

Easter Egg Hunt

Monday 1 April

10am to 12pm

Join Sunflowers at Grafton
for a morning of fun

Egg hunts and egg throwing*

Arts and Crafts

Refreshments

*No waste! Out of date eggs are sourced for all eggy activities

Just when we thought Spring was around the corner!

What a cold few days it has been, and a time when we really need our logs and oil. We are aware of at least one local oil theft in the last few weeks - the tank at Sunflowers was emptied. On the advice of Pewsey Police, CCTV has now been installed at Sunflowers but we would urge everyone to be especially vigilant and report any suspicious activity throughout the Parish.

Perhaps all the usual Easter events, including Wilton Windmill and Crofton Beam Engines opening for the season will put a Spring in your step? There's a host of local organisations that need volunteers - with the better weather hopefully on the horizon, would you consider giving up some of your spare time to volunteer? See page 3 for more details. Watch out for information in the April issue about the "World Book Night" on 23 April too.

It would help enormously if contributors could send their advertisements, articles and other interesting information in good time for the closing date each month (see page 4). We are grateful for all the input of course but a bit of notice does make the compilation of each issue a little easier!

St Nicholas' Church

Easter Lilies

Lilies cost £2.50 and can be ordered from Sally Butt **01672 810743**. Easter is a time to remember loved ones who have died and a lily is a fitting expression of remembrance so please make sure that you order your remembrance lilies in good time.



Annual Parish Church Meeting

The APCM will follow the family service on 28 April at St Nicholas' Church. Everyone is welcome.

Readings

If anyone would like to read the lesson or prayers at any of our services please let Sally or Martin Butt know on **01672 810743**

National Parish Council Elections Thursday 2 May

For details visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/elections/forthcomingelections/unitaryandparishelections or email clerk@graftonparish.com for information.

If you have some spare time this is not an onerous occupation but it is very rewarding and something to consider. This is an opportunity for you if you are interested in your local community and would like to be involved in how to ensure that it continues to satisfy all those reasons why you came to the area.

Friday 15 March: Publication of notice of election
Noon on Friday 5 April: Deadline for receipt of nominations

Monday 18 March:
Noon on Tuesday 9 April:

Nomination papers can be received
Publication of persons nominated

Dog Fouling

Grafton Parish Council has been advised that the costs and legal requirements for installing notices, policing the rules and obtaining fines is prohibitive.

Dog owners are respectfully asked not to leave dog poo on pavements and verges through the parish villages but to pick up after their dog and take their poo home to dispose of. It is unsightly, is horrid to clear up if stepped in and more worryingly, potentially harmful, particularly to children.

Motor Neurone Disease fundraising

Dawn McIntyre (Wilton) is running The London Marathon in aid of MND (Motor Neurone Disease Association) in memory of her Mum and her Gran. Dawn would be very grateful of your support. You can donate on Just Giving

www.justgiving.com/Dawn-McIntyre1, by a free text to **70070** with the code DMMC89 and an amount of £1, £2, £3, £4, £5 or £10 or use the sponsor form behind the bar at The Swan in Wilton. You can contact Dawn on **07789882755**



CROFTON BEAM ENGINES

9 March Café, site and grounds reopen for the 2013 season

Engines in Steam 30, 31 March, 1 April

APRIL SPRING SHOW 30 March (Set-up) 31 March

Easter Egg Hunt for children 31 March

Open to everyone, new participants very welcome. Classes for Spring flowers, bulbs, floral arrangements, homecraft, eggs and photography. Special classes for children.

For information or an entry form either email us via our new website www.croftonbeamengines.org, phone Kerry Pycroft on **07530290700** or collect one from the Station.

2013 Prices: Accompanied under 16 admitted free to the engines anytime.
A yearly Adult ticket £8.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pewsey Xtreme Sports Club offers a fun and friendly environment for young people between the ages of 10 and 17 years old to experience extreme sports such as kayaking and canoeing, parkour, indo boarding, mountain biking, power kiting and mountain boarding as well as activities like street dancing and multi sports.

It costs £5 to join and all new members receive a free T shirt. Most activities are charged per block of five or six weeks at a cost of £1.50 per session for members. Club sessions run between 7pm - 9pm on Monday evenings during term time - details can be found on

www.sparksite.co.uk and www.wiltshire.gov.uk/xtremeclubs.

To take part in Pewsey Xtreme activities you must complete an up-to-date Pewsey Xtreme consent form with your contact and medical details.

For further information please call Pewsey Leisure Centre on **01672**

562469, or email pewseysportscentre@wiltshire.gov.uk

Website: www.facebook.com/pewseyleisurecentre Twitter: @pewseylc

It must be spring - Wilton Windmill is open!

Easter Saturday 30 March heralds the start of Wilton Windmill's 2013 season. The windmill will be open from 2pm to 5pm every Sunday and Bank Holiday until the end of September for guided tours and refreshments. It's a great family day out and just up the road! See www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk or find Wilton Windmill on Facebook for more details and to keep up to date with events.

The BiG Tidy up

Thank you and well done to the team of 30+ who turned out to litter pick on Saturday 9 March for The BiG Tidy up (and those who couldn't make the day but have committed to do so at another time). Once again our eagle-eyed pickers managed to pick up an amazing amount of rubbish – 20+ bags in just a couple of hours across the 5 villages of our parish. A great job!

Oil theft

Sadly we have to report that 400+litrs of oil was taken from the tank at Sunflowers at Grafton recently. Police are investigating.

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Katie Bluff

BSc(HONS)Pod,SRCh,MCHs

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Gardeners

Are wood pigeon enjoying the fruits of your labours?

Contact Savernake Deer and Pigeon Co. for an inexpensive intervention.
Peter Frost (E Grafton) 07511 458478



The TreeHouse is open for the Easter holidays

Morning and afternoon sessions are available over the Easter holidays at The TreeHouse. Our super holiday club for primary school children aged 5 to 11 years will be open during weeks commencing 25 March and 1 April (excluding bank holidays).

We'll be out and about visiting the Thatcham Nature Discovery Centre; we have a Hobbit day with Oxenwood plus karate, basketball, a bit of engineering (making and racing balloon powered cars!), arts and crafts and lots more.

We hope that there will be something to appeal to everyone.

Bookings are being taken now email admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk or call on **01672 810478** for a copy of the timetable or to reserve a place.

Remember that our nursery rooms remain open throughout the school holidays providing care for babies and children to 4 years old.

CREATIVE ART TEXTILE WORKSHOPS

FELTING

EAST GRAFTON CORONATION HALL
SAT 18 MAY 10-4PM

£35

LIMITED NUMBERS

CONTACT **Barbara Frost 01672 811524**

Can you offer an occasional hour or so to a local organisation?

BEDWYN ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

Grafton parish is part of the Bedwyn British Legion area. The Legion is looking for volunteers to help man the bar, expand the offerings of the club and generally lend a hand. Contact Pete on **01672 811326** for more information.

GRAFTON GOSLINGS

This mother and toddler group is a thriving Thursday morning activity at the Coronation Hall with a regular attendance of 30 or so babies and toddlers. The group is always looking for help to serve coffee, biscuits and cake. If you could manage an odd Thursday morning then contact graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk and you will be made very welcome.

LINK SCHEME: Bedwyn, Grafton and St Katharines

If you have some spare time now and then to help someone in need in your area with transport, gardening, dog walking or other small jobs then contact **01672 870898** to find out more. Expenses are reimbursed. On the other hand, if you need transport for hospital, dental, meetings or other appointments, perhaps local shopping, changing library books, emergency DIY jobs or gardening then you can call the same number to ask for help.

SUNFLOWERS AT GRAFTON

This not for profit organisation is community run and welcomes volunteers in all sorts of roles – working as trustees, offering professional expertise, helping with building maintenance or maybe gardening jobs. Call **01672 810478** and Sunflowers will be very pleased to discuss further.

WILTON CRICKET CLUB

The club has been awarded a grant from Pewsey Area Board which has enabled improvements to the cricket nets at Wilton and provided kit for youngsters. This year there will be coaching sessions for the youngsters from a level 1 coach following an approach from the Sports Development Officer of Wiltshire Council. New members and volunteers are always welcome. 2013 promises to be a very rewarding as the reputation of the club continues to grow. Contact pack.andy@googlemail.com for more information.

Also: Wilton Windmill Society (secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk) and Crofton Beam engines (**07530290700**) rely on volunteers to keep these active and attractive sites to visit. These might be possibilities for any spare time you may have? There is always the Parish Council too.

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Events, clubs and other dates for your diary

All events take place in the Coronation Hall unless otherwise specified. St N refers to St Nicholas' Church.

Bookings 01672 810406 or hall@graftonparish.com
Please leave landline contact numbers wherever possible

MARCH

17	11.00	Parish Communion	St N
24	11.00	Palm Sunday	St N
25	19.00	Bingo	
30		Start of 2013 season	Wilton Windmill
30		Start of steaming	Crofton
31	11.00	Easter Holy Communion	St N

APRIL

01	10.00	Easter Egg Hunt	Sunflowers
01	14.00	Alzheimer's Cafe	
07	11.00	Holy Communion	St N
08	19.00	Bingo	
14	18.00	Evensong	St N
21	11.00	Parish Communion	St N
22	19.00	Bingo	
23	TBA	World Book night	
28	11.00	Family Service and APCM	St N

Mobile library 27 March, 10, 24 April
Coronation Hall 11.30

Regular weekly dates for your diary

Please check for full details with the relevant organiser.
Contact details are on page 4.

MONDAY

CIRCUIT & FITNESS

Henrietta MacKinnon  09.30 to 10.30 Monday

TUESDAY



09.30 to 10.30 Tuesday


YOGA



19.30 to 21.00 Tuesday

WEDNESDAY

CIRCUIT & FITNESS

Henrietta MacKinnon  09.15 to 10.15 Wednesday



Pilates Classes

10.15 TO 11.15 Wednesday



C.A.P. Dance & Fitness
Various classes for all ages between 15.30 and 19.00

THURSDAY



Baby and toddler group
10.00 to 11.30 Thursday

FRIDAY

KARATE CLASS Children only 16.00 to 17.00

Commercial Advertising:

Business based in the Parish: 1 line listing – Free.
Business based outside the Parish: 1 line – £1/issue. £10/pa.

Rates per issue for a larger listing
1/12 page £5. 1/6 page £10. 1/4 page £15

Useful contacts

Societies/Clubs/Organisations: 1 line free entry
Email news@graftonparish.com to be listed below.

Bingo	hall@graftonparish.com
Church flowers/clean	01672 810743 Sally Butt
Circuit/fitness Training	01672 810266 Hen Mackinnon
Community News	news@graftonparish.com
Coronation Hall	01672 810406 hall@graftonparish.com
Cricket Club	pack.andy@googlemail.com
Dance and Fitness	07746 479345 Charlotte Price
Grafton Goslings	graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk
Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig
Karate	07775 510143 Darren Pettifer
Link Scheme	01672 870120
Parish Council	01672 810406 Alison Halfpenny
PCC Secretary	01672 870266 Millie Lemon
Pilates	07788 970976 Beth Knight
Police emergency	999 or 112
Police non emergency	101
Sunflowers at Grafton	01672 810478 Lyndsey Turner
Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
Yoga	01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt
Zumba	07747 617199 Lau Vergara

Local commercial listing

B&B West Grafton	Angie Orsich	01672 810339
Baby sitting/odd jobs	Tom Nield	01672 870196
Beauty & wellbeing	Amanda Toon	01672 811677
Builder	Sam Sanchez	07887 991249
Disco and Karaoke	Pete Vallis	01672 811326
Disco and Party	Steve	01672 811109
Dog training/walking	Carrie Holborow	07546 941709
Double glazing repairs	David Willcocks	01672 811979
Furniture	Holgate & Pack	01672 870887
Grafton Garage	Tony Gilbert	07845 006890
Hair and Beauty	Katherine Le Bon	07770 945307
Hat Hire	Victoria Frost	01672 810386
Holiday Cottages (local)	Mary Rhodes	01672 870659
House Sitting	Maxine Wallis	07879 993150
Kindling	Jo Harman	01672 810673
Logs/tree surgeon	Jeremy Hawkins	07980 536156
Odd jobs/gardening	Dan Oakey	07810 381783
Odd Jobs	Kieran Maidment	07531 685353
Painting & Decorating	Neil Anderson	01264 731362
Pest Control	Julie Wilson	01672 811479
Printing clothing/signs	GraphicSignsandDesign@gmail.com	
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274
Usborne Books	Trish Highnett	07775 941646



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