

# Extracts from Midhurst, Petworth and District Times 1961

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## **Ameer's Party is Best Yet**

More than 160 children attended a Christmas party in the Empire Hall, Graffham, yesterday week, given by the Ameer & Begum of Bahawalpur.

Drawn from Graffham and surrounding villages, the children enjoyed a large tea before professional entertainers amused them with Punch and Judy and conjuring. Afterwards there were presents for all from Santa Claus, with games and dancing to conclude the party.

The Ameer and Begum, whose holiday residence is Al Hilal, Selham, have held the party annually for 12 years. They live in India during the winter.

Each year they try to improve on the previous party and this was undoubtedly the best yet.

The Ameer's gardeners decorated the Hall and catering was done by a Worthing firm.

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## **New Chapel**

The new chapel in St Giles's Church at Graffham was used for the first time on Wednesday when the Rector, the Rev. R. Nash, held a Holy Communion service there.

The chapel was dedicated in December by the Rev. Michael Townroe, a former Rector of Graffham, and replaced a part of the Church filled with pews which were obscured from the altar.

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Mrs. Rose Wilson, wife of the Bishop of Chichester addressed a combined meeting of Graffham Mothers' Union and the Young Wives' Group at the Rectory last week on the danger of sentimentalizing Christianity.