



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A fleet of 4x4s ferried the visitors up to the Graffham Down Trust reserves where volunteer waitresses Tricia Wilson, Carole Kirke, Angela Clark and Jude Sennitt were ready with a full table service of tea and cakes.

High tea – 30 for cuppas and cake up in reserves

Graffham Down Trust held a new event on Saturday 15 August – Tea in the Reserves, for those who prefer a more comfortable experience in the reserves than wielding saws and loppers or building brash barriers, as most of its volunteers do.



Chairman Jim Kirke and his merry band of 4x4 drivers transported around 30 visitors up the steep slopes to the top, taking in the view from Bowley's reserve along the way before depositing everyone in a cool shady spot in Long Meadow, where a full afternoon tea service, complete with tablecloths and chairs, had been laid out to await them.

GDT volunteers Carole Kirke, Jude Sennitt, Tricia Wilson, Anne Dennig and Angela Clark were the eager waitresses on hand to welcome the visitors to the "Graffham Down Trust Café". The GDT bakers did not disappoint with a selection of more than eight wonderful confections listed on a



Long Meadow Reserve in its guise as Graffham Down Trust Café, where the visitors could choose from a selection of eight cakes to sample with their cuppas.



cake menu for the visitors to choose from. While the party downed their teas, botanist Nick Sturt was on hand to identify flora in the area. A lovely day was had by all before the intrepid drivers ferried the party down the hill again.

Formed in 1983, Graffham Down Trust protects 77 acres of chalk downland and wildlife reserves along the South Downs Way above Graffham village, where it preserves native plants, rare butterflies and other fauna.

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Movie night is back – starting in the open air

Graffham Empire Movies (GEM) is gearing up for its 21st season, starting by linking up with the Foresters Arms once again to offer a late summer screenings in the pub's garden this month – with a singalong screening *Mamma Mia!* along with the classic romance *The Bridges of Madison County*.

The two Foresters shows will be in aid of the Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance. Film goers will be invited to make a donation to the cause. Besides the pub's regular offerings of drinks and meals, there will be ice creams and sweets available.

The rest of the season GEM will, as usual, be held in – and to raise funds for – the Empire Hall, using the building's new state-of-the-art audio visual system. The programme features some of the best new releases – Oscar and BAFTA winners, comedies, weepies, romcoms, all mainly British. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for under 18s, bookable in advance via ticketsource.co.uk/GEM or at the door on the night. Again, there's a bar – and interval ice creams.

GEM was established 20 years ago with the dual aims of bringing the cinema to our village and raising funds for the Empire Hall. Since its first screening, on 11 November 2006 (of *The World's Fastest Indian*), it has shown 120 films and contributed an estimated £15,000 to the Empire Hall. The most popular movie to date was *The Queen*, shown in February 2007, which attracted a near capacity audience just shy of 120.

Friday/Saturday 11/12 September 8pm

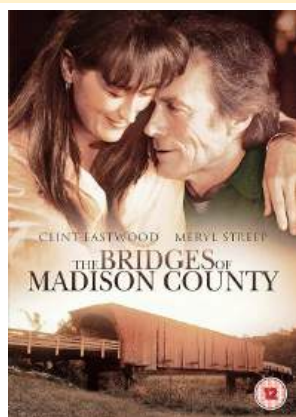
Foresters Arms garden

Bridges of Madison County

Certificate 12. 135 minutes

Mamma Mia

Certificate PG 108 minutes



Opening with the 1995 romantic weepie starring Meryl Streep and Clint Eastwood – followed the next night by the classic 2008 jukebox musical rom-com based on and featuring the hits of ABBA when joining in all the songs will be encouraged!



Saturday 17 October 7 for 7.30pm

Empire Hall

Hamnet

Certificate 12

126 minutes



Jessie Buckley won the 2026 best actress Oscar for her role as Agnes, wife of William Shakespeare (Paul Mescal). Visually stunning and emotionally charged, it brings to life the powerful love story that inspired the creation of Shakespeare's timeless masterpiece, Hamlet, as the couple cope with the death of their 11-year-old son. Based on the novel by Maggie O'Farrell, it won the 2026 BAFTA for Outstanding British Film.

Saturday 7 November 7 for 7.30pm

Empire Hall

The Roses

Certificate 15 125 minutes



Life seems easy for picture-perfect couple Ivy and Theo – successful careers, a loving marriage, great kids. But after they move to the USA, a storm is brewing – as Theo's career nosedives while Ivy's own ambitions take off. A tinderbox of fierce competition and hidden resentment ignites in laugh-out-loud style. Movie review website *Rotten Tomatoes* said: "Watching Olivia Colman and Benedict Cumberbatch trade barbs is a treat unto itself."

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Empire Hall

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Bill's bygones: Holbard, Heyshott harvesting, Howell

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 – September 2016: Barnaby and Cas Wiener host a tea party at Glasses, raising more than £1,000 for the Bishop of Horsham's refugee appeal. St Giles Church unveils a new noticeboard by its south door. Former Graffham Rector Rev Stephen Gray becomes Senior Chaplain at Eton College. On the village's bowls green, Kym Pegram wins the Holbard Cup, Robertson Rose Bowl and Police Shield, with Paul Chenery taking the Captain's Cup. Graffham Empire Movies screens *Bridge of Spies*. Former Prime Minister David Cameron resigns from the House of Commons, three months after losing the Brexit referendum, triggering a by-election in Witney. The Bank of England issues its first polymer banknote.

25 years ago – September 2001: In her new "Graffham Diary" column in the *Midhurst & Petworth Observer*, Pru Hart reports on the sponsored horse ride by Sam Sheppard, Eric Rimmer, Frances Heaton and Pam Pritchard from Guillods Cottages to Cocking along Long Bostle to raise money for the appeal against the route's reclassification as a Byway Open to All Traffic. "Harvesting the Old-Fashioned Way" at Manor Farm, Heyshott, is cancelled because of a foot and mouth disease outbreak. Lavington Plantation is acquired by the National Trust, which plans to return it to heathland after it was planted with pine in 1958. Eric Kemp retires after 27 years as Bishop of Chichester. Two Boeing 767s are flown by terrorists into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York. Death of heart transplant pioneer Christiaan Barnard (78).

50 years ago – September 1976: Graffham Stoolball Club, led by captain Wendy Challen, invites ten local teams to compete for the annual Cancer Research Challenge Cup. Stedham win, but Graffham's Sue Bayley wins the individual batting prize having scored 146 runs. Florence Nagle, of Westerlands, who had taken the Jockey Club to court to win the right of women to hold trainers' licences, announces her retirement from racing. The annual sale at Hurlands in aid of Selham Church raises £400, a record and £80 more than 1975's total. Minister for Drought Denis Howell says water consumption must be halved. The first episode of *The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin* airs on BBC television. The Ford Cortina Mark IV is launched. Death of People's Republic of China founder Mao Zedong (82).

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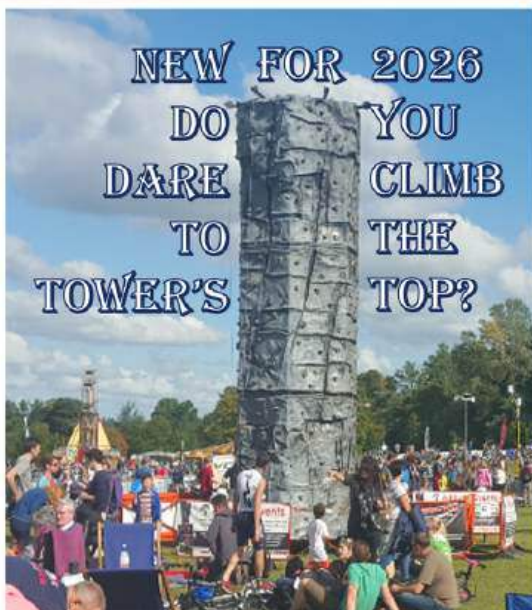
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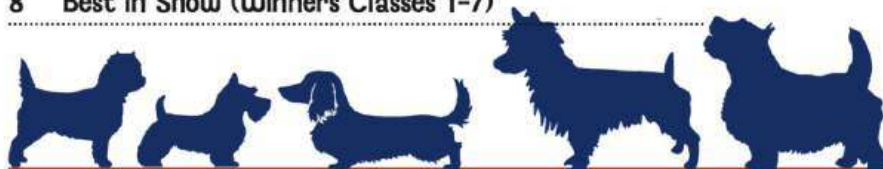
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Graffham Chronicles: When our band was banned

In her column this month, local historian Pauline Goodwin remembers when our village had its own brass band leading parades along The Street – and when it was discouraged from raising funds for the main cause it supported.

There are two sentences written in the Graffham Women's Institute scrapbook of 1947 which took me on a fascinating historical road of discovery. They are found in a short section about the generosity of Lord Woolavington to Graffham during the three decades at the start of the 1900s when he was the village squire.

The first sentence states that he “helped to form a brass band and provided a smart uniform for about 22”. This was in 1903, when, as James Buchanan, the whisky baron bought the Manor of Graffham and equipped the village brass band with outfits but also with instruments – like many other wealthy landowners did at the time, as part of their local patronage.

The British Bands Historical Directory records more than 12,100 bands nationally back then and confirms that Graffham Brass Band was active in 1907.

Many brass bands have flourished in Britain over the last 200 years but there are very few documented records covering their history. There is photographic evidence, however, published by IBEW, a website charting brass band heritage, that the Graffham troupe, clothed in their smart uniform, took part in a contest for brass bands at Crystal Palace in 1907. However, the assertion in the 1947 WI scrapbook that Graffham won prizes there cannot be proved.

I was delighted to find a source that documented some of the events at which the Graffham Band played. *The Sussex Advertiser* of a century ago details some of them. In its 1 January 1914 issue, it states that the band performed at principal residences in Graffham throughout Christmas week. Then at Easter and on Empire



A series of picture postcards in Graffham Archive captures the village's brass band...



Resplendent in their new uniforms gifted by village squire James Buchanan, members of Graffham's Brass Band are captured at Crystal Palace in this stunning photo from 1907.

Day it paraded to the church for the morning services. In July of the same year, the band assembled for the annual fete held in conjunction with the Ancient Order of Foresters, whose local branch met at The Foresters Arms (hence the pub's name). This was followed by a parade up to St Giles Church for a service conducted by the Rev A.K. Hockey, then a meal for 60 people back in a marquee at The Foresters.

Can you imagine the wonderful noise it must have made, with the bass drum thumping out the beat and the horns blasting out in harmony? You would have heard it for miles across our fields and woods, like today's church bells.

Later issues of *The Surrey Advertiser* tell that the band was unable to perform at

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...leading Hospital Parades along The Street to St Giles Church in the early 1900s.

events like Harvest thanksgiving in October 1914 as so many of its bandsmen had been called up to serve in the armed forces in World War I by then. It had, though, resumed its regular activities in the 1920s and 1930s.

There are photographs from those earlier times of frequent well-attended processions along The Street to St Giles. Some of them were Hospital Parades. There was a designated national Hospital Sunday Parade Day but local churches, including our own St Giles, designated other Sundays also for community hospital associations to march and make collections.

Back then, hospitals were funded by this kind of charitable activity and donations. Collecting boxes were placed in various locations such as railway stations and pubs. Communities were also encouraged to collect items such as foil, newspapers, clothes and egg boxes to be sold on to raise money for hospitals. I remember a major collecting “industry” in Graffham in the mid 1950s, with much of the goods gathered stored at Lavington Stud. It was a very profitable enterprise.

By the 1930s, these Hospital Parades had become elaborate festivals combining processions with banners, brass bands and civic worship. Fund-raising became a major focus for community activities. They were a welcomed source of fun and entertainment with dances, carnivals, whist drives and parades. Everyone turned out in their Sunday best!

Medical professionals regarded these activities as an important source of funding for hospitals. Furthermore, it was regarded that the middle classes had a responsibility for funding the medical care of the poor. This feeling went very deep within the community and was seen as an essential virtue in the Christian church. The notion of voluntary spirit championed for so many decades was held dear to the nation and was very difficult for citizens to ignore.

However, when the National Health Service Act (1946) turned control of Britain’s voluntary hospitals over to central government, fund-raising for medical care was deemed no longer necessary. This eliminated the primary objective of Hospital Sundays – but the bands continued to march until 1948 when Aneurin Bevan assembled the representatives of the new regional hospital boards to warn them against continued fund-raising. The collection boxes were to be taken away from stations and pubs and other forms of fund raising were to cease – so no more flag days, fetes, or bazaars. Bevan declared that the only donations welcomed would be those of people’s time to carry out voluntary works.

As the chairman of the management of the Bristol Teaching Hospital committee

told *The Western Daily Press* in 1948: “Patients in the hospitals are already being given everything that they need in the way of food, treatment, skill and attention. If someone gave us additional money, there is nothing to spend it on.”

This seemed to point to an end of Hospital Parades and Hospital Sundays.

Huddersfield University’s Robert Piggott wrote a thesis entitled *Hospital Sunday and the new National Health Services: An End to the ‘Voluntary Spirit’ in England?* The question mark is particularly important here as Piggott describes at length that, even after 30 years, the fund-raising ban still rankled across the country, especially with the church.

He cites examples of the continued dissatisfaction, including the broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on 15 October 1978 of the Walsall Parish Church’s Hospital Sunday service – which included a collection for local hospitals.

The brass bands may have stopped parading – but the sentiment of voluntary spirit was still strong. Who would have thought that a band, like Graffham’s whose players were simply marching and making music, could have been involved in such political and ideological conflict?



Behind an Ancient Order of Foresters banner and with, presumably, dignitaries at the front, Graffham’s Brass Band leads a Hospital Parade along The Street in the early 1900s.

Out and about: Beautiful sights of 2026

A regular column by Jonathan Simons who can often be seen wandering randomly around the village looking for wildlife to post on Facebook's Beautiful Sights of Graffham and Surrounding Area. It's a private site so does not get any spam or annoying ads – do join us!



We live in a beautiful part of the country. We have downs, heaths, meadows, and, although there's been hardly any rain to fill them this summer, rivers and streams. This has not gone unnoticed by our public-spirited residents who understand the need to conserve and restore our wonderful wild places. Biodiversity must be the watchword. In our area, we should show our admiration for the charities and bodies that are promoting it so successfully, which I highlight in this month's column.

Sussex Wildlife Trust I live on Graffham Common near the two reserves which were purchased by the Sussex Wildlife Trust (SWT) in 2009 and 2010. It set about restoring the heathland by taking out about 75 per cent of the non-native pine trees. Previously it was dark and forbidding but now is light and airy with flourishing



native heathers, sundews and cotton grass. There are bats over the pond, nightjars at twilight and a confident cuckoo in the spring. In all seasons, there are fungi to be found and puzzled over. One species that I have seen regularly since 2005 and believe I have identified correctly is the Chestnut Funnel (left). It appears from early to late in the year and is something of a speciality of the eastern reserve. I found it in May this year but join me on UK Fungus Day, 10 October, for a free foray on the Common and you may see it too! Find out more

about SWT and our common at [sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/ visit/graffham-common](https://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/visit/graffham-common)

Graffham Down Trust This trust manages a remarkable group of land parcels at the top of Graffham Down. It was formed in 1983 as a response to the ploughing of Woolavington Down. Now superbly managed by a group of dedicated villagers led by Jim Kirke, it arguably boasts the best stretch for flowers along the whole of the South Downs Way. There are six reserves, each with their own special flora and fauna. Jenny and I climbed up from St Giles Church in July and visited all of them. On this occasion we were looking out for butterflies. We saw a good variety

but the high point was the sighting of two Clouded Yellows in Dimmer Reserve. The butterflies are very distinctive – custard yellow wings with black edging, with a red-ringed white spot on the underside (right). They are annual visitors, usually in small numbers, as now, but every now and then the numbers peak. The last ‘Clouded Yellow’ year was 2000. We must be due for another soon. Find out more about the reserves at graffhamdowntrust.co.uk/index.html



Botany Bay Conservancy Botany Bay at Lavington Park is a small but biodiverse conservation site that lies at the foot of the South Downs. It has an area of ancient woodland, a chalk ghyll stream leading to a small lake, some still ponds and a wildflower meadow. The lake is easily seen from the A285 by the Seaford College entrance. It is privately owned but managed by a community interest group. The site is visited by junior and secondary school groups, university students and wildlife enthusiasts, among others, who can see wild Brown Trout spawn in the stream and Purple Emperor butterflies fly from the trees. An exciting find for me in May was an old tree stump with a population of the unusual Lilac Oysterling (right). Find out more about the site online at www.botanybaycig.co.uk



The Lavington Stud and Estate As a stud farm for more than a century, the estate had very little of natural history interest. Its recent change of ownership has given us hope for a future of flowery meadows (after seeds were sown by drone a year or two ago), teeming with insects and attracting a wide variety of birds and other creatures. Local people are lending enthusiastic support to this project through the Lavington Volunteers Group. The first season of wildflower sowing was somewhat undermined by a drought at the wrong time. Happily there was a recovery this spring. I walked along the bridleways through the estate in June and was pleased to spot (right) patches of colour with butterflies feeding on ox-eye daisies, trefoils,



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knapweed and thistles. Added to the fields, the estate now owns the wooded scarp which overlooks them, taking the land under its care to some 650 acres. We can rest assured that this iconic backdrop to our lovely village is now in the best of hands. Do read more about its vision at lavingtonestate.com/



St Giles Churchyard Following the success of the ‘Count on Nature’ initiative at St Giles Church in 2024, areas of the churchyard and burial ground were left unmown. Wonderfully, Pyramidal Orchids returned. I counted 31 this spring, six more than in 2025. The single Spotted Orchid had survived and I found another Twayblade to replace one that last year was dangerously close to a mown path. Almost rivalling the orchids was the frothy yellow Lady’s Bedstraw clothing the ground between the graves. For more, see stgilesgraffham.org/churches-count-on-nature



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Nature Notes: Another roadside attraction

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

For most of us, our only encounters with British mammals are to spot them on the roadside as we hurtle past at 55mph. I'm sure many people these days believe that lying motionless on a road verge with its feet in the air is natural behaviour for a badger. Our road trips maybe macabre safaris but roadkill can tell us a lot about the state of our island's mammalian fauna. Hedgehogs, a squashed staple on the roadkill menu a few decades ago, are now hard to find flattened on the highway, reflecting their dramatic fall in numbers in the wider countryside. And recently an unfamiliar corpse has appeared on the tarmac – the polecat.

Before being killed by cars, polecats already had a long history of persecution in England. They eat poultry and notoriously stink to high heaven. To Shakespeare, and many others since, 'polecat' was an insult. The polecat was exterminated from Sussex around 1890. Indeed, the entire English population was banished to the wilderness of Wales. Yet we were happy to welcome their watered-down,

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domesticated form – the ferret – as cuddly pets and ruthless rabbit hunters. After a century in exile, pure bred polecats are making a comeback. This re-colonisation was the basis for a recent investigation by the Vincent Wildlife Trust who requested roadkill polecat corpses so DNA testing could verify their pure polecat lineage (as opposed to polecat-ferret hybrids). I was soon dodging traffic on the Steyning by-pass and excitedly picking up a dead polecat.



A polecat back in rural England, pictured by Anne Newton for Vincent Wildlife Trust

As mustelids, polecats naturally smell but, take my word for it, they smell a lot worse when they've been dead for a few days (an accusation they could probably level at me, too). Despite discharging a whole can of Glade, my wife smelt that something was up seconds after setting foot in the house.

I'm not sure if any readers are interested in a fast-track route to divorce but I would certainly recommend putting a dead polecat in your freezer. It will test even the strongest of marriages. Through some smooth talking, my marriage is still intact but there are still some fishfingers which neither of us are brave enough to eat.

Next morning a package arrived from the Vincent Wildlife Trust containing heavy duty bags, some cool BIOHAZARD stickers and printed instructions for posting polecats. These days, any bearded man carrying a box lavishly labelled BIOHAZARD into a post office is enough to spark an international incident so my five-year-old nephew, all cherubic smiles, was sent in as my polecat-carrying mule.

My roadkill casualty was declared 100% polecat – further evidence that these animals have returned to Sussex. It's great to have them back, and many farmers are welcoming them too, as they do a great job of dispatching rats and rabbits. Look out for them in your headlights.

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:



michaelblencowe.com

Graffham Parish News' supreme September quiz

Ten quick fire questions from Bill Barrett to test your local, topical and wider general knowledge. Answers at the bottom of page 57 (no cheating!)

- 1 Which former Rector of Graffham was quoted as saying “Beer is one of God's gifts”: [a] Nicholas Baldewyn (in 1426), [b] Edward Bradbrooke (in 1962), [c] Michael Barter (in 2016)?
- 2 When was Graffham Badminton Club founded: [a] 1976, [b] 1981, [c] 1996?
- 3 Native to South Asia but frequently spotted in Graffham's woodland, Reeves' variety of the genus *Muntingia* is better known as what?
- 4 Species of which flowering plant, recently seen in abundance at the Empire Hall, include *hydrangeoides*, *macrophylla* and *paniculata*?
- 5 Who took over from Jim Pryor as Employment Secretary in autumn 1981: [a] Norman Tebbit, [b] Norman Fowler, [c] Norman Hunter?
- 6 Where will you find the recently opened Kusuma Neolithic Hall?
- 7 Which Olympic gold medal-winning athlete and former Conservative MP was born in Sheffield on 29 September 1956?
- 8 Which iconic cricket all-rounder's son scored his first senior century batting for Lancashire in this season's Metro Bank One-Day Cup?
- 9 How old will actor and writer Ruth Jones (Nessa in *Gavin & Stacey*) be on 22 September: [a] 40, [b] 50, [c] 60?
- 10 In which BBC TV series did the Ogg Monster make a cameo appearance: [a] *Dr Who*, [b] *The Office*, [c] *Eastenders*?

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:

- Chocolate
- Cooking oil
- Deodorant
- Long-life juice and milk
- Nappies sizes 5
- Oat milk
- Red lentils
- Sponge puddings
- Sugar
- Tinned meat
- Tinned fruit and pulses
- Tinned veg
- Toilet roll
- Tomato sauce
- Washing powder





Pond life Look very carefully at this picture and you may spot just some of the multitude of house martins and swallows diving to drink from the pond in Barbara and John Edge's field by St Giles Church. With water so scarce in the great outdoors this summer, more birds than usual have been visiting this oasis.

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Graffham Tennis Club's Tennis Week



Graffham Tennis Week volleyed off on 17 July – just missing *Graffham Parish News*' August edition – with the grass courts the brownest and driest yet. Driving the posts and pegs into the ground for the netting and the marquee proved an enormous challenge. In terms of the tennis itself, the random nature of the height and direction of the bounces added extra dimensions to the game.

Mixed Doubles Saturday morning traditionally kicks off with the surprise Mixed Doubles, with pairings allocated while competitors enjoy the coffee and bacon butties prepared by Sam Major. Ten pairs played a series of 20-minute matches on both hard and grass courts in two groups. The winners of the two groups were Emma Amin with Sam Major, and Rebecca Ruff with Stas Lawicki, who went on to contest the final over a full set, with the former emerging as winners in a hotly contested match.



Club captain Simon Longman reveals who is playing with who in the Mixed Doubles.

Softball cricket Saturday afternoon hosted a reprise of Brett Creed's adult and child softball cricket session. His team selection could not have been more precise



Softball cricketers after the game.

as the 16 over match went down to the very last ball. Team captain Rich Sabin assessed the field as he and his partner needed 10 runs off the final over. With one ball, and no wickets, left, Rich blasted the ball over the memorial field boundary for six to seal the victory by one run. Huge thanks are owed to Brett who, as usual, umpired, scored (on some frustrating official software!) and arranged the music that accompanied boundaries, ends of overs and falling wickets.

Men's Doubles Sunday morning saw a smaller turnout for the morning-after Men's Doubles informal tournament. Seven randomly chosen pairs produced some excellent tennis with Paul Pieterse and Theo Longman the clear winners. The hoped-for World Cup final extravaganza in the evening failed to happen after England's semi-final exit, but the Rec barbeque offered up sustenance as it did through the week.



Men's Doubles winners Theo Longman and Paul Pieterse menacing the net.

Seniors' Doubles It was the turn of Graffham's thriving senior (over 60) players to contest their doubles trophy on the Monday morning. Under a blazing sun, the pairs played each other over mini sets with the prospect of drinks and nibbles in the pavilion to look forward to. The eventual winners were James Burden and Andy Marriner, with Judy Springs and Peter Adler runners-up.



Seniors played under a blazing sun.

Juniors versus Rest of the World Junior tennis with coach Richard Hopp took place on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the week but was preceded on the Tuesday afternoon by the annual Graffham versus the Rest of the World match. Despite some new names appearing for Graffham there was no sign of nerves as the youngsters held their own against Richard's students from other clubs and held



Juniors tuck in to their Pizza 'n Coke treat after Graffham vs the Rest of the World.

on for a 3-3 draw. Twenty juniors entered and played a total of 78 games over three hours! The traditional Pizza 'n Coke ensued. Thanks to Emma Amin and Caroline Smithers for co-ordinating the refreshments.



Ted Major tries out the club's grass courts.



The volley-football mash-up futnet (above) proved the surprise attraction at Sports Night, alongside more traditional offerings like boules, croquet and bowling machine cricket.



Sports Night Wednesday evening saw the second ever hosting of Sports Night, where villagers sampled a selection of games other than tennis, all masterminded by Rich Sabin, who also oversaw the pickleball. John Edge co-ordinated boules, on the Rec's splendid new court, Michael Blunt and Hugh Brown croquet, Rohan Grace the spikeball and Brett Creed the bowling machine. The surprise hit of the evening was 'futnet', a volleyball-football mash-up played with a giant tennis ball, led by Theo Longman, which attracted eager participants of (nearly) every age. Once again, the barbeque was fired up under the tongs mainly of Sam Major and Simon Longman.



As the sun sank, Sports Night participants shared a BBQ, with Sam Major at the tongs.

Curry Night The week was rounded off by the much-anticipated Curry Night, prepared kindly by tennis and cricket players Jeeva and Vasu. For the first time in years, this was held outdoors, with the long tables overlooked by the courts, the marquee and the pavilion, all with the stunning Graffham sunset as a backdrop. Chairman Simon Longman thanked everyone involved with the week. The weather will surely never be matched. Or will it?



Curry Night rounded off another terrific Tennis Week – held outdoors for the first time in years.

Graffham Bowls Club

July and August were busy months for competitions. Kym Pegram prevailed in the Men's Singles Trophy, while Jane Riley and Andy Wood were victors in the Jubilee Shield.

Kym Pegram, Charlie Tyrrell and Ken Angell spent a very enjoyable day at Pulborough playing in their Men's Greenkeeper Tournament.

Finally Ian Morrison, Hazel Tyrrell and Liz and Kym Pegram headed up to Frensham for their Hunter Cup Competition, where they exceeded all expectations by reaching the semi-finals, narrowly pipped by one point to Rogate on the last end of the match.

Sadly the season is almost finished, with just two more games to play – finals day for internal cups and, to round off the season, our candlelit bowls night on the 11 September.



Jubilee Shield victors Andy Wood and Jane Riley.



Moles polo The Three Moles was the proud sponsor of the winners of the Elektrik Polo Saferock Roda Championships, held just before the Cowdray Polo Gold Cup Final on lawns at Easebourne, beating Cibao La Pampa 8-10. The game is a derivation of polo, played on electric mono bikes instead of ponies. The victors received their own gold cup – and an e-bike each themselves too. Pub landlords Tom Richardson and Ollie Boulton, pictured left with the winning team of Cristo and Iniguy Heguy and Vicente Stirling, said they were a little jealous they didn't get one too – but the cup is on display behind their bar.



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Harvest supper is a traditional bring-and-share

Graffham's annual harvest meal will follow its traditional format this year – as a bring and share supper in the Empire Hall on Friday 25 September from 6.30pm in the Empire Hall. All are welcome – particularly families. There's no need to book. Just take along whatever is your favourite dish – savoury and/or sweet – to share with your fellow villagers, plus your own drinks. Those attending will be invited to make a donation – with a small amount given to the Empire Hall to cover its hire costs but the bulk going to Petworth Foodbank.



Rarely could more ringers – and a dog – have fitted in to St Giles Church's belltower than on Saturday 8 August, when the district bell ringing gathering was held there. Our bell captain John Pescott welcomed the visitors, all of varying abilities, to practice rounds, call method and skills, building community across our neighbouring towers.



Family Support Work to hold its annual gathering

Family Support Work, the Sussex charity that provides help to Mums and Dads with children who are finding life hard and is supported by Petworth Area Churches Together (PACT) which includes our own St Giles, is holding its AGM and annual Eucharist on 30 September at 11am at Rustington's St Peter and St Paul's Church. Bishop of Horsham Ruth Bushyager will be among those taking part. The organisation added almost 20 more families to the roster it is supporting across the county last month. To find out more, see familysupportwork.org/events



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, Dunton, 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	Dunton	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:* 2nd and 4th Sundays 10.30am.

Details of services at Graffham's St Giles Church
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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 or Facebook's @stgilesgraffham for any changes.
- Bellringing practice is every Tuesday at 7.30pm.
- The Rev Vivien's rest days are Mondays and Fridays.

September

1	Tue		No Morning Prayer or Pilgrims	
5	Sat	9.30am	Come and Sing!	St Giles Church
6	Sun	10.30am	Parish Eucharist beginning of Creationtide <i>Reading: Psalm 23.1-4</i>	St Giles Church
13	Sun	10.30am	Parish Eucharist Creationtide 2 <i>Reading: Exodus 14.19 - end</i>	St Giles Church
		6pm	Evensong	All Saints Chapel
15	Tue	9.30am	Morning Prayer followed by Pilgrims	All Saints Chapel
20	Sun	9am	BCP Holy Communion	St Giles Church
		10.30 am	Harvest Parish Eucharist Creationtide 3 <i>Reading: Deuteronomy 8.7- 18</i>	St Giles Church
22	Tue	9.30am	Morning Prayer followed by Pilgrims	All Saints Chapel
25	Fri	6pm	Bring and share Harvest Supper	Empire Hall
26	Sat	1.40pm	Tower visit by Gosport Ringers	St Giles Church
27	Sun	10.30am	Parish Eucharist Creationtide 4 <i>Reading: Exodus 17.1 -7</i>	St Giles Church
29	Tue	9.30am	Morning Prayer followed by Pilgrims	All Saints Chapel

October

1	Thu	3.30pm	Messy Church	St Giles Church
3	Sat		No Come and Sing!	
		1pm	Memorial Service for Biddy Dimmer RIP	St Giles Church
4	Sun	10.30am	Parish Eucharist end of Creationtide with Animal Blessing <i>Reading: Psalm 148</i>	St Giles Church

RINGING and SINGING

To join Graffham's bellringers or occasional choir, contact Rev Vivien on 01798 867199 or at hello@stgilesgraffham.org

What's on in and around the village

- For weekly events, see page 57. For church services and other events, see page 53.
- 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

August				
29	Sat	10-11am	Community garden work party	War Memorial
		2-7pm	Summer Street Party	Midhurst Market Sq
30	Sun	5-10.30pm	Big Music Bash	Petworth Pk Cric't Club
		7-10pm	Booze 'n' Blues Night	Three Moles
31	Mon		August bank holiday	
		From 1pm	Graffham Summer Fête	Rec
September				
1	Tue		WSCC term starts but INSET day at Graffham and Duncton Schools	
		2pm	Chichester District Council Boundary Review Panel assesses potential merger of Graffham and East Lavington Parish Councils	Online via chichester.nucast.live
		10.45am	Arts Society Midhurst talk on <i>Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera: The Golden Age of Mexican Painting</i>	Methodist Hall, Midhurst
		1.15 for 2pm	Arts Society West Sussex talk on <i>The Enigma of Edward Elgar</i>	Fittleworth Village Hall
2	Wed		INSET day at Graffham and Duncton Schools	
		10.30am	Graffham Garden Group outing	West Dean gardens
		6.30pm	Empire Hall AGM	Empire Hall
3	Thu		Seaford College term starts	
		10.30-11.30am	UKHarvest surplus food market	Sylvia Beaufoy, Petworth
6	Sun		Graffham Tennis Club men's A singles tournament	Rec
8	Tue	9-11am	Great Feet foot health professional ¹	Empire Hall
		11.30am-5.30pm	Autumn Racing	Goodwood
9	Wed	6.30pm	Graffham Parish Council meeting	Pavilion
10	Thu		Back British Farming Day	
11	Fri		Jewish new year	
			Candlelit bowls night	Bowls Club, Rec
		8pm	Sunset movie: <i>Bridges of Madison County</i>	Foresters Arms

12	Sat		Graffham Tennis Club ladies' doubles tourn't	Rec
			Heritage weekend (also Sun 13 Sept)	Petworth House, Coultershaw etc
		11am-4pm	Charity open garden with sculptures	Casters Brook, Cocking
		12nn – 4pm	Summer Fair and Classic Car Show	Tangmere
			Last Night of the Proms	Royal Albert Hall
12	Sat	8pm	Sunset movie: <i>Mamma Mia</i>	Foresters Arms
13	Sun	7pm	Folk music night	Three Moles
14	Mon		Deadline for <i>Graffham Parish News</i> October issue	
18	Fri	7am-7pm	Goodwood Revival (to 20 Sep)	Goodwood
19	Sat	evening	Wall of Floyd Pink Floyd tribute band	Empire Hall
20	Sun	10.30am	Harvest Festival service	St Giles
21	Mon		International Day of Peace	
		6.15pm	East Lavington Parish Council meeting	Seaford College
22	Tue	6pm	Chichester District Council potentially considers Graffham-East Lavington merger	East Pallant House, Chichester
23	Wed	12.30pm	Lunch Club ²	Empire Hall
		11.30am-5.30pm	Autumn racing	Goodwood
25	Fri	6.30pm	Village harvest bring-and-share supper	Empire Hall
26	Sat	9am-1pm	Petworth Farmers Market	Petworth
		9.30am and 1pm	Defibrillator training sessions	Rec Pavilion
		10-11am	Community garden work party	War Memorial
		10.30am-1pm	Midhurst u3a coffee morning	Memorial Hall, South Downs Centre, Midhurst
			Seaford College Prep School open morning	Seaford College
27	Sun	7-10pm	Booze 'n' Blues Night	Three Moles
29	Tue		Michaelmas Day	

October

3	Sat	11am	Memorial service for Biddy Dimmer, followed by light lunch at Empire Hall	St Giles Church
8	Thu	2.30pm	Thursday Club	Empire Hall
10	Sat		UK Fungus Day foray with Jonathan Simons	Graffham Common

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

²**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.



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

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

Quiz answers (for questions see page 44)

1 Edward Bradbrooke, when blessing donated produce during the harvest festival in Slaughtam, his parish previous to Graffham. **2** [b] 1981. **3** The muntjac deer. **4** Hydrangea. **5** [a] Norman Tebbit. **6** Stonehenge. **7** Sebastian Coe. **8** Rocky Flintoff. **9** [c] 60. **10** [b] *The Office*, played by series co-writer Stephen Merchant.

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