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GRAFFHAM PARISH NEWS

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Here we go again

Once again we are incarcerated and praying for our doctors and nurses and all their patients. Life has to be better soon and, in the meantime we have to count blessings and be grateful for our lives.

Graffham has so many kind and thoughtful people which is one of the things that got us through the last time. With all our dogs, we see one another from a distance and offer cheery waves keeping spirits up on daily walks. Much of the world has changed so much but, looking at the Downs and fields, I remember what they have seen over the centuries. It can't have looked very different during the Reformation, Civil War, two World Wars and plagues. It is the one beautiful, steady remaining joy in our otherwise constricted lives.

My family has stepped up with many other young people to help and support all who need and it is true of us all that we become closer and kinder in times of disaster. As we wait for our vaccinations and pass our 'groundhog' interchangeable days, we have to remember it WILL end and we shall be able to meet again.

Sue Hill

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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

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'I dare not shut His chapel, on such as care to attend'

We were delighted to hear the recorded voice of a most dear Graffham resident, Sonia Williams, this Christmas, reading Rudyard Kipling's poem *Eddi's Service* at two of our Christmas services. It tells the story of a priest conducting midnight service on a stormy Christmas night in St Wilfrid's chapel at Manhood End, with an old marsh donkey and bullock as his only congregation. Thankfully, in a year when many services in Graffham, as elsewhere, have taken place without congregations, our St Giles services welcomed people and enjoyed fair weather. This was much appreciated in the churchyard where for safety we held the Graffham Nativity and Christmas Day Eucharist. Surely a first in our parish history, it also allowed us the privilege of welcoming Jo's donkeys Bill and Ben representing the animals in the stable at our Saviour's birth.



Having been supported so wonderfully by our village community with the Christmas raffle and auction, our Christmas service collections could be donated to the Chichester Mothers' Union 'Away from it all' appeal. This is raising funds to renovate a caravan at Winchelsea and replace another at Selsey. The caravans are offered to families under stress in need of a week's holiday, recommended by social services or other agencies. We enjoyed a striking coincidence when we realised Manhood End, the unusually named village in Sonia's poem where *Eddi's Service* is set, is located at Selsey

– the very same place as the Mothers Union caravan. Mother Union needs £60,000 and we were delighted to contribute £665 towards the total. Do let me know if you too would like to contribute to a much-needed resource in these demanding times.

As they really are now. Unlike Eddi, after Christmas we sadly closed our doors to services once again following concerns over virus transmission. With so much heartbreaking news, we show Christian love and care for one another by remaining at home. And bit by bit, until the time we gather again, we find new ways to engage in worship while we are there. It matters that we do, knowing prayer has no boundaries and holds us together still in common love.

On Sundays at 10am our Parish Eucharist conducted from the Rectory study is streamed to Facebook. If you don't use Facebook, you can also access via a link on our website homepage.

On Wednesdays at 7pm we gather for candlelit Zoom Night Prayer. Please email me if you would like a link to this short service. The text of the service is also available on our website homepage. Just click on the candle there.

Keep safe everybody.

With love from Reverend Vivien

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Summary of Community Activities in 2020

In a very different year, here's a short review of community activities arranged by and supporting St Giles parish in 2020.

The single most different thing to happen has been the advent of internet communication via Facebook and the St Giles website page. Nearly all the following begin with Facebook and have helped provide a church presence during the year that seemed very difficult last March. Thus follows.

- VE Day and the wonderful video recording village celebrations.
- VJ Day with the contribution of flowers at the war memorial spelling the letters VJ.
- Local artists Sue Hill, Richard Davidson and Jo Morris opening their studios.
- The virtual Christmas Fair and Silent Auction which was an absolute highlight and involved so much village participation in so many ways raising phenomenal amounts for much needed church funds.
- The village of Graffham and the Christmas story' video with over 100 local participants. This has reached places way beyond Graffham.
- The Foodbank collection point moving from the church to the shop with great success.
- The magazine going online before returning to hard copy. Now anyone can continue to read it on the church website.
- Outdoor Christmas trees at St Giles and All Saints chapel. Jo's donkeys arriving twice at St Giles at Christmas.
- Graffham Nativity and Christmas Day service outside in St Giles Churchyard.
- The discretionary fund set up to support people in need.
- The Greener Graffham initiative.
- Rev Vivien posting online services that have been participated in by a new and wider congregation.
- A continuous regular Facebook presence contributed by Rev Vivien and others.
- Izzy Barrett's illustrations which bring continuity to church communications.

ALL these ventures have been important in enabling the church to serve and support the community in new ways, especially as using the actual building has been difficult to say the least. This has been a steep learning curve for everyone. We are very grateful to all you have done to support and encourage and cheer our community in 2020.

Ann Brown

We keep going in 2021, trusting in God willing us on to overcome every difficulty with kindness and goodwill.



The amazingly generous response to St Giles' virtual Christmas fair and an increased level of donations in the second half of the year should have enabled our parish to nudge into the black financially for 2020, after facing a massive deficit during the depths of the first lockdown, providing a positive platform to build on in 2021.

Thanks to the scores of people throughout the community for making this happen.

It means that some urgent minor maintenance to our historic village church can go ahead soon. Watch this space for more details as things progress.

But with lockdown in place again, we are far from being out of the woods – like most families, businesses and organisations throughout the country.

We still have a steep hill to climb to guarantee the long-term viability of beautiful St Giles and the independence of our parish.

The best way of safeguarding our future is by encouraging more to join the many throughout the village and beyond who are donating to our church on a regular basis.

If everyone in the village who is not already giving regularly to St Giles was able to pledge just a few pounds a month to the church through our Parish Giving Scheme, then the future of our historic and beautiful church and parish would be so much more secure, along with everything they contribute to our village, including producing and distributing this magazine for free.

See www.stgilesgraffham.org/giving to see how.

Thanks as ever for all your support.

Can you
HELP US
REACH OUR
GOAL?



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Graffham Garden Group

Although the arrangements for the Spring Plant Sale will depend on the Covid rules in place in May, we intend somehow to have a Vegetable Plant Sale on Saturday 8th May. Flowers are more problematic to produce and divide and the local garden centres will be bursting with produce hence no flowers in the sale this time. Our committee will be growing finite but generous amounts of the following:

Tomatoes [both cherry and medium/large]

Cucumbers

Courgettes

French climbing beans

Runner beans

Parsley

Please watch the Graffham noticeboard online and the March and April Parish Magazines for further details.

We look forward to your support as always.

Memories on the Adur

I hope this finds you all well. I'm writing this from the depths of Lockdown III and wishing I had made more of my freedom in between the restrictions. I did manage to have one particularly memorable wildlife encounter before Christmas as I explored the River Adur south of Henfield. You'll find many species of wild mammal living in that district. Badgers, foxes, stoats, weasels, shrews, rabbits, hares, moles, voles, dormice, bats, rats, hedgehogs, mice and mink all form the mammalian fauna of this landlocked Sussex area. Yet there's one salty surprise on the list; the Common Seal, an animal that's typically found in Britain's coastal waters five miles away. And the seals have certainly been surprising many local residents who, while innocently strolling along the Adur, have encountered their local leviathan. Sussex Wildlife Trust has received plenty of excited tweets, emails and shaky mobile phone videos from amazed observers who can't believe what they've seen.

Throughout history, sailors (without the benefits of smartphones and Twitter accounts) have confused seals for mermaids and sea serpents. That's fair enough because as Sussex mammals go, this seal is a real monster. Common Seals can weigh up to 150kg; twice



the weight of a Fallow Deer, the second biggest wild mammal in this area (and 50,000 times heavier than the smallest; the Pygmy Shrew). On land, this blubbery behemoth is about as agile as Peter Ustinov trapped in a sleeping bag but underwater they're in their element. As balletic as Baryshnikov, they gracefully swim at speeds of up to 25 mph as they hunt fish, shellfish, squid and octopus. It's this quest for food that occasionally leads seals into Sussex rivers such as the Adur, Arun and Ouse as they follow fish migrating upstream.

Common Seals breed in Sussex, where there is a colony down at Chichester Harbour. It's a sink or swim situation for seal pups born on these sandbanks which are only exposed during the low tides of summer. Their aquatic life starts as the next high tide rolls in and within hours of their birth they're swimming in the Solent alongside their mother. Mother's milk helps them to double their birth weight in just a few weeks. The name 'common' is a bit of a misnomer. In British waters, you're three times more likely to see their larger, Roman-nosed relative the Grey Seal. The patterns on each seal's fur are as individual as fingerprints. Keep an eye out when you're next walking along the Adur and see if a seal is still around and giving the river its approval. My encounter with this surreal seal, so far inland, was certainly memorable. The minute this lockdown is lifted I'll be getting out again to make plenty more wildlife memories.

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thank you



Thank you for supporting the Mothers' Union 'Away from it all' appeal. A special thank you too, to the teachers in our schools and much love to families who have been juggling home-schooling and working from home. Continuing thanks to Jeeva and Vasu and everyone working to provide for us at the Community Shop. A big thank you to our lovely postmen, and those we hardly notice who collect our refuse without fail. To parish councillors in Graffham and Lavington and everyone who contributes to community life in Graffham, making this a village to be proud of.



Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra

The stage is set for the event of 2021.



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Join us this summer on 27 & 28 August 2021 in the magnificent grounds of Broadlands, Hampshire for an unmissable experience featuring world-class artists and spectacular events.

Book your tickets today at ParkProms.com



HAMPSHIRE LIFE



Mount Noddy

Mount Noddy is launching an ambitious plan to rebuild its animal centre to create more and better facilities for the neglected, abused and unwanted dogs and cats it cares for.

The year-long £3.4 million project will enable RSPCA Sussex, Chichester and District Branch to help hundreds more animals each year.

A large legacy left to the branch has paid for more than half the cost but it still needs to raise more than £1.5 million to complete the build.

Bestselling author and vet Bruce Fogle (father of Ben), Branch president said: "Knowledge of what helps animals recover when they come into shelters has come on in leaps and bounds over the years and with this legacy and the support of local businesses and the community, we have an exciting opportunity to create the best possible environment to help them."

The branch, which is responsible for its own fundraising to run the centre, is selling the chance to name a kennel or cat pen at the centre in



Eartham for £500 each. It is the perfect way to remember a loved one, either human or furry, mark an occasion like a wedding or anniversary or for businesses to show support for the centre. You could become a Friend for just £2.50 a month, or foster one of our dogs or cats to help them on their way to a forever home.

For more ways to help go to www.rspcasussexchichester.org.uk or contact Graffham resident Claire Penhallurick, who is a trustee of Mount Noddy (claire@bearpetworth.com and 01798 651066).

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.

Labrador. Oil on canvas. Painted by Jacky Gregory





Above: Annual Invictus, race horse. Oil on canvas painted by Jacky Gregory

Right: A painting by Clive McBain



Broadband Connectivity

Graffham Parish Council fully supports the initiative for broadband connectivity which is being coordinated by Mark Stewart, Ginny Barret and Simon Longman. Please see the document which is being circulated through the village and is also reproduced within this magazine on the next pages (pp.17-18).

Fibre broadband would be a major asset to the village whether you work from home, or simply download the odd programme to watch. The scheme does not involve you in any cost unless and until you upgrade your existing broadband package through your existing provider. The more people who express an interest, the more likely Openreach will get the job done.

Katherine Maud Guillod Fund

Graffham Parish Councillors are all individually Trustees of The Katherine Maud Guillod Fund which is a charitable trust set up in 1925 for the benefit of the local area.

In accordance with the terms of the trust, the income is distributed each year as follows: 50% goes to the Graffham Health Support Association, 25% to the Thursday Club and 25% remains for distribution at the discretion of the Parish Council for charitable grants to persons or institutions connected with the village.

The trust documents state that the remaining 25% may be distributed by GPC as it may decide but, it is desired, that principally in mind should be the preservation and upkeep of footpaths within the Parish and the assistance of pupils of Graffham School who may obtain scholarships for study at other schools or colleges.

In the year to 31 March 2021, it is anticipated that the surplus of receipts over payments, being the funds to be used at the discretion of the Council in 2020-2021, will be in the region of some £500. The Council would welcome applications for appropriate grant funding. Any submissions would then be considered at a forthcoming KMG Fund Meeting. Please submit any application to the Clerk at the contact details below.

Forthcoming Meetings – all dates and venue are subject to Covid-19 regulations.

Friday 12 March 2021
Monday 10 May 2021

7pm Empire Hall or Zoom
Annual Meeting of the Parish,
Informal drinks 6.30pm, followed
by Meeting 7pm. Empire Hall.

Friday 14 May 2021

Annual Meeting of Graffham Parish
Council. 7pm.

Agendas, along with draft and approved minutes, are available on www.graffham-pc.uk and on the notice board outside the Empire Hall. Other information including contact details for all councillors, dates of forthcoming meetings and procedural documents can be found on **www.graffham-pc.uk**

Tracy Rowe, Clerk
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Regular Activities in The Empire Hall

Tuesdays	8.45 – 12.00	POST OFFICE
	9.00 – 11.00	GREAT FEET (see below)

(IF COVID RESTRICTIONS ALLOW)

- Osteopath: Mondays and Thursdays, daytime and early evening. Booking required, ring Anna Shawcross 01798 867523 for an appointment.
- Great Feet (Chiropodist's Visit): 16th February 9.00 – 11.00 Treatment Room. GHSA members only. Booking required, Vikki Wood (07825 185880)

Any changes will be posted on the Empire Hall Noticeboard. The Empire Hall will be available to hire for Children's Parties, Wedding Receptions, Private Functions and Classes as restrictions allow.

Website	www.empirehall.org.uk
Email	empirehall@gmail.com
Phone	Booking Secretary Eira Ashby 867297

Gigabit Fibre Connectivity

Please help us bring the best available broadband connectivity to Graffham and East Lavington – for free.

As you may have read on Facebook's Graffham Noticeboard or leaflets through your door, a group of your neighbours are working on behalf of the entire community to bring Gigabit broadband to our village and are asking all households in both parishes to support the initiative.

What is Gigabit broadband?

Gigabit broadband is the fastest available broadband capability, enabling users to obtain guaranteed speeds of up to 1 Gigabit per second (1,000 MB per second). Currently those of us served by the Graffham telephone exchange are limited to a maximum of 80mb per second and in reality speeds are often very much slower than that. This initiative was started because we still have approx. 80+ households off the Graffham exchange who struggle to reach 10mbps connectivity, considered to be unacceptable speeds by OFCOM. Graffham has one Fibre cabinet (FTTC) where the distance from this cabinet to your house, via the copper telephone lines, determines your connectivity speeds. This Gigabit proposal is to bring Fibre To The Premise (FTTP) to all households, enabling everyone to receive the same high quality service.

Higher speeds will future-proof users to take advantage of future technological developments, make it easier to work, school and consume entertainment from home and make our properties here in Graffham more attractive (and hence more valuable) when we eventually decide to move.

How much it would cost to instal?

The Government is offering up to £1,500 per residential property and £3,500 per small business/school/charity in its efforts to encourage rural communities to get this level of infrastructure. West Sussex County Council also have a limited fund to top-up the vouchers to £4000 per household. If sufficient householders in Graffham and East Lavington indicate an interest in signing up for it, this government cash could be enough to cover the cost of installing the proposed gigabyte broadband capability throughout the entire community. So, hopefully, it would be free to us.

Once installed, each of us would have to decide which supplier to buy our Gigabit broadband service from, just as we do now for our regular broadband service. For example, in Selham, where Gigabit broadband has recently been installed, Sky is charging £25 a month for 75mb per second service, or £33 for 150mb per second. Packages will be available up to 1gbps. You pay for the speed of service you want to consume.

What we are asking you to do now

We are asking as many households and businesses in Graffham and East Lavington to indicate their potential interest in Gigabit broadband, so we have the best possible chance of getting it installed as soon as possible – and for free.

Please help us by indicating your interest – with no commitment at this stage – by providing us with your:

- a) Name
- b) Graffham or East Lavington address
- c) Telephone numbers – home landline and mobile
- d) Email address

We will need to share this information with Openreach, the infrastructure supplier, but otherwise it will be kept confidential and only for the purposes of this fibre initiative.

Want to find out more?

Please feel free to contact any of us if you have any further questions – and see: www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband/community-fibre-partnerships

Thanks for reading this – and, hopefully, for your support.

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Graffham Calendar 2020

2021

March

- Fri 12 Graffham Parish Council meeting. 7pm, Empire Hall.
Mon 15 East Lavington Parish Council Meeting. Zoom call, 6.30pm.
 Agenda on website and noticeboards with links.
Mon 15 Graffham Tennis Club AGM, 7pm.

May

- Mon 10 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. Informal drinks
 6.30pm, Meeting 7pm.
Fri 14 Annual Meeting of Graffham Parish Council. 7pm.
Mon 17 East Lavington Parish Council Meeting. Zoom call, 6.30pm.

July

- Mon 19 East Lavington Parish Council Meeting. Zoom call, 6.30pm.
Sat 24-30 Graffham Tennis Club, Tennis Week

September

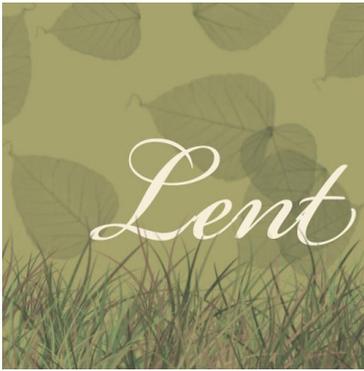
- Mon 20 East Lavington Parish Council Meeting. Zoom call, 6.30pm.

November

- Mon 15 East Lavington Parish Council Meeting. Zoom call, 6.30pm.

In January we bid farewell to Sue Windsor, moving from Graffham to Flitwell in Oxfordshire. We wish Sue every blessing in her new home, and as happy as setting in her new village as she has enjoyed with us in Graffham.

We welcome a number of new residents to our village too, looking forward to better opportunities to meet as time goes on, and sharing our experiences of living here.



Lent 2021

Ash Wednesday Eucharist with act of penitence will be streamed to St Giles Church Graffham Facebook page* on Ash Wednesday 17 February at 10am.

*and can also be accessed via our Website stgilesgraffham.org

Zoom Night Prayer each Wednesday at 7pm to include a 2 minute reflection during Lent.

Zoom Lent talks look out for details of on Facebook and website and in the March parish magazine

Graffham Nature Watch

For those who don't know, we now have a wonderful Facebook page to share photos of beautiful sights around Graffham. Here are a few recent finds from the community.

Below: ©Amelie Shawcross
Right top: ©Jacky Gregory
Right below: ©Jonathan Simons







Above: ©John Prescott.

Overleaf: Top left: ©Sally Blunt. Top right: ©Elaine Moore.

Bottom: ©Claire Sadler.





Due to Covid restrictions, we will again be holding a Spring Event rather than an Easter Market. As this is the main fundraising event for the Empire Hall we would be most grateful for any donations for the raffle or auction. Please contact jackygregory@btinternet.com or liz.empirehall@gmail.com 07543 670586.

MANY THANKS,
THE EASTER MARKET
COMMITTEE



The Lavington Park Federation Graffham CE Infant and Duncton CE Junior School

It makes us all feel better when the lovely snowdrops appear in the grounds at Graffham!

At present, in line with the government's national lockdown restrictions, our schools are open on a very limited basis only to our vulnerable children and those whose parents are 'critical workers' such as NHS workers. This means that currently on our 'busiest' day at Graffham we have fourteen children in attendance!

Staff are working a rota so that for the sake of all our families nobody has to be in school more than is necessary; however, even when not physically in school, teachers continue to work super-hard leading online learning for all our pupils.

All our teaching staff deserve our admiration and enormous gratitude for the miraculous juggling acts they continue to perform, caring for their own families, educating their own children and continuing to support our school community of families so superbly. Indeed, school teachers across the entire nation are due the utmost respect from us all!

Find out more about our school – including a 'virtual tour' - on our website, at **www.graffhamanddunton.w-sussex.sch.uk**

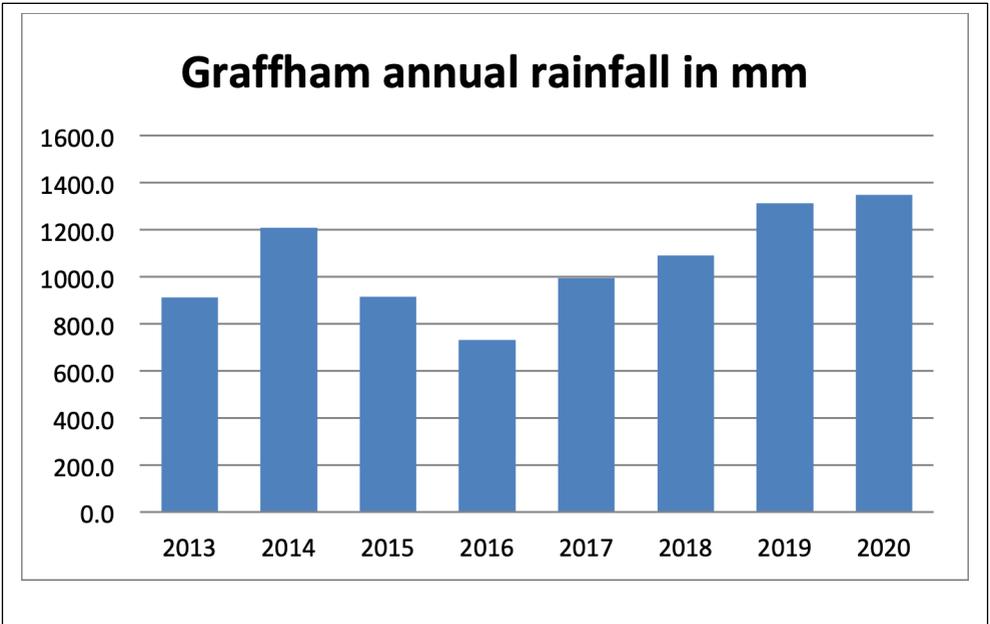
Please do take a look at and 'like' our Facebook page, set up by the 'Friends of Graffham and Duncton'

www.facebook.com/pg/friendsofgraffhamanddunton



Graffham Rainfall report for 2020

Last year I commented that 2019 was wettest year I have recorded since I started doing so in 2010. It will come as no surprise to learn that 2020 managed to beat that record but only by about 30mm

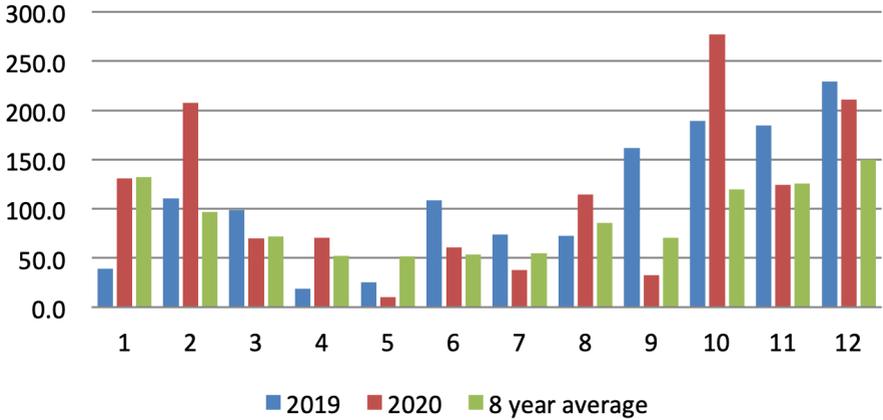


(If you prefer to think in inches the last two years figures are 51.6 and 53.0)

Never before have I recorded more than one month in any year with a monthly rainfall in excess of 200mm but 2020 managed three. October had 277mm (only just short of my recorded maximum of 281.8 in January 2014). December at 211.0mm and February at 207.5mm were the other two to exceed the 200mm mark.

Both May and September both had less than half the eight year average but February and October more than doubled their average. The last two Decembers have been rather wet with both ending up more than a third over average

Graffham Monthly rainfall



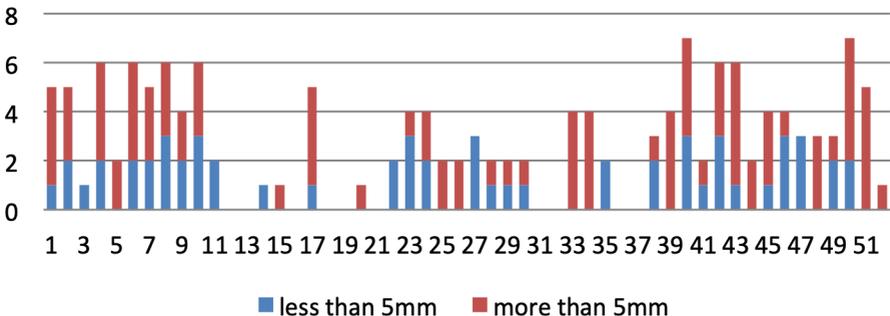
In weekly and daily terms in 2020 the wettest were:

Week from: 27 September	129mm	Day of: 2 October	65mm
9 February	86mm	19 August	50mm

In any planning of holidays for 2021 you may wish to avoid the last week of September as the same week in 2019 returned the year maximum at 128mm; the adjacent week in February was also one of the wettest.

On a more positive note there were only 6 rainy days in April with just two in May

Days with rain in 2020



Census Day

Census Day is on 21st March and a great deal of work is being done locally to prepare for it alongside the national campaign which you will see shortly, in newspapers, the television and social media. Recruitment of the considerable numbers of people who will be helping with the census is underway through www.censusjobs.co.uk. Households across Graffham and East Lavington will receive letters with online codes letting them to take part from early March.

None of us know what restrictions will be in place because of the pandemic so a whole range of scenarios are being planned for, but because Census 2021 will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets, no face-to-face human intervention outside the house will be required. In this situation, census forms will not need to be put in post boxes and collected by the postie. Nor will the envelopes need to be opened and the completed forms scanned or otherwise data-captured. It will be quicker to complete the form online too, as you will be automatically directed to the next relevant question. If you answer No to one, for example, you will not need to read through the next five which would only have been relevant if you had answered Yes.

It will also mean that the information will be more accurate as there will be less scope for handwritten answers being misread. Other answers to questions which might have been misunderstood will be able to be corrected by the guidance given by the program so everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed as a result of the census data.

Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said, "This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That's why it is so important everyone takes part and there will be additional help and paper questionnaires for those who need them."

John Heaton, the Census Engagement Manager for the South and West of West Sussex, who lives locally, added: "Things are very difficult for many people at the moment and it's not easy to look for silver linings in the clouds but, ironically, the fact that so many more people are using

online resources now compared to a year ago means that many more will feel confident about completing the census online”.

First results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations. Incidentally, for those who are keen on researching family history, that means that the 1921 Census returns, taken not long after the end of the First World War, will be soon be available, from 1st January 2022. After the loss of life during the war and the Spanish flu which followed it, that other devastating pandemic just over 100 years ago, the increase in the population decade on decade was in single figures for the first time since the census began, just 5% compared to an average growth of 13.6% since 1801. It was also the only time in the history of the census that a question was asked about orphans.

Any local organisations which work with those in the community who may need additional help can contact John through:

john.heaton37@field.census.gov.uk or for more information, visit:
census.gov.uk

Izzy Barrett



Thank you
To Charlotte Jones for producing our Christmas Video.

...And to everybody who joined in with such Christmas spirit!!

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Community Care

Staff at Seaford have delivered cakes to the local community and Care Homes, as well as donating hand sanitisers at the local village shop and donating Covid-19 Lateral Flow Test Kits to Petworth Surgery.

Greg Burt, Director of Estates and Operations, said:

"All cakes were freshly baked by our Executive Chef Cavill and his team. John and Sian Green went to Graffham Village Store and they are pictured with shopkeeper Jeeva. They then went onto Petworth Surgery and are pictured with the Deputy Practice Manager, Andrea Sebestyen.

Seaford donated a number of belt clip-on hand sanitisers to Graffham Village Store to help keep customers safe along with sanitiser and much needed Covid 19 Lateral Flow Test kits to Petworth Surgery.

Lesley Sparrow and I then continued the community cake cheer with deliveries to residents at Rotherlea Care Home in Petworth, Petworth Cottage Nursing Home and Barlavington Manor Residential & Dementia Care Home. Finishing with a delivery to Heath End Village Store for local villagers and visitors.

The responses and looks on people's faces were amazing and I am sure all will be greatly enjoyed. We plan to deliver similar again next week to keep the Seaford cheer going! Government guidelines and all stay safe measures were strictly followed during the deliveries."

Petworth Cottage Nursing Home posted this:

www.facebook.com/1584516948482438/posts/2756192947981493





Petworth Area Churches Together

Palm Sunday 28th March – watch this space for how we will commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. We've previously had a procession into the town with the band, donkeys, singers etc. but that's unlikely this year. All the same, please join with us in reading about it in Luke's gospel as you come into Holy Week.

As soon as he got to the bottom of the Mount of Olives, the crowds of his followers shouted with a loud outburst of ecstatic joy over all the mighty wonders of power they had witnessed. They shouted over and over, "Highest praises to God for the one who comes as King in the name of the Lord! Heaven's peace and glory from the highest realm now comes to us!" Luke 19:37-38

Petworth Food Bank collection points – there is always a collection box in the Petworth Co-Op and the village stores in Fittleworth and Graffham for larger goods like long life milk/juice, tinned foods, cereals, pasta/mixes and other dry foods. They also always need personal hygiene items like feminine sanitary products, shaving gel, soap, etc. Geoff & Gill Pye have done great work with the team to collect/pack/deliver donations around the Petworth area – in 2021 they hope to pack more 'bespoke' food boxes in addition to the vegetarian and Halal boxes currently available. Thank you for all your donations!

<https://chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food>

The Website for PACT has a link to all of our churches where you can find details of how to get in touch with the clergy and access their online meetings. **<https://petworthareachurchestogether.com>**

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Protecting Your Identity

Why is protecting your identity so vital?

Your identity is one of your most important possessions. It helps to prove that you're you, it enables you to verify your age online or in the pub, apply for a driving licence or a loan, get a mobile phone contract or a passport. And much, much more.

So when a cybercriminal steals your identity, they can do all of these things in your name too. As well as selling it on to other criminals, and even committing criminal acts in your name.

Usually, identity thieves work online, looking for snippets of information about your life in social media posts and profiles, and unprotected email accounts. They exploit the fact that people like to share personal information with their online friends – and can be lax with security. Equally, they can find confidential information like National Insurance and bank account numbers in un-shredded rubbish.

It doesn't take many of these snippets for them to successfully steal your identity and wreak havoc with your life. #ProtectYourID
Get Safe Online has put together some expert tips to help you protect your identity:

- Never share account details or other information that you use to prove your identity, with friends, family or other people.
- Think about what you share on social media, such as date of birth and family members' or pets' names you also use in your passwords. Don't post details or images of your driver's licence, passport, NI number or other confidential items.
- Never reveal private information in response to an email, text, letter, phone call or web form unless you're certain that the request is authentic. Call to check, on the number you know to be correct.
- Install the latest software, app and operating system updates on your computer and mobile devices. Better still, set them to update automatically.
- Make sure all your passwords are strong, and keep them safe. Try using three random words, combined with capital and small letters, numerals and symbols.
- Don't use the same password for more than one account.
- Use a strong and separate password for your email accounts.

- Don't connect to public Wi-Fi hotspots when doing anything confidential online. They may not be secure, and they may even be fraudulent.
- Always beware of people looking over your shoulder when you're entering private information on a computer, mobile device or ATM.
- Arrange for paperless bills and statements instead of printed ones.
- File sensitive documents securely, and shred those you no longer need – preferably with a cross-cut shredder.
- Get regular credit reports to check if anybody has taken out finance in your name.

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Get Safe Online is the UK's leading source of information and advice on online safety and security, for the public and small businesses.

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If you think you've been a victim of online fraud, report it to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud and cybercrime reporting centre on 0300 123 20 40 or at **www.actionfraud.police.uk**. In Scotland, report fraud to Police Scotland by calling 101.

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.

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)
- Chocolate
- Biscuits



Please donate to this food bank by putting any of the listed items in the box at the village shop. All items available from Vasu and Jeeva but all donations welcome! Any queries please ring Ann Brown on 01798 867561

Other Churches

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 Churches

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 Luttmann-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

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