

Grafham Gossip

Issue 26 Deadline: Midnight Thursday August 24th

Editors' note...

The September issue will be delivered about the same time as the schools go back in September but should be available on the web site towards the end of August. Subscription members please let us know if you have any problems with your electronic copies - it would also be good to know if everything goes well! *The Editors* gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk



Grafham All Saints Church

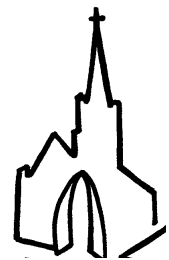
5th Sunday (July 30th): 15.00 Open-air service in Woolley Churchyard (Bring a picnic)

1st Sunday (August 6th): 11.00 Family Service **2nd Sunday (August 13th):** 11.00 Eucharist

3rd Sunday (August 20th): No 08.00 Eucharist 11.00 Sunday Worship

4th Sunday (August 27th): 11.00 Eucharist

9th -10th September Flower Festival



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**



Arrangements are well in hand for the first Alpha course to be held in this Deanery starting Thursday 14th September at Alconbury. A free introductory supper last month was well attended by some of those who are considering starting the course. Alpha courses are ideal for anyone who would like to hear more about or ask questions on Christianity. They are in no way theologically 'heavy' or taxing but are a relaxed, friendly and fun way to explore some of the fundamentals of the Christian faith. More than 2 million people in the UK and 8 million people around the world have now done an Alpha course. The number of churches running Alpha courses in the UK currently stands at more than 7,200. In fact, there are 31,167 Alpha courses running in 156 countries around the world. So, if you've ever asked yourself - 'Is there more to life than this?' then you may like to consider coming along! To find out more about what Alpha, search: alphacourse.org/welcome/whatotherssay If you would like to know more about our local course, please 'phone **Jill Dighton on 811862** for a 'no obligation' chat.

District Councillors **Shirley Menczer** and **Peter Downes** will be available at the Village Hall between 11.15 and 11.45 on the first Saturday of September but **not** August. They can be contacted at: Shirley.Menczer@huntsdc.gov.uk tel.436769 Peter.Downes@cambridgeshire.gov.uk tel.398082

Web site: www.grafhamvillage.org.uk **E-mail:** gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk



Book Stall

Do you have any **unwanted books**? Could you donate them to us as we would like to run a second hand book stall at the **Grafham Fun Day** to raise money for WWF. If you have any, can you give them to us at 17 Brampton Road or 24 Breach Road.



Thank you,
Georgie, Rachel and Gregory

Healing Invitation

I am a Reiki Master currently aiming towards working as an NHS healer. I would like to invite anyone who feels that they may benefit from healing for a course of 4-6 sessions at half the usual fee.

Please contact Alison for more information and/or an appointment.

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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 informal & lively discussion in relaxing and pleasant surroundings. Venues rotate between participating members (not essential for each member to host a meeting), our main aim is to increase the number of local enthusiastic readers to attend these discussions.

Ellington and Grafham W.I.



Join the growing team!
We meet on the first Tuesday in the month for interesting talks, lively discussions, social evenings and outings in amicable company.

For more details ring:
Sue Rice **896139** or Ann Davies **891372**

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PARI SH NEWS...

The Council has received another respectable sum of money from the District Council from the re-cycling banks - £348.41. This money, together with the earlier receipt has now been paid over to the Village Hall Committee.

It is very good to know that the facility is being so well used. Please carry on recycling - it is helping to provide the VHC with useful funds for the benefit of the villagers and of course, it is good for the environment too!

Plans are now being drawn up to provide an all-weather sports facility for the village. This is still at quite an early stage and a lot of work is going on to find funding and to come up with a facility which will be suitable for most people.



You may know that the Council decided that Grafham should have a village sign. They would now like to have your ideas for its design and invite all villagers to come up with something which identifies our village, either from the present day or from its history. You can make this a family effort if you want to and the Council is offering a prize of £50 for a winning family or single entry. If you want to enter a design you can do it on paper or electronically and the Council will be judging all entries at its next meeting which is on 12th September.

The Area Joint Committee of the District Council agreed at their meeting on 5th June that the traffic thumps in Breach and Buckden Roads should be removed. The Council is continuing to press for a removal date, but so far no date has been set.

Full minutes can be found on the village noticeboard and web site.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

By the time you receive this issue of the *Grafham Gossip* we will have held the neighbourhood watch evening, which was on July 18th. Due to an early deadline this month I am unable to provide any feedback but I will do so in the next issue.



As at July 12th there had been no reported incidents in Grafham this month apart from a group of noisy youths on the evening of July 7th until the early hours of Saturday morning and it does appear that they have been indentified.

Any enquiries to e-mail jamie2701@aol.com or telephone 07951 069565

James Snell

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Web site: www.grafhamvillage.org.uk **E-mail:** gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk

Letters to the Editors

We have no letters to print this month - sorry!

E-mail your letters to gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk!

Grafham Social Committee invites you to a Coffee Morning for retired residents at 10.30 am on Wednesday August 9th with Diana Thomas at 1 Inhams Way



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).



GRAFHAM CRICKET CLUB

1st July 2006: the 90th Anniversary of the first day of the battle of the Somme; England vrs Portugal in the quarter finals of the World Cup; the death of Fiery Fred Trueman, fast bowler for England and Yorkshire during the 50s and 60s, and Grafham CC vrs Riseley CC. The match was to make an early start at 10.30am, because the visiting team wanted to be at home to watch the previously mentioned football match. A hot day; a cerulean sky, with a heat haze simmering on the square, the skipper again loses the toss, Riseley opt to bat first. Eric Bailey had prepared a pitch that was a batsman's dream, and a bowler's nightmare.

Adam Dighton took the first wicket when the score was 18, but Riseley made good use of the dream wicket, steadily scoring as the heat rose to put on a further 53 before the second wicket fell to John Fozzard. A sharp catch at square by the skipper Adi Love off Adam Dighton's bowling accounted for Riseley's top scoring batsman, who made 85, with the wicket falling at 144. Steady bowling by Adi Love and Adam Dighton restricted Riseley's total to 178 for 5.



After a short lunch, it was Grafham's turn to bat on the dream wicket. The opening partnership of Duncan Palmer and Gareth Harris made 84 runs before Gareth was out LBW for 42. The innings started to falter, when two more wickets fell for an addition of just 30 runs. The fourth wicket partnership added a further 20 runs, with Duncan Palmer steadily mounting his personal score. Duncan was finally out after making 66, when the team's total was at 161.

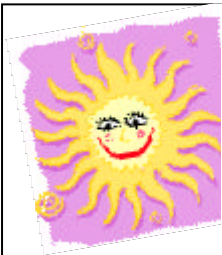
The final partnership of Peter Jennings and Adi Love saw Grafham home with 179 for 5 in 35 overs. This was Grafham's second victory of the season which allowed Riseley plenty of time to return home to watch the football.

Grafham CC on Tour. The Bedford league allows its team one Saturday off during the cricket season, which this year was on July 8th 2006. Grafham organised a friendly cricket match for the Sunday in North East Yorkshire against Lockton village near Pickering. In complete contrast to the week before, it was a typical Yorkshire summer weather, light rain in a strong wind, followed by intermittent sunshine in a strong wind. Lockton's cricket ground is a picturesque ground by the main Whitby road, with tempting short boundaries, and a slight slope towards the pavilion. The Grafham skipper won the virtual toss, and put Lockton into bat. Lockton went on to make 70 without loss in the first 20 overs. Gareth Harris took the first wicket, but an inspired piece of Captaincy brought Duncan Palmer on to bowl, who proceeded to take two wickets with his first two bowls, and narrowly missed taking a hat trick. Duncan ended his spell with 4 wickets for 13 runs. Lockton went on to make 172 runs.

Grafham replied with a good opening partnership of 57, but the batting gem of the innings was from Andy Page who made 53 not out, with support from Adam Dighton of 23 not out. Grafham finished on 176 for 4 in 33 overs, the third victory of the season. A great weekend away, with a match that lived up to its "friendly" labelling.

Home fixtures in August are: August 12th 2006 against Bedford Yardy's; August 26th 2006 against Putnoe.

Contacts: Chris Dighton Club Chairman 01480 811862 Adam Dighton (Junior Cricket) 01480 811862



Grafham Fun Day



Sunday 10th September

At Grafham village hall and playing field

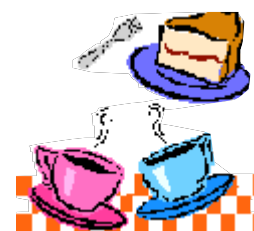


Competitions
Stalls
Flower festival (at the church)
Music
Beer tent
Races and football match
Climbing wall (from Grafham Water Activity Centre)
Visit from the Raptor Foundation
Bouncy castle
Ploughman's lunches
Cream teas
And much,much.more!



There will be a **photographic** and **cake decorating** competition on the day, so bring along a photograph (the theme is "Glorious Grafham") and /or a decorated cake. Prizes will be given to children of all ages and adults too. There will also be a fancy dress competition for under 10's and over 30's!! Go on—have a go!!

The fun **starts at 12pm**, so come along and enjoy the afternoon with us!



Judging for the competitions will take place **before 12.30**.