

# Grafham Gossip

Issue 25 Early Deadline: Midnight Thursday July 13th

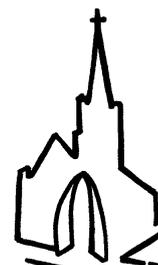
## Editors' note...

We could do with some more gossip so please email us your news. Do it now while you remember as we have an early deadline for next month! *The Editors* [gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk](mailto:gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk)



## Grafham All Saints Church

**1st Sunday (July 2nd):** 11.00 Family Service    **2nd Sunday (July 9th):** 11.00 Eucharist  
**3rd Sunday (July 16th):** 08.00 Eucharist    **4th Sunday (July 23rd):** 11.00 Eucharist  
 11.00 Sunday Worship  
**5th Sunday (July 30th):** 15.00 Open-air service in Woolley Churchyard (Bring a picnic)



The **Pram Service** is taking a break for the summer. Many thanks to Rae Maynard and Tracey Ball for their commitment in running this service which will start again on October 6th at 2.15. In the meantime, Grafham Church is definitely the 'coolest' place to be on hot days and we are happy that parents with young children are finding our children's corner, with its sofa and toys, a welcome place to visit.

We are currently looking for a cleaner or two (much more fun with two - you catch up on the gossip!) to cover the second Sunday in the month, odd months only. Visitors to our church often remark in the visitors' book how beautifully kept it is. Please join our team of cleaners if you can.

Contact **Jill Tyack** on **810157**.

Next term the church hopes to start a weekly children's club in Spaldwick School (day and time to be decided.) If anyone is interested in helping (perhaps once or twice a term) please let the rector or one of the churchwardens know.

*Contacting the Clergy:*

Canon Jonathan Young **891695**

Rev. Martin Kettle **434075** mob **078 767 555 87**

*Churchwardens:*

Jill Dighton **811862**

Jill Tyack **810157**

**A world famous Alpha course** will begin on Thursday evenings from September in our Deanery. The Alpha course consists of a series of talks addressing key issues relating to Christianity. Each evening begins with supper followed by a talk and then coffee and discussion in small groups. These courses are very popular, informal and stimulating. They are particularly useful for newcomers to the faith/church or for those who would like to ask questions about Christianity. They are also ideal for those wanting to investigate or explore what the Christian faith could mean for them. (Be prepared for a possible life-changing experience!) A free introductory supper will be held at the Alconbury Vicarage on Thursday 6th July at 7pm.



If you would like to know more about the course or introductory supper, please **'phone Jill on 811862**. (To find out more about Alpha, **search: [alphacourse.org/welcome/whatotherssay](http://alphacourse.org/welcome/whatotherssay)**)

District Councillors **Shirley Menczer** and **Peter Downes** are available at the Village Hall between 11.15 and 11.45 on the first Saturday of each month. At other times they can be contacted: [Shirley.Menczer@huntsdc.gov.uk](mailto:Shirley.Menczer@huntsdc.gov.uk) tel.436769 [Peter.Downes@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Peter.Downes@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) tel.398082

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**Babysitters**



**Alison Young -**

Age: 16. Tel: **811577**

**Jessica Homewood -**

successful in babysitting course.

Age: 14. Tel: **810867**

**Kirsty Elliot -** successful in babysitting  
course. Age: 14. Tel: **810550**

**Danielle Meyer -** speaks French and able  
to help with homework.

Age: 16. Tel: **811279**

**Olivia Sinfield -** Grade B GCSE Child  
Development. Age: 16. Tel: **811831**

**Felicity Jenkinson -** Grade B GCSE  
Child Development. Age:17. Tel: **812328**



**Grafham  
Bookworms**



HOST : **Sue Kelly**

DAY/DATE: TIME: **Tuesday 25 July 2006 at 8PM**

VENUE: **3 Church Road, Grafham**

RSVP TO TEL: **01480 812179**

Current read: ISBN 014141439831 **Vanity Fair** by **William Thackeray**

The GB's would like to welcome more ladies & gentlemen  
from the village to the GB reading club.

If you like reading, can spare just a couple of hours once  
every 4-6 weeks, why not come along & join us for an infor-  
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**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

**Tuesday 18th July at 7.30pm** is the Neighbourhood watch evening in the village hall which will last about an hour. The police will be in attendance to outline how the scheme works and how all of us can co-operate with them.



A video on Distraction Burglary will be shown as this is on the increase. Information on property marking, locks and basic security will be gone through and there will be an opportunity for questions and answers. Printed literature will also be available. I am meeting with the police prior to the evening so, if you have any item of particular concern that you want to raise please let me know and I can pass it on ahead of our evening. I do hope to see you there.

**Recent events of note are:**

Distraction burglary in Brampton in the first week of June.  
 Ongoing issues with groups of youths in Buckden causing nuisance and intimidation to residents. Police presence has been heightened.  
 On June 7th intruders were discovered at the Bloor homes development and many people will have observed the presence of the police and helicopters in the village – because of ongoing investigations no further comment can be made by the police. As soon as I receive an update I will place it on the website and report back to this column.  
 Friday night of June 16th – smallholding in Church Road broken into.

Any other enquiries please contact me on **jamie2701@aol.com** James Snell

**PARISH NEWS...**

Hopefully the Parish News will return next month. Minutes of the latest meeting are usually found on the Village Notice Board and will be available on the village website shortly.

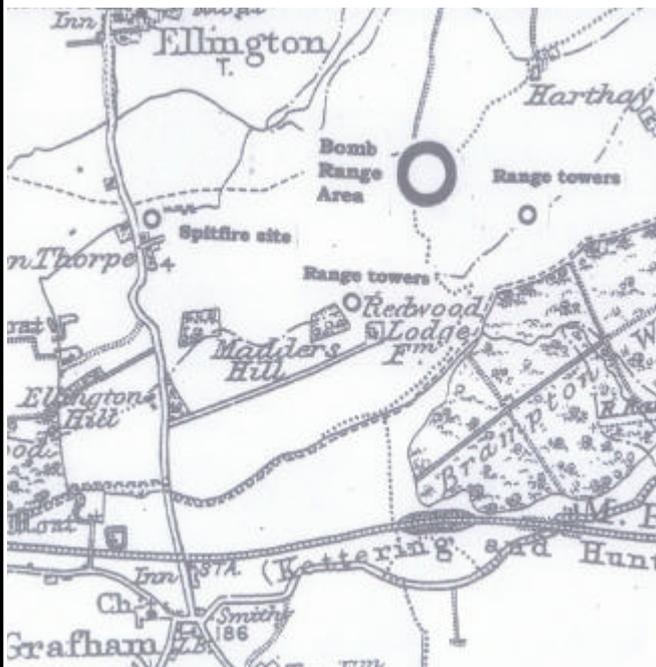


**Grafham Gen**



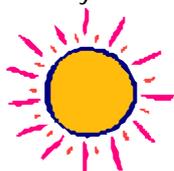
During World War II a bombing range was constructed at Ellington Thorpe used mainly by the Americans. Two range watch towers were also built: one at Redwood Lodge Farm, which was dismantled in the sixties, and the second at High Harthay Farm, which still stands today. The towers were occupied by American Service men until the end of the war.

**Sam Malt**



**Grafham Annual Summer Fun Day**

Will take place this year on:  
**Sunday September 10th**  
 12pm to 4 pm



All the usual fun activities plus lots, lots more this year!

Put the date in your diary now. . . more will be revealed later!



**The Mobile Library** (route H103) visits **Breach Road, Grafham from 11.35 to 11.55** on alternate Wednesdays. Visits are on: July 12th and 26th.

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## Letters to the Editors

We have no letters to print this month - sorry!

E-mail your letters to [gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk](mailto:gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk)!



### Plants for sale

I have a large selection of hardy perennials, penstemons, aquilegia, campanula, grasses, hardy geraniums and many more.

Also available some shrubs and herbs. Why not take a look at 2 The Pightle Grafham or phone Lynn on 01480 810951.

Join **Grafham Wildlife and Conservation Group** on the first and second Sunday of the month to carry out woodland conservation.



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

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Grafham Social Committee invites you to a **Coffee Morning** for retired residents at: 10.30 am on **Wednesday July 12th** with **Pat Watson** at **10 Field Close**



### GRAFHAM CRICKET CLUB



Sportmanship! Playing the game; being fair when you could have got a way with something that could have been an advantage to your team or to you as a player. An act of sportsmanship was witnessed in the game between **Grafham and Mowsbury Park** on **June 17th 2006**, when the game was precariously poised. Mowsbury a team of abundant talent were wobbling at **78 for 5 in 20 overs**. Grafham; with several key players missing, were more than holding their own. Duncan Palmer bowled a tempting floating off break, the Mowsbury batsman determined to hit out, stepped forward, well out of his crease, missed the ball, and Peter Elliott our wicket keeper, apparently stumped him. All around including the square leg umpire gave the Mowsbury batsman out. Peter shook his head, he did not have the ball in

his gloves when he broke the wickets, therefore the batsman was not out. This act proved to be the turning point of the match, the not stumped out batsman went on to make 44, and the Mowsbury tail wagged. Mowsbury completed their innings at **209 for 7**.

Grafham were bowled out for **70**, with Damien Grimes top scoring with an entertaining 17. Sportmanship, winner does not take all!

Home fixtures in July are: **July 1st 2006** against Riseley; **July 15th 2006** against St Andrews, and **July 29th 2006** against Wilden 2.

We are still looking for players, so if you would like a game, or know of someone who would like a game please contact me.

**Chris Dighton Club Chairman 01480 811862**

**Grafham Cricket Club Junior Night.** Due to demand we have increased the number of Junior cricket sessions we are holding. They are now **Tuesday and Wednesday 6 to 8pm** each evening until **Wednesday 19th July 2006**. It is important to note that if there is rain in the afternoon on the day of the Junior Cricket practice nights, the practice will be cancelled, as the rain makes the grass unsafe to practice on.

**Junior Cricket contact Adam Dighton 01480 811862**

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**Happy 40th Birthday Grafham Water!**

Grafham Water celebrates its Ruby Anniversary this year. Several events will be happening on **Saturday 1st July** and **Sunday 2nd July**.

Celebrations include:

**Saturday and Sunday**, an exhibition of local history at the Fishing Lodge where Grafham Wildlife and Conservation Group will be having a photographic presentation;

an exhibition of local paintings at Grafham Water Visitor Centre;

**on Saturday**, Sailing Club open day and Fly Fishing competition;

**on Sunday**, fly-fishing coaching and fly tying demonstrations, sailing races, Wildlife Trust Roadshow at the Fishing Lodge, live music from 3p.m. also at the Fishing Lodge and anniversary cake at 4p.m!



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