

Grafham Gossip

Grafham Book Worms

This group met for the first time on May 5th. Nine people came along; a name for the group was decided and how the group would run was discussed. Tina Theodorou offered to host our next meeting which will be on **June 9th at 8pm at 5 Home Close**. The book we are reading this month is The Divine Secrets of the Ya Ya Sisterhood by Rebecca Wells. If you missed the last meeting and would like to come along, but are not able to read this book in time, please don't worry - we'll be delighted to see you anyway! Several people have called and left messages or contact numbers which my unreliable offspring have either forgotten or lost! Please accept my apologies for not getting back in touch with you. If you have any other queries or would like to talk about the group please call either; **Karen 810961 or Tina 811366**



District Councillors Shirley Menczer and Peter Downes are available in the Village Hall Car Park between 11.15 and 11.45 on the first Saturday of each month. Due to holidays, the June Surgery will be held on May 28th and there will be no surgery in August.

Grafham All Saints Church



Last Sunday in May (May 29th):

No service at Grafham. 9.30 Eucharist at Alconbury.
11.00 Eucharist at Barham.

1st Sunday (June 5th): 11.00 Family Service with Baptism of Olivia Ann Thomas.

2nd Sunday (June 12th): 11.00 Eucharist

3rd Sunday (June 19th): 8.00 Eucharist.
11.00 Morning Worship.

4th Sunday (June 26th): No service at Grafham.

11.00 Alconbury - Patronal Festival Eucharist - President Bishop John Flack **and** Ruby Wedding Celebration, Mary and John Hare. We hope that all of our friends in Grafham will join us for this service, at which we will renew our Wedding Vows, and for wine and cake afterwards.

Next month the Family Service (11.00 Sunday **July 3rd**) will include a performance of 'Jonah Jazz Man'. Not to be missed!

Canon Jonathan Young (01480) **891695**

Dr John Hare (01480) **453172**

PARISH NEWS...

- NSPCC and Huntingdonshire CAB have written asking for any donations. If anyone is interested in giving to either charity, please contact the Parish Clerk.
- Gravel will be laid along the footpath between Breach Road and Field Close/Alsyke Close over the weekend 21st/22nd May.
- Anyone interested can view the Parish Accounts during June. See the notice on the main noticeboard.
- There is to be a 'surgery' at Ellington on Saturday July 9th between 10am and 6pm where the local PCSOs will be available for local residents to speak to and raise any issues that they have.
- The recycling banks in the Village Hall Car Park have been in use for nearly 3 months. This time has formed the trial period and the Parish Council need your feedback to assess whether this is a worthwhile and useful facility for the residents, or not. Please let any member of the Parish Council know your views!
- Households received leaflets about the Public Consultation exhibitions for the A14 Ellington to Fen Dittons scheme. Don't forget they are taking place this week. The Bendy Bus will be in Huntingdon, Offord Cluny and Godmanchester next week as well.
- Next meeting is Tuesday June 14th.



Grafham Family Fun Day

Sunday 12th June - 12.00 until 4.00
 If you would like to help in any way with this hugely successful event, please call Katrina (810297) or Michele (812584).

Safari Supper

Saturday September 17th (it has been postponed!)

If you would like to know more about this event or would like to take part, please call Philippa (811656) or Pat (811166)



Grafham Social Committee invites you to MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS for retired residents from 10.30 am on Wednesday
June 8th with Jean Futter
 2 Thorpe Cottage
 Ellington Thorpe

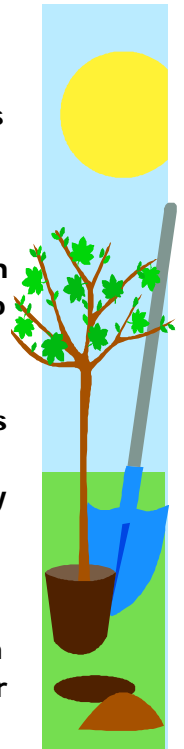
If you would like to join the social committee and help organise social events in the village or if you have any good ideas to put forward, the committee would love to hear from you. They are always looking for new members and different ideas. Please call **Philippa on 811656**.

Killing Trees

Early this year trees were planted along the left hand side of Church Hill, going down towards the lake - four chestnuts and four walnuts. The rather lovely vision was that in years to come, future generations would enjoy a walk down a leafy lane. The trees were given to us by the council and planted by Sam Malt and his team of community workers who are quietly getting on with a few beautifying projects in and around the village (e.g. the footpath between Breach Road and Field Close/Alsyke Close).

Someone in the village has decided this is not to be and the trees have been ripped up. They have been replanted three times in an attempt to save them, but in the last effort the trees have been removed altogether. It is now too late to plant.

Why would anyone not want more trees in the village? Who ever has done this has executed their wishes in a cowardly and undemocratic way? I would bet that most people in the village would be pleased to welcome the trees. I would like to hear what other people in the village feel about this. **Carole Baber**



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Vicky Tucker - 01480 810401

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