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Parish of St Giles Graffham with St Peter Woolavington St Giles Church Wardens: Alan Sargent 01798 867460 Matthew Pitteway07557 439695 Priest in charge: Reverend Vivien Turner 01798 867199 reverendvivien@gmail.com Church website: stgilesgraffham.org Dear friends, another month and the great challenge of our time continues. At the end of May, gradual encouragements to ease lockdown are unfolding and we wait to see what impact this has on controlling the virus. As a society, we wonder what we ourselves can safely do now. We reflect on the difference these past weeks has had on our attitude to life and our confidence to mix socially again, to emerge from the safety of our homes. For myself, I don't want to lose what I've rediscovered about living more quietly, appreciating more wholeheartedly, seeing more vividly the beauty of this world from a Sussex South Downs perspective. 'What is this life if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare...' My situation is not like that of others though, for whom it is so much harder and bleaker. Balancing people's health needs and economic needs is not easy. We hope and pray it will be managed well.

We cannot but be heartened by the community spirit in Graffham though, as this goes on. So much support and kindness is being shown here. Thank you for coming to your gates as a mark of respect for Roger Mozley RIP and Clifford Hodgetts RIP as their corteges passed through the village. As a result of that first expression of support, a rather last minute marvellous idea to encourage the whole parish community to their gates again on VE75 day resulted in day of celebratory commemoration we will long remember. Thank you to Ginny for inspiring the church to arrange this, to Karin for producing a poster in next to no time, and Ollie and Tom for agreeing to video everyone from your truck. I'm sure there will be pictures in this edition to highlight how good it was.

Though the church is closed, we are developing ways of worshipping together using technology. A Eucharist service is now being live-streamed onto St Giles Church Graffham Facebook page from the Rectory study on Sundays at 10.30am. A daily diary is still continuing on this Facebook page as well, also available directly on the homepage of our website stgilesgraffham.org.

We're producing this magazine online once more, in accordance with the Church's direction that home delivering is not yet considered safe. We hope to return to conventional printing as soon as possible. If you are reading and enjoying this edition, please let others know where it can be found.

Every blessing Reverend Vivien

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Home in the Garden

Just checking in again with an update from my bungalow bunker, I hope you are all well. As I mentioned in last month's article I have been writing a daily wildlife diary (which can be found at www.sussexwildlifetrust.org. uk/wildlifediary). Today I'm on day sixty.

Sixty days ago we were told to go home and stay home. I grabbed some bits and pieces from work; a laptop, a trail camera, and drove back to my bungalow and I haven't really been out since. I stocked up on black beans, shaved all my hair off and became extremely anxious about leaving the cul-de-sac. It's weird to think that for the last sixty days I have only made it past the end of my cul-de-sac a handful of times.

As my world shut down and shrank I turned to my garden as a focus away from the repetitive, depressing news. I had the idea that keeping an online diary would force me to write something each day – giving me a commitment and putting some structure into a life where hours and days all started to merge into one. I also hoped it would entertain, educate



and inspire people and provide a distraction in these challenging times. At first people worried that I wouldn't find enough to talk about each day, but the garden has been an endless supply of wonderful wildlife. When I last wrote to you I was on day 30. Since then I have cleared the invasive Pendulous Sedge away from around the pond and allowed the sunlight back in. I've also discovered that my small pond, only a metre or so long, is home to a Grass Snake and that a metre from my kitchen door, just over the wall and under the neighbours fence, a female Fox has been raising eight cubs. I have managed to get some great footage of them with a night vision trail camera. While filming the Fox cubs I was thrilled to also discover we have a Hedgehog in the garden – the first I have seen since we moved here in 2012. On the warmer days I have watched Orange-tip, Holly Blue and Brimstone butterflies, the latter laying her eggs on the Alder Buckthorn bush I planted for her. I was out in my wildflower meadow counting Cowslips in my dressing gown (well, they were in the meadow not my dressing gown) and managed to scare my neighbour. One day I ventured round the corner from the cul-de-sac and bought some horse manure to build a compost heap (for the Grass Snake) but ended up getting into an argument so decided it was better for my blood pressure to stay home. The Ragged Robin and Yellow Rattle has come into bloom in the wildflower patch, the Hawthorn flowers have decorated my native hedge and at night I can hear a Nightingale and a Cuckoo singing out there in the distance. Each Sunday I've been organising a Back Garden Bird Race and people all around Sussex have been birdwatching silmultaneously between 10-11. Hundreds of people have been taking part each week (we had over 500 one Sunday!) and its great to know that – while I'm stuck in my own little plot of Sussex – I haven't really been alone.

So now the 'stay at home' restrictions have been loosened I'm still going to stay put for a while longer. There's just too much wonderful wildlife to enjoy in my own back garden.

Michael Blencowe Senior Learning & Engagement Officer Sussex Wildlife Trust michaelblencowe@sussexwt.org.uk

VE Day Celebrations

The VE Day celebrations were enjoyed by all. How wonderful to see so many people coming together from a distance. The weather turned out to be beautiful and everyone was in good spirits. The bunting and garden decorations really added a sense of community. Thanks to Ollie and Tom for filming the event.

It was a truly joyous occasion at time when we needed it most.

Photos thanks to Colin Barker.

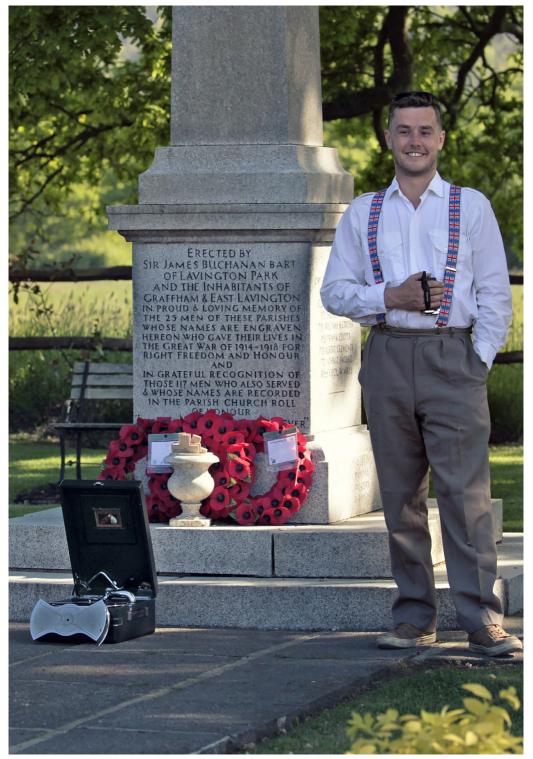
















Petworth Area Churches Together - working together in harmony

Festival Service – postponed until further notice. Fete in the Park – cancelled.

But our Petworth Food Bank continues to provide an invaluable service through Geoff Pye and his team. There are so many people calling on this service now, please keep taking donations to your local collection point (eg the Co-op in Petworth).

In our normal activities everyone had clear ways to serve alongside other members of PACT, and it can be difficult to know what to do now. Instead of the routine activities we're given opportunities to work in new and creative ways, often at a different pace to before. We can be assured that God is still sovereign and He still speaks to us, leading us and guiding us to reach out to others in our world – and His word will always produce fruit, even if it's not obvious at the time.

'Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.' Galatians 5:25 'It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. I will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.' Isaiah 55:11.

Kate Ayling www.petworthareachurchestogether.com

Is your child spending too much time online?

As a parent or someone else with responsibility for a child or young person, you'll be all too aware of the dangers they can be exposed to online. Children and young people are generally curious, sociable and impressionable to one degree or another. Under the right circumstances these are good qualities, but online, they could lead to being bullied, befriended by dangerous people or even lured into internet crime. These are occurrences that happen every day.

However, if you're worrying about your family's health, trying to work from home or concerned about job security during the current situation, there's more chance these things will happen to your child, especially while they have more time on their hands and are spending longer online.

Unless you take the appropriate precautions.

Top tips for a switched-on parent

The Get Safe Online safety experts have put together some expert tips to help you keep the children and young people in your care safe and more aware of these dangers.

Have regular conversations with your child about the positive and negative aspects of the internet in language appropriate to their age. Talk about stranger danger. Get them to show you what they're doing and try it out for yourself. Gain a better understanding of new online technologies and trends. Don't shy away from discussing potential issues, but not in a scary way. Keep it general so as not to get your child curious about specific sites. Check your facts beforehand.

Set boundaries and rules from a young age, such as time limits and what's out of bounds. Draw up an agreement with your child's input to give them a degree of ownership. Lead the way by using your own mobile devices responsibly and at the right time.

Chat with friends, family and other parents about how they help their children to progress and keep safe online. Swap experiences and tips.

Do the tech: apply parental control software and apps on comput-

ers, mobile devices and games consoles, privacy features on social networking sites, safety options on search engines and safe location settings on devices and apps. Turn on your internet service provider's family filters.

If your household is using technology for the first time for home schooling, try to familiarise yourself with the basics of how it works and do what you can to help your child avoid online harms.

Check lower age limits of social networking, picture/video sharing, gaming and other sites and apps. Download apps only from recognised sources like App Store and Google Play. Add your own email address when setting up accounts and apps for your child.

Keep yourself up to date with new game and social media trends, especially those with negative publicity, because they may be violent, encourage gambling or leave the way open for grooming.

Explain and encourage safe searching and websites. Check what your child is watching on streaming sites like YouTube and STEAM.

If your child wants a video call with friends, set it up for them observing the latest safety advice on updating the platform's settings, using passwords and keeping knowledge of the call only within a group of friends they know.

Talk to your child about the consequences of oversharing confidential information or personal details in posts, profiles, messages and chats. Consider what you share yourself: could it embarrass or endanger your children now or in the future?

However well you know your child, ask yourself if they could be carrying out some kind of negative online activity that harms others, even if they do not realise it.

Chat with them about things like bullying, trolling, shaming, creating/sharing fake news and being recruited into cybercrime.

If you're interested in joining Neighbourhood Watch, or want to find out more, visit www.sussexnwfed.org.uk or send an email to enquiries@sussexnwfed.org.uk.

Derek Pratt (Sussex) (NHWN, Administrator, Sussex)

Graffham Virtual Art Festival

Due to lockdown, the 2020 Graffham Art Festival will not be taking place in its usual capacity. Instead, we'd like to share the art with you through the pages of the magazine.

Please do get in touch with Rozie (email address inside cover) if you'd like to include your art in these pages.





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Caspian stallion of mine, taken just after a heavy thunderstorm at a ranch in Texas ©Colin Barker



Irises painted in oil ©Sue Hill





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www.chichester.foodbank.org.uk

Feeding local people in crisis

Your donations enable us to provide three days of emergency food to local people in crisis. Working with local care professionals to identify those in need, we are able to provide short term relief and support as well as signposting people to organisations able to help solve the longer term problem.

Please help us to feed the hungry by buying some of the following non-perishable food items:

- Tomatoes (Tinned)
- Tinned custard
- Sugar
- Orange juice (carton)
- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Fruit (Tinned)
- Breakfast Cereal
- Meat (Tinned)
- Vegetables (Tinned)
- Tuna / Fish (Tinned)
- Pasta Sauce (Jar)
- Noodles (Dried)
- Tea Bags
- Rice Pudding (Tinned)
- ChocolateBiscuits

Please donate to this food bank by putting any of the items on the list in the covered box in the back of St Giles Church, Graffham.

foodbank

foodbox single person

Any queries please ring Ann Brown on 01798 867561

Catholic Church

The Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart, Angel Street, Petworth, and St Anthony and St George, Duncton and The Divine Motherhood & St. Francis of Assisi Midhurst. Parish Priest: Fr Peter Newsam **01798 342 169 email**: pp.petworth@yahoo.co.uk

Sunday

8.00 Mass at Duncton / 9.30 Mass at Midhurst / 11.00 Mass at Petworth

Weekday Masses:

Monday	No Mass		
Tuesday	9.30am Mass at Petworth		
Wednesday	9.30am Mass at Midhurst		
Thursday	9.30am Mass at Petworth		
	12.00noon Mass at Midhurst Convent		
Friday	6.30pm Petworth		
Saturday	9.30am Midhurst		
Confessions :	Petworth: Fridays 6.00pm		
Midhurst:	Saturdays 10.00am		
Occasionally there will be changes but when these occur notices are displayed at the			
relevant Churc	hes		

Midhurst Methodist Church

Minister: Rev David Muskett **01428 642921** Sundays 10.00am Morning Worship Body and Soul worship and lunch 12:30pm 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month (except in August) Toddler and Carer group 10am Thursdays during term times

Society of Friends (Quakers)

2nd & 4th Sundays 10.30am St Ann's, Midhurst Anna Luttman-Johnson **01798 343333**

Petworth United Reformed Church

Rev. Anne Lewitt, Minister Secretary: Mrs Maureen Purser **01798 343 102** Morning Service: Sundays 10.30am

Petworth Area Churches Together

Friday Coffee Mornings At Petworth United Reformed between 10am and 11am – you will be made very welcome. Further information on PACT from Maureen Purser on 01798 343 102 or their website:

www.petworthareachurchestogether.com

New VRM on Graffham Common

The Sussex Wildlife Trust's Graffham Common reserve has a new Volunteer Reserve Manager – me!

I do not necessarily manage the volunteers nor am I the manager in reserve if the real one does not show up. I am just the local unpaid eyes and ears of the Trust. I make an official visit to the two sites at least once a week, having alerted both the central Trust office and my wife so that they can take the necessary action if I do not return. However, I often walk around informally as I live at Millburgh Hall which lies conveniently between the separate east and west parts of the reserve.

Jenny and I moved to Graffham Common in October 2004 attracted by the prospect of having such a fascinating open space right on our doorstep. We knew we had made the right decision when that autumn, the Common proved to be one of the most abundant sources of fungi that we had known.

Although I rather treasured the tranquil gloom of the coniferous plantations and enjoyed battling through the rhododendron for a glimpse of the Fitzlea Pond, the purchases by the Trust in 2009 and 2010 and the subsequent heathland restoration has been a revelation. There is now a glorious open prospect from the top of Gallows Hill, heather has rapidly colonised the land scraped clear for it, two sorts of sundew are flourishing in the bogs and nightjars have been heard from our kitchen window.

In 2016 I retired from my full-time post as mathematics teacher and Head of IT at Collyer's Sixth-form College in Horsham. I still do some part-time IT work for them, but I have gradually taken on a number of voluntary activities in the local area, the VRM being the most recent and ambitious!

I have always enjoyed natural history and have recorded botanical finds for many years. More recently I have concentrated on fungi. Graffham Common and the downs give me ample scope to indulge my train-spotting propensities, even if, sadly, there are no longer any actual trains passing through Selham station.

Currently the Trust is grazing cattle on the East Common. This helps to keep create variety in the structure of the vegetation and prevent the purple moor grass from dominating. This in turn helps support a greater variety of species, especially the invertebrates that the rest of the food chain depends on. Cattle are good at creating bare mud which is essential for some plants such as the sundews. Volunteers take turns to check up on them. This is called 'lookering', apparently an old Sussex term. When walking the Common at this time please keep to the paths and keep your dogs under control. Of course, you should bag up and remove what they may drop so that it does not pollute the environment and I don't tread in it!

If you would like to be a lookerer on the Common or join the working parties that supplement the work of the cattle in removing birch, rhododendron and pine, do get in touch at jonathanHsimons@outlook.com. The Trust has put most volunteer activity on hold during the current crisis but if you are under 70 you can still do lookering. Watch out for me 'exercising' on the Common when you next go out. We can have a socially-distanced unofficial chat about what you have seen and enjoyed in this wonderful place.

Jonathan Simons

Graffham Calendar 2020

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July

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Fri 3	7pm, Recreation Ground Pavilion, Graffham Parish Council

- Sat 18 Graffham Garden Group Flower Show
- Sat 18-24 Tennis Week

September

Fri 18 Graffham Parish Council meeting. 7pm, Empire Hall.

November

Fri 13	Fleetwood Bac, Graffham Empire Hall
Fri 20	Graffham Parish Council meeting. 7pm, Empire Hall.

Were you a member of the Graffham Garden Group in 1977, the year of the Queen's Jubilee? I recently came across this plaque:

Prunus avium 'Plena' Planted by GRAFFHAM GARDEN GROUP JUBILEE 1977



At the time of writing,

April 2020 during lockdown, the tree itself is now in bloom but my guess is that few people would realise how it got there as the plaque is now well-concealed. Do you have memories of the planting ceremony or access to the GGG records to say who was there, or, like me, have you just chanced upon it? Mail me directly at jonathanHsimons@outlook.com.



Empire Hall Summer Raffle

Please look out for your raffle tickets which will be delivered to your door. The draw will take place Saturday 18th July.

There are many wonderful prizes on offer, a list of which will be enclosed with your tickets. Due to the cancellation of the Easter Market, the main fundraising event for the hall, the raffle is being held to raise much needed funds. We hope you will help support our village hall in these difficult times.

Many thanks, The Easter Market Committee

Graffham Garden Group 2020 Programme of Outings

June: Wednesday 3rd

Friend's Private Garden in Chiddingfold A beautiful private garden in Chiddingfold. Leaving Graffham at 10am.

June: Tuesday 9th

Old Erringham Cottage, Shoreham

45 minute drive.

Plantsman's garden set high on the South Downs with panoramic views overlooking the Adur valley. 1 acre with flower meadow, stream bed and ponds, formal and informal planting areas with over 600 varieties of plants. Very productive fruit and vegetable garden with glasshouses.



Many plants grown from seed and coastal climate gives success with tender plants. Leaving Graffham 9.45am, £9 includes tea and biscuits.

June: 12-14th Graffham Open Gardens

June: Friday 26th

Norney Wood, Shackleford 40 minute drive. This beautiful private garden has been inspired by Gertrude Jekyll and balances the traditional elements of the English garden with a contemporary ecological approach. Leaving Graffham 9.20am, £12.50 includes tea and biscuits.



July: Monday 27th

Saffrons, Steyning

45 minute drive.

An artist's garden of textural contrasts and complementary colours. Well-furnished late summer flower beds and a large fruit cage and vegetable beds.

Leaving Graffham 1.45pm, £9 includes tea and cake.

August: Tuesday 18th

Houghton Lodge, Stockbridge 1hr 15min drive.

Houghton Lodge and Gardens has been described as 'the jewel of the Test Valley', and is the ideal place to visit, whether your passion lies with Historic Houses or beautiful gardens – or both.

Entrance to House and Garden with talks, refreshments on arrival, fixed lunch, all included £35.70.

Leaving Graffham 9.15am, returning 3pm.

Graffham Garden Group

Graffham Garden Group has no option but to cancel the 2020 Flower Show.

With regard to the trips, any GGG trips not able to be undertaken this year will hopefully be rolled forward to 2021. This situation will be reviewed when circumstances permit.







September: Thursday 24th Gilberts Dahlias, Romsey

1hr 20min drive This specialist dahlia grower has a field with 400 varieties of dahlias, every size, shape and colour. We will have a talk and then afternoon tea. Leaving Graffham at 12.40pm, £8.



October: Monday 19th

Polesden Lacey

1hr 5 mins drive.

National Trust House and Garden

Leaving Graffham at 9am, we will have a tour of the garden at 10.30am and the house at 11.45, am lunch optional in their café.

NT members free, group rate for non-members \pounds 13.15 as long as we are a minimum of 15.

Please call Carole Kirke 01798 867026 to book any of these trips. Trips are subject to change dependent on the Coronavirus advice at the time.

Safe Space for victims relaunched in 'lockdown'

'Safe Space Sussex' is an online directory of local victim services, created by Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne. In response to the 'lockdown' and concerns raised around crimes like Domestic Abuse, this site has been upgraded and advice has been shared on social media (@ SussexPCC) to help victims covertly reach out for help whilst stuck in isolation – search #SafeSpaceSussex.

With the entire country in lockdown, many services have expressed their concerns about victims of crime not feeling able to safely reach out for help. They have seen a decrease in engagement from victims with reports of crimes (like domestic abuse) made to Sussex Police, reducing by around 4%.

It's vital that residents are aware of the support that is still available if they need it. Safe Space Sussex has been equipped with a new search tool so that within 10 seconds, victims of any crime can find the service they need. It also has a 'leave site now' button that users can press to quickly exit the site.

Tailored guidance has been shared across social media community groups on how victims can access the new website covertly, using incognito tabs, as they may be living with their perpetrators during 'lockdown' and their search history may be monitored as a result.

Victims can also covertly let Sussex Police know they are in danger. The '55' technology is in place for those too scared to speak, to alert a call handler to the fact they need help by pressing 55 on their mobile phone once they've dialled 999.

There is still help and support available for all victims of crime during the Covid crisis.

If you find yourself in an emergency where you think you or others may be in immediate danger dial 999. Sussex Police are always there for you when you need them. Don't suffer in silence.

If you would prefer not to contact the police you can report a crime anonymously via Crimestoppers online: https://crimestoppers-uk.org/ give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously or by calling: 0800 555 111

ww.safespacesussex.org.uk has all the information on support services who can help any victim of crime across Sussex.

Thank You For Being An Angel

In December, we launched our 'Be An Angel' fundraising campaign to help balance the books and save St. Giles'.

Since then, 20 new Angels have signed up to our Parish Giving Scheme. We now have 40 Angels in the village who are doing this – as well as many others who choose to give their support in different ways.

Thank you all – it makes a huge difference, and we are now much, much closer to balancing the books.



Can We Find Twenty More Angels?

Unfortunately, our regular donations still do not cover our regular expenses. If we can find twenty more Angels, we can meet this target. Could you be one of them?

Graffham Without St. Giles'

Unless we can balance the books, St Giles' future as an independent parish is in doubt. Even if you are not a regular worshipper, it's hard to imagine Graffham without St. Giles':

- · Without somewhere to come together at Easter, Christmas or Remembrance Day,
- Without somewhere for important family occasions like Christenings, Weddings and Funerals
- · Without our vicar to support the elderly, lonely or vulnerable in our community

Be An Angel Your Way

Set Up A Regular Donation

Pick up a form from the Church or Village Shop and post it in the stamped addressed envelope provided.

Make A One Off Donation

Drop your donation off at the Church or at the Vicarage. Cheques should be made payable to St. Giles' Church PCC (Check) Give Your Time

There are lots of ways to support the church from flower arranging, to cleaning or running a fundraising event.

Bless You For Being An Angel

Elderflower Sparkling Wine Recipe

You will need: 15 sprigs of elderflower 2 litres boiling water 6 litres water 1 kg sugar 3 lemons, peel sliced into strips 5g of champagne yeast

Muslin cloth 10 litre container Funnel

trips

2 litre plastic bottles (x4) or champagne bottles

1. Clean elderflowers by removing dead flowers, bus, cobwebs etc. (Do not wash.)

2. Dissolve the sugar in the 2 litres of hot water and leave to cool.

Once sugar syrup is cool, pour into 10 litre container with the 6 litres of water, the lemon peel strips and the juice of one of the lemons. Add the elderflowers and yeast. Give a good stir and cover with muslin cloth.
Leave to ferment for 3-4 days at room temperature, stirring every day. You will notice bubbles and a fizz as fermentation begins.

5. Now it's time to decant. It's safest to use plastic bottles, as sparkling wines can make the bottle expand due to carbon dioxide. However, you can use champagne bottles (which have the indent in the base) with a cork and cage.

6. Using your funnel and the muslin cloth, pour your fermented liquid into your bottles. Tightly screw on lids and leave for a few days. This is the second stage of fermentation, which gives the fizz to the wine so pop your bottles somewhere safe incase they explode. A shed or garage can be a good dear, with a cardboard box over the top to reduce any sticky mess should the bottles explode.

7. It should only take a couple of days for the second fermentation stage but fermentation will stop if you place the bottles in the fridge or a cold room. Check your bottles daily and let out any gas if you need to.8. Enjoy!

£60,000 to good causes during lockdown

Sussex Police has given more than £60,000 to charities and good causes in the county during the Covid-19 lockdown.

The money has come from the Police Property Act Fund (PPAF) – a pot of money made up from the sale of found property and from property confiscated by order of the court and then sold.

The main aim of the fund is to support local projects undertaken by voluntary and charitable organisations that solely benefit the communities of Sussex.

Since April 13th, Sussex Police has dished out £60,000 to 78 groups that have been providing support for people during the coronavirus pandemic. One of those to benefit is Brighton-based Volunteering Matters, which has been supporting the elderly community during lockdown by doing their shopping and keeping them entertained.

The group, which received a £1,000 grant from Sussex Police, also runs regular sing-along sessions which have been described as 'the highlight of the week' and 'an escape from day-to-day life' by those who take part.

Other donations made by Sussex Police include £1,000 to Whitehawk Food Bank; £1,000 to St Wilfrid's Hospice in Eastbourne; £1,000 to Sussex Homeless Support; and £5,000 to FareShare, which fights hunger and food waste by redistributing surplus food to frontline charities.

St Peters Church in Brighton has also received $\pounds 2,000$ from the force, while $\pounds 1,500$ was given to the Matthew 25 Mission supporting vulnerable adults in Eastbourne.

Grants of £1,000 were also given to Fare Divide in West Sussex, which runs community fridges in a bid to save food from landfill and improve access to food for the community, and Heads On, a Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust charity supporting those with mental health issues.

Smaller donations of £500 were given to #NHSAngels and Heroes, an organisation making scrubs for NHS doctors and nurses; Lewes Coronavirus Volunteers at Trinity Church Lewes; Mid Sussex Voluntary Action; Friends, Families & Travellers; and Stonepillow (see photo), which supports the homeless and rough sleepers in Arun and Chichester.

Grants of just under £500 have been handed out to the Brighton Interfaith Contact Group, and The Hangleton & Knoll Project.

Inspector Adele Tucknott said: "There are so many wonderful charities, organisations and community groups in Sussex that have gone the extra mile to help others during the coronavirus pandemic.

"That support ranges from providing food parcels and clothing, to emotional support and keeping people entertained in an effort to tackle loneliness during lockdown.

"We are delighted to be able to give out these grants to help these kind-hearted volunteers help others, including some of the most vulnerable in our communities, at this most difficult and unusual of times."

A large portion of the money in the Police Property Act Fund comes from the Sussex Police eBay Store, which opened in October 2015 and has now sold more than 30,000 items, generating sales of over £925,000.

The online store has a mixture of new and used items, and tries to sell as much as possible to avoid potentially reusable items going to landfill.

Items commonly sold include everything from video games consoles, bikes, tools and laptops to clothing, jewellery, cosmetics and perfumes.

The most expensive item ever sold on the page was a vintage gold Rolex Oyster Precision watch, which sold for £8,100 back in 2018.

A very popular item recently has been a range of new large jar Yankee Candles, of which the force originally had 300 to sell. Some still remain available for a fixed price of $\pounds 19.99$.

To view the Sussex Police eBay Store, visit **www.ebay.co.uk/str/sussex**policepropertydisposals

To find about more about the Police Property Act Fund, or to make an application for funds, visit www.sussex.police.uk/police-forces/ sussex-police/areas/au/about-us/charity-and-community/policeproperty-act-fund-ppaf





Empire Hall The Street, Graffham West Sussex, GU28 0QE

Bringing film to Graffham Raising funds for the Empire Hall

Graffham Empire Movies 2020 and 2021

Covid-19 restrictions allowing, we plan to be back in September, bringing some of the latest and greatest blockbusters to the big screen in the Empire Hall. As usual, we are looking at screenings once a month during the autumn, winter and spring, starting in September and with a break in December.

The committee will convene in the coming months – remotely, if required – to agree the programme.

It will be a difficult decision, with some marvellous movies released recently, including:

Little Women, the latest beautifully shot adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's classic novel recounting the lives, loves and losses of the March family in and after the US civil war, with barn-storming performances by Saoirse Ronan, Emma Watson and Florence Pugh.

Emma, another remake, this time of Jane Austen's beloved comedy, with Anya Taylor-Joy in the title role, supported by the likes of Bill Nighy and Miranda Hart.

1917, Sam Mendes' multi-award-winning World War I tale of two soldiers assigned to race against time and deliver a message that will stop hundreds of comrades from walking straight into a deadly trap.

The Personal History of David Copperfield, a modern take on Charles Dickens' classic, directed by comedy genius Armando Iannucci and starring Dev Patel, Hugh Laurie, Tilda Swinton, Peter Capaldi, Paul Whitehouse and Ben Whishaw.

Military Wives, based on the true story of a group of women who form a choir and quickly find themselves at the centre of a media sensation while their partners are away serving in Afghanistan, with Kristin Scott Thomas leading the cast.

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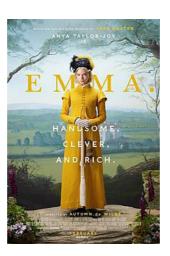
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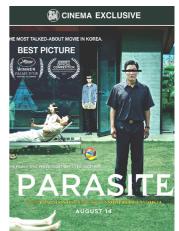
Which would you most like to see? Or maybe you have other suggestions. Let us know at graffhamempiremovies@gmail.com. Whichever make the final cut, it is going to be a great season! Watch out for the eventual selection and dates in future editions of Graffham Parish News and the Graffham Noticeboard Facebook page.

Meantime, stay safe and sane! Looking forward to see all movie-goers soon!

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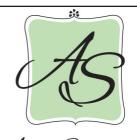
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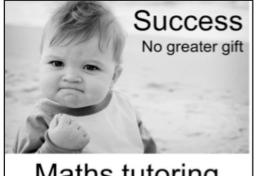
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