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The Graffham Easter Market

It will be held in The Empire Hall on Saturday 4th April 2020,
10.30-2.30pm.

If any Local Crafts or Produce people would be interested
in renting a stall in the hall on that day, please contact:

Jacky Gregory
email: jackygregory@btinternet.com

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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

**Parish of St Giles Graffham with St Peter Woolavington
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And God saw that it was good

St Giles Church was restructured in the nineteenth century in memory of 'Soapy Sam', the nickname of Samuel Wilberforce. As Bishop of Oxford, Samuel is famous, or infamous – albeit maybe unfairly – for supposedly attempting to ridicule Darwin's book *Origin of Species* with, 'Is it on your grandfather's or your grandmother's side that you claim descent from a monkey?' Samuel asked this of Thomas Huxley, a vocal supporter of the theory.

It was almost controversial at the time, Darwin seemingly undermining the Book of Genesis and its account of God's creation in seven days. We are much more nuanced in our understanding of the Genesis creation story today. We appreciate what it is and is not trying to do, when and why it was written, and its spiritual significance for those who care for the earth and all that is in it – those who see with God's eyes, that it is good.

Inspired by this, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book for 2020 'Saying Yes to Life' traces each day of creation in turn. It leads into reflection on the quality of our relationship with the earth and the impact of profligate use of its resources. For some, this is making their communities uninhabitable. Our children are most aware of this and concerned to take care, and we can be too. We have started this Lent course in our Pilgrim group at St Giles, reflecting together on the challenges global warming presents.

Springing from this, we are offering two very different Lent lunches, and invite you warmly to come and enjoy the hospitality of a simple meal in friendly company. We will hear what it's like to be in need of humanitarian aid, for many reasons; and one way we can help care for our earth by planting 'Just one tree'. Please see our notice in the magazine giving dates, times and contact details.

Holding capacity both to wonder at the earth's mystery and beauty, and squander its resources, we are being challenged to 'Say Yes to Life' – not just for ourselves, but all who come after us. This Lent please consider these things, and resolve to do something, however small, towards helping the earth God sees as good.

With love from Reverend Vivien

Services for March

Sunday 1st March 1st Sunday in Lent

9.00am Mattins at Saint Giles

10.30am Church on Sunday at Saint Giles

[No service at All Saints Chapel]

Sunday 8th March 2nd Sunday in Lent

10.30am Parish Eucharist at Saint Giles

6.00pm Evensong at All Saints Chapel

Sunday 15th March 3rd Sunday in Lent

10.30am Parish Eucharist at Saint Giles

6.30pm Taize service at All Saints Chapel

Sunday 22nd March 4th Sunday in Lent

10.30am Parish Eucharist at Saint Giles

Mothering Sunday

6.00pm Evensong at All Saints Chapel

Sunday 29th March 5th Sunday in Lent

10.30am Parish Eucharist at Saint Giles

[No service at All Saints Chapel]

Church Cleaning for March

Jill Knight

Diane Bellis

Flowers for March

None for Lent

Forthcoming Services at St Giles of special interest to children and families.

Sunday 1 March at 10.30am

'Church on Sunday' Family Eucharist
for St David's Day



Sunday 22 March at 10.30am

Mothering Sunday with posies
and thanksgiving for mums.

Sunday 5 April

at 10.30am

'Church on Sunday'
Family Eucharist
for Palm Sunday



Sunday 12 April

at 10.30am

Family Eucharist
for Easter Day

Please use your church; it is here for you

Common Frog

Passion in the pond

My friend Alf passed away recently. He loved Sussex and he loved wildlife but Alf's real passion was amphibians: newts, frogs and toads. Alf loved them so much his funeral service ended with that Paul McCartney Frog Chorus song. That's commitment for you. I spent the rest of the week with that annoying 'bom-bom-bom-aye-aye-aye' tune rolling 'round my head. I'm sure Alf was laughing somewhere. While I was helping Alf's family clear his house I was honoured to be given one of his prized possessions: a clock which chimes each hour by playing a variety of frog croaks. Long ago Alf's wife Iris had made him take the batteries out because it was unbearable.

But there was no silencing Alf's pond each spring. Each year it would come alive with the sound of a real frog chorus. Alf was proud of his pond. Creating a garden pond, no matter what size, is one of the best things you can do to help wildlife in your garden. If you're lucky, in March it will turn into a hotbed of sexual activity as Common Frogs return to mate and lay their eggs. After spending



the winter hidden away in the garden it's time to go a-courting.

Approach the pond quietly with a torch and you can observe the mating frogs. Look closely and you may be able to identify the male frog (darker with a bluish tinge to his throat) and the female (white granulations on her flanks). But if you can't notice these features then the males are on top and the females are on the bottom. The lustful male will hop on the female and grasp her as tight as he can. He even develops special extra-grip pads on his forearms so she can't get away and he'll use those powerful legs to boot off any rival males who try to muscle in. In theory males with the longest and loudest croaks are the most attractive, but with females sometimes outnumbered ten to one by males the pond party can get loud, chaotic and confusing. Amorous male frogs will grasp anything, a log, a fish, even another male (males have a special croaking signal which politely informs other males there has been a misunderstanding). Female Common Frogs can lay up to 4,000 eggs, although 1000-2000 is more normal. These are fertilised by the male as they emerge and form into those familiar clouds of jelly spawn.

So, in tribute to Alf I decide to restore his croaking clock to full working order. I re-installed the batteries and nailed it proudly on my office wall. After two hours I turned it off. That croaking was unbearable! I'm still sure Alf is laughing somewhere.

Michael Blencowe
Senior Learning & Engagement Officer
Sussex Wildlife Trust
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Special Services at St Giles

We had some brilliant Services at St Giles Church in February.

On Sunday 9th February some of our children received communion for the first time. On the following Sunday a number of wedding couples, who will be celebrating their weddings at St Giles in 2020 joined us for our Service and for lunch afterwards at the Rectory. We hope both children and wedding couples will take from their experiences the memory of a church community which shares their joy and wishes them every blessing into the future. See photographs in this magazine of these happy days.

Travelling through Lent, we look forward now to Mothering Sunday on Sunday 22nd March and the events of Holy Week culminating in great celebrations on Easter Sunday 12th April.

We are doing all we can to offer services in our parish that are welcome and rewarding to participate in. Please use your church; it is here for this village, here for you. Come and see.



Lily, Ed, Lucy, Hazel, Caitlin and Tyler with Reverend Vivien



Relighting baptismal candles at St Giles Church to celebrate First Communion day



Graffham Calendar 2020

March

- Sat 7 Graffham Empire Movies: Official Secrets
Sun 8 Graffham Down Trust Work Party
Fri 13 Graffham Parish Council meeting. 7pm. Empire Hall,
 Committee Room

Sat 14 Graffham Garden Group AGM
Mon 16 East Lavington Parish Council Meeting
Mon 16 Tennis Club AGM, 8pm, Pavillion
Fri 20 The Simon Bates Band, Graffham Empire Hall
Wed 25 12.30 for 12.45 Empire Hall lunch club
Fri 27 Simply Dan, Graffham Empire Hall
Sat 28 Graffham Down Trust Quiz Night, 8pm, Empire Hall
Sun 29 Tennis Club New Membership/Renewal and key exchange,
 2-4pm, Pavillion

April

- Sat 4 Graffham Easter Market, 10.30-2.30, Empire Hall
Sun 19 Bowls Club Open Day, 2.30pm
Wed 22 12.30 for 12.45 Empire Hall lunch club
Sat 25 Graffham Empire Movies, Wild Rose

May

- Sat 2 Graffham Garden Group spring plant sale
Mon 11 Annual Meeting of the Parish, 6.30pm for 7pm. Empire Hall
Wed 27 12.30 for 12.45 Empire hall lunch club
Fri 15 Annual Meeting of Graffham Parish Council 7pm. Empire Hall
Sat 16 Bowls Club plant sale, Empire Hall, 10am

June

- Wed 24 12.30 for 12.45 Empire Hall lunch club

July

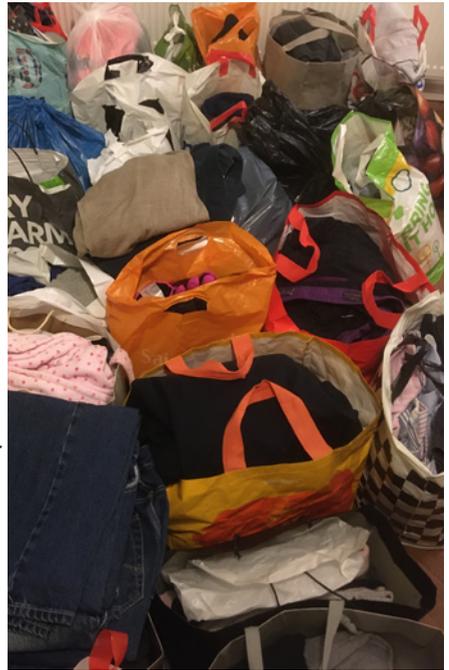
- Sat 18 Graffham Garden Group Flower Show
Sat 18-24 Tennis Week

November

- Fri 13 Fleetwood Bac, Graffham Empire Hall

Refugee Clothing Collection

From this photograph taken in my study, you can see how generously Graffham has responded to my recent appeal for clothes for refugees. A big thank you to everyone from the village and village schools who have brought bags of clothes for such disadvantaged people. The refugee situation is sometime in and sometimes out of the news; the needs of those caught up in it is enduring however and it is good to help when and where we can. Later in the year I will open the appeal again, in order to offer some continuing support.
Every blessing, Revd Vivien



Petworth Area Churches Together working together in harmony

The PACT Friday coffee mornings are still going strong - from 9.45am in the United Reformed Church, Petworth every Friday with a hive of activity amongst the stalls and refreshments.

The PACT 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 Geoff Pye who has been working with the trusty team of volunteers. An enormous thank you to you all!

Spring Lecture – Friday 24th April at 7.30pm in St Mary's Petworth
CARE's Chief Executive, Nola Leach, will be speaking to us about the work of CARE (Christian Action Research & Education) encouraging Christians to be informed and to engage positively in public life.

CARE has done fantastic work over 40 years. It has been at the coal face helping Parliament make ethical decisions about family, justice and life issues.

It promises to be a fascinating and very relevant talk for all of us.
Kate Ayling www.petworthareachurchestogether.com



Lent Lunches

Simple soup, bread and cheese with a donation plate.

Wednesday 11 March at 12.30pm

at Maple House, Norwood Lane, Graffham

Harriet Reed to speak about humanitarian aid.

Please telephone Bridget Lewis on 01798 867649 if you would like to come.

Tuesday 24 March at 12.30pm

at Frederick House Graffham

Amanda Bronkhorst to speak about her charity 'Just One Tree'. Please telephone Ann Brown on 01798 867561 if you would like to come.

All welcome.



SATURDAY 4TH APRIL
10.30 - 2.30PM

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Prizes**



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Easter Market

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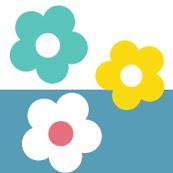
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BAG AND BIN YOUR DOG POO
– ANY BIN WILL DO

STICK TO THE PATH TO AVOID
GROUND NESTING BIRDS

DO NOT ENTER MILITARY LAND
WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING



SOUTH DOWNS
NATIONAL PARK



At the February meeting, Miles Costello (member of the Petworth Society) gave us an insight into the harsh, enclosed society of Victorian Petworth. He engaged us with many fine glass-plate period photographs taken by Mr. Walter Kevis, the town chemist at the time.

Mr. Costello's ability to locate a particular house or shop – and the road, square or alley in which they were or are still located – gave us a strong impression of walking through a Petworth that is nothing like the town we know today. His knowledge of the Victorians depicted in the photographs – butchers, bakers, clockmakers, etc., even very severe looking policemen, allowed him not only to put names to some of those faces but also to place them in the house or shop where they lived or worked.

As we 'walked' through the Victorian town with him, he highlighted the many properties, now demolished to make way for the Petworth we see today. A good example is a group of houses that once stood in the grounds of the church (where the war memorial is now located), demolished by order of the then Lord Egremont, as it was deemed they were being used for immoral purposes!

Following Mr. Costello's well-received talk, we muddled our unusually inefficient way through the formalities of the A.G.M. The committee, Diane Bellis, Margaret Hill and Diana White with optional help from Rita Stickleby, were re-elected.

The arrangements for next couple of months are as follows:

March: Coach trip to Lancing College. Depart Empire Hall 1.45pm on 12th March. There are seats available on the coach and if you are interested you are welcome to ring Diane on 01798 867 444.

April: Sue Hill, My life as a Magazine Art Director, 16th April at 2.30pm

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

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

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



Butterfly recorders needed on Graffham Down

Looking for butterflies on a sunny day on Graffham Down is a pleasant way to spend a morning. Experienced butterfly enthusiasts would accompany and help a new enthusiast identify and record the butterflies.



In practice, we only go up to the reserves on warm days when sunshine is expected, only in the months April to September, ideally once a week usually only twice or three times a month.

It's a great way to keep fit.

If you are interested, please e-mail Matthew Sennitt sennitt2@gmail.com or Dianne Hardcastle stoberry@btinternet.com

Graffham Bowls Club

We recently had a great meal and presentation of several trophies in the unicorn. We are looking forward to the start of the season on Sunday 19th of April. We then try to meet up on Monday evenings at 6pm for 'roll ups'. It's a great game, frustrating at times but we have many laughs and great refreshments afterwards! For more info call Wendy Folkes on 01798867694



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In the veg garden

First outdoor sowings

Mid-march is the earliest time for first outdoor sowings of lettuce, carrots, parsnips, spinach and onions. If your soil has weed seeds, let these strike first, weed/hoe them, and then sow your seeds to prevent them being smothered.

Weeding

With the warmer weather the weeds will begin to rear their heads. Keep on top of them now with regular hoeing for a weed free summer.

Protect plants

Many plants will benefit from protection against cold winds. Fleece used in spring works best, as they are light enough for seedlings to push against while they grow and not become damaged. They also hold in the warmth of spring sunshine.

No dig potatoes

The end of March is good time to get your potatoes in the ground. Chit them on a warm windowsill from the end of February. Growing no dig potatoes requires much less back-breaking work, and also keeps the soil in good health as you're not disturbing the beneficial microbes everytime you dig and move the soil.

Options for no dig:

* Polythene mulch with 8cm compost (great for growing in a weedy patch)
Plant potatoes through a mulch of polythene or cardboard, spread compost on the ground before covering, then cut holes and plant potatoes below the compost.

* Compost mulch 15cm

With a good layer of well-rotted compost, there's no need for a fork at harvest time; simply hold the stem at the base and pull!



Be An Angel: Help Save St. Giles' By Donating Just £10 A Month

St. Giles' has been at the heart of Graffham village life for a thousand years – but today its future as an independent parish is in doubt.

Unfortunately, despite economising in all sorts of ways, for the last few years the church has run an annual deficit of £8000 to £10,000. On top of this, we now need to raise funds for the maintenance of the church building and our wonderful bells.

Please help us to balance the books and save St. Giles'.

Graffham Without St. Giles'

Even if you are not a regular worshipper, it's hard to imagine village life without a thriving church:

- Without somewhere to come together as a community at Easter, Remembrance Day and Christmas
- Without somewhere to hold important family occasions like Christenings, Weddings and Funerals
- Without the wonderful sound of bells ringing out on a Tuesday evening and Sunday morning
- Without an institution that supports our local schools that are also under enormous financial pressure
- Without a vicar to help support those who are elderly, alone or vulnerable in our village

Local Churches Are Closing Right Now

Unfortunately, local churches are closing all the time. Right now, the Holy Trinity church in Worthing is on the market, waiting for a developer to take it on.



Holy Trinity Church, Worthing:
Currently For Sale

Please Be An Angel and Give Just £10 A Month

If we could find 100 Angels to make a regular donation of £10 a month, with gift aid this would help us raise £15,000: eradicating the deficit immediately and allowing us to carry out required maintenance work. Please give whatever you feel you can: whether £2, £5 or £10 a month or more.

It's Easy To Set Up A Regular Donation:

1. Pick up a Parish Giving form from Graffham Village Shop or St. Giles' church.
2. Fill in the form, and don't forget to add gift aid if applicable.
3. Post it in the stamped addressed envelope provided.

Bless You For Being An Angel.



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Demonstration Lindy Hop/Swing dancers will be there to show the way and provide ticket holders with an opportunity to practice before the event. As one can imagine space will be limited for this crackerjack evening and the dance area will be no less than 25 square meters (which is not as much as it might sound).

DRESS AS SMART AS YOU WANT

Parish of Graffham with Woolavington Revision of Church Electoral Roll

Notice is hereby given that the Church Electoral Roll of the above parish will be revised by the Parochial Church Council, beginning on Sunday 8th March 2020, and ending on Saturday 14th March 2020.

After the revision, a copy of the Roll will be published by the Parochial Church Council at ST Giles Church and All Saints Chapel for at least 14 days and a copy of the Roll will be available for inspection on a reasonable request being made to the Council.

Under the Church Representation Rules any lay persons are entitled to have their names entered on the roll if the person is

(a) is baptised,

(b) is aged 16 or over, and

(c) has made one of the following three declarations and duly applied for enrolment.

The first declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it and is resident in the parish.

The second declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it, is not resident in the parish, but has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

The third declaration is that the person is a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and is also a member of the Church of England and has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

Application Forms for enrolment can be obtained from the Church Electoral Roll Officer. In order for a person to be entitled to attend the annual parochial church meeting and to take part in its proceedings, an Application Form for enrolment must be returned by the date shown above for the ending of the revision of the Church Electoral Roll by the Parochial Church Council. Any error discovered in the Roll should at once be reported to the Church Electoral Roll Officer.

John Sutton, Heydon Cottage, Graffham, Petworth, GU28 0NS Church Electoral Roll Officer, jresutton@btinternet.com

If you joined last year, you don't need do nothing for five more years but if you want to join this year, forms are available on the St Giles website.

Lavington Park Federation

Graffham CE Infant and Duncton CE Junior Schools

It has been a very busy half term at Graffham and Duncton Schools. We have been spending time outside with our Wild Wednesday's – where we take our learning outside. The children have been enjoying Forest School at Coopers Moor in Duncton, and also walking to Graffham recreation ground.

We spend time learning our Maths work on our school grounds, using twigs and leaves to help us count and measure. Outdoor learning is an important part of our learning ethos and children will come back into school and use their journals to create beautiful images and writing from their time in the woods and in our school grounds.

Thank you to Lord and Lady Egremont and Leconfield Estates for allowing us to use their beautiful woodland for our Forest School sessions.

Our Year 6 have also been writing Spring poetry this week, and so we would like to share a poem from Millie in Year 6.

Spring

Crackling leaves and the bitterness of the winter has passed.

Howling winds settle to a mystical breeze.

All of the sky is a brilliant blue with ivory clouds, gliding by like a slow bullet.

Nights are tropical, the stars glimmer in the coal black atmosphere.

Glorious birds that had concealed themselves into hiding reappeared.

Enchanted sunrises, ruby and amber rays, the vast landscape.

Sparkling reflections on the calm and tranquil streams of the forest.

We are always looking for helpers in school, subject to the usual DBS safeguarding checks. So if you would like to come to help hear readers in school, or help at Forest School, please let the office know.

Helen Martin, Headteacher

Graffham CE Infant and Duncton CE Junior Schools

01798 342402 / 867324



Graffham Tennis Club

1. Tennis Club AGM

Monday 16th March @ 8pm

Sports Pavilion, Graffham Recreation Ground

2. New Membership/Renewal & Court Key Exchange Day

Sunday 29th March, Between 2pm & 4pm

Sports Pavilion, Graffham Recreation Ground

Beginners and New Members MOST WELCOME

This day allows members and new members:

- to play some tennis - bring your racquets and join in
- a quick & easy way to renew or join the club
- exchange your court key for the new season
- find out more about & sign up for the Junior Tennis Coaching in the Easter Holidays
- sign up for the club tournament
- meet other club members

We are leaving the Membership Fees as they were last year:

Family	£90.00 per annum
Adult	£45.00 per annum
Junior	£12.50 per annum



DEMENTIA SUPPORT IN PETWORTH

Time: Every Friday, 10.00am - 3.00pm

Start: From 3rd March 2020

Venue: Sylvia Beaufoy Centre, Midhurst Road,
Petworth GU28 0ET

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Forthcoming Meetings

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** 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



Please join us at Dorset House School in Bury for an Open Morning on Saturday 14th March – from 10.00am until 12.00 noon.

Come and meet the Headmaster, Matt Thomas and have a tour with our Year 8 pupils. Please call the Registrar, Sarah O’Brien, to book your visit, 01798 831456.

Dorset House is a pre-prep and prep school for children from 4-13 (Reception to Year 8). Many of our children win scholarships and awards to senior schools locally and further afield.



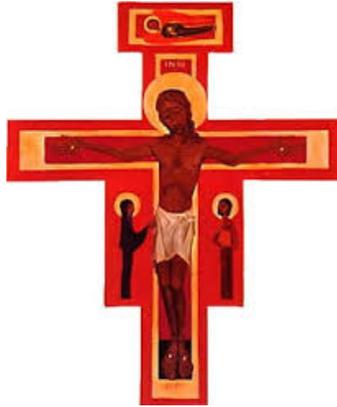
What's Happening at the Club: March 2020

Date	Time	Event
Sun 01 Mar 2020	🕒 10:00 AM	🎾 EHL Ladies B vs Cheriton
Mon 02 Mar 2020	🕒 10:45 AM 🕒 8:00 PM	🎾 Senior Club Morning 📅 GTC Committee Meeting
Tue 03 Mar 2020		
Wed 04 Mar 2020	🕒 3:15 - 6:15 PM	🎾 Junior Coaching with Richard Hopp
Thu 05 Mar 2020		
Fri 06 Mar 2020	🕒 11:50 AM - 1:20 PM	🎾 EHL Ladies Training
Sat 07 Mar 2020	🕒 10:00 AM	🎾 EHL Ladies A vs Fernhurst A
Sun 08 Mar 2020		
Mon 09 Mar 2020	🕒 10:45 AM	🎾 Senior Club Morning
Tue 10 Mar 2020		
Wed 11 Mar 2020	🕒 3:15 - 6:15 PM	🎾 Junior Coaching with Richard Hopp
Thu 12 Mar 2020		
Fri 13 Mar 2020	🕒 11:50 AM - 1:20 PM	🎾 EHL Ladies Training
Sat 14 Mar 2020	🕒 10:00 AM	🎾 EHL Mixed Doubles vs Midhurst A
Sun 15 Mar 2020		
Mon 16 Mar 2020	🕒 10:45 AM 🕒 8:00 PM	🎾 Senior Club Morning 📅 AGM @ The Pavilion
Tue 17 Mar 2020		
Wed 18 Mar 2020	🕒 3:15 - 6:15 PM	🎾 Junior Coaching with Richard Hopp
Thu 19 Mar 2020		
Fri 20 Mar 2020	🕒 11:50 AM - 1:20 PM	🎾 EHL Ladies Training
Sat 21 Mar 2020		
Sun 22 Mar 2020		
Mon 23 Mar 2020	🕒 10:45 AM	🎾 Senior Club Morning
Tue 24 Mar 2020		
Wed 25 Mar 2020	🕒 3:15 - 6:15 PM	🎾 Junior Coaching with Richard Hopp
Thu 26 Mar 2020		
Fri 27 Mar 2020	🕒 11:50 AM - 1:20 PM	🎾 EHL Ladies Training
Sat 28 Mar 2020		
Sun 29 Mar 2020	🕒 2:00 - 4:00 PM	🗝️ Key Exchange Day at the Pavilion
Mon 30 Mar 2020	🕒 10:45 AM	🎾 Senior Club Morning
Tue 31 Mar 2020		

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Graffham Down Trust Work Party
Sunday 8th of March

Your last chance to join one of this season's work parties on the downs and get your invitation to join the thankyou bbq in April. We will be offering tea, coffee and cake to fuel the fun. Work will be focused on completing the annual coppice area and will include some bonfires and a bit of tepee building.

Meet near the Infant school at 9.30 for a 9.45 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.

Greener Graffham

Dear Residents of Graffham,

I think we are all aware that we are living at a time of great environmental change. Some residents are hoping to try and lower the village's environmental impact in one of several ways. Several environmental ideas have been raised, and some actions have already been taken from recycling points for crisp packets and milk bottle tops in the church, refill points for ecover products at the shop and the electric car convention held at the White Horse in November. In 2020 we would like to encourage all the residents in Graffham and surrounding areas to begin to think of their environmental impact and make positive changes to combat environmental change in the simplest possible way.

In March, in preparation for a possible dry summer we would like to encourage everyone to think about: Preserving water

Discount Water Butt Scheme

We have managed to get an opportunity of purchasing water butts at a reduction of 25%.

By purchasing and installing one or several water butts in your garden, we can work to reduce our overall water consumption as a village. Grey water can be used to water your gardens during the summer and for car washing. By linking several water butts larger quantities of water can be stored for dry times.

If you are interested in purchasing a discounted water butt please fill in a form and return it either to the shop or to 4 Woodcote Cottages. If you want to save paper please complete the form from the Graffham facebook page and return by e-mail to NicolaDTyrrell@gmail.com before the end of March.



**Discount Water Butt Scheme
Application Form**



Client Information

First Name			
Surname			
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Address			
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What size of Water Butt would you prefer?

Quantity

- 100L Water Butt (£26.99 minus 15% discount) Number required _____
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Number required _____

(water butts are made of 100% reprocessed MFL in dark green with a lid and tap)

Do you have a metal or plastic downpipe for channelling rainwater from the roof of your property?

- Metal
- Plastic
- Round
- Square

Downpipe Diameter in mm

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- Yes
- Standard (£9.99 minus 15% discount) Number required _____
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- No

Note we need a minimum combined order of 25 water butts to get the 15% discount but if we get an order of 50 water butts we will be given a 20% discount. We will not go ahead with the order if less than 25. Once I know the final figures I will ask for payment before I make the order.

Order forms need to be submitted by the last day in March 2020. Drop into the Graffham Shop, or 4, Woodcote, attn. N Tyrrell or by e-mail to NicolaDTyrrell@gmail.com.

Women in policing

In celebration of International Women's Day 2020, Sussex Police will host its first Women in Policing careers evening on Thursday 5th March in the Arora Hotel, Crawley.

This Women in Policing careers event will offer a safe space where women can build their networks and meet other women who currently work for Sussex Police, including a presentation by Deputy Chief Constable Jo Shiner, who began her policing career at Norfolk Constabulary in 1993 and has held a number of roles, including local policing, crime investigation, public protection, corporate development and specialist operations.

Whilst the event is to encourage more women into the organisation, it is open to everyone and there will be numerous stalls where you will have the opportunity to discover more about the variety of staff and officer specialisms within Sussex Police, staff networks, support groups and upcoming job opportunities.

Departments that will be attending the event include:

Contact Centre

Forensics

Operational Services (Firearms, Traffic, Dogs)

Investigations

PCSOs

Human Resources - including vetting and fitness advice

Positive Action Team

Evolve – Sussex Police's staff support group for gender

PC Stephanie Barrett will be at the careers event for those wishing to learn about the role of dog handlers within Sussex Police.

Doors open at 17:30, but there will be two sessions available at 17:45 and 19:00 if you wish to attend DCC Shiner's presentation. You are welcome to drop-in and speak with specific departments at any time within these hours, however please select the number of tickets required. Guests are welcome to bring family and friends.

For more information and to book your tickets visit:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/women-in-policing-careers-evening-tickets-85785483691

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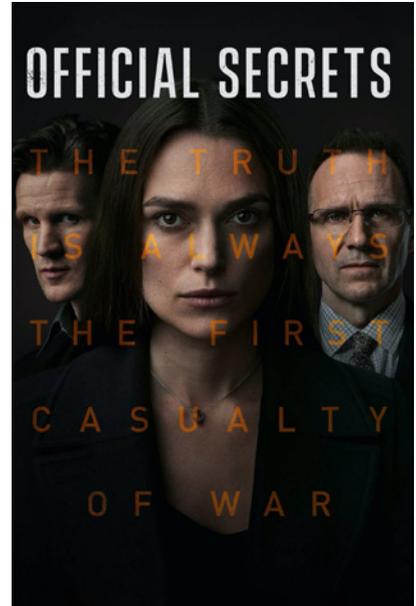
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Described by one reviewer as “understated edge-of-the-seat stuff”. Doors open at 7 pm with the film starting at 7.30pm. Tickets at the door, £7.50 for adults and £5 for under 18s. Refreshments available before the screening and during the intermission. Our final film for the spring 2020 season will be Wild Rose, on 25 April. To help keep GEM financially viable, we are very grateful for the support from a number of local businesses, and encourage film-goers to support them in return - Foresters Arms, Graffham Village Shop, Harwoods of Pulborough LandRover, Hennings Wine Merchants, Jackson Stops of Midhurst, and White Horse Graffham.



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Click one of the links below, or if you are hesitant to click on links and prefer to search online feel free to do so, to register now, for yourself or somebody who gives you permission to register on their behalf:
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Which of the two areas do you live in? You can check by visiting 'Check if you're in our area' which is on the UKPN website: **www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/internet/en/about-us/areas-we-cover** It will be made clear to you in the online registration process if there is a problem, and a link will be given to who your regional network operator is, so you can apply to join their Priority Services Register.

It's quick and free to register by completing a short questionnaire. If you have family or friends who meet the criteria you can register on their behalf if they are happy for you to do so.

Neighbourhood Watch urges everybody who is eligible to plan ahead and sign up to their appropriate Priority Services Register, to ensure that they receive free extra help in the event of a power cut.

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