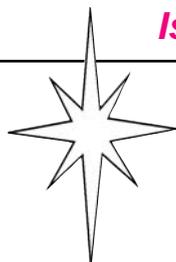


# Grafham Gossip



**Issue 77 Early Deadline: Midnight Thursday 9th December**



## Grafham All Saints

28th November (5th Sunday) 16.00 -  
Service in association with Marie Curie  
Cancer Care "Lights to Remember"  
(No 11.00 service)

5th December (1st Sunday) 11.00 Family Service -  
Posada (Travelling Nativity) sets off around the village

12th December (2nd Sunday) 11.00 Eucharist

19th December (3rd Sunday) 8.00 Eucharist  
(No 11.00 service) 16.30 Carol Service

24th December (Christmas Eve) 16.00 Crib Service

25th December (Christmas Day) 11.00 Eucharist

26th December No service

2nd January (1st Sunday) 11.00 Family Service

Visitors very welcome at any service

Contacting the clergy:

Rector - Fr Jonathan Young The Rectory,  
Ellington PE 28 0AU 01480 891695

Churchwarden - Hazel Powell 01480 810326



## Editors' note...

As usual, there's a very early deadline for the next issue - January's - to fit in with the Christmas break, so please think about your entries early to avoid disappointment. It means

most of you are likely to get the January issue before Christmas, but remember that the *Grafham Gossip* is available on the village web site if you misplace your hard copy. You could join the subscription list and have a link to the web site version, sent by email every month.

Thank you to everyone involved in distributing the *Grafham Gossip* throughout the year.

Merry Christmas to all!

**Editors, gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk**



## Carol Singing around Grafham

**Tuesday 21st December**

Come and join the SAS to  
Sing and Celebrate the Christmas Season

- Meet at All Saints Church at **6.30 pm**
- Carol-singing tour of the village - Finish in the village hall **about 8pm** for mince pies/mulled wine
- Collection for the Save All Saints Fund as we go.

**Listen for the bell ringing to announce our arrival near your door.**

If anyone can bring any musical instruments to accompany us do let Karen Stewart know (810961)

**Grafham Christmas cards and calendars now available** See page 6 for details or ring Valerie **07761 137 012**



## Burns' Night Supper

Saturday 29th January 2010

Please see page 3 for details

**SAS**

## Mince Pie and Coffee Morning

Saturday 4th December

10am -1pm

In the Village Hall



Come and enjoy warm mince pies and browse the stalls, including an exciting range of affordable fashion jewellery, bags and scarves by "Finishing Touches," Avon Cosmetics, handmade Christmas tree and table decorations and a raffle.

Proceeds to Grafham Church funds

Also by kind collaboration with **SAS**

Santa's Grotto  
Christmas cards and calendars  
Christmas craft activity for children

Proceeds to **SAS**



## Five Parish Advent Fair 2010

The annual Advent Fair supports the five parishes in our group: Easton, Ellington, Grafham, Spaldwick, Barham and Woolley. This year the Fair will be held in **Ellington Church on Saturday, 27th November** from **2.00pm**, with the raffle draw at about 4.00 pm. Refreshments will be available during the afternoon.

**Please phone Sue on 453350 with any offers of help** beforehand or on the day and please do come and help make it a jolly occasion.

Raffle ----- John 890853  
Cake Stall ----- Romi 890287 and Hazel 810326  
Honey, pickles, chutneys, jams ---Peter 891043  
Gifts and presents -----Fiona 891022  
Craft stall -----Jill 810157  
Everything for a pound ---Val 812390 and Ann 810223  
Bottle stall -----Jonathan 891695  
Treasures/white elephant ----Ann 891372  
Refreshments -----W.I.

**General offers of help to Sue Young 453350**



## PARISH NEWS...

November 2010

The Parish Council vacancy has been filled by Brian Homewood of Village Farm. The Council welcomes Brian and is looking forward to working with him.

The draft questionnaire for the Village Plan was discussed at the PC meeting. A few amendments were suggested for clarity, but the Council were mostly content with the format. The questionnaire is expected to be delivered to every household in the village during January 2011. The Council would stress that there is no compulsion to answer all the questions and everyone can be sure that their answers will remain anonymous.

The Diocese of Ely has suggested an alternative plot of land for use as allotments, but this would be at the discretion of the current lessee. However, the Council has learned that other offers of land have been made, but there is no information to date on the stance of the Allotment Society concerning these offers.

The possibility of applying for grant funds for improving the Village Hall moved a step closer. Cllr Allingham has been in conversation with the regional office of the Big Lottery Fund to find out more about eligibility and scope. Councillors will be forming a project group to manage the bid and any subsequent work. The priorities would be a



better heating system, double glazing, better kitchen facilities and improved changing and shower facilities for football and cricket. The possibility of extending the hall to include some social provision will also be discussed. Each item will have its own case for presentation and the process could take up to 6 months.

Cllr Allingham has received some information about a project called "The Youth Connection Bus." This is essentially a mobile youth club, manned by 3 youth workers, which would come to the village for about 2 hours in an evening or during school holidays. It was agreed give it a try.

The date of the next meeting is 14th December 2010.

**Margaret Life, Parish Clerk**

**01480 819477** margaret\_life\_grafham@yahoo.co.uk

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

**Philip Allingham** Chairman **01480 811516**

philip\_allingham@sky.com

**Mike Tyler** Vice Chair **01480 811244** mtyler@bedford.gov.uk

**David King** **01480 812430** davidking@hawkeyesystems.com

**Ian Gardener** **01480 812821** idg@asc-geomatics.co.uk

**Tracey Ibbett** **01480 812310** TraceyIbbett@talktalk.net

**Helen Breakspear** **01480 810787**

helenbreakspear@btinternet.com

## sAs Save All Saints Annual General Meeting

Grafham's Save All Saints group, which raises money to help maintain the village's grade 1 listed church, held its annual general meeting on the 18th October. Village fund raising events during the year raised £4,590.

During last year the church obtained a full architect's report detailing the repairs needed to the church which are significant. Recently contractors have inspected the spire and the church lead roofs, making some temporary repairs. Save All Saints paid for this inspection work and currently the church is liaising with the architect to specify further work.

Thanks to everyone who supported SAS during the year. The church can only be maintained with the support of the whole village.



## The Secret Life of St Neots Station

Soon to be published, "The Secret Life of St Neots Station - a microcosm of the world in which we live" by John Slack, author of the book, "The Arrival of the Midland Railway at Kimbolton in 1866." The new book, available by early December, will contain details of Gt Staughton's two railway schemes.



Three railway stations were planned for Gt Staughton but only two were built. The book includes minutes of the meeting trying to encourage investment in the line which was never built (a descendant of the chairman is now a Staughton resident!)

The book contains accounts of the Duke of Manchester's use of St Neots Station giving an excellent insight into the passage of some of the late 19th Century royalty through Gt Staughton. Another section details how a Gt Staughton resident saved Kimbolton Grammar School from bankruptcy. In the mid-1940s, a potentially serious accident at St Neots Station, was caused by the same school! Gaynes Hall's use of the station during WW2 is mentioned also.

The illustrations include award winning photographs taken by Joe Doncaster who worked at the station from 1931 to 1970. He reminisces about his working life in that time, giving descriptions of specific Staughton people who passed through the station. Joe describes the air war over St Neots in detail. Plus much more from 1844 to the present.

The book will have about 170 pages and 120 illustrations and will be hard-backed with dust jacket. It's keenly priced at £14.99 (proceeds to be donated to St Neots Museum and to the author's medical charity Proventus). It can be bought from Sam Malt 20 Breach Rd, 811654 or 810884, Waterstones Bookshop, St Neots, St Neots Station or by post (cheque £14.99 + £2.50 p&p) from:- John Slack 2 Field Cottage Rd, Eaton Socon, St Neots PE19 8HA.

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## Burns' Night Supper

Saturday 29th January 2010  
 Grafham Village Hall 7.45pm for 8pm start  
 Bring your own choice of drink  
 Tartan encouraged

The evening has always been a sell-out event, with everything you could hope for from the best of Burns:

- Music from the pipes to greet and entertain you
- Piping in and addressing the haggis
- A traditional Scots three course meal
- Toasts and entertaining speeches

**Ticket price of £12.50 unchanged from last year. Seventy tickets only are available from 1st December so don't delay and contact Karen 810961**



So that this can be as much as possible a community event, there is a limit of 4 tickets per household until 1st January (if any are left by then).

District Councillors **Peter Downes** and **Patricia Jordan** are available at the village hall from **11.15 to 11.45 on the first Saturday of the month.**



At other times contact:

**Peter.Downes@cambridgeshire.gov.uk**

tel **398082** and

**Patricia.Jordan@huntsdc.gov.uk**

tel **457802**



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

October/ November 2010

The only reported incident this month has been a car driving around the village with two males appearing to be looking at properties - this has been reported to the police by the resident living in Church Road and has been looked into.



The whole of the Huntingdonshire area has seen an increase this month in house burglaries and shed burglaries, predominantly occurring in properties where homeowners are away on holiday/short breaks or certainly longer periods of time than just being out at work. The main target has been gold jewellery and cash. The police stress the importance of not leaving Christmas shopping on view in vehicles especially if you are in a public car park.

Police are advising the use of timer switches and to review security internally and of course, to let a neighbour know if you are away.

The new association of Huntingdon Neighbourhood Watch Association, bringing together all villages in the area, has been set up and is now running under the chairmanship of Alan Mackender-Lawrence who was in fact our community police officer prior to Gemma Clark. The idea is to alert each other of any crime related matters.

**James Snell 07951 069 565**

email: [Jamie2701@aol.com](mailto:Jamie2701@aol.com)

All emergencies **999**

Police control centre **0345 456 4564**

Minicom for hard of hearing **01480 422493**

Crimestoppers **0800 555111** (anonymous)

Anti-social behaviour **01480 388379**

To stop unwanted mail **0845 703 459 9**

To stop unwanted phone calls **0845 070 070 7**

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)

## Travelling Nativity

The Travelling Nativity, sometimes called the Posada because of its roots in Mexican tradition, has been flourishing in our village now for 5 years. I am aware that the young children it is primarily aimed at have probably now outgrown it so this is to remind young families of what it's all about.



The 'box' travels round Grafham staying the night in your home if you so wish. It contains knitted figures of Mary, Joseph and the entire Christmas cast for children to play with and act out the Christmas story. The box also has books, jigsaws and colouring sheets to use. This service is free and comes with no strings attached! Not only that, but you are welcome to keep one of the sheep as a reminder. (It's just as well we have Wendy, our resident sheep knitter!)

The box starts at the beginning of Advent ( Dec 5th) and finishes its travels at Grafham Church for the short Crib Service on Christmas Eve. **If you would like to have the box for a night get in touch with me, Jill Tyack on 01480 810157** and I will start the list!

### Catworth FC

#### November 2010 Fixtures

Date	Opposition	(Competition)	Meet	KO.
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	(H) v Market Inn	(Cup )	9.30	10.30
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	no scheduled game			
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	(A) v Haywain Res.	(Cup )	9.45	10.30
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	(H) v Barley Mow	(League)	9.30	10.30

For details of Catworth Football Club see page 5



It was wonderful to see so many children out in the village in costume this year participating in Halloween. I am sure I speak on behalf of all parents and children when I say 'A Big Thank You' to all villagers who participated. Thank you all for your generosity.

**Michelle Duckworth**



## GRAFHAM VILLAGE HALL

has a Public Entertainments Licence for music, dancing, performing arts and can accommodate 92 guests seated in rows or 150 at a dance/disco - an ideal venue for children's and family parties. There is a playing field for sports activities and the hall has small changing rooms with shower facilities.



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

## Wanted!

Do you have any unwanted books at home? Grafham All Saints Church is looking to re-stock the book-stall in the church porch and would be pleased to accept donations of books; preferably in good condition. Please leave in the church porch. Many thanks!



## Do you enjoy reading?

Come along and join us for informal social evenings (and a glass of wine or two!)

Date: Tuesday 30 November Time: 8pm  
Venue: Sue Kelley's 3 Church Road Grafham  
Host Tel No: 01480 812179

Hope to see you all there! **NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**  
We would love to welcome new readers and those new to the village too! So if you like a good read, socialising and want to meet fellow Grafham residents, please join us. If you'd like to know more or need collecting to go along with someone, please contact **Tina on 07711 012957**

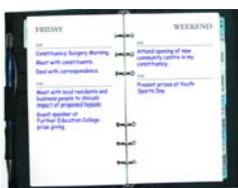
## Help to clean our church



Perhaps, understandably, you feel you would not like to attempt this alone. Several of our cleaners would be glad of a partner - "a job shared is a job halved". If you could spare an hour six times a year, do please contact:

Hazel Powell **810326**  
who would be glad to hear from you.

Do you have any events to advertise? Email the details to **diary@grafhamgossip.co.uk** (or **gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk**) We'll add them to the Village Diary on the web site.



## Open from 7.30am

Breakfast club 2 ½ - 11yrs  
Playgroup 2 ½ - 5 yrs  
Mucky Pups (parent /toddlers)  
For details tel: **01480 890077**

**www.playtimesplaygroup.co.uk**



## Grafham Church Flower Club

The Flower Club will be meeting to decorate the church for Christmas during the week of 13th December. Please contact Hazel **810326** for details.



## FREE



## Concrete paving slabs

Please phone Valerie on 01480 812794 to arrange a time for collection.

## Grafham Social Committee

invites you to a Coffee Morning at 10.30am on **Wednesday, December 8th at Pat Watson's 10 Field Close**. This is an informal social occasion for residents of the village. Please come along for a cup of coffee and a chat.



## The Mobile Library route L108/120

visits **Breach Road, Grafham** on **alternate Tuesdays from 10.45 to 11.05**.

Visits are: **Nov 30th, Dec 14th, 28th**

For renewals or enquiries call

**0845 045 5225**

<http://hipweb.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/mobiles/index.html>



## 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>



## Ellington and Grafham W.I.

Join the growing team! We meet on the first Tuesday in the month. For details ring: Sue **896139** or Ann **891372**



## Babysitters

Danielle 20yrs **811279**

Olivia 20yrs - Grade B GCSE Child Development **811831**

Felicity 20yrs -Grade B GCSE Child Development **812328**

Marie-Claire 17yrs -GCSE Child Development **811279**

Kirsty 18yrs - babysitting course **810550**

Kate 17yrs - babysitting course **812179**

Livvy 14yrs - babysitting course **819708**

Georgie 14yrs- babysitting course **432688**

Harriet 16yrs **810043** Emma 17yrs **860632**

Caroline 14yrs **812179**



## View from the Pew!

As we enter into the darkest season of winter we must be glad that we have all the fun and festivity of Christmas to look forward to. However it can also be a stressful time with all the preparations to be made. What better time to remember the true meaning of Christmas by coming to church to join in with our celebrations and bringing the children to the services especially for them.

We begin December with a Mince Pie and Coffee morning in the Village Hall on Saturday 4th from 10 am until 1pm. There will be warm mince pies to enjoy and stalls including an exciting range of modern fashion jewellery, bags and scarves by Finishing Touches. Avon cosmetics will join us again and the Flower Club will be selling Christmas table and tree decorations which were so popular last year. The sAs will also be providing Santa's Grotto, Christmas cards and calendars and a Christmas craft-making activity for children.

The following day at our 11am Family Service the Posada travelling nativity will be the theme and after-



wards will set off on its journey round the village. If you would like to have this lovely nativity set in your home for the children to enjoy, please contact Jill Tyack (810157) who will be delighted to hear from you.



On 19th December there will be no 11am service but at 4.30 we shall have our Carol Service. Come and see the church decorated for Christmas and join in the singing of those much loved carols.

On Christmas Eve we look forward to seeing lots of children at 4pm for our Crib Service. The Posada will have returned to church and the children will be invited to replace the knitted characters in the stable to complete the scene.

Our Christmas Day Eucharist will be at 11am but there will be no service the following day. The first service of the new year to celebrate Epiphany will be on 2nd January. In the January edition, there'll be more news of the Christingle service, especially welcoming children.

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**RING:** Valerie **07761 137 012** for more information

**sAs** Save All Saints Association

*Do you have any views or comments on village life?*

*E-mail [gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk](mailto:gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk) and we'll publish them in 'Letters to the Editors.' Please supply your name but tell us if you'd prefer us not to print it in the Grafham Gossip. Thanks!*

## Catworth Football Club

(playing local football since 1938)

**Catworth FC** would like to expand into a community club, allowing everyone in all the villages up and down the A14 to become involved.



How can I get involved?



**Spectating:** Catworth FC play in the St. Neots and District Sunday League. Home games are played at Victory Fields, Catworth (kick-off 10.30am). Look out for fixtures lists on your village notice board.

**Physio:** If you are first aid trained then the club are always looking for physio support for matches. Contact the club for more details.

**Officiating:** Help with linesman duties and referees for pre-season games are always needed. Qualifications not necessary - we can help with that! Contact the club for more details.

**Sponsorship/Advertising:** Local businesses can get involved with the club in any way they want (big or small) from sponsoring kits, players and events to promoting and advertising themselves on our website. Just contact the club to see how you can get involved.

**Contact:** Andy Woodham (Secretary) (01480) 891113  
email: [Andrew.woodham@sky.com](mailto:Andrew.woodham@sky.com)

*There's a Catworth FC Fixture List on page 2*

*Send your news, views and gossip to:  
[gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk](mailto:gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk)*

## A Shepherd's Tale - 26

November 2010

It should have been a quiet month but actually it's been quite busy. There have been quite a few repeats from tupping so we now have a selection of different lambing dates from around 20 Feb to early April. The last ewe tupped was one we had sponged; but somehow the sponge and its strings (these are used for pulling out the sponge) had gone in further than expected and required the vet to hoik them out. Two of our rams (Furlong and Rendall) have gone out on hire to tup two other Southdown flocks and I had a third enquiry which I had to redirect elsewhere as I needed to keep some rams for cover here.

One long project is now coming to an end; during the summer we dismantled the two leaky old sheds which we used for lambing and with Jim's help we have put up a new barn with plenty of room for sheep and hay. I am hoping it will be finished this weekend as it only needs its ridge and one end fitting. However we have been using the space already as the ewe lambs are already in so that they did not get tupped accidentally.

Our other autumn enterprise has been to take more "land in hand". This autumn we



Ewe lambs indoors

direct drilled - a form of sowing with no cultivation - about seven acres of new grass in front of Orchard Row. The advantage of direct drilling for us was speed and moisture conservation, on lighter soils it can reduce erosion. There can be difficulties in getting the seed depth right but it seems to have worked for us. The fields have now been fenced and yesterday I let some of

the flock in for a nibble to stop the grass getting too proud. We used an interesting mixture of grasses and I will explain about this another time, the most important thing is I know we should have enough grass next year. One other minor excitement was the Southdown flock competition, which I entered for the first time this year. Our flock was inspected by a learned flockmaster and placed fourth in the "novice" class. Given that we were up against many more well established flocks I was very pleased with the outcome; I am also pleased to report that Furlong's breeders won the overall competition.

**Patrick Goldsworthy**



## Found - Cat A ginger/white short haired cat arrived last Tuesday, 9th November.

 If anyone has lost a cat matching this description please call Sam on 819453



## Grafham Cricket Club



Grafham Cricket held its' Annual Dinner on the 12th November 2010 at the Wheatsheaf in West Perry. Thanks go to Paul and Lisa, lord and landlady of the

Wheatsheaf for the delicious meals, waitress service and convivial setting for the dinner.

The playing part of the season petered out a little, due to the wet weather experienced in August. In the season overall four games out of possible sixteen were lost to bad weather; the most the club has experienced in recent seasons. This however did not stop the fund of funny incidents, achievements and failures generated throughout the season from being remembered in the after dinner speeches.

Thanks were also expressed for the backroom volunteers whose efforts make the match days possible: Eric Bailey for preparation of the cricket

square and the pitches on match days; Martin Clayton for cutting the outfield; for the ladies who prepare the best cricket teas in the league: Jane Stewart, Val Hunt, Jill Dighton, Emma Brown, Amanda Smith and Caroline Armes.

The cricketing awards for the season are as follows:

Best Batsman	Chris Brown
Best Bowler	Adrian Love
Best Fielder	Robert Forsdick
Most Improved Player	Gareth Knowles
Player's Player	Adam Dighton
Club Member of the Year	Chris Dighton

Grafham Cricket Club would also like to take this opportunity to send congratulations to Chris and Emma Brown for the birth of their son Thomas.

Grafham Cricket Club would also like to wish all readers of the "*Grafham Gossip*" a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.



**Chris Dighton Club Chairman**

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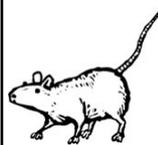
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**Buckden Surgery Patients Association  
(BSPA) A precis of an article by Sue Paul**

▪ Our annual coffee and mince pie morning is at the Methodist Hall on Wednesday 1st December, 10am to 12 mid-day. It's a relaxed, friendly, enjoyable event and we look forward to seeing you. Please do come along and support us.

▪ The talk on prostate cancer by Dr Irwin was a great success attended by about 45 gentlemen. Thank you to all who came; I've had a lot of positive feedback. Dr Irwin suggests that in a field where diagnoses / treatment are constantly re-evaluated and improved, it would be good to give another talk next year.

▪ Arrangements for some surgery and community staff to use the Scout Hut car park are now finalised leaving more spaces available in the Surgery car park..

• Our doctors expect the new surgery entrance door to be fitted before Christmas. We anticipate that patients will be delighted with the automatic press button opening option. There'll be a window in the door to give a clear view of anyone coming from the opposite direction.

▪ There have been intermittent problems with the surgery telephone system and work to update and replace it has begun.

▪ Michaela, our Phlebotomist, has been replaced by Laura Garcia; I'm sure she will enjoy being part of such a friendly and



professional team. Replacements are still being sought to cover maternity leaves for Dr Leonard and Dr Blundy in the New Year until their return in October 2011. Inevitably there'll be some problems for patients with a longer than usual wait to see 'their doctor', but I'm sure patients will be understanding. Rest assured, you will always be seen in an emergency.

▪ There's still no news about the future of Hinchingsbrooke Hospital and we await more information about how 'Clusters' are expected to evolve in our area. The former HuntsComm was a trailblazer, demonstrating the value of GPs working together for the benefit of patients. It is expected that the coalition government medical professionals will be monitoring our GPs closely as the PCT cedes responsibility for commissioning Primary and Secondary Healthcare Services to them.

▪ Finally, there is an NHS document called Preferred Priorities for Care [PPC] which provides opportunity for you to discuss and write down your preferences and priorities for care towards the end of your life. It is entirely optional but can be an invaluable help and guide for family, friends and carers in understanding what is important to you. You keep this document and can review and update it as necessary. Please ask at the surgery for more details.

▪ On behalf of the Committee, may we wish everyone a healthy, happy, peaceful Christmas and New Year.

For complete article see: <http://www.bandlp.co.uk/>



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