

Grafham Gossip

Issue 69 Deadline: Midnight Thursday 22nd April

Grafham All Saints

28th March (4th Sunday) 11.00

Palm Sunday Service

2nd April (Good Friday) 19.00 A quiet service of Reflection for Good Friday

4th April (1st Sunday) Easter Day 11.00

Eucharist followed by Easter Egg Hunt

11th April (2nd Sunday) 11.00 Eucharist

18th April (3rd Sunday) 8.00 Eucharist

11.00 Sunday Worship

25th April (4th Sunday) 11.00 Eucharist

2nd May (1st Sunday) 11.00 Sunday Worship

Visitors very welcome at any service

Contacting the clergy:

Fr Jonathan Young (rector) The Rectory, Ellington.
PE 28 0AU 01480 891695

Fr Martin Kettle (curate) The Vicarage, Alconbury.
PE28 4DX 01480 890284 or 07770 273923

Churchwarden - Hazel Powell 01480 810326

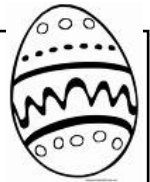


Editors' note...

If you'd like to spend three nights in Krakow, 17th to 20th September, see page 3 for contact details. How about a taste of St George's Delight? Come and join in the celebrations on 24th April! Details are on this page. Also on page 1, find out what you can do to help prepare the church for Easter Day. In 'Letter to the Editors', read some of what we told Bob from Texas about the mid-air collision on Friday 13th, 1958. Look out for the Chocolate Easter Nests recipe on page 3.

We wish all our readers a very Happy Easter!

Editors, gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk



EASTER EGG HUNT!

following the

Easter Day Service on
Sunday 4th April

Special prize for the finder
of the Easter Bunny!



Save all Saints Presents



A St George's Day Celebration

24th April

Village Hall 8.00pm

Come and celebrate St George

Red and white dress code

****A Mummers play****

Play pub games for maidens' favours!

Cottage pie or

St George's Vegetarian Pie

followed by

St George's Delight or Fruit Salad

Bar with ale

Witness SAS raise a total of £10,000!!

Tickets £10 (first come first served)

Karen Stewart 810961

Keith Chisholm 810694

Grafham Church Flower Club

On 1st April we will prepare floral arrangements in the church for Easter Day. On 20th April Karenza will show us how to make some bridal arrangements. We'll meet in the Village Hall at 8pm. We'd love to have new members, so don't be too shy to join us. Please contact Hazel 810326 with any enquiries.



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

View from the Pew!

At the time of going to press we are just over half way through Lent. Some of us will have given up a favourite food or drink or pastime, empathising with Jesus' frugal life in the desert. Although we are a long way from the desert in Grafham, perhaps we can create that desert in our minds by turning more often at this time to God in our thoughts and prayers and away from the distractions and attractions of our daily lives. However, recently we were able to give thanks for our mothers, carers and our "mother church" by celebrating Mothering Sunday at our service on 14th March. The usual small bunches of daffodils, sweetly tied with ribbon were given and received in church.

Looking back to 21st February we would like to thank Ken Maynard for taking our Sunday Worship service as Ann Allsop was unable to attend that day.

Looking forward, Palm Sunday is on 28th March when we will sing those wonderful, triumphant hymns and receive our palm crosses. (Please be aware that there will be no communion that day as previously advertised.)

During the following days of Holy Week we contemplate the events which culminate in the agony of Good Friday. We welcome all who would like to come to our service that evening at 7 pm to quietly reflect on these events and hear the description of the stations of the Cross on which our Saviour died.

By contrast, the joy and splendour of Easter Day will be celebrated as we announce "He is risen". The church,



stripped bare for Lent will be filled with flowers. Our Eucharist service led by Mandy Flaherty (as last year) will be followed by the Easter Egg Hunt, so come along children and see who can find the Easter Bunny! Even if you cannot get to the service, do call in at the church later to see the lovely flowers and Easter Garden. The church is open every day and we welcome visitors at any time.

We have just had our five yearly (Quinquennial) report from our new architect and it makes sobering reading! It appears there is much to be done to keep our church safe and sound. We look forward to meeting with the architect very soon for his immediate recommendations. We are indebted to the SAS for their continued interest and support in helping progress much needed repairs.

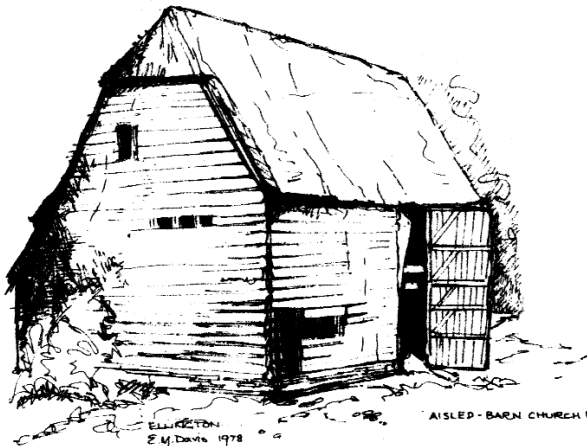
The Annual Parochial Church Meeting to elect churchwardens will be held on Tuesday 27th April at 8 pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend and nominations for prospective churchwardens may be made by completing a form available from Ann Wright on 810223.

Looking forward to May there will be a Quilting Exhibition in church on the 7th and 8th, please see the notice on page 5.

Following the success of last year's Church Fête we are planning another similar event on 6 June. Also another "Well Dressing" is being designed so all artistic eyes and hands will be called upon.

All are welcome to our services and events - we love to see new faces and especially welcome visitors and holidaymakers.

The Ellington Aisled Barn

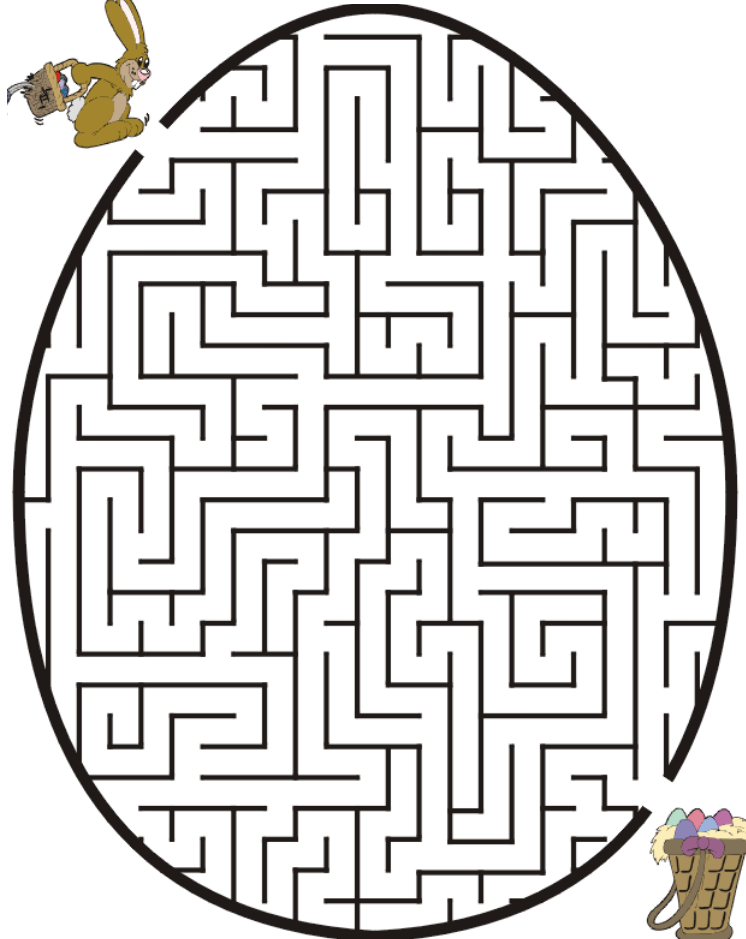


This old timber framed weather-boarded aisled barn with a thatched roof once stood on Church Farm Ellington. It was demolished along with the farm house in 1978 to make way for the St Peter's Way housing development. This barn probably dated back to the sixteenth century and stood near the church south gate next to the pound.

Sam Malt

Interested in local history? Visit the Home page of the village website and click on the link for village history.

Help the rabbit find the Easter eggs!



A Shepherd's Tale -18

The last lamb has just arrived, a small single ram lamb out of one of my smaller shearing ewes. In fact in the last few days, I had been beginning to wonder if this ewe was in-lamb as she did not look very big, but anyway she has now proved me wrong.

It has been a mixed lambing this year. After last year's disaster of losing two ewes to twin lamb disease, it is a marked improvement, but as I look back on some of this year's lambing there is sense of frustration: lambs died that could have been saved. Most annoying were the loss of two single lambs: one big old ewe dropped her lamb very quickly and the amniotic sack never broke so the lamb drowned in its own birth fluid and another dreadful tragedy was to find a new born lamb drowned in a water trough. I can't work out whether the lamb staggered in there or the ewe dropped her lamb in the trough (water births are not for sheep). With a small flock, a day job, unco-operative teenagers (are they ever co-operative?), it's just not realistic to supervise every birth; though next year I will investigate whether, by synchronous mating I can get the ewes to lamb closer together and so I can justify spending more time in the lambing pen.

There have been some highs: The ewe with a prolapsed vagina had a fine set of twin rams, and we got her harness off at just the right time; and we have had two sets of triplets although we lost a lamb from one set. The surviving full set were a lovely trio of ewe lambs. As we are



also had for the first time a lamb with tetanus, this is usually fatal and can best be prevented by inoculating the ewe before hand (which we had done), dressing the navel with iodine and ensuring the lamb got a good dose of colostrum early on. As it was one of the bottle-fed lambs I suspect it was due to a lack of colostrum. Any way the good news so far, is that although she is still walking with a stiff neck (the tetanus toxin puts the muscle into spasm and can take three or more weeks to clear from the system), she is thriving and joining in the jumps and races that the lambs do in the evening.

I am not a great fan of the BBC and farming; too often they get it wrong or work to some director or interest group's private agenda. However, if you caught "Lambing Live" (which you may still be able to access on BBC iplayer), it portrayed the highs and lows of lambing and sheep farming absolutely right, and is certainly worth watching if you can spare the time.

Patrick Goldsworthy

Letter to the Editors...

Mid-air collision, 13th June 1958

I am a retired USAF air traffic controller who was at Molesworth in mid 1950s. After the flying moved to Alconbury I heard there was a mid-air collision between an RAF Canberra and USAF T33 near your village. The pilot of the T33 was my commander when I was at Molesworth. I was wondering if there was anyone still there who would know anything about the incident.



Bob Stewart, Texas



Thanks to Grafham's own local historian Sam Malt, we were able to e-mail Bob with a full page article from "Aviation News" February/March 1990.

The paragraph below is a small section of the article provided by Sam.
The aircraft involved in the collision (on Friday, June 13th 1958,) were USAF Lockheed T-33A 56-1604 from the 20th Fighter-Bomber Wing at Wethersfield and RAF Canberra PR.7 WJ823 from No.58 Squadron at Wyton. Both were on routine training flights and the T-33 had last been in radio contact with Alconbury Tower only 30 seconds before the collision. The crews, respectively, were Captain David C. Evans, a flying instructor from Alconbury and 1st Lieutenant Edgar L. Stephenson, his pupil, from the 55th FBS, 20th FBW at Wethersfield. In the Canberra was Flying Officer Bryan Crocker, pilot and Flight Lieutenant Walter Stevens, navigator. All four airmen were killed in the collision which occurred over the village of Spaldwick.

Editor

Chocolate Easter Nests

225g (8oz) milk chocolate
50g (2oz) butter
2 tablespoons of golden syrup
100g (4oz) cornflakes
Small packet of mini eggs
10 paper baking cases
Baking tray

Large saucepan

1. Put the baking cases in the baking tray.
2. Break the chocolate into pieces and place in a large saucepan.
3. Add the butter and golden syrup.
4. Heat the pan, stirring the mixture all the time until the chocolate and the butter have melted.
5. Turn off the heat. Add the cornflakes and stir gently until they are covered in chocolate.
6. Place the cornflake mixture into the paper baking cases and make a small hollow in the centre of each nest with the back of a teaspoon.
7. Place a few eggs in each nest and then place the tray into the fridge for about an hour to allow the nests to set.
8. The nests are best stored in an airtight container in the fridge but should be eaten within three days.



PARISH NEWS...



There was no meeting of the Parish Council this month. However, there has been a request for clarification over the recycling bins.

According to information from the District Council, they now have equipment suitable for sorting glass from dry recycling materials. They will therefore be removing the glass recycling bins from various sites around the district, including Grafham Village Hall. However, they have stated that the income from the bins will continue to be paid during 2010/11. Grafham has historically earned approximately £800 per year for the Village Hall.

Your glass waste for recycling should be placed in your blue bin once the village hall bins have been removed. You may want to consider whether or not you will need an additional bin or green box.

Bins for the recycling of other materials, such as clothing, will replace the glass bins.

The Parish Council have heard from Patricia Jordan, District Councillor, that this has not been a popular decision. However, it is not clear how much opposition has been voiced.

Margaret Life, Parish Clerk

01480 819477 margaret_life_grafham@yahoo.co.uk

You may contact your parish councillors through the clerk or directly using the details below. The next meeting is on Tuesday 13th April.

Philip Allingham Chairman 811516 philip_allingham@sky.com
Tracey Ibbett 01480 812310 Traceyllbett@talktalk.net
Ian Gardener 01480 812821 idg@asc-geomatics.co.uk
Mike Tyler Vice Chair 01480 811244 mt Tyler@bedford.gov.uk
David King 01480 812430 davidking@hawkeyesystems.com
Clint Thomas-Morgan 01480 812590 j.c.thomasmorgan@btinternet.com
Helen Breakspear 01480 810787 helenbreakspear@btinternet.com

Tina Theodorou with ECT Travel offers you a week-end in the historical city of Krakow !

Price includes return flights Gatwick / Krakow Airports plus hotel transfers, three nights accommodation, continental breakfast, **17-20 September 2010**. Depart Gatwick 08:25 Fri. 17th; arrive 11.55, check-in Chopin Hotel. Return flight at 12.25 Monday 20th; arriving 13.55.

Prices from £259 based on fifteen passengers. Please note: prices quoted are guideline prices only. Flights are subject to change and can only be confirmed when booking.

For more details please contact: Tina on 07711 012957 or after 6pm 01480 811366



Crossroads Care... the people carers turn to

Crossroads Care is Britain's leading provider of support for carers and people they care for. We work with over 35,000 individuals and their families, helping carers to make a life of their own outside caring. Please visit our website for more information. www.crossroadscarecambridgeshire.org.uk



Crossroads Care Cambridgeshire, 8 The Meadow, Meadow Lane, St Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 4LG

T: 0845 241 0954 or 01480 499090 F: 01480 461133

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

The surgery car park bears testimony to the depredations of a long hard winter! When the weather is better, it will be repaired and extended. Renovation work will begin soon to create an extra consulting room and treatment room to the left and right as you enter Reception.

In response to requests, Dr Irwin, on behalf of the BSPA, is arranging a presentation about prostate cancer and related problems. As soon as we have details, they will be advertised.

Patients with chronic health problems are to be offered the opportunity to enroll in the Expert Patient Programme to be held Buckden Millennium Hall. This will be a two and a half hour session, once a week for a six weeks and it is entirely free, funded by the PCT. There is a substantial body of evidence confirming the benefits that patients experience once having completed the course, including a significant improvement in quality of life and their ability to manage their condition. Patients will be contacted by the Surgery, but you can call for further details. This is a great local opportunity; please do take advantage of it.

Having recently read about the appalling standard of care at the Mid-Staffordshire NHS Hospital, it might be pertinent to remind patients and relatives of an organisation through which they can channel concerns. The Patient Advice Liaison Scheme [PALS] operates an office in Addenbrookes, Hinchingbrooke and Peterborough Hospitals and is there to help to resolve problems before they develop into serious issues. The scheme is independent of the NHS and can offer anonymity if preferred. Talking to them is a much more constructive way of sorting out problems than going to the press. They diligently follow up problems on your behalf and inform you of the outcome.



For complete article please see www.bandlp.co.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

March 2010

Nothing has been reported by the police this month.

James Snell 07951 069 565

email: 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**

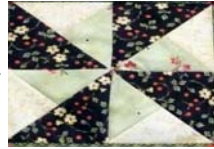
To stop unwanted mail **0845 703 459 9**

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 or tracey.guinea@huntsdc.gov.uk



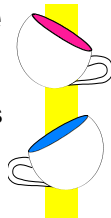
**St Neots Patchwork and Quilting Group
Quilt Exhibition**
All Saint's Church, Grafham
Friday 7th, Saturday 8th May
10am - 4pm



All proceeds to go to the church restoration fund. Fabric Sale, Book stall and raffle. £3 entry includes tea and cakes. Any volunteers to make cakes and help serve tea would be welcomed with open arms. **Call Carole 810043.**

Grafham Social Committee

invites you to a Coffee Morning for retired residents 10.30am on Wednesday, **April 14th at Pat Watson's 10 Field Close.** This is an informal social occasion for retired residents of the village. Please come along for a cup of coffee and a chat.



The Plant Stall in the church porch has a fine selection of herbacious perennials and other plants at very reasonable prices. Offers of plants for sale and spare plant pots, please phone Jill Tyack on **810157**



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. For more details **contact Pat or Alan Watson 01480 811166**



YOUR COUNTRYSIDE NEEDS YOU

Regional winners of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers Green Award 2006 & 2007



Join Grafham Wildlife and Conservation Group
Call Sam Malt on **01480 810844** daytime
01480 811654 evenings

<http://www.grafhamconservationgroup.btik.com>

Wanted - Baby Sitters

If you are available to baby-sit, please contact gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk

Babysitters

- Danielle 20yrs **811279**
- Caroline 14 yrs **812179**
- Kirsty 18yrs - babysitting course **810550**
- Kate 17yrs - babysitting course **812179**
- Georgie 14yrs- babysitting course **432688**
- Felicity 20yrs -Grade B GCSE Child Development **812328**
- Marie-Claire 17yrs -GCSE child development **811279**
- Olivia 20yrs - Grade B GCSE Child Development **811831**



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 those in good condition. Please leave any books in the church porch.



**Grafham Bookworms
Film and Debate Club**



The next two meetings are Tuesday 30th March 8pm at Tina's, 'Kalostone' 5 Home Close, 811366 to discuss "Shipping News" and Tuesday 27th April, 8pm at Margaret's, 6 Home Close to discuss American Boy. New members always welcome and we'd be delighted for you to join us at our informal, entertaining evenings. For details, please contact Tina **811366** or Karen **810961**.

The Mobile Library route L108/120 visits **Breach Road,**



Grafham on alternate Tuesdays from 10.45 to 11.05. Visits are: **April 6th and 20th.** Renewals or enquiries call **0845 045 5225**

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

Do you have any events to advertise?

Email the details to diary@grafhamgossip.co.uk

(or alternatively gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk.) We'll add them to the Village Diary on the web site.



Ellington and Grafham W.I.

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



Open from 7.30am

Breakfast club 2 ½ - 11yrs
Playgroup 2½ - 5 yrs
Mucky Pups (parent /toddlers)
For details tel: 01480 890077
www.playtimesplaygroup.co.uk

URGENTLY NEEDED CLEANERS FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCH



Please come and join our existing friendly team! Two hours six times a year. Clean with a friend and chat at the same time! All equipment is provided.



Many visitors comment on our well-cared for church, so please help us to keep it so. If interested please contact Jane Stewart - **01480 810841**

Advertise in the Grafham Gossip!

To advertise e-mail us: gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk
Community notices are free; business adverts are priced according to size, *payable in advance*. They start at £3.00 per advert, 50p of which goes to the Restoration Fund of All Saints, Grafham.

Miss Mop

Offering a high standard of cleaning from just £9.00 per hour.

Reliable & Trustworthy giving you a friendly service with plenty of cleaning experience.

Ironing service also available for £9.00 per hour.

07588937347

miss-mop@hotmail.co.uk



Buckden Private Hire

PROMPT, RELIABLE & COURTEOUS SERVICE, LOCAL & LONG DISTANCES, HOSPITALS, AIRPORTS & STATION CONTRACT WORK



8 PEOPLE MINIBUS ALSO AVAILABLE

CALL NOW ON

01480 812929

07740 440969

Grafham Gossip

The deadline dates are midnight on the following Thursdays:

April 22nd,

May 20th

To advertise e-mail us: gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk
Community notices are free; business adverts are priced according to size, payable in advance. They start at £3.00 per advert, 50p of which goes to the Restoration Fund of All Saints, Grafham

JEZ ASHCROFT

*Coving & Artexing Any Pattern
Plastering & Decorating*

FREE ESTIMATES

Tel: home 01480 812461

mob 07708031493

J D Mortgage Services

Purchases, re-mortgages, buy to let, life cover, critical illness cover, health insurance, unemployment cover, buildings and contents insurance

FREE Independent Mortgage Advice in the privacy of your own home

Tel: 01480 819 478 Mob: 07739 814714

Email: mark@jdms.co.uk

BSM Driving Instructor **BSM**

DSA Approved



Living locally in Grafham

Call John Sisseman for details



Tel. 07806 941675

Cambridge
Weight Plan

Real people, real support, real results

Are you worried about your weight?

The Cambridge Weight Plan could be the answer. Call today.

Your Independent Cambridge Consultant:

Cassie Douglas (mobile consultant)

T - 01480 819 478 / M - 07793 141 527

E - cassiecd@hotmail.co.uk



Mobile Beauty Therapy

Claire Long 01480 819201 07900 403396

www.ctheresults.co.uk

Beauty Treatments from the comfort of your own home
7 Days a week

SIENNA SPRAY TAN NOW AVAILABLE!

CATWORTH FINE FOODS

Purveyors of Quality Fine Foods

open 6 days a week

41a High Street, Catworth

01832 710237

Grafham Plumbing and Heating Services

Clint Thomas-Morgan

Oftec trained and registered technician

New high efficiency condensing boilers fitted

New bunded oil tanks fitted, including concrete bases

Old tanks disposed of

Improve your central heating system now - save money in the future

Standard boiler service £65.00 + parts

Condensing boiler service £75.00+ parts

All Work
Guaranteed
24hr call-out

professional, friendly and reliable

01480 812590 - 07799 640476

info@grafhamplumbingandheating.co.uk



Paul's Private Hire and Chauffeur Service

Van Diemens Way, Grafham, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE28 0GB

Tel. 01480 811594 Mobile 07795 296281

Email paul.blanchard2@ukonline.co.uk

Travel in style via Mercedes cars to your destinations

Days of Buckden

Traditional Family Butcher

Open 6 days a week

Tel. 01480 810272

Email your news and gossip to gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk