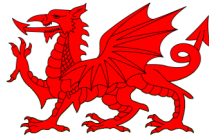


Grafham Gossip

Issue 124 Early Deadline: Midnight Thursday 12th March

Editors' note...

March begins with Saint David's Day. St David is the patron saint of Wales and traditionally, the emblems of leeks or daffodils are worn on 1st March.



St Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland has a shamrock as his emblem. His day is 17th March when the Irish tradition is to dress in green. Links to both events can be found on page 2 if reading this online. Mothering Sunday falls on the 15th and then on the 20th of March, the first day of Spring, there's a total eclipse of the sun when seen from the Earth! Grafham will experience a partial but substantial eclipse on that morning. More information, with links, can be found on page 9. If you are reading a paper copy, type the highlighted text into a search engine to learn more. **Remember to follow specialist advice about viewing an eclipse.**

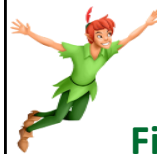
This month's issue is packed full yet again, so have a good read and keep gossiping!

Editors, editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk

PS Please note Early Deadline: Thursday 12th March


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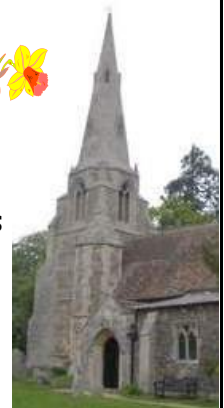
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**Remember Peter Pan
On 25th-28th February
Find more details on page 6**

Grafham Church - Services for March (including Easter)

- 1st March 11.00am Family Service** - led by members of the congregation and followed by coffee/tea and cake
- 15th March 11.00am Mothering Sunday Family Service** - led by Jason  Children - bring your Mum and receive a bunch of Spring flowers for her - but all ladies will receive flowers too
- 29th March 10.16am Palm Sunday Eucharist** - led by Jason - to celebrate Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem - come and receive your palm cross. Our friends from Ellington and Brampton will join us and the Brampton Band will accompany our singing so please stay for coffee/tea and cake afterwards **Please note the earlier start time of this service**
- 3rd April 6.00pm Good Friday Service** - led by lay members of the congregation - a service of quiet reflection and contemplation
- 5th April 11.00am Easter Day Eucharist** led by Revd Clifford Owen - come and celebrate the risen Lord **An Easter Egg Hunt follows the service!** 



Contacting the Clergy

The Revd Jason Taylor (Rector)
The Rectory, 15 Church Road,
Brampton PE28 4PF
revjasonataylor@gmail.com
01480 453341 or 07807 118070

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

is on
Monday 2nd March at 7.30pm
in the church

All are welcome to attend

View from the Pew



As March begins with winter behind us we can look forward to all things new - with lighter nights and warmer weather (we hope) and the promise of new life in nature. We also hope for new life in our church, so newly restored for us all to be a part of, not just as a building but as a focus to enrich our spiritual lives.

It is at this most important time in the Christian calendar, from Ash Wednesday on 18th February, through Lent and leading up to Easter day, that we extend a warm invitation to all, to participate in a shared Christian journey.

Our 'all age' service on 1st March will be led by three lay members of our congregation; we would be very keen to hear from anyone who would like to join this small group of volunteers to help organise '1st Sunday of the month' services.

On Mothering Sunday on 15th March we hope to see lots of visitors including mums and children. Our Rector Jason will lead this Family service and there will be bunches of spring flowers to take home.



29th March is Palm Sunday when we have a special "all together" Eucharist service at 10.16am. We will be joined by our friends from Brampton and Ellington and we look forward to the Brampton band leading us with their music. We especially welcome families to this



service in keeping with the crowds who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem on that

first Palm Sunday. There will be something for children in this service too.

As we go through Holy Week the joy of Palm Sunday evaporates and we begin to think of the sadness of those events which took place on Good Friday. **Please join us in church at 6pm on Good Friday** to reflect on these events. This will be a service of quiet contemplation.



The flower club will have decorated the church with flowers in time for **Easter day** when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with a Eucharist service. The Revd Clifford Owen has kindly agreed to lead this service for us and we look forward to welcoming everyone, especially any visitors to Grafham that weekend. There will be an Easter egg hunt following the service - *children don't let the adults get them all!*



We await news from the church architect regarding the remaining work to be done on the porch roof and the north slope of the chancel and will keep readers informed of progress.

Lastly, please note that our **annual parochial church meeting takes place on 2nd March at 7.30 in the church to which all are invited.** On this occasion our churchwarden Hazel Powell retires after six years of service. Two churchwardens ideally are needed and also new members of the PCC are required. Please let Hazel or Jason know if you or anyone you know would be willing to be nominated for these important roles. The PCC have been very supportive of Hazel during her term and they would be very happy to mentor any applicant willing to stand.

Old and new photos please for 2016 Grafham Calendar

Planning is in the early stages for producing a calendar for 2016, to sell in aid of the church restoration fund, and we would like your help.



We are looking for photos of Grafham both old historical pictures that you may own and recent photos that you have taken. The photos should not have been used before in a Grafham calendar or card and must be submitted by the owner/photographer. Landscape rather than portrait orientation will work best with the layout of the calendar.

More details will follow in later issues of the *Grafham Gossip*. In the meantime contributions can be sent to editor@grafhamgossip.co.uk so get sorting and clicking!

Remember

St David's Day
1st March



Mothering Sunday
15th March



The first day
of
Spring
20th March

Palm Sunday
29th
March



St Patrick's Day
17th March

but

'Beware the
Ides of March!'

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 07765 833486
patricia.jordan@huntingdonshire.gov.uk tel. 457802
john.morris@huntingdonshire.gov.uk tel. 458818

Twitter: @johnmbrampton

Grafham Oil Syndicate

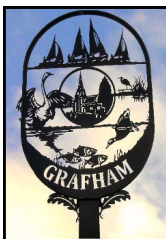
The syndicate continues to grow, keeping more money in the village. Remember, it's FREE to join and we must keep a bulk order attractive enough to attract a discount, so simply email Simon at grafhamoil@gmail.com or call 819663



PARISH NEWS

February 2015

Two issues were raised by a resident who attended the meeting of the Parish Council on 10th February. Firstly, a significant amount of damage to the road surface, road edge and verges in Church Road is being caused by the heavy traffic working at Grafham Water.



The Carillion Site Manager has advised that permission is required from Cambridgeshire Highways for Carillion to repair, but it may have to be left to Highways who would then recharge Carillion. Whoever is responsible must take ownership and pressure will be kept on both parties to ensure that the repairs take place. Cllr Peter Downes promised his support with this issue.

Secondly, the return of the chicken farm has become a reality, together with the return of the traffic, pollution and ethical issues that led to the closure of the factory several years ago. Cllr Downes will be talking to the Environment Agency about the licences required to house almost 70,000 chicks for 16 weeks and the inappropriate proximity to residential properties.

A petition is proposed against the re-opening of this factory and this will be available at the Community Shop. It is also proposed to have it available on the village web-site.

Cllr Patricia Jordan reported on the situation of ownership at Hinchingsbrook Hospital. A public meeting is scheduled for 3rd March at 7.30pm at the Civic Suite, Pathfinder House. All questions welcome – if you have questions but cannot attend the meeting, please contact Mrs. Jordan at patricia.jordan@huntingdonshire.gov.uk



The hospital is due to transfer back to NHS on 31st March 2015.



Final plans for the improvements to the A14 are available to view locally at Brampton Memorial Hall, Huntingdon Library and Buckden Village Hall. All documents are available to view at <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a14>

Also objections can be raised on this site. Further information can be received by emailing A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highways.gsi.gov.uk

Approximately £200 has been raised so far towards the cost of providing a defibrillator for the village and surrounding areas. The fund has one of Waitrose's "Community Matters" green token bins for the whole of February. There is also a collection pot at the Community Shop which is regularly receiving odd bits of loose change.



Your local MP, Jonathan Djanogly has set up a petition, launched in an earlier edition of the Hunts Post, which is aimed at pushing forward plans to improve the A1 from Peterborough to the M25, currently at the stage of a feasibility study only. If you are in favour you can sign this petition at http://www.jonathandjanogly.com/a1_petition

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 10th March 2015 at 7.30pm at the village hall. All are welcome to attend.

Margaret Life, Parish Clerk 07780 119311
malife434@gmail.com

Full minutes can be read on the village web site 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

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

Andrew Duckworth andrew.duckworth1@tesco.net

Kevin Sharp kevin.sharp@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

Alastair Watson Alwatson.parishcouncil@gmail.com

Jenny Barnes 07788 545197 jenny.barnes1@sky.com



Easter Egg Hunt!

following the
Easter Day Service
on Sunday 5th April
(Service starts at 11.00)





Ellington and Grafham WI

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

Like a lift from Grafham? Call Heather 819589

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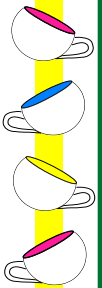
www.gwgc.btck.co.uk/

Grafham Social Committee

invites you to *Coffee Mornings at 10.30am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month:*

18th March - Philippa Patel, 3 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 H24 visits **Breach Road, Grafham** on the **4th Wednesday of every month from 10.40 to 11.00. The next visit is 25th March.**

For renewals/ enquiries call **0845 045 5225** or click [here](#)



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 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 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

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 for more details.
Jackie Woods 01480 890279



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.



Please check your details are up to date!

Babysitters

- Emma** 17yrs **860632** **Meri** - 15 yrs **811192**
- Nicci** 14yrs **811279** **Harriet** 16yrs **810043**
- Kate** 17yrs **812179** babysitting course
- Livvy** 14yrs **819708** babysitting course
- Georgie** 14yrs **432688** babysitting course
- Caroline** 18yrs **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
- Bryony** 17yrs **812354** experienced with newborn - 14yr olds



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.



Ambleside Farm, Grafham A New Beginning

My name is Doug Wanstall and I run a family farming business based in Kent. My whole family are involved in the business and in Kent we grow crops, produce free range eggs and point of lay pullets for our own and other farms.

Over the years we have expanded our operation and now have free range farms in Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Northamptonshire and Norfolk as well as Kent.

Due to the expansion I have been looking for farms to enable us to rear more pullets closer to the laying farms and that is why we have taken over Ambleside Farm.

I appreciate that there have been problems in the past with this site and we are keen that these problems are not repeated and to assure the local residents of that.

For starters our business is different, when before they would rear broilers for meat, with stocking densities of over 100,000 birds on site and changing every 50 or so days, our cycles will have a maximum of 69,000 birds which will stay in the sheds for over 112 days. These birds will then be sent off to our laying farms where they will roam outside after about 2-3 weeks and live and lay eggs for more than a year.

All our farms are monitored by the Lion and Freedom Food standards and over the last 5 years we have planted over 30,000 trees to make the ranges more akin to the hen's natural environment. We take animal health and welfare very seriously and our efforts have been recognised nationally.

What I can assure you of is the following:

- No feed lorries will arrive in the middle of the night to deliver feed



BANK FARM

- Hens will only be caught early in the morning and not in the middle of the night (When the birds are ready to leave the site, a team of people catch each bird by hand for vaccination and then they are loaded into crates for moving to the laying farms)
- There will be fewer lorries than have been experienced
- The litter remains drier under our system and thus there is little or no odour
- The litter will be taken away from the site, quickly and efficiently by local farmers.

My phone number is 07976427946 and my email doug@bankfarm.co.uk and I am happy to answer calls from anyone at any time. What I hope for above all is that we can happily co-exist and that we are given a chance to prove that we will run things at Ambleside Farm very differently from the previous regime.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

January/February

There were five reported incidents on 27th January of break ins at Westwood Lodge area and several other unsuccessful attempts – it is clear that we are going through an uncomfortable period. I would urge as many people as possible to display the Neighbourhood Watch stickers in their windows as there so many houses in the village that don't show one – I have a new supply and I'm happy to get them to you if you e-mail or call me. I apologise for any lost voice mail messages this month on my phone and would ask anyone that tried to make contact to do so again.

Rogue traders are again out in force and a 78 year old blind lady in Brampton was duped by a caller saying there were roof issues – if any cold callers call on you, please phone Trading Standards officers on 03454 040506 and provide a description of the caller and try to get a vehicle registration number also – there is a very useful online publication called The Little Book of



Big Scams – it can accessed through: <http://www.youpublisher.com/p/890463-The-little-Book-Of-Big-scams>

In Huntingdon and the surrounding areas, illegal supplies of drugs are about – if you know of anyone involved in this practice please call Crimestoppers anonymously and ask for the information you give to be passed to TPS2386 MURPHY

James Snell 07951 069 565
email: 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 or
tracey.guinea@huntsdc.gov.uk

“Has the bin man bin Mam?”



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April						
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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!



Activities at Local Libraries

Contact your local library to find out forthcoming events and activities. Email: your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or tel: 0345 045 5225

If you are reading the Grafham Gossip online (www.grafham.org.uk) click on your local library to discover what events and activities are coming up soon. [Buckden Library](#), [Huntingdon Library and Archives](#), [St Neots Library](#)

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The Parish Council Agenda

is available to view in advance of the Parish Council meetings. Visit www.grafham.org.uk Click on **Parish Council Agenda**, in the main menu and then **Latest Agenda**.



Spaldwick's Youth Group

Friday evenings in Spaldwick see [http://www.grafham.org.uk/Escape Youth Group](http://www.grafham.org.uk/Escape>YouthGroup) for more details

melodramatics



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Pastoral Reorganisation

There was a meeting in Brampton last night (11th February) with the Rural Dean, Brian Atling and Jane Logan from the Diocese of Ely, to think more about our Pastoral Reorganisation (this is the term used to refer to the creation of the Single Parish benefice that I wrote about last time).



About forty people attended from across the three parishes and, following a brief explanation of what we are trying to do and why, there was ample time for questions to be asked.

As I have said before creating the Single Parish Benefice is about bringing our three churches together into the same benefice and reducing the administrative burden associated with running them. This then enables us to get on with the real mission of the church, sharing the love of God with those around us.

I would like to attempt to clarify a few points here as we move forward:

1. There is no agenda to close any church hiding behind the plans for a single parish benefice. The changes are primarily about structures and internal operations.
2. Arrangements regarding who takes services will be exactly as they are now. The churches will be no better or worse off in this respect as a result of the change to a single parish benefice.

3. I have no plans to change service patterns at the moment and when I am unavailable for a service that requires a priest cover will have to be found (and paid for), which is exactly as it is under the current system.
4. All three churches will remain licensed for baptisms, wedding and funerals.

What will change is that we will actually be part of the same single parish and the notion that “we are all in this together” will become a reality on the ground. There was great concern at the meeting about ‘status’ (Will we remain a parish church?) and ‘services’, (Will things stay as they are?). Jane Logan is going to look into some of the issues raised and report back to me in due course.

The next step in the overall process is for me to seek the individual agreements of the three PCC’s to instruct the diocese create a draft scheme. This is the legal instrument that will enable a single parish benefice to be created. This draft will then go to a diocesan committee in June and that will begin the formal process which will involve two lots of consultations with all interested parties, including the churches, the residents and the patrons to name but a few.

If the process goes ahead without major issues arising it is estimated that it will take about a year to finalise. As ever, I will provide more information as it becomes available. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me via the usual channels.

Jason

(Contact details for Jason can be found on the front page. Ed)

Grafham Cricket Club

Hard to believe that you can be thinking of the cricket season on an overcast and dank February afternoon, but mid-April; the start of the County Cricket season is not that far ahead. Grafham’s first game of the season is the first Saturday in May.

Grafham have changed leagues this season to the Bedford Invitation Saturday Cricket League (BISCL), which is primarily made up of village teams like Grafham. The BISCL started in 2012 and is currently made up of three leagues, with eight to nine teams in each of leagues. Grafham is starting in league three.

Grafham CC is looking for new players, so if you are new to the village, or want to restart a lapsed cricket calling, or simply want to start playing cricket, then please contact Tom Chester (Captain) 07414 706279: Chris Brown (Chairman) 07968 568587: Chris Dighton (Treasurer) 07596738210.

Grafham is holding Indoor Nets at St Ivo Leisure Centre on the following dates: so come and join us:-



Date	Time
Sunday 22 nd March 2015	4.30pm to 6.00pm
Sunday 29 th March 2015	12.00 noon to 1.30pm
Sunday 12 th April 2015	12.00 noon to 1.30pm

Chris Dighton, Treasurer

**New Year
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**Tranquil Thyme in Brampton offers
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1st Session free then £5 p/w*
- * *Trying a Massage using calming and relaxing oils? Choose from full body or half body Aromatherapy or an Indian Head massage – Excellent rates – Gift Vouchers also available*
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Contact Janice 07913 767878
e-mail: hollyhocks58@googlemail.com

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Meet and Greet Volunteers
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A great way to meet new people and feel part of the community

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www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library



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Grafham
Beer Festival
3rd and 4th July 2015



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Actions Summary for March – See Special Offer

- Apply Moss Control Treatment; moss dies in front of your eyes
- Mow lawn at least once per week ; make sure blades are sharp
- Apply Organic Spring Fertiliser to produce vibrant green lawn
- Spray weeds in lawn with Selective Herbicide
- Spray patio and drive with our long lasting treatment before the weeds get a hold

Some of these actions you can do yourself, others may need a Professional to apply

<http://www.facebook.com/ProLawnCareUK>

Ask the Lawn Ranger for advice (we promise he will reply within 24 hours)
www.prolawncare.co.uk/ask-the-lawn-ranger



Happy 16th Anniversary Reader Offer

"Book up for a Weed Control Treatment and we'll apply the Spring Fertiliser FREE OF CHARGE."
(existing Customers will receive a "free seaweed application" with the weed treatment)

Call Deborah, Nikki or Richard on 01480 812393

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

Burns Night 2015

A good night was had by all at the Grafham Burns Supper.

We enjoyed the piper, speeches, haggis, neeps, tatties, tipsy laird, singing, dancing and also, I suspect, the odd dram of scotch.

Thanks to all who helped; besides the good time we raised over £570 to keep our church maintained.



The Address to the Haggis

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Gren and Moira

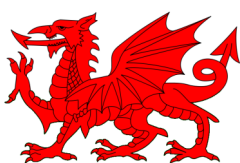
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A Total Eclipse of the Sun [20th March 2015](#) according to Wikipedia

Where we live the eclipse will be a partial eclipse starting at 8.25am reaching the [maximum eclipse at 9.31am](#) - when a large proportion of the sun will be covered by the moon and should be quite spectacular - with the partial eclipse ending at 10.41am.

Since [looking directly at the Sun](#) can lead to permanent eye damage or blindness, [special eye protection](#) or indirect viewing techniques must be used when viewing a solar eclipse. It is advisable to take specialist advice before attempting to view an eclipse.

As seen from the [Earth](#), a solar eclipse is a type of [eclipse](#) that occurs when the [Moon](#) passes between the [Sun](#) and Earth, and the Moon fully or partially blocks ("[occults](#)") the Sun. This can happen only at [new moon](#), when the Sun and the Moon are in [conjunction](#) as seen from Earth in an alignment referred to as [syzygy](#). In a total [eclipse](#), the disk of the Sun is fully obscured by the Moon. In [partial and annular eclipses](#) only part of the Sun is obscured.



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We only need a nucleus of 7 or 8 players to start training and get this going, so dig in, spread the word and get in contact.



Church Cleaner

Can you spare an hour once every two months to Hoover and dust the church to keep it clean and welcoming for all of us and for visitors to the village. If it is done regularly it takes only about an hour. **Please contact Hazel on 01480 810326 or hazelpowell19@gmail.com if you can help.**



We would be most grateful.



Help protect yourself and your neighbours against telephone scams

We have seen an increase in reporting of Telephone Scams recently and in particular the type of calls where the caller impersonates either a Police officer, or a Fraud Officer or a bank employee, then either try to get bank account details off the resident, or suggest they will send someone round to collect their bank cards and any valuable items to 'keep them safe'.

Please be wary of telephone calls warning you of fraudulent activity on your bank account.

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- To protect yourself, make sure you hear a dialling tone before you make your next call or phone a friend to check your call goes through before calling the number on the back of your bank card.
- Ask your telecoms provider to set up caller ID on your telephone so that you know who is calling your number before you decide to answer it.

Register with the free Telephone Preference Service to reduce the number of unsolicited sales and marketing calls. You can register on 0845 070 0707 or online.

Be cautious and if in doubt, hang up.

To report a scam contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 04 05 06 and Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or visit www.actionfraud.police.uk



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Creating a safer Cambridgeshire

Officers tackle parking issues in St Neots

OFFICERS in St Neots are out in force tackling parking issues in the town centre following a number of complaints from members of the public.

The St Neots Problem Solving Team will be patrolling the area around the Market Square where parking restrictions are enforced.

Sergeant Kevin Thorne said: "Drivers who park where they are not allowed cause unnecessary obstructions and frustration to other motorists and pedestrians who have to work around them. There are designated areas for parking within the town which are clearly marked and I urge motorists to use them."

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