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'The Queen hopes all in Graffham
enjoy the village's Jubilee celebrations'



On the cover: Months of planning are about to come to fruition with the biggest celebration weekend for a decade to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. See our special section starting on page 25. Main front cover aerial shot of the village courtesy of © Aemeila Shaw.

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Writing from the Rectory: Love Wins

Churchgoers and children at Graffham Infants School alike know that the big message I have been sending out over the past few months is 'Love Wins'. It's a message that needs proclaiming with confidence and determination – the wonderful truth being that, as we proclaim it, and trust in it, we realise it ourselves.

Love is definitely winning in Graffham just now. Who could not help but celebrate in being with couples expressing their love and commitment on their wedding days? As they stand together at the chancel step, in the moment they declare before God, Love Wins.

And how wonderful for Albie to be baptised on his parents' first wedding anniversary. And for twins Otterly and Orlando to come to church for a service of thanksgiving for the gift of a child. These expressions of love between parents and children are wonderful. Love to you all.

So much love being offered, too, by hosts in our parish offering places of sanctuary to Ukrainian guests – by our community furnishing a home, made kindly available for more families to stay, by those supporting in many other ways, by our local school welcoming Ukrainian children into its classes. In the face of much uncontrolled hatred, we respond with all the love we can bring to bear, confident that, ultimately, Love Wins.

I also hope and trust that, as this letter is being read, we're poised for, in the

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A heart made of sunflowers, Ukraine's national flower, on display at St Giles.



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middle of, or remembering with much joy and thanksgiving all the events of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. Enormous thanks to everybody who has made this celebration possible, especially coordinator Marie Bracey. I trust our village celebrations have proved themselves to be just what we have needed to lift our spirits – but, more than that, that they have been an expression of love for our Queen, and community too. Love for Her Majesty. Love for Graffham. Love Wins.

Some of the greatest exponents of love in our community however are four-legged ones, loving us for all they are worth and stimulating our love for them in return.

This coming month we have a great opportunity to offer thanksgiving for all creatures great and small, in our animal blessing service at St Giles on 26 June at 10.30am (in the churchyard if fine).

Come along and witness those loving relationships between creatures and their carers, emphatically declaring this big message once again, Love Wins.

Believe it, and you make it happen.



Reverend Vivien



This year's animal blessing service is at St Giles Church on Sunday 26 June at 10.30am – outside in the churchyard if the weather is dry. In the past, besides a veritable kennel of dogs, villagers have brought along donkeys, a lamb, ponies, chickens, goats and more to be blessed! What pet can you take along to add to the menagerie this year?

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Saturday 25th June | Champagne reception: 6.00pm | Concert starts: 6.30pm



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Graffham singers in Petworth Chorus' summer concert

Lots of Graffham residents will be singing in Petworth Chorus' summer concert on Saturday 25 June at Court Farm Barn, Coneyhurst, Billingshurst RH14 9DL, with a Champagne reception from 6pm. Take a picnic for the interval!

The programme will include a mix of classical, folk, show tunes and some pop songs. The organisers promise "a blissful evening – beautiful singing, gorgeous surroundings and a fun atmosphere".

The event is in aid of the Disaster Relief Fund's Ukraine appeal and St Mary the Virgin, Shipley.

Tickets can be booked via www.petfringe.co.uk/chorus – £20 for adults.

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First Ukrainian refugees arrive in village



The first refugees from the war in Ukraine arrived in Graffham in early May. A number of families across the community are providing safe havens for evacuees fleeing the war zone. Joint editor Philippa Sanders caught up with some of the early arrivals.

Lesia Oryshchenko and sons Roman (6) and Vlad (2), hosted by Jill and Neil McLean at Brook Orchard, Graffham.

Lesia, Roman and Vlad arrived in Graffham on Friday 6 March. They'd left their home at Krykivschina, a village 8km from Kyiv, four days earlier, travelling via Chervonograd close to the Polish border, where they stayed until their visas were processed and they could fly on to Gatwick.

Lesia's husband has had to remain behind, as Ukrainian men between 18 and 60 cannot leave the country unless they have a medical condition or a child under three months.

Lesia is a qualified lawyer, having graduated from Yaroslav Mudryi University, though has not worked since having the children. She was studying for a PhD until the Russian invasion. She said: "I decided to come to England as a refugee as I understand and can speak a little English – and so can Roman. Hopefully Vlad will learn English during his time here. My husband wanted us to come to this country as he sees it as a very safe place for his family.

"I like West Sussex and your beautiful village of Graffham – the scenery with all the trees is very similar to where I live in Ukraine. We are hoping that Roman will go to the village school – a place has been applied for and we are waiting to hear from WSCC. Hopefully by the time you are reading this, he will be in school and enjoying playing with new friends."



Lesia with Roman at Brook Orchard.

'Rina' Ekaterina Polishchuk, hosted by Ginny and Bill Barrett at Greenwood Cottage, Graffham.

Rina landed in Graffham on Saturday 7 May. It took her 31 hours by train to travel the 1,250km (775 miles) from her home in Dnipro across the Polish border to Krakow, to enable her to catch a flight onwards to Gatwick.

An accomplished ultra-athlete, who recently came second in a well-known and highly competitive 100km race in the Carpathian Mountains, she entered the Cocking 10km trail race within days of arriving here. She also enjoys cycling, swimming, sports orienteering, trail running and hiking, has climbed to 5,000 feet in the Himalayas - and has been active in Graffham weeding St Giles' churchyard (bottom right).

She was masseuse to the Ukraine National Team at the World Orienteering Championship in 2021 - and is now offering massage in Anna Shawcross's treatment room at the back of the Empire Hall. You can make a booking via annashawcross.co.uk then clicking on 'New Massage Therapist'.



Graffham Parish News extends the warmest of welcomes to all our new neighbours recently arrived from Ukraine - and thanks all hosts for their kind and generous hospitality

Ласкаво просимо та дякую

Fill a shoebox for Ukrainian orphans!

The Graffham community is being urged to take part in a shoe box appeal for the 'mostly forgotten' orphans of Ukraine, being organised by charities Humanitarian Air Now and Ukraine Sunflower Aid. The campaign in the village is being co-ordinated by local residents Kasia Austin and Sonya Gillespie.



- 1 Find a medium-sized shoe box. If you don't already have one at home, most shoe shops or charity shops will happily let you have one.
- 2 Fill your shoe box with a selection of gifts such as:
 - **Hygiene items** – Brush or comb, a toothbrush (with holder if possible), flannel, soap (with soap dish if possible), stick deodorant, lip salve.
 - **School items** – Drawing/writing/colouring pad, pencil case (containing at least four pencils, two pencil sharpeners, rubber, ruler), colouring pens/pencils, solar calculator, stencil, crayons, glue stick, watercolour paint palette and brushes, play dough.
 - **Toys** – Skipping rope, doll, teddy, jigsaw, ball, yoyo, musical instrument, cars, snap cards (not playing cards), magnifying glass, travel games (eg Ludo, draughts, snakes and ladders), finger puppets, small craft/Lego sets.
 - **Other items** – Scarf/gloves/cap, sunglasses, hair items, jewellery (bracelet, necklace, rings), wind-up torch, sewing set, drinks flask, small bag/purse.
 - **Note:** There are many other items you could include – but no liquids or breakables and nothing that could be related to war.
- 3 Decorate and personalise your box by labelling it to indicate if it is suitable for a boy or girl and which age – and include a message if you want.
- 4 Close it with a strong elastic band and deliver it to the Rectory or Graffham Infant School.

If you feel unable to donate an entire shoe box, please consider giving a few items to be included in a box to be completed with donations from others.

Sonya said: "I appreciate there have been a lot of different appeals in the area which people have supported, but this is one in which children can have a direct input and I thought it was a lovely and easy way for them to show compassion and kindness to other children in the world."

Tea in the garden breaks all records, despite rain

Dementia UK is set to benefit by more than £2,000 from the annual plant sale and tea in the garden of Boswell Cottage, hosted by Carole and Jim Kirke, supported by a veritable army of helpers, on Sunday 15 May.

The sun had shone relentlessly the day before, though rain on the day itself did not subdue the enthusiasm of the visitors and a record turnout passed through the gates. All of the multitude of plants had been grown by Carole from seed over the past 12 months.

The Kirkes chose Dementia UK as the charity to support this year as they saw it as less 'glamorous' than some others in attracting funding and also because they place a high emphasis on supporting partners of those with dementia.



Graffham's plant swap venture sprouts green roots



In search of a particular plant you've seen in a neighbour's garden, or got a glut of your own veg or flowers? If so, Graffham's new plant swap venture could be just the thing for you!

It's set up using a book case donated by former Graffham Parish News editor Mary Butterworth, upcycled by Jude Sennitt and with its first stock of plants donated by Elaine Moore.

Churchwarden Ginny Barrett, one of the movers behind it, said: "The idea is that if you have a spare plant then bring it and swap it for something else already there – but maybe if you don't have a spare plant to swap you can just take one!"

There is a money box but payments are discouraged – the plants are free and the key to the box has anyway been lost!

You can check it out just inside St Giles Church's lychgate.

Plant sale sets stage for GGG's summer show

Graffham's equivalent of the Harrod's sale – Graffham Garden Group's spring plant sale at the Empire Hall – took place on the first Saturday in May, long after the last frosts this year, raising almost £400 and setting the stage for the group's first proper summer show for several years, in July.

Queues formed comfortably before the 10am opening, with eager gardeners clutching their £1 GGG membership fees. Once inside, there was a wide range of veg, with tomatoes the most popular as usual, along with beans of the French (dwarf and climbing) and runner varieties, cucumbers, courgettes, squash, aubergines and herbs – all grown by the committee members. The proceeds will mainly be used by GGG on its village



Calm before the storm at the plant sale.

enhancement projects, including planters which will be placed around the war memorial, initially sporting a red, white and blue theme for the jubilee.

After the fierce demand at its plant sale, GGG is hoping for a healthy number of entries for its main event of the year, the Graffham Summer Show, back in the Empire Hall on Saturday 16 July. Full details and entry forms will be circulated to each home in the village later this month. As usual, there will be around 60 classes in the show overall, for garden flowers, floral arrangements, fruit and veg, cakes, breads, preserves, and photography (this year's classes are: village life, a walk in the woods, all at sea, grow your own and, for under 16s, any subject).

While prizes are up for grabs, the emphasis is more on having a bit of fun rather than being out to show off! **What will you enter?**

Bookings being taken now for June and July garden trips

Graffham Garden Group members were due to head to Cocking's Crypt Farm on their first summer outing as we went to press – but bookings are now being taken for their next two trips. To reserve your places, contact Nicky West at nicolamwest@btinternet.com or on 01798 867048 or 07796 144647.

Beckhams, Chiddingfold		Thursday 9 June
£5 a person, payable on arrival		<i>Meet there for 2pm start</i>
<p>Private garden developed over the past 11 years by Sally Frederick, who often joins Graffham group outings. Herbaceous borders, a courtyard garden, wild flower meadow, tropical and vegetable gardens.</p>		
Denmans, Fontwell		Friday 8 July
£14.75 a person, payable in advance		<i>Meet there for 9.45am start</i>
<p>RHS Partner Garden of the Year 2021. Former home and garden of the late John Brookes MBE, one of Britain's most influential landscape and garden designers. Dry river beds, gravel gardens, walled garden, unusual plants. History talk on arrival.</p>		

Council plans to widen Church Hill – if you support it

Graffham Parish Council plans to apply for a Community Highways Scheme to widen the carriageway of Church Hill with full depth construction which would effectively provide room for unofficial parking while making the road wide enough for vehicles to pass without overrunning the edge of the carriageway. Although repairs have been made by West Sussex Highways, motorists have continued to drive or park on the verges, causing further damage.

Applying to widen the carriageway would provide a long-term solution but community support for the proposal needs to be shown for it to be considered. So, if you are in favour, write by 15 June to Graffham Parish Council clerk Mike Simpson at graffhampc@gmx.co.uk with your name and address, and pledging your support.

Woodcote Lane closed from 6 June for five days

Woodcote Lane, running past the White Horse between Graffham's Street and the turning at the west of the road, heading south to Woodcote farm and cottages, is to be closed from Monday 6 June for five days from 7am to 5pm daily while Southern Water carries out works directly opposite the pub.

School report: Aiming for a more normal summer

Already we are in the middle of a thankfully busy summer term, and after a more 'subdued' couple of years, we once again have lots of summer events and activities planned – not least the Platinum Jubilee, in honour of which we will be dressing in red, white and blue, engaging in themed activities all day and enjoying a 'street party'... or rather a playground party!

We are looking forward to much-missed traditional summer term events, such as our sports afternoon and our summer performance, both of which take place on the lovely playing field at Duncton School. It's also great that this year (fingers firmly crossed!) we'll be able to welcome September's new school starters for proper familiarisation mornings when they can see what coming to school is like and get to know their teacher and classmates – and that our older children who'll be moving on to Duncton next year will be able to have proper 'transition' visits through the term, getting to know their new learning environment for next year.



GHSA: Heads-up on prescriptions

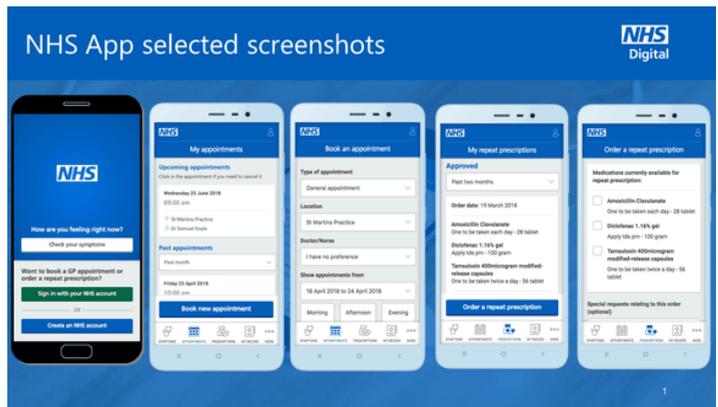
Petworth Surgery: For those people who don't use the Graffham Health Support Association (GHSA) collection and delivery service to Graffham Village Shop but collect their own prescriptions from the surgery, please note that the pharmacy at the medical centre is closed all day on Wednesdays. You can post a prescription into the mail box but you CANNOT collect any medication on a Wednesday.



MH Pharmacy in Midhurst: Patients who have had regular repeat prescriptions for six months or more may be put onto a monthly automated delivery system by their GP – avoiding having to phone MH Pharmacy for repeats. This is at the discretion of the GP and does not apply to everyone. Someone from the medical centre should telephone you to let you know that this is happening. If you do not wish to use this system, please tell the person calling you.

Some people are already on this system. If you wish to revert to the old way of phoning the pharmacy to place your order you need to speak to Karen Funnell at Riverbank Medical Centre who will notify your GP that you wish to control the ordering of your medication yourself by telephone as and when required.

The NHS App: In these modern times when most things are online, it may be preferable to download the NHS App to your smartphone or tablet. The app allows you to access your medical records, contact your GP, arrange appointments and order repeat prescriptions. When you order your prescription and submit the request, it goes directly to your GP who signs it off and sends it to your pharmacy of choice to be dispensed. To facilitate the app, you will need to contact your surgery for a code number which they will text to you.





Graffham Down Trust Annual Picnic Sunday 10 July 2022

Featuring a Marvellous Moth Trap

Meet outside St Giles Church at 9.45am

Picnic on the Downs for all ages at 1230pm

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Wedding bells: Holly and Lewis, 14 May

Holly Hardy and Lewis Watkins had all but abandoned their dream of a countryside church wedding until they stumbled upon Graffham's St Giles. With demand on venues so high after lockdown when they became engaged six months ago – four years after meeting on a blind date arranged by her sister – they had booked the only slot available for a reception at Cowdray House. But the residency requirements for a marriage in a church meant exchanging vows in a traditional religious ceremony locally was out of the question. So when they met the Revd Vivien she suggested instead that they have a civil registration first – followed by a blessing of their wedding afterwards at St Giles. Which is exactly what they did!

After formalising their union at Marylebone Town Hall, a few weeks in advance, the London residents had their marriage blessed at St Giles on Saturday 14 May, in what is known as 'a service of prayer and dedication after a civil marriage'.

Interiors brand owner Holly wore a traditional white dress and carried a bouquet of spring flowers as she and her husband, management consultant Lewis, entered the church together ahead of the service, to Elgar's *Salut d'Amour*, played by St Giles' organist Brian Lanaghan. They were accompanied by two flower girls in white dresses with blue sashes, overseen by chief bridesmaid Olivia Samuels, Holly's best friend. Lewis' brother Scott was best man. As part of the service, the Revd Vivien read a prayer written by Holly's granny who was sadly too unwell to attend. Holly's father drove her to the church, and Lewis' Dad chauffeured them away on to the reception, to the pealing bells of St Giles' tower. A honeymoon is planned for Italy's Puglia.

Holly said: "It was by pure chance that we stumbled on Graffham and how lucky we were – Vivien has been so accommodating and kind to us, she made it possible still to have the church service although for a blessing rather than a wedding."

Photo © Revd Vivien





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Cost of living crisis – Save money and the planet

Continuing our new series as we all feel the crunch from rising bills as inflation rises to levels not seen for decade. After last edition's focus on the Petworth Foodbank Hub, this month we welcome back previous editor Rozie Apps to share tips on how to save money, and the planet, at the same time.

Grow your own food: It saves you money, although it obviously doesn't take into account your time, but hopefully gardening is your hobby and is enjoyable – plus it keeps you fit, so no need for a gym membership. It also reduces your carbon footprint because you're eating local food. If you don't have a lot of space to grow lots of your own food, could you collaborate with people in your community and share space and produce? So one of you could grow cucumbers, another could grow potatoes and another could grow beans, etc.

Reduce your meat consumption: Meat isn't cheap and its production also adds a lot of pressure on the planet.

Make your own compost: This reduces plastic waste and your carbon footprint as it stops the transport of compost sacks around the country – and it's easy and cheap to do. You could just have a simple compost bin – you can get secondhand 'daleks' online, or build one out of pallets/recycled wood. If you have limited room you can simply dig 'pits' in the garden and put your kitchen scraps in there and let them decompose in the ground, though this can attract vermin. Another option is to have a wormery, which also creates a highly nutritious liquid for feeding to your plants.

Save water: Although the UK is considered a wet country (less so these days), everyone should be careful with their water and never waste it. Water butts are great for the garden, reducing your use of mains water and giving your plants water that hasn't been treated with chemicals.

Buy in bulk: Lots of communities/neighbours across the country set up 'community buying groups' where they pool resources and buy household goods, food and heating oil together which saves costs and reduces multiple deliveries, therefore emissions.

Buy and eat local: This also reduces your fossil fuel use and costs. Veg from Graffham Village Shop doesn't come wrapped in plastic – and you can buy just one mushroom if you want!

Reduce your driving and car pool:

Can your neighbour grab some shopping for you while they're already out? Can you combine your daily walk with a visit to the village shop? Or, if you're getting shopping delivered, can you tie it in with someone else in the area so the van has less mileage to do? Or could you cycle instead of driving?

Consider pre-loved items like furniture and clothing. The fashion industry is one of the most polluting and wasteful. Invest in a few key items

that are good quality and will stand the test of time, and then shop in charity shops etc. for the rest. Midhurst and Petworth have some great ones! Keeping clothes in the system for as long as possible is a really great way to reduce impacts on the planet.

Be more efficient with your electricity and heating:

- Cook enough for more than one meal so you're cooking less often.
- When making a cuppa, boil enough water to fill a flask and then use this for more hot drinks later in the day – hot water for much less energy use.
- Insulate anywhere you can. Curtains help reduce heat loss through windows. Draft excluders under doors makes all the difference.

Graffham Village Shop updates its website

Graffham Village Shop has given its website its first major facelift since it was originally launched a decade ago. It still features all the key content about our favourite retail outlet, but now presented in a more contemporary way. Scroll down the page to check up on its opening hours. Check it out at graffhamvillageshop.co.uk. The refresh was carried out for Jeeva and Vasu by local web business CJ Graphics.



Practising what she preaches: Rozie uses her bike for as many local trips as she can



Meet your neighbour: Rose Cottage's Zoe Scaman

A new regular feature, in which we meet one of our village neighbours. This month, editor Michael Blunt catches up with Zoe Scaman, who moved into Rose Cottage, Graffham, in February.

Zoe Scaman had never heard of Graffham let alone visited the village before she resolved during lockdown to leave London for the country – but, she says, as soon as she walked through the door of Rose Cottage she felt that she had returned home.

She was born in Boston, USA, where her parents, both English, were working in marketing at the time, which means she can claim dual British and US citizenship. The family moved back to the UK when she was three and then spent much of her childhood just across the county borders – in Surrey's Haslemere and Hampshire's Petersfield, where she went to school at Churcher's College – and closer to where she is now putting down roots, in Petworth. Her parents still live in the area. But our special corner of the West Sussex South Downs National Park had somehow remained off limits to her and her family.

After college at Godalming, she followed her parents' footsteps and embarked on a career in advertising. She started off in London then moved to Australia, living and working in Sydney. She recalls: "It was a great place to be for someone in their 20s – finish work early on a Friday and head for the beach by 3pm – and very good for my career, but I didn't want to stay there forever so came back to London after five years."

But she was soon on the move again – this time back to the USA, based in New York: "I'd visited there often, but living there was a completely different kettle of fish – and not for me, though a valuable experience."

She worked for clients across the States, including former Vice-President Al Gore and for the likes of Pepsi and American Express before returning to London. While based there, she spent some time in Ethiopia for the Nike Foundation "which was really eye-opening", and in Nuremburg for Adidas. Her next step was with food giant Danone, running its global advertising, which meant weekly commutes to Paris. She was then headhunted by film director Ridley Scott to be his global head of strategy before setting up her own marketing strategy consultancy, signing up clients such as Netflix, EA Games, Lynx and the NBA, as well as various celebrities from the worlds of

sports and entertainment. This gave her the freedom to up sticks and move back to her roots: "I was working mostly from home or travelling. Then came lockdown, and it was just working from home. I was in a flat with no outside space, so I initially looked for something bigger in the same area. Then I had one of those lightbulb moments – it was the right time to come home and be closer to my family. Here, my mother, sister and best friend are all less than half an hour away."



Zoe outside her freshly painted new front door.

She looked at around 40 houses across her childhood stomping ground, including one in Graffham, which gave her an introduction to the village: "I drove down and immediately thought 'My God, I love this village!' It's straight out of a fairy tale. First, you drive through a forest to get here. Then there's just this one street. It's so quiet – and such amazing views."

That potential purchase fell through and no other suitable properties were coming onto the market: "I was about to give the search up and delete my Rightmove account – but then I got lucky. Rose Cottage came up for sale." From the many viewers, eight bidders emerged, which the estate agent whittled down to a final three contenders. Then probate issues delayed the process for several, nail-biting weeks before Zoe won through and set to work renovating the house. It had been empty for a number of years, after the former resident, Sheelagh Frances Gore, moved to a nursing home.

"I finally got the keys in September and the builders started work on 1 October. My neighbours must have hated me, with all those white vans lining the road for such a long time, but the place had decayed badly while it had been empty and was in urgent need of renovation. When the builders took

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up the stairs carpet, the stairs virtually collapsed! I've tried to be as sympathetic to this beautiful old property as I could, maintaining its character while making it habitable for another 100 years, and fitting in with its beautiful surroundings."

It was still a building site when she moved in permanently in February. Work on the house itself is now almost complete after a near total interior rebuild – everything done to meet exacting Grade II listed demands, and features such as the old beams and inglenook fireplace carefully restored. Next, she plans to upgrade the outbuildings and tackle the garden.

She's been accompanied on her journey by her cat Luna and soon she will be joined by boyfriend Jon Warren – a Major who is currently Chief Of Army Staff Recruiting after an attachment to the NHS to spearhead the Covid vaccination roll out – and his spaniel Salix.

Then, with Rose Cottage renovated, she wants to start settling more into village life, with her eyes on yoga classes at the Empire Hall, the Graffham Garden Group and the bowls club.



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Goodwood, The Trundle: On Tuesday 10 May morning, a vehicle was broken into and a handbag stolen. *Serial 0465 10/05.*

Petworth, Midhurst Road: On Saturday 7 May a vehicle's catalytic converter was stolen. *Serial 1080 07/05.*

Petworth, Grove Street: Between Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 May, a vehicle's aerial was stolen. *Serial 0373 12/05.*

Bury, The Street: Thursday 5 and Friday 6 May, a vehicle window was criminally damaged. *Serial 0547 07/05.*

East Dean, Droke Lane: On Sunday 1 May afternoon, a vehicle was broken into, trainers stolen and damage caused to the vehicle. *Serial 1053 02/05.*

Fittleworth, Little Bognor Road: Overnight Thursday 28-Friday 29 April, power tools and three motorbikes were stolen from outbuildings. *Serial 0281 29/04.*

Goodwood, Eastdean Park: On Saturday 23 April afternoon, a vehicle was broken into and items including a handbag stolen. *Serial 1062 23/04.*

Byworth: Overnight between Friday 22 and Saturday 23 April, both number plates were stolen from a vehicle. *Serial 0457 23/04.*

Bepton, Severals Road: On Friday 22 April afternoon, a vehicle window was smashed. *Serial 0623 22/04.*

Bignor, Bignor Park Road: On Friday 22 April afternoon, a vehicle was broken into and bank cards stolen. *Serial 0988 22/04.*

Goodwood, Selhurst Park Road: On Friday 22 April afternoon, a vehicle was broken into and a handbag stolen. *Serial 0687 22/04.*



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Graffham Down Discs: Gill Dover

Continuing our new regular feature, in which we invite villagers to pick eight favourite tracks, a book and luxury item, with a brief explanation – like in Radio 4's evergreen. This month, Gill Dover gets in the groove.

Gill was born in Sunderland – up north! Her family moved to London when she was a few years old, in the freezing winter of 1963. She lost her Maccam accent a week after starting school in the south. They moved to the rural wilds of Essex's Braintree before Gill enrolled at Chichester's Bishop Otter College in 1976 to train as a PE teacher – she's always loved sport and still plays tennis and golf, runs and does Pilates.



She lived in Austria for seven years and worked as a resort rep there and in Germany, Corfu and Tunisia. She married in 1987, gave birth to Catherine the following year and William a year later then went back to teaching at Windlesham House School, north of Worthing, in 1994, teaching games and serving as librarian and archivist, retiring from there in 2019.

She met Steve in 2017 and they “immediately became inseparable”, building Heydons Loft in Graffham's Street in 2018. They married in August 2020 in the middle of the pandemic, so were only able to have their four children and their partners to the wedding. “Our lovely friends made the bouquet and buttonholes and decorated the house and table for us and we had the most perfect day – dancing in the garden until midnight with the children!”

After enrolling as a member at Cowdray Golf Club in 2019, she “was somehow arm-twisted” into becoming captain last October.

She says: “We love it in Graffham and feel so lucky to be part of this very special community in such a beautiful place. We are at peace in our lovely home surrounded by such wonderful friends.”

- 1 Billy Jean Michael Jackson** I love dancing and this reminds me of dancing tirelessly all night in the discos of Mayrhofen in Austria.
- 2 Take it Easy The Eagles** I just love the song which reminds me of singing very loudly in the car any time I can.
- 3 Scarborough Fair Simon And Garfunkel** When my daughter was a baby

I would sing this to her when I ran out of lullabies. Not sure if it sent her to sleep or kept her awake!

4 Sailing By (also known as the Shipping Forecast theme tune) *Ronald Binge*
As I woke in the night when the children were small, I'd put the radio on quietly and often heard this. It is a very comforting song and makes you feel safe in the middle of night as the storms at sea are reported but you're tucked up at home in the warm! We also had this at my father's funeral. And Steve's a very keen sailor, too.

5 Horse with No Name *America* This was my son William's favourite song when he was a little boy and always reminds me of him. He's now 32.

6 Sky, Black and Blue *Jackson Brown* Great words, such a heartfelt song.

7 Supermassive Black Hole *Muse* I discovered this one quiet afternoon and listened to it when I ran the library at school. When I met Steve, I found that it was one of his favourites, too. It's great turned up really loud when running!

8 That's Amore *Dean Martin* We played this at our wedding as we signed the registrar and is just so joyous. It represented the wonderful day we had.

Book: Rebecca by *Daphne du Maurier* I've loved this book since I first read it when I was about 14 and can still be creeped out by the very scary Mrs Danvers and the twists and turns of the plot.

Luxury item: Bendicks Bittermints. You can only eat one or possibly two at a push as they are so rich – so they would last a long time, especially as you have to nibble all the very dark chocolate off the minty bit!

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Graffham Parish News' June-tastic quiz

Ten quick fire questions to test your local, topical and wider general knowledge. Answers at the foot of the page (no cheating now!)

- 1 Who married publicist Claude Wolff at St Peter's Church, Lodsworth, on 24 June 1961?
- 2 Sussex Day and St Richard's Day are on which date?
- 3 Which classic, if unconventional, novel was set in Dublin on 16 and 17 June 1904 and published 100 years ago this year?



- 4 Who was the first Artistic Director of the Chichester Festival Theatre when it opened in June 1962?

- 5 How did the organisers of the infirm, arthritic Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee procession on 22 June 1897 circumvent the problem of her getting up the steps of St Paul's Cathedral for the thanksgiving service?



- 6 The first recognised first class cricket match took place on 24 and 25 June 1772 on Broadhalfpenny Down near which village in Hampshire?



- 7 Which British tennis player reached the semi-finals of the men's singles at Wimbledon in 1970 and 1973?
- 8 Which locally abundant plant is the national flower of Nepal?

- 9 Which Grade II listed building in Graffham was built for Lord Woolavington in 1928?

- 10 What did a concussed Basil Fawlty (John Cleese) instruct his staff not to mention during the 1975 episode of *Fawlty Towers* entitled *The Germans*?

Answers: 1 Petula Clark. 2 16 June. 3 *Ulysses* by James Joyce. 4 Laurence Olivier. 5 They held the service on the steps of the cathedral while she watched from her carriage (the weather was fortunately excellent). 6 Hambledon. 7 Roger Taylor. 8 Rhododendron (specifically *R. arboretum*). 9 The Homes of Rest. 10 The war.

GRAFFHAM PARISH NEWS

THURSDAY - SUNDAY

1 - 4 JUNE 2022



Your full guide to all the village's
Platinum Jubilee fun, games and events



All set for Graffham's Platinum Jubilee celebrations

The bunting's going up, the barbeques are being prepared, flowers ready to be cut to decorate the church, rehearsals underway for the special Hymns with Pimms celebration of music and readings at St Giles, local pubs ready to stage special events, preparations well in hand for the big village parade and lunch – all's set for the village to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee in the way that only Graffham can. It now just needs you to do your bit!

And, to cap it all, the village has received its very own message from The Queen herself saying she hopes everyone in Graffham enjoys the celebrations that have been organised for the community to mark the landmark anniversary of her reign on the long weekend of 2-5 June. For full story, see page 29.

At least one local resident will be enjoying the main national celebration itself – Party at the Palace on Saturday 3 June – with our Izzy Barrett, whose illustrations brighten up this and regular editions of Graffham Parish News, receiving a personal invitation to the event from Buckingham Palace, with her

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Almost the entire village turned out for the Diamond Jubilee big lunch 10 years ago.



A summary of the events planned for the village across the long weekend.
For full details and more, see page 30.

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own Platinum Jubilee logo set to feature on official Royal merchandising soon.
For full story, see page 35.

In this special section of Graffham Parish News, made possible through the support of the Foresters Arms and Graffham Village Shop, we detail all the various events being staged in the community across the four Platinum days.

Marie Bracey, who is chairing the organising group, said: "This is a truly one-off historic occasion and we have done our best to put on a wide variety of events to appeal to the whole village, letting us celebrate in true Graffham style. Now we just need you all to do your bit by taking part!

"Graffham has a great tradition of pulling out all the stops to celebrate landmarks like this and it is hoped the village will do so again, putting up flags and bunting on all street frontages so we can all raise a rousing Three Cheers and Good Health to Her Majesty!"

Graffham Parish News will feature lots of photos from the weekend's events in our July edition – so watch this space... God Save The Queen!

Art



by. Susan Hill.

Jubilee OPEN GALLERY

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th June

11 - 4 at Graffham House

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AND TEA TOWELS

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Best wishes to Graffham from HM The Queen herself!

The Queen has sent a personal message to Graffham saying she hopes everyone in the village enjoys the celebrations that have been organised for the community to mark her Platinum Jubilee on the long weekend of 2-4 June.

The Royal communique came in a letter from Windsor Castle to local artist Sue Hill, who had sent Her Majesty one of the 60 special tea towels she designed and had printed as a souvenir of the landmark and to raise funds for Graffham Infant School. Just a couple of days later, Sue received the letter of thanks back, signed by Lady-in-Waiting Annabel Whitehead, enclosing a special commemorative card featuring a photo of the monarch.

Pictured below, the missive in full read: "The Queen wishes to thank you for your letter with which you enclosed a tea towel from the church in Graffham as a gift for Her Majesty on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee. The Queen, who hopes everyone in Graffham enjoys the celebrations you have organised, is most grateful for your thoughtfulness in sending a present."

Featuring watercolours of Her Majesty wearing her coronation crown 70 years ago and as she looks today, along with two of her favourites – a horse and corgi – Sue had 60 of the tea towels printed which she has sold for £10 each in aid of Graffham Infant School's monthly 'Splash Assemblies', which tell the Christian story in a fun, dramatised way.

- Sue will be holding a Jubilee Open Studio at Graffham House on Saturday and Sunday 4 and 5 June from 11am-4pm selling paintings, cards, tea towels etc. with a proportion of sales going to St Giles Church.



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What's on and where during the long weekend

Here's your Graffham Parish News guide to all the Platinum Jubilee events planned for the village and (shown in highlighted boxes) nationally.



Your village needs you! All the Graffham events are open to everyone – residents visiting family and friends, campers, tourists...

You'll be warmly welcome, whether you just want to be there or have a more active role, helping decorate the church with flowers, taking part in the parade, lending your voice or other musical talents to the singalong concert, joining in the games or doggy classes. Lots of volunteers are also needed to serve teas, bake cakes, act as road safety marshals and more.

If you are up for helping out or take part in any way, it's not too late to email graffhamjubilee@gmail.com to let the organising team know what you can do.

Let's put up the flags and bunting throughout the village.

THURSDAY 2 JUNE

Special Trooping of the Colour parade at 11 am. More than 1,200 officers and soldiers from the Household Division will put on a display of military pageantry on Horse Guards Parade, with hundreds of Army musicians and around 240 horses, ending with an RAF fly-past at 1 pm.



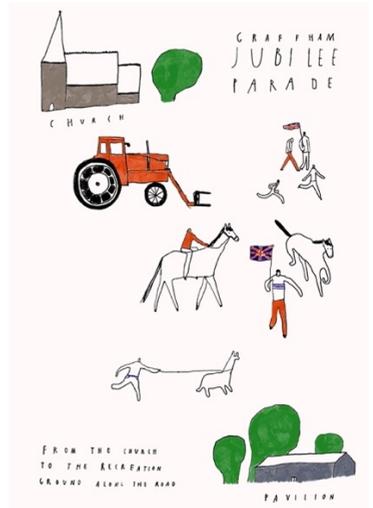
Floral celebration at St Giles Church, opens at **11 am** – and will remain in place daily until the Sunday. Displays will be created by Graffham flower arrangers of flowers grown mainly in gardens throughout the village, to celebrate the life and times of The Queen – arrangements and aroma to astonish and astound you!



Graffham's Jubilee Parade: Assemble at **2pm** to start the parade at **2.30pm** from St Giles, where the bells will be ringing out from the tower.

The parade, led by a bagpiper, will progress down Church Hill, along The Street, turning at the War Memorial to the recreation ground.

All are welcome to take part in the parade, riding or walking with whatever you like – vintage tractors or any other vintage vehicles (so long as you go no faster than walking speed), horses, ponies, donkeys or even hobbyhorses, goats, llamas.... Carts, bicycles tricycles... Or just walking your dogs or other pets or livestock. Please decorate them all appropriately for the jubilee!



Everyone is encouraged to dress up themselves and their houses, too – in red, white and blue, or appropriate fancy dress, coats and tails, Ladies' Day hats... Have flags ready to wave as the parade passes, and then join the throng for the remainder of the parade route after it has passed you by.

Car parking: Please park at the rec. **Only those driving a vehicle as part of the parade are asked to take it up to the church end of the village** (apart from residents' access of course). If you want to take part in the parade but are not driving a vehicle in it then please park at the rec and walk or cycle to the church from there.

More bells at the rec – give it a go: At the rec, there will be more bells to greet the parade – from the Charmborough Ring, which is described as the 'best portable belfry in the world'. It features six bells that are rung in the same way as those in churches and cathedrals throughout the country – but which are mobile. It will provide a great chance to try your hand at bell ringing with a hand from experienced ringers.



Tea, cake, bar and dog agility classes: There will be the usual Graffham best tea and cakes there too, served in return for donations (in cash or by card/contactless). All contributions to the cake stand appreciated, too, please! Throughout the afternoon the bar will be open – again accepting payments in cash or by card/contactless.

Four-legged friends are not being forgotten with dog agility classes, too.

Foresters Arms hosts a traditional Argentine asado barbeque and live jazz band to celebrate the jubilee, from 6pm (see advert page 34).

Lighting of 1,500+ beacons across the nation: Beacons are currently expected to be lit locally at the top of Duncton Hill, East Dean's Court Hill, Cowdray, Woodsworth Hall, and Tillington recreation ground.

FRIDAY 3 JUNE

Floral celebration at St Giles Church: Open all day. See Thursday's entry for full details.

Thanksgiving service at St Paul's Cathedral in the morning

Jubilate 'Hymns and Pimms' at St Giles Church at 5pm: A celebration – with refreshments – of the Queen's life and times in music, song and readings, featuring music from her coronation, including Zadok the Priest sung by Graffham singers.

All welcome to join in – and come and learn Zadok at a special practice at 2.30pm at St Giles. Download your copy of the sheet music at bit.ly/stg-zadok



Chill out jazz night at The Three Moles from 7pm.

SATURDAY 4 JUNE

Floral celebration at St Giles Church: Open all day. See Thursday's entry for full details.

Jubilee open gallery at Graffham House, 11am-4pm: A chance to view and buy paintings, cards, calendars and tea towels by village artist Sue Hill. A proportion of all sales will be donated to St Giles.

Royal Epsom Derby in the afternoon.

Platinum Party at the Palace in the evening.

SUNDAY 5 JUNE



Eucharist with thanksgiving for the Queen's reign, St Giles, 10.30am.

Wear a hat!

Floral celebration at St Giles Church: Open all day. See Thursday's entry for full details.

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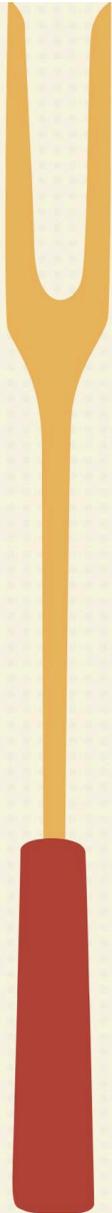
The Big Lunch – street parties and community gatherings nationwide.



Graffham's Big Lunch, at the rec. The entire village is invited to join in. BBQ, courtesy of Graffham and East Lavington Parish Councils and cooked by the Tennis Club, and a huge Jubilee cake, donations appreciated, by cash or card/contactless. Bring your own salads, puds, cutlery, crockery and chairs, please! Bar taking payments in cash or card/contactless. Village fun and games for all ages.

While there will be marquees and gazebos erected, if the weather is absolutely dire then the lunch will be moved to the Empire Hall. Watch Facebook's Graffham Noticeboard for any updates.

The Platinum Jubilee Pageant



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Items with Our Izzy's logo to be sold in Royal shops

Our Izzy Barrett – whose illustrations regularly brighten up the pages of Graffham Parish News, including this special Platinum Jubilee section – is going to the big national Platinum Jubilee Party at the Palace, with merchandising featuring a logo she designed to mark the Queen's landmark to be sold in official outlets.

A second year student at Farnham's University for Creative Arts, 21-year-old Izzy (pictured below), of Greenwood Cottage, Graffham Common Road, was runner-up last year in the national competition to choose the official emblem for the Queen's landmark.

All the same, she's been told by Buckingham Palace that her emblem has been selected for use on a range of retail products to be sold in the Royal

Collection Shops from this summer. These include the official Buckingham Palace retail outlet, which sells a range of collectible ceramics, linen and tableware featuring Royal designs. In a letter to her (below) Florence Burnaby-Davies, of the Royal Collections Trust, told her: "I hope you are as excited as we are to see the finished products!"

Izzy's design, featuring a stylised crown with a flypast over Buckingham Palace, will also be displayed as part of a special exhibition at London's Victoria & Albert Museum from 1 to 15 June, open to all visitors, outside the National Art Library in Gallery 85.

She has also been invited by the Royal Household to the Jubilee Party at the Palace on Saturday 4 June at which many of the world's biggest entertainers will perform.



Izzy's logo for the Jubilee



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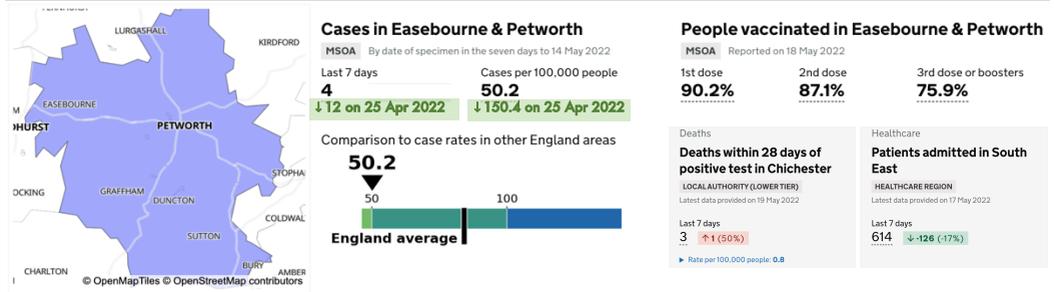
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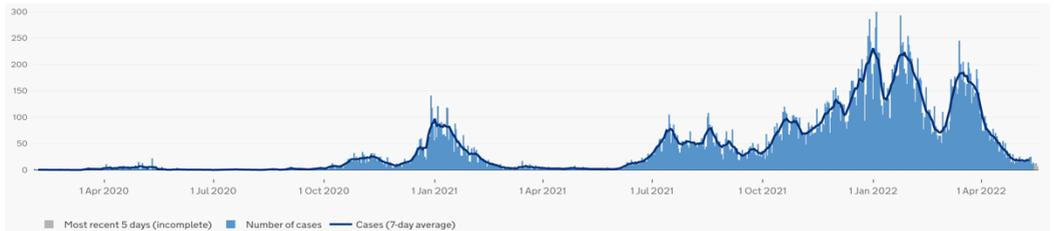
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Covid infection rates locally: Another big monthly fall

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Nature Notes: Two falls, two submissions or a knockout

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

I've only ever had one sporting hero. In the red corner, standing 6ft 6 and weighing in at 365lbs, Big Daddy kept my Gran and I glued to the TV set on wet Saturday afternoons as he wrestled Giant Haystacks or Kendo Nagasaki in his sequined spandex.

In June, stag beetles – the big daddies of the beetle world – are emerging from the ground and getting ready to rumble. There are around 3,000 different species of beetle in Sussex and an estimated 29,000 species across Europe.

Just as Big Daddy's 64in chest earned him a place in the Guinness Book of Records, the 2.5ins long stag beetle holds the coveted title of Europe's biggest beetle. And, like a 26 stone man in a spangly leotard, the adult male stag beetle is equally impressive and ludicrous. Its three-segmented black and maroon armoured body is crowned with a ridiculous pair of trademark stag-like



A stag – the Big Daddy of the beetles. © Michael Blencowe

'antlers'. They are actually modified mandible mouthparts and are used to impress the antler-less females and to grapple rival males.

Before these tiny titans step into the ring they have to put in some long hours in training. The beetle's larvae spend an incredible five to six years munching on a deadwood diet of buried logs and roots, building the bulky body that will sustain them to survive above ground.

As adults they'll live for just a few weeks without feeding, relying solely on the fuel tanks accumulated underground. In early summer, after pupation and transformation, they burst from the ground and go looking for a fight.

I always find it incredible that these chunky, bulky beetles can fly but on warm evenings they whir through the air, on aerial reconnaissance for females, with the grace and subtlety of a Chinook. But if another male beats them to it that's when things turn nasty.

In my fantasies I imagine these beetle brawls to play out on a dead tree stump. A crowd of over-excited elderly invertebrates gather round – the

grasshoppers and crickets chirping in with a chorus of "We shall not be moved" while the earthworms and earwigs chant "Eas-eh! Eas-eh!" The fighters face off before charging and locking antlers. With incredible strength a stag beetle can lift his opponent into the air, holding him there heroically before spectacularly body-slaming him down onto the stump.

We're fortunate that South East England is a hotspot for these Herculean heavyweights but sadly our stag beetles are on the ropes. The loss of old trees from the countryside has had dramatic impacts on the survival of the beetles' underground larvae and their numbers are declining.

So if you see a stag beetle we'd really like to hear about it. Send details and a photo to wildcall@sussexwt.org.uk

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Graffham Chronicles: The Clodgy Slab

A regular column by village historian Pauline Goodwin

"There are places I'll remember

All my life – though some have changed." **The Beatles**

Graffham certainly has a muddy history! I was reminded of this recently by three different sources: a South Downs National Park article called *Exploring the Muddy History of Sussex*; Isabella Tree's *Wilding* which refers to 31 words for mud; Frederick T Barrett who describes the parish in his booklet *Graffham Through a Thousand Years* as consisting of "ill-drained clay tracts of the Weald..." where "the spongy chalk meets the impermeable clay or greensand". These sources remind me that five decades ago Graffham was a clodgy slab (muddy and wet with thick mud). It is not surprising that like the Inuits who have countless words for snow, Sussex has multiple words for mud! However, this is a story of the change which Graffham has undergone – a transformation from its muddy past!

Throughout time, people have interacted with the land to bring about change. In *Reading the Past*, I Hodder states: "The landscape of the High Weald is above all a cultural landscape, shaped by a long legacy of human influences."

In Graffham, those changes are clear to see. Peter Brandon used D H Lawrence's words to describe a nearby village in *The Discovery of Sussex*: "Amidst these shaggy gorse commons and marshy snake-infested places near the foot of the South Downs, the spirit of the place lingering on primeval, as when the Saxons came so long ago."

In living memory, Graffham certainly had "marshy snake-infested places" full of pug (sticky yellow Wealden clay). As a child, on visits to my grandmother, Dorothy Challen at Woodcote, we walked past the village 'pond' at The Marsh T junction. In my memory, it was never full of water but an ike (an area of mud). Onward, past the overflowing, meandering stream on the left that formed the swank (bog) in the water meadow with its dramatic tussocks of marsh marigolds and up the Marsh past the White Horse which stood on George Philip's stoached (muddy, cattle-rampled) lane. We walked further along the smeery (wet with sticky surface mud) road between damp fields, full of rushes. At least once, a very long grass snake slithered out of a slough (muddy hole) to investigate us. George Worsdale, the village postman, was



In times gone by, the road past The White Horse was a muddy, cattle-trampled lane.

quickly dispatched on his bicycle to remove the creature with the help of his only tool, a bicycle pump. All in a day's work for Mr Worsdale!

I recall the Midhurst Grammar School bus winding along its meandering route past farmsteads and tiny cottages. The children stood, waiting for the bus surrounded by stodge (thick puddingy mud). Almost all of the farmyards in the locality were thick with squelchy mud, apart from the pristine Lavington Stud.

My favourite Sussex phrase for the description of mud is 'January butter' which is said to bring good luck if it gets inside your house. Certainly my mother, Joan Challen, did not heed this omen and we had a garden bootwash with hose, brushes and boots scrapers. Inside was a



January butter, or West Sussex mud, captured in this 1941 photo from the George Garland collection.

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length of waterproof overlay protecting the carpet and woe betide the bringer of January butter! At Norwood and Woodcote there were always huge silage silos from which leached gubber (mud with organic matter) and iridescent slurry (diluted mud) producing areas of sleech (mud used for manure). Marshy fields surrounded the recreation ground and both were drained in the 1960s. The field behind the war memorial still bears the geometric drainage grid indentations with its shallow humps. Before drainage, it was an exceedingly marshy piece of land, not fit for any agricultural purpose. On the other side of the rec, the meadow was full of stug (watery mud) fed by a brook with many forks and clearer watery pools in which clumps of watercress grew.

Sussex folklore is heavy with tales of marshy places. Charlotte Latham records a tale in her book *West Sussex Superstitions*: "In a West Sussex village where I once resided was that remarkable appearance known by the names of ignis fatuus, Will-o'-the-Wisp, and Jack o'Lantern, which might be often seen in that neighbourhood, flitting ... over marshy ground." These entities are accredited to a light that sometimes appears over marshy ground

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and are often attributed to the combustion of gas from decomposed organic matter. Milton describes such Will-o'-the- Wisp in *Paradise Lost*:

*"..... a wand'ring fire Compact of unctuous Vapour...
Kindled through Agitation to a flame...
Hovering and blazing with delusive Light."*

Michael O'Leary states in *Sussex Folk Tales*: "Sussex mud was famous." He recounts the folk tale in which a traveller bends to pick up a hat in a muddy lane only to discover there is a man under it who is sitting on a horse, with a haywain beneath it from which the horse is feeding! How deep was Sussex mud!

That unfortunate traveller would no longer come across such muddy lanes in the Graffham of 2022. Many changes have been made, including seven Acts of Parliament, passed between 1861 and 1937, to encourage the draining of land. However, The Sussex Wildlife Trust in its *Statement of Sussex Wetlands Report 2012* records that 80% of Sussex wetlands have disappeared. Graffham has been dried out!

Indeed, the Graffham Common Wiki page tells of an active process of re-wetting: "This former pine plantation is being restored back to heath and grassland...

Drainage ditches have been blocked to allow the natural restoration of wet heath."

My childhood was spent dabbling in wet ditches, so I feel right at home with this re-wetting!



Ditches are being blocked on Graffham Common to help restore it to its natural wet heathland state.

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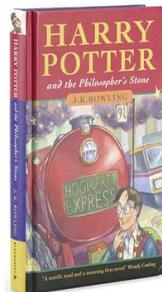
A regular feature in which joint editor Bill Barrett looks back at what was happening in the village and the wider world this month in the past.

10 years ago – June 2012: Graffham Football Club players are presented with medals for winning Division 3 of the West Sussex League, rising from Divisions 5 to 2 in three seasons. Canon John Treadgold, formerly chaplain to the Queen at Windsor, is guest preacher at St Giles' Thanksgiving Diamond



Jubilee service, after which Rev Steve Gray invites parishioners to a bring-and-share lunch at the Rectory. Gary Barlow, organiser of the Diamond Jubilee Concert on The Mall, receives an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Poland and Ukraine host the Euros football tournament (Spain won).

25 years ago – June 1997: 156mm of rain falls in Graffham according to local weather watcher Michael Harmer. Roy Taylor and Kim Fenton report there are 27 colour-ringed song thrush nesting around Graffham and Heyshott. Clare Dally and Anthony Dimmer are favourites for Graffham ladies' and men's singles tennis tournaments respectively, Ben and Hilary Major are tipped to retain their mixed doubles' title. *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, the first in the series, is published.



Bittersweet Symphony is released by the Verve.

50 years ago – June 1972: John and Hilda Holland begin the 10th year of their proprietorship of Graffham's Pescods stores. Corn milling ceases at Coultershaw Bridge. Celebrations for the 300th anniversary of the founding of Midhurst Grammar School are held. Five White House operatives are arrested at the Democrat Party's HQ in the Watergate Building, Washington



DC. David Bowie's *The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars* is released. *Vincent* by Don MacLean is Number One in the UK. West Germany beat the Soviet Union 3-0 to win the Euros (also knocking England out in the quarter-finals). BEA Flight 148 crashes just after take-off from Heathrow, killing 118 passengers, still the UK's worst civil air accident.

Property watch

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

New houses by Homes of Rest, The Street, Graffham GU28 0NW: Fowlers, Storrington, 01903 443074. Added 18 May.



Plot 1: Two-bed detached with detached garage. 1,500sq ft. £TBA



Plot 2: Three-bed detached, two bathrooms, one cloakroom with detached garage. 1,358sq ft. £825,000



Plots 3 & 4: Three-bed semi detached, one detached, one bathroom, one cloakroom, 1,432sq ft. £825,000



Plot 5: Four-bed detached, three bathrooms, living room, study with integral garage. 1,776sq ft. £1.15 million



Ariel Cottage, The Street, Graffham GU28 0QA: Detached house, six bedrooms, three bathrooms, three receptions, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, poolhouse, triple garage, 0.7 acre garden with stream. 250sq m/2,687sq ft. Guide price £1.3 million. Jackson-Stops, Midhurst, 01730 621139. Added 14 May.

Hierist, The Street, Graffham GU28 0QE: Detached bungalow, built in 1980s, with three bedrooms, two bathrooms, kitchen, sitting room/diner, double garage and garden. 102sq m/1,094sq ft. Guide price £650,000. Barrington & Co, Petworth, 01798 678000. Added 7 May.



Steeles, Graffham Common Road GU28 0PT: Semi-detached house, three bedrooms, one bathroom, through lounge/diner, conservatory, kitchen/ breakfast room, garden. 123sq m/1,326sq ft. £600,000. King & Chasemore, Midhurst, 01730 621140. Added 27 April.

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

Calloways, Graffham GU28 0NJ: Discharge and variation of various conditions. SDNP/22/02112/DCOND Received: Tue 28 April. SDNP/22/02123/CND Received: Tue 29 April.

Boswells Cottage, The Street, Graffham GU28 0NL: Intention to fell Christmas tree. SDNP/22/02046/TCA Received: Tue 26 April.

Selham House, Graffham Common Road, Graffham, GU28 0PS: Extensions and alterations to Selham House, Little Selham, Coach House and Selham Lodge and associated ancillary structures including the erection of a motor outbuilding and tennis pavilion, a new tennis court and demolition of two existing garages and relocation of access. SDNP/22/01398/FUL Received: Fri 18 Mar



Thanks to © Paul Stickley for posting this lovely photo of some of our four-legged neighbours (above) and May woodland flowers (below) at the Beautiful Sights in and Around Graffham Facebook page.



Petworth Area Churches Together: Foodbank update



Andrew Brooke and Ines Garcia are now running the Petworth Food Bank. From 1 April to the end of December 2021, it 'fed' 178 people in the Petworth area. During the school holidays, 62 children received 'kids' lunch packs'.

Its success is down to the dedication of the volunteers, and especially:

- Ellie Crisell, who runs the phone and organises volunteers.
- Sara Bennie, who oversees the ordering and collection of food from Chichester warehouse.
- Lizzie Harvey, who oversees the team who pack it all.



You can donate to the local foodbank at Graffham Village Shop, Petworth Co-op, or Midhurst Sainsbury's or Tesco's. Items particularly needed now include tinned tomatoes, vegetables, fruit and meat, long-life milk and fruit juice, laundry powder/liquid, fish/meat paste for sandwiches, jam/spread and squash. For further information or offers of help, call 07501 921 617.

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, Dunton; 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	Dunton	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.
- Some St Giles services may be held in the churchyard if the weather's fine.
- Both St Giles Church and All Saints' Chapel are open daily.
- Bell ringing practice night is every Tuesday at 7.30pm.
- To join Graffham's bellringers or occasional choir, contact Revd Vivien on 01798 867199 or at hello@stgilesgraffham.org
- See stgilesgraffham.org or Facebook's @stgilesgraffham for any changes.

June				
3	Fri	2.30pm	'Come and Sing' Zadok the Priest rehearsal	St Giles Church
		5pm	Platinum Jubilee 'Jubilate' Hymns and Pimms Service	St Giles Church
5	Sun	10.30am	Pentecost Parish Eucharist with Thanksgiving for Her Majesty's Reign. Wear a hat to church!	St Giles Church
7	Tue	9.30am	Morning Prayer followed (at 10am) by Pilgrims	All Saints Chapel
11	Sat	10am-12nn	Special bell-ringing practice	St Giles Church
12	Sun	10.30am	Parish Eucharist	St Giles Church
		6pm	Evensong	All Saints Chapel
14	Tue	9.30am	Morning Prayer followed (at 10am) by Pilgrims	All Saints Chapel
18	Sat	2pm	Wedding of Hamish and Laura	St Giles Church
19	Sun	10.30am	Parish Eucharist	St Giles Church
26	Sun	10.30am	Animal Blessing Service - bring your pet to church	St Giles Church
		12noon	Service of Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child	St Giles Church
July				
3	Sun	10.30am	Parish Eucharist	St Giles Church

We rely on the generosity of villagers and visitors to safeguard the future of Graffham's St Giles Church and All Saints Chapel and the ability of our parish to deliver its mission to the community it serves - including this magazine. Please support them through a donation - preferably a regular one via our Parish Giving Scheme. For full details, see bit.ly/stggive1

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

June				
For full details of all Graffham Platinum Jubilee events, see centre page section				
2	Thu		Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday	
		All day	Platinum Jubilee floral celebration (to 4 June)	St Giles
		2.30pm	Graffham's Jubilee Parade	From St Giles
		From 6pm	Argentine Asado and live jazz for jubilee	Foresters Arms
		6 for 6.30pm	Platinum Jubilee concert with Royal Marines Association Brass Quintet	St James', Heyshott
		8pm	Petfringe presents comedy with <i>Mock the Week's</i> Ian Stone and guests	Leconfield Hall, Petworth
		Evening	Chill out jazz night	Three Moles
	Dusk	Platinum Jubilee beacon lighting	Various	
3	Fri		Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday	
		2.30pm	Jubilate Zadok the Priest singalong rehearsal	St Giles
		5pm	Platinum Jubilee Jubilate Hymns and Pimms - singalong Zadok the Priest and more	St Giles
5	Sun	10.30am	Jubilee thanksgiving service - wear a hat!	St Giles
		Lunchtime	Graffham's Big Platinum Jubilee Lunch	Rec
			Family Race Day	Goodwood
7	Tue	9-11am	Great Feet Chiropodist ¹	Empire Hall
8	Wed		Chichester Festival of Flowers (till 11 June)	Cathedral
9	Thu	2pm	Graffham Garden Group outing to Beckhams	Chiddingfold
10	Fri	10am-5pm	Garden Show (till 12 June)	Stansted Park
11	Sat	7.30pm	Fernhurst Choral Society's Joyful Celebration jubilee concert, including Parry's I Was Glad	St Mary's, Petworth
18	Sat	10am-5pm	West's Wood Fair (till 19 June)	East Dean
		2pm	Wedding of Hamish and Laura	St Giles
19	Sun		Fathers' Day	
21	Tue		Summer solstice - longest day of the year	
		2 for 2.30pm	Midhurst u3a Talk on Sarah Wells, Uppark's 'worst housekeeper' and mother of HG	Meth'dist Church Hall, Midhurst
22	Wed	12.30pm	Lunch Club ²	Empire Hall
23	Thu		Festival of Speed (to 26 June)	Goodwood
25	Sat	9am-1pm	Petworth Farmers Market	Petworth
		6pm	Petworth Chorus summer concert (page 3)	Court Farm, RH14 9DL
26	Sun	10.30pm	Bring your pet to church blessing service	St Giles
July				
1	Fri		Seaford College term ends	
8	Fri	9.45am	Graffham Garden Group outing to Denmans	Fontwell
10	Sun	10am-1pm	Graffham Down Trust picnic (see page 12)	Bowley's
16	Sat		Graffham Garden Group flower show	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	8.30am–12noon	Post Office	Empire Hall
Wednesdays	9.15–10.30am	Yoga ²	Empire Hall
	4.30-6.45pm	CCDANCE ³ for children	Empire Hall
Thursdays	<i>Daytime-early evening</i>	Osteopath ¹	Empire Hall
	10.30-11.30am	Ease Into Exercise ⁴	Empire Hall
	2-4pm	Post Office	Empire Hall
Fridays	9-10.15am	Yoga ²	Empire Hall
	10.30-11.15am	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.

³CCDANCE: Three 45-minute sessions. Contact info@cc-dance.co.uk on 07495 191311

⁴Ease Into Exercise: Contact Abigail Martin on 07523 860167.

⁵Pilates: Contact Nicky Capes on 07990 517858 or 01730 812297.

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Bowls club holds open day and wins silverware

The sun shone on members of Graffham Bowls Club as they held their annual open day on Sunday 24 April. As pictured above, young players were much in evidence and prospective members encouraged to sign up for what looks like being a busy season. All three greens were in use all afternoon.

The club plays generally on Wednesday evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons and plays friendly matches against the likes of Stedham, Pulborough, Billingshurst, Sutton and Petworth – as mixed triples, with nine in a team. Drinks and snacks are always a part of it!

The keener players have the opportunity to enter more serious competitions, and Graffham had some success on 2 May when three of them entered the Rogate tournament against competition from 16 other teams. Graffham's trio of Wendy Folkes, Kym Pegram and Charlie Tyrell went all the way to the final, narrowly missing out on the trophy but coming away with some silverware nonetheless.



Wendy Folkes, Kym Pegram and Charlie Tyrell (left to right) with their runners-up trophies.

► For further information, contact chairman Sheila Allen (on 01798-342869) or secretary Liz Pegram (01798-867770).

Home fixtures: June

Do come and spend a summer evening supporting your team!

1	Wed	6pm	v Sutton	21	Tue	6.30pm	v Pulborough
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Graffham ladies' cricket – the valiant Valkyries!

Graffham Ladies' cricket team faced their regular opponents, West Wittering, for the fourth time on Sunday 24 April, away this time – and for the fourth time the sun shone relentlessly on their delightful ground and friendships between the players were renewed.

West Wittering won the toss and elected to field. The format was ten-a-side, 20-over pairs format, and the pairs were carefully selected by master-coach Brett Creed (mainly to match each other at in-between the wickets running speed!). Denise Clay and Philippa Sanders started for Graffham, followed by



Graffham's most stylish batter – Beanie Bradley – hits out.

Sally Pattie and Louise Creed, Angie Thornley and Jenny Dwyer-Ward, Beanie Bradley and Jules, Holly and Isla Sparkes, with the last two bringing down the team's average age! Angie, Jules and Beanie were the biggest hitters, though with five runs lost for losing a wicket. Jules finished top of the batting stats, having carried her bat. Graffham ended on 248, though each team starts with 200 runs, and we were delighted just to be in positive territory. West Wittering, with some pre-season indoor tournaments under their belt, and fewer players in the over 50 age group, were hotly tipped to exceed this total, but the valiant Valkyries unleashed their top bowlers with a pleasing amount of success. Beanie and Angie took three wickets each, and Louise managed the astonishing figures of five overs, one

wicket for six runs. Two of the wickets were catches by wicket-keeper Sally, who was awarded man-of-the-match for her solidity behind the stumps. Sadly, we were unable to rein in West Wittering sufficiently, and their top batter, Becks, swept far too

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Both teams, coach, umpires and mascot after the match.

many times out to the leg side boundary. (Graffham's captain, pleased that she had remembered this tendency, confidently placed the top fielder out at deep square leg, only to have forgotten that Becks was a left-hander!) 297 was the final total for the home side, but the Graffham team felt delighted with their performance, particularly in the field.

The return fixture will be played at the Rec on Sunday 11 September.

We welcome players of any age, though preferably if you are able to make the practice sessions, which are likely to begin again in June on Thursday evenings, with the wonderful Creed family.

▶ For more info, contact Philippa on 07853 921825.

Tennis Club update

By Chairman Simon Longman

Tennis Week plans firm up: Our annual Tennis Week will be from Saturday 23 July. Everyone is welcome to join us at the rec for our BBQ and pavilion bar drinks that evening. We'll also be hosting a mixed softball cricket match for everyone the next day (Sunday 24 July) at 2pm where I'm sure there will also be plenty of Langhams beer and rosé to enjoy! Junior coaching (see next page), matches and club evenings will run as usual, but we've slightly fewer social events planned midweek because of holiday absences. Not wanting to lose any event from the calendar, we'll be playing and socialising again the week after the August bank holiday.

Graffham Tennis Week: July			
23	Sat	3pm	Generation game mixed doubles
		5pm	Bar and BBQ
24	Sun	10am	Men's doubles
		2pm	Softball cricket, mixed and all ages welcome
		4pm	Bar and BBQ
25	Mon	9am-2.30pm	Junior/academy coaching
		6-7pm	East Hampshire League home match
26	Tue	9am-2.30pm	Junior/academy coaching
		4pm	Junior match versus Rogate
27	Wed	9am-2.30pm	Junior/academy coaching
		6pm	Junior club night, with pizzas
28	Thu	9am-2.30pm	Junior/academy coaching
		6pm	Club night – all American doubles format. All members welcome. Pavilion bar open.
29	Fri	9am-2.30pm	Junior/academy coaching
		5pm	Family club night – ball machine games with prizes. Bar and BBQ.

Graffham Tennis Week junior coaching: 25-29 July

Classes for four different age groups will run daily during Tennis Week, Monday to Friday, at £42.50 per child, covering foundation techniques, tactics, match play, fun games and a mini-tournament. To book a place, children must be members of Graffham Tennis Club. Places allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact richard@hoppcoaching.co.uk

Years R-1	9.30-10.30am	Years 2-3	10.30-11.30am
Years 4-6	12noon-1pm	Years 7-10	1-2pm
Years 10-13	Available on request		
Note: The age range for the groups may change depending on numbers that sign up.			

All newcomers welcome – specially Ukrainian guests: We've welcomed several new families to the club this year and we're always happy to meet and encourage all ages to play. We're particularly happy to entertain any Ukrainian families who are being hosted in the area. Please get in contact – via admin@graftamtennis.co.uk – if you think they would like to play tennis and we'll arrange a friendly game or just access to the courts.

£1,350 raised for Children on the Edge: Kate Hogan has recently hosted a benefit event at Graffham Tennis Club to raise funds for the Children on the Edge charity. The tennis competition and lunch raised an amazing £1,350.

Match reports: The East Hampshire Lawn Tennis Association summer league and midweek evening playing season is well and truly underway given the longer daylight May and June brings, although some matches have finished in near darkness or been abandoned because of poor light.

Our Ladies A team are in Division 1 for the first time. While they lost the opening match 1-7 against Swanmore A, they were delighted to beat Medstead A 6-2 in their second match – a brilliant result playing in the top division against often much younger opposition. Our Men's team won their first match 7-1 away against Alton C and but lost to Steep C 5-3 in a very close match. The Mixed A team have also got off to a flyer winning their first matches 5-3 and 6-2.

Graffham Tennis Club East Hants League home fixtures: June

Do come and spend a summer evening supporting your teams!

7	Tue	6.30pm	Men's Doubles	Div 4	v Haslemere C
8	Wed	6.30pm	Mixed Doubles	Div 2	v Fernhurst A
13	Mon	6.30pm	Ladies' Doubles	Div 3	v Haslemere C
15	Wed	6.30pm	Ladies' Doubles	Div 1	v Haslemere B
21	Tue	6.30pm	Men's Doubles	Div 4	v Ropley
28	Tue	6.30pm	Men's Doubles	Div 4	v Midhurst B
29	Wed	6.30pm	Ladies' Doubles	Div 1	v Headley A

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