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CRUMBLETHON 2019

Thank you very much Crumble-makers of Graffham! 26 delicious crumbles were delivered by us to Stonepillow in Chichester on Tuesday 24th September. Those who use the hostel are encouraged to do the cooking themselves and, as there were no home made puddings in the freezer until we arrived with ours, they were received with great enthusiasm. Many thanks to you all for your cooking efforts.

Jan Brind and Ann Brown



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We enjoyed a lovely concert at St Giles last month. Folk group Cotillion entertained us with local songs and music reflecting on the horse's contribution to agriculture, with delicious food and mulled cider contributing to our enjoyment; a big thank you to everyone who came or contributed to the occasion raising much needed funding for our parish as well.

Turning to preparations for the special occasions of November and December, all are welcome to attend our All Souls' Service on 3rd November at 3pm. This provides an opportunity to remember and give thanks for dear ones no longer with us, and is followed by refreshments in the bell tower.

Please see our notices in this magazine for Remembrance observation this year, marking the 75th anniversary of the events of D day in WWII, including the Normandy landings and holding of Pegasus Bridge. You are encouraged to attend any of the services offered, as a mark of respect for those who suffered or died in conflict from this village and beyond.

Into December, our Christmas Fair at the Empire Hall on Saturday 7th December is taking shape and we look forward to a great day of fun and enjoyment. Thank you to Phil and Caroline and to everyone working hard to make this the best fair yet.

Please also see our notices in this magazine for special services for Advent and Christmas, to note in your diaries. I'd like to take this early opportunity however, to announce the introduction of:

The Graffham Nativity...

...This will take place on Sunday 22nd December at 4pm. It is a recounting of the Christmas Story both around and within St Giles Church, with drama and carols, in which everyone is invited to take part. Children and adults alike are invited to come dressed in character if you can, as angels, shepherds, animals or kings... Do come along and experience this wonderful story together, and celebrate the birth of the Christ-Child, in our village.

Every blessing, Reverend Vivien

Services for November

Sunday 3rd November 4th before Advent

09.00am Matins at Saint Giles

10.30am Church on Sunday Saint Giles

[No Service at All Saints]

Sunday 10th November 3rd before Advent

9.30am Remembrance Sunday at Saint Giles

6.00pm Evensong at All Saints Chapel [BCP]

Sunday 17th November 2nd before Advent

10.30am Parish Eucharist at Saint Giles

[No Service at All Saints]

Sunday 14th November next before Advent

10.30am Parish Eucharist at Saint Giles

6.00pm Evensong at All Saints Chapel [BCP]

Sunday 1st December Advent 1

10.30am Church on Sunday at Saint Giles

[No Service at All Saints]

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

Flowers

3rd/10th Remembrance Poppies

17th/24th Bridget Lewis

Cleaners

Ginny Barratt and

Cass Wiener

Graffham Remembrance 2019

On Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 10 November

Requiem Parish Eucharist.

At St Giles Church at 9.30am, with Act of Remembrance and wreath-laying at the memorial in the church tower.

Please note the earlier time of this Service, to be followed by:

A short Service of Remembrance.

At Graffham War Memorial at 10.55am, with wreath-laying and two minutes silence at 11am



On Remembrance Day

Monday 11 November

Graffham War Memorial at 10.55am; schoolchildren from our local Junior School will lead us in a short act of worship '*at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month*' with wreath-laying and two minutes silence at 11am.

***All are welcome to attend any or all of these services
in respect for those who suffer & die in war.***

Shakespeare's Starlings: A Three Act Tragedy

Hey y'all, I'm mailing in this month's parish magazine article from my vacation at Bodega Bay on the foggy Pacific coast of California. It may be all organic coffee, surfer dudes and healing crystals but this quaint coastal community is notorious for being the location for a most sinister film: 'The Birds' (1963). Alfred Hitchcock has long gone but flocks of the film's stars still sit ominously perched on telegraph wires as if unaware that the portly director yelled 'cut' 56 years ago. But unlike the local hummingbirds, phoebes and chickadees, these particular birds look reassuringly familiar to me. They are *Sturnus vulgaris*, the European Starling, the same species we see wheeling around Brighton's West Pier in their dramatic amoeboid murmurations. And, like me, they don't really belong here. These Starlings are here thanks to Henry IV. Well, 'Henry IV Part 1' to be precise.

Act I: London, 1597. William Shakespeare scribbles the word 'Starling' in his epic tale of power and treachery. With that feathered flourish of his quill Shakespeare would unknowingly be the author of an ecological catastrophe that would play out until the present day.

Act II: New York, 1877. Enter stage right Eugene Schieffelin, a socialite who would later be remembered as 'an eccentric at best, a lunatic at worst'. He chaired the American Acclimatization Society, a group which, despite their nationalistic sounding name, were very keen to welcome foreigners. In fact their aim was to import animals of economic or cultural interest from the Old World to the New. Schieffelin, a big fan of Shakespeare, had a dream: to populate America with every bird mentioned in Shakespeare's writings.

And so the bard's birds were boxed up in England and brought to New York where Skylarks, Pied Wagtails, Bullfinches, Nightingales, Chaffinches and many more were 'liberated' into Central Park. The majority of them died. But on March 6, 1890, 60 Starlings (a bird mentioned only once by



Shakespeare) were released in Central Park and these few dozen reluctant immigrants fared better. Much better. Today there are around 200 million of them across the United States.

Act III: United States, present day. The story of Schieffelin's Shakespearian motivation may just be an urban legend but the legacy of his misguided American Acclimatization Society is very real. Today European Starlings are widely vilified by Americans as aggressive pests that have destroyed precious ecosystems and turfed out native species. Which is pretty rich coming from a bunch of invasive Europeans who have been doing just that for the past few centuries. And don't start me on their current leader – a lunatic at best – who is busy dismantling environmental regulations that protect wildlife, the landscape and our planet. But sure, let's blame our problems on the birds. As Mr Shakespeare (almost) once wrote, "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our Starlings, But in ourselves".

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Thursday Club

We regret the meeting on 10th October was cancelled. Just before he was due to come to Graffham the speaker received an emergency call and had to take his father into hospital. He offered his apologies at such short notice and we were obliged to cancel the meeting.

Under the title 'Look Up to Fun', Joe Whicher is our guest speaker in November. His subject, which is illustrated, is PUB SIGNS. We look forward to hearing about this unusual topic and would enjoy the pleasure of your company in the Empire Hall on Thursday, 14th November at 2.30pm.

For the following month, we have made provisional arrangements to have our Christmas lunch at The Greyhound on the Midhurst Road. We have made the booking for Thursday 12th December. At the November meeting you will have the opportunity to make your menu selection. It would be much appreciated if at the same time payment can be made of £20 per head (for two courses plus coffee).

May we also ask for the £12 annual subscription, due last month. Thank you.

Christmas 2019 at St Giles' Church

Sunday 1 December at 5pm

Advent Carol Service with Seaford College choir



Sunday 15 December at 5pm

Lessons & Carols Service



Sunday 22 December at 4pm

'The Graffham Nativity'



Monday 23 December at 5pm

Christmas 'Quiet Service'



Christmas Eve Tuesday 24 December

Christmas Eve Carols with Communion at 6pm

Midnight Communion at 11.30pm



Christmas Day Wednesday 25 December at 10.30am

Christmas Family Eucharist with Carols

Cotillion Concert

A great entertainment was provided last month at St Giles Church thanks to folk group Cotillion, bringing traditional folk music and songs to life in Graffham with both pathos and fun. Delicious food and mulled cider completed the evening's pleasure, courtesy of the Bowden family, thank you too!



Graffham Calendar 2019

November

Sun 3	Graffham Down Trust Work Party
Fri 15	Graffham Parish Council meeting. 7pm. Empire Hall, Committee Room
Sat 16	Graffham Empire Movies: Mary Poppins Returns, doors 7pm, screening 7.30pm
Mon 18	East Lavington Parish Council Meeting, 6.15pm, Seaford College NB2
Fri 22	Mountain Music, a play produced by Farnham Maltings, Empire Hall
Sun 24	Graffham Down Trust Work Party
Wed 27	12.30 for 12.45 Empire Hall lunch club

December

Wed 11	12.30 for 12.45 Empire Hall Christmas Lunch
Sun 15	Graffham Down Trust Work Party

2020

January

Sun 5	Burns Night practice, Empire Hall, 4-6pm
Sat 8	Graffham Empire Movies: film to be confirmed
Sun 12	Burns Night practice, Empire Hall, 4-6pm
Fri 17	Graffham Parish Council meeting. 7pm. Empire Hall, Committee Room
Sun 19	Burns Night practice, Empire Hall, 4-6pm
Mon 20	East Lavington Parish Council Meeting
Wed 22	12.30 for 12.45 Empire Hall lunch club
Sat 25	Burns Night, Empire Hall, 7pm
Sun 26	Graffham Down Trust Work Party

February

Sat 15	Graffham Empire Movies: film to be confirmed
Sat 15	Graffham Down Trust Work Party
Wed 26	12.30 for 12.45 Empire hall lunch club

March

Sat 7	Graffham Empire Movies: film to be confirmed
Sun 8	Graffham Down Trust Work Party
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
Sat 25	Graffham Empire Movies: film to be confirmed

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
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Mountain Music: A Farnham Maltings Production

Friday 22nd November

This very special and unique evening of storytelling and music will take us through the journey of people and music as they leave the UK with their folk songs and evolve through various stages to emerge as Country music from the Appellation Mountains. The show is produced by Farnham Maltings with a track record ANY performing arts organisation would be proud to have. The Little Bulb Theatre Company are regular sell outs wherever they perform, including the highly competitive London scene and are regular award winners at the Edinburgh Fringe. Mountain Music is a new show designed specifically for village halls and promises to take you to a different place. Seats are limited and available through www.empirehall.org.uk or directly from empirehall@gmail.com.

Graffham
St Giles church

Christmas Fair 2019



Saturday 7th December
Empire Hall, Graffham,
10am to 2pm

Produce and craft Stalls,
Silent Auction, Father Christmas,
mulled wine and much more



Everyone is invited
Entry £1 per adult and £2 per family



A BIG THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE ST GILES CHRISTMAS FAIR OVER THE YEARS

WHETHER RUNNING A STALL, BAKING A CAKE,
DONATING A PRIZE OR TURNING UP ON THE DAY!

THIS YEAR CAN YOU HELP ONCE MORE?

Can you donate some
homemade goodies for
THE PRODUCE STALL?

THE CHRISTMAS TABLE
would love some candles,
crackers – anything
Christmassy!



Our legendary
SILENT AUCTION
is looking for
lots of Lots.

Please dig out some unwanted
treasures for the
BRICABRAC BROCANTE

Could your
fabulous
fashions
help fill our
**DESIGNER
CLOTHES
RAIL?**

Donations can be dropped off at The Empire Hall
2-7pm Friday 6th December or 8-9.30am on the day

It would help our planning if you could let us
know what you are planning to drop off...

graffhamchristmasfair@gmail.com

Other drop off and collection details will be
advertised on the Facebook Graffham Noticeboard



THANK YOU ALL!

How to reduce your carbon footprint and protect the planet

There is plenty we can all do as individuals to reduce our carbon footprints and work towards reversing the effects of climate change. Over the next few issues I'm going to share some simple solutions to help you. This month we're focussing on water.

Conserve water and protect our waterways:

Our oceans provide us with 70% of the oxygen we breathe, they regulate temperature and three billion people rely on them for food. Protecting and conserving them is vital to the health of us and the planet.

With ice melting at the poles, carbon dioxide making seawater acidic (bleaching coral reefs which destroys whole ecosystems), overfishing, fertilisers and sewage washing in from farmland and enormous amounts of plastic, the oceans and marine life are in dire straits.

Here are a few ways to help conserve water and protect our waterways:

- When brushing your teeth, turn off the tap while you lather up. Only turn it on when it's time to rinse your mouth out.
- Take shorter showers. A fun way to do this is by listening to a 5-10 minute song, then shut the shower off when it's over.
- Don't flush things down the toilet to dispose of them. One flush can waste up to 5-7 gallons of water.
- Avoid dish/body soaps filled with toxins and microbeads. Conventional dish and body soap contain ingredients that go down the drain and only further pollute our water supply. Microbeads are tiny pieces of plastic used as an exfoliator in cosmetics, which eventually make their way to the sea and are eaten by marine life. Make the switch to all-natural, eco-friendly soap.
- Host or join a waterway cleanup in your local community. Keep those waters plastic free.
- Opt for reusables. Lots of disposable items take gallons of water to make. For example, one roll of toilet paper takes 37 gallons of water; A single disposable nappy takes 144 gallons of water. There are several other products, like paper plates, cups and towels, that need gallons of water to make as well. That's why switching to reusables will help you save water in the long run.
- Use rainwater to water your garden. Set up some water barrels to collect rain from your roofs, instead of using mains water.

Have you ever wanted to know
more about electric cars?



A few Graffham owners of electric cars
will be gathering at the
White Horse on the 9th of November
at 11.30 am.

Do come along and have a look.

Graffham Tennis Club – Review of 2019

As warm memories of our all action Tennis Week faded into the chill of oncoming Autumn days, our attentions were drawn to our prize giving evening to reward those who claimed top honours in our Annual Tournament and the recognition of some East Hants League achievements.

Thirty or so members gathered in the pavilion to enjoy a relaxing social evening, enjoying some excellent food produced by those present, and sinking a bevy or two!

Chairman Beetle Clay and Mike Dimmer presented the trophies, and the winner's are highlighted with some appropriate comments.

Men's A Singles – Ollie Sanders after many excellent efforts in defeat finally laid the hoodoo, and ended the long domination of Andy Major. This high quality match sadly watched by just a few went to Ollie 7-6 6-4.

Ladies Singles – Kate Hogan has been a long time in taking this title but deservedly got her name on the 56 year old cup, which remains in splendid condition despite spending around a third of its life in the loft of the late Dick Challen who did so much for our village.

Men's A Doubles – not competed for this year. Where were you chaps??

Men's B Doubles – Richard Gyles and Brett Creed set an example to the As, but we will spare them promotion in case there's no opposition?

Ladies A Doubles – Emma Amin and Sian Green are standing dishes in this event and have had a great year.

Ladies B Doubles – Philippa Sanders and Angie Thornley, a couple of evergreens adorning the history of our Club.

Mixed Doubles – Andy Craig and Emma Amin have formed a fine doubles duo!

Senior Mixed Doubles – Tim and Jo Crow, long standing members, were popular winners of this inaugural event.

Boys' Singles – Joseph Steyn aged 13 landed the Sutton Cup as this event was reinstated after three years in the tennis wilderness! Sadly Joseph was not present to receive his trophy, but I'm sure he will be back next year to defend his title!

We have Philippa Sanders to thank for getting this event off the ground and with some assistance from Richard Hopp, our excellent Coach, we hope to encourage more juniors, Girls and Boys, to compete in these Singles events next year.

The awards for most Improved Players went to the Juniors Maisie Amin and Arya Jeeva. Well done to them!

The East Hants League season brought mixed fortunes. Our Mixed Doubles squad gained the highest league position by coming third in Division 2. However, the most meritorious achievement was gained by our Ladies A team in avoiding relegation from the high quality Division 1. They produced some excellent end of season performances to finish 4th of the six teams.

Our Ladies B squad avoided relegation from Division 3 by one point after a technicality, which brought heavy sighs of relief! Less good fortune for the Men's squad who look destined for the drop to the bottom Division, although again technicalities could bring about a late change??

The Trophy for East Hants League Ladies Player of the Year went to Emma Amin whose tennis goes from strength to strength. Andy Major whose long standing support of our Club is most valued, received the Trophy for Men's Player of the Year.

Talking of excellence within our Club, I must conclude with a most deserved tribute to Dinah Lamming who introduced League Tennis into our ranks in 2009, and after 10 years of super efficient administration and organising she is now stepping down to concentrate more on playing!

Considerable thanks is extended to Dinah on behalf of the membership, and from a personal angle it has been a great pleasure to have worked with her during this dazzling decade! Kate Hogan and the Team captains will continue the great work and a glass or two will be raised in Dinah's honour!

Mike Dimmer



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

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 08.00 Mass at Duncton
 09.30 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

For further information telephone Daphne Taylor on 01798 867267

Petworth United Reformed Church

Rev. Anne Lewitt, Minister

Secretary: Mrs Maureen Purser **01798 343 102**

Morning Service: Sundays 10.30 am

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

Chichester Cathedral

Following their successful 80th anniversary celebrations, Chichester Cathedral Friends has announced an exciting programme of events for the autumn/winter season.

Friends events are open to anyone who would like to come along and they can be assured of a warm welcome. Tickets and information are available from the Cathedral Shop or online at www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/get-involved/cathedral-friends/friends-events

Saturday 12th October, 10am

Friends Coffee morning in the South Transept of the Cathedral

Saturday 19th October, 2pm

Visit to the Cathedral Bell Tower
Have a look behind the scenes and meet the bell ringers

Saturday 2nd November, 10am

Friends Coffee morning in the South Transept of the Cathedral

Wednesday 6th November, 6.30pm

A talk by Christopher Somerville on his new book *Ships of Heaven – the Private Life of Britain's Cathedrals*.
In the Vicars Hall

Tuesday 26th November, 12.30pm

A Coach Trip to Winchester to visit

the Christmas Market and attend Evensong at the Cathedral

Saturday 7th December, 10am

Friends Christmas Fayre and Coffee morning in the Vicars Hall

Saturday 14th December, 7.15pm

Handel's Messiah performed by NMH Conducted by Charles Harrison in the Cathedral

Tuesday 7th January 2020, 12.30pm

Friends Epiphany Lunch in the Vicars Hall with Guest Speaker – Revd. Dr. Dan Inman, Chancellor

Saturday 1st February, 10am

Friends Coffee morning in the South Transept of the Cathedral

The Friends are a registered charity. Membership costs £15 per year and £25 for a couple. For more information visit: www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/get-involved/chichester-cathedral-friends or email friends@chichestercathedral.org.uk.



GRAFFHAM EMPIRE HALL

BURNS NIGHT CELEBRATION

Saturday 25th January

**Doors open 7.00pm
Dancing starts 7.30pm**

**DANCING TO
THE SUSSEX PISTOLS
PIPING IN THE HAGGIS
BURNS SUPPER**

**Cost £30 per person
Please bring your own drinks**

**Enquiries and to book please telephone
Harriet Rowntree on 01798 867536
or email: crowntreeh@gmail.com**

**Dance practices in the Empire Hall:
Sunday 5th and 12th and 19th of January 2020
4-6pm, £2 per session**

Petworth Area Churches Together – working together in harmony

Friday coffee mornings are still going strong – from 9.45am in the United Reformed Church (URC) every Friday with a hive of activity amongst the stalls and refreshments.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – an advance dates for the diary – 19-24th January 2020 with the theme of 'Unusual Kindness' which is about demonstrating hospitality and generosity to those in need, and also loving encounters with those who do not share our language, culture and faith.

The launch service on Sunday 19th January will be at St Mary's Fittleworth and the lunchtime talks during the week will be at the URC as usual. It will be a great opportunity to spend some time in the bible together and also get to know more faces from the Petworth area churches.

The Petworth Foodbank continues with about two/three calls a week – it is a privilege to be able to provide a practical helping hand to those in need. A big thank you to Andrew Smith who has been co-ordinating the trusty team of volunteers. An enormous thank you to you all!

Kate Ayling

www.petworthareachurchestogether.com

Graffham Down Trust

The season of work parties on the downs commences this monthly with a session on Sunday 3rd of November AND on Sunday 24th of November. We again will be offering tea, coffee and cake to fuel the fun and engage in a range of woodland maintenance activities including giving some veteran trees space to stretch out, dealing with light remains of various trees removed as a result of ash die back and some final touches to the deer fence to protect coppices from those hungry deer.

Meet near the Infant school at 9.30 for a 9.45am journey up the hill. Remember, if you want a lift up the hill, contact Jim Kirke on 867026 or via email jimkirke@hotmail.com at least 48 hours before the work party and hopefully something can be arranged. Any cake donations much appreciated by all.



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"Amazing choice of great tasting pies"

The Mole Hill Burger

Our NEW Mole Hill Burger - not one but two 8oz beef burgers with 2 layers of brie & bacon for only £15.95!



Open 7 days a week!

A sermon preached on the day the Anglican Church commemorates John Henry Newman.

Imagine going into a parish church during the early years of the 19th century. It would probably give the impression it was furnished for preaching, being dominated by a large pulpit, perhaps with two lower levels, with high sided box-pews and little floor space. At the east end there may be a small, dark wooden table, covered in dust with nothing placed on it, or a plain table in the chancel. Communion would usually be celebrated three or four times a year but few of the church members would feel the need to be present. Many buildings seemed neglected or were in need of repair.

Edward Ellman, who heard Newman preach in Oxford in the 1830s, was Rector of Berwick in W. Sussex for 60 years. He recalled how services were “slovenly taken”, and “Anything in the shape or form of ceremony was avoided as much as possible and regarded as ‘popish’”. The services were long, the sermons very dry, and as a rule above the understanding certainly of the working classes.” Flowers, candles and a cross were also dismissed as being ‘popish’. There were no organs in churches; in rural churches singing was accompanied by a motley collection of instruments in a gallery at the west end. Clergy were all Oxbridge educated, their degree not necessarily theology. There were no theological colleges.

From the 1840s onwards the interior of many churches and the worship within were changing. This was largely the result of ripple effect of the Oxford Movement, named after the university where the catholic revival in the Anglican Church started, or Tractarianism, as it is sometimes called, due to the pamphlets that some of its early leaders wrote. Tractarians felt that the church had forgotten its deep roots in the centuries before the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century, reaching through the Middle Ages and to the early centuries, the formative period for Christian doctrine. This theological awakening was expressed through spirituality, teaching, preaching, liturgy, especially the central place for the Eucharist in the life of the Church, and in the furnishing of churches.

This church reflects that movement. A plain, little-used table is now an altar, the focal point in the building, with frontal, white cloth and candles. It's used every Sunday with the Eucharist celebrated with reverence and dignity. There is an organ and choir stalls for a robed choir, a smaller pulpit and a sense of space with low-backed pews. The church is built in the Gothic style, the one preferred by the Tractarians.

Now we turn to John Henry Newman. He was one of three influential

leaders of the Oxford Movement until becoming a Roman Catholic in 1845 after a long interior struggle. John Keble and Edward Pusey, all Oxford men, were the others. Newman's life was a long, searching, spiritual journey, not without disappointment, controversy and strained relationships. His life spanned the greater part of the 19th century. He was born into a well-to-do family in the City of London in 1801 and died on this day in 1890.

The family had a second home in Ham, then in the country. His father hit hard times and this house was sold. A few years later Newman returned to it with his father and one of his brothers. A gardener gave them three apricots and young John was invited to choose one. Forty years later Newman, recalling this incident, wrote a letter to a friend saying "I took the largest, a thing which distresses me whenever I think of it." The friend was Henry Wilberforce, Son of Samuel Wilberforce, Bishop of Oxford, and grandson of William Wilberforce, the anti-slavery campaigner. Samuel's wife, Emily, inherited Lavington.

As you know, this church was built as a memorial to Samuel Wilberforce, the architect, Street, being a Tractarian. Henry Wilberforce was the brother-in-law of Henry Manning, curate and then incumbent of these two parishes. George and Henry's wives were daughters of John Sergent, for whom Manning was the curate. Manning founded at Chichester Theological College in 1840 the first Anglican theological college, a fruit of the Oxford Movement. Following the death of Caroline, Manning's wife, in 1837, he was received in to the Roman Catholic Church and subsequently Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster.

To return to Newman. He was brought up in a devout Anglican family. Aged 15, while a pupil at Great Ealing School, he had an inner evangelical conversion experience. He showed great academic promise but only managed to get a pass degree at Oxford where he discovered the stirrings of the Catholic revival. No longer able to follow a legal career he decided to be ordained; in 1824 a deacon and a priest the following year. Despite his poor degree, his intellectual ability was recognised and he became a Fellow of the prestigious Oriel College.

Aged 27 he was appointed Vicar of the University Church of St Mary where he exercised enormous influence over both his parishioners and undergraduates, especially through his preaching. Keble was invited to preach an Assize Sermon and chose to criticise the government for abolishing 10 Irish bishoprics. It was not the need to do so but the fact the government was taking this action that he objected to. At stake was the very nature of the Church. This marked the beginning of the Oxford Movement.

Newman's spiritual journey continued, wrestling to discern the true expression of the Christian faith. From affirming the essential catholicity of the Anglican Church and its continuity with the pre-Reformation Church he came to see that the fullness of the faith was found in the Roman Catholic Church. Finally after a long interior struggle, on October 9th 1845 he was received into the

Roman Catholic Church. It was a painful decision and he spoke emotionally of the "parting of friends".

Two years later in Rome he was ordained priest, becoming an Oratorian, belonging to an order of priests who lived in community, attached to parish churches. He established an English branch of the Oratory in a poor district in Birmingham. He worked tirelessly for all but the remaining 36 years of his life, preaching, teaching, writing and ministering as a parish priest, with seven years as Rector of a Catholic university in Ireland. At the age of 78 the Pope honoured him by making in a cardinal. On October 13th he will be officially declared a saint.

Today we remember John Henry Newman and recall the Oxford Movement in this Tractarian church, heirs of that catholic revival. Here we celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday, with reverence and dignity, the priest robed in vestments, candles burning on the altar, conscious of the communion of saints, with all who have gone before us in the way of faith, including John Henry Newman.

John Bundock

His faith and character are expressed in this prayer he wrote:

Dear Jesus, help us to spread your fragrance everywhere we go.

Flood our souls with your spirit and life.

Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly,
that our lives may only be a radiance of yours.

Shine through us, and be so in us,
that every person we should come in contact with
may feel your presence in our soul.

Let them look up and see no longer us, but only Jesus.

Stay with us, and then we shall begin to shine as you shine;
so to shine as to be a light to others;
the light, Jesus, will be all from you.

None of it will be ours.

It will be you shining on others through us.

Let us thus praise you in the way you love best,
by shining on those around us.

Let us preach you without preaching:
not by words, but by our example,
by the catching force,

the sympathetic influence of what we do,
the evident fullness of the love our hearts bear for you.

Amen.

Graffham Parish Council (GPC)

Change of Councillor Roles:

At the meeting on 27th September the following changes were made to Councillor roles.

Councillor John Uphill is now the Chairman.

Councillor Howard Charman is now the Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Howard Charman is now the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee will remain comprised of Cllr. Howard Charman, Cllr. John Uphill and Cllr. Simon Mackie.

Contact details are as follows:

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Please also note that Cllr. Patrick Churchward is now using a new email address:
churchwardgpc@gmx.com

Armistice Day – Monday 11th November 2019

There will be a short service of Remembrance at the War Memorial commencing at 10.50am on Monday 11th November. We will be joined by children from Duncton Primary School and Reverend Vivien Turner, from St. Giles Church.

Katherine Maud Guilloid Fund

The Graffham Parish Councillors are all individually Trustees of The Katherine Maud Guilloid 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 31st March 2019, the surplus of receipts over payments totalled £534 and it is anticipated that funds to be used at the discretion of the Council in 2019-20 will be similar. 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

Friday 27th September 2019

Friday 15th November

Friday 17th January 2020

Friday 13 March 2020

Monday 11 May 2020

Friday 15 May 2020

7pm. Empire Hall, Committee Room

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

Annual Meeting of Graffham Parish Council 7pm. Empire Hall

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, graffhampc@gmx.co.uk 01798 867020

Monday
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8.15pm Midhurst

Tuesday
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Wednesday
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Thursday
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Friday
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RVT is an Activity and Lunch Club based at The Grange in Midhurst offering fun and friendship. The Centre is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10.30am to 2.30pm.

Our members are encouraged to participate in activities like word games, quizzes, armchair exercises, pottery and arts and crafts. It is all very friendly, and you are welcome to join in or, if you prefer, just enjoy each other's company in the tea and coffee area. An excellent lunch is also provided. RVT has a specially adapted minibus with driver and volunteer on board to help and is able to pick up over a wide area and then return you home. If you would like to try RVT, or know someone who might like to, you would be most welcome to visit us.

If you would like to consider becoming a member, or know someone who might be interested, please contact Caroline, the Activities Manager on 07957 405959 or email rothervalleytogether@gmail.com. Further details at www.rothervalleytogether.co.uk.

Kind regards,
Tricia Watts (Trustee)

East Lavington Parish Council

The next meeting will be on Monday 18th November at 6.15pm
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Thursdays

10.30 - 11.30 EASE INTO EXERCISE with Susie Bush
(Tel. 07870 219956)
13.45 - 16.30 POST OFFICE
18.00 - 19.00 YOGA FOR MEN with Deborah Albon
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Fridays

11.00 - 12.00 PILATES with Nicola Capes
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Rated PG, it stars Emily Blunt in the title role, with Ben Whishaw, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Emily Mortimer, Julie Walters, Meryl Streep, Colin Firth and even, from the original, Dick Van Dyke.

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Our first draw will be taking place on the 23rd November and will be celebrated with a special additional prize of a £300 voucher from our friends and Best of Brighton (www.bestofbrighton.co.uk) towards a holiday cottage of your choice. This prize will be won by one of the ticket holders from our first draw!

By playing the lottery or supporting South Downs National Park Trust in any way (www.southdownstrust.org.uk/how-to-give) you will be supporting the wildlife, landscape and communities of the National Park by helping us to deliver the following types of projects with our partners:

Bee-Lines: Improving habitat for bees, butterflies and other pollinators which are in decline by restoring chalk grassland and creating wildflower meadows. www.southdownstrust.org.uk/beelines/ for more information.

Mend Our Way: Repairing the most damaged parts of the South Downs Way which is used by over 500,000 each year.

School Travel Grant: We support more children in accessing the learning environment of the National Park by providing travel grants to schools for educational visits to the National Park. Visit: <https://learning.south-downs.gov.uk/learning/travel-grant/> for more information

Volunteer Conservation Fund: We work with the Volunteer Ranger Service to support voluntary groups that want to improve their local area by offering grants for things like tools, consumables and materials. Visit www.southdownstrust.org.uk/vcf for more information.

Sustainable Communities Fund: We support communities that want to conserve and enhance the National Park's wildlife, cultural heritage and community cohesion by offering grants of up to £10,000. Visit: www.southdownstrust.org.uk/scf for more information.

The Silent Auction at The Christmas Fair

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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:
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The deadline for the next issue (December) is 20th November.

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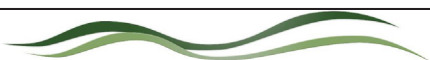
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