

# Grafham Gossip

**Issue 114 Deadline: Midnight Thursday 17th April**

## Editors' note...

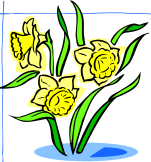
It's April and Spring must be here as we've heard several lawnmowers at work around Grafham and seen lovely daffodils in many gardens.

There's no excuse; it's time for us to go out into the sunlight to top up our vitamin D and get some exercise. So, have a walk through the village to see the spring lambs and find your bikes at the back of the garage. The cycle track awaits!

We're a bit short of Grafham news so please send in your gossip so we can include it in the next issue.

Take care to avoid being sent on a 'Fool's Errand' on 1st of the month. Happy Easter to you all!

[editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk](mailto:editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk)



## Contents

Church Services.....2	eCops-Elderley Targeted....7
View from The Pew.....2	What bin when?.....7
Councillors Details.....2	Adverts, Notices.....8
Oil Syndicate .....2	Who do I call-power cuts?....9
Parish News .....3	Stepping Stone.....9
Adult Social Care.....3	Adverts.....10
Village Activities.....4	Adult Drop Ins.....11
Letter to the Editors.....5	Water Lions Safari.....11
Neighbourhood Watch.....5	Local Library Info.....11
Adverts, Notices.....6	Adverts.....12

## Spring Litter-Pick

6<sup>th</sup> April

This is conducted by councillors, but anyone who wants to help will be welcome to join in.

Meet at the village hall at 10.30am

## Mums & Tots

Coffee, Cake & Chat Morning

Friday 11th April, 10am at  
Grafham Village Hall



If you are a mum with tots and would love to meet other mums in Grafham then please join us for coffee, cake and chat on the above date.

For further information please contact Racheal  
07957500263 [Rachealwoodhall@live.co.uk](mailto:Rachealwoodhall@live.co.uk)

Are you concerned about the  
Outline Planning Application for  
for 3 detached houses  
to be built in Meadowground?

Contact John/Elizabeth Fozzard  
( [the.fozzies5@gmail.com](mailto:the.fozzies5@gmail.com) ) who are helping to co-  
ordinate a response to Huntingdon District Council.

(More information can be found in Parish News p.3 Ed.)



## Thank you for all your support

So, after a fantastically sunny day of running we can officially say we ran a half marathon! Now that it's over we just want to say is a big "Thank you" for all your support.

Everyone has been overwhelmingly generous and as a result collectively we have well over £1100 for cancer research. Astonishingly that total is still rising every day.

Our fundraising pages are still open and will remain so for another few months, so if it was on a list of things to get round to, don't panic! Just a reminder of the web pages...

<http://www.justgiving.com/Lucy-Tyack> and

<http://www.justgiving.com/Emily-Tyack>

Thank you again, we couldn't have asked for a better response. It is all going to an extremely worthy cause.

**Lucy & Emily Tyack** (19 Breach Rd, 01480 810157)

# Grafham All Saints - Services

30th March (5th Sunday) 10.16 Mothering Sunday  
Service at St Mary Magdalene, Brampton

6th April (1st Sunday) 11.00 Family Service

13th April (Palm Sunday) No service at Grafham  
11.00 Palm Sunday Service at Ellington

18th April (Good Friday) 18.00 Service of Reflection

20th April (3rd Sunday - Easter Day)  
11.00 Easter Day Family Service  
10.16 "All Together" Easter service at Brampton  
with Holy Communion  
18.00 "Easter Praise" at Ellington

27th April (4th Sunday) 8.00 Holy Communion

3rd May (1st Sunday) 11.00 Family Service

## Contacting the Clergy

The Revd Jason Taylor (Rector)  
The Rectory, 15 Church Road,  
Brampton PE28 4PF

[revjasonataylor@gmail.com](mailto:revjasonataylor@gmail.com)

01480 453341

07807 118070

## Churchwarden

Hazel Powell 01480 810326



## View from the Pew

Since Ash Wednesday we are now in the period of Lent when some of us, in accordance with tradition, may have given up certain treats or luxuries, keeping in mind Jesus's 40 days in the wilderness. Personally, I decided to give up taking sugar in my tea and coffee, which was a considerable sacrifice but I am hoping by the time Lent is over and Easter comes I will have got used to the taste and won't go back! Whatever you decide you may like to attend one of the Lent Lunches at Brampton Methodist church any Tuesday at 12.30 pm between now and Easter. You will be served a "frugal" lunch with soup and bread and any donation you make will be given to an appropriate charity. The lunch will be followed by a short talk by Jason.

Our services during the Easter period are slightly different this year. The Palm Sunday service which occurs on 13th April, the second Sunday of the month when Grafham does not usually have a service, will be at Ellington at 11am. This will be particularly attractive to children and all are welcome. On Good Friday at 6pm there will be a reflective service with music at Grafham. On Easter day there is a choice of services. At Grafham we will have a lay led Family Service at 11am but there will also be a traditional Easter day



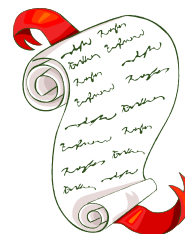
service with Holy Communion at Brampton at 10.15 am and an Easter Praise service at Ellington at 6 pm. We look forward to seeing you at any ( or all! ) of these services.

It is that time of year when we revise the church's electoral roll. If you are already on the roll and

wish to remain there is no need to do anything. If you are not on the roll and wish to be you will find a form at the back of the church which must be filled in and given to the churchwarden, Hazel or posted to her at 8 Cedar Close.

The PCC AGM is arranged for Monday 14th April at 8pm in the church. There are vacancies for members of the PCC and for one churchwarden. The coming year will be Hazel's sixth and last serving as churchwarden. The PCC are anxious to find others to fulfill this interesting and important role and Hazel would be pleased to explain what is involved. Please contact Hazel or Jason if you would like to know more.

We have had good news from English Heritage. They have agreed to give us the grant they originally offered for Stage 2 plus a small enhancement to help cover the costs the church architect has identified. We hope work will start some time in April and we will keep you informed of progress. Meanwhile, we wish you all a happy and peaceful Easter.



Councillors Peter Downes and Patricia Jordan and/or John Morris 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](mailto:Peter.Downes@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) tel 398082

[patricia.jordan@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:patricia.jordan@huntingdonshire.gov.uk) tel. 457802

[john.morris@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:john.morris@huntingdonshire.gov.uk) tel. 458818

Twitter: @johnmbrampton

## Grafham Oil Syndicate Update



The syndicate continues to grow, keeping more money in the village. Remember, it's FREE to join and we must keep a bulk order attractive enough to attract a discount, so simply email Simon at [grafhamoil@gmail.com](mailto:grafhamoil@gmail.com) or call 819663.

# PARISH NEWS March 2014



A number of residents attended the meeting this month to give the Parish Council their views on the proposal to sell for development, open land on Meadowground. The Council took notice of their view and in conjunction with information received on planning guidance and policies set out by Huntingdonshire District Council decided to recommend refusal of permission. This does not mean that it will be refused, but it is likely to go before a planning development control panel in May. The panel meeting is open to the public and the panel welcomes everyone's views. If you want further information, you can contact someone in Meadowground who will be organising a public response or you can get information from the District Council's website.

The Parish Council will be receiving funds shortly to pay for the resurfacing of the playground equipment site which was required for the safety of our children. The minimum funds available were sufficient for the council to consider installing a suite of outdoor gym equipment for adults and older children. By the time you read this, the equipment will be in, paid for and available for use. Instructions for use are on each piece of equipment.

We have had another cycling event and yet again, the behaviour of some of the cyclists has caused concern. The event organiser was different this time and has promised to investigate a couple of incidents. However, the council will be asking for more stewarding and more notice of events.



The annual spring litter-pick will be revived this year and will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am. This is conducted by councillors, but anyone who wants to help will be welcome to join in. Meet at the village hall.

The next Parish council meeting will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> April at the village hall at 7.30pm. Please come and discuss any issues you want to make the council aware of, or if you need information you think the council can provide.



There is to be a ten-week consultation period on plans for the changes to the A14. Watch local press for details of exhibitions to be held locally. These plans may well affect Grafham if only in the amount of through traffic we can expect during the period of works.

**Margaret Life, Parish Clerk** 01480 819477  
[malife434@gmail.com](mailto:malife434@gmail.com)

Full minutes can be read on the village web site [www.grafham.org.uk](http://www.grafham.org.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](mailto:philip_allingham@sky.com)

**Ian Gardener** Vice Chair 01480 812821 [idg@asc-geomatics.co.uk](mailto:idg@asc-geomatics.co.uk)

**Andrew Duckworth** [andrew.duckworth1@tesco.net](mailto:andrew.duckworth1@tesco.net) **Alastair Watson** [Alastair.watson403@btinternet.com](mailto:Alastair.watson403@btinternet.com)

**Kevin Sharp** [kevin.sharp@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:kevin.sharp@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk) **Jenny Barnes** 07788 545197 [jenny.barnes1@sky.com](mailto:jenny.barnes1@sky.com)

## Accessing adult social care services

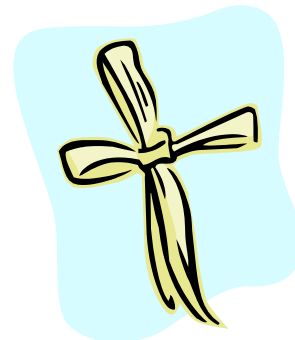
Social Care is personal and practical support to help people live their lives by supporting them to maintain their independence and dignity and ensuring they have choice and control over the support they receive. Many people don't think about social care until they or someone they know need support, and then find they are unsure about where to find information or how to access the services they need.

Adult social care customer services are the initial point of contact for all social care enquiries. The trained staff know about the services available and can offer advice on who else may be able to help.

Call them on 0345 045 5202.

You can also find out more about adult social care in Cambridgeshire on the website Your Life, Your Choice [www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk](http://www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk)

If you think you may need help with mental health issues you should contact your GP in the first instance.



Forgotten which bin when?

Find out on page 9!



Send your news, views, gossip and photos to: [editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk](mailto:editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk)  
 Please make sure that people in your photos have given permission for them to be printed in the *Grafham Gossip* and posted on the village web site.



## Grafham Sewing Group

Village Hall, Wednesdays 2 - 4pm

For those who enjoy needlework of any sort, quilting, tapestry, knitting or anything else requiring the use of needles!

Complete beginners also welcome.

Our purpose is threefold, to provide a focus for your needlework, to allow the exchange of ideas and expertise, and last, but not least, it is an opportunity to get to know like-minded people.

A small charge is made to cover the hall hire.

For further details contact **Barbara Williams**  
01480 812905 or [barbara\\_r\\_w@hotmail.com](mailto:barbara_r_w@hotmail.com)

## Grafham Social Committee

invites you to a Coffee Morning at  
**10.30am on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> with  
Diana Thomas, Wesley House.**

*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 H24 visits **Breach Road, Grafham** on the **4th Wednesday of every month from 10.40 to 11.00. The next visit is on 23rd April.**

For renewals/ enquiries call **0845 045 5225** or click on  
<https://cambridgeshire.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/OPAC/LOGINB>



## Grafham and Ellington Art Group

<http://grafhamandellingtonart.weebly.com/>

Grafham Village Hall, Every Tuesday 1.30-4pm

Calling all who want to meet and paint with like minded people on a regular basis.

Beginners and those with more skills are all very welcome.



**Cost:** About £2 to cover hall hire/refreshments.

Come along with your paints and equipment!

Please ring me if you'd like further details.

**Jackie Woods 01480 890279**



## Do you enjoy reading?

*We would like to welcome more residents to join us for informal social evenings.*

*We usually meet on the last Tuesday of the month. For further information on dates, venues and the current read, please contact*

**Tina 07711 012957 or Val 07761 137012**



## 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. [www.gwgc.btck.co.uk/](http://www.gwgc.btck.co.uk/)



## Ellington and Grafham W.I.

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



## Spaldwick's Youth Group

Friday evenings in Spaldwick - for more details see  
<http://www.grafham.org.uk/Escape>YouthGroup>



**Babysitters** have moved to page 6.

## 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**



## Grafham Church Flower Club

We are available to decorate the church for weddings and other church occasions.

Floral arrangements for: pedestal, altar, font, windowsills, pew ends, pillars.

Please contact Hazel Powell on

**01480 810326** for details and quotes.

*If anyone in the village has foliage in their garden that they would be willing to donate for church decoration for festivals, please let us know, we would be very grateful.*



## Do you have any events to advertise?

Email the details to [editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk](mailto:editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk)

Send a copy to [diary@grafhamgossip.co.uk](mailto:diary@grafhamgossip.co.uk)

We'll print them in the *Grafham Gossip* and add them to the Village Diary on the web site.



## Across the Churches Bible Study

We are a small group meeting twice a month (Tuesdays 7.30pm) for Bible study, prayer and fellowship.

We come from different churches and are always happy to welcome new members.

For more information, please contact Rob or Jean Clark  
01480 890033.



# Letter to the Editors



## Grafham

Dear Editors, *Local Burglary*

As victims of a recent burglary, we thought it helpful to give readers some useful information to help them protect their belongings. Being "wise after the event" we have learned the following:-

Conservatory doors, although looking secure, can be further protected by "sash jammers" which fix to the top and bottom of the door making it impossible to open from outside even when unlocked.

Small vibration alarms, available from most DIY stores or on the internet, can be fixed to doors and windows.

It's advisable to have your jewellery and other personal items valued or at least to take photographs of them so that this information may be produced when making insurance claims.



We hope you do not have the unpleasant experience of coming home to find you have had a break in but hopefully these suggestions will help you to avoid the obvious distress, especially of losing items of sentimental value which can never be replaced.

*Grafham Residents*

Dear Editors,

I've read with great interest your Grafham Gossip of September 2005, especially regarding the King's visit to Grafham/Huntingdon in October 1915. I am the Church Historian for St. Mary's Buckden and am doing research on Buckden's part in the First World War so would welcome any more relevant information.

*Many thanks and regards,  
Barry Jobling*

*(Past issues of the Grafham Gossip can be read on the village website. Click on 'Grafham Gossip' in the Menu on the left then on 'Back Issues' - Ed.)*

*What are your news, views and comments?  
E-mail: [editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk](mailto:editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk) if you'd like your letter published in 'Letters to the Editors.' Please supply your name and address/email address but tell us if you'd prefer us not to print it in the Grafham Gossip. Thanks, Ed*

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

March 2014

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March a taxi driver was attacked with an axe in Church Road. The driver picked up a passenger, from Huntingdon station around 7pm, who directed him to the village. When the driver stopped in Church Road, the passenger said he had no money so the driver asked him to go to the house where he believed he lived and the passenger returned to the driver's side of the car and then axed the driver across the head and took his day's takings of around £150.

The passenger is described as skinny, early 20s wearing a black hat and hood and carrying a rucksack.

The taxi driver is traumatised following this incident.

DC Liz Cooper is dealing with this crime and if anyone has any information whatsoever please call 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously.

Following the break in of a property last month whereby access was gained through the conservatory, a warning

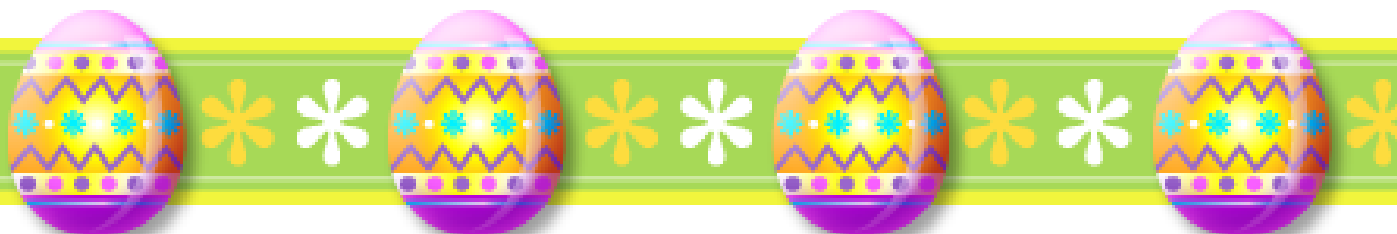


is given by the Police to ensure all parts of our property are secured even when we are at home.

National Stalking awareness Day is on 24th April which is arranged by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust - it is designed to educate and inform delegates about stalking issues - further information can be found on <http://www.stalkinghelpline.org/about-the-helpline/nsaid14>

**James Snell 07951 069 565**  
email: [Jamie2701@aol.com](mailto:Jamie2701@aol.com)

All emergencies **999**  
Non-emergencies **101**  
Cambridge Constabulary HQ **01480 456111**  
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 0707**  
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)



**Website:** [www.grafham.org.uk](http://www.grafham.org.uk)

**E-mail:** [editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk](mailto:editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk)

*Opinions expressed in the Grafham Gossip, including past issues, are those of the writer and not the editors.*

## **LAWN CARE IN APRIL - See Special Offer below**



- Mow lawn at least once per week
- Apply Spring fertiliser to produce a vibrant green lawn
- Spray weeds in lawn with selective herbicide
- Spray drive/path/patios with total herbicide to keep weed free for Summer



**Ask the Lawn Ranger for advice (we promise he will reply within 24 hours)**

[www.prolawncares.co.uk/ask-the-lawn-ranger](http://www.prolawncares.co.uk/ask-the-lawn-ranger)

### **Reader Offer**

"Book up for a Weed Control Treatment and we'll apply the Spring Fertiliser FREE OF CHARGE."  
(existing Customers will receive an additional treatment free of charge too)

Call Deborah, Nikki, Simon or Richard on  
**01480 812393**

"for that lawn you've longed for....."

## **FREE**

- for anyone prepared to collect  
**TP Steel Swing Frame including  
2 different swings,  
a trapeze bar and rings**  
**Tel 01480 812179**

## **Paperback books** in good condition

If you have any unwanted paperbacks in good condition, we would be pleased to accept them to stock our church bookstall. Please leave in the church porch. Many thanks!



## **Babysitters**

**Emma** 17yrs **860632** **Meri** - 15 yrs **811192**  
**Nicci** 14yrs **812179** **Harriet** 16yrs **810043**  
**Kate** 17yrs **812179** babysitting course  
**Livvy** 14yrs **819708** babysitting course  
**Kirsty** 18yrs **810550** babysitting course  
**Georgie** 14yrs **432688** babysitting course  
**Caroline** 17yrs **812179** works in reception class  
**Holly** 18yrs **810867** babysitting and first aid courses,  
works with children aged 3-7.  
**Olivia** 23yrs **811831** BA Early Childhood Studies  
**Felicity** 22yrs **812328** Grade B GCSE Child  
Development  
**Bryony** 17yrs **812354** experienced with newborn -  
14yr olds



## **RECYCLE YOUR OLD CLOTHES, BOOKS AND DVDs TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR SPALDWICK SCHOOL**

The next collection is

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 9:00am**

Please help us to raise funds for school.

Ask family and friends too.

As usual we ask that you use your own bags,

### **WHAT WE CAN TAKE**

Clothes, paired shoes, handbags, blankets, sheets, curtains, soft toys or books and DVDs (in a separate box/strong bag)

**Please deliver your donations to Julie Thomas-Morgan at 15 Inhams Way, Grafham before the 12th June or please take to school on the morning of 13th June before 9am.**

**If you are unable to deliver your donations please contact Claire on 07789 390655 before the 9th June to arrange collection.**

**Thank you for your support**

## **Powercut?**

Contact UK Power Networks

**0800 783 8838 (24 hours a day)** or from a mobile **0333 202 2021**

**Text POWER** and your postcode to 80876

[ukpowernetworks.co.uk](http://ukpowernetworks.co.uk)



## **The Parish Council Agenda**

is available to view in advance of the Parish Council meetings.

Visit [www.grafhamvillage.org.uk](http://www.grafhamvillage.org.uk)

Click on **Parish Council Agenda**, in the main menu and then **Latest Agenda**.



Send your news, views, gossip and photos to:

[editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk](mailto:editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk)

Please make sure that people in your photos have given permission for them to be printed in the *Grafham Gossip* and posted on the village web site. *Ed*

## @Cops Elderly Targeted - Bank accounts, Pin numbers

A series of incidents have been seen across the Force and also nationally. The incidents relate to the elderly being targeted by offenders who are purporting to be a police officer.

The phoney police officers make claims by phone including:

- A criminal has been arrested with a list of names and addresses, including yours.
- Your bank is under investigation for putting fraudulent bank notes into your bank account.
- They allege that the your bank account has had suspicious activity on it in another area

They then advise the victim to call their bank using a number on the back of their bank card, or the police on 101. The victim hangs up but the caller does not and the call is not terminated.

As a result and without realising it, the victim starts talking to the fraudster again, thinking they have called their bank or the police.

Following a conversation, the offender either claims he needs their PIN number as it might be compromised or that they should withdraw several thousands of pounds so that the 'police' can forensically check the bank notes as part of their investigation.

The caller says he will send a courier or taxi to their home to collect the card or money. A smartly dressed man or innocently involved courier or taxi driver will arrive at the victim's home. The cash or the bank card

and PIN number is then taken and used to withdraw cash.

**You would never be asked by the bank or the police to provide your PIN number.**

**If you receive calls of this nature do not hand over details.**

**Contact the police immediately.**



Creating a safer Cambridgeshire

**GET CLOSER AND SUPPORT THE FORCE!**

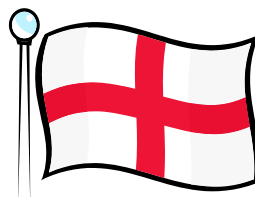
### Hunts staff praised for their work



Huntingdonshire Senior Management Team held a Rewards and Recognition Evening on 27th February 2014 at Headquarters in Huntingdon to recognise some of the great work that has been undertaken by Officers, PCSOs and members of the Special Constabulary over the past 12 months.



23rd April is St George's Day



## “Has the bin man bin Mam?”



APRIL						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	G	Blu	5	6
7	8	9	10	Blk	12	13
14	15	16	G	Blu	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	Blk	27
28	29	30	31			

May						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	G	Blu	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	Blk	11
12	13	14	G	Blu	17	18
19	20	21	22	Blk	24	25
26	27	28	29	G	Blu	

## Elvis at the Cinnamon Bar and Indian Restaurant



On Thursday 24th April, Elvis is coming to the Cinnamon Bar and Indian Restaurant, Grafham. **Only 1 sitting from 7pm** – please book early to avoid disappointment!

Every Thursday Night is **'Banquet Night'** and remember to just drop in to the Bar for a drink and a poppadum anytime.



**Call 01480 812211**

### PET & WILD BIRD FOOD

**GRAFHAM WATER**  
(NEXT TO THE VISITOR CENTRE)  
WIDE RANGE AT LOW PRICES  
OPEN WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY 09.00-17.30  
TEL:01480 819730  
FREE PARKING & FREE DELIVERY

[www.petfoodsdirect2u.co.uk](http://www.petfoodsdirect2u.co.uk)

### MATHS TUTORING

Individualised GCSE Maths  
Revision Courses Key Stages 1 - 4  
Common Entrance Preparation  
Specialist teacher/tutor MA, PGCE  
(CRB checked)

Term time and/or holidays  
Brampton and Grafham based  
Reasonable rates

**01480 453462 or 07517 102733**

Simon Bickley Tutoring

Your advert could be here!

Email:

[editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk](mailto:editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk)

**Grafham Beer Festival**  
4th and 5th  
July 2014  
Friday 6pm - 11pm  
Saturday midday-11pm  
Over 15 Local  
Real Ales and Ciders  
Fresh Food and  
Live Music  
Both Evenings

A FREE TREATMENT  
AND FREE LAWN  
HEALTH CHECK

Now celebrating our  
15th year in business

- An Independent Lawn Care Company
- Free Programme Proposal
- Creating healthy, vibrant lawns



'for that lawn you've longed for'

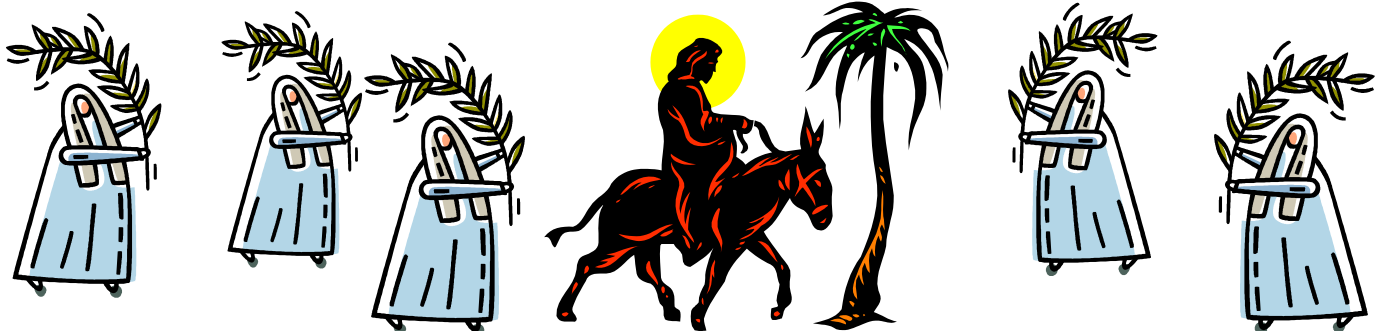
**ProLawnCare**

01480 812393

@prolawncareuk

facebook.com/prolawncareuk

email: [info@prolawncare.co.uk](mailto:info@prolawncare.co.uk) web: [www.prolawncare.co.uk](http://www.prolawncare.co.uk)





# Who do I call if there is a power cut?

UK Power Networks owns and maintains electricity cables and lines across London, the South East and East of England, making sure your lights stay on.

## What causes power cuts?

There are several scenarios that commonly cause power cuts. These include:

- Bad weather when severe winds cause damage to overhead power lines or wind-borne debris and trees fall on power lines pulling them down
- Water if it gets underground and into the cables
- Other people working near overhead lines or digging underground which can occasionally result in damage to our electricity cables.

## What we do to mitigate this

We work hard to prevent power cuts. We have an extensive tree-trimming programme to prevent trees from damaging cables. Our flood defence measures are effective at protecting against water damage. We provide plans of where our electricity cables are and we train other companies' staff to ensure other people do not damage our cables. Overall, each year we spend about £600 million to maintain and replace power lines ensuring that the electricity network remains reliable.

Unfortunately, despite our efforts, accidents happen. If you experience a loss of power supply, you can contact us in the following ways:

- Landline users 0800 783 8838
- Mobile users\* 0333 202 2021 \*Calls to these numbers will cost no more than a local rate number from a mobile. If you get inclusive minutes in your mobile phone package, calls to these numbers are included.
- SMS Messages. We can keep you updated by text messages also. To register, text POWER and your postcode to 80876
- Website. For more information or to report a power cut via our online Power Cut Map, visit <http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/internet/en/power-cuts/>

## Vulnerable customers

During a power cut we understand that some people may need extra support and offer priority assistance for our vulnerable customers.



If we know where you are, we can help. We hold a list, called Priority Services Register, of thousands of customers who would feel particularly vulnerable during a power cut and we provide them with extra support if needed.

## Who can apply?

Customers who are dependent on medical equipment; customers who are chronically sick or have a disability; customers who are blind, visually impaired or deaf; customers with young babies; nursing or residential homes and elderly customers.

We will consider other cases too if you think you would feel particularly vulnerable during a power cut.

## What we can do

We can't get your power back on more quickly (although we will try our hardest) but we can:

- Call you pro-actively if we expect bad weather in your area that could result in a power cut and offer useful advice on how to prepare
- Offer you a special priority phone number that you can call if you have a power cut
- Provide with a generator where necessary or book you into a hotel
- Keep you updated during a power cut, either by sending you text messages or calling you
- With your agreement, we can ask the British Red Cross to visit your home for extra help and support.

## How to apply

Please help us spread the word about the Priority Service Register so we can reach more people who need us in power cuts.

If you or someone you know, meets our criteria above and lives in London, the South East of England or the East of England then please apply by either:

- Emailing [psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk](mailto:psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk)
- Writing to Customer Relations team, UK Power Networks, Fore Hamlet, Ipswich, IP3 8AA
- Applying online here: [www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority](http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority)



Happy Easter!

# Stepping Stone



Contact us to find out more  
 Email: [steppingstone@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:steppingstone@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)  
 Tel: 01223 301756

Stepping Stone is delivered on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council by Action For Children  
[www.actionforchildren.org.uk](http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk) Registered charity nos. 1097940/SC008092. Company no 4764292

Do you have a disability, or long term physical, sensory or health need?

Interested in taking up a new sport?

We can help you get started

The Stepping Stone service provides FREE advice, funding and support to get you involved as a participant, coach, volunteer or official.

For adults and young people aged 14+



# JEZ ASHCROFT LTD

All your decorating needs including:  
**Coving, Decorating (Internal & External)**  
**Drylining & Plastering**  
 FREE ESTIMATES

Please Call  
**Tel: 01480 812461 Mobile: 07708031493**

## Paul's Private Hire and Chauffeur Service

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

Tel. **01480 811594** Mobile **07795 296281**  
 Email [paul.blanchard439@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.blanchard439@btinternet.com)

**Travel in style via Mercedes cars  
 to your destinations**

## WORLD OF ANIMALS

Offers positive dog training, dog walking -  
 tailored to the breed and physical needs of the  
 dog and providing all the appropriate activities in  
 preparation for breeding.  
 Also advice on caring for cats.

Call **0740 163 1713** email [hanek78@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hanek78@yahoo.co.uk)

**Hanna Nawrocka DipCABT, COAPE**

Animal Behaviourist, and Certified Dog Trainer, Grafham

## BSM Driving Instructor **BSM**

**DSA Approved, Pass Plus Registered**  
**Living locally in Grafham**  
**Call John Sisseman for details**



**Tel. 07806 941675**

## Hawkeye Security & Surveillance Systems Ltd

- CCTV Installation
- Access Control
- Intruder /Burglar Alarms
- Intercom Systems



**Don't leave your home unprotected**

For more details, please call: **01480 811276**  
 or email [info@hawkeyesystems.com](mailto:info@hawkeyesystems.com)

Huntingdon Business Centre  
 Blackstone Road  
 Huntingdon, Cambs. PE29 6EF



To advertise,  
 email:  
[editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk](mailto:editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk)



**Sue Maisfield Photography**  
 Portrait & Wedding Photographer

Email [sue.maisfield@yahoo.com](mailto:sue.maisfield@yahoo.com)  
**07725 845311 01480 811087**  
[www.suemaisfieldphotography.co.uk](http://www.suemaisfieldphotography.co.uk)

Located in Grafham

mpa  
 Society of Wedding Photographers  
 SWPP  
 Society of Wedding Photographers

## 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  
 Disposal of old tanks  
 Boiler service (standard or condensing)  
 Improve your central heating system now - save money in the future



**All work guaranteed - 24hr call-out**  
**Professional, friendly and reliable**  
**01480 812590 - 07799 640476**

[info@grafhamplumbingandheating.co.uk](mailto:info@grafhamplumbingandheating.co.uk)



You are just a stepping  
 stone away from a world  
 of well-being

Offering over 50 specialist therapies  
 and beauty treatments, Holistic Hands  
 is a well-being centre committed  
 to excellence designed with the  
 client in mind.

Visit [www.holistic-hands-online.com](http://www.holistic-hands-online.com)



**Holistic Hands Wellbeing Centre**  
 Blackwell Farm Estate (B660), Tilbrook, Cambs PE28 0JQ  
 Tel: 01480 869404

[www.facebook.com/HolisticHandsWellbeingCentre](https://www.facebook.com/HolisticHandsWellbeingCentre)

All major credit cards accepted

## Grafham Computers

Web: [www.grafhamcomputers.co.uk](http://www.grafhamcomputers.co.uk)  
 Email: [info@grafhamcomputers.co.uk](mailto:info@grafhamcomputers.co.uk)

Tel: 01480 810381  
 Mob: 07795663168

- Desktop PC Repairs & Upgrades
- Virus Removal
- Laptop Repairs & Upgrades
- Data Transfer & Recovery
- Slow Computers Made Faster
- Wireless Broadband Issues Solved



## Do you need information and advice?

Are you:

- Living with a long term illness or disability?
- Providing unpaid support to adult family members or friends who could not manage without your help?
- Struggling with an age related condition?

If you answer 'yes' to any of the above then why not come along to one of our

## Adult Support Drop Ins

At Hartford Village Hall  
Main Street, Hartford P29 1XU

On the first Monday of the month (not bank Holidays)  
10.00-13.00  
Refreshments available

7 April 2014 Advice: My Time Active Health trainer service  
12 May 2014 Specialist Information: Trading Standards  
2 June 2014 Advice: The Bobby Scheme

Our advice is free and confidential,  
and a warm welcome is guaranteed.

For further information contact  
Gemma Whitehouse on 01480 377616 or  
Leigh Hornsby on 01480 373220

Drop.InSessionsAsc@cambridgeshire.gov.uk  
CarersSupportTeam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

## Huntingdon Grafham Water Lions Club

### Safari 2014

Huntingdon  
Grafham  
Water  
Lions Club  
A Member of Lions International - 'We Serve'



The annual sponsored Safari Walk around Grafham Water is on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May**. We hope to get plenty of interest from local charities, clubs and individuals interested in raising money for their own worthy cause.

Walkers retain 90% of the money raised and 10% is donated to the Lions Club chosen charity.

The Lions Club deal with all of the organization for a successful day; all that participants need do is to obtain sponsors, do the walk and collect the money.

The Lions Club chosen charity this year, is The Lions International Blood Research Appeal (**LIBRA**) focussing on battling blood disorders and cancers.

If you are unable to participate in the Safari Walk but would like to donate to **LIBRA** please visit our donation page at... <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SafariWalk>

Groups or individuals interested in taking part should contact:

**Lion Bernard Dable on 01480 810704**

Lions Clubs work together to help others in their local and global community and further information about the organisation can be found at [www.lionsmd105.org](http://www.lionsmd105.org)



For further information about LIBRA go to [www.libralionscharity.org](http://www.libralionscharity.org)

## Activities at Local Libraries

Buckden Library, Huntingdon Library and Archives and St Neots Library E: [your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)  
Tel: 0345 045 5225

- **Engage in the Afternoon** - afternoon club for over 50s Free regular activity. **Huntingdon** First Thursday of the month 13:30-15:00. Regular monthly activity for older people with an interesting speaker or topic each month and the opportunity to socialise. Tea and coffee provided for a small donation. **The Whitney Collection of Historical Huntingdonshire Photographs: EngAGE in the Afternoon Huntingdon** 3rd April
- **Engage in the Afternoon St Neots** - 4th, 5th week of the month on Friday. 14:00-15:30.
- Computer Buddying. Help with computers and basic IT skills aimed at beginners over 50yrs. One hour sessions. **Booking required.**  
**Computer Buddying - Buckden** Free regular activity. Tuesdays and Thursdays, booking required  
**Computer Buddying - Huntingdon - Mondays** 10:00-12:00  
**Computer Buddying - Huntingdon - Wednesdays** 11.00 - 13.00 booking required  
**Computer Buddying - St Neots** Monday, Thursday, Friday 10:00- 12:00. Booking required.
- **St Neots Knitting Group** Free ongoing regular activity. First and third week of the month. On Fridays 13:00-16:00.



- **Night Knitters St Neots**
- **Knit Lit- Buckden** Library Fridays 20.00 knitting and reading
- **online Services Demonstrator - help and advice St Neots** Ongoing activity on Alternate Tuesdays in School Term time only.
- **Storytime** - Free regular activity. **Buckden Library** Tuesday afternoons 2.15-3pm. **Storytime Huntingdon** on Wednesdays 10.30am - 11am for pre-school children with a parent or carer. Bring your child along to listen to some stories and join in with colouring fun. Find out what the library has to offer you and your child. Just turn up - no need to book.
- **Toddler Rhymetime St Neots** preschool children 18mths+ on Mondays 2pm
- **Rhymetime** for babies Free regular activity. **Huntingdon** on Fridays 10.30am - 11am. **Baby Rhymetime St Neots** on Fridays 10:00 and 11:15. For babies and toddlers aged up to 18 months with a parent or carer. Join in with exciting action rhymes and find out what the library has to offer you and your child. Just turn up - no need to book.
- **eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and eNewspapers**
- **Cambridgeshire Libraries**



# Kevin Hutchinson

- Reliable Local Carpenter and Joiner
- All carpentry work undertaken
- Fitted kitchens, new doors, wood flooring and much more
- No job too small



**Tel: 01480 811863/07889 414274**



*Eve Taylor*



Holistic Hands

## Massage & Reflexology treatments in the comfort of your own home

Are you too unwell or busy or to come into our purpose built wellbeing centre in Tilbrook? No problem: our Senior Holistic Therapist Naomi Spencer is launching a new, individually tailored mobile service in the area providing:

- Reflexology
- Aromatherapy
- Deep Tissue Massage
- Pregnancy Massage
- Cancer Care Massage
- Hopi Ear Candles
- Eve Taylor Facials

Please call Naomi directly for further information and to book an appointment.

**Tel: 07746 820982**  
 Email: [Naomi@holistic-hands-online.com](mailto:Naomi@holistic-hands-online.com)  
[www.holistic-hands-online.com](http://www.holistic-hands-online.com)



### Ladies Mobile Hairdresser

#### Alexandra's

Have your hair done in the comfort of your own home 6 days a week by a professional hairdresser. Grafham based.

Phone or Text to book appointment  
**07562624110**



*Shires*



*Mobile Footcare*

Because feet matter

**Professional treatment of:**

- Callus
- Corns
- Toe nail trimming
- Fungal/thickened toe nails
- Ingrowing toe nails
- Cracked heels
- Athletes foot

For the treatment of common foot disorders in the comfort of your own home!

**GRAFHAM BASED!**

For further enquiries call SAM on **01480 819453/07715 085131**

Samantha Craig BA Hons, SAC Dip FHPT, SAC Dip FHPP, MRFPF





## the Results

BEAUTY THERAPIST

Based In Grafham

Offering—Manicures from £15, Pedicures from £20, Shellac from £25, Facials from £25, Waxing, Lash Lifts, Lash Extensions and More!

**Claire Long - 01480 819201/07900403396**  
[www.ctheresults.co.uk](http://www.ctheresults.co.uk)

**To advertise e-mail:**  
[editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk](mailto:editor@grafhamgossip.co.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**



### JD Mortgage Services

- Mortgages
- Re-mortgages
- Buy to let
- Life insurance
- Health insurance
- Critical illness cover
- Unemployment protection
- Buildings and contents insurance



**for FREE, no obligation advice contact**  
**01480 479 345**  
**or 07739 814 714**  
[mark@jdms.co.uk](mailto:mark@jdms.co.uk) [www.jdms.co.uk](http://www.jdms.co.uk)

## Midnight on Thursday 17th April is the deadline for the May 2014 issue

### 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**