

# Grafham Gossip



**Issue 71 Deadline: Midnight Thursday 17th June**

## Grafham All Saints

30th May (5th Sunday) **Trinity Sunday**

11.00 Group Eucharist

6th June (1st Sunday) **no 11.00 service**

Open air service following Fête (approx 16.00)

13 June (2nd Sunday) 11.00 Eucharist

20th June (3rd Sunday) 11.00 Sunday Worship

27th June (4th Sunday) 11.00 Eucharist

4th July (1st Sunday) 11.00 Sunday Worship

**Visitors very welcome at any service**

Contacting the clergy:

Rector - Fr Jonathan Young The Rectory, Ellington.  
PE 28 0AU 01480 891695

Curate - Fr Martin Kettle The Vicarage, Alconbury.  
PE28 4DX 01480 890284 or 07770 273923

Churchwarden - Hazel Powell 01480 810326

## Editors' note...

We've another issue packed full for you to read. You're in for a busy June! Events this month include: the Church Fête and Well Dressing on 6th, a Summer Celebration on 26th, free junior cricket evenings, cricket matches to watch as well as the regular activities like the coffee morning, library and Bookworms. We have not only the Photographic but also the Scarecrow competition! If you have any time to spare there's also Ellington Gala and Flower Festival to visit 18th to 20th June. Have fun!



*Editors, gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk*



## Save All Saints and Grafham Cricket Club

present a  
**Summer Celebration!**  
26th June - Village Hall

Bring a Picnic / BBQ  
Come and spend a lazy  
Saturday afternoon!

Kwik Cricket  
Judge the photo  
competition



Free Entry  
Bar and afternoon teas in aid of  
Church Restoration and Cricket Club



Details of the  
**Photographic and  
Scarecrow Competitions**  
are on page 4



Following last year's successful event  
please support

All Saints Church, Grafham

**CHURCH FÊTE  
AND WELL DRESSING**

Sunday 6 June 1 - 4 pm

Home Produce, Plants, Tombola  
Cream Teas, Treasure Hunt  
Raffle and other stalls

Followed by outdoor service  
(no 11 am service)

See posters around the village during  
the week before the event

Donations of cakes, home produce, scones,  
plants and prizes for tombola and  
raffle gratefully received by

Hazel 810326 at 8 Cedar Close

Ann 810223 at 24 Cedar Close

Val 812390 at 10 Church Road



## Grafham Church Flower Club

Our attention for June will be  
focused on the Well Dressing.



The design is ready but we need helpers with the preparation and also natural items for the composition e.g. lichen, gravel, seeds, dried goods such as beans, lentils, egg shells, alder and leylandii cones, pet wool or hair and many coloured petals and leaves. Please contact **Hazel 810326** with any offers of help or useful items. Let's make this a "village event!" Come and see how creative you can be. We also need 4 or 5 strong men on the morning of 6th June to move the frame 100 yards to its resting place. It will weigh approx. 20 stone! **Hazel (810326)** would be very glad to hear from you!

Grafham Cricket Club are running free junior cricket evenings during June, for boys and girls from 7 to 12 years old. See page 5 for dates and times.

Website: [www.grafhamvillage.org.uk](http://www.grafhamvillage.org.uk) E-mail: [gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk](mailto:gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk)

## Grafham Quilt Exhibition raises £1,000 for Church Restoration Fund

Following a successful exhibition of quilts by the St Neots Patchwork and Quilting Group on the 7th and 8th May, Carole Baber presents a cheque for a £1,000 to the Grafham "Save All Saints" committee.

Grafham's church is in need of major restoration and the stunning exhibition in the church organised by Carole, has enabled the restoration fund to pass the £10,000 milestone.



*"On the 7th and 8th May Grafham Church was transformed by a stunning display of nearly 70 quilts made by the St Neots Patchwork and Quilting Group. Many thanks to Carole and George Baber for masterminding the event and putting in many hours of work to make it run so smoothly. Also thanks to all those who donated the refreshments - very much appreciated! "*

**A BIG THANK YOU** To Jill Tyack for helping to organise the Quilt Exhibition on 7th and 8th May. Also to everyone who made cakes and did tea rotas for the Quilt show. The cakes were much praised by the visitors. Also a huge thank you to the Cinnamon Restaurant for donating a very generous £20 voucher for the raffle. Carole

## Grafham Cricket Club

To all the people who supported Grafham Cricket Club's "Quiz Night" held on Friday 14th May, the Club wishes to thank you for your generous support. The evening raised funds for the Club of £560. To all members of the Club who helped to make the night a success also thanks, but an extra big thanks goes to Matt Chester who put in an effort over and above the call of duty in selling the tickets for the night, "a future entrepreneur in the making". Also special thanks goes to Becky Seaman who looked after the bar all evening and Jenni Palmer who organised the delicious "Ploughman's". Last, but not least, thanks to Martin Chester, "Quizmaster" and host for this most enjoyable evening.



After the last two summer weeks of April where Grafham played two friendlies in burnishing sunshine; the start of the season proper brought frowning skies and threats of rain. The first match of the season was away at Lidlington, which was a tightly fought match, where Lidlington scored 182 for 7 after being held in the first thirty overs to 100 runs, cutting loose in the remaining overs where Michael Eames Jnr 33 was the pick of the Lidlington tail end batsmen. Grafham started their innings briskly, reaching 90 for 3 in 19 overs, well on track to overtake Lidlington, but tight bowling in the middle of the innings slowed Grafham's run rate down. Cameo innings from Jack Sene 14, and Tom Clayton 17, pushed the Grafham score to 140 all out.

The second match, which was at home to Brickhill, was rained off.

The next game which was also at home was against Pilgrims Oakley. Pilgrims won the toss and put Grafham into bat. Steady batting throughout the team, especially by the Grafham tail, and erratic bowling by one of the Pilgrim Oakley players; the most high scoring wides I think I have seen in an innings; allowed Grafham to make 124 all out. In reply Grafham soon had Pilgrim Oakley struggling at 45 for 8 with Adie Love 4wks for 17 runs off 10 overs and Tom Clayton 3wks for 26 off 7 overs; doing the damage. A revival by the Pilgrims tail especially J Murphy not out 27 ensured Pilgrims Oakley finished on a credible 99 all out; Grafham winning by 25 runs.

Christine Harris has for many years been preparing Grafham Cricket Club teas, but is now sadly leaving the village. The Club will miss Christine and would like to give heart felt thanks for the effort, care and thought that went into the teas, and for her rousing support from the boundary. The Club wishes Christine good luck for the future.

Home Matches for June are: **12th June 2010 Grafham vrs Bedford West Indies**  
**19th June 2010 Grafham vrs Lidlington**  
**26th June 2010 Grafham vrs Little Staughton**

Our 2010 fixture list is on the Grafham Village website, and a copy of the last match's score card.

If you have the time do come and watch us.

**Chris Dighton Club Chairman**

## View from the Pew!

The darling buds of May have opened and, in spite of a few rough winds, have been a pleasure to behold. Let us give thanks for the joys of spring.

So now we look to summer with all those lovely summery events to attend, not least of which will be our Fête and Well Dressing on Sunday 6th June. We hope you will come and support us that day and help us raise much needed funds for the church. See our advert in these pages and look out for posters appearing round the village.

At our recent Parochial Church Council meeting AGM our churchwarden was re-elected but there remains a vacancy for another churchwarden. We also have two vacancies on the council.

On 7th and 8th May it was a pleasure for us to host the Quilting Exhibition in the church. The quilts and displays were stunning and we thank Carole Baber and her team for setting up this inspiring event and for the generous cheque from funds raised which was donated to the church restoration. Thank you also to all those who baked cakes and served tea and coffee on the two days.

During May a small team of workers spent some hours on their knees in the Remembrance Garden removing weeds and laying turf around the stone tablets. It now looks much neater and tidier and we are grateful to those ladies for their dedicated hard work. Any others amongst you wanting to get fit? Why not ditch the gym and join us on the church cleaning rota? Sweeping and polishing burns calories too and doesn't cost a penny! **Please contact Jane 810841** - your efforts would be much appreciated.

Our June services are as shown on the front page. Please note there is **no 11am service on 6 June but an open air service follows the Fête** at approximately 4 pm that day. We very much enjoy welcoming Ann Allsop who visits from Brampton church every 3rd Sunday to take our service.

**On 20 June, Bishop David** (of Huntingdon) is coming to 2 parishes in our group: **Easton at 3pm** to dedicate the new meeting room and WC and **Ellington at 6.30pm** to give the address at the Gala service following the Village Gala and Flower Festival.

If you are visiting Grafham, perhaps at the caravan site or via the cycle route, do call in at the church which is open every day from early to just before sunset. We have a good supply of plants for sale and an excellent selection of books in the porch, so come to browse and feel free to sit and read inside if there is a shower. Of course we'd be delighted to see you at any of our services too, so welcome to you all.



## Wanted!

Do you have any unwanted books at home? Grafham All Saints Church is looking to re-stock the book-stall in the church porch and would be pleased to accept donations of books; preferably those in good condition. Please leave any books in the church porch.



District Councillors **Peter Downes** and **Patricia Jordan** are available 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**

## PARISH NEWS...

**May 2010** On 11th May, the Parish Council held the annual parish assembly. Four members of the public attended. Items on the agenda included the Chairman's report on finance for the year 2009-10 and the budget for the forthcoming year.



The Biggs Charity Report was supplied by Mrs Thomas. The matter came under discussion when Cllr Downes suggested that an approach might be made to the Charity Commissioners in order to obtain access to the funds for a purpose which would be for the benefit of the village as a whole. The terms of the trust are restrictive and there is little opportunity to make use of the funds under the terms as stated.

Councillors Peter Downes and Patricia Jordan also attended and reported on finances and current issues from the District and County Councils. Copies of all three reports can be found on the village website.

At the Parish Council's AGM, which followed immediately after the Parish Assembly, Cllr Philip Allingham was again unanimously re-elected at Chair.

Clint Thomas-Morgan has resigned from the Parish Council. This obviously means that there is, once again, a vacancy and this will be advertised in the statutory format as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you would like to join the Parish Council, please write to the Clerk and express your interest.

The allotments came under discussion again, following communication from Grafham's Allotment Association. The Parish Council is committed to its search for suitable land in the area. It was gratifying to note that Cllr Peter Downes offered legal assistance from the County Council should it be required.



The date of the next meeting is June 8th as usual at the village hall. The public forum will start at 7.30pm.

**Margaret Life, Parish Clerk**

01480 819477 [margaret\\_life\\_grafham@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:margaret_life_grafham@yahoo.co.uk)

*You may contact your parish councillors through the clerk or directly using the details below.*

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**Tracey Ibbett** **01480 812310** [TraceyIbbett@talktalk.net](mailto:TraceyIbbett@talktalk.net)

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**Mike Tyler** Vice Chair **811244** [mtyler@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:mtyler@bedford.gov.uk)

**David King** **812430** [davidking@hawkeyesystems.com](mailto:davidking@hawkeyesystems.com)

**Helen Breakspear** **01480 810787**

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## Grafham Scarecrow Competition

Yes, it's time to get stuffing again!

- The competition is open to everyone with prizes for best three scarecrows.
- Judging on 26th June, winners announced at Summer Celebration (Village Hall 26th June)
- Entry fee is £3.00 with all proceeds going to All Saints Restoration Fund.
- Scarecrows can appear anytime from 20th June
- Deliver completed entry forms and entry fee to **15 Breach Road by Friday 25th June.**



Download entry forms and instructions on making a scarecrow from [www.grafhamvillage.org.uk](http://www.grafhamvillage.org.uk) or from Jill 15 Breach Road tel. 01480 811516

## Grafham Photographic Competition

### Saturday 26th June 2010

- Six competition categories describing a year in Grafham
- As many photos as you want, for any category (Entry Fee £1 per photo proceeds to Church Restoration)
- Photos judged on 26th June as part of Grafham's Summer Celebration
- Winners see their photos used for this year's Grafham Calendar and Christmas Cards
- See entry form for full details
- Entries to be submitted by 23rd June



Entry forms from Val Williams Hill Farm, Church Rd tel. 0776 113 7012 email: [vjw.hillfarm@btconnect.com](mailto:vjw.hillfarm@btconnect.com) or download from [www.grafhamvillage.org.uk](http://www.grafhamvillage.org.uk)

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Please deliver to Spaldwick School on the morning of 9th June or the day before to 5 Hartman Close, Grafham.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

April 2010 On Sunday 11th April between noon and 2pm a trellis, that was attached to the rear of a bench located in front of the church, was broken by an unknown person or people.

Between 10pm on Wednesday 14th April and 10am on Thursday 15th April unknown person(s) gained access to the rear garden of a property in Kyle Crescent, Brampton and removed various items.

On Sunday 18th April between 4pm and 4.45pm a steel trailer box was stolen from the front garden of a property in Rowan Way, Perry.

May 2010

Between May 5th and 8th two energisers were stolen from two separate fields in Church Road.

This does show the need for us all to be extra vigilant.

**Can I please appeal once again for residents to display a neighbourhood watch sticker in their front window? More properties don't have one than those that do. I have a new stock and am happy to deliver them to you - just e-mail or phone me, please.**

I have re-registered Grafham as an active Neighbourhood watch scheme which means you should be able to obtain discount when renewing your home insurance - be sure to ask your provider when renewing. The Insurance company will check the Police database for confirmation.

**James Snell 07951 069 565**

email: [Jamie2701@aol.com](mailto:Jamie2701@aol.com)

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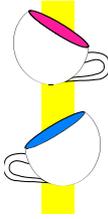
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**Ellington Gala and Flower Festival 18th to 20th June** For more information visit

<http://ellingtononline.org> and click on Gala

**Grafham Social Committee**

invites you to a Coffee Morning for retired residents 10.30am on Wednesday, **June 9th at Karen Stewart's 2 Home Close.** This is an informal social occasion for retired residents of the village. Please come along for a cup of coffee and a chat.



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**Babysitters**

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**Felicity** 20yrs -Grade B GCSE Child Development **812328**  
**Marie-Claire** 17yrs -GCSE Child Development **811279**  
**Olivia** 20yrs - Grade B GCSE Child Development **811831**



**Grafham Cricket Club**

**Junior Cricket Night**

Grafham Cricket Club will be running a free junior cricket evening for boys and girls from ages 7 to 12 years. It will take place on the village playing field; the coach in charge will be Adam Dighton of Grafham Cricket Club, who holds an ECBCA level 1 cricket coaching certificate. Also attending will be other members of the club, to assist and talent spot!



**Tuesday 22nd June Start 6.00pm finish 7.30pm**  
**Tuesday 29th June Start 6.00pm finish 7.30pm**  
**Tuesday 6th July Start 6.00pm finish 7.30pm**

Should there be rain in the afternoon of the Junior Cricket night, the evening session will be cancelled as the rain makes the grass dangerous to practise on.

**Come and join us - it's a fun evening.**

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**Do you have any events to advertise?** Email the details to **[diary@grafhamgossip.co.uk](mailto:diary@grafhamgossip.co.uk)** (or [gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk](mailto:gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk)) We'll add them to the Village Diary on the web site.



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**Do you enjoy reading?**

Come along and join us for informal social evenings (and a glass of wine or two!)  
Next meeting being hosted by **Sue** at **3 Church Road**  
Date: **Tuesday 29th June**, Time: **8pm**  
Current read and to be discussed at Sue's: Please contact Tina for details.  
We would love to welcome new readers and those new to the village too! So, please, if you like a good read, socialising and want to meet fellow Grafham residents, try and make it on the 29th June to 3 Church Road. If you would like to know more about us or need collecting to go along with someone, please contact **Tina** on **07711 012957**.

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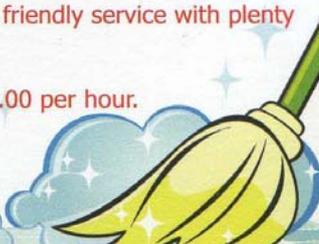
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