

Grafham Gossip

Editors' Note...

Happy New Year! We would like more of your input. Whether you have something for sale, or would like to say a thankyou, or anything that could be printed, please do e-mail gossip@grafhamplan.org.uk



The Editors

PARISH NEWS...

The Village Plan has been sent to the Countryside Agency who thought it was 'absolutely first class'. There are minor changes to be made and soon the plan will be printed and delivered throughout the village.

The Parish Council meetings are held at 7.45pm in the Village Hall on the second Tuesday of each month. Everyone is welcome. January's meeting is on the 11th. Minutes can be seen on the Village Noticeboard.

The footpath lighting between Breach Road and Field Close are soon to be completed this month. The posts are already up, all that remains is for the lights to be fitted.



Grafham All Saints Church

1st Sunday (January 2nd)

Family Service 11am

2nd Sunday (January 9th)

Eucharist 11am

3rd Sunday (January 16th)

Morning Worship 11am

4th Sunday (January 23rd)

Eucharist 11am

5th Sunday (January 30th)

Eucharist 11am

1st Sunday in February (6th)

Family Service 11am

Pram Services will be resumed in January. Anybody interested please contact **John Hare (453172)** or **Tracy Ball (819452)**.

Taize style evening service at **Easton** on **Jan 30th** 6pm

Childrens Eucharist at **Spaldwick** on **Jan 30th** 9.30am

Canon Jonathan Young (01480) 891695

Father John Hare (01480) 453172

Cookies for a Cure

Can you help **LEPRA** by holding a **Cookies for a Cure Party** during **World Leprosy Week - January 23rd to January 30th?**

All money raised go towards supporting **LEPRA's** vital medical development programme in Asia, South America and Africa.

Bake (or buy) some cookies and invite friends to join in the fun during a coffee break, lunch or evening and collect 'cookie contributions'. **LEPRA** will send you a party pack. **£21** helps cure one person of leprosy, restoring their health, hope and dignity.

Leprosy is easily curable and the complete eradication of the disease is the stated aim of **LEPRA** and the reason that the charity exists.

To find out more contact **0208 4202765**. **LEPRA** will give you more details including the clip-out form of how to receive your party pack.



COME LEARN NEW WOODLAND SKILLS...

Conservation volunteers are wanted to work with the **Grafham Wildlife and Conservation Group** around five local woodlands in the Grafham area. The group meets on the first and second Sundays of each month and a **free lunch** is provided.



For more details contact, **Sam Malt** day **810844** or evening **811654**



Babysitters

Felicity Jenkinson (studying GCSE Child Development) age 15 Tel **812328**

Alison Young age 15 Tel **811577**

Claire Joyner (completed babysitting course) age 17 Tel **811668**

Carly Mann (studying midwifery and available during Christmas holidays) age 19 Tel **812807**

Olivia Sinfield (studying GCSE Child Development) age 15 Tel **811831**

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MESSAGES

Many thanks to all who contributed to the **Christmas Shoe Box Appeal**. A total of 26 boxes were collected and taken to a distribution point in **Huntingdon** where they will be sorted out and sent to some very grateful children in time for **Christmas**. Thank you for taking the time to think of children less fortunate than our own at this time of the year. It was very much appreciated." Hoping you all a very Merry Christmas and wishing you a peaceful New Year. **Moira Young**

Roy & Yvette Turner hope all their friends in **Grafham** had a very Happy Christmas and send their best wishes for 2005.

WELL DONE!

Hinchingbrooke School's Presentation Evening was held on December 15th where exam certificates and special prizes were presented. Congratulations to the three students from Grafham who were awarded prizes.

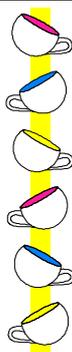
Andrew Darler was presented with the Subject Prize for Humanities.

Laura Stewart was joint winner of the 'Commitment to Sport' Award in loving memory of Lorna Currie and

Ross Chisholm was jointly awarded the Peter Scheuer Memorial Prize.



Don't forget your **Twelfth Night Cake!** The cake is a rich and dense fruitcake which traditionally contained a bean. If you got the bean then you were King or Queen of the Bean and everyone had to do what you told them to do. You were also assured of health, wealth, and happiness for the coming year. However, if you got the clove you were a villain, the twig you were a fool and if you got the rag you were a tarty girl.



Grafham Social Committee invites you to **MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS** for retired residents

From 10.30 am on Wednesday:
January 12th with Frances Knight
18 Church Road

February 9th with Jean Futter
2 Thorpe Cottage,
Ellington Thorpe

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