

Grafham Gossip

Editors' note...

Thank you again for all your news items and adverts. It's great; we seem to be getting enough material to continue printing at a longer length. Keep it coming in!

The Editors

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Issue 16 Deadline: October 14th

Grafham All Saints Church

1st Sunday (October 2nd): 11.00
Family Service.

Friday October 7th: 14.15 Pram
Service

2nd Sunday (October 9th): 11.00
Children's Eucharist.

3rd Sunday (October 16th): 8.00 Eucharist
(BCP). **11.00** Harvest Festival service.

4th Sunday (October 23rd): 11.00 Eucharist

**5th Sunday (October 30th) All Saints Sunday -
Patronal Festival: 18.00** Candle-lit Evening
Festival Service in the style of Taize.



WORD OF THANKS

The Flower Festival & Summer Fete organising committee would like to express an enormous thank you to everyone who was in any way involved in this occasion.



The generosity of the people of Grafham was amazing. The floral arrangements in the church were most imaginative and it was wonderful to see so many visitors over the 2 days. We also offer a massive vote of thanks to everyone who supported us at the Fete and Songs of Praise on the Sunday. A true community spirit was very much in evidence and we hope all our visitors and customers enjoyed themselves as much as we did! Of course, we were blessed with such perfect weather. Thanks to your support, the sum of £845 was raised towards the restoration of your church. Well done and thank you Grafham!

INTERESTED IN CONSERVATION?

The **Grafham Conservation Working Party** meets every first and second Sunday of the month to carry out conservation (with a free lunch) in the woods.

For more details, contact **Sam Malt** on **810844** (day-time) or **811654** (evening).



This month's services are very special! On October 9th the Eucharist will be especially for young children so that they can participate and start to understand this service. Our harvest festival followed by lunch, will be on October 16th, please bring festival gifts to the service. For those of you who have not heard the haunting music of Taize, do come to our festival service on October 30th. We planned it several weeks ago, but it has become more poignant by the tragic death of Brother Roger, the leader of the Taize Community

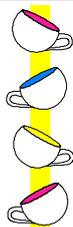
Contacting the clergy:

Canon Jonathan Young (01480) **891695**

Dr John Hare (01480) **453172**

Jenny and John Meyer

Would like to thank all their friends and neighbours who have welcomed them back so warmly and for such wonderful support in what has turned out to be a very challenging move. We have been quite overwhelmed by everyone's pleasure in seeing us return. It's good to be back!



Grafham Social Committee invites you to MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS for retired residents from 10.30 am on Wednesday **October 12th** with Diana Thomas
1 Inhams Way

PARISH NEWS...

- Grafham Parish Council have vacancies for 2 Parish Councillors. If you would like to know more about the role and what is involved, please talk to any of the members of the Parish Council. If you would like to apply, please write c/o the Parish Clerk. All applications will be considered at a meeting to be held early in October.
- So far two residents have come forward expressing an interest in the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. If anyone else would be interested in perhaps distributing information, please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance.
- A reminder that we hope to set up a group to consider issues relating to youth issues, sport and the Village Hall. If you would like to know more, or perhaps get involved, please contact Lin Pressland on 810783 or Gerry Harris on 810910.
- Councillor Malt has been working with representatives from Anglian Water, landowners and the Bridleways Department to resolve car parking issues in the car park at the end of Church Road. A new layout preventing joy riders using the car park will be introduced soon.
- The Parish Council has been successful in a bid for funding to improve the footpath along Breach Road. Residents will be consulted and involved once we know more. We have also submitted an application for a Minor Improvement Bid to have a cycle lane marked on Church Road.
- HDC have introduced a Health Walks programme. See the noticeboard for further details.
- Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th October at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

**In Remembrance of Jean Gowen**

The Parish Council wishes to commemorate the late Jean Gowen who gave much to the Village during her time as a Councillor and Chairman of the PC. As many of you will know, Jean was very involved in the project to provide the play equipment that we have in the children's playground. We believe, as Jean loved the Play Area, it would be fitting to place a special tribute to her in this area. Suggestions have included a deluxe picnic/play table or an area with a hopscotch game marked out. We would welcome other ideas, particularly from the under twelves.

We will also plant a horse chestnut tree in her memory.

Clearly, such a tribute would rely upon donations from residents, and your Parish Council hopes that villagers will wish to contribute to this fitting tribute to the commitment Jean gave to the Village.

A donation envelope is available (either enclosed or hand-delivered soon). It will be collected from the 16th October onwards. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Babysitters

Danielle Meyer (experienced babysitter and also speaks french - able to help with homework)

age: 16
Tel: 811279

Alison Young

age: 16
Tel: 811577

Felicity Jenkinson

(Grade B in GCSE
Child Development)

age: 16
Tel: 812328

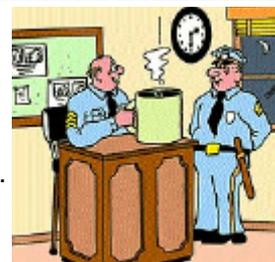
Olivia Sinfield (Grade B in
GCSE Child Development)

age: 16
Tel: 811831

**UPDATE ON TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES**

Your Parish Council presented the case for a re-assessment of the current traffic calming measures to the County Council and District Council Area Joint Committee (AJC) on Monday 5th September. This presentation was made possible by the declaration to the AJC of the petition which residents raised against the noise effects of the current "thumps". We have not yet had formal notification that the AJC has directed a re-assessment of the measures but it is clear from visits to the village by traffic specialists from the District Council that such an evaluation is underway. Following the technical evaluation, the Parish Council will be involved in reviewing the options and will seek the support of our District and County Councillor Peter Downes. As progress is made we will of course report to residents.

David Hollin



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.

ADOPT A TREE - PLANTING ON CHURCH HILL

Residents will be aware through reports in the "Gossip" that we have tried several times to plant trees along the verges at the upper middle section of Church Hill. On each occasion the trees have been vandalised. We have put in place measures to monitor the area and intend to re-plant in November this year. We are seeking to enhance this popular walk/stroll down to the water from the Village and look to a few years hence when a row of mature trees will form an attractive canopy. The trees will be procured at no cost to the Village and we wish to offer the opportunity for individual residents or families to "Adopt a Tree". You could help plant the tree and keep an interested eye on its development over the coming years. No cost, no commitment, simply a record that you and/or your family care for your environment and its improvement.



If you are interested please contact either our Tree Warden - Sam Malt on 810844 (day), or Parish Clerk, Madelaine Liddiard on 810162.

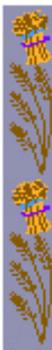
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Harvest Festival Service

followed immediately by a Harvest Lunch

Grafham Village Church
Sunday 16th October 2005
Service 11:00 am

£5 Adults
 (includes 1 glass of wine)
 £3 Schoolchildren



GRAFHAM BONFIRE NIGHT- SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER From 18.30

Firework Display
 Hot Dogs, Burgers, Soup, Mulled Wine
 Fireworks from Lancaster's Kimbolton
 (Please do NOT bring any fireworks)



Entrance Fee £5 per family

Opera on the Run performs *The Pefect Picnic*

Five established singers offering light, amusing and entertaining opera in the Village Hall.



Wednesday 9th November
7:30 pm

Tickets: Adults	£6.50
Conc	£6.00
Under 16's	£4.00

Bar opens 7:00 pm

Booking Office: Pat Watson 01480 811166
 Steve Murkin 01480 811341

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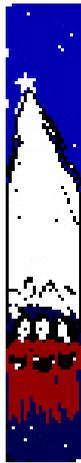
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THE ARAGON SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

at
All Saints Church Grafham

**Friday 9th December 2005
at 7:30 pm**

£1 Schoolchildren
£5 Adults
(including glass of wine and
mince pie at the interval)

For tickets contact: **Pat Watson**
01480 **811166** or **Jill Tyack**
01480 **810157**

Body Shop Party

Date: Friday October 28th 2005

Time: 19.30 onwards

Hostess: Tina Theodorou

Body Shop Demonstrator: Catherine Berry

Venue: "Kalostone" 5 Home Close Grafham

RSVP Tel: 01480 811366 (After 6pm please)

Tina is happy to welcome all ladies along who use Body Shop products! Stock up early for those special Christmas gifts!



KEEP FIT!

A one hour class on Thursdays for ALL levels. It is enjoyable and you work at your own level. Term begins Thursday October 6th at 19.30 and is eleven weeks long (concluding December 15th). Fees are £33 for the term and payable in advance. Cheques are welcome.



Grafham Bookworms The next meeting will be held on Thursday October 13th and the following one will be held on Thursday November 17th. New members welcome to join us at any time. For further information and to obtain titles of current and future reads, please contact **Tina Theodorou (01480 811366)** after 6pm or **Karen Stewart (01480 810961)**.



Promises Promises!

About 10 or 15 years ago, after watching one of the infamous Spaldwick pantos, Elizabeth Fozzard said to me, "you should have a go at that".

"I'll go on stage if you do" I replied, knowing that she never would.

Was I ever wrong!! She did appear in the very next panto and several pantos following was very VERY good.

I've been taunted ever since. Well, finally, I have decided to keep my end of the bargain. I have joined Vamps and will be appearing in the November production of: **Jesus Christ Superstar!**

I'm scared whitless! Still, a promise is a promise (help!).

I've had to grow a beard, and this in itself has nearly led to divorce...there's commitment for you.

There are a number of people from the surrounding villages involved, so why not come along, you will probably see a few faces you know, and have a great evening.

Rehearsals are going well and we should be ready for the opening night on Tuesday November 1st.

There are performances at the Priory Centre in St. Neots from the 1st through 5th of November with 2 performances on the 5th, so please come along and support us.

If you like the show, why not join the company! The shows planned for next year are "Annie" and "The Full Monty" (the mind boggles).

Look out for flyers through your doors and ads on various notice boards.

Keith Jenkinson (Written immediately after the infamous Safari Supper...he says!)

