

Grafham Gossip

Issue 51 Deadline: Midnight Thursday 18th September

Grafham All Saints

7th Sept (1st Sunday) - 18.00 Flower Festival
'Songs of Praise' (No 11.00 service today)
14th Sept (2nd Sunday) - 11.00 Eucharist
21st Sept (3rd Sunday) - 8.00 Eucharist
11.00 Family Worship
28th Sept (4th Sunday) - 11.00 'Back to Church
Sunday' service followed by coffee (No Communion)
5th October (1st Sunday) - 11.00 Harvest Service
followed by 'Bring and Share' Lunch



Contacting the clergy:

Fr Jonathan Young (rector) 01480 891695

Fr Martin Kettle (curate) 01480 890284 or 07876 755587

Churchwardens: Jill Dighton 811862 Jill Tyack 810157

Editors' note...

As the schools begin the new Autumn Term you can still enjoy the last of the Summer both at the **Grafham Fun Day** - always a great day - and also when visiting the lovely floral displays at the **Flower Festival**. Find out, on page 2, how the Cricket Club have been getting on and then on page 3, how to place your bets, plus lots more!

The October Grafham Gossip may be delivered a bit later than usual. **Editors, gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk**



LATER THIS MONTH

RACE NIGHT SAT 20TH SEPT 7PM
BACK TO CHURCH SUN 28TH 11AM
SAS AGM TUES 30TH SEPT 8PM
SEE P3 FOR DETAILS
MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES CAN BE FOUND THROUGHOUT THIS ISSUE!



Grafham Fun Day

Sunday 7th September

At Grafham village hall and playing field PE28 0UR



Stalls - all the old ones plus lots more new ones!

Live music and shows

Climbing wall (from Grafham Water Activity Centre)

Visit from the Raptor Foundation

Bouncy Castle

Ploughman's lunches / cream teas

Kids lunch boxes

And much, much more!



Donations of small cakes, biscuits and scones on the day would be very much appreciated

Donations of tombola and/or raffle prizes can be given to Val Hunt at 10 Church Rd



Proceeds from the day will go towards restoring the church

The fun starts at 12pm and goes on until 5pm, so come along and enjoy the afternoon with us!

If you would like to help out contact Katrina Goodwin 810297

Flower Festival Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th September

There will be a flower festival in the church over the weekend of Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th September. The theme is 'Proverbs'.

For details call Jill Tyack 810157 or Hazel Powell 810326.

Also in the church, over the weekend, Trips up the Tower!



District Councillors Peter Downes and Patricia Jordan are at the village hall from 11.15 to 11.45 on the first Saturday of the month. At other times contact:
Peter.Downes@cambridgeshire.gov.uk tel 398082 and Patricia.Jordan@huntsdc.gov.uk tel 457802

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Reported incident in Grafham: Theft from a parked vehicle - unknown offenders smashed side front window and stole Sat. Nav. system, CDs, radio and child's push chair.

Neighbouring villages have not been so fortunate.

Brampton: 2 pedal cycles stolen from a driveway, and theft from a vehicle.

There have been many recorded incidents of fuel siphoned off cars. Twenty-nine thefts from properties in Huntingdon, seven in Alconbury.

There has been an increase in bogus holiday clubs where you receive a call telling you that you have won a holiday or you may be approached on holiday and offered a free scratch card opportunity to win a holiday. This then leads to a time share presentation.

If you have been the victim of a scam visit the website for guidance: enquiries@oft.gov.uk

The Police Control Centre has issued their statistics for the month of June; 19,518 calls were made raising 14,054 incidents/crimes of which 5,158 were recorded as crimes and 8,896 as incidents. The waiting time averaged 9-10 seconds and this averaged to 651 calls a day.

Drug offences rose by 37% to 2,094 following the force's proactive approach to tackling dealers and the cultivation of cannabis across the county.

Cambridgeshire Police Authority is committed to delivering the highest standard of service to residents of Cambridgeshire. The police want our views and you can take part in a survey to help improve the service by logging on to: <http://www.cambs.police.uk>

James Snell 07951 069 565

email Jamie2701@aol.com



All emergencies 999

Police control centre 0845 4564564

Minicom for hard of hearing 01480 422493

Crimestoppers 0800 555111 (anonymous)

Anti-social behaviour 01480 388379

To stop unwanted mail 0845 7034599

To stop unwanted phone calls 0845 0700707

Grafham Cricket Club

It does seem like a long time ago since the 12th July, but I would like to say a big

thank you to the neighbour friends who loaned out their garage drives, so that both Grafham and Lidlington team players could park their cars, and also those same neighbour friends who rallied round so that the cricket tea could be served as usual. The cause of the dilemma was that an American "Company": military not trading, was holding a belated 4th July celebration at Grafham's Village Hall, complete with Bouncy Castles; Sumo Wrestling (combatants in large padded duvets with arm and leg holes, imitating the ancient Japanese art); horse shoe tossing; and a barbeque with all the car parking space in the vicinity of the Village Hall taken up, hence the need for additional car parking space.

After discussing the various merits of the hardness of the cricket ball and the baseball with several of the party goers; Grafham went out to bat.

Out in the middle Grafham were made to work for their runs, losing two quick wickets, but Adam Dighton 30, and James Westcott Rudd 23 were the pick of the Grafham batting, that ended in an all out total of 89.

By now the celebrations were over, the charcoal fire was being doused; the Bouncy Castle deflated, and Lidlington were going out to bat. Extremely tight bowling by Chris Brown and Adam Dighton limited Lidlington to 44 runs off 20 overs.

Chris finishing with 10 overs, 1 maiden, 23 runs for 2 wickets, and Adam 10 overs, 3 maidens, 13 runs for 1 wicket. Not long after the new bowlers took over there was a disputed appeal with a Lidlington batsman who clipped the ball to the Grafham Wicket keeper, heard by the entire close in Grafham fielders; but not the batsman, who did not walk, or the umpire at the bowler's end, which soured proceedings for a short time. Although a further two wickets fell, it was not enough to stop Lidlington winning the game by 6 wickets, with 5 overs to spare.

Compared to the Lidlington game, the next home game against Mowsbury Park, off the field of play was thankfully tame. On the field, Mowsbury went into bat, with Rob Bowyer scoring an eloquent 69, ably supported by S Ali 38. Chris Brown returned the amazing bowling figures of 9 overs, 5 maidens, 7 runs for 2 wickets, backed by a late strike of 3 wickets from Tom Clayton, which kept Mowsbury's score to 166 for 9 wickets. Grafham's batting reply was entirely based round Chris Brown's 60 not out, with Grafham ending 121 for 8: 45 runs short of Mowsbury's total.

The next two games were rained off. At the time of writing this article Grafham have 3 more games to the end of the season, all of them are away fixtures.

Chris Dighton: Club Chairman 01480 811862



PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY BY GRAFHAM WILDLIFE AND CONSERVATION GROUP LED BY SAM MALT

MORE NEW PHOTOGRAPHS ALSO PROJECTED PHOTOS COMPARING PAST AND PRESENT

SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER GRAFHAM VILLAGE HALL 10.00AM - 4.00PM



Website: www.grafhamvillage.org.uk E-mail: gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk

Grafham Social Committee

invites you to a **Coffee Morning** for retired residents **10.30am on Wednesday, September 10th** at **Philippa Patel's, 3 Field Close**



Save All Saints Association **sAs**
First Annual General Meeting
 at All Saints Church Grafham
Tuesday 30th September 8pm

- Please come and
- * Share a glass of wine
 - * Hear churchwarden Jill Dighton talk about progress on 'the crack'
 - * Find out how the fund-raising has gone
 - * Share ideas on past efforts and future plans
 - * Perhaps join the committee
 - * Or just listen in.

Grafham Wildlife and Conservation Group

Regional winners of the BTCV Green Award 2006 & 2007 invite you to carry out woodland conservation. Contact Sam Malt **01480 810844** daytime **01480 811654** evenings.



<http://www.grafhamconservationgroup.btik.com>

GRAFHAM VILLAGE HALL

has a Public Entertainments Licence for music, dancing, performing arts. The hall has small changing rooms with shower facilities and **a playing field for sports activities**. For more details or to book the hall **contact Pat or Alan Watson 01480 811166**



Grafham Church Flower Club

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at **8pm** in the **Village Hall** we will be learning to make different floral arrangements for display and in the home. If you are interested in helping with flowers in the church for festivals, Christmas etc. please come along. There is a charge of **£2.00 per session**. For details call Hazel **01480 810326**



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. Call Sue Rice **896139** or Ann Davies **891372**



The Mobile Library route L108/120 visits **Breach Road, Grafham** on **alternate Tuesdays from 10.45 to 11.05**

Visits are: **September 9th and 23rd**
 Renewals or enquiries call **0845 045 5225**
<http://hipweb.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/mobiles/index.html>



Grafham Cricket Club

presents

RACE NIGHT in the **VILLAGE HALL**

Saturday 20th September

FREE ENTRY

Doors open at 7.00pm - First race starts 7.30pm

There will be a bar serving drinks and hot food will be available during the evening (Jacket Potatoes with various fillings)

You can sponsor a race (£10.00) or own a horse (£2.50)

A winning owner will receive £5.00 and a bottle of wine

To purchase your horses please contact

Adrian Love 811827 or Chris Dighton 811862



Back to Church Sunday

ALL SAINTS GRAFHAM

SEPTEMBER 28TH at 11am

People in churches all over Britain will be supporting Back to Church Sunday this September 28th and inviting a friend back to church with them.

In 2007, twenty Church of England dioceses backed this initiative (including us here in Grafham!)

That day, it is estimated that 20,000 people came back to church.

In Lichfield Diocese, 6,000 people came back to church and six months later, between 700 and 900 had become regular members. About a further 3,000 are still in touch with their inviting churches and may have come at Christmas or to a social event.

This service is aimed at those who have not been to church for a long time or perhaps have never been to a service in their local church.

Why not be part of a nationwide initiative - in Grafham?

Support 'Back to Church Sunday' on

28th September at 11am. Coffee afterwards

Back to Church Sunday

Gardener required

for regular garden maintenance such as lawn cutting, weeding, pruning etc. Hours and pay negotiable. Please telephone **811279**



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View from the Pew!

It was with deep sadness that, on 6th August, we paid our last respects and said goodbye to our dear friend Doris Garner. Doris was born and lived in Grafham all of her life and was loved and respected by everyone who had the privilege to know her. Her passing has been a great shock to all, including the church community amongst whom she worshipped regularly. The church was full for Doris's funeral. Our priest, Jonathan, was so right when he said that there will be, for ever, a 'Doris-shaped' gap in our pews. We all miss her so much already but we comfort ourselves in the knowledge that she is now reunited with her beloved Arthur. Our heartfelt sympathy and love go to Doris's daughter Judith, and to Judith's daughters Elizabeth and Kathryn and their respective families. We thank them so very much for requesting that the £300 in donations given at Doris's funeral should be put towards the Church Restoration Fund. By the time you read this, another of Doris's great-grandchildren, May Elizabeth, will have been baptised in our church. It was an event that Doris was so looking forward to.



On 10th August, Aaron Thomas was baptised. There were many guests and lots of happy faces with the children's corner in great demand. It was pleasing to see pictures being taken of this important moment in Aaron's life as the family gathered around the font afterwards. (See photo)

The pathway to the church now has a new rose-tree. It is in memory of Antony Whitred, a Grafham man, who was killed in an industrial accident in May 1961. Mr Whitred's daughter Suzie recently revisited the church to plant this tree in her father's memory. She was saddened to hear of Doris's passing, as Doris was of the few remaining residents who remembered the accident.



Thank you to those who have donated bookcases following our request. Both are in use in the porch, displaying the selection of books on sale. Lots of children's books now on sale too!

At the time of writing, we are waiting to hear when the contractor will begin the exploratory work inside the church. Hopefully, this work will reveal what is causing the cracks to appear.

Flower Festival and Fun Day: 6th and 7th September We hope you will all be able to spend some time looking at the flower arrangements in church during 6th and 7th September. The displays promise to be up to the Flower Clubs excellent standard with the theme being that of 'Proverbs'. Why not stay for a cappuccino coffee and then go for a trip up the tower too? There will be a Songs of Praise Service after the close of the Fun Day at 6pm in church on Sunday 7th.

Sunday 28th September Back to Church Sunday. If you are looking for an excuse to try out a local church service, then this is the ideal opportunity! This is a service for those who keep thinking 'I might try going along to church one day - I haven't been for ages but I feel a bit worried about stepping inside that door!' Don't worry, please come along - you can be assured of an especially warm welcome. Coffee afterwards. Look out for the invitations, posters - and balloons!

Next month: 5th October Harvest Service followed by a 'Bring and Share Lunch'. This is our traditional Harvest service, followed by lunch. Just bring along a dish of your favourite food to share with others.

19th October We will be starting a new 'children's service' on the third Sunday of each month for a six month trial period. A service especially designed with children in mind. Watch out for further details.

Buckden Surgery Patients Association (BSPA) *A precis of an article by Sue Paul BSPA*

A date for your diaries:

For complete article see www.bandlp.co.uk

Wed 3rd September in the Buckden Methodist Hall at 7.30pm - a Carers evening. There will be presentations from four groups including the Huntingdon Carers Project and the Disability Information Huntingdon [DISH].

The Buckden surgery will open each Monday evening from 1st September, between 6.30 and 8.30pm with two doctors available. Booking can be done in the usual way by phone or online but please remember this is largely for the benefit for those who are at work during the day.

Flu vaccination day for Buckden and Little Paxton will be on Saturday 11th October. Appointments will be available in 15-minute blocks between 8am and 2pm. Booking is now available from Reception.



When the application for a licence to open a pharmacy in Buckden was made in 2005, the Adjudication Panel attached great importance to the stated intention to open on Saturdays from 9am to 6pm - mention was even made of the possibility of Sunday opening. At that time, unfavourable comparisons were made with the surgery pharmacy being closed on Saturdays with the consequent inconvenience to patients. It has therefore been a shock and a great disappointment to find that the Hunts End Pharmacy is now closed on Saturdays.

Jean Matheson who has been the afternoon receptionist at Little Paxton for the last four years has retired. She will be very much missed. We wish her a truly happy, enjoyable and relaxed retirement.

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Safari Supper

Saturday November 1st

For more details or to sign up please contact
Philippa Patel 810566 or Pat Watson 811166

It seems that some people have been put off taking part in this really enjoyable evening because they think that they will have to entertain 30 or more people in their home. This is not true! The way it works is that everyone is allocated either starter, main or pudding as their course, at least a week in advance. On the night everyone meets up for a glass of fizz and to 'draw' where they are going for the course they are not preparing, and then everyone meets up again at one house at the end for pudding and coffee. The people who host the draw and puddings/coffee are volunteers, usually committee members. The idea is that you dine with different couples for the starter and main courses, it is a really good way to get to know people and to catch up with old friends. The money raised is used for funding other social committee events and for the upkeep of the Marquee.

LOST, one black cat, four years old, answers to the name of Becky. She is chipped and wearing a red collar when last seen. She is a very friendly animal and greatly missed. Please ring **01480 819589** with any news.

WEA COURSES

Early Autumn is the time to think about joining a class, starting a new interest and meeting new friends who share similar ideas. The WEA is an educational charity that has been organizing courses for over a hundred years. The courses are chosen by the students, meeting at times and in venues that are convenient for them. The groups always welcome newcomers, so why not go along to the first session and see if it is for you? Several groups meet in our part of Huntingdonshire, all starting ten week courses towards the end of

September. For example, in the mornings ...

"**Dickens**" Tuesdays 10.00am from 23 Sept at the Memorial Hall, Alconbury.

"**Fenland Landscapes**" Tuesdays 10.00am from 30 Sept at Buckden Towers.

"**History on Your Doorstep**" Wednesdays, 10.00am from 24 Sept at Upton Village Hall.

"**Introduction to the Bloomsbury Group**"

Wednesdays 10.00 from 24 Sept at Hemingford Grey Reading Room.

"**Victorian Social History**" Thursdays 10.15am from 25 Sept at Queen Elizabeth School, Godmanchester.

"**Antiques and Collectables**" Thursdays 10.00am from 25 Sept at the Reading Room, Great Gransden.

"**The Story of London**" Thursdays, 10.00am from 25 Sept at S.Ivo School, S.Ives

and evening classes ...

"**19th Century European Leaders**" Mondays 7.45pm from 22 Sept at Hemingford Grey Reading Room.

"**History of the Netherlands**" Tuesdays 7.30pm from 23 Sept at Godmanchester Primary School, Park Lane,

"**Dickens**" Thursdays 7.30pm from 25 Sept at S.Neots Community College, Barford Road, S.Neots.

Give Sue Young a ring, 01480 455080 and ask for brochure to be sent to you.

Advance Warning!

The 2008 **Five Parish Advent Fair** will be held on **Saturday, 22 November** at **Ellington Village Hall.**



Grafham Gossip

deadline dates are midnight on the following **Thursdays**

September 18th October 16th

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