

# Grafham Gossip

## Editors' note...

Again, thank you for your contributions this month. We look forward to receiving your news in the next few weeks for us to feature in the next issue (deadline opposite).

The Editors

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Issue 17 Deadline: November 18th

## Grafham All Saints Church

**Friday November 4th: 14.15**

Pram Service

**1st Sunday (November**

**6th): 11.00** Family Service with Baptism.

**2nd Sunday (November 13th) Remembrance**

**Sunday: 10.55** Act of Remembrance followed by Eucharist.

**3rd Sunday (November 20th): 8.00** Eucharist (BCP). **11.00** Morning Worship

**4th Sunday (November 27th): 11.00** Eucharist

**1st Sunday in December (December 4th):** Family Service for Advent

*Contacting the clergy:*

**Canon Jonathan Young** (01480) **891695**

**Dr John Hare** (01480) **453172**



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2005

By now, you should all have received my note about Operation Christmas Child 2005. I hope you have taken time to read through the leaflet and realise what a worthwhile cause this project represents.

Last year, I was able to donate 29 completed shoeboxes from the village and, with your help, hope this year to donate more.

If you would like to be part of this project and help make a brighter Christmas for these under-privileged children, please hand in your completed shoeboxes, donations for boxes or monetary donations to me at:

**2 Meadow Ground, Grafham** or tel: **811577**

If you have not received an information leaflet through your letterbox, please ring me and I'll happily bring one along!

Many thanks for your support.  
**Moira Young**

NB. All donations should be handed in to me by **Friday 18th November**.



## A Note of Gratitude

**Macmillan**  
cancer relief

We would like to give a huge thanks to everyone who got together for a cup of coffee and helped raise a fantastic £157.00 on Friday 30th of September as part of Macmillan's Cancer Relief biggest coffee morning.

It was a great morning and everybody enjoyed themselves, having a cup of coffee or tea, cakes, biscuits and a chat with friends, family and neighbours. How amazing to see that a simple cuppa has helped to raise lots of money for such a great cause.

Three in ten people in the UK will be diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lives, but money raised in aid of Macmillan's nurses will help them to be there for more people with cancer.

The success of Macmillan's Coffee morning is all down to you. Without you this would have not been possible. Again, many thanks to the people of Grafham village and also a massive thanks to the Graham Village Hall Committee for allowing the use of the Hall free of charge.

**Susana Doyle and Clare Slater**

## Have you see Taz? (Photo on website)

Last seen 12th October 2005, the night of the heavy rain. Small silver/grey male cat with a white bib, four white socks and a dark smudge on the a back leg near the joint, no collar. Usually seen near the fields by the water tower on the SW side of the village. Taz had little road sense and we fear he might have been knocked down on the village approach road by the exit of the Grafham Water car park. Any information please phone 01480 812042 or e-mail [barb\\_2\\_nyg@hotmail.com](mailto:barb_2_nyg@hotmail.com). Thank you, The Whitlocks

**Opera on the Run performs *The Pefect Picnic***

Five established singers offering light, amusing and entertaining opera in the Village Hall.



**Wednesday 9th November  
7:30 pm**

Tickets: Adults	£6.50
Conc	£6.00
Under 16's	£4.00

**Bar opens 7:00 pm**

Booking Office: Pat Watson 01480 811166  
Steve Murkin 01480 811341

**GRAFHAM BONFIRE NIGHT- SATURDAY  
5TH NOVEMBER From 18.30**

Firework Display  
Hot Dogs, Burgers, Soup, Mulled Wine  
Fireworks from Lancaster's Kimbolton  
(Please do NOT bring any fireworks)



**Entrance Fee £5 per family**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME**

In Grafham we enjoy relatively low crime statistics, and the idea of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme is to ensure this continues.

Awareness is the most important deterrent and the first step in getting the scheme off the ground is to ask everyone to

display a Neighbourhood watch sticker in their front window.

Signs indicating that Grafham residents are involved in a Neighbourhood watch Scheme will be placed at sevreal points along the roads entering the village. The Police will work closely with us on all aspects and advise where necessary.

If the scheme is successful and we have the backing of the majority of residents in the village we will then be able to consider other options:

These could include arranging discounts on home insurance, property marking and perhaps the installation of alarm systems.

Statistics will be published at regular intervals in the Grafham Gossip. If you require any further information or if you would like to get involved further at this stage please e-mail me on [Jamie2701@aol.com](mailto:Jamie2701@aol.com) or telephone Jack Stewart on 01480 810841.

**James Snell**

**Babysitters**

**Olivia Sinfield** (Grade B in GCSE Child Development)

age: 16  
Tel: 811831

**Felicity Jenkinson** (Grade B in GCSE Child Development)

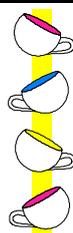
age: 16  
Tel: 812328

**Danielle Meyer** (experienced babysitter and also speaks french - able to help with homework)

age: 16  
Tel: 811279

**Alison Young**

age: 16  
Tel: 811577



**Grafham Social Committee invites you to MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS for retired residents from 10.30 am on Wednesday November 9th with Francis Knight 18 Church Road**

**INTERESTED IN WILDLIFE?**

The **Grafham Wildlife and Conservation Group** meets every first and second Sunday of the month to carry out woodland conservation.

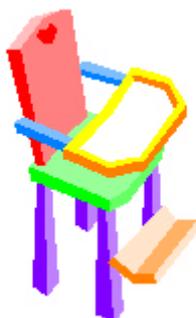
**Saturday November 12th at 14.30** there will be a Guided Walk through Brampton Wood.



For more details, conact **Sam Malt** on 810844 (day-time) or 811654 (evening).

**Baby Accessories For Sale**

**Garden Playset** - £30  
**Baby Walk 'n' Play** - £30  
**High Chair** (folds flat) - £15  
**Infant Carrier** - £5  
**Car Seat** - £25  
**Sivercross Pram** - £40  
**Moses Basket** (with rocking base and Broderie Anglaise trim) - £40



Telephone: 01480 819505

**District Councillors Shirley Menczer and Peter Downes are available in the Village Hall Car Park between 11.15 and 11.45 on the first Saturday of each month.**

# Grafham Gen

## A Brief History of Grafham's Water Supply

Grafham's original water supply was drawn from the village pump, which was supplied by a farm pond. Private wells were also in use. The supply was said to be inadequate.

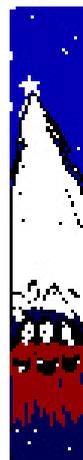
Grafham's mains water supply started with the Buckden Scheme as it was then called and commenced in 1946. The water supply came from The Old Diddington Camp (the American Military Hospital) which served the new Buckden Reservoir, at Wood Farm Lane.

Grafham's water came from this source and first came to the village in November 1948. The work was completed in December 1950. The Grafham Water Tower was erected in 1949 and the Perry Tower in 1961.



Our village supply now comes from Grafham Water Reservoir, which was first named the Diddington Reservoir.

Sam Malt



## THE ARAGON SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

at  
All Saints Church Grafham

**Friday 9th December 2005**  
at 7:30 pm

£1 Schoolchildren  
£5 Adults  
(including glass of mulled wine and mince pie at the interval)

For tickets contact:  
**Pat Watson 01480 811166** or  
**Jill Tyack 01480 810157**

## Jesus Christ Superstar

(starring Grafham resident, Keith Jenkinson!)

**Tuesday 1st - Saturday 5th**  
**November 2005**  
7.45pm, Saturday 3pm



St Neots Priory Centre Box  
Office: 01480 **388922**

## Ann Summers Party

**Date:** Friday November 25th 2005

**Time:** 19.30 onwards

**Hostess:** Tina Theodorou

**Venue:** "Kalo Stone" 5 Home Close Grafham

**Contact Number:** 01480 811366

Tina says, "Please come along and join me for a glass of wine (or two) and have an "uplifting" experience - not to mention a really good girls' laugh! Try and make it along and bring others too if you wish - the more the merrier! I hope to see as many

Grafham ladies as possible - please!"

**Ann Summers**

**Sorry NOW cancelled!!**

## Sofa bed for sale

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**Grafham Linedancing**

Due to demand I will be starting a beginners linedancing class on Monday evenings at 7p.m.



If anyone out there is interested in joining this new class, please call me on 01480 812556, or email me at [Karenza36@hotmail.com](mailto:Karenza36@hotmail.com)

Thankyou **Karenza James**

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