

Grafham Newsletter



June/July 2004

WHY A GRAFHAM NEWSLETTER NOW?

The Parish News that used to be circulated monthly around the village looks like being a thing of the past. The editorial team have resigned and we have been unable to find any one else willing to take on the task. In addition now that we are a much larger group incorporating Buckworth & Alconbury Weston it would inevitably make a joint Parish Magazine more remote. And so at the last PCC meeting a Grafham Village Newsletter was suggested.

But who would produce it, how would we pay for it, what would go in it and who would deliver it?

All Saints Church, Grafham have two active committees to plan and run the monthly lay led Family Services and to help organise the services generally and in the first instance it was agreed that they would produce an initial issue and see how it went.

And here it is!

We have included a response slip at the bottom of this page and hope that you will all take the time to fill it in and return it. Future issues may depend on your response! In time honoured words all we can say is :

“Your village newsletter needs you!”

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

All suggestions for the name of the Newsletter would be gratefully received

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GRAFHAM

June 13th 11.00 am Communion
June 20th 11.00 am Sunday Worship
June 27th 10.30 am at Easton. Joint Service to say farewell to James & Liz Muggleton.
July 4th 11.00 am Lay Led Family Service
July 11th 11.00 am Communion
July 18th 11.00 am Sunday Worship
July 25th 11.00 am Communion

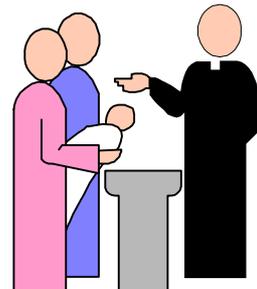
Forthcoming events:

Aug 1st Open Air Service and Family Picnic
Aug 29th Summer Songs of Praise

Family Service News

The special service held on May 30th was a wonderful celebration of Baptism when the church was filled with around 60 people to join in with the baptism of Louis and Joseph Spicer.

Our service on 6th June was lively with a brain teaser quiz as part of a talk about the Trinity.



On the Web??

Grafham Village will soon have its own web site. It is already in the process of being set up at www.grafhamvillage.org.uk

You will be able to view the newsletter at <http://newsletter.grafhamvillage.org.uk>
You could even choose to have your copy delivered by email!
More information to follow.

Grafham Newsletter Response Slip

Please tick the appropriate box in reply to the four questions given below and return this slip to the editorial address given overleaf.

Are you interested in a Village Newsletter

- Yes
 No
 Don't mind

Would you be prepared to pay a small charge

- Yes
 No
 Don't know

Would you help produce or distribute a newsletter

- Yes
 No
 Don't know

Would you be willing to help with fund raising to pay for it?

- Yes
 No
 Maybe

Comments: Other comments/What should be included?

Name

Address

Phone/email

COPY DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS FRIDAY 16TH JULY

GRAFHAM SOCIAL NEWS

Family Fun Day
To be held on Sunday 27th June
Starting at 12 noon

Sports
Childrens' Fancy Dress
Competitions
Refreshments
Face Painting
Bouncy Castle
Fire Engine
Side Stalls
Live Music

Bring a picnic and join in the fun

Contact Katrina 810297 or
Michele 812584

Forthcoming events

Fireworks Night
Saturday 6th November 2004
Starting at 6 pm



COFFEE MORNINGS

for retired residents.

Purely an informal social occasion so do go along for a cup of coffee and a chat. If you would like someone to call for you first please call Pat on 811166.

Held at 10.30 am on the following Wednesdays:

July 14th	Pat Watsons 10 Field Close
Sept 8th	Phillipa Patels 3 Field Close
Oct 13th	Leonie Hills Wesley Hse, Church Rd
Nov 10th	Frances Knight's 18 Church Road
Dec 8th	Pat Watsons 10 Field Close



Who is going to pay??

The PCC of All Saints Church has agreed to fund the first edition but who will pay in the future? Perhaps a small annual charge could be made? Should we have a fund raiser or maybe people could choose to sponsor an issue. Please let us have your thoughts and ideas.

FUN SPOT!

A clergyman prided himself on his spontaneity and told his friend he could preach a sermon on any subject at a moment's notice. His friend challenged him to do so on the following Sunday and said he would put a piece of paper with the required subject in the pulpit, just before the service.

When the time came for the sermon the clergyman mounted the pulpit and found the promised piece of paper on which was written one word - 'Constipation'. The clergyman paused for a moment and then said 'My text is taken from the Book of Exodus, Chapter 34, 'And Moses took the tablets and went up the mountain.'

Diana Sanders

Diana Sanders who used to live in Grafham and was an active member of our Church and PCC is to be ordained as Deacon by John, Bishop of Huntingdon at Ely on Saturday 26th June and will then serve as Assistant Curate in Cottenham, Cambridgeshire. Please pray for her and all others to be ordained this Petertide.

GRAFHAM CHRISTIAN AID 2004

Thank you to all the people who contributed with their envelope donations this year. We collected £300.43 which is £40 more than last year. Also, thanks to the people who completed the Giftaid slip attached to the envelope, we are able to claim back a further £33. Thanks go to Margery Craig who delivered the envelopes to the whole village and to Jan Atkins, Lorraine Harman, Jane Jenkinson, Heather Joyner, Andy Noad, Tina Theodorou, Diana Thomas, Yvette Turner and Jill Tyack for collecting the envelopes.

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DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL THE PEOPLE OF GRAFHAM?

It is intended that the newsletter is used to pass on information on anything that is going on in the village. News on football and cricket matches, information from the Parish Council on proposed developments or village improvements. Village events such as the Family Fun Day or Bonfire Night as well as Church events such as our ever popular Harvest Festival and the proposed picnic and Songs of Praise.

Maybe you have a special birthday or anniversary that you would like the village to share, or maybe you know someone else who is celebrating and want to pass on the news to the rest of the village.

It's simple just let us know and we will publish your news for all the village to read.