



# GRAFFHAM PARISH NEWS

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## Graffham Flower Show Photography Class

The photography classes at this year's flower show are as follows:

1. Village life
2. A Walk in the Woods
3. All at Sea
4. Grow Your Own
5. Any subject (children U16)

Photos can be colour or black & white. Max size 25cm x 20cm.

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# Kind communities make a kind world

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This is a time of mixed emotions of celebration or disappointment, delight or resignation at significant change in our relationship with countries round about us, near and far. It is a time to recognise that change, whether welcome or otherwise, has taken place. It is an important time to be considerate of one another, sensitive to the emotional spectrum we fall within, and face the future together.

Sometimes, it is better to focus on the world that is within our compass, the quality of our personal relationships with family, friends, neighbours, with our social, work and local communities. This is ultimately what influences the greater world over which we may feel we mostly have much less influence. This is where consideration and sensitivity begins and from which it abounds, far beyond our boundaries and borders. Kind communities make a kind world.

Graffham is such a community by God's grace, where we have the opportunity to celebrate joyous occasions we can all anticipate. At 10.30am on Sunday 9th February, we are welcoming seven of our young people into communion at a special service in church. Please remember Hazel, Lucy, Caitlin, Tyler, Mimi, Ed and Lily in your prayers as they take this important step in their faith.

The following Sunday, weddings are in the air. We love weddings at St Giles and look forward to celebrating eight weddings and a wedding blessing here in 2020. How wonderful! On 16th February, seven of our wedding couples are joining us for the Parish Eucharist and a wedding lunch in the Rectory. If you come into church, see the wedding board with photos of our wedding couples, and remember them too in your prayers, as they prepare for life together. If you are thinking about the possibility of marriage in the future, we would be delighted to hear from you!

With love from Reverend Vivien

# Services for February

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## **Sunday 2nd February Candlemas**

09.00am Matins at Saint Giles [BCP]

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

## **Sunday 9th February 3rd before Lent**

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

## **Sunday 16th February Second before Lent**

10.30am Parish Eucharist at Saint Giles  
6.00pm Taize Service All Saints Chapel

## **Sunday 23rd February Sunday before Lent**

10.30am Parish Eucharist at Saint Giles  
[No Service at All Saints Chapel]

## **Sunday 1st March Lent**

09.00am Matins at Saint Giles [BCP]

10.30am Church on Sunday  
[No service at All Saints Chapel]

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

### Cleaners

Mary Coakes and Diane Bellis

### Flowers for Saint Giles

Diane Bellis

## Saturday 15th February

Graffham Down Trust work party season continues this month with a session on Saturday 15th February. We have had a great start to the season, but there is still plenty to do. Again we will be offering tea, coffee and cake to fuel the fun and engage in a range of woodland maintenance activities including dealing with the light remains of various trees removed as a result of ash die back and/or tackling more of the coppicing area.

Meet near the Infant school at 9.30am for a 9.45am journey up the hill.

Remember, if you want a lift up the hill, contact Jim Kirke on 867026 or via email [jimkirke@hotmail.com](mailto:jimkirke@hotmail.com) at least 48 hours before the work party and hopefully something can be arranged. Any cake donations much appreciated by all.

## Thursday Club

We welcomed Lou Lou Morris to the meeting who gave a very interesting talk on Sculpture from Weaving, with samples of her work.

February meeting will start with the AGM promptly at 14.30 followed by a talk by Peter Jerome and Miles Costello from the Petworth Society giving a talk on Petworth town history. Having heard both talk before, this should prove to be a very interesting and lively talk.

All welcome to attend at Empire Hall on 14th February.

# Great Spotted Woodpecker

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## Keep your pecker up

My New Year's resolution was that I would try to be more positive about the future. It's only February and I already feel like banging my head repeatedly against a tree. As I left my house this morning I heard a noise that reassured me that I'm not alone.

The drumming of the Great Spotted Woodpecker is a familiar sound throughout February surely earning this striking black and white bird the reputation as one of Britain's most famous drummers along with Ringo Starr and Phil Collins. The bird's drumming serves an important function because the Great Spotted Woodpecker realises it can't sing and doesn't attempt to. Sadly, the same can't

be said for Ringo Starr and Phil Collins. Instead, its drumroll is a percussive proclamation that hammers home the message to other male woodpeckers to stay away from its territory in the treetops. It also serves to drum up support from female woodpeckers in the vicinity who may be looking for a pied partner.

This 'song' may not be as sweet as the melodies sung by the Robin or Blackbird but it still gets its message across. Indeed, the drumming can carry the bird's message across half a mile of countryside with a male broadcasting up to 600



drumrolls a day. Each drumroll consists of up to 10-16 beats typically in a one second burst. Of course, if I did attempt to take my frustrations out on a tree in a similar way I'd suffer some from concussion but woodpeckers are specially designed to avoid this by having shock absorbent tissue between the base of their bill and their strengthened skulls to cushion the impact.

Their incredible beak is more than just a drumstick, it's also a pickaxe which allows them to chip away at trunks to excavate their own nest hole and a chisel with which the woodpecker prises open tree bark to find food. That mighty beak is a formidable weapon too which sends other birds on the peanut feeder scarpering pretty sharpish. And Great Spotted Woodpeckers are becoming more greatly spotted as it's a British bird which is actually increasing in numbers. The pecker's population leapt in the seventies and nineties with some estimates stating they have increased by 300% over the past five decades. The availability of dead wood thanks to Dutch Elm Disease and the availability of peanuts thanks to British bird lovers being among of the reasons for this increase. See, I ended the article on a positive note, maybe I haven't broken my New Year's resolution after all. Well done to me. Now to put the kettle on, put my feet up, and turn on the news.

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Ann Rowney is collecting blankets, towels and unwanted animal food and medicine to take to Hydestile.  
If you have anything available, please email Ann at:  
[ann.rowney@icloud.com](mailto:ann.rowney@icloud.com)

# Combatting Climate Change

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The world is changing. Underlying the economic, social and political upheavals is the biggest factor that is affecting us and will affect our children and grandchildren: climate change. Despite increasingly urgent clarion calls from scientists, the not-fit-for-purpose economic and political systems we live in cannot be relied upon to implement the carbon emission reductions needed. This where you come into it: it is up to every single one of us – farmer, gardener or plant dabbler – to minimise our carbon footprint and ideally live a carbon-negative life.

This is where gardeners and growers can have a positive impact.

Woody crops sequester carbon in their biomass, but can also lead to the storage of large amounts of carbon into the soil. Agriculture cannot possibly reduce its carbon emissions enough without a large scale shift towards perennial and woody species.

There are many techniques which will help increase either the rate and/or overall total of carbon storage in growing systems. and from these lists, you'll see that we need to be thinking about woody and perennial cropping systems.

## **Maximising sequestration**

- High density planting using nurse trees/shrubs.
- Thinning of nurse trees/shrubs, leaving branchwood on the soil surface.
- Minimal soil disturbance prior to or during planting.
- Return of all woody prunings and other plant debris to soil surface.
- Use of woodchip/high carbon mulches.
- Use of especially deep rooted trees/plants (mineral accumulators) to aid transport of carbon deep into the soil.
- Maximising use of perennial crops.
- Maximising diversity of plant species – higher plant diversity increases rhizosphere carbon inputs.
- Aiding establishment of mycorrhizal fungal layer because as more mycorrhizae leads to more carbon storage and also increases stable aggregates in soil.
- Use of animals in system e.g. birds:
- Could attract birds into area to deposit droppings (high in N, low in

C, but extra N may increase C sequestration) – though they may be a pest on your crops.

- Introduce poultry e.g. ducks. Manure high in N, low in C, but extra N may increase C sequestration. Sensible to keep to a low density, as too many will increase NOx emissions which will outweigh carbon stored in terms of greenhouse gas budget.

## Maximising rate of sequestration

Choice of species of nurse:

- Fast growing
- Pioneer
- Often nitrogen-fixing (nurses to increase nitrogen circulation and therefore sequestration rate)
- Denser leaf canopy
- Low tannin in wood/leaves to increase decomposition rate (most pioneers are low tannin) and increase sequestration in soil
- High tannin to increase sequestration in dead wood/litter
- Possibly use poor coppicers so root biomass starts to decompose and get recycled quickly
- Trimming of woody debris into sections that lie flat on the soil surface, increasing rate of decomposition
- Good spread of woody debris because the carbon stored in soil as it decomposes is within 1m (3ft) of deadwood
- Use of 30-100cm (1-3ft) high ground covering plants to cover/shade woody debris and increase rate of decomposition by keeping it more moist; and also to keep soil shaded and cooler, reducing carbon oxidation in soil.

Extracted from the Introduction of Martin Crawford's *Shrubs for Gardens, Agroforestry and Permaculture*: <https://permanentpublications.co.uk/port/shrubs-for-gardens-agroforestry-and-permaculture-by-martin-crawford>

# Graffham Calendar 2020

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## **February**

- Sat 15 Graffham Empire Movies, Rocketman  
Sat 15 Graffham Down Trust Work Party  
Wed 26 12.30 for 12.45 Empire hall lunch club

## **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  
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

## **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 May 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

**November**

Fri 13

Fleetwood Bac, Graffham Empire Hall



## What's Happening at the Club This Month

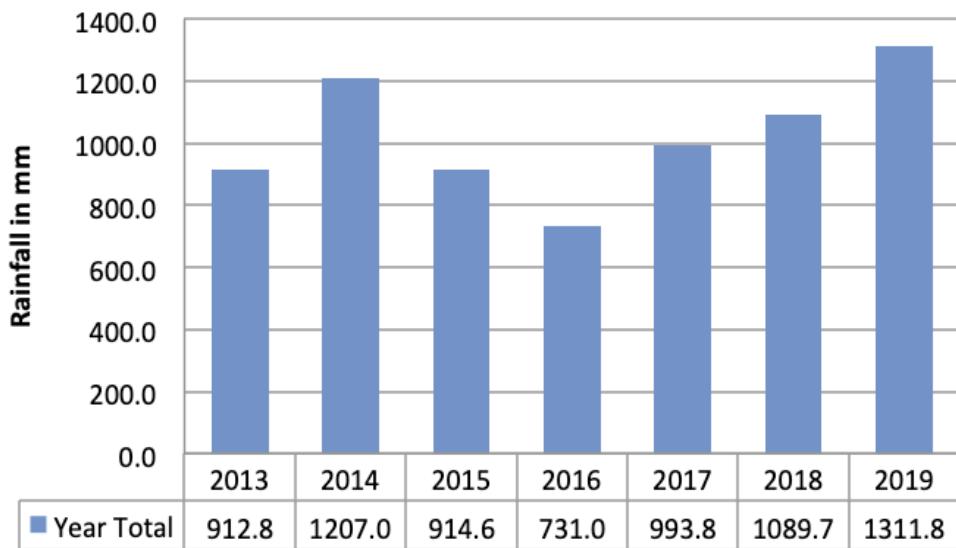
Date	Time	Event
Sat 01 Feb 2020		
Sun 02 Feb 2020		
Mon 03 Feb 2020	⌚ 10:45 AM	🎾 Senior Club Morning
Tue 04 Feb 2020		
Wed 05 Feb 2020	⌚ 1:45-2:45 PM	🎾 <b>COACHING</b> Rusty Racquets
Thu 06 Feb 2020		
Fri 07 Feb 2020	⌚ 11:50 AM - 1:20 PM	🎾 EHL Ladies Training
Sat 08 Feb 2020	⌚ AM	🎾 EHL Ladies A vs Cheriton A
Sun 09 Feb 2020	⌚ AM	🎾 EHL Ladies B vs Buriton
Mon 10 Feb 2020	⌚ 10:45 AM	🎾 Senior Club Morning
Tue 11 Feb 2020		
Wed 12 Feb 2020	⌚ 1:45-2:45 PM	🎾 <b>COACHING</b> Rusty Racquets
Thu 13 Feb 2020		
Fri 14 Feb 2020	⌚ 11:50 AM - 1:20 PM	🎾 EHL Ladies Training
Sat 15 Feb 2020		
Sun 16 Feb 2020	⌚ AM	🎾 EHL Mixed vs Newman Collard A
Mon 17 Feb 2020	⌚ 10:45 AM	🎾 Senior Club Morning
Tue 18 Feb 2020		
Wed 19 Feb 2020	⌚ 10 AM - 12 PM	🎾 Free Junior "Taster" Coaching Session
Thu 20 Feb 2020		
Fri 21 Feb 2020	⌚ 11:50 AM - 1:20 PM	🎾 EHL Ladies Training
Sat 22 Feb 2020		
Sun 23 Feb 2020		
Mon 24 Feb 2020	⌚ 10:45 AM	🎾 Senior Club Morning
Tue 25 Feb 2020		
Wed 26 Feb 2020		
Thu 27 Feb 2020		
Fri 28 Feb 2020	⌚ 11:50 AM - 1:20 PM	🎾 EHL Ladies Training
Sat 29 Feb 2020		

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

# Graffham Rainfall report for 2019

It will come as no surprise that 2019 was rather wet and was in fact the wettest year I have recorded since I started doing so in 2010. The 2019 total was some 35% above the previous six year average and getting on to twice that for 2016.

## Graffham Rainfall

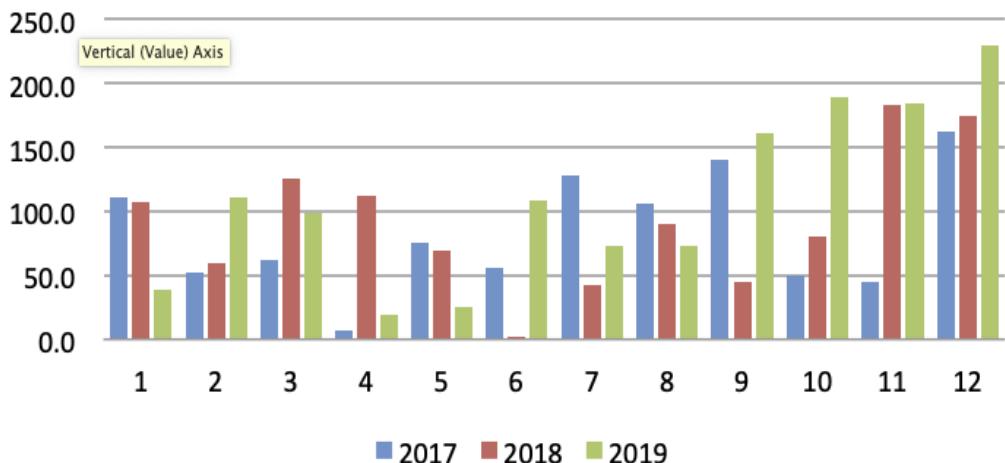


(If you prefer to think in inches, the last two years figures are 42.9 and 51.6).

Last year, I mentioned that the last two months of 2018 were some of the wettest I have recorded but both Novembers were very similar and December 2019 is one of only three months I have ever recorded over 200mm. At 229mm, it came close to December 2013 at 230mm with January 2014 at 281mm the clear winner.

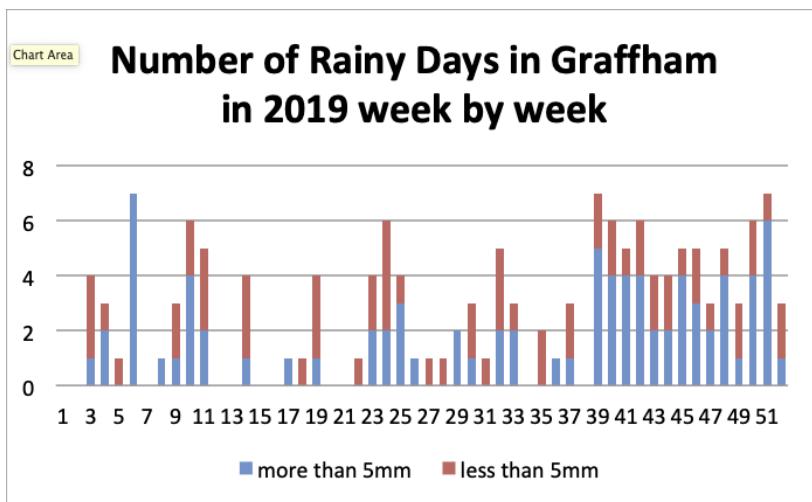
The first half of the year was, if anything, a little below average rainfall with April and May both being rather dry and if I recall correctly, leaving us looking forward to a drier later summer but, as you will see every week in the last quarter had at least three days with rain.

# Graffham Monthly rainfall in mm 2017-9



In weekly and daily terms in 2019 the wettest were:

Week from: 28 September 128mm Day of: 23 September 50mm  
15 December 109mm 17 October 45mm  
3 February 101mm 19 July 44mm



John Sutton, January 2020

BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG WALKER

# TAKE THE LEAD

[southdowns.gov.uk/takethelead](http://southdowns.gov.uk/takethelead)



KEEP YOUR DOG ON THE LEAD  
NEAR LIVESTOCK

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



Graffham Garden Group  
invites one and all to our

# AGM

On

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm  
Empire Hall

Among the reasons that this should not be missed:

Presentation by the brilliant John Negus on  
BEAUTIFUL BORDERS

- sign up for 2020 membership [still £1]
- hear about and sign up for our planned trips
- enter and/or judge the informal flower competition\*
- have a glass of wine and meet fellow gardeners

\*

vase of 7 daffodils  
vase of spring flowers  
saucer with 3 hellibore flowers in water  
[these exhibits to be staged by 6.50pm latest please]

[www.chichester.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.chichester.foodbank.org.uk)

## Feeding local people in crisis

Your donations enable us to provide three days of emergency food to local people in crisis. Working with local care professionals to identify those in need, we are able to provide short term relief and support as well as signposting people to organisations able to help solve the longer term problem.

Please help us to feed the hungry by buying some of the following non-perishable food items:

- Tomatoes - (Tinned)
- Tinned custard
- Sugar
- Orange juice (carton)
- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Fruit - (Tinned)
- Breakfast Cereal
- Meat - (Tinned)
- Vegetables - (Tinned)
- Tuna / Fish - (Tinned)
- Pasta Sauce (Jar)
- Noodles (Dried)
- Tea Bags
- Rice Pudding - (Tinned)
- Chocolate
- Biscuits



Please donate to this food bank by putting any of the items on the list in the covered box in the back of St Giles Church, Graffham.

Any queries please ring Ann Brown on 01798 867561

## Catholic Church

The Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart, Angel Street, Petworth, and St Anthony and St George, Dunton 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 Dunton  
                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](http://www.petworthareachurchestogether.com)

# '...Would you be an angel?

## *A big Thank You...*

to all members of our village community who responded to our Advent and Christmas appeal for St Giles' Church. We are both dependent on and appreciative of your generous support! As yet we don't have full details of the impact of this on our finances and will inform you when the figures come through. We know we will still need to continue fundraising to balance our books. 'Parish Giving' forms are still available in the community shop and St Giles church for anyone wishing to support the church now. Every contribution makes a difference and works toward ensuring the security of this very special place in the heart of our community.

*Bless you for being  
a St Giles Angel!*



# St Giles Church Auction of Paintings

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Scheduled for 22nd February, I am so behind on collating, photographing and producing a catalogue for the event due to a huge workload in my consultancy business.

My commissions as an Expert Witness are very wide spread – from Yorkshire to Cardiff at present – and everything seems to be time sensitive with fixed dates meaning an ever burgeoning diary! I have great difficulty in actually planning ahead with so many cases on the go at once, all demanding TIME! (Most involve courts and their timescales, which are hard to change once stated).

I need to arrange another date, allowing time to publicise the Auction, without clashing with other Village events, but first and foremost, I need assistance with the following;

Somewhere dry to store the paintings. We have around 60 so it is not a huge space. We need somewhere (a bench) to photograph each item, then catalogue and describe each painting.

If anyone can help with storage in the first place, I can photograph and collate once they have been transferred from my storage to the new site.

Thoughts and offers very welcome!

Alan Sargent

sargent396@btinternet.com      867460

# In the Garden

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- Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover  
Sow from now:
  - \* Undercover – broad beans, spinach, lettuce, peas for shoots, onions, salad onions, early brassicas, parsley, coriander, dill. With warmth, aubergines, peppers and chillies.
  - \* Outside – broad beans, garlic
- Chit potato tubers
- Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches
- Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off
- Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering
- Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting ‘in the green’
- Prune Wisteria
- Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges
- Prune conservatory climbers such as bougainvillea
- Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter, remove dead grass from evergreen grasses.





# 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.**

An evening of music and dance with

# THE SIMON BATES BIG BAND

...Quite simply one of the best BIG BANDS the UK has to offer.

**FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 8.00PM**

DOORS AND CASH BAR OPEN 7.30PM

**EMPIRE HALL, GRAFFHAM, GU28 0QB**

Tickets are available from [empirehall.org.uk](http://empirehall.org.uk)

General Admission £20, seating not guaranteed

Balcony Area £35, with guaranteed seating



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**

## **Monday 17th February 2020**

Rt Hon Lady Justice Aspin DBE, (known to us as Sarah Sherwin) a Member of the Court of Appeal, will speak on 'A view from the Bench'. She was called to the bar (Gray's Inn) in 1984 and was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 2002. She became the Head of Chambers at 3 Stone Buildings in 2009, and was a deputy High Court Judge until her appointment to the High Court on 1 October 2012. She was the third woman to be assigned to the Chancery Division. She was promoted to the Court of Appeal on 7 October 2017. In January 2019, Dame Sarah's appointment as Chair of the Church of England's Clergy Discipline Commission was announced. She simultaneously became the President of the Tribunals.

The Hall and the bar will open at 7.30pm, and the talk will begin at 8.00pm. Donations and bar profits will go to World Vision.

## **Monday 23rd March 2020**

Nigel Williams will speak on 'The Great Exhibition and its Legacy'. The Great Exhibition was organised by a Royal Commission led by Prince Albert in just 16 months. Its success led to a substantial profit so the Commission was established as a permanent body to spend it. Nigel has been the Secretary of the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 since 2010; he will talk about some of the challenges of organising the Great Exhibition, the event itself, its aftermath and the Commission's work today, supporting research with grants totalling some £4 million and its involvement with the legacy estate in South Kensington.

The Hall and bar will open at 7.00pm and the talk will begin at 7.30pm. Donations and bar profits will go to the Heyshott Bonfire and Fireworks Fund.

# GRAFFHAM HEALTH SUPPORT ASSOCIATION

**provides the following to its members:**

## **PREScription COLLECTION**

Prescriptions are delivered weekly to the village shop from Petworth surgery, ready for collection on Wednesdays. This service is provided for HSA members only and they must have made prior arrangement with their pharmacy. The HSA provides the collection service only and any queries regarding the prescription itself must be made to the surgery.



## **TRANSPORT FOR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS**

Volunteer drivers provide members with transport to local surgeries, hospitals and other medical appointments, e.g. opticians, dentists, chiropodists. The drivers use their own cars without any liability on their part or on the part of the Association. The HSA will also make every effort to provide transport for a member wishing to visit a close relative who is an in-patient in a local hospital. Call 07391 802541



The Association would be most grateful to hear from anyone willing to become a volunteer driver. There is no pressure and it is perfectly fine to refuse a request if it is inconvenient. The larger the pool of drivers the less frequently volunteers are called upon. Fuel expenses are paid annually. Call 07391 802541

Annual membership subscription is £5 per person.  
Under 21 free.  
Your local collector will call for the money in March.  
New members are welcome and if you would like to join please call Nicky West on 867048

## LOAN OF EQUIPMENT

Various items are available for loan, e.g. wheelchair, bath seat, commode, invalid table. The equipment is inspected regularly and is borrowed at the members' risk for up to 3 months.

Call Shirley Behan on 867265



## BENEFITS

The Association may, on a discretionary basis, be able to assist with part payment towards the cost of certain services and appliances not provided free by the NHS, e.g. spectacles & dental care. An applicant must have been a member of the HSA for at least 6 months to qualify for a cash benefit. (Maximum payable is £75 per member per year) Call Zoe Jones on 867364



## EASE INTO EXERCISE

Ease Into Exercise, a Seniors' fitness class for both men and women. Thursdays 10.30 - 11.30am in the Empire Hall. The class is subsidised by the HSA and run by Susie Bush tel: 07870219956 All members welcome.



## GREAT FEET

Vikki Wood of Great Feet runs a foot health clinic in the Empire Hall every three weeks. The clinic is open to all HSA members, and future dates are on the notice board by the Empire Hall and on: [www.empirehall.org.uk](http://www.empirehall.org.uk)

Call Vikki on 07825 185880 to book your appointment or for further information. You can also look at her website at [www.great-feet.co.uk](http://www.great-feet.co.uk)



# Petworth Area Churches Working Together

## working together in harmony

Palm Sunday Procession on Sunday 5th April at 3pm starting at the Sacred Heart RC Church, Petworth, GU28 0BG.

'As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the people went wild with excitement – the entire city was thrown into an uproar! Some asked "Who is this man?" And the crowds shouted back "This is Jesus! He's the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee!"' Matthew 21:10-11 TPT

Our wonderful procession through Petworth depicts Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with the story being told along the journey and songs as we process through the streets. We'll have the Petworth Town Band, two donkeys and a Palm Sunday script read by a variety of church goers in the town. The event finishes at St Mary's Church where participants are made welcome with tea and cake.

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.

They aim to equip individual Christians and the churches to act as effective 'light and salt' in the local community and nationally. CARE seeks to uphold human dignity and to support the most vulnerable people in society, engaging with politicians in the UK Parliaments & Assemblies and the EU institutions in its advocacy work. It fights for family, life and justice.

There is plenty of information on current affairs on their news page ([www.care.org.uk/news](http://www.care.org.uk/news)) and it promises to be a fascinating and very relevant talk for all of us.

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## Forthcoming Meetings

Friday 13 March 2020 – 7pm. Empire Hall, Committee Room.

Monday 11 May 2020 – Annual Meeting of the Parish, 6.30pm for 7pm. Empire Hall.

Friday 15 May 2020 – Annual Meeting of Graffham Parish Council 7pm. Empire Hall.

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

Other information including contact details for all councillors, dates of forthcoming meetings and procedural documents can be found on [www.graffham-pc.uk](http://www.graffham-pc.uk)

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## The Graffham Easter Market

It will be held in The Empire Hall on Saturday 4th April 2020,  
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# Digital Footprint

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Every time you use social media, buy or sell something online, visit any kind of website, send or receive an email, find your way using a mapping app or save a photo to the cloud, you add to your digital footprint. The same goes for downloading music, making Skype calls and using a voice assistant. Every time you post a photo of your children or your friends, you add to their digital footprint too.

What happens when you have a digital footprint? Your digital footprint is part of your online history and can potentially be seen by other people, or tracked and held in a database ... or many databases. This is the case even if you are careful with your privacy settings. Here are just a few examples of what could, and does, happen as a result of your online history:

- Companies can target you with specific marketing content on social media and other websites. You could also receive emails, letters or phone calls from these companies.
- Advertisers can track your movement from site to site to gauge your areas of interest.
- Entertainment providers (such as music or films) could target you with unwanted recommendations for content.
- Prospective employers can look into your and family members' background.
- Your child's application for schools, colleges, universities, scholarships, clubs or even sports teams could be rejected.
- You, family members or friends could become the victim of fraud or identity theft.
- Your children could be at risk of criminal activity threatening their online or physical safety.
- Records of your online activity could fall into the wrong hands, including perpetrators of organised crime.
- Tech companies such as browser and search engine providers can track and record what you've searched and viewed. This, in turn, could be shared with other parties including law enforcement agencies.
- You could be refused life, medical, property or vehicle insurance based on information you have shared online.

How to minimise your digital footprint, or make sure it's a good one:

- Don't overshare information about yourself, family members or friends that would be better kept private. That's on social media, websites and apps requesting details and in response to texts and messages.
- Think before you post. Even if your social media privacy settings are set up correctly, there's no guarantee that your posts or photos won't be shared.
- Be aware that every time you visit a website, it's visible to tech companies like website owners, browsers and search engines.
- Read terms and conditions and data privacy policies on websites and apps before providing any personal data or making transactions. What can the providers do with your data, and why would you agree to it? If you're not comfortable with the information being requested, don't provide it.
- Check geolocation settings on mobile devices, apps and cameras. If you don't want anybody to know where you are, or where you have been, disable them.
- Never stop enjoying the many excellent benefits of using the internet, but always bear in mind what digital trail you're leaving, who may be able to access it and how they may be able to use it.

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Get Safe Online is the UK's leading source of information and advice on online safety and security, for the public and small businesses. It is a not-for-profit, public/private sector partnership backed by a number of government departments, law enforcement agencies and leading organisations in internet security, banking and retail.

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Over the last few weeks, there has been a very high rate of local crime. Please be vigilant, keep sheds etc. locked and valuables away from view.

- Northchapel, Petworth – Overnight on Monday 13 January a vehicle was broken into. Numerous tools were stolen including three chainsaws and a drill.
- Northchapel, Petworth – Overnight on Tuesday 14 January a shed was broken into. A large amount of tools were stolen including a circular saw, drill driver, sander, angle grinder, jigsaw, saw runners and a table. Serial 0224 14/01.
- Tillington, Petworth – Overnight on Tuesday 14 January a vehicle was broken into. A pole saw and hedge trimmer have been stolen.
- June Lane, Midhurst – Overnight on Tuesday 14 January a vehicle was broken into. Numerous power tools were stolen including a petrol cutter, drill, impact driver, angle grinder, wood saw and drill sets. Serial 0631 15/01.
- Holmbush Way, Midhurst – Overnight on Thursday 16 January a business was broken into and a vehicle was stolen. Serial 0237 17/01.
- London Road, Petworth – Overnight on Thursday 16 January a residence was broken into. Numerous tools were stolen. Serial 0243 17/01.
- Heyshott, Midhurst – Overnight on Thursday 16 January a business was broken into and cash was stolen. Serial 0353 17/01.
- School Lane, Stedham – Overnight on Thursday 16 January a business was broken into and cash was stolen. Serial 0563 17/01.
- Severals Road, Bepton – Overnight on Thursday 16 January a residence was broken into and a laptop was stolen. Serial 1184 18/01.
- Elsted, Midhurst – Overnight on Friday 17 January a business was broken into and cash was stolen. Serial 0858 18/01.
- Elsted, Midhurst – On the morning of Saturday 18 January a business was broken into and food was stolen. Serial 0301 18/01.
- West Street, Midhurst – Overnight on Saturday 18 January a business was broken into and cash was stolen. Serial 0289 19/01.
- Railway Terrace, Midhurst – Overnight on Saturday 18 January a vehicle was broken into. Numerous tools were stolen including a disc cutter, drill, multi-tool and chainsaw.
- North Street, Midhurst – Overnight on Saturday 18 January a business was broken into and cash was stolen. Serial 0402 19/01.

# Sussex Police: Launch of First Ever Fast-Track Detective Development Programme

As crime and technology evolves, the need for investigative roles in Sussex is greater and more important than it's ever been. As a result Sussex Police is investing in the attraction and development of detectives and investigators across the county and Monday (6th January 2020) saw the launch of its first degree holders' Fast-Track Detective Development Programme.

Being a detective is demanding, diverse and fulfilling. From cyber-crime, domestic abuse and child protection, through to homicide, high level drugs importation and serious organised crime; a detective helps solve some of the most serious crimes possible. Analysing the evidence, interviewing suspects, taking cases to court; it's about uncovering the truth.

The Fast Track Detective Development Programme is an innovative two-year practice based approach aimed at existing degree holders of any subject areas. Successful recruits will be employed as a police officer from day one, gaining valuable experience of the police officer role while studying towards their accreditation as a detective.

Detective Chief Superintendent, Steve Boniface, Head of Crime for Sussex Police said: "We've taken significant steps internally to identify and promote the detectives of the future; however, we're also looking at new ways to bring those who are interested in investigations, yet may not have considered a policing career, into our organisation.

"Through this exciting and innovative development programme, those with degrees are able to undertake an intensive two-year learning approach, specialising in the investigative function, and work towards their detective accreditation. I'm delighted to launch this new entry route today and welcome applications from those who want to help make a difference, together."

Being a detective is a critical role in our ability to keep communities safe and feeling safe, identifying and protective vulnerable

people, preventing and responding to harm and, most importantly, getting justice for victims of crime. We're looking for degree-holders with the compassion to help build trusting relationships; the tenacity to see a case through from start to finish; the desire to lock up the bad people and the emotional resilience to keep calm, yet confident.

In return, successful recruits are promised a good starting salary, great learning experiences, opportunity for progression through the ranks or within specialist fields such as Major Crime or Public Protection, a graduate diploma in professional policing practice and the sense of pride that comes from getting results for others.

If you think you've got what it takes to be a detective, or know someone who has, then apply now: [www.sussex.police.uk/police-forces/sussex-police/areas/careers/jobs/fast-track-detective-development-programme](http://www.sussex.police.uk/police-forces/sussex-police/areas/careers/jobs/fast-track-detective-development-programme)

## Midhurst Camera Club

5th February – Print Round 2 ‘Beaton Cup’ – ‘Open’  
Judge, Jason Hyde

12th February Speaker – Lorraine Heaysman has cancelled her talk ‘Landscapes’ and in her place we will be welcoming a Royal Naval Photographer

26th February – Len Clarke Memorial Trophy (non-league) Panel ‘Open’ Judge, Daan Olivier – the annual Len Clarke Memorial Trophy Competition (named after the Club’s founder) which is for a panel of between three and six prints.

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

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9.15 - 10.05 BODYWEIGHT LEAN  
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9.30 - 10.45 YOGA with Deborah Albon  
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19.30 - 20.15 ZUMBA with Stacey Bedford

## **Wednesdays**

18.30 - 19.20 SCULPT with Ben Banbury  
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## **Thursdays**

10.30 - 11.30 EASE INTO EXERCISE with Susie Bush  
(Tel. 07870 219956)  
13.45 - 16.30 POST OFFICE  
18.00 - 19.15 YOGA FOR MEN with Deborah Albon  
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## **Fridays**

10.30 - 11.15 PILATES with Nicola Capes  
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**Great Feet (Chiropodist's Visit):** 25th February 11.00 - 13.00 Treatment Room. GHSA members only. Booking required. Vikki Wood (Tel. 07825 185880)

**Lunch Club:** Wednesday, 26 February 12.30 for 12.45. Book, Sarah Lydiard-Wilson on 01798 867567

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Future dates:

Saturday 7 March 2020: Official Secrets (to be confirmed)

Saturday 25 April 2020: Wild Rose

# The Sixteen at Chichester Cathedral

The Sixteen will be returning to Chichester Cathedral for the 6th year running in February as part of their tour of Handel's opera Acis and Galatea. His most popular work during his lifetime, now forgotten in comparison with his Messiah, this will be a rare opportunity to hear it performed with exactly the same forces – just five singers and nine instrumentalists – as it was premiered by in 1718.

Tickets are £15-30, but with half price tickets available for students, anyone under-35, job-seekers, people living with a disability and their carers. More information and tickets can be found on The Sixteen's Website, or by calling their Box Office.

Wednesday 12th February, 7:30pm

Chichester Cathedral

Tickets and further information: [www.thesixteen.com](http://www.thesixteen.com) | 0333 010 2850

## Chichester Cathedral Events

February Tuesday 4th

1.10pm Lunchtime Concert: Rose Consort of Viols, with Chichester Cathedral Choir

Tuesday 11th February

1.10pm Lunchtime Concert with Charles Harrison, Organist and Master of the Choristers

Wednesday 12th February

7.30pm The Sixteen: Handel – Acis and Galatea. Tickets from: <https://thesixteen.com/events/handel-acis-galatea-chichester/select-seats/11602/>

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