

# Grafham Gossip

## Editors' note...

We'd like some more newsy articles between the adverts! Let us know what you're up to! Happy New Year! *The Editors*



## A YOUTH FRIENDLY EVENT

(At Last!)

### Y JESUS 2DAY?

with

**Matt Wild**

(Secondary Schools and Youth Worker from the C.R.O.P.S. trust)

and

**St Mary's Brampton  
Youth Electric Band**



Sunday January 15th - 6pm  
All Saints Church, Grafham

## FIVE-PARISH ADVENT FAIR

Tremendous thanks to all who contributed, ran stalls and those who supported on the day. At the moment the total is £ 803.00, but still happy to receive donations! What about next year? We've held the 5 parish event in Ellington three years running. It would be good to have a change. Grafham Village Hall or Spaldwick School? A different time of the year? A different format? All 5 parishes financially benefit from it. Suggestions please to Sue on 455080.



Grafham is now fully registered as a Neighbourhood Watch village and we shall be receiving regular information from the police which I shall relay through *Grafham*

*Gossip*. However, there has been a disappointing response to window stickers being displayed, and I would ask everyone to help by placing their sticker in a prominent position in their front window. It only takes a small amount of space, but really does convey to any visitors that we are united in the scheme. If you have misplaced your sticker (delivered with a previous *Grafham Gossip*) please contact me.

**James Snell** E-mail: [Jamie2701@aol.com](mailto:Jamie2701@aol.com)

Issue 19 Deadline: January 19th

## Grafham All Saints Church

**3rd Sunday (December 18th):** 8.00 Eucharist (BCP). 16.30

Service of Lessons and Carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

**Christmas Eve (December 24th):** 16.00

Crib Service. A Short service to welcome the return of the Travelling Nativity Set.

**Christmas Day (December 25th):** 11.00 Christmas Eucharist

**1st Sunday (January 1st):** 11.00 Morning Prayer

**2nd Sunday (January 8th):** 11.00 Eucharist

**3rd Sunday (January 15th):** 8.00 Eucharist 11.00 Morning Prayer 18.00 Youth Service see left.

**4th Sunday (January 22nd):** 11.00 Eucharist

**5th Sunday (January 29th):** Group Service - Time and place to be arranged.

The Congregation and the Clergy of All Saints wish everyone in the village a Happy Christmas.

Do join us for some of our services.

*Contacting the clergy:*

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Tel: 810550

**Danielle Meyer** -speaks French and able to help

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**Olivia Sinfield** - Grade B GCSE Child

Development. Age: 16. Tel: 811837

**Felicity Jenkinson** - Grade B GCSE Child

Development. Age:16. Tel: 812328



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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 Social Committee invites you to MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS for retired residents from 10.30 am on Wednesday January 11th with Frances Knight 18 Church Road**

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**THE ARAGON SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

On Friday December 9th at All Saints Church Grafham, villagers were entertained by the **Aragon Singers**. Their beautiful repertoire consisted of a variety of songs from the choir ranging from *Little Jack Horner*, with apologies to Handel, to *Ave Verum*, Mozart and also humorous poems and solos. In between the numbers, musical director Gren Gutteridge reminisced with memories of the 'good times' shared at the Church Christmas Nativities during the 21 years that he lived in Grafham. We wondered who had been the Angel Gabriel with the fantastic wings or the little boy who sang all the carols to the same tune...

A good musical and festive evening was enjoyed by all! The concert raised £205 towards the restoration fund for Grafham All Saints. Thank you Aragon Singers!



Further donations will be gratefully received. Please make cheques payable to Grafham PCC and deliver to 1 Inhams Way.

**Heather Joyner**



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A huge **thank you** for your contributions to the Poppy Appeal collection. The generosity of Grafham residents raised £167.78 for The Royal British Legion, helping them to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work. **Bonnie Rhodes**



**Operation Christmas Child - 2005**



Many thanks to all who so generously contributed to Operation Christmas Child 2005. As a village, we donated 31 shoeboxes which will be distributed to needy children in Romania and Russia in time for Christmas. I am sure you will agree that this is a very worthwhile project and hope you enjoyed filling your shoeboxes as much as I did. A certificate of thanks from Samaritans Purse is displayed on the noticeboard in the village hall. Well done!  
Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.  
**Moira Young.**

Seasons Greetings to you all from **Grafham Wildlife and Conservation Group**. Please join us in the New Year on the first and second Sunday of the month to carry out woodland conservation.  
For more details, contact **Sam Malt** on **810844** (daytime) or **811654** (evening).



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*\*GIFT VOUCHERS\**

**Reminder about the youth questionnaire**

Please don't forget to complete the questionnaire attached to last month's Grafham Gossip. At the time of writing we have received just two! This is a great opportunity for young people to say what they want for themselves in the village. If you do not want anything then please let us know, on the other hand, if you do please let us know that too! I appreciate that there is a lot to do at this time of the year but it will only take five minutes - so why not do it now?! If you have lost your form it can be downloaded from the village web site - [www.grafhamvillage.org.uk](http://www.grafhamvillage.org.uk). Thank you. **Katrina Goodwin**

Did you know that Grafham has its own **Martial Arts Club?**

Grafham Tang Soo Do club is run by a highly experienced Black Belt International Tang Soo Do Master. Training is every **Wednesday** and **Friday** evening in Grafham Village Hall, starting at **7pm**.



It is suitable for **all** ages - our youngest members are 7 years old, our oldest is nearing 50!!

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*Bem Estar*

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