

Grafham Gossip

Deadline for September issue: by 9:00am on Saturday 15th August

Editor's note...

July brings the end of the academic year for children and students and the approaching holiday brings a well earned rest. I'm sure you'll be ready for lots of summer barbecues. There are two delicious recipes for 'Coleslaw' and 'Summer Roasted Vegetables' on page 9. Both are good to accompany meat or vegetarian dishes.



Please send dates and notices for the September issue as early as possible but definitely by 15th August. Remember there will be no August issue this year.

I have been using Microsoft Publisher to produce the Grafham Gossip. From October Microsoft will no longer support Publisher, so I am transitioning to Affinity Publisher. I've made good progress but I need time to research tools and techniques ahead of September's deadline (15th August).

Please send contributions to: editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk

Thank you, Ed.



10 Green Bottles

Find more about the Flower Festival on pages 2, 9 and 11

Save the date
OPEN MIC
Saturday 8th August



For details of the DOG SHOW see the full poster on page 4

All Saints Church, Grafham



Paperback book sales continue in the porch. Thank you for your donations. They provide a valuable source of income for our church. Donations can be made by cash into the blue tin attached to the bookshelf or by card or phone using our contactless device (in the church, if not in the porch.) More details and a QR code for books can be found in the notice on the back page.



Saturday 27 th June	14:30 Ellington Flower Festival and Gala
Sunday 28 th June	09:30 Ellington Flower Festival 17:00 Ellington Flower Festival and Gala Service
4 th Sunday 28 th June	09:30 Holy Communion Grafham 11:00 Morning Worship Brampton
1 st Sunday 5 th July	09:30 Morning Worship Grafham 11:00 Holy Communion Brampton
Wednesday 8 th July	09:00 Informal Morning Prayer Grafham
2 nd Sunday 12 th July	09:30 Holy Communion Ellington 11:00 Morning Worship Brampton 18:30 Taizé Grafham
Wednesday 15 th July	09:00 Morning Prayer with Duncan Grafham
3 rd Sunday 19 th July	09:30 Morning Worship Ellington 11:00 Holy Communion Brampton
Wednesday 22 nd July	09:00 Morning Prayer with Duncan Grafham
4 th Sunday 26 th July	09:30 Holy Communion Grafham 11:00 Morning Worship Brampton
Wednesday 29 th July	09:00 Informal Morning Prayer Grafham
1 st Sunday 2nd August	09:30 Morning Worship Grafham 11:00 Holy Communion Brampton

Listed on the left and below, you will find:

- Grafham Services
- Sunday services for Brampton and Ellington
- Some extra services at times e.g. Christmas, Easter

The Brampton 11.00 Sunday service is live-streamed every week and can be accessed via www.eastleightonstone.com

For a full list of services for all three churches visit: www.eastleightonstone.com/worship and click on: 'See the Calendar for more'

Sunday Evening Youth

meets at All Saints Church, Huntingdon
6:00 - 7:30 pm on Sundays and sometimes on Fridays
(due to bank holidays)

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August services follow the same pattern as July, but you can check all services on:
<https://www.eastleightonstone.com/calendar>

To join the mailing list for the Parish Newsletter, visit:
www.eastleightonstone.com and click on 'Get in touch'



For Grafham Church donations at any time please scan the QR Code. Thank you

View from the Pew

Our timing is so spot on that we can write an account of our Flower Festival in time for the Gossip deadline (although if truth be told, the excitement of the event meant I needed a reminder to write it!)

Our flower arrangers did not disappoint and we had some new contributors with wonderful fresh ideas. Numbers as a theme maybe presented some challenges, but everyone seemed up to the test. 57 Varieties, 1984 and 999, plus Chinese Lucky Numbers were of great interest. It was also a joy to see children taking part again, depicting the Magpie Song, Station Platform 9¾ and others. God's 7 Days of Creation was well illustrated by our Little Fishes. Well done all!

On Saturday, musical accompaniment in the afternoon was much appreciated. The teas served on both afternoons were well received. We are most grateful to all those who made cakes for us and those who gave up their time to serve cakes, make tea and coffee and be cashiers. Thank you all.



999



57 Varieties



Magpies



Lucky Numbers

Continued at the bottom of page 3

Parish News June 2026

Minutes of parish council meetings can be found on the village website: <https://grafham.org.uk/parish-council>



Anglian Water Meeting Update

The Parish Council would like to thank all residents who took time out to attend the June meeting of the Parish Council where Anglian Water was in attendance by invitation, to address the ongoing water supply issues within the village. For those residents who were unable to attend here is a brief update of the meeting:

Ben Hugg, Senior Customer Lead, apologised for the poor service Grafham residents have received over the years. It was confirmed the main reason for the water keep going off is due to power issues which typically stops several pumping stations from working causing a loss of supply to many homes in the area. The equipment then has to be restarted sequentially to restore the supply, with larger areas (towns) being restored first.

Anglian Water confirmed they are currently working with UK Power Networks to try and establish the cause of the power outages and to find a long-term solution. However, in the meantime Anglian Water have agreed to invest £750,000 to provide measures to help combat the problems. A new resilience scheme is being proposed. This will include a new Pressure Reducing Valve being installed by the end of this financial year (March 2027), which will help with the pressure of the water. The installation of this valve will ensure when

the pump cuts out or fails, all homes within the village should still have some low-pressure water, even if it is only available downstairs while the pump is reset. In addition, by the end of 2029 over 1km of pipework supplying the village will be upgraded to a larger size.

Anglian Water have confirmed they will return in 6 months' time to provide further updates.

Repair Café

Grafham Parish Council are looking to hold a repair café in the Autumn. If you are a sewer, electrical repairer, jeweller, bike repairer, basket weaver, book binder or more and if you're a confident repairer and keen to help people in Grafham to get things fixed, then the Parish Council would love to hear from you!

From relatively simple repairs like replacing fuses, sewing on buttons and sharpening tools, to more complex repairs such as circuit board work, diagnosing intermittent electrical faults and making clothing alterations – we can pair you up with people who will be grateful for your help!

Cllr Ian Gardener

Chairman, Grafham Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 1st September at 7:30pm

Contact details for Grafham's Parish, District and County Councillors

For more information about your Parish Council see the village website: <https://grafham.org.uk/index.php/parish-council> or contact a member of the parish council or the parish clerk.

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View from the Pew continued

Visitors were generous with their donations and we are very grateful for this help towards church finances and support of the flower club. We are indebted to Jill who masterminds the whole event, tirelessly giving advice, general support, all with her wonderful spirit and humour.

Looking ahead, never said to be lacking in ambition, our themes for the next two years are already decided! *2027 Children's Television* and *2028 Farming* So get your thinking caps on and your creative skills honed!



Find more about the Flower Festival on pages 9 and 11.

Photographs: Ed

"Has the bin man bin Mam?"



Alternate Wednesdays

Blue Bin - Recycling and Black Bin - Refuse

Every other Thursday Green Bin - Garden Waste

*** Green bins collected only if you have subscribed to the Garden Waste Collection service.**

For details see the [Garden Waste section of www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste)

Changes to Disposal of Food Waste Find out more on the [Food Waste page of www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk)

July						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
		Blk+ F	2	3	4	5
6	7	Blu+ F	G*	10	11	12
13	14	Blk+ F	16	17	18	19
20	21	Blu+ F	G*	24	25	26
27	28	Blk+ F	30	31		

August						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2
3	4	Blu+ F	G*	7	8	9
10	11	Blk+ F	13	14	15	16
17	18	Blu+ F	G*	21	22	23
24	25	Blk+ F	27	28	29	30
31	1	Blu+ F	G*	4	5	6

For waste and recycling services, visit: www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins or call 01480 388640 between 8:45am and 5:00pm

F = New Food Caddy
<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/food-waste>

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- Tiger Pass Holders (Under 25 yrs - you need to apply for a FREE pass, see website below) £1 per journey, ask for the 'Reduced' fare option when booking. Show your pass to the driver when you board.

How do I pay? Use a debit or credit card to book over the phone. **Drivers are not able to accept cash or card payments.**

For more details and to keep up to date, see <https://transport.cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/buses/tiger-on-demand>

GRAFHAM DOG SHOW

Field by the Village Hall

4th July 2026, 4pm - tickets from 3pm

Categories

- Waggiest tail
- Scruffiest Dog
- Most like owner
- Grafham most beautiful
- Biggest ears
- Fanciest dressed
- Fastest sausage eater
- Best tricks
- Obstacle course
- Best of Show

PRICE

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HOW TO ENTER

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- Crimestoppers **0800 555111** (anonymous)
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Talking Shop



Great Weekends and Steady Weekdays ... Mostly

Not quite sure what the weather is doing this year, but pleasant weekends and, after the much-needed rain, things seem to have settled down. Anyway the weather, such an element to our weekend trade, seems to help us along with some pretty good weekend sales. Such a vital element to the viability of the shop.

Race Night: A Big Thank You Ian

A lot of our energy has gone into the Race Night which, as you will read elsewhere was great success, and while everyone has played their part: Belinda, sponsors, horse owners, and punters on the night, it would not have happened without the phenomenal energy of our resident Super Trooper Ian Andrews. Thank you Ian and apparently, I should also add COYS... look it up I had to!

100 Club: Steadily growing

The second draw for the 100 club took place on Race Night. The prize pot has steadily grown which means the first prize winner got £114 and the second prizes were £38 apiece. We have now reached 77 numbers allocated, we would dearly love to get the full 100 sold...do think about it. And remember if you buy a second number you will double your chances of winning! Monthly winners are announced on the Grafham Village Friends Facebook page and with a sign in the shop.

If you haven't signed up yet drop David a line on 07948 799683 or email: 100club@grafhamvillageshop.co.uk or you can pick up an application form from the shop.

See back page for Opening Hours <https://grafhamvillageshop.co.uk> 01480 810119

Race Night

On Saturday 13th June, the Village Hall hosted another fun-filled Race Night to raise funds for the new, bigger and better village shop planned for 2027. The well-attended evening featured eight exciting races, many with very close finishes, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The event raised more than £1,000 for shop funds, along with £240 for MAGPAS through a raffle which had many fantastic prizes. Special thanks go to shop manager Belinda, who secured numerous vouchers from local businesses.



Seven races produced different owners as winners, all of whom received a bottle of fizz and box of sweets as a prize. Special thanks to the eight sponsors of the races (you know who you are) the fifty six owners who purchased a horse and all attendees who purchased tickets, race programmes and placed bets on all the races. Thanks to the PC and David Russell for the use of projector, screen and new microphones plus the Village Shop Committee.

Happiest person has to be Patrick Curran who won star prize in the raffle (a beautiful bouquet for his wife), won the auction race and also was runner-up in the June 100 Club draw.

Photograph: Ed.

Ian Andrews

The Library Presents

is back with upbeat events and intriguing tales for all ages

The Library Presents has lots of feel-good events to keep you entertained until 25th July. Come along to laugh, relax, meet new people, express yourself or support your wellbeing.



Some of the events in your local area are:

- Ask Granny (Comedy) at Huntingdon Library, Saturday 27th June 4:30pm (doors open 4:15pm)
- Writing for Friends Workshop at St Neots Library, Wednesday 15th July 7:00pm

Please follow link for booking details: www.library.live/the-library-presents

If you'd like to write a 'one-off' article or a regular feature for the Grafham Gossip, send it by email to: editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk



Send us your stories, events, recipes letters, photos and news. Thanks! Ed.



**Wildlife Trust for
Beds, Cambs
& Northants**
Hunts Local Group



The Hunts Local Group of the Wildlife Trust and
The Hunts Fauna and Flora Society offer joint programmes
Woodwalton Marsh and Gamsey Wood
Sunday 5th July 10:30 to 13:00

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust is pleased to invite you to visit these two small nature reserves on Sunday 5th July. Both sites are managed by the Wildlife Trust and our leader will be Eamonn Lawlor. Woodwalton Marsh is a rare example of a meadow on calcareous clay. It's a site of special scientific interest and has some interesting species such as Dropwort, Pyramidal Orchids and Suphur Clover. Butterflies, including marbled white, grizzled skipper and ringlet may also be seen.

Gamsey Wood is believed to be part of the larger ancient forest that covered this area in Saxon times. Both sites have limited parking so please car share if possible.

Either park in Woodwalton village and walk to the reserve entrance (Grid ref TL211814, what3words///sizing.companies.wing), or you may find a space on the minor road leading from Woodwalton to Church End. Booking is essential for these walks.

**City Wildlife Haven,
St Johns College Grounds, Cambridge.**

Wed 8th July 18:45 for 19:00 start

As a follow up to the talk that David Austrin gave us in March, we are pleased to invite you to a walk looking at the wildlife in St. John's College grounds. This will be held on Wednesday 8th July, meeting at 6:45 for a 7:00pm start.

David is the Head Gardener at St. John's College, Cambridge and this evening he will show us how he has combined mixed formal and wildlife friendly gardening to provide a refuge for many native species of fauna and flora.

David trained at Kew Gardens, then developed his knowledge at Cambridge University Botanic Gardens before moving to St. Johns College.

Spaces are limited and attendance is by booking only. Please book your place via the website below, where you will also find details of exactly where to meet.

For all events, contact Tim Fryer 07941 261346 for more details:
timpfryer@gmail.com

Details of meeting points, bookings and payment are on the Wildlife Trust website: <https://www.wildlifebcn.org/wild-events>

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Brampton Flower Club

Wednesday 1st July

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with

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No meeting in August

Wednesday 2nd September

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Chewing the Cud with Rev. Duncan Goldthorpe

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Psalm 121 *A song of ascents*

I lift up my eyes to the mountains — where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot slip — he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord watches over you — the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all harm — he will watch over your life;
The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore.



The Traveller's Psalm



This Psalm emphasises God's continuous protection and presence. It serves as a spiritual companion for all who are embarking on holidays and summer trips. Summer is finally here, bringing exciting holidays, family road trips and time to relax.

As you pack your bags and hit the road, it is the perfect time to carry a special piece of Scripture with you:

This beautiful passage was originally sung by ancient pilgrims travelling up to Jerusalem. The journey was often long and full of dangers. Yet, the pilgrims sang it to remind themselves that they were never walking alone.

Today, this ancient song offers the same peace for modern travellers. The psalmist asks, "Where does my help come from?" The answer is immediate and comforting: "My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."

When you are navigating busy airports, driving on unfamiliar highways, or hiking in the wilderness, God is watching over you. The verses remind us that our Creator "will neither slumber nor sleep." Whether you are travelling in the bright daylight or resting at night, the Lord is your faithful shade.

As you enjoy your summer adventures, remember that God guards your life wherever you roam. He protects you from every danger. Most importantly, He watches over your going out and your coming in, both now and forevermore.

No matter how far your summer travels take you, you are always under God's watchful eye. I wish you safe travels, beautiful moments of rest, and a wonderful summer.

*Every blessing,
Duncan*

Top Gardening Jobs for July

This is often one of the hottest months of the year and a great time to sit out and enjoy your garden.

Keep plants looking good by regularly dead-heading, and you'll enjoy a longer display of blooms.

Make sure you keep new plants well watered, using grey water where possible.

1. Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering
2. Care for houseplants while on holiday
3. Water pots and new plants if dry, but be water-wise
4. Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt
5. Pick courgettes before they become marrows
6. Start picking tomatoes as they ripen, continuing to remove side shoots and water the plants
7. Clear algae, blanket weeds and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up
8. Deadhead feed and water for a long-lasting show. Put a saucer under containers to reduce watering
9. Don't worry if your lawn goes brown as it will soon bounce back when we have rain
10. Harvest apricots, peaches and nectarines

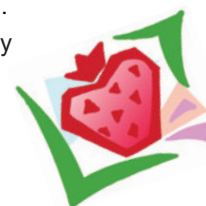
There are more details on the **Royal Horticultural Society** website: <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/in-month/July>



RHS Top Gardening Jobs for August

August is usually one of the hottest months of the year - making watering essential. Try to use grey water wherever possible, especially as water butts may be running low if it has been a dry summer. August is traditionally holiday time, so you might need to enlist the help of friends and family to look after the garden while you are away. When you are at home, take the time to prune Wisteria and summer-flowering shrubs such as lavender, once they've finished flowering.

1. Prune wisteria
2. Summer prune trained apples and pears
3. Deadhead flowering plants regularly
4. Water containers and new plants, preferably with grey recycled water or stored rainwater
5. Collect seed from garden plants
6. Harvest sweetcorn and other vegetables as they become ready
7. Cut out old fruited canes on raspberries
8. Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners
9. Keep ponds and water features topped up
10. Improve the soil with green manures



There are more details on the **Royal Horticultural Society** website: <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/in-month/august>

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Thank you

A big thank you to all the people who made this year's Flower Festival such a success. Over forty people of all ages contributed to the flower displays and then there were the cleaners, cake bakers, servers, grass cutters, willow trimmers, folk musicians... Thanks for all the encouragement and good will that was apparent to all our visitors.

Next year our theme is Children's TV and over ten people have already told me what they are doing!

Jill Tyack



The Seven Sisters



Matthew

(Songs of Praise Service)



Tea for Two



24 Carat Gold

Photographs: Ed

Summer Roasted Vegetables

Roasted vegetables go well as a side dish with BBQ/grilled meats. Pair roasted vegetables with a Halloumi burger (halloumi cheese, thickly sliced and BBQ'd) and you have a meal for the vegetarians at the BBQ too – there is always one! You can roast the vegetables in an oven, as below, or air fry them for about 15 minutes at 200C. (Keep checking as it depends on your air fryer).



Ingredients for 4 people

- 1 red onion, cut into eighths
- 4 garlic cloves, smashed with skins on
- 2 aubergines, cut into 2.5cm/1in thick slices
- 500g courgettes, cut into 2.5cm thick slices
- 2 red, yellow or orange peppers, thinly sliced
- 500g cherry tomatoes
- 4 tbsp olive oil
- salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6.
2. Divide the vegetables between two roasting tins. Drizzle over the olive oil and season well with salt and pepper. Toss to coat, then roast for 30 - 40 minutes until the vegetables are soft.
3. Eat the roasted vegetables hot from the oven, or allow them to cool and store in the fridge for later use.

Coleslaw with alternative dressings

Try this recipe for Coleslaw. For a change you might try the peanut butter dressing!

Ingredients for 4 people

- ½ red cabbage
- 2 red onions
- 2 large carrots, peeled

Olive oil and vinegar dressing

- 1 clove/s garlic, crushed
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp Balsamic vinegar
- ½ tea spoon mustard – French if you have it

Or a peanut dressing

- 50g smooth peanut butter
- 1 clove/s garlic, crushed
- 1½ tbsp light soy sauce
- 1½ tbsp cold-pressed rapeseed / olive oil
- 1 tbsp clear honey
- 1 lime, juice
- ¼ tsp fine sea salt



Method

Discarding the cabbage core, I use a slicing blade on a food processor to shred the cabbage and onion and grate the carrot. You could use a knife and a grater instead.

Mix the cabbage, onion and carrot together in a large bowl and after combining the ingredients pour the dressing you chose over the top. If you have some, a few mint leaves to garnish would be good.

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We are desperately short of helpers.
Contact: editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk

Could you help make tea?

Little Fishes Stay + Play sessions meet on Wednesday
mornings in the Village Hall during term time.

If you can spare an hour, please join our tea rota!

Email: editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk



2026 Grafham Flower Festival Numbers



101 Dalmatians



Number Games



Numbers



Fibonacci Spiral



1 of the 7 Sisters



5 Little Frogs



Number Blocks



Green Grow the Rushes O



3 Little Birds

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Tea & Chat?

Do join us for Tea & Chat in Grafham Village Hall on



Thursday 25th June 2:30 - 4:00pm
Thursday 30th July 2:30 - 4:00pm
Thursday 24th Sept 2:30 - 4:00pm

All welcome. Refreshments are free!

There is no Tea & Chat in August.

On Thursday 24th September we will be fund-raising for Macmillan Cancer Relief

For more details contact: **Sandra 07931 129772**

Grafham Trout

Summer Opening Times

Mon to Wed - Closed

Thurs – 18:00 - 22:00

Fri – 18:00 - 23:00

Sat – 13:00 - 23:00

Sun – 13:00 - 19:00

Bank Holidays - 13.00 - 19.00

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Grafham Village Hall

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Term time only

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Contact Jane Rowley **01480 890986**

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Grafham Village Hall and Astro Court



For all reservations please use the online booking platform on the village website:

<https://grafham.org.uk/village-hall-astro-pitch-booking>

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Grafham Quiz night

Last Thursday of every month

Starting at 8pm

Teams of 4, £1 entry per person

Don't forget!

Send your news, views, letters, adverts, recipes and gossip for the September issue to:

editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk as early as you like, but definitely by

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