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## Baptism at St Giles (cover)

Baptism of Jacob Salter in the ancient font of St Giles Church on Sunday 18 August 2019. Jacob is the great-grandson of Sylvia Smith RIP. Many folk will remember Sylvia as a significant figure in Graffham, fulfilling many roles in the village. A faithful worshipper, Sylvia would have been delighted to know Jacob was taking this step into Christian life, alongside his mother Kayla, Sylvia's granddaughter, who was also baptised that day with her son. God bless this family as they continue their Christian journey together with all the encouragement and love of the people of this parish.

Graffham Parish News is always on the look out for exciting news, features, articles and photos. If you would like to contribute to the magazine please email the editor, Rozie Apps on:

**editor.graffhamparishnews@gmail.com**

The deadline for the next issue (October) is 20th September.

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THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

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# Letter from Reverend Vivien

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*Tread softly! All the earth is holy ground. Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)*

September seems a particularly action-packed month this year. We are working hard to increase our care for the good earth in which we live, the 'holy ground' of Christina Rossetti's poetry. To this end, our parish has registered with 'Eco-Church', working towards different awards reflecting our level of sensitivity to the environment, keeping our children central to this process as much as possible. We seek more sustainable ways to care for the world which God has created, because it is good and because it is vulnerable. We are particularly looking forward to our Harvest Supper on 27th September, which will introduce an opportunity for those interested to explore ways of making a 'Greener Graffham' in the future. Come along, it's free and everyone is welcome, just bring something for the table and something to drink. And maybe consider the following questions as you do so: CAN YOU...walk or cycle to the Harvest Supper...include some local produce in your dish...shop and cook your dish without single-use plastic? We look forward to seeing you!

Another good walking or cycling opportunity on Saturday 14th September is 'Ride and Stride'. The churches of West Sussex are opened for sponsored walkers or riders to travel between, in aid of their own churches and the Sussex Historic Churches Trust – each taking 50% of sponsorship they raise. I walked last year and plan to do so again. If you'd like to sponsor me, or participate yourselves, that would be wonderful! Please sign my sponsor form in church or see website for participant details:

[www.sussexhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/sussex\\_ride\\_and\\_stride.html](http://www.sussexhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/sussex_ride_and_stride.html)

And for a more sustained 'pilgrimage' opportunity, 'Pilgrims' is a new fortnightly group in Graffham beginning Tuesday 10th September at 10am, to explore faith questions and support one another on our life journeys. Anyone is welcome, contact me on 01798 867199 for details.

That's just some of what's happening this month. See the rest of this magazine for more!

Wishing you all every blessing on your own journey of life.

Rev'd Vivien

# Services for September

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## **Sunday 1st September Trinity 11**

9.00am Matins at Saint Giles  
10.30am Church on Sunday Saint Giles  
[No Service at All Saints]

## **Sunday 8th September Trinity 12**

10.30am Parish Eucharist at Saint Giles  
6.00pm Evensong at All Saints Chapel [BCP]

## **Sunday 15th September Trinity 13**

10.30am Parish Eucharist at Saint Giles  
Taize Service at All Saints Chapel at 6pm

## **Sunday 22nd September Trinity 14**

10.30am Parish Eucharist at Saint Giles  
*Harvest Festival*  
6.00pm Evensong at All Saints Chapel [BCP]

## **Sunday 29th September Trinity 15**

10.30 am Church on Sunday at Saint Giles  
[No Service at All Saints]

## **Sunday 6th October Trinity 16**

9.00am Matins at Saint Giles  
10.30am Church on Sunday Saint Giles  
[No Service at All Saints]

Please see pew sheets on church and  
chapel notice boards for any variations

### Flowers

For Saint Giles:  
1st Sue Windsor  
8th/15th Diane Bellis  
22nd Caroline Fleetwood  
+ all for Harvest Festival  
29th Harvest Flowers

### Cleaners

Rosemary Sutton  
and Diane Bellis



## Could you donate £10 a month to secure St Giles' long-term future?

St Giles' is a place of peace and reflection, of regular Sunday worship, and of gathering on important and special occasions in the life of this village and its people.

Unfortunately, despite economising in a number of ways, the church is currently running **an annual deficit of £8000.**

The Church of England does not contribute towards the cost of running and maintaining its parish churches; we must support ourselves in this.

Thanking those who already do so, if we can find 70 new friends in our village willing to make a regular donation of £10 a month, this would eradicate the deficit & help secure St Giles long term future.

It's easy to set up a regular donation:

- Pick up a blue Parish Giving Scheme leaflet 'A better way to help your local Church' and accompanying white Gift Form
- These are available in Graffham Community Shop Cafe, St Giles Church, All Saints Chapel or download info from our website: [www.stgilesgraffham.org/donate/parish-giving-scheme](http://www.stgilesgraffham.org/donate/parish-giving-scheme)
- Fill in the white Gift Form and post in the envelope provided.

If you value having a living, historic, well-cared-for church in this village, please consider supporting St Giles' with a regular donation.

**Bless you for doing so.**

# Horse Chestnut Leaf Miner

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## Charging into battle on a Fiat Punto

Far, far away in the south-east corner of Europe, the Balkan Mountains tower over the landscape. Their valleys were once home to the fearsome Thracian tribes who made empires tremble when they rode screaming into battle on their wild horses. But even more ancient battles were being fought deep in these majestic mountains.

Here in the Balkans there grew a strange and mighty tree. Its huge seeds were encased in spiky armour and its leaves were like giant hands which cast shade all around. But this tree had been cursed. Each year a plague of tiny, tiny moths would attack the tree, their caterpillars would burrow inside every leaf. Green turned to brown, leaving the tree apparently lifeless and defeated. Yet each year the tree would return with renewed green vigour and each year the moths would attack with the same resolve. And so for centuries the tree and the moth remained trapped in the Balkan Mountains, locked in their epic, age-old battle.

Then one day men came from the west, discovered this magnificent tree, gathered its seeds and planted them in their world. And so the branches and the empire of the Horse Chestnut spread across Europe's parks and gardens. People admired it and reclined in the shade of its broad palmate leaves. Schoolboys used its seeds to fight their own playground battles.



The conker tree had conquered the continent. Here in this new world the curse of the moth had been lifted and the Horse Chestnut flourished. Meanwhile the tree's nemesis, not a particularly strong flyer, remained imprisoned in the remote valleys of the Balkan Mountains for centuries, more myth than moth. Then, one day, the modern world

arrived. Construction workers building roads through the mountains were unwittingly building the perfect means for the moth to escape and spread. An ancient evil had been set loose on the world. Now all it needed was a lift. So the moth stuck out its six thumbs and hitched a ride.

Incredibly the moth, just 5mm long, was able to disperse by grabbing on to passing vehicles. And so, like the ferocious Thracian tribes, the moth rode into battle. Screaming along highways, motorways, and auto-bahns on Volvos, Citroens, Fiats and Fords. The ancient battle spilled out from the Balkans as the moth was chauffeur driven to every Horse Chestnut tree in Europe. The Horse Chestnut Leaf Miner moth was first discovered, identified and named in Greece in 1984. Twenty years later, in 2004, an innocent motorist pulled off the A27 in to the University of Sussex car park unaware they had bought a sinister stowaway into Sussex. Since then every Horse Chestnut in Sussex has been moth-eaten. Look to the leaves in September and you'll see the great Balkan battle raging right on your doorstep.

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Sponsored walk or cycle ride on Saturday 14 September.  
Sponsor form for Revd Vivien in St Giles Church.  
Support Sussex Historic Churches Trust & St Giles Church

[https://www.sussexhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/  
sussex\\_ride\\_and\\_stride.html](https://www.sussexhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/sussex_ride_and_stride.html)





## The Last Trip Home...

Folk Concert by 'Cotillion'  
Saturday 5 October at 7pm  
St Giles' Church, Graffham

Travel back in time at St Giles' Church Graffham.  
A traditional Sussex narrator introduces musicians and singers charting the change from oxen and horses power to the engine in rural life.

Cotillion use poems, stories, anecdotes, songs and tunes with melodeon, fiddle, guitars, mandolin and whistles, presenting music and history in a mixture of pathos, lively music and some fun.

### Tickets:

**Adults: £12      Under 18s: £6**

Drinks and delicious home-made small eats will be available  
**All proceeds go towards securing the long-term future of St. Giles'**

Advance tickets can be bought online at  
**<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stgileschurchgraftam/291169>**  
or from the village shop. Please do book in advance to avoid  
disappointment and help us organise refreshments!

*Pop Up Bowie – Saturday 19th October*

*Mountain Music – Friday 22nd November*

Visit: [www.empirehall.org.uk](http://www.empirehall.org.uk) for:

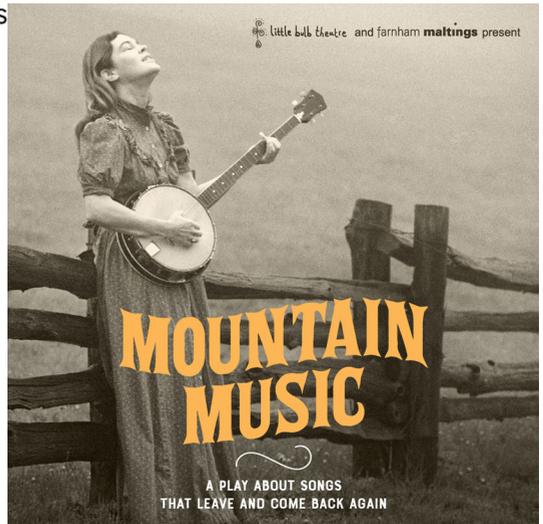
### **Mountain Music – A Farnham Maltings Production**

When pioneers from the British Isles came to settle in the Appalachian Mountains they brought with them, in their invisible baggage, songs from 'the old country' which took on a new life amidst the new land.

Join award winning Little Bulb Theatre as they weave a tapestry both historical and fantastical in an unforgettable evening of story and song. Told with sumptuous three-part harmonies and a (foot stomping) four-piece string band, we invite you on a journey of musical migration to the birth of what we now call 'Country Music'.

"Boundlessly enthusiastic, insanely optimistic and inexpressibly charming" – *The Guardian* on Little Bulb

A play about songs that leave and come back again. Age Guidance: 11+



*Thank you*

to Richard for wonderful jazz playing, to Ginny and Bill and family and all who supported the Jazz Evening in August raising funds for St Giles.

# Graffham Calendar 2019

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## September

- Mon 16 East Lavington Parish Council Meeting, 6.15pm,  
Seaford College NB2
- Thur 19 Graffham Tennis Club Annual Prize Giving Evening,  
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7-10pm, Recreation Ground Pavillion
- Wed 25 12.30 for 12.45 Empire Hall lunch club
- Fri 27 Graffham Parish Council meeting. 7pm. Empire Hall,  
Committee Room

## October

- Sat 19 Pop up Bowie, an award winning Bowie Tribute Act, Empire  
Hall
- Wed 23 12.30 for 12.45 Empire Hall lunch club

## November

- Fri 15 Graffham Parish Council meeting. 7pm. Empire Hall,  
Committee Room
- Mon 18 East Lavington Parish Council Meeting, 6.15pm, Seaford  
College NB2
- Fri 22 Mountain Music, a play produced by Farnham Maltings,  
Empire Hall
- Wed 27 12.30 for 12.45 Empire Hall lunch club

## December

- Wed 11 12.30 for 12.45 Empire Hall Christmas Lunch

## 2020

## January

- Fri 17 Graffham Parish Council meeting. 7pm. Empire Hall,  
Committee Room
- Mon 20 East Lavington Parish Council Meeting
- Wed 22 12.30 for 12.45 Empire Hall lunch club

## **February**

Wed 26 12.30 for 12.45 Empire hall lunch club

## **March**

Fri 13 Graffham Parish Council meeting. 7pm. Empire Hall, Committee Room

Mon 16 East Lavington Parish Council Meeting

Wed 25 12.30 for 12.45 Empire Hall lunch club

## **April**

Wed 22 12.30 for 12.45 Empire Hall lunch club

## **May**

Mon 11 Annual Meeting of the Parish, 6.30pm for 7pm. Empire Hall

Wed 27 May 12.30 for 12.45 Empire hall lunch club

Fri 15 Annual Meeting of Graffham Parish Council 7pm. Empire Hall

## **June**

Wed 24 12.30 for 12.45 Empire Hall lunch club

### **St Giles Church Auction of paintings, pictures and prints**

I have several beautiful pictures, prints and paintings so far, with others promised. These need to be identified, photographed and collated ready for the catalogue to enable me to start the process of advertising and promoting the sale.

May I ask that everyone who has promised, or is able to contribute to the Auction, to let me have possession (or to take a photo) of the items as soon as possible. I currently do not have sufficient numbers to begin the process and feel it is better to postpone the Sale until after Christmas, probably in early February.

Unfortunately, without publicity, word will not get around well beyond the Village, and this would affect the benefits of your generosity! Catch 22! I need the items before I can register them to gain publicity. We currently have high quality, low numbers! Call me on 867460 or email [sargent396@btinternet.com](mailto:sargent396@btinternet.com) and I will happily collect! Alan Sargent, Churchwarden

**'Church on  
Sunday'**

Family Eucharist for  
**St Giles' Day**



**Our Patronal  
festival**

at St Giles Church  
Sunday 1 Sept  
at 10.30am

*You are welcome here.*

**HARVEST  
FESTIVAL  
EUCHARIST**

at St Giles Church  
Graffham



Sunday 22 Sept  
at 10.30am



*You are welcome here.*

*Thank you*

to Lavington Stud for renewing the fence around  
the war memorial garden, continuing to honour  
the Graffham servicemen who served in war.

Petworth Area Churches Together  
working together in harmony

**Fete in the Park – Saturday 13th July in Petworth Park**

At our Cream Tea tent at the Fete in the Park, we served 500 drinks and 200 scones, and hundreds of prayer bubbles were sent up to heaven – incredible work by all the volunteers and scone-bakers, thank you very much!

**Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August – Kids Club at Herbert Shiner Community Hall, Petworth, GU28 0EE**

PACT hosted 112 children (from Petworth, Tillington, Duncton, Northchapel and Wisborough Green) who all had great fun learning about God's wonderful world and how we can all be a part of his plan for the world. They spent the week creating all sorts of things including vehicles out of 'junk' (boxes and whatever they could lay their hands on) which were raced on the last day. Each morning was followed by the shared family picnic lunches with home-made cakes and plenty of fun on the bouncy castle too. Thank you to the 25 amazing teenage helpers, the many others who masterminded the activities and multiple brilliant bakers and volunteers across the week – thank you very much.

**Friday 11th October – Autumn Lecture at St Mary's Petworth  
7.30pm**

The Autumn Lecture with Davina Irwin-Clark is titled 'A Day in the Life of a High Sheriff'. In her year as High Sheriff, Davina is focusing on fractured families, marriage breakdown and children going into crisis, in a Christian context.

<https://highsheriffs.com/West-Sussex>

# Graffham Fete

As always, an enormous thank you to all who came, helped and made the fete a great success – we really couldn't do it without you. Preliminary figures suggest that we took £7,000 on the day, hopefully with a bit more yet to come!

Ginny Barrett and Phil Jones



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# Employment Opportunity at Graffham Empire Hall

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There is a part time role for one year on offer at the Empire Hall Graffham to carry out a key piece of work to cement the foundations of our 21st century ready community hall. The role is likely to start in October. If interested, send your applications with a brief CV highlighting your skills and experience that will support the job description below to Carol Tompkins – empirehall@gmail.com – or by hand/post to Boswell’s Cottage, Graffham, GU28 0NL

Hall Promotion Officer, job description:

Salary: £12.50 per hour (18 hrs. per week – working hours to be agreed)  
1 Year (44 weeks)

Based at Graffham Empire Hall

Responsible to Empire Hall Committee

Job Summary: Supporting the Empire Hall Committee, the post holder will be actively involved in optimising the use of the enhanced community hall and its sustainability by co-ordinating and supporting hall hirers and users, together with undertaking monitoring and evaluation of the project. To result in programming of activities that meets both users and hirers needs, with activities being effectively communicated to allow maximum inclusion of the community.

## Main Duties

- To schedule activities within the Empire Hall and its grounds in order to meet local needs
- To devise and undertake a programme of monitoring and evaluation and report findings and areas for change and improvement
- To assist the Empire Hall Committee and hall hirers with the development and implementation of activity plans and charges that will lead to the sustainability of both the community hall and the hall hirers.
- To identify and introduce the Empire Hall Committee to technical and software solutions that will assist the future ease and smooth running of the hall by volunteers.
- To identify training needs and opportunities to provide volunteers with the necessary skills and knowledge to undertake their duties.
- To assist the Empire Hall Committee develop and initiate a programme of volunteer recruitment and training.
- To develop links and partnership working arrangements with other community facilities and to work collaboratively with partners and

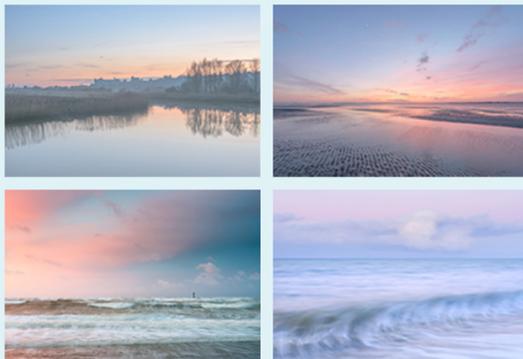
- agencies to improve and enhance opportunities for the community hall.
- To undertake marketing and promotion of the Empire Hall and its activities.
- To develop and maintain an effective database of information regarding the Empire Hall's programme of use in accordance with the requirements of funders.
- To contribute to the development of groups using the centre to enhance the activities on offer.
- Any other duties commensurate with this post for which the post holder has the necessary experience and/or training.
- Additional Information
- The post holder will be required to accept responsibility and to be able to work on their own initiative.
- The post consists of close public contact therefore the Hall Promotion Officer should be enthusiastic and enjoy working with people.
- This position will require some unsociable working hours (e.g. evenings and weekends) and will require the post holder to be flexible.



## Benjamin Graham

*'Developing Personal Vision and Visual Style'*

Come along to hear this inspiring speaker at Midhurst Camera Club on 18 September 2019 7.30pm -10pm Cowdray Hall, Parkway Easebourne, GU29 0AW  
 Visitors: £7 in advance £8 on the door  
 Doors open 7.15pm



[midhurstcameraclub.co.uk](http://midhurstcameraclub.co.uk)

Guest Speaker

[www.chichester.foodbank.org.uk](http://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 items on the list in the covered box in the back of St Giles Church, Graffham.  
 Any queries please ring Ann Brown on 01798 867561

[www.empirehall.org.uk](http://www.empirehall.org.uk)

★ POP UP ★  
**BOWIE**  
**AND BAND**

**AWARD WINNING BOWIE TRIBUTE ACT FEATURING THE GREATEST  
HITS FROM EVERY ERA OF BOWIE'S AMAZING CAREER.**

**FUND RAISING EVENT FOR  
GRAFFHAM EMPIRE HALL  
NEAR PETWORTH GU28 0QB**

**SAT. OCTOBER 19-2019 8.00 PM**

**TICKETS** General Admittance £15 (limited seating)  
Guaranteed Seating on Balcony £25 (very few tickets available)  
Ticket tailor <http://buytickets.at/empirehallgraffham/283136>  
or [www.empirehall.org.uk](http://www.empirehall.org.uk). More info [empirehall@gmail.com](mailto:empirehall@gmail.com)

**DOOR AND  
CASH BAR  
OPEN AT 7.30**

**AN ELECTRIFYING SHOW OF PURE,  
AUTHENTIC BOWIE WITH LIVE BAND**

In the words of the official David Bowie fan club - 'Amazing'

'Pop Up Bowie had us spellbound' - Lucy Johnston - Daily Express

'For anyone who enjoys a great David Bowie tribute, Paul Longland presents the clinching argument as to exactly why he won the No.1 Bowie award as soon as he walks out on stage and begins to sing.' The Stage

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# Graffham Garden Group

## 2019 Programme of Outings

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September: Tuesday 3rd  
**Hannah Peschar Sculpture Garden**  
Ockley, Surrey

Every year 200 pieces of sculpture are exhibited in this magical garden. The garden is a work of art in its own right, designed by landscape architect Anthony Paul. Car trip, leaving Graffham at 10.15am, £14.40, includes tea/coffee and biscuits.



©www.hannahpescharsculpture.com

October:  
Wednesday 16th  
**Wakehurst**  
Haywards Heath

We will have a 1hr 15mins guided tour of Wakehurst, Kew's wild botanic garden



on the High Weald of West Sussex. It has over 500 acres of beautiful ornamental gardens, woodlands and a nature reserve. Wakehurst is also home to the Millennium Seed Bank, the largest wild seed conservation project in the world. Car trip, leaving Graffham at 9am, £12, National Trust members £7.

For all trips please call Carole Kirke 01798 867026

# Hall Enhancement Project – An Update Final Phase

After many many months of toing and froing, amending designs to mitigate as much as possible identified concerns and waiting on a planning authority struck down with illness; it is with some sense of achievement that I can share that the Empire Hall has been successful in securing planning permission and £125,000 of Reaching Communities grant from the Big Lottery Fund.

The planning permission will allow the removal of existing (and predominantly rotting) sheds with a single large shed at the East end of the garden behind the hall. Providing storage for hall users including the Graffham Health Support Association. The permission also allows ground works to create all weather vehicle access (using a material that will allow grass to grow through it) for people needing access to treatment in the treatment room, deliveries and collections to and from the kitchen and the new store. The exact timing of works is yet to be identified.

Given the overwhelming majority of comments and interest in being able to provide access to children's parties and conserve the garden space for wider use when the weather is right, the project intends to result in a usable garden space at the rear of the hall. Licensing have already been approached and this should not be an issue.

The Reaching Communities grant also will allow the hall to employ a part time resource to facilitate and promote the optimum use of the hall facilities. Further information will be available.

## **Kitchen, Additional Entrance and Toilets (Mainly LEADER Fund grant, plus some Reaching Communities Fund)**

This phase of the project is complete and the hall is back to full operation. The hall now has a commercial specification kitchen with eight burner rings, two ovens, two fridges, infrared plate warmers, a warming cupboard and catering standard sinks and hand wash area. The toilets capacity has been at least doubled by the introduction of two urinals and an accessible toilet in addition to the two toilets that were in place before. In addition, a baby changing table has been installed in the accessible toilet.



# Fittleworth Flyers Running Club

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The Fittleworth Flyers is your local Running Club and on Sunday 1st September is our main event of the year, with a 1 Mile Junior Race and a 5 mile Senior race. All are invited to the race either as spectators or running in it.

Thanks to Mark McDavid of Sorrels Farm, we will be able to use his large field off The Fleet for car parking. His crop this year has already been harvested. Please park your car there.

The Race HQ is Fittleworth Village Hall, School Lane, Fittleworth RH20 1JB, and all entries can be made there from 9.15am.

The starting point is in Limbourne Lane, then through the lovely country side, along to Stopham, then left to Harwood's Farm, and re-trace our steps to Stopham Church which we circle. The surface will be clear of obstacles.

For an entry form contact the Race Secretary at [www.fittleworthflyers.org.uk](http://www.fittleworthflyers.org.uk)  
The Adult Race (minimum age 16, no upper limit!) costs £7 to enter on the day at the Village Hall. It starts at 11.00 in Limbourne Lane.

The Junior Race (min. age 7, max.15) over 0.8 mile costs £1 to enter. It starts at 10.15m, also in Limbourne Lane. Under 7s can enter this year, but an adult must run with them. We will be delighted to see more children run this year. Come and join us – it's a fun event for all the family.

For further details, please contact Gerald Gresham Cooke 01798 342151 [Geraldgreshamcooke@gmail.com](mailto:Geraldgreshamcooke@gmail.com)



## Pilgrims

A new fortnightly group at  
10am beginning Tuesday 10  
& 24 September, exploring  
faith questions and supporting  
one another on our life journeys.

Anyone is welcome, contact Revd Vivien  
for details 01798 867199

*Art*



*by. Susan Hill.*

## OPEN GALLERY

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September  
11 - 4 at Graffham House.

PAINTINGS, CARDS AND BOOKS

Refreshments, donation plate  
and percentage to St Giles Church.



# GRAFFHAM EMPIRE MOVIES

AUTUMN 2019 SEASON

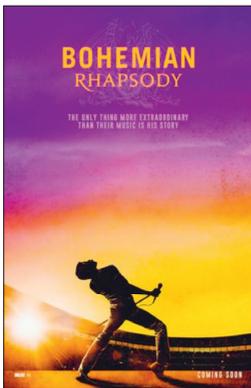
Graffham Empire Movies (GEM) has been bringing some of the latest and greatest blockbusters to the silver screen in our very own village for many years now, in conjunction with West Sussex-based professional touring cinema Cinema2U.

It has built a tradition of screening great quality films with an opportunity for friends and neighbours to meet and greet, and all at prices which represent incredible value compared with the big town cinemas.

**Doors open at 7 pm for screenings at 7.30 pm. Tickets are sold at the door - £7.50 for adults and £5 for under 18s.**

Refreshments are available from the bar before the screening and during the interval - cold and hot drinks and tasty nibbles. There will be changes to the usual range on offer in the coming season.

The 2019-20 season has a musical theme - a mixed bag of highly acclaimed titles, with a varying twist of music about them in one way or another.



## SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY

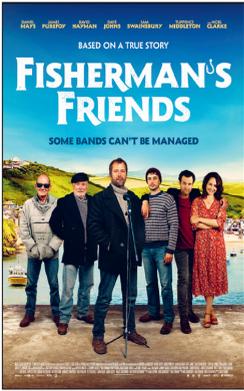
**PG-13** 134 minutes

A foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their astonishing lead singer Freddie Mercury. The only thing more extraordinary than their music is their story.

*Rami Malek won an Oscar and BAFTA as best actor for his lead role. The film won three other Oscars and a second BAFTA along with a trophy cabinet full of other awards.*



Like to join our email list so you can be among the first to know which films are coming to Graffham and when? Let us know at any film night or email [graffhamempiremovies@gmail.com](mailto:graffhamempiremovies@gmail.com)



**SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER**  
**FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS**

**12A 112 minutes**

Based on the unlikely true story of ten fisherman from a tiny Cornish village who are signed by one of the world's biggest recording companies and achieve a Top 10 hit with their debut album of traditional sea shanties.

*A charming, gentle comedy, with some wonderful singing harmonies and breathtaking shots of one of England's most photogenic counties (outside West Sussex). A British gem described by one critic as "2019's feel good film, guaranteed to lift the spirits for years to come - it's just such a lovely movie".*



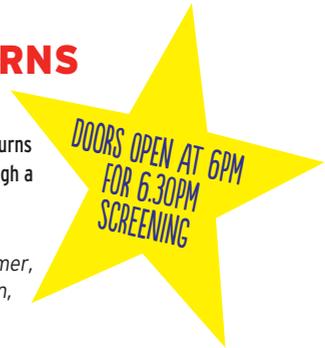
**SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER**  
**MARY POPPINS RETURNS**

**PG 130 minutes**

Decades after her original visit, the magical nanny returns to help the Banks siblings and Michael's children through a difficult time in their lives.

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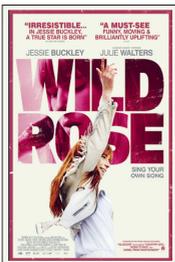


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# Graffham Village Shop Association

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The Annual General meeting of the GVSA will take place on 26th September 2019 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion. There have been many newcomers to the village in recent years so it seems appropriate to explain why the Association exists and what it does.

In 1993 the owner of Pescods, Roger Mozley, decided that he wished to retire from running the Village Shop and Post Office, which he had done for many years and the village formed a committee to decide what to do. Subsequently GVSA Ltd was formed as a Provident Society in 1994 with the objective of ensuring the continued existence of a village shop and Post Office. It decided to buy the existing site, which was formerly a garage, convert it into a shop and workshop and lease them to business tenants. Much has happened since then but essentially the situation remains as it was. GVSA Ltd owns the site and the buildings on it, i.e. the shop, the picture framer and the house next to the shop (Chapel View), and leases them to tenants. The ownership of the businesses and the responsibility for running them lies solely with the tenants. The undoubted success that they have made of them is due to the hard work of Vasu and Jeeva as shop keepers and Stephanie as the picture framer.

GVSA Ltd is now a Community Benefit Society regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. It has about 370 shareholders of which 190 still live in the village. It is run on a day to day basis by a Management Committee which is responsible for ensuring that the Association meets its legal requirements and liaises with and provides support to the tenants when necessary. The Management Committee is elected annually at the AGM, at which all shareholders are entitled to vote.

If you would like to know more about the Association or become a shareholder, or even serve on the Management Committee (we are always looking for new blood!) please speak to any member of the Committee, or come along to the meeting.

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## Change of date of September Meeting

Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances, the meeting scheduled for Friday 13th September has been cancelled and has been rescheduled to take place on Friday 27th September at 7pm. Empire Hall, Committee Room.

## Forthcoming Meetings

Friday 27th September 2019	7pm. Empire Hall, Committee Room
Friday 15th November	7pm. Empire Hall, Committee Room
Friday 17th January 2020	7pm. Empire Hall, Committee Room
Friday 13 March 2020	7pm. Empire Hall, Committee Room
Monday 11 May 2020	Annual Meeting of the Parish, 6.30pm for 7pm. Empire Hall.
Friday 15 May 2020	Annual Meeting of Graffham Parish Council 7pm. Empire Hall

Agendas, along with draft and approved minutes, are available on [www.graffham-pc.uk](http://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](http://www.graffham-pc.uk)

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## What's Happening at the Club This Month

Date	Time	Event
Sun 01 Sep 2019	🕒	
Mon 02 Sep 2019	🕒 10:45 AM 🕒 8:00 PM	🟡 Senior Club Morning 🟡 GTC Committee Meeting
Tue 03 Sep 2019	🕒	
Wed 04 Sep 2019	🕒 1:45 - 2:45 PM	🟡 Rusty Racquets Course
Thu 05 Sep 2019	🕒 6:30 PM	🟡 <b>CLUB NIGHT</b> - For all members
Fri 06 Sep 2019	🕒 11:50 AM - 1:20 PM	🟡 EHL Ladies Training
Sat 07 Sep 2019	🕒	
Sun 08 Sep 2019	🕒	
Mon 09 Sep 2019	🕒 10:45 AM	🟡 Senior Club Morning
Tue 10 Sep 2019	🕒	
Wed 11 Sep 2019	🕒 1:45 - 2:45 PM	🟡 Rusty Racquets Course
Thu 12 Sep 2019	🕒 6:30 PM	🟡 <b>CLUB NIGHT</b> - For all members
Fri 13 Sep 2019	🕒 11:50 AM - 1:20 PM	🟡 EHL Ladies Training
Sat 14 Sep 2019	🕒	
Sun 15 Sep 2019	🕒	
Mon 16 Sep 2019	🕒 10:45 AM	🟡 Senior Club Morning
Tue 17 Sep 2019	🕒	
Wed 18 Sep 2019	🕒 1:45 - 2:45 PM	🟡 Rusty Racquets Course
Thu 19 Sep 2019	🕒 6:30 PM Onwards	🟡 <b>CLUB NIGHT</b> - For all members 🟡 <b>ANNUAL DINNER &amp; PRIZEGIVING</b>
Fri 20 Sep 2019	🕒 11:50 AM - 1:20 PM	🟡 EHL Ladies Training
Sat 21 Sep 2019	🕒	
Sun 22 Sep 2019	🕒	
Mon 23 Sep 2019	🕒 10:45 AM	🟡 Senior Club Morning
Tue 24 Sep 2019	🕒	
Wed 25 Sep 2019	🕒 1:45 - 2:45 PM	🟡 Rusty Racquets Course
Thu 26 Sep 2019	🕒 6:30 PM	🟡 <b>CLUB NIGHT</b> - For all members
Fri 27 Sep 2019	🕒 11:50 AM - 1:20 PM	🟡 EHL Ladies Training
Sat 28 Sep 2019	🕒	
Sun 29 Sep 2019	🕒	
Mon 30 Sep 2019	🕒 10:45 AM	🟡 Senior Club Morning

Would you like to join in? See our website ([www.graffhamtennis.co.uk](http://www.graffhamtennis.co.uk)) for details of membership and email [admin@graffhamtennis.co.uk](mailto:admin@graffhamtennis.co.uk)

# Graffham Tennis Club Sports and Social Week 2019

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## **Generation Game Mixed Doubles – Saturday 20th July**

Fourteen pairs competed in the traditional mixing of the ages and after early rain the play was under way. After some closely fought encounters, lunchtime brought us to the semi-final stages, the first of which provided the nail-biter of the day with Arya (son of Jeeva) and Emma Amin edging out Hugo de Burgh and Kate Hogan 6-5. The slightly more senior combination of Brett Creed and Sally Pattie later won the other semi against generation contemporaries Vincent Leysen and Diana Pettifer. The burgers were sizzling on the barbecue as Brett and Sally ran out 6-3 winners in the final, defeating club star-player Emma and the very promising Arya – takes after dad perhaps? Dad may say hopefully not!

Not all tennis here as four teams of mixed generations participated in the afternoon rounders, great fun but finding out who won has eluded me. Could have been an honourable draw I am told.

Not all over yet on this 'Super Saturday', as midst the barbecue goodies our golf correspondent, Brett Creed, introduces the mega putting – otherwise known as The Graffham Open now in its third year. As 7.20pm approaches over, to Brett!

"The defending champion, Chris Major, has the honour at the first and only tee as he heads an international field of 33 competitors. As the applause dies away, Chris sets the play in motion and we are underway!

The challenge is a 30 foot putt across a beautifully prepared green. Getting through to the top ten, and not missing the cut, means you need to be within three feet of the pin. No problem for Chris and at the halfway stage he lurks in third place behind Jacob 'Cubby' Thornley and Joe Amin.

Representing the ladies, Louise Creed and Wendy Bentley, make it through as does Ian Thornley O.B.E. representing The Empire! 2017 winner Mike Dimmer misses the cut and leaves early to make an appointment with Specsavers!

Then John Bracey, in his rookie year, rolls his 2nd round putt to within 2 inches of the pin to take the lead – could there be a twist? With the pressure building, Ms Bentley, Jeeva and Theo withdraw in protest against the slowness of play!

In the final round it looks most unlikely that anyone will undercut John's cumulative distance, and the title seems safely in his hands with only Joe Amin left to putt. But cometh the moment cometh the man! Dead eyed Joe rolls the ball so close that the luckless John is beaten by 4.5 inches.

At the trophy presentation Joe thanks all of the green staff and the Tennis Club for hosting another successful event. Phew what a day!

Sunday commenced with the Ladies A Singles Tournament event which was a round-robin using the 'tie break ten' system. Plenty of excellent fast moving tennis which eventually led to Kate Hogan edging out Rebecca Ruff by 28 games to 27. Kate won the tie break between the two 10-7 which justified her narrow victory, and she deservedly won the trophy!

If you chaps want quick-fire fast moving tennis you should have entered the next upcoming event! 'The Chairman's Inaugural and Innovative Invitation!' which attracted six pairs who all competed against each other in a round robin. Each match was of a 15 minute duration with a 'shot-gun start', ceasing on time no matter how many games were played. The pair winning the most games would be declared the winners! The 15 shortened matches were completed in the most rapid-round-robin our Club has seen, and may be any other Club come to that! Joe Amin (again) and Tom Creed were the winners with 25 games and runners up were Adrian Lloyd and Ian Thornley on 19. Plenty of laughter mingled with some excellent tennis despite the dodgy bounces on the grass! Cream teas and restorative beers ended the action of day two. Come and join in next year, I'm sure you will be invited!



## Junior Academy Coaching

Monday was the start of five days coaching from tiny tots to teenagers under the excellent guidance of Richard Hopp, who subjected them to quick changes of activity, and showed plenty of patience with the little ones. Richard provides plenty of coaching opportunities to our members, adult and children and can be contacted on 07904 069457 or via his website [hoppcoaching.co.uk](http://hoppcoaching.co.uk).

Monday's coaching was followed by our annual junior match against a combined Rogate and Chichester team, and after great tennis from some highly promising youngsters, Graffham landed the spoils by 5 sets to 3.

Representing Graffham were Maizie Amin and Charlie Biggs, Joseph Steyn and Arya Jeeva, Lawrence Bates and Theo Longman, Gene Slattery and Owen Russell and Olive Amin and Kofi Atkinson. Well done team Graffham.

As a footnote to this excellent event it is rather sad that the Graffham Boys and Girls singles have vanished from our tournament schedule since 2015, and many of us will recall the fine young players who developed from these events. There are two fine trophies (one which was donated by long standing members of our Club) lying dormant, and it is a gap that needs filling in the interest of our forward progression.

In our Men's East Hants League Division 3 match that evening we were overwhelmed by a strong Liphook team who looked to be playing a



couple of divisions below their level. Our number one pair Andy Major and Joe Amin put up a stiff resistance, but an 8-0 loss said it all!

Tuesday evening after their coaching, the juniors had their own Club Night, with plenty of on court action. They also had fun table tennis and playground games, before enjoying pizza 'n coke to end an exciting day.



Wednesday evening the focus was on Division 1 of the East Hants Ladies League, and on paper our 'A' team faced a similar fate to that experienced by the Men on Monday. Our opponents were Haslemere 'A' who are potential champions come the season's end, and we are facing possible relegation!

Those watching enjoyed an excellent match and a meritorious performance by Graffham. Our number 1 pair, Kate Hogan and her mum Trish, a county veteran of some significance, battled determinedly against the strong opposition, managing to win two of their four sets. Our number 2 pair Emma Amin (enjoying her best season), and the consistent Anna Moore, also put up a stirring performance, and were unlucky not to win both sets against the Haslemere number 2s. The 5-3 defeat was more than we anticipated, and those 3 sets may well prove crucial in keeping us in the Top Division with two matches to play.

Thursday Club Evening changed guise into an American tournament organised by Chris Major, on the hottest day of the year, so far! Changing partners every five games provided an opportunity to play with different people throughout the evening with individual scores counting towards the final result. This year's winners were Denise Clay and Andy Marriner. As the tournament reached a conclusion and temperatures dropped, players and guests were treated to a delightful curry supper prepared by Diana Pettifer with help from several Club Members. Thirty people dining outside by candlelight made the evening a very special one enjoyed by all.

After a splendid six days, final Friday came round so quickly, and after some happy juniors took their coaching bow, we were treated to an addition in our schedule when top seed, Andy Major, took on new member, Adrian Lloyd, in the Men's Singles Semi-Final. Up until now Andy had not quite hit top form, but serving first here he made a whirlwind start with three aces in the first game, and was 3-0 up before Adrian had settled on court. The trend continued with the top seed slipping in the occasional second service ace to add to his fine repertoire of shots, closing out the set 6-0.

In the second set Adrian showed much more of his obvious ability and held the deficit to 6-2. He is a most welcome addition to our tennis ranks, but the day was Andy's, who awaits his final opponent from the match between second seed Ollie Sanders and young improver Jonny Green.

The traditional Parent and Child event ended the on court action with several pairs taking part. What a surprise, Jeeva and Arya were the winners! Such a fit and healthy duo can only attribute their wellbeing to the produce of our top class Village Shop!

The barbecue smouldered its way through the evening and glasses were raised to celebrate another great Tennis week!

Thanks to all the organisers, contributors and helpers who made it all happen, and thanks to those who fed me some vital information for this report!

My end of season report will come in November and will cover the conclusion of our many Annual Tournament events, and a post mortem on another enjoyable though demanding season for our East Hants League squads!

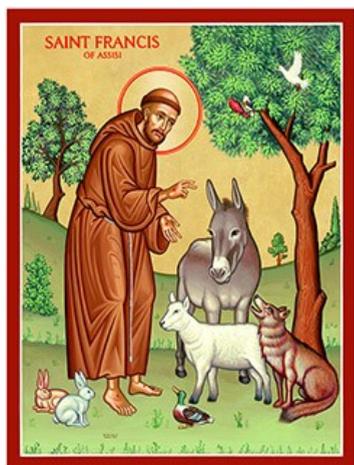
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