

# Grafham Gossip

*Issue 105 Early Deadline: Midnight Thursday 11th July*



## Editors' note...

Apart from the regular activities listed mainly on page 4, there are three main village events this month.

- Grafham Beer Festival - details on this page.
- Adam's talk on the Boer War - details on page 5.
- Photo call for the 2014 calendar - details on page 7.

The library article on page 3, looks interesting!

Remember the early deadline for August is Thursday 11th July, so we can get the hard copies to the deliverers before the start of the school holidays. *Happy gossiping!*

Editors, [editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk](mailto:editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk)

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



On Wednesday 12th June a distraction burglary was attempted in Breach Road by a 40 year old female and a young male child believed to be aged 9 - it would appear that a similar incident occurred in Alconbury.

James Snell 07951 069 565  
email: [Jamie2701@aol.com](mailto:Jamie2701@aol.com)

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Minicom for hard of hearing **01480 422493**

Crimestoppers **0800 555111** (anonymous)

Anti-social behaviour **01480 388379**

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To stop unwanted phone calls **0845 070 0707**

To report anti-social behaviour in Grafham

**01480 388379 / 387097** or e-mail:

[Barbara.gowling@huntsdc.gov.uk](mailto:Barbara.gowling@huntsdc.gov.uk) or

[tracey.guinea@huntsdc.gov.uk](mailto:tracey.guinea@huntsdc.gov.uk)

## Grafham Beer Festival

**12th and 13th  
July 2013**

**Friday 6pm - 11pm  
Saturday midday-11pm**

**Over 15 Local  
Real Ales and Ciders  
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Live Music  
Both Evenings**

Councillors Peter Downes and Patricia Jordan and/or John Morris are available at the village hall

from 11.15 to 11.45 on the first Saturday of the month.

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## Grafham All Saints

30th June (5th Sunday) 11.00  
Group Eucharist at Barham

7th July (1st Sunday) 11.00  
Family Service

14th July (2nd Sunday) No service  
at Grafham but 11.00 Eucharist  
at Ellington



21st July (3rd Sunday) 11.00 Eucharist  
28th July (4th Sunday) No 8.00 Service at  
Grafham but 9.30 Eucharist at Spaldwick led  
by Rev. Stephen Bowring

4th August (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

## View from the Pew!

We're half way through the year already and still waiting for summer! Luckily the weather was good to us on the day of the fête and £753 was raised. The tea ladies sold out of scones, jam, cream and milk, much to their amazement! We were sorry not to be able to run the tombola stall but although some very nice items were donated, there were not quite enough to make it worthwhile. However the stock we now have, has been safely stowed away for our mince pie morning at Christmas time.

We were very pleased to have the entries for the children's miniature garden competition. First prizes went to Georgia Long and Robert Davidson and second prizes to Thomas Duckworth and Peter Davidson. Well done all of you; you had some delightful ideas in those little works of art!



We owe thanks to Simon who ran the plant stall for us and also to Paul who sold £100 worth of plants from his front wall before the fête to donate to our funds. Paul is kindly selling plants for us instead of on the table in the churchyard which we used to use. The Art and Sewing groups did good trade and kindly donated a percentage of their takings to us, so thank you to them both. We also welcomed the shop committee to have an opportunity to inform villagers about their project and to taste some products they plan to sell.

On Sunday, our Coronation Service included some royal music and readings and the flower ladies had made red, white and blue arrangements. Pat's delicious "Queen Mother's" cake was served afterwards.

On 10th June a bat survey was carried out by an ecol-



ogist. Sonic equipment and a video camera were employed to record the presence and species of bat. Fortunately for us, very few bats were seen or heard and no roost could be identified. However a further survey will be needed in July to check whether roosting is occurring at that time. The ecologist advised that we may proceed with the interior investigative works with caution very soon, having also



received the go ahead from the Diocesan office and English Heritage. Following a pre-contract meeting with the PCC, the church architect, representatives from the building company carrying out the works and other professionals, stage 1 works should start during July.

Hazel our churchwarden and Margaret of Save All Saints both took part in the Hunts Community Radio "Over to You" programme last week to give an update on the restoration project and our fundraising. The presenter kindly suggested advertising our flower festival for us and asked if we would like to return at the end of the year to give a progress report on the restoration.

On 28th July there will be no 8 am service. However all are invited to the Patronal Festival of St James at Spaldwick at 9.30 am when a Eucharist service will be led by Rev Stephen Bowring, vicar of Kimbolton.

We are delighted that Jill Dighton has offered to take our family service on 7th July so we hope to have a good number in the congregation to welcome her.

On 30th July, Jill's son Adam is giving a talk in the village hall at 8 pm. Adam is a military history tutor and this should be a very interesting evening. Adam is kindly giving any donations to the restoration fund so do support him and us if you can. You will see Adam's advertisement for his talk on page 5.

**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](mailto:grafhamoil@gmail.com) and you're in. *Simon*





## PARISH NEWS...

June 2013

By the time you are reading this item you may have already noticed that work has been carried out to the street lighting in Grafham. All of our lamps are being renewed, but the posts are not being

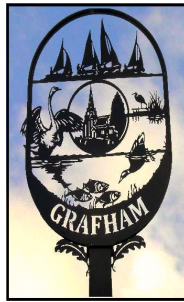


changed and we are not losing any lamp-posts. Because of this it was not necessary to consult with the Parish Council and this is why we received no correspondence.

The Village Hall Project Committee has met with a representative from ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England). This was, primarily to discuss the plans and the viability given the estimated cost of the project.

ACRE are clear that funding is likely to be available and have offered assistance in pitching funding bids in the right way to improve the chances of success. It is probable that the project will need to be managed by at least one and possibly two project managers. If you have, or know of anyone who has these skills, the Parish Council would like to hear from you.

The Community Shop committee reported that sales of



shares are beginning to take off.

Thirty-four have now been sold. A £2000 bursary has been received to help with set-up costs and professional fees. The most urgent requirements now are a lease for the land at the village hall and planning permission to site the shop at the village hall. Once these are in place, fund-raising can begin in earnest.



The committee will be attending Ellington Gala where they hope to increase membership significantly. Several people from Ellington have already volunteered their services which, together with Grafham's volunteers, brings the total to around 35.

Work to two ash trees in Hartham Close has been recommended for approval. Sadly, these trees are showing signs of ash dieback disease and the work on the trees is partly to help rescue them.

Cllr David King will be attending the next County/District Council surgery which is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at the village hall in the morning.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

**Margaret Life, Parish Clerk** 01480 819477

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

Full minutes can be read on the village web site [www.grafhamvillage.org.uk](http://www.grafhamvillage.org.uk)

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

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**Ian Gardener** Vice Chair 01480 812821 [idg@asc-geomatics.co.uk](mailto:idg@asc-geomatics.co.uk) **Andrew Duckworth** [andrew.duckworth1@tesco.net](mailto:andrew.duckworth1@tesco.net)

**David King** 01480 812430 [davidking@hawkeyesystems.com](mailto:davidking@hawkeyesystems.com)

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**Jenny Barnes** 07788 545197 [jennyanddoug@btinternet.com](mailto:jennyanddoug@btinternet.com)

## Cambridgeshire Libraries

Following the success at a recent e-tech event at Central Library, we are offering another opportunity for you to test drive a range of e-book readers. This time the event is at:

[Huntingdon Library on Monday 15 July 11am - 1.00pm.](#)

Experts will be on hand to help anyone wanting to know more about e-book readers, tablets and other devices that can be used to download e-books.

[E-books](#) are now available from Cambridgeshire Libraries - library members just need a computer, e-book reader, tablet or smartphone to download them.

[The Cromwell Museum](#) is going to be the scene for a bloody battle on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July, when the battle of Dunbar is fought again, but this time in miniature.

The battle was fought on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1650 and is regarded by many as Cromwell's greatest military victory. The Huntingdon War Games Society will be playing the battle out and inviting visitors to join in.

The museum has just had its 500,000<sup>th</sup> visitor since we opened in 1962. Visitors have come from all over the world in that time, as well as from close to home.



Cromwell at Dunbar by Andrew Carrick Gow 1886

## Grafham Social Committee

invites you to a Coffee Morning at 10.30am on Wednesday, July 10th at Karen Stewart's, 2 Home Close. 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](mailto: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 July 30<sup>th</sup> – Sue, 3 Church Road. Grafham (01480 812179)**

**No meeting in August**

*We normally meet on the last Tuesday of every month. For more details please contact*

**Tina 07711 012957 or Val 07761 137012**

## Grafham Church Flower Club

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Floral arrangements for:-  
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## The Mobile Library

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<https://cambridgeshire.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/OPAC/LOGINB>

## 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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**Contacts: Pat or Alan Watson 01480 811166**

## 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>



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**Caroline 17yrs - works in reception class 812179**  
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**Bryony 17yrs experienced with newborn-14yr olds 812354**



## Boer War: Action, Intrigue and the Writing of History

A talk to be given by

**Mr. Adam Dighton MA BA (Hons.)**

(Module Tutor in Military History at the University of Salford, guest lecturer at the Fusilier Museum, Bury, and PhD candidate)

Held on

**30th July 2013 in the Grafham Village Hall**

**Starting at 8.00pm and lasting for 50 minutes**

**Free Entry**

**Donations accepted for the Save All Saints Appeal**



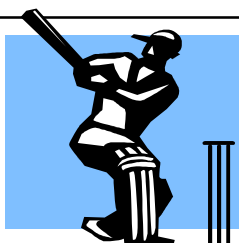
Lord Robert, 1st Lord of Kandahar

## Grafham Cricket Club

The second home game of the season was played against Bedford Hospital Wanderers on the last Saturday in May. Bedford Hospital Wanderers opened the batting and were soon in trouble at 33 for 5, caused by 2 run-outs, and 3 catches, but then the inevitable happened, two batsman who had hardly scored all season went on scored over a 100 runs before the next wicket fell. Tom Chester and Adi Love were the pick of the Grafham bowlers, Tom finishing on 3 wkts for 31, and Adi on 4wkts for 40. Bedford Hospital Wanderers completed their innings on 215 for 9.

Grafham's response was steady, but apart from an exhilarating flourish of 4 6s in Rob Forsdick's 40, Grafham never looked like making the Bedford Hospital Wanderers score, and were all out for 100.

In the away game against Bedford Malayalees, Grafham's batting was entirely different. The Malayalees has two genuine quick bowlers who could have made batting a torrid affair, on a pitch that was green and which allowed the ball to seam both ways. The opening pair of Duncan Palmer and Adam Dighton built a solid start of 34, before Adam was caught at deep mid off. Will Lancaster, the next bat then proceeded to become the star of the Grafham batting by scoring 75 not out: aided and abetted by the rest of the team with extras to score 173 for 9.



Tom Chester and Adam Dighton opened the Grafham bowling and were successful in limiting the Malayalees scoring. It was during this period of bowling that the Malayalees opening bat gloved a ball to the Grafham wicket keeper, who caught it. The

batsman was about to walk, but when he saw the umpire was not giving him out; he stayed. This act altered the whole tenor of the game. Although the Malayalees lost wickets steadily, they managed to pass the Grafham total in the fading twilight. It was the batsman who everyone on the Grafham side concluded was out when he had scored 10, then went on to score an "unbeaten" 76, giving the Malayalees the game. All the Grafham players had a strong sense of feeling cheated.

The next game against Riseley was Tom Chester's first victory as Captain. The all round bowling performance of the Grafham team limited Riseley to being all out on 79, with Adi Love being the top wicket taker with 4, with Chris Dighton with 2. Will Lancaster again topped the batting with 47 not out, with Grafham getting the necessary 80 runs for the loss of 2 wkts.

### Home Game in July

13<sup>th</sup> July 2013 starts 2.30pm  
Grafham CC vrs Bedford Lions

Chris Dighton

## Friday 4th July





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## PERRY FÊTE

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**Annual Fête**

**The Wheatsheaf, Perry**

**26<sup>th</sup> August**

**12 noon to 4pm**



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**Bouncy Castle, Coconut Shy,  
Penalty Shoot out,  
Tin Can Alley and more**

All proceeds from the fête will be  
donated to the Lions Adventure Club,  
held at Grafham Water Centre  
for children aged 8 to 13yrs



**Come along for a fun day out for all the  
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For further information telephone,  
**Lion Keith Chandler on 01480 812920**

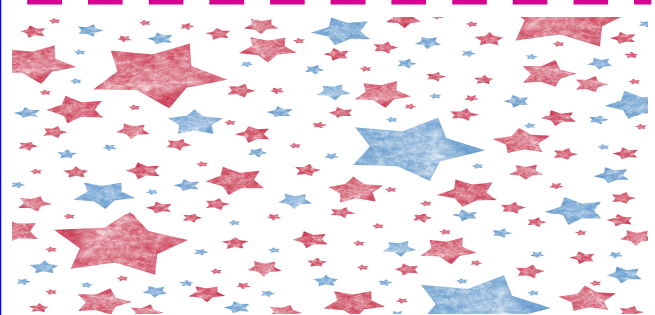
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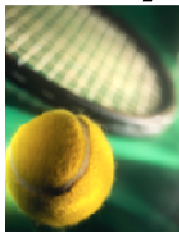
# Photos Please - 2014 Grafham Calendar



The SAS committee is producing a calendar for 2014, to sell in aid of the church restoration, and would like your help. We are looking for photos that represent life in Grafham be it scenic, unique or funny. The photos should not have been used before in a Grafham calendar or card and must be submitted by the photographer. Landscape rather than portrait orientation will work best with the layout of the calendar.

Please forward photographs to [vjw.hillfarm@btconnect.com](mailto:vjw.hillfarm@btconnect.com) by 31st July 2013. Any queries, please ring Valerie Williams on 01480 812794.

## Anyone for Tennis?



**Grafham Tennis Club**  
**Thursdays 19.30 -21.30**

on the  
all weather facility,  
Grafham

All adults interested please come along for a bit of fun and exercise

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## Do you have any events to advertise?

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and copy to  
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We'll print them in the *Grafham Gossip* and add them to the Village Diary on the web site.

## HUNTINGDON CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION (GRAFHAM BRANCH) SUMMER BBQ



You are invited to a Summer BBQ  
on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2013 from 1230 to 4pm  
at  
Braefield House, 18 Church Road, Grafham  
(by kind invitation of Frances and Paul Knight)  
Tickets £12.50 to include BBQ, desserts and a  
glass of wine (*children under 10 half price*)  
RSVP to Paul Knight at above address  
or tel 01480 811727  
(Please make cheques payable to  
HCCA Grafham Branch)



Spaldwick's Youth Group

Friday evenings in Spaldwick see  
[http://www.grafham.org.uk/Escape\\_Youth\\_Group](http://www.grafham.org.uk/Escape_Youth_Group)  
for more details



# Letters to the Editors *Dear Editors ...*



## *Let's stick to the facts*

I was disappointed to read another letter regarding speeding in the village that was full of inaccuracies and virtually devoid of fact. Over the last few editions of the *Grafham Gossip* the letters' page has been dominated by opinions on this matter without being armed with the correct information. As a Parish Councillor and father of a 7 year old son, speeding is something that I take very seriously but I choose only to deal with the facts.

Mr Smith raised his concerns at one of our meetings as did others. As a result, the Council were kindly lent a speed gun for a limited time, by Councillor Downes, to measure the extent of the problem. Unlike the suggestion from Mr Smith, the recordings were taken during the week at peak times and at the weekend at various locations around the village so that a representative set of results could be obtained. The results are published for all to see on the Grafham website.

We would all like to see motorists drive with care and attention and within the legal speed limit through our village. From my point of view, the results overwhelmingly show that the vast majority of motorists do this (allowing for +/- 10% error on equipment).

Unfortunately it neither helps deal with speeding nor presents the truth when less than half the story is reported and the content is based on opinion and hearsay. In order to present an accurate representation I would hope that in future people ensure that they are in full possession of the facts before committing pen to paper.

*Andrew Duckworth, The Wyvern*

*All the dates that the survey was carried out, together with the results, are available for everyone to read on the village website. Click [here](#) to see them. Ed*

## *Speeding*

Hi all, I received a letter from the parish council today, 14/06/2013, in regard to comments I have made in the *Grafham Gossip*. Apparently, I have made libellous remarks about the parish council, being able to prove who the speeders are and where they live has ruffled a few feathers. At a meeting with the parish council, I told them the times of day that the speeding through the village is more prevalent. The parish council conducted its speed check on a Saturday even though people had said they would give up some of their time, including myself to do the speed check, thinking it would be done during the week to actually catch the speeders. Grafham would be a very nice place to live, many people who live here have made their feelings known about the speeders, unfortunately your feeling and mine will carry no weight as it would appear the only people concerned about the speeding problem is those who mentioned it. The parish council say I have made personal remarks about certain parish councillors. In the letters I have emailed to the *Grafham Gossip*, not once have I said anything about any person or any member of the parish council. They have said my remarks were erroneous and at worst verging on libellous. If any members of the parish council live on Breach Road then I am sure they are very aware of the speeding, I would lay money on most of the speeders knowing each other young and old alike, obviously giving the Breach Road speeders the moniker of the Breach Road Speeders Club has caused a stir. To that end I would apologise to any Breach Road or Grafham resident who drives sensibly, who may feel I am tarring you all with the same brush. To those who like to see how fast they can exit the village, keep it up, one day you will cause an accident or kill someone. In the meantime for those of us that are genuinely concerned, it would appear we are on our own.



*Paul Smith, Brampton Rd*

## *World War II in Grafham*

I very much enjoyed the May issue, full of interest but did anything of note ever happen in Grafham during World War II? Are there any photographs of incidents within Grafham? Being a member of Grafham Church, I have noticed several plaques and memorials of local men who served and died in both World Wars. It would be interesting to see if anything does exist. Look forward to the next issue with interest as always. *Grafham Resident*

*Thanks for your feedback; we like to know what our readers prefer to read.*

*We have published quite a few articles on Grafham over the years, originally called Grafham Gen, from about 2005, most of which were provided by Grafham's local historian Sam. It might be worth us repeating these articles for residents who have moved into the village since then, or for those of us who would like to be reminded of them. What are your views on that? If anyone has interesting information or photos of Grafham's past, please let us know. Thanks Ed.*

*More letters on the facing page!*



*The Pratt family home in Grafham - do you have any information about it?*



My great-grandmother, Susan Pratt, daughter of William Pratt, was born in Grafham in 1857. The house in the photograph is supposedly her family home in Grafham. Her mother was Lucy Cook. Both William and Lucy were from Gloucestershire. Neither appear to have died in Grafham.

I have no idea why or how Susan Pratt came to the United States. She married Robert Holliday Candler in 1875 in Illinois, about an hour drive (on today's roads) from St. Louis. Susan Pratt and Robert Candler ultimately produced eleven children, most of whom lived and died near their birthplace in west-central Illinois. One settled in Vancouver, Canada, another in Arizona. Many were either farmers, or married to farmers.

Robert Candler's father was Cant Candler, from Seamer, near Scarborough, North Riding, in Yorkshire.

If anyone knows anything about the Pratt family or has any information about Susan Pratt's siblings. I would very much appreciate hearing of it. *(Please email editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk Ed.)*

*Regards, Stephen Comfort-Mason, St. Louis, Missouri*



### *Grafham Sporting Prowess*

I read with interest the exploits of Jonathan Railton at Donnington Park. Well done Jonathan, bringing notice of the existence of Grafham within sport. Just like Simone (aka Riley) who also brought attention to the sporting prowess of our youngsters. Are there any more youngsters (or oldies) hiding their lights under a bushel somewhere? Don't be shy! come forth and let us all know!

*Grafham Resident*

*What are your news, views and comments?*

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The next *early* deadline is midnight on **Thursday: 11th July**

*Thanks Ed.*

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You may have heard recent news of problems at the Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) plant in Waterbeach. This machine was built to separate and process 'black bag' waste in Cambridgeshire. When working, the plant pulls out items which can be processed to reduce the volume of waste sent to landfill by half, whilst also capturing greenhouse gas emissions. Unfortunately, part of the turning equipment for this machine suffered serious mechanical failure in September 2012.

Work is underway to manufacture the new parts required to rebuild the machinery and to prepare the plant for installation, which is due to be completed before the end of 2013. In the meantime we'd like to remind you that the breakdown at the MBT only affects how 'black bag' waste is dealt with. Therefore we urge you to continue to recycle as much as possible through your normal household recycling service, which is collected and processed in the usual way. Recycling as much as possible reduces both the amount of waste going to landfill and demand on natural resources.

We would like to reassure you that the PFI contract the County Council has in place with the MBT contractor means the authority, and therefore council tax payers are protected from any additional costs incurred because of the breakdown.

**You can find out more about the Journey of Waste at the annual Recycling Open Day on Saturday 13 July from 10am to 4pm at AmeyCespa's Waterbeach site, just off the A10 between Cambridge and Ely.**

At the event you can take a guided coach tour of the site; join a walking tour of the new Materials Recycling Facility; enjoy plant and vehicle displays; find out how to reuse and recycle more of your waste and take part in activities for all the family. Entry is free.

If you would like more information about the MBT, please contact the AmeyCespa Press Office on 01865 713240 or email [press.office@ameycespa.com](mailto:press.office@ameycespa.com) For more information about the Recycling Open Day phone 01223 861010 or visit [www.recap.co.uk](http://www.recap.co.uk).



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Spaldwick Out of School Club will be open during the school holidays on:

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013 to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2013  
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Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2013 to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2013

During these days we will be open from 8.30am to 6pm.

The cost for each child is:

£20 for a full day (8.30am-6pm)  
£10 for a morning session (8.30am-1pm)  
£11 for an afternoon session (1pm-6pm)  
And £2.50 per additional hour

10% discount is available if you **BOOK AND PAY** before Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2013  
Basic rates apply if you **BOOK AND PAY** between Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2013

Please note that a 10% fee will be added to any bookings made during the holidays

Morning and afternoon snacks are provided at 10am and 3pm.

Lunch is at 12.30pm - a packed lunch must be provided by yourself.

If you require a place for your child/children on any of the dates listed above please S Club for a booking and registration form. Bookings are only complete when made with the required full payment. If you have any queries please telephone Gemma on 890077 or email her at [sclub\\_enquiries@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sclub_enquiries@yahoo.co.uk)

## HOLIDAY CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR SUMMER 2013

Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Master Chef...</b> Cooking activities available throughout each day including pizza, a variety of cakes and biscuits, bread, pasta with sauce, fruit kebabs and many more.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	We have a chef, Liam Moore, from The George visiting and teaching the children on <b>Tuesday</b> .
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>T-Shirt Printing &amp; Plate decorating...</b> Design and print your own t-shirt. Could parents please donate £1 pound to cover the cost of the t-shirts.
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Pub Lunch &amp; Bath Bombs...</b> Having lunch at the George. There will be an additional charge of £2 to cover the cost of the meal.
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Making Grass Heads &amp; CD clocks...</b> Create your own grass head and watch him/her grow its hair!
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	<b>Bouncy Castle!!!!</b> All day.
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	<b>Chocolate fountain &amp; Popcorn maker...</b> Indulgence day!!
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Glass Engraving...</b> Create your own picture on a piece of glass.
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Heat Embossing &amp; Decorating Cakes...</b> Create your own key rings using wood and a heater.
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Face Painting &amp; Coaster making...</b> Create individual coasters for yourself or a family member.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Smoothies...</b> Handmade smoothies from fresh fruits.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>PJ day...</b> Roll out of bed and come straight to holiday club in your own PJs.
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Zoolab...</b> Get up close and personal with their magnificent creepy crawlies including Giant African Land Snail, Snake, Scorpion, Tarantula and many more! Get maximum hands on time with the Zoolab animals.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Careers day...</b> We will be having a visit from the police, the paramedics and a motivational/team building musician to discuss their jobs and some real life stories!!
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Making volcanoes &amp; Watching them explode!!!!!!!</b>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Bouncy Castle...</b> All day!!
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Making Candles...</b> Make and create your own candles.

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**Midnight on  
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*Thanks, Ed.*

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