

Grafham Gossip

Issue 104 Deadline: Midnight Thursday 16th May

Grafham Cricket Club - Quiz Night Saturday 27th April

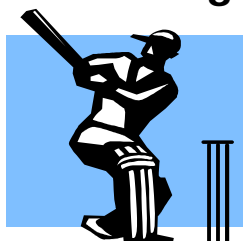
7pm for 7.30pm start
Grafham Village Hall

Tickets in Advance from:

Tom 07414 706 279
Matt 07753 248 831

4 to 6 per team Bar available

Tickets include hot food: £5 adults, £3 concessions



Editors' note...

The weather's getting warmer and Grafham villagers are beginning to emerge from their cosy firesides and get out into their gardens. Get down to the village hall too on Saturday 27th April for the Annual Cricket Club Quiz Night! Don't worry, you do not have to know about cricket to win or to have a good time! Make a note of the change of date to 1st June for the church fête, the details are on this page. On page 3, the Parish News includes information about the Annual Parish meeting on 14th May, everyone is welcome. Have you joined the oil syndicate? Find out why you should on page 3. Page 5 includes some exciting news about the progress of the village shop and also more local history from Sam about 'The Ellington Bypass. Letter to the Editors, page 7, has a sad account to share and make you think about how you drive through the village. Also on page 5 is some interesting information about activities that take place regularly at Huntingdon Library. There's a long Neighbourhood Watch report this month on page 9 together with news of a 'marathon' around Grafham Water in September. You can find the entry form for the Children's miniature garden competition on page 11.

Of course, there's lots more to read and several dates for your diary throughout the issue.

Enjoy the sunshine and keep on gossiping!

Editors, editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk



Grafham Church Fête

Change of date: now

Saturday 1st June 1.30 - 4.30



Cream Teas
Home Produce Stall
Plant Stall
Tombola
Bottle Stall



Games with Jill and Angus
Displays in the church by
Grafham & Ellington Art Group
Grafham Sewing Group



Judging of Children's Miniature Garden
Competition (see below)

We would be grateful for donations of goods for Tombola, Bottle Stall, Plants and Home Produce (cakes, biscuits, flans, quiches, jams, chutneys, i.e. anything home-made.) Please contact Hazel 810326 for details

Children's Miniature Garden Competition

Children - why not try your hand at creating a miniature garden for the church fête on Saturday 1st June. All you need is an old dinner plate or dish or a foil tray big enough to make a pretty display. You may use any natural materials: turf, shrub cuttings, flowers, stones, shells, cones, gravel, seed heads, feathers, whatever takes your fancy. Just arrange them in your own way. Maybe make a stream out of silver foil, or a fence or gate out of twigs. If you would like to google "children's miniature gardens" images, you will find some good ideas to help you get started.



There will be a £5.00 prize for the winner of each age group: 5 - 7 yrs, 8 - 10 yrs, 11 - 12 yrs.

If you would like any help or advice, Jill 810157 or Hazel 810326 would be pleased to give you some time.

To enter, please fill in an entry form (on page 11) and leave in the church by the visitors book or deliver to 8 Cedar Close

GRAFHAM BEER FESTIVAL



12th July 7-11pm

13th July midday - 11pm

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More details on page 6

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and gossip to:

Editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk

Grafham All Saints

28th April (4th Sunday) 8.00 Holy Communion

5th May (1st Sunday)
11.00 Family Service

12th May (2nd Sunday)
11.00 No service at Grafham

19th May (3rd Sunday) 11.00 Eucharist

26th May (4th Sunday) 8.00 Holy Communion



2nd June (1st Sunday) 11.00 Family Service

Contacting the Clergy

Fr Jonathan Young (Rector)
The Rectory, Ellington, PE28 0AU
01480 891695

Churchwarden -
Hazel Powell 01480 810326



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The next collection is

Wednesday 5th June 9:00am

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WHAT WE CAN TAKE

Clothes, paired shoes, handbags, blankets, sheets, curtains, soft toys or books and DVDs (in separate box or strong bag)

Please deliver your donations to Julie Thomas-Morgan at 15 Inhams Way, Grafham before 4th June or please take to school on the morning of 5th June.

If you are unable to deliver your donations please contact Claire on 07789 390655 before the 4th June to arrange collection.

Thank you for your support



View from the Pew!

On Easter day the church looked resplendent with lovely flowers and the Easter garden in the porch too - a touching reminder of the Easter story.

Thank you to all of you who gave your time and flowers to make our church look beautiful for this special day. Our thanks also to Rev. Charles Dixon who led the Easter Eucharist.

An important change of date is that our summer fête is to be on Saturday 1st June from 1.30 to 4.30 pm.

We hope that this will be a more popular time for visitors rather than on a Sunday. We are holding back our plant stall which is usually available from spring to autumn so that we have a good supply of plants for the fête. As well as our usual stalls, games and cream teas, we plan to



have a competition for children to create a miniature garden. Please see the advert on the front page. Entry forms will be distributed around the village or available from Hazel (810326) or from the church. (They can also be found on page 11.)

Another new venture is that we have invited the Grafham and Ellington Art Group and the Grafham Sewing Group to each display their work in the church on the day of the fête. It may be that there will be investigative work going on in and around the church at that time. If this is so, we hope to provide some information for visitors to explain what is happening. Weather permitting, it should prove to be an interesting and enjoyable day for all.



PARISH NEWS...

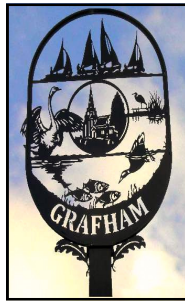
April 2013

The Parish Council heard further representation about speeding along Buckden Road. Unfortunately for the residents concerned, their properties fall outside the 400m approaches to the village and therefore the Parish Council cannot exercise any rights under the Localism Act. However, Peter Downes came along to the meeting with the speed gun mentioned at an earlier meeting. The gun is now on loan to the PC for the purposes of gathering traffic data which may support a call for safety measures, including a change in the speed limit. It must be stressed that vehicle speed is the only data collected. There is no report produced and no data on vehicles such as registration number, make or model is collected.

The Parish Council and James Snell will be arranging sessions for data collection.

We are sorry to learn that Peter Downes is no longer our District Councillor, although he remains our representative on the County Council. Mr John Morris attended the PC meeting with Mr Downes as he will be standing for the LibDems District Council seat.

The Community Shop committee have prepared the terms of a lease of land at the village hall car park for the siting of the temporary shop building. The lease be granted by the Village Hall Management Committee who will be asked to agree the terms.



Also on the subject of the shop, the Shop Committee

Full minutes can be read on the village web site www.grafhamvillage.org.uk

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

Philip Allingham Chairman 01480 811516 philip_allingham@sky.com

Ian Gardener Vice Chair 01480 812821 idg@asc-geomatics.co.uk **Andrew Duckworth** andrew.duckworth1@tesco.net

David King 01480 812430 davidking@hawkeyesystems.com **Alastair Watson** Alastair.watson403@btinternet.com

Kevin Sharp kevin.sharp@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk **Jenny Barnes** 07788 545197 jennyanddoug@btinternet.com

have asked the Parish Council to consider taking out a Public Works Loan for £10,000 to be made available to the shop. Given the high priority placed on the provision of community facilities (e.g. shop and pub) in the Parish Plan and the support shown by questionnaire replies, the Council agreed to approach the National Association of Local Councils for advice and guidance on applying for such a loan. The estimated costs per month to each household in Grafham would be in the region of 70p.

Councillors reported that dog faeces are being deposited in the rubbish bin on the children's playground. Firstly, this is not an appropriate way to dispose of dog faeces. In the absence of special bins, dog faeces should be taken home by the dog's owner and disposed of there. Secondly, dogs are not allowed in the playground because of the health issues posed by dog faeces. Please dispose of all your dog's waste in an appropriate and responsible manner.



The Parish Council will be offering a letter of support to the Parish Meeting at Diddington in their quest for safety measures at the entrance to their village from the A1, both north and southbound. There have been many accidents and a recent fatality involving the slip roads, but they have so far been unable to convince the County Council of the need for road improvements.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 14th May and this will be preceded at 7.30pm by the Annual Parish Meeting. This is your opportunity to hear reports from County, District and Parish Council about their activities in the past year and their plans for the future.

Margaret Life, Parish Clerk 01480 819477
margaret_life_grafham@yahoo.co.uk

Grafham Oil Syndicate

Grafham Oil Syndicate is now 18 months old and around 350,000 litres and £200,000 later, we have managed to collectively keep about £20,000 in our pockets thanks to bulk purchasing. Grafham has 250 households, the majority dependent on oil. We have 125 members which is fantastic and we hope that over time, we have helped reduce slightly the amount of oil tanker traffic into and out of the village. It's not too late to sign up so feel free to email relevant details to grafhamoil@gmail.com and you're in. Next delivery is planned for the first week of June. Simon



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
patricia.jordan@huntingdonshire.gov.uk
tel. 457802

Grafham Social Committee

invites you to a Coffee Morning at 10.30am on Wednesday, May 8th at Sue Kelly's, 3 Church Road. This is an informal social occasion for village residents. Please come along for a cup of coffee and a chat.



Grafham Sewing Group

Village Hall, Wednesdays 2 - 4pm

A group for those who enjoy needlework of any sort be it quilting, tapestry, knitting or anything else requiring the use of needles! Complete beginners also welcome.



Our purpose is threefold, to provide a focus for your needlework, to allow the exchange of ideas and expertise, and last, but not least, it is an opportunity to get to know likeminded people.

A small charge is made to cover the hall hire.

For further details contact **Barbara Williams** 01480 812905 or barbara_r_w@hotmail.com

Do you enjoy reading?

Come along and join us for informal social evenings. We are always looking for new members. Dates of meetings are:-



Tuesday April 30th – Karen at 2 Home Close at 8pm (01480 810961)

Tuesday May 28th – Val at Hill Farm, Church Road, Grafham (01480 812794)

For more details please contact **Tina** 07711 012957

Grafham Church Flower Club

We are available to decorate the church for weddings and other church occasions.

Floral arrangements for:- pedestal, altar, font, windowsills, pew ends, pillars.

Please contact Hazel Powell on **01480 810326** for details and quotes.

If anyone in the village has foliage in their garden that they would be willing to donate for church decoration for festivals, please let us know, we would be very grateful.



The Mobile Library

Route H24 visits **Breach Road, Grafham** on the **4th Wednesday of every month from 10.40 to 11.00**. The next visits are on **22nd May**.



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Grafham and Ellington Art Group

Grafham Village Hall, Every Tuesday 1.30-4pm

Calling all those who want to meet and paint with like minded people on a regular basis.

Beginners and those with more skills are all more than welcome.

Cost: Expected to be about £2 to cover hall hire and refreshments.

Come along with your paints and equipment! Please ring me if you'd like further details. **Jackie Woods 01480 890279**



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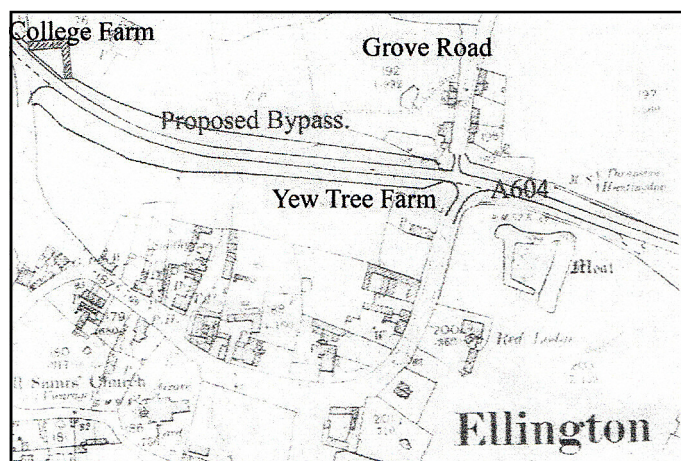
For details tel: **01480 890077**

www.playtimesplaygroup.co.uk

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Harriet 16yrs **810043** **Emma** 17yrs **860632**
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Felicity 22yrs -Grade B GCSE Child Development **812328**
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Bryony 17yrs experienced with newborn-14yr olds **812354**

The Ellington Bypass



Before the A604 Ellington bypass, all the traffic ran through the village which raised problems. This made front page news in a local paper in 1953.

Casualty Corner: Something must be done at Ellington; a spate of accidents alarms villagers. Casualty Corner is what the people of Ellington call the dangerous bend at the eastern approach to their village.

After years of problems, the bypass finally happened in 1958, as this map shows the council suggested road improvements. The only down side to this was the village shop and the Mermaid lost some of their passing trade.

Sam Malt



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website www.grafhamvillageshop.co.uk

The Community Shop has taken a great leap forward and is now incorporated as an Industrial and Provident Society for the Benefit of the Community. The committee of Jenny Barnes, Andy Kent, Andrew Duckworth, Karen Stewart, Chris Bulow and Margaret Life are now the Management Committee of the Society.

We are keeping our website up to date with news as it happens and our business plan and Code of Conduct are now available to view. You can follow us on Twitter and you can join our Facebook group.

Also on the website you will be able to register for our newsletters to be sent to you by email, find out all you need to know about becoming a volunteer and register your interest in becoming a member with all that would entail.

We will also be inviting the residents of Ellington to volunteer or become members.

We are very close to agreeing a lease with the Village Hall Management Committee, opening our bank account with the Co-op Bank plc and registering for VAT. From then on we will be applying for planning permission and grant funding and we will be asking for donations from organisations such as Anglian Water, Luminus Homes, Tesco and Sainsbury's.

Over the next few weeks we will be making contact with potential suppliers by using local food networks and by visiting farmers' markets. Later in the summer we plan to hold a tasting fair where you will be invited to come and sample the goods and let us know what you would be prepared to buy.

We will be exploring the opportunities to offer services such as parcel collection point, home delivery (if you really can't get out), a cup of coffee, a book exchange, selling event tickets and displaying notices.

This is your community and your shop. We will endeavour to ensure that the shop is everything you need it to be.

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Letter to the Editors Dear Editors ...

Speeding Traffic

Many of you will have read my first letter to the *Grafham Gossip*, about speeding in the village. This letter, which will be the last one, is written with sadness. Our neighbours Gary and Gemma and their two children were walking their beloved and not very old German Shepherd Dog, Schumi, on Breach Rd when Schumi was knocked down and killed by a speeding pick-up. The pick-up was white or light blue.

The most saddening part of this is that the speeder did not even have the balls to stop; the driver just sped off leaving Schumi at the side of the road. The situation was devastating and yes, I know this because my wife Sarah and I had the unfavourable task, after a phone call from Gemma, of getting round to the place where they stood and Schumi lay.

Gemma had to break the news to their youngest son Ethan and then I had to drive the family, with Schumi, to the vets.

I hope with all my heart that the driver of the pick-up gets no sleep and has suffered a vast amount of costly damage to his or her vehicle. This is not one of those 'turn the other cheek' situations, so, 'What is next and when will it be?' If they can kill a dog and drive off just think what they will do when it is one of your family - you know the ones - son, daughter, wife, mother, dad, father.



On the news this evening, 8th April 2013, many councils across the country are putting up new speed limit signs in their towns and as well as the new signs of 20 MPH they are adding the wording '20 is plenty'.

I hope that at some stage the driver of the pick-up and others who think it is fine to drive at whatever speed they see fit, get everything that's coming to them. I hope it is sooner rather than later.

Paul Smith, 3 Brampton Rd, Grafham

What are your news, views and comments?

E-mail: editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk if you'd like your letter published in 'Letters to the Editors.'

Please supply your name and address/email address but tell us if you'd prefer us not to print it in the Grafham Gossip. Thanks, Ed



Activities at Huntingdon Library

• [Children's Book Group - at Huntingdon Library](#)

Free regular activity. Just for children in Years 4, 5 and 6. Meeting on the 1st Monday every month 16:00-16:45.



- [Engage in the Afternoon](#) - afternoon club for over 50s. Free regular activity. First Thursday of the month 13:30-15:00. Regular monthly activity for older people with an interesting speaker or topic each month. Tea and coffee provided for a small donation

- **2nd May** Spend an afternoon with **Peter Joynes** who has many stories to tell of school holidays spent with his Granddad and Grandma, who worked on the river.



- [Computer Buddying - Mondays](#) Free regular activity. Mondays 10:00-12:00 Wednesdays 11.0 - 1.00 Help with computers and basic IT skills aimed at beginners over 50yrs. These are one hour sessions. Booking required



- [Friends of the Cromwell Museum AGM](#)

The first Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Cromwell Museum will be held at 7pm on Thursday 9th May. This will be followed by a lecture, Oliver Cromwell and the Defence of the Eastern Association, by Dr Mike Osborne

- [Storytime](#) - Free regular activity. On Wednesdays 10.30am - 11am for pre-school children with a parent or carer. Bring your child along to listen to some stories

and join in with colouring fun. Find out what the library has to offer you and your child. Just turn up - no need to book.

- [Rhymetime](#) Free regular activity. On Fridays 10.30am - 11am (Term-time only). For babies and toddlers aged up to 18 months with a parent or carer. Join in with exciting action rhymes and find out what the library has to offer you and your child. Just turn up - no need to book.

- [Huntingdon Dementia Information Point](#) - Alzheimer's Society. Regular activity. Fifth Tuesday of the month. 10.30am - 12.30pm. For people with dementia and their carers and/or families. Your opportunity to call in to ask questions, receive information and/or support.
- [Online Services drop-in demonstration in your lunch hour](#) Free, 4th May 2013, 12:00-15:00 Do you have problems with down-loading e-books or audio books on to your own computer or mobile device? Are you looking for quality information? Do you want to know how to request and renew books from your home computer or smart phone?
- [Huntingdon Holistic Community Meetup](#) - Huntingdon Holistic Community Group meets regularly in Room 2 on the second Saturday of the month, 10.30-12.30. £2.50 subs. Does meditation interest you? What about, complementary therapies, healing, personal and spiritual growth? Do you wish to meet like-minded people? Join us monthly to share insights on relevant topics, develop your understanding of yourself, your skills and the world around you.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

On Sunday 14th April residents were subjected to in excess of 100 motor bikes riding up and down Buckden Road, parking in the Grafham Water car park and then performing stunts to each other including riding on one wheel. The police dealt with the matter.

No other reported incidents in the village.

The Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire in recognising the failure of the police to work nationwide with Neighbourhood Watch, a strategic team led by Superintendent Mike Brown will prepare an action plan identified by the Cambridgeshire Neighbourhood Watch executive committee to which Grafham belongs. I will keep everyone posted on progress.

I have been asked to pass on the following information:

“I NEED MONEY FOR PETROL”

Scammers are working in the county, usually in super-market car parks. If someone asks for your help and starts to give you a sad story why they cannot pay for petrol and asks for money, just say “No.”

Do not accept jewellery or a watch as security – it will be worthless.

When safe to do so call the police – do not wait until you get home.

CRIME PREVENTION – HEATING OIL THEFT

With rising fuel prices there has been an increase in the theft of diesel oil from commercial vehicles and heating oil from storage tanks.

The following tips may help you to deter a theft:

- Plant shrubs to hide your tank from view.
- Oil level sensor alarms are available from £75.
- Consider CCTV if the tank is in a vulnerable or remote location. Deter thieves from entering your property by installing and using lockable gates. Maintain boundaries and perimeter fencing.
- If you have a plastic tank, consider erecting fencing around the tank with one end hinged and locked for



filling purposes. The fencing should be fixed to solid posts and should be set off the tank approximately 12 inches on all sides.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

From the end of March the term domestic violence will include violence, abuse and coercive control of a person aged 16 or older:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/community/safecommunities/domestic>

Both men and women can suffer. If you know someone who needs help, advise them to call 101 and ask for the **domestic abuse unit**. As an alternative, for those unwilling to speak to the police:

Women can call Cambridgeshire Women's aid; 01223 460947 or 0800 2000247

Men can call: The Men's advice line 0808 801 0327

SAY NO TO ITINERANT TRADERS

Many itinerant traders have questionable practices and motives. Garden works, roof works and refuse collection can be done by local and checkable persons and trusted traders.

A smart website is easy to set up and is not evidence of honesty or capability.

If you have scrap, sell it and gain the profit for yourselves by using a local dealer. Also, to use unlicensed operatives could end in a criminal charge for the householder concerned.

James Snell 07951 069 565

email: Jamie2701@aol.com

All emergencies **999**

Non-emergencies **101**

Cambridge Constabulary HQ **01480 456111**

Minicom for hard of hearing **01480 422493**

Crimestoppers **0800 555111** (anonymous)

Anti-social behaviour **01480 388379**

To stop unwanted mail **0845 703 459 9**

To stop unwanted phone calls **0845 070 070 7**

To report anti-social behaviour in Grafham

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CRIME has continued to fall in Cambridgeshire with more than five thousand fewer victims compared to last year, annual figures have revealed. Statistics produced by the force for the year ending March 31, show there were 46,435 crimes in 2012/13, a 10.1 per cent drop on the year before when there were 51,658. It also represents a drop of more than 28 per cent in total crime in the past five years. In 2008/09, there were 64,663 offences.

In the past year, there have also been significant, double-digit percentage falls in crime categories including criminal damage and arson. Assistant Chief Constable Mark Hopkins said:

"The force has undergone significant changes in the past two years so I am very pleased that we have maintained our focus on tackling crime. It is particularly pleasing to see more than 5000 fewer victims of crime in the past year, and in offences such as robbery, assault and criminal damage, that can have such an impact on victims."



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These reductions in crime have also been achieved in a challenging economic climate when the assumption might be that crime would rise. However, we will not be complacent. The financial constraints on the force continue and it is our priority to ensure Cambridgeshire remains a hostile place for criminals."

Force figures:

Burglary fell by one per cent, or 28 offences, from 2772 to 2744.

Robbery fell by five per cent, or 21 offences, from 417 to 396.

Vehicle crime fell by 5.6 per cent, or 254 offences, from 4531 to 4277.

All assault with injury fell by 21.2 per cent, or 733 offences, from 3455 to 2722.

All criminal damage fell by 18.6 per cent, or 1531 offences, from 8232 to 6701.

Arson fell by 36.1 per cent, or 153 offences, from 424 to 271.

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