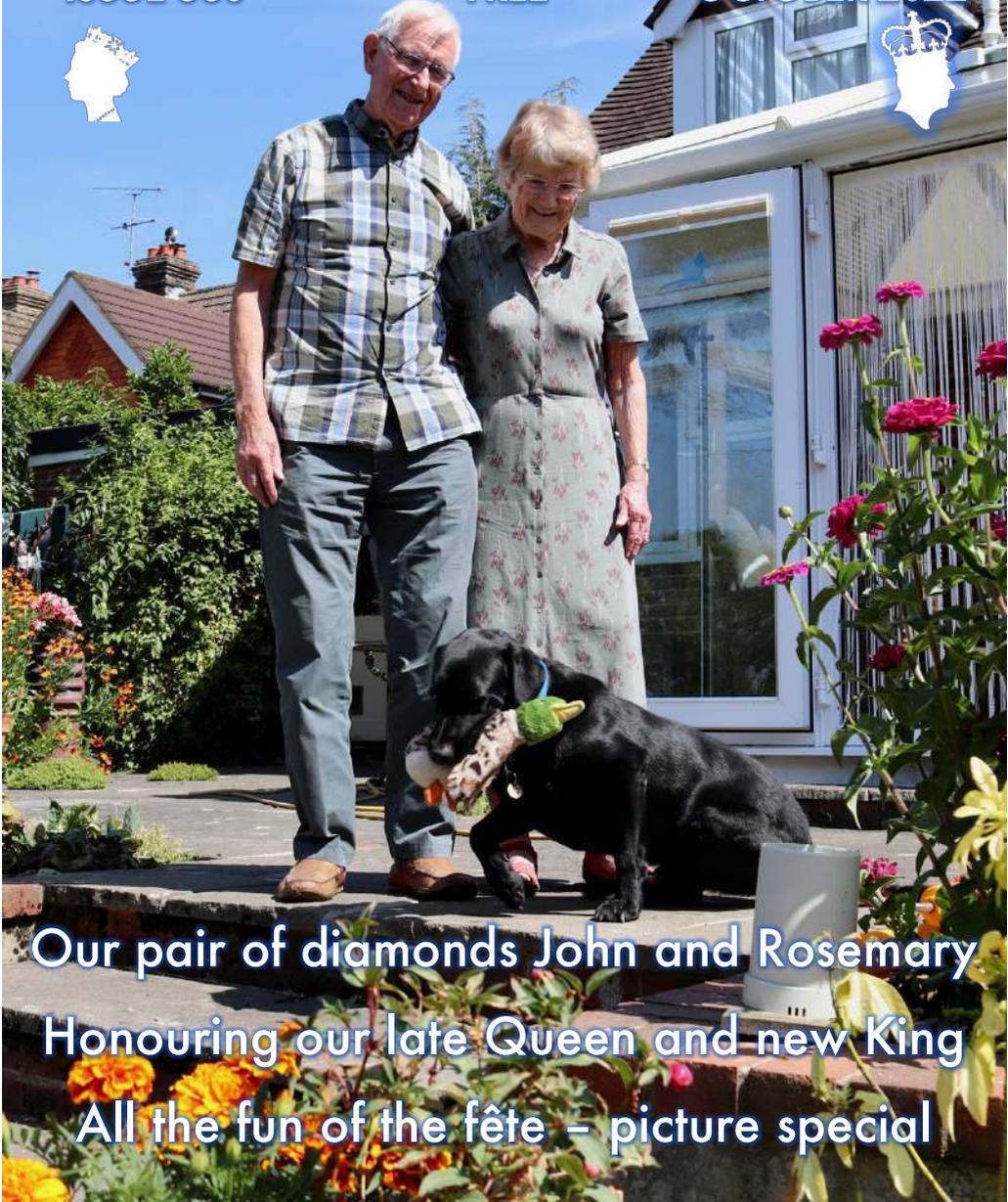


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Our pair of diamonds John and Rosemary
Honouring our late Queen and new King
All the fun of the fête – picture special



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On the cover: John and Rosemary Sutton are likely to have been the last people in Graffham to have received a personal message from the late Queen, with a card marking their diamond anniversary, just weeks before Her Majesty's passing. See pages 19 and 4.

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Writing from the Rectory: God Save the King

On Thursday 8 September afternoon, I was in St Giles Church, preparing the table for our Book of Condolences for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The long-prepared-for moment had suddenly arrived. During the next 10 days, messages were written, candles lit and flowers laid in our churchyard, in her memory. Over the period of mourning, we watched as the great events unfolded in most comprehensive TV coverage. Some travelled to experience these in person. Even if staying at home, many will have recalled occasions when they met or saw our late Queen.

We were proud to ring our St Giles bells fully muffled on 'Day 1', again before our Sunday services in church and on the day of the Royal Funeral itself. The children at our Infant School joined in singing 'Thank you Lord for our dear Queen' in their collective worship. We remembered when Paddington Bear met the Queen and said 'Thank you for everything' on behalf of us all. Our community gathered in worship for Compline late on the evening of the announcement, at Sunday morning Parish Holy Communion and a special Commemoration Service for the community the following Sunday, the eve of the Royal Funeral. Alongside our regular church community, this

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Remembering our glorious Queen:
The Book of Condolences for Her Majesty, with candles and flowers at St Giles Church.

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Some of the messages written in Graffham's Book of Condolences

- Thank you for being our wonderful Queen.
- *Simply, very simply, the best.*
- *A great loss to our country and the world.*
- *God bless and keep you safely in his care.*
- *Farewell, our strength and stay.*
- *Thank you... just thank you.*

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was attended by local dignitaries and representatives and members of village organisations, including our schools. We gave thanks together for Queen Elizabeth's unfailing sense of duty and the steadfast faith empowering her service (see page 5).

And amidst our mourning, we welcomed our new King. The bells rang out in celebration of King Charles III, our nation's new monarch, and his Queen Consort Camilla.

Then I recalled a memory of my own, a visit to Myddfai, a small village much like Graffham in the Brecon Beacons in Wales. I went to church there one Sunday with my husband, having discovered my ancestor was once parish priest of the church of Llanfihangel ym Myddfai (St Michael's Church). A lady was operating the organ machine at the front. There was a small christening party on the back pew, and an older man in an overcoat sat a few pews in front of us.

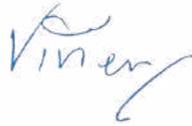
This person turned out to be the then Prince of Wales. "Oh yes," said the lady organist matter-of-factly collecting the hymn books at the end of the service, "HRH comes about four times a year."

I take great encouragement from the fact our new King chooses to worship in church as an ordinary worshipper on an ordinary Sunday in such a tiny village. Used to the very best music and choirs in fine cathedrals with full congregations, he was quietly attending Eucharist in a rather chilly church, with just a handful of people, singing to an indifferent organ machine. It makes me believe that, like his mother, His Majesty really does understand the importance of faith, and that this will empower his service to our country too. So, as our new monarch takes up his sacred office, I say with all my heart "God Save the King".

Sing in the Harvest: When you receive this magazine, the Harvest weekend will be upon us. You may still be in time to come along to 'Sing in the Harvest' at St Giles Church on Saturday 1 October, celebrating all things harvest with songs and seasonal readings and cider, or our Harvest Lunch at the Empire Hall at 12.30pm. It's free to all village residents, but please let Marie Bracey know on 01798 867760 if you're planning to come, so the caterers know how many to cook for.

Halloween: Halloween means the Eve of All Hallows – or All Saints. It's a good time to come to church. We are offering a Halloween Service in St Giles on Sunday 30 October this year. It begins at dusk (5.15pm), as all Halloween Services should. Everyone is most welcome to attend in whatever spooky outfits you wish, followed by a treat hunt in the churchyard.

Diamond congrats: Hearty congratulations to John and Rosemary Sutton, on celebrating 60 years of happy marriage together. Brilliant!



Reverend Vivien



The team that tolled: The Revd Vivien (third left), with other members of St Giles' group that rang the church's bells before the Queen's state funeral, from left: Alison Davidson, Phillip Turner, John Edge, Elsa Barden (just returned to Graffham after seven years in Australia), Eira Ashby, Brian Lanaghan, Philippa Sanders, George White and Karin Skanberg. Others who took part in other chimes to mark the passing of Her late Majesty included Angie Thornley.

Rest in peace, our Queen – and long live the King!

Graffham bade a sad adieu to our late Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and saluted the start of the reign of King Charles III in the way only our village can, *writes editor Michael Blunt*.

The bells of St Giles tolled fully muffled (*see page 6*), our parish church opened for prayers and reflection with visitors invited to sign a Book of Remembrance, the flag at the Empire Hall retrieved to be hung at half mast...

With memories so fresh of how the village came together to mark the



Platinum Jubilee a few months before, many in the community shared their personal memories of the late Queen and our new King, including her last visit to the neighbourhood, when she popped in five years ago to Heyshott's Canine Partners and Chichester's Festival Theatre.

Royal memories: The Queen's most recent visit to our neighbourhood was in November 2017 when she called on Canine Partners in Heyshott and Chichester Festival Theatre.

Many in the neighbourhood made their way to lay flowers outside Buckingham Palace or Windsor Castle and surely some braved the long, long



Floral tributes to Her late Majesty: Villagers Anna Shawcross with daughter Amelie and son Jackson, laying flowers at Windsor (left and centre), and Edward Caldwell (who carried the Union flag to lead Graffham's Platinum Jubilee Parade in June) and brother Bertie add their bouquet to the many already left at Buckingham Palace.

lines at the laying in state at Westminster Hall. On the Monday of the sovereign's state funeral, Graffham Village Shop remained, so rarely, closed, to let the team there pay their own respects, while our streets slipped into still silence. Meantime, The Foresters Arms and Three Moles opened through the day, to enable the community to come together to watch on the inns' big screens the ceremonials broadcast from London and Windsor.

A number of locals played prominent parts in the poignant pageantry itself. The family of Lieutenant Freddie Hobbs, who commanded the Grenadier Guards bearer party that was so widely admired for carrying the Queen's coffin on its final journey, lives a stone's throw from Graffham. Walking alongside him for much of the route was Simon Brailsford, a former equerry to the late Queen and whose children until recently attended our Lavington Federation Schools.

While still mourning our lost monarch, is it too early to wonder how we might, in our special Graffham way, mark her successor's coronation? Rest in peace, Your Majesty – and God save the King, long live the King!



Local hero: Freddie Hobbs' white gloved hand steadies the Queen's coffin as his bearer party mounts the steps to Windsor's St George's Chapel.



Extra seating needed for village's commemoration

Virtually one person for each of late Queen's 96 years attended her Commemoration Service at St Giles Church on Sunday 18 September, the eve of her funeral. With just shy of a hundred in the congregation, extra chairs needed to be laid out, to provide seating additional to the pews. In a moving service led by the Revd Vivien, the Rt Hon Lord Young of Graffham

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read the first lesson, Psalm 121: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." Lady Young joined him in the congregation. Chairman of Graffham Parish Council Simon Mackie delivered the second



reading, Colossians 3 verses 12-17. Organist Brian Lanaghan concluded with Minnie Louise Haskins' *God Knows*: "And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year..."

The ages of the congregation ranged from babes in arms to nonagenarians. It included a number of current and former members of the armed forces, along with Alan Sutton, our ward's representative on Chichester District Council.

They sang some of Her late Majesty's favourite hymns – *I Vow to Thee My Country*, *The Lord's My Shepherd*, *Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer*, and *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*. The service was rounded off with the national anthem, *God Save The King*.

St Giles' bells muffled to toll for the Queen's passing

Graffham's bellringers followed strictly the protocols declared by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers in marking the passing of the sovereign and the proclamation of the new King, *writes joint editor Philippa Sanders*.

With the Queen's death announced at 6.30pm on Thursday 8 September, a full set of ringers from the village assembled to toll St Giles' bells for a full hour from noon the following day – the Revd Vivien, Phillip Turner, Alison Davidson, Karin Skanberg, Elsa Barden (just returned to Graffham after seven years in Australia), Angie Thornley and George White.

Thanks to the foresight and fund-raising skills of the previous Tower Captain, Carole Kirke, in obtaining a full set of muffles – leather 'caps' which are tied



High up in St Giles' tower, Alison Davidson (left) and Philip Turner muffle the bells, on the morning of 9 September.

© Karin Skanberg.



on to the clapper of the bell to soften their sound, giving a more serious effect – five of the church’s six bells were muffled and the remaining, lowest sounding ‘tenor’ half-muffled. That resulted in a toll of 11 muffled chimes followed by a starker 12th, creating a sombre effect.

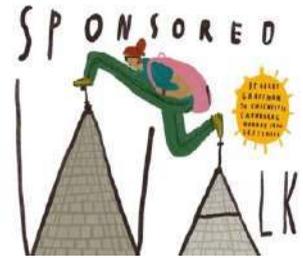
Full muffling such as this may only take place on the death of a monarch, of the diocese’s bishop or of the church’s incumbent. The bells were rung muffled again before St Giles’ first Sunday service after the Queen’s passing, before and after the commemorative service on Sunday 18 September and finally for an hour immediately before her state funeral the following day, with Eira Ashby, John Edge and Philippa Sanders joining the ringing team.

Sponsored walk rescheduled to avoid state funeral

St Giles’ annual sponsored walk has been rescheduled for Monday 3 October – delayed by two weeks to avoid clashing with the state funeral for our late Queen. Around a dozen villagers have indicated they plan to take part, striding from our village church across the Downs to Chichester Cathedral.

The 11-mile trek, to raise funds for St Giles and everything it does for the community, is expected to take around six hours to complete, setting off at 8am.

All are welcome to take part. To register your interest, drop an email to hello@stgilesgraffham.org or contact the Revd Vivien or churchwarden Ginny Barrett (see page 1 for details). One kind and generous parishioner has pledged £1,000 – provided others in the village combined match that total in sponsorship. You can sponsor the walkers online at bit.ly/stg2022walk or by pointing your phone camera at this QR code – or fill in the sponsorship form at St Giles Church.



St Giles’ new heating system to be fitted this month

St Giles’ new state-of-the-art, eco-friendly, cost effective heating system is scheduled to be installed during the week of 10 October – disrupting the life of our village church for a few days while it is fitted, but in time for the arrival of autumn chills. The end result should ensure that St Giles’ congregation and visitors are kept cosy.



Carole Kirke's Mum Ida Wright 1923-2022

Ida Wright – well known in Graffham, as Carole Kirke's Mum – died peacefully in her sleep aged 99 on 21 August while visiting Carole here.



An active member of her community in Tonge and Breedon-on-the-Hill, in North West Leicestershire, where she had lived all her life, she was a regular visitor to Graffham, staying with Jim and Carole at their Boswell's Cottage, and she loved our village almost as much as her own home. A keen gardener, she signed up for all Graffham Garden Group outings whenever she was here and enjoyed taking part in our village events, most recently the Graffham Platinum Jubilee Parade (left).

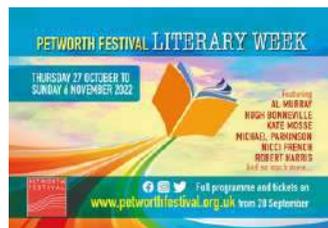
Carole and Jim would like to thank the Graffham Health Support Association and everyone who used to chat to her and keep an eye on her as she walked round the village.

Paul Dimmer RIP

Paul Dimmer, of Red Oak, The Street, Graffham, passed away on 15 September after battling with illness for some time. He and his wife Bidy were long-standing residents of the village. They had met as dancers with the Royal Ballet. After moving here, they both became heavily involved in Graffham Down Trust – so much so that one of its reserves is named after them. His funeral arrangements had not been confirmed as this edition went to press. A full tribute will feature in next month's issue.

Famous names to speak at Petworth Literary Festival

Michael Parkinson, Robert Harris, Kate Mosse, Hugh Bonneville and Al Murray and many more are taking part in the Petworth Festival Literary Week, which opens on 27 October. For full details of the programme and how to book, see petworthfestival.org.uk





Followed by a treat hunt in the churchyard

BRING A TORCH OR LANTERN!

Sunday 30 October at 5.15pm

Seaford Prep's houseparents Tom and Jade wed



Congratulations to Seaford College Prep School's Boarding Houseparents Tom Cobb and Jade Callan, who were married on 20 August at St Peter's Chapel, formerly the parish church of Woolavington (long since combined with Graffham) but now the school's chapel. Tom, who joined the college's team four years ago, is also its Head of PE while Jade's day job is as Goodwood Group's Estate Marketing Manager.

Garden group's final fling will be to Ramster

Graffham Garden Group's last visit of the year is to Ramster in Chiddingfold on Thursday 13 October, meeting there at 10.30 am. It has a beautiful woodland garden set in 25 acres with views of lakes and hillsides. The

spectacular autumn sights include the amazing 120-year-old acers which are renowned for their seasonal displays of fiery shades of reds and russets.

To book your place, at £8 each, contact Nicky West at nicolamwest@btinternet.com or on 07796144647 or 01798 867048.



Our MP takes on financial role in Truss' government

Our man at Westminster, Andrew Griffith, MP for Arundel and South Downs, has his third new job in the government in little more than six months. Liz



Truss named him Financial Secretary to the Treasury just days after her appointment as Prime Minister, making him responsible for the nation's financial services. Her predecessor Boris Johnson had appointed him Minister for Policy and Director of the Number 10 Policy Unit in February and then, five months later, as Minister for Trade.



If your child starts school in September 2023

Come to visit our lovely Infant School,
in the beautiful village of Graffham!

We invite prospective parents to our Open Morning
on Thursday 29th September, 9.30-11.30am

Everyone most welcome!

Do have a look at our website
<https://graffhamandduncton.w-sussex.sch.uk>

If your child will be in Year 3 in September 2023

Come to visit our lovely Junior School,
in the beautiful village of Duncton!

We invite prospective parents to our Open Morning
on Friday 30th September, 9.30-11.30am

Everyone most welcome!

Do have a look at our website
<https://graffhamandduncton.w-sussex.sch.uk>



To find out more about our village school, including 'virtual tours', see graffhamandduncton.w-sussex.sch.uk

Please also take a look at and 'like' us at
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Crumblethon 2022



Apples to spare?



Why not make an apple crumble for our local homeless charity, Stonepillow?

Your crumbles must:

-  Be freshly cooked, and not pre-frozen, so they can be delivered straight to Stonepillow for freezing.
-  Contain NO nuts.
-  Be in the foil containers which fit in the charity's freezers – you can get one (or more!) from Ann Brown on 01798 867561 at Frederick House, Jan Brind on 01798 867619 at Occam Cottage or St Giles Church from 1 October.
-  Have their container lids placed silver side down, with the crumble's contents written on the lid if they are not just apple – pear crumbles, or apple with blackberries, are OK.
-  Be delivered to Ann Brown at Frederick House on Monday 10 October.

Local foodbank runs out of some vital supplies

Chichester District Foodbank, which also covers the Graffham, Midhurst and Petworth district, has completely run out of some key items on its list – and is urging locals to help replenish stocks. Items urgently needed include:

- Nappies sizes 5, 6 and 7
- Treats eg chocolate or energy bars
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- Washing up liquid
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shaving foam/gel
- Tin openers
- Kitchen roll

Please drop off any of these, or other, items you can spare at the collection points at Graffham Village Shop, Petworth Co-op or Midhurst Sainsbury's or Tesco. How about buying and giving some of them when you next shop? Only items that are in-date, unopened and, because of 'Natasha's Law' (to protect allergy sufferers), with a full ingredients list can be accepted.

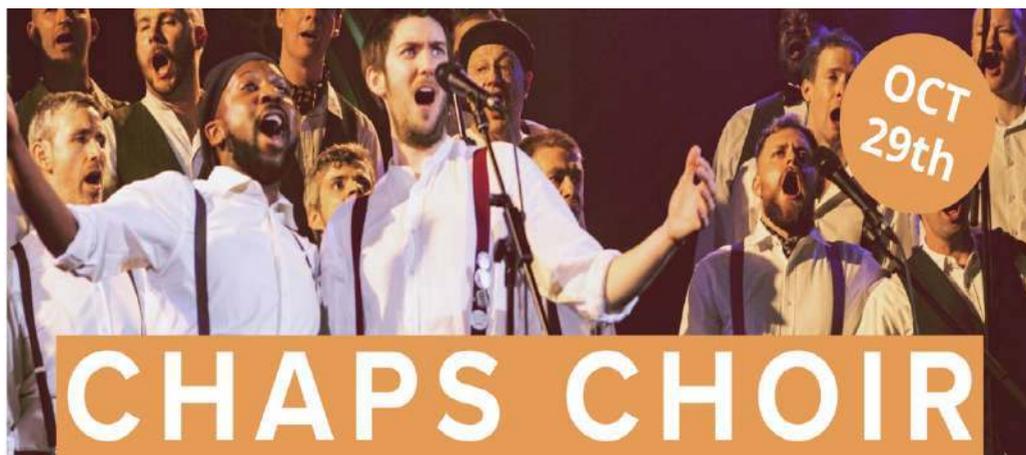
New councillors sought by Graffham Parish Council

Two new councillors are being sought to serve on Graffham Parish Council alongside its seven existing volunteer members. The intention is to co-opt the pair of newcomers immediately. Other vacancies may follow with regular elections due in the spring.

The council's primary aims are to work in the interests of residents and protect the identity and character of the village for the enjoyment of all who live here along with visitors and future generations, working in partnership with Chichester District Council and West Sussex County Council.

The opportunity should appeal to anyone interested in contributing their business or personal skills or experience in representing the views of the neighbourhood.

To register an interest, contact the parish clerk at clerk@graffham-pc.uk or on 07894 858048.



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Dates set for Graffham Down Trust work parties

Dates have been set for Graffham Down Trust's work parties for this winter – enabling volunteers to help safeguard the rare animals, insects and plant life that depends on the nature reserves on the hill above the village.

Chairman Jim Kirke says: "The wide range of rare and red list species of plants, insects, birds and mammals depending on the Graffham Down Trust reserves continues to expand. Your help and support in managing the reserves through the activities of the work parties make a massive difference to both endangered and thriving species."

Activities during the work parties include helping to open up areas of the reserves to promote fresh growth of different plants, clearing pathways, dealing with fallen trees and branches and repairing fences and gates. More often than not, a bonfire is part of the work. Lifts up to the reserves, tea, coffee and cake are always in place.

Everyone's welcome to take part – just meet near St Giles Church at 9.30am for lifts up by 9.45am. Bring strong shoes and gardening gloves. Always let Jim know in advance via jimkirke@hotmail.com if you plan to attend so that lifts can be arranged – and so you can be advised if the work party is cancelled for any reason.

The aim is always to finish each sessions before anyone gets too tired and certainly by 1pm – by when a hearty Sunday lunch in one of our great local pubs would certainly have been earned!

Work party dates for the coming season are:

- Sunday 30 October.
- Sunday 20 November.
- Sunday 11 December.
- Sunday 8 January.
- Saturday 4 February.
- Saturday 11 March.



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Graffham Parish News editor Michael Blunt

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Our pair of diamonds – John and Rosemary Sutton

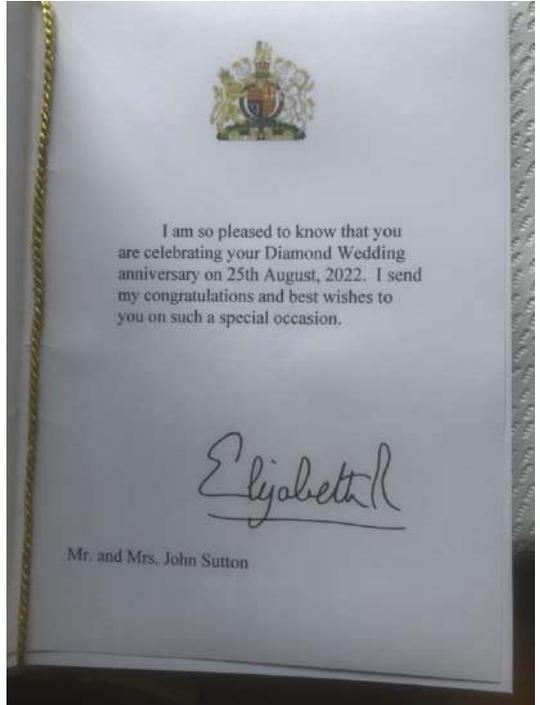
John and Rosemary Sutton, of Graffham's Heydon Cottage, celebrated their diamond anniversary in late August. Editor Michael Blunt met up with them.

John and Rosemary Sutton are thought to be the last people in Graffham to have received a personal message from the late Queen Elizabeth II. Her Majesty sent them a card to congratulate them on their diamond anniversary in late August. It arrived in a splendid Royal envelope. "Carmen, the

postman was very impressed," they chuckled. Little did they realise when they opened the surprise item of mail that Her Majesty would pass away just a few weeks later.

Inside, the card carried the Queen's crest at the top and her signature below, with the script between reading: "I am so pleased to know that you are celebrating your Diamond Anniversary on 25 August 2022. I send you my congratulations and best wishes to you on such a special occasion."

Receiving such a special greeting was the icing on the cake for the diamond anniversary couple's celebrations.



Appropriately enough, for two long-standing lynchpins of Graffham Tennis Club, John and Rosemary's first date was to Wimbledon's Centre Court on a championship Saturday. They'd been colleagues in the same company office in London – Atlas Assurance, of 92 Cheapside – for several years without becoming aware of one another, until she was transferred from the claims department to provide secretarial support to his team in the actuarial section. He sweet-talked her into typing up his paperwork for his role as fixtures secretary for his home tennis club in Southend.

Her parents had two tickets for Wimbledon but could only stay for a short

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part of the afternoon so suggested she met them at the gate with a friend to take their places for the rest of the day. "I knew John was keen on tennis, so I asked him," she remembered.

Clearly he was keen on her, too – and she on him. They can't recall which tennis stars they saw battling it out on the hallowed green turf, but in the following January he popped the big question and they became engaged.

They waited a short while for John to pass his final exams to qualify as an actuary before marrying at All Saints Church, Sanderstead, near Purley, Surrey, close to her family home, on 25 August 1962 – a bright but chilly and blowy day, they recalled.

Harold "You've never had it so good" Macmillan was Prime Minister and the months later signalled the birth of the beat era.

Their honeymoon was by train for a rainy few days in the Lake District, where John took Rosemary up Helvellyn mountain – where she discovered she had no head for heights. "I thought he was trying to kill me just after our wedding," she laughed.



Their first home was a flat "with a dodgy immersion heater" at Motspur Park, not far from her parents. After two years there, they moved to East Grinstead and then Dorking.

Then John jumped ship to another company which had its head office in Portsmouth, Zurich Insurance, and they moved to Langstone, on the edge of Chichester Harbour, near Havant.

Along the way, son David joined them in 1966 and daughter Emma two years later.

After a while, John switched companies again, joining Marine and General Mutual Life Assurance, based in Worthing, so they moved to Barnham. He retired from there as Assistant General Manager and Secretary in 1996.

Emma had opened a stable yard in Graffham, so John and Rosemary moved

to their current home here in the village to be close to her. "We knew Graffham well already as we'd frequently come for Sunday walks here while we were living at Langstone and Barnham," Rosemary added.

Then tragedy struck. Barely a year after they had moved to the village, Emma died in a dreadful horse-riding accident at her stables. At the time, John and Rosemary were on a flight to Seattle, at the start of a holiday. The airline representatives broke the news to them on arrival and they turned around immediately to head home.

"It was the only bad thing that has happened to us in all our years together," she said. "But it brought us together even more strongly, and it showed Graffham at its best as the village really wrapped its arms around us."

In return, John and Rosemary wrapped their arms around the village too.



He served for many years as treasurer of Graffham Tennis Club and Rosemary as secretary. He stood also for more than a decade on the committees of both the Graffham Village Shop Association and the Graffham Down Trust. He remains Electoral Roll Officer for Graffham Parochial Church Council

and has been the village's chief weather watcher for more than 10 years. Rosemary, who was a secretary and Brown Owl in her earlier days, is a baker of cakes for every kind of village event – and remains the tennis club's eldest playing member.

The two of them are rarely seen out and about without a pet black Labrador, with Jack the current lucky dog to call them his owners.

They celebrated their landmark at home with a party for close family and village friends. Rather than buy them lots of smaller presents, their friends clubbed together to pay for the renovation of the bridge at the north east corner of the rec, erected in memory of Emma.

What's the secret to a long, happy and successful marriage? John said with a smile: "Deciding and doing all the important things together!"

Meet your neighbour: The Charlesworths of Squirrels

A regular feature, in which we meet one of our village neighbours. This month, editor Michael Blunt catches up with Gillian and Peter Charlesworth, who moved at the end of May into Squirrels, on Graffham's Street.

Gillian and Peter Charlesworth moved into Squirrels in late spring this year. It was the last day in May and also almost the last day of heavy rain for the summer. Despite the deluge, Graffham was in pre-Platinum Jubilee frenzy.

Their arrival in the village had happened at break-neck speed in property transaction terms. Squirrels, where previously Sonia and the late Derek Williams had lived for some 40 years, pinged up on their Rightmove alert when it was put on the market at the end of February.

Gillian remembered: "It was the week Russia invaded Ukraine, so we were all a bit distracted at the time and the sale details didn't register at first, but it played on my mind and, from the estate agent's details, it looked exactly what we were looking for. We booked a visit for the end of that week – and, as soon as I walked in, I knew it was the one for us, no questions about it. Peter wrote it off, but with a bit of discussion he was persuaded!"

They had lunch at the White Horse ("such a friendly pub!"), checked out Graffham Village Shop ("fantastically well stocked!"), had a bit of a nose around ("the scenery here is stunning!") and after spending just 40 minutes in Graffham decided to be impulsive and put in an offer to move here.

Almost 20 other interested parties were being shown around the house and, in the end, the Charlesworths were one of two potential bidders left in the race. There was an anxious week before they got the welcome thumbs-up.

Their existing home – near Sandwich, in Kent – wasn't even on the market at that stage. They immediately instructed an estate agent – who sold it in two days. Their buyer was in a hurry to move in quickly. Going against the current flow of things, all the paperwork was completed ahead of schedule.

Why did they decide to up sticks? Peter explained: "It was a combination of factors. After more than 20 years in a three-storey, mid-18th Century converted barn, we wanted something that was easier for us to maintain, ideally built in the mid-1900s, and with fewer stairs! We could have found somewhere like that locally, but, after those years of lockdown and restrictions, we felt like a bit of an adventure, a fresh start."

Neither of them knew West Sussex but, on the advice of a friend, the

Midhurst district was one of three areas for their property search, along with West Kent and Dorset. They looked at just two houses in those other areas last year. Squirrels was their first Sussex viewing.

Gillian was born of Lancastrian stock in Burnley and brought up in the Midlands and Cheshire before reading French and Russian at Durham University. The four-year degree course included a year in France, which she did not enjoy, living in a small village with nobody else her age for miles, and a month in Russia, split between Moscow and St Petersburg, where she had "the time of my life!"



After graduating, she moved to London ("the first of my family to live in the south!") to work for the Civil Service, and soon started focussing on standards and professional bodies. She wound up with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, specialising in public affairs, communications and policy, then, three years ago, was appointed Chief Executive of the Building Research Establishment (BRE), an organisation with a £60 million annual turnover, employing 550 people, providing research, advice, training, testing, certification and standards for the construction sector. Since the pandemic, she's been working from home a great deal, with regular business visits to London and BRE's Watford base.

Peter is a Londoner, born in a hospital opposite Hampton Court and raised in Vauxhall. He left school at 16 and joined Midland Bank (since taken over by HSBC) where he took his banking exams – and hated it! So he quit, while on a youth camp in Norfolk where he met civil rights campaigner Paul

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Stephenson and was inspired to make more of a positive contribution to society. He ended up spending a year there, with two underprivileged children in his care. This prompted him to look at caring for disadvantaged children as a career, but that did not work out either.

He happened to see a recruitment advertisement for the Board of Trade and the rest, as they say, is history. With his banking exams under his belt, he was fast-tracked into specialising in insolvency, with the Official Receivers Service. That was a stepping stone into chasing criminal bankrupts for their ill-gotten gains. Gillian was working for the Institute of Chartered Accountants at the time, so their paths first crossed professionally.

He ended up as Chief Examiner for the Department of Trade and Industry's Company Investigations Branch, charged with tracking down fraudsters and scammers, retiring in 2010. When he married Gillian, he adopted her surname: "During my career, I've turned in quite a few criminals who threatened to track me down, so I thought a name change might throw them off the scent a bit," he smiled wryly.

How have they found life in Graffham so far? "It's been brilliant. We met so many people over the Jubilee weekend just after we moved in – too many names to remember! What has really struck us is that folk here are so nice – friendly, calm, warm and welcoming."

Now they plan to give Squirrels lots of love and care. "We adore the 1970s feel of the place, so we are not planning any radical changes, just some reconfiguration of the bedrooms and a general sprucing up inside and out."

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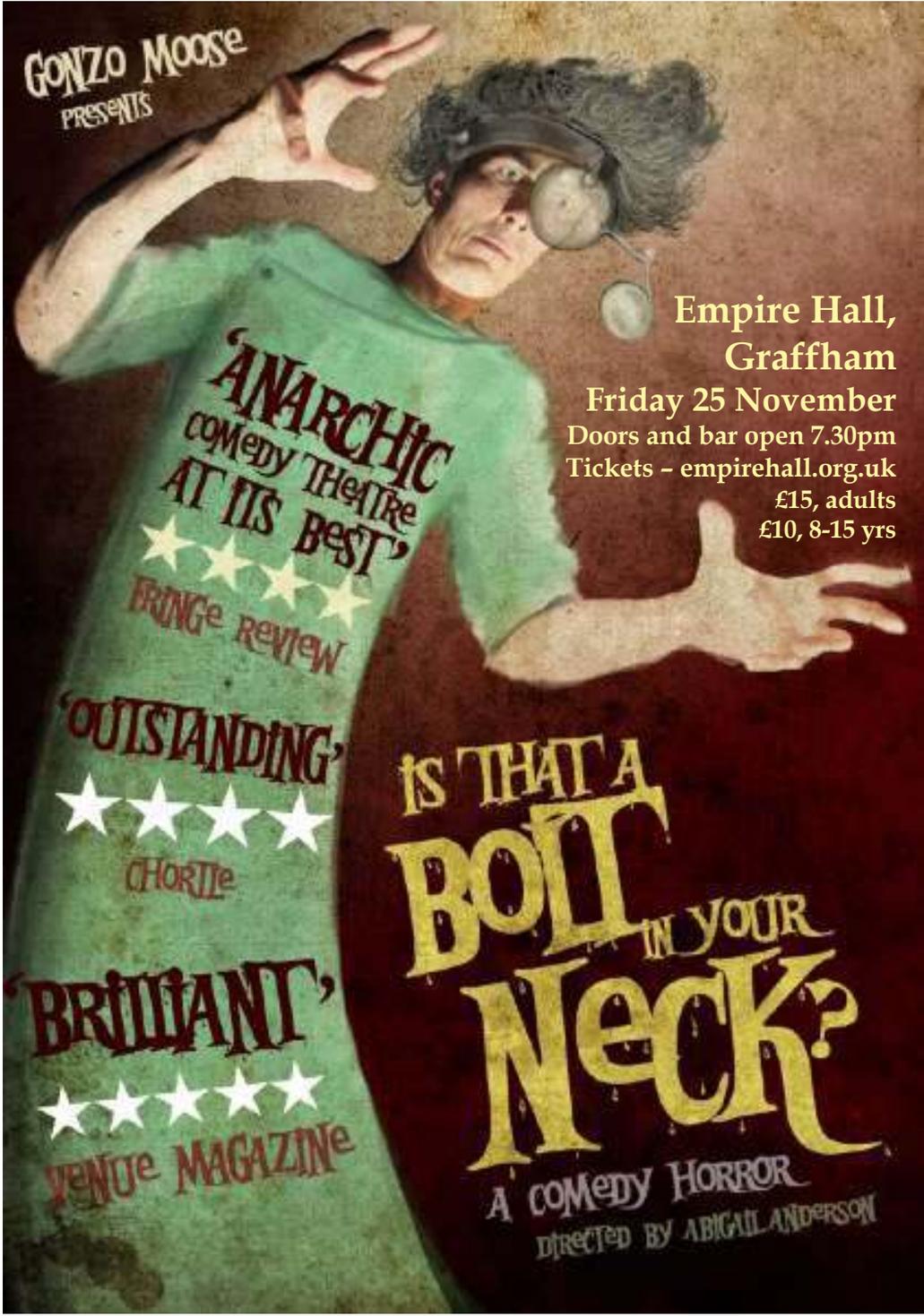
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Graffham Parish News' outstanding October quiz

Ten quick fire questions set by joint editor Bill Barrett to test your local, topical and wider general knowledge. Answers below (no cheating now!)

1 Wordsworth presciently described poet and novelist Charlotte Smith, who died in October 1806, as "a lady to whom English verse is under greater obligations than are likely to be either acknowledged or remembered". At which local National Trust venue did she live from 1785-1787?



2 Who has been MP for South West Norfolk since 2010?

3 Frank Buttle, born in October 1878 and Rector of Selham with South Ambersham from 1922 to 1927, founded the charity Buttle UK dedicated to which aspect of philanthropy?



4 Which national company was founded on 18 October 1922?

5 Which character/actor in the Netflix series *Stranger Things* has the skeletal condition cleidocranial dysplasia?



6 How old will Vladimir Putin be on 7 October?

7 Which World War II battle began on 30 October 1942?

8 To a local resident (usually rural), what is a 'grockle/grockel' (or 'emmet' in Cornwall)?

9 Which single, released in the UK in October 1962, became the first in a sequence of 38 to make the UK Top 40 for the performers?

10 Which single, reaching UK No 1 in October 1982, had its title modified to avoid use of a slang term for a cannabis pipe?

Answers: 1 Woolbeding House. 2 Liz Truss. 3 Child welfare. 4 The British Broadcasting Company (it became the Corporation in 1927). 5 Dustin Henderson, played by Gaten Matarazzo. 6 70. 7 El Alamein. 8 A derogatory term for tourist. 9 Love Me Do (The Beatles). 10 Pass the Dutchie (Musical Youth).

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Crowds flock to fête, netting £4,000 for rec

The long summer of 2022 ensured Graffham Fête on August Bank Holiday Monday was lucky again with the weather, *writes joint editor Bill Barrett.*

After the lockdowns of the past couple of years, it seemed that more villagers than usual turned out to support the event, enjoying the many attractions laid on to please the crowds.

Grateful thanks go to Phil Jones, who organised the event, to John Bracey who directed operations on the day, to Marie Bracey and her team who donated all the magnificent confectionery and to Beetle Clay for organising the beverages.

Together with Jeeva's ice cream-maker they kept the many visitors, local and distant, refreshed throughout a hot afternoon. ▶ *Continued on next page*



Tea dance: Amanda Pitt-Brown struts her stuff to the music.



Fête photos © Colin Barker, Ginny Barrett and others.



Barking glad: Dog show judge Bernard Bayly (back to camera) selects Best Puppy.

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The helpers who made it all happen are, as ever, too numerous to name, but special mentions also go to:

- Master-of-Ceremonies Brett Creed.
- Sonya Gillespie, who directed the children’s play area.
- Dog show judge Bernard Bayly for risking life, limb, canines and owners.
- Jim Kirke as barbecue head chef.
- Andy Jones for the raffle.
- Jude Sennitt for managing the car boot sale and bric-a-brac.
- Graffham Garden Group and the village’s artists for their alluring stands.
- Simon Longman, Simon Ray, David Sparkes and Lucas Thornley for the fun-packed activities.
- William Godman-Dorington, Charlotte Major and Katie Forman for supplying the hay bales.
- Hilary Major (who else?!) for counting the proceeds.



Top dogs: Best in Show winner Shadow with owner Frances Bassom, competition for Karin Skanberg’s burger, and Maisie (née Gorman-Dorington) and Joaquin Gomez-Castonon with their sausage dog.



Smiles in the sunshine: Gemma Barrett, Maizie Amin, Sophie Moore and Rosie Boulton (left), Mary Taylor and Carol Tompkins at the Garden Group stand (centre), and Nicky West, Jo Hail and Carole Kirke.

Thanks too to the loyal owners of the vintage cars who turn up every year and, a new item, the St Giles' Eco-Tent, where many donated garments found new wearers.

Slightly in excess of £4,000 was raised, which will go some way to meeting the running costs of the recreation ground in the forthcoming year.



Taking a stand: Sharing the artists' gazebo were Sue Hill, Clive McBain and Richard Davidson (above left), while Brett Sacks and Katie Forman introduced the herd from their Slow Grown Farm at Hoyle (above right). Master of ceremonies Brett Creed was as big a hit as fashion recycling at St Giles' eco tent (below).



Nature Notes: Comma – perfectly punctuated

A monthly column by Sussex Wildlife Trust's Head of Community Action for Wildlife Michael Blencowe.

Ding, ding. Last orders at the butterfly bar! The party is over. All summer the blues, whites, browns, skippers, hairstreaks and our other butterflies have mated in the meadows and fornicated in our flower beds. The results of this butterfly bonding will pass the winter as eggs, caterpillars and chrysalises. Even those butterflies tough enough to endure the winter as adults will have turned in early to get a good six months' sleep. But there's still one species left knocking back the nectar until the bitter end.

The comma is one ragged looking butterfly – it is unlike any other British species. With its jagged-edged wings, it looks like it's been busy brawling with a bird's beak. The wings glow the fiery orange of hell, and in France the butterfly's devilish good looks have earned it the name Robert Le Diable – Robert the Devil.

Yet this angular attire is perfect for a butterfly that will be spending the winter hidden among dark dead leaves. Its crinkle-cut wings are dark underneath



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and when it closes them the comma chameleon vanishes. Yet the centre of this dark facade is punctured by a punctuation mark – a small silver ‘c’, the comma that gives the butterfly its English name. Not as striking as being named after the Prince of Darkness. Still, it could be worse. In America, a similar looking butterfly is called the question mark.

In October, you’ll still find the comma stocking up on sugars from late flowering ivy or rotting fruits in preparation for its winter-long big sleep. It’s not always been this way. Many, many years ago, the comma was widespread across Sussex where the butterfly always had an alcohol association. Its caterpillar fed on the leaves of hop plants and out in the fields hop pickers knew it as the ‘silver bug’ or ‘hop cat’. But by the 1820s the comma had mysteriously vanished from most of England and lugubrious lepidopterists mourned ‘the butterfly of our youth has left us for good and all’. The decline in



A comma, with its jagged edged wings. © Bob Eade.

England’s hop industry must have had an effect along with new techniques of bine-burning and washing the crops with insecticides.

The comma’s triumphant return to the Sussex stage started with an encounter in Lewes where lepidopterist Montague Blaker found a comma on 6 April 1860. Over the next 70 years, this butterfly remained extremely rare in Sussex until the 1930s when an increase in comma sightings marked the start of the butterfly’s reconquest of England. This time around, with hardly any hops left to munch, the comma grasped the nettle as the main food plant for its caterpillar. Just last month a comma was seen in Inverness – the most northerly sighting ever. The comma’s comeback continues. I’ll drink to that.

Did you know...? You can recycle the tops from your plastic milk bottles and used printer cartridges – and raise funds for charities at the same time? Just drop them (as clean as you can make them!) into the appropriate boxes at St Giles Church. The milk bottle tops are recycled to make plastic toys for children, with proceeds given to Chestnut Tree Children’s Hospital. Old printer cartridges are also sold for recycling, in aid of other good causes.

Graffham Down Tracks: Michael Pettifer

Continuing our regular feature, in which we invite a Graffham resident to pick his or her eight favourite tracks, a book and luxury item, with a brief explanation – rather like in the Radio 4 evergreen. This month the spotlight falls on Michael Pettifer.

Michael moved to Melrose, in The Street, in May 2000 with Diana and their three sons, Charlie, Angus and George. Michael runs his own insurance business, MPI, which generously offers his neighbours in Graffham and East Lavington a special discount on ClearSkies travel insurance taken out through his company. See page 49.



- 1 Ski Sunday theme tune Sam Fonteyn** If ever I had to choose a sound track to my life, this would be it. I first skied when I was nine – long before Ski Sunday was originally screened on the telly! – and I've been a fanatic ever since. Fortunately, so is Diana and now our sons too. We hit the slopes whenever we can. Insuring skiers is a major part of my business. This tune, incidentally, was also played during the wedding of our son Angus to Helena in St Giles last year.
- 2 Jerusalem Hubert Parry** This could almost be the national anthem of England. I love it. It makes you think, too. The words, by Sussex poet William Blake, are full of questions.
- 3 Candle in the Wind Elton John** It has to be the updated version of the song, *Goodbye England's Rose*, that Elton sung at the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, 25 years ago now. Her death was such a shock.
- 4 American Pie Don McLean** This was always the last song played at discos and weddings in the 1970s, usually at around 2am when the marquee had become very smelly and the girls taken their shoes off. Happy days!
- 5 Sailing Rod Stewart** This reminds me of our boat Sundance that we used to sail in the Solent and across the Channel for weekends to escape from London, where we lived then. We still sail whenever we can on our Drascombe, Pendragon, in Chichester Harbour.
- 6 Nimrod Elgar** I call this our tune as it was played during our wedding – although I gather it is more often used at funerals!

7 She Loves You The Beatles I grew up to the sounds of The Beatles. I bought lots of their records and memorabilia – even Beatles puppets! Strange to think that if the UK had not ended National Service just a few years before the band got together, then the world's biggest pop sensation might never have come about!

8 Satisfaction The Rolling Stones If I include The Beatles, then I have to have one by the Stones, too, and this is their greatest!

Book: I'm not choosing one. I just don't read enough...

Luxury item: iPhone. It's not just a phone, it's everything you ever need, too – communications device, diary, encyclopaedia, memo taker... Of course this all supposes I have signal or wifi. Before mobiles were invented, I would have chosen skis.... But then I'd have needed mountains and snow, too!

Is chess in your league?

The Three Moles is planning to launch an informal league for chess players. If you fancy taking part, contact Tom or Ollie at the pub. See inside back pages for contact details.

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Graffham Chronicles: Our village before Queen Elizabeth II

A regular column by village historian Pauline Goodwin

Even as the Piltdown skull was established by a jawbone and a few broken fragments, so these memories may establish old customs, (and) habits. – Graffham Women's Institute 1947 Scrapbook

Graffham Archives contains a prized artefact which is 75 years old this year – a scrapbook created by the village's Women's Institute (WI) branch and containing handwritten accounts, photos, hand painted illustrations, a sketch map and pressed flowers, recording in detail what life in our beloved corner of Sussex was like before our dear late Queen ascended to the throne.



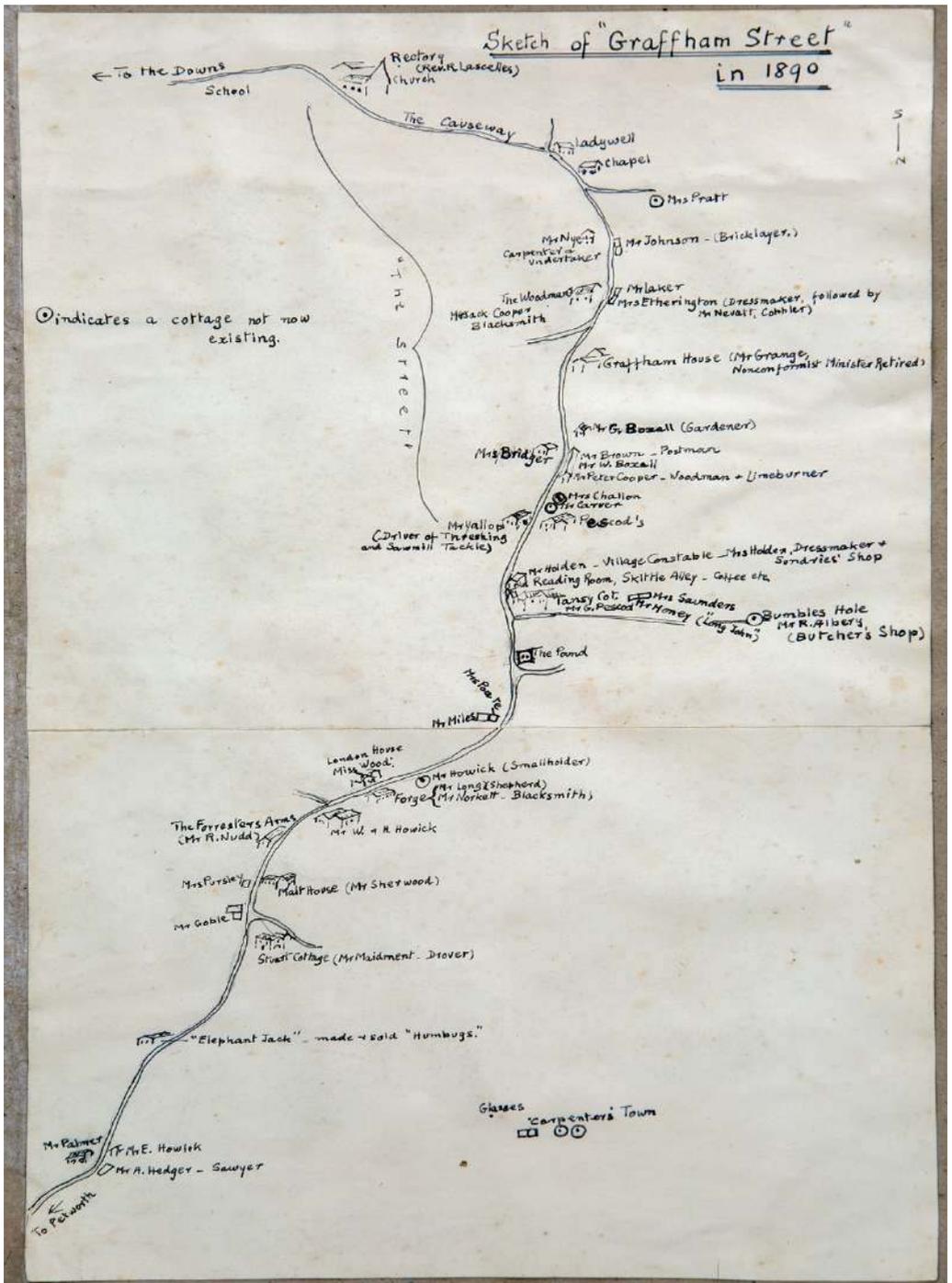
Enclosed in its own slip cover and measuring 33x39 cms (13x15 ins), its 82 pages were completed, as part of a nationwide WI initiative, in 1947, just two years after the end of World War II and five years before Princess Elizabeth became Her Majesty. Its cover was inspired by the Graffham and Selham WI banner, which had been designed by artist Barrett Carpenter who lived at Upmeadow, featuring a view of Galley Hill in a colour scheme of blues, oranges and yellows.



The book's "rich and varied" content, contributed by "all and sundry", is described in its foreword as "local lore". It provides a heart-warming and unique melange of historical fact, oral history, folklore, memories, traditions, customs and hearsay in which "humour, personality, superstition and homely reminders all play their part". With the aim of preserving the essence of

the Graffham and Selham community at that time, its disjointed fragments fit together like a mosaic, revealing so much more than the sum of their parts. It is far from a straightforward history book with cold authenticated facts, although its content has been historically verified. On its first page is a sketch

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The 1947 WI Graffham Scrapbook includes this sketch map of the village showing who lived where in the 1890s. All WI scrapbook photos © Colin Barker.

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map of Graffham as it had been in 1890, based on the memories of those still living here at the time the book was written, and which clearly shows how the village's dwellings developed when transport was by foot or horse. It records who lived where and what their occupations were – Mr Nye the carpenter and undertaker, Mr Johnson the bricklayer, Mrs Etherington the dressmaker, Mr Holden the constable, Mr Norkett the blacksmith and so on. Among the buildings marked as no longer existing in 1947 was a cottage on the lane leading to Tagents Farm, Haylands, Woodcote then on to Heyshott and beyond, where, in 1890, "Granny Pratt" lived.

The book recounts a story of an occasion when a new maid had been hired to start service at the Old Rectory. As a joke, the butler dressed up in skirts, frills and finery and called on Granny Pratt pretending that he was the new maid, and asking where he could find the Rectory. Granny Pratt put on her best bonnet and escorted the disguised butler up Church Hill to meet Reverend Lascelles! It's a tale which shows how this book explores the rich vein of oral fable and myth in which truths are embroidered with the imagination and humour abounding in isolated communities.

Another example is found under a section called 'Witchcraft', again featuring Granny Pratt. An illiterate white-haired member of the Challen family tells a tale with "awe-struck earnestness" in which a hare had been chased by dogs into the cottage. The hare had been bitten and when the pursuers entered the house, Granny Pratt was found in bed with a wound in exactly the same place as suffered by the hare!

While the WI book records Granny Pratt's home as being on the lane to Tagents, other items in the archive show her living at Hazel Cottage, annexed to Well Cottage, on Dirty Lane, leading to Tagents Farm. Indeed, members of the Pratt family were still living in that area in 1963 when the parents of Bronwen Jones' (née Robinson) moved into Graffham. Bronwen recalls that a Mrs Pratt lived at Hazel Cottage then.

1 and 2 Bumbles Hole are other cottages recalled from 1890s but which were no longer in evidence in 1947. Nampara was built in 1978 in the grounds of the Pines, in close vicinity to these two demolished cottages. Before 1890, Mr R Albery had his butcher's shop at Bumbles Hole. Albery is a name that occurs frequently in Graffham's history, with generations running various shops and stores. The archive reveals the names of two members of

the Albery family who lived at Ponds, Bumbles Hole – Salter Albery 1900-11 and Anne Askey Albery 1929-30. In 1890, Graffham Pond extended right up to Bumbles Hole, hence the house's name Pond.

Judging by the 1890 map, it seems that Graffham residents had sweet teeth in the fading days of Queen Victoria, recording that "several private houses made and sold sweets".

Mrs Carver, who owned a cottage near to Pescod's Stores, sold sweets. At Popple Hill Cottage, John Smith lodged in an annexe, near the brook. The 1861 census records him as a railroad labourer, but on the 1890 map he is referred to as "Elephant Jack" who "made and sold humbugs". Maybe this is another example of humour whose meaning is obscured by the passing years, but certainly humour runs through the scrapbook like letters through a stick of Brighton rock!

And yet, the book also has a very serious side... A significant number of pages recount how the local area was affected by the then recently ended war, during which the village had its Home Guard, Auxiliary Police and National Fire Service. "Ladies formed the greater part of the wardens' establishment".... but "happily no service was called upon to deal with 'incidents' in the parish boundaries".

The community hosted three distinct groups of evacuees. First was a group of expectant mothers, most of whom were received by Captain and Mrs Euan Wallace at Lavington House. The second was a group of 120 children, who were assembled at The Empire Hall to be allocated lodgings. Finally, a third group of mothers and children arrived.

The 1947 Graffham WI Scrapbook is a one-of-a-kind volume, bringing to life what our village was like before most of us today were born – and before our late Queen Elizabeth ascended to the throne.



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Bill's bygones: The Tourney, The Verve, Queen meets Tito

A regular feature in which joint editor Bill Barrett looks back at what was happening in the village and the wider world this month in the past.

10 years ago – October 2012: A medieval tournament is held at the rec to raise funds for the pavilion refurbishment. The National Lottery arrives at Jeeva's shop. The Tennis Club holds its post-season dinner at the Empire Hall, which is followed by dancing to the Bob Crocstil Disco. At the Bowls Club's AGM, Pat Sherman retires from playing after 27 years. *The Help* is showing at Graffham Empire Movies. Analogue TV broadcasts end in the UK. Britain's first 4G mobile network is launched. *Skyfall*, Daniel Craig's third film as 007, is released. Irish pop group Westlife announce they are splitting up. Death of actress Sylvia Kristel (aged 60).



25 years ago – October 1997: The Empire Hall Management Committee turns down a request from Graffham Rustics for a telephone to be installed at the building on the grounds of cost, risk of theft and the increasing availability of cheaper mobiles. Volunteers building the Heyshott Bonfire narrowly escape injury when it topples over. The Chichester branch of Tesco is granted permission to extend its opening hours to 10 pm Monday to Saturday, despite objections by local residents. *Urban Hymns* (featuring hit single *Bitter Sweet Symphony*) by The Verve reaches Number One in the UK album chart. Death of singer John Denver (53) in an aircraft accident.

50 years ago – October 1972: Graffham Youth Club's jumble sale raises £40 to buy a new table tennis table – Martin Taylor and Phil Tupper man the "Children's Counter". A Midhurst Grammar School team, including Wendy Challen (who receives the cup and £3 prize money), wins the open class at the National Beekeeper's Association show in London. Mr D. Smith speaks at Graffham's Men's Forum group on the subject of Sex – a "lively discussion" follows. The Queen visits Yugoslavia, where she's received by its premier Tito (right). John Betjeman appointed Poet Laureate. Access credit cards introduced. Goalkeeper Gordon Banks loses sight in one eye after a car crash. Lieutenant Pigeon are UK No 1 with *Mouldy Old Dough*.



Graffham Bowls Club

By Secretary Liz Pegram

By the time you read this the bowls season for this year will be over. All our friendly games have been played except for Arundel which unfortunately was cancelled.

Graffham Bowls Club results for August

Frensham	<i>Home</i>	Won	Fittleworth	<i>Away</i>	Lost
Sutton	<i>Away</i>	Won	Headley	<i>Home</i>	Won

Our Internal Cups were all played in glorious sunshine on our finals day. The winners were:

Captain's Cup	Catriona Godsen	Police Shield	Charlie Tyrrell
Hulbard Cup	Kym Pegram	Robertson Rose Bowl	Kym Pegram

The season will be rounded off with a candlelit bowls evening. Watch for photos of that in next month's edition!

Graffham women's cricket

By Bill Barrett

Serenaded by Booker T & the MGs' *Soul Limbo*, courtesy of team coach and guru Brett Creed's PA system, Graffham women's cricketers (alias the Valkyries) took to the field on Sunday 11 September, a gloriously sunny morning, for their fifth fixture against West Wittering Wolverines and second attempt to beat them at home.

The odds looked to be in their favour when the opposition turned up with only nine players, two of whom, being in possession of a Y chromosome, were genetically non-compliant. However, this was sportingly overlooked and, as there were 14 Valkyries, the latter divided the available resources as a result of which skipper Philippa Sanders and Laura Skippen played for the wrong side.

Thus, the Graffham batting order was Angie Thornley, Ginny Barrett, Emma, Maizie and Olive Amin, Vasu and Ardra Jeeva, Jenny Dwyer-Ward, Naomi Ward, Louise Creed, Sally Pattie and Denise Clay. Pete Dwyer-Ward and Bill Barrett stood as (reasonably unbiased) umpires and Beetle Clay helped with the scoring.

As with previous matches, each team started with 200 runs, each pair of



Graffham and West Wittering's women cricketers line up with the visitors' two male ringers plus umpires and coaches.

batters (come on, you must be used to it by now) received four overs with five runs deducted for the loss of a wicket.

Play was preceded by a minute's silence for the late Queen, after which the Valkyries launched into the Wolverines' attack with 'Brett-ball', racking up 321. Alas, as with "Baz-ball", wickets are likely to tumble and 10 did so, costing 50 crucial runs. Nevertheless, the Amin triumvirate smacked 48 between them and notable contributions also came from Angie and Denise.

In reply, and despite Louise's stand-out five wicket haul, the opposition gradually surpassed the 272 required, one of the male Wolverines causing the Valkyries to rue his participation as another androgenic blow cleared the boundary. Perhaps ownership of two X chromosomes will be compulsory next season!

Wittering finished with 300, thus the margin of defeat was a mere 29 runs and Graffham Women still await their second home victory – with the exception of Lauren and Philippa of course!

Grateful thanks go to Brett for another season of dedicated coaching and organisation.

Graffham Tennis Club

By Chairman Simon Longman

We were delighted to see many new faces on the courts during Graffham's Fête on the August Bank Holiday. Denise Clay kindly ran an intro session with a ball machine which was very popular with the children who joined in. We've just a couple of matches left for the East Hampshire Summer League

but the Men's team should have managed to claim top spot and promotion following a 4-4 draw against the closest challenger. Within the space of a month we've been playing in 30°+ heat but have already seen long sleeves and a hat this past week as the temperature dropped into single figures for an evening game. Winter league fixtures are already in the diary, mostly over weekend mornings for our home matches. Do come and show your support!

Graffham Tennis Club results for East Hampshire LTS League

Women's Doubles Division 1			Mixed Doubles Division 2		
Haslemere B vs Graffham A	Draw	4-4	Haslemere A vs Graffham	Lost	6-2
Haslemere A vs Graffham A	Lost	8-0	Men's Doubles Division 4		
			Graffham vs Cheriton	Draw	4-4

Graffham Tennis Club East Hants League home fixtures: October

Do come and spend an autumn morning or afternoon supporting your teams!					
15	Sat	2pm	Mixed Doubles	Div 3	v Alton A
16	Sun	10am	Mixed Doubles	Div 2	V Newman Collard A
29	Sat	10am	Ladies Doubles	Div 2	v Headley

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Beanie's Cowdray award

Beanie Bradley, of Norwood Lane, received Cowdray Park Polo Club's Pimms Cup as Most Improved Junior Player for 2022 in its end-of-season award presentations (right).

Beanie last year became the youngest female to represent the English team at the sport and has since become a regular member of the national side.



Rounders makes a return to the rec

Dog walkers were surprised on Wednesday 31 August to see the Rec occupied by a large group of ladies wielding rounders bats and tennis rackets. Graffham's Gill Dover, currently Ladies' Captain at Cowdray Golf Club, had organised a gathering for her players to remind them of their schooldays. The oldest was a remarkable 85 years old! Those who still play tennis were obliged to use rounders bats while others were able to use rackets.



Rounders ladies, with Gill Dover fourth from left, Graffham's Mary Taylor far left and Ann Tyrell, mother of Graffham's Charlie, also pictured.

Planning applications

A summary of latest applications for planning approval in Graffham and East Lavington civil parishes filed with the South Downs National Park as this edition went to press. For details, see bit.ly/sdnp-planning

Ladywell Cottage, The Street, Graffham GU28 0NL: Single storey rear/side extension, replacement windows, removal of modern fireplace and extension of chimney stack to south elevation. SDNP/22/03798/HOUS and SDNP/22/03799/LIS. Received: 8 Aug.

The Malt House, The Street, Graffham GU28 0QB: Garden room extension, new opening to side extension, replacement windows, internal alterations and repairs. SDNP/22/03878/HOUS. Received: 9 Aug.

Boswells Cottage, The Street, Graffham GU28 0NL: Reduce crowns of a horse chestnut and a beech tree. SDNP/22/03711/TCA Received: 9 Aug.

Land at Homes of Rest, The Street, Graffham GU28 0NW: Amendments to previously approved storm drainage. SDNP/22/03922/NMA. Received: 19 Aug.

Rectory Cottage, Selham GU28 0PW: Reduce height of a tree. SDNP/22/04212/TCA. Received: 7 Sep.

Crimestoppers and police appeals

Sussex Police's log of incidents locally in recent weeks. If you have any information which might help, please report it, quoting the serial number – by phone on 101 or online at bit.ly/crimeupdate

Fittleworth, Bedham Lane: Overnight between Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 August, an exterior light was criminally damaged. Serial 0643 23/08.

Northchapel: In the early hours of Wednesday 17 August, a business premises was burgled. Serial 0162 17/08.

Midhurst, June Lane: Between Wednesday 17 and Friday 19 August, both number plates were stolen from a vehicle. Serial 0565 19/08.

Did you know...? You can raise funds to help safeguard the future of Graffham's St Giles Church virtually whenever you shop online – at zero additional cost to you. More than 5,000 retailers participate, through easyfundraising, the UK's biggest charity fund-raising site. See stgilesgraffham.org/shopping-online/

Property watch

Homes for sale locally, posted at [rightmove.com](https://www.rightmove.com) since our previous edition:

High View, Graffham GU28 0QE: Four-bedroomed detached house, two bathrooms, three reception rooms, kitchen/diner, double garage, garden with Downs views. 229sq m/2,400sq ft. OIR £850,000. Henry Adams, Midhurst, 01730 771345. Added 26 August. Under offer.



Foundry Cottages, Heyshott GU29 0DB: Terraced two-bedroomed house, bathroom, garden. 70sq m/720sq ft. £350,000. King & Chasemore, Midhurst, 01730 774838. Added 31 August.

Downsview, Duncton GU28 0JY: Three-bedroomed, detached Grade II listed house, two bathrooms, three reception rooms, kitchen, workshop, garden. 126sq m/1,354sq ft. Guide price £725,000. Strutt & Parker, Haslemere, 01428 734218. Added 1 September.



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PACT's focus on sanctuary and support for refugees



Petworth Area Churches Together (PACT)'s autumn talk will be delivered by Sanctuary in Chichester founder and trustee Roger Pask on supporting refugees and asylum seekers. He will speak on how we can respond to people from Ukraine, Afghanistan and elsewhere, having lost everything and suffering devastating trauma.

Sanctuary in Chichester is committed to welcoming them and helping them survive before supporting them to integrate, heal and thrive. The lecture is free to all – with wine and canapes provided – at St Mary's Church, Petworth, on Friday 14 October at 7.30 pm.

Coffee at Jan and Robin's raises £250 for St Giles

A coffee morning at Occam Cottage, hosted by Jan and Robin Brind, on Wednesday 14 September, netted around £250 for St Giles Church. Thanks to all who contributed.

Other denominations locally

Methodist: Midhurst. *Minister:* David Muskett *Tel:* 01730 233436. *email:* superintendent@esanddcircuit.org.uk. *Web:* midhurstmethodist.com *Worship:* Sundays 10.00am, and Café Church 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 10.30am

Roman Catholic: The Catholic Churches of Saints Anthony and George, Duncton; The Divine Motherhood and St Francis of Assisi, Midhurst, and The Sacred Heart, Petworth. *email:* petworth.abdiocese.org.uk. *Tel:* 01798 342169. *Web:* www.petworthcatholic.org

Mass

Sun	8am	Duncton	Thu	9.30am	Petworth
	9.30am	Midhurst		12noon	Midhurst Convent
	11am	Petworth	Fri	6.30pm	Petworth
Tue	10.30am	Petworth	Sat	9.30am	Midhurst
Wed	9.30am	Midhurst		5.30pm	Petworth

Society of Friends (Quakers): St Anne's Community Centre, St Anne's Hill, Midhurst, GU29 9NN. *Web:* sussexwestquakers.org.uk *Meetings:* 2nd and 4th Sundays 10.30am.

United Reformed Church: Petworth. *Minister:* Revd Anne Lewitt *Tel:* 01798 872535. *Web:* petworthurc.co.uk *Worship:* Sundays 10.30am.

What's on at our village church and chapel

- All residents of and visitors to Graffham are welcome to all services.
- St Giles Church is at the south end of Graffham's Street, near the Downs.
- All Saints' Chapel is opposite Graffham Village Shop.
- Both St Giles Church and All Saints' Chapel are open daily.
- See stgilesgraffham.org or Facebook's @stgilesgraffham for any changes.

October

1	Sat	2.30pm	Learn an anthem for 'Sing in the Harvest' celebration	St Giles
		5pm	'Sing in the Harvest' Celebration	St Giles
2	Sun	10.30am	Harvest Parish Eucharist	St Giles
		12noon	Harvest lunch	Empire Hall
3	Mon	Estimated 8am-4pm	Parish sponsored walk, from St Giles to Chichester Cathedral	Across the Downs
4	Tues	9.30am	Morning Prayer, with Pilgrims at 10am	All Saints
5	Wed	10.30am	Parish Eucharist	St Giles
9	Sun	10.15-11.30	Teddy Time	Rec Pavilion
		6pm	BCP Evensong	All Saints
11	Tues	9.30am	Morning Prayer, with Pilgrims at 10am	All Saints
12	Weds	10.15-11.30	Teddy Time	Rec Pavilion
16	Sun	9am	BCP Matins	St Giles
		10.30am	Parish Eucharist or Family Service	St Giles
17	Mon	11.30am	Burial of ashes - Camilla Bosanquet RIP and Joanna Bosanquet RIP	St Giles
18	Tues	9.30am	Morning Prayer, with Pilgrims at 10am	All Saints
19	Weds	10.15-11.30	Teddy Time	Rec Pavilion
23	Sun	10.30am	St Luke's Parish Eucharist	St Giles
25	Tues		No Morning Prayer or Pilgrims	
26	Wed	10.15-11.30	Teddy Time	Rec Pavilion
30	Sun	10.30am	All Saints' Parish Eucharist	St Giles
		5.15pm	Halloween Service for families	St Giles

November

1	Tues		No Morning Prayer or Pilgrims	
2	Weds	10.15-11.30	Teddy Time	Rec Pavilion
6	Sun	10.30am	Dedication festival Eucharist	St Giles

We rely on the generosity of villagers and visitors to safeguard the future of Graffham's St Giles Church and the ability of our parish to deliver its mission to the community it serves - including this magazine. Please support it through a donation - preferably a regular one via our Parish Giving Scheme. You can also raise donations for St Giles virtually every time you shop online - at no extra cost to you. For full details, see www.bit.ly/stggive1

Key dates and what's on in and around the village

October				
1	Sat	9am-2pm	Midhurst Farmers Market	Midhurst
		2.30pm	Sing in the Harvest learn an anthem workshop (see page 14)	St Giles
		5pm	Sing in the Harvest celebration (page 14)	St Giles
2	Sun	12noon	Harvest festival community lunch (see page 15)	Empire Hall
3	Mon	10.30am	Deer rut guided walks (various dates to 21 Oct)	Petworth Park
4	Tue	2pm	Arts Society West Sussex talk on Cleopatra, Images of a Dream Woman	Fittleworth Village Hall
7	Fri	7.30pm	Graffham Down Trust quiz night (page 17)	Empire Hall
9	Sun		Racing Season Finale	Goodwood
10	Mon		Deadline for delivering your crumblethon crumbles (see page 12)	Frederick House
11	Tue	9-11am	Great Feet chiropodist ¹	Empire Hall
12	Wed	7.30pm	Drones - Will they Save us or Destroy us? talk by Robin Phayre	Cobden Hall, Heyshott
13	Thu	10.30am	Graffham Garden Group visit	Ramster
		2.30pm	Thursday Club talk on World War II's women canal bargers (see page 33)	Empire Hall
14	Fri	7.30pm	PACT autumn lecture <i>Supporting Refugees and Asylum Seekers</i>	St Mary's Church, Petworth
15	Sat	7.30pm	The Big Smoke Family gig (see page 18)	Empire Hall
22	Sat		Seaford College half-term (to 6 Nov)	
		10am-4pm	Pumpkins and autumn colour spotting (to 30 Oct)	Petworth House Pleasure Gardens
24	Mon		WSCC schools half-term (to 28 Oct)	
26	Wed	12.30pm	Lunch Club ²	Empire Hall
28	Fri		Petworth Literary Festival (till 6 Nov) (p 8)	Petworth
29	Sat	3.30pm	Chaps Choir singing workshop (page 13)	Empire Hall
		7.30pm	Chaps Choir concert (See page 13)	Empire Hall
30	Sun		<i>Clocks go back one hour</i>	
		9.30am	Graffham Down Trust work party (page 16)	Meet at St Giles
		5.15pm	Halloween Service (see page 9)	St Giles
31	Mon		Camping and Caravan site closes for winter	Graffham
November				
1	Tue	9-11am	Great Feet chiropodist ¹	Empire Hall
5	Sat	9am-2pm	Midhurst Farmers Market	Midhurst
			Heyshott Bonfire Night	Heyshott
			Petworth Bonfire Night	Hampers Green
23	Wed	12.30pm	Lunch Club ²	Empire Hall

¹Great Feet Chiropodist: Available to Graffham Health Support Assoc members only.

²Lunch Club: Graffham Empire Hall Lunch Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 12.30pm for 12.45pm for a home cooked two-course meal and coffee, at £8 a head. Please book by calling Sarah on 01798 867567.

Regular weekly activities (for notes, how to book, etc, see below)			
Mondays	<i>Daytime-early evening</i>	Osteopath ¹	Empire Hall
Tuesdays	<i>8.30am-12noon</i>	Post Office	Empire Hall
Wednesdays	<i>9.15-10.30am</i>	Yoga ²	Empire Hall
	<i>10.15-11.30am</i>	Teddy Time toddler group ³	Pavilion
Thursdays	<i>Daytime-early evening</i>	Osteopath ¹	Empire Hall
	<i>10.30-11.30am</i>	Ease Into Exercise ⁴	Empire Hall
	<i>2-4pm</i>	Post Office	Empire Hall
Fridays	<i>9-10.15am</i>	Yoga ²	Empire Hall
	<i>10.30-11.15am</i>	Pilates ⁵	Empire Hall

Empire Hall: For booking and contact details, see Directory, inside back cover.

¹Osteopath: Bookings required. To make an appointment, for daytime or early evening, contact Anna Shawcross on 01798 867523.

²Yoga: Deborah Albone on 07790 367009.

³Teddy Time: No charge. All welcome. Just come along.

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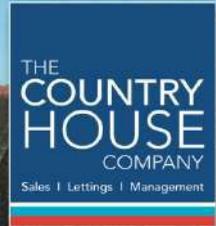
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