

Local food is the flavour of the month!

The great summer means the hedgerows and gardens are abundant this Autumn. And The Swan at Wilton is reducing food miles by offering to buy home grown fruit and veg. They will buy your produce at the market rate in exchange for Swan Vouchers, which you can enjoy in due course! This wonderful example of local trading was picked up by BBC Wiltshire and Bill Clemence was interviewed on the radio.

Harvest Festival and the Parish Harvest Supper are highlights of the local calendar. Harvest Festival is on Sunday 22 September at 11am and the Supper takes place this year on Monday 23 September at 7.30pm at the Coronation Hall. Diners enjoy a wonderful supper prepared with local ingredients before highly competitive bidding for hampers of local produce. All monies raised go to support St Nicholas Church.

Finally, congratulations to everyone at The Swan Inn who won a GOLD award in the Taste of the West Hospitality Awards and to Dr Tim Ballard on his appointment as Vice Chair of the Royal College of General Practitioners.



Take part in the
**World's Biggest
Coffee Morning**

Friday 27 September
with
Sunflowers at Grafton

Join us at the Coronation Hall from 10.30am to 12.00pm
for a cup of coffee or tea and delicious homemade cakes

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan Cancer Support's biggest fundraising event, raising almost £15 million last year. This wonderful event helps to provide much needed support to many people affected by cancer. Every single penny raised helps to make a difference.

Neighbourhood Watch Update

The end of August report from the Pewsey East Policing Team included a number of incidents from our parish.

Wilton has suffered a non-dwelling burglary in which welding equipment and grinders were stolen, as well as criminal damage to crops. Damage to crops also occurred in East Grafton and in West Grafton, a chain and three padlocks were removed to gain access to farmland. In Marten damage was caused to a parked vehicle. Other crimes in the surrounding villages include thefts of and from motor vehicles and from non-dwelling buildings, as well as a drug seizure in Milton Lilbourne.

For more information please visit the Wiltshire Police web site on www.wiltshire.police.uk and don't forget to email mail@graftonparish.com with **NHW** in the Subject line to request notifications via our neighbourhood watch scheme. See page 2 for more details.

If you think you know something about a crime, call Crimestoppers on **0800 555111** or Wiltshire police on **101**.



21st & 22nd September. 11am to 5pm
The Coronation Hall, East Grafton

Art fair

Showcasing a vast range of stunning work by accomplished artists from Wiltshire and surrounding counties.

Café by

Down From Town, Vintage Tea Party Company

Children's painting competition

Bring a painting to enter into our competition and to be displayed during the art fair. Age categories 5-8 and 9-12 years.

A prize for first place in each category. £1 entry fee. See our website for full details.

Admission and parking is free.

For more information visit www.graftonartfair.co.uk, or scan:



OUR DOCTOR WRITES

I have some news for you. Over the summer I was successfully elected to be the Vice Chair of the Royal College of General Practitioners. The RCGP is an organisation committed to promoting quality of patient care and I am immensely proud to have been given this opportunity to help to take things forward. My specific role will be to try to influence decision making about how the NHS operates. It will mean time away from the surgery. From November I will need to be in London on most Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings and perhaps other days, sometimes at relatively short notice. The period of office is 3 years. I really appreciate the support and understanding that I have had from patients who already know about this. It will mean that I am less available for face to face appointments in Bedwyn but I can assure you that overall access will be protected and remain at a high standard.

In writing in this article each month you have seen me write about the wider health care system and this gives me the opportunity of a lifetime to be able to influence the delivery of high quality care, not just in our locality but for the whole of the UK. I have no doubt how challenging and difficult this role will be and I need your help and understanding about the impact it may have on my availability. With your help I hope to do my bit to improve the quality of health care for us all.

In anticipation I thank you for your understanding and support. With very best wishes. Dr Tim Ballard FRCGP

DON'T FORGET!

Harvest Festival



You are invited to come and join the Harvest Festival on Sunday 22 September at 11am at St Nicholas' Church East Grafton. This is a very colourful service to which all the family are welcome.

Any donations of fruit and vegetables can be delivered to church beforehand or brought with you to the service. All such donations will be very gratefully accepted and subsequently auctioned at the Parish Harvest Supper.

Harvest Supper



A generous and hearty 2 course homemade supper and glass of wine can be enjoyed at the Coronation Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 23 September. Your contribution toward this costs just £18 per person and there are still some places available. Contact either Millie Lemon on **01672 870266** or Elizabeth Hosier on **01264 731242** as soon as possible.



CROFTON BEAM ENGINES

The season closes between October and February. Details of events and opening times for 2014 will be published in the Community News. Meanwhile do enjoy the facilities which are open daily until the end of September.



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Katie Bluff

BSc(HONS)Pod,SRCh,MCHs

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Pewsey Community Area Partnership asks WHAT MATTERS TO YOU
PCAP is in the process of updating its Community Plan and will be coming to Grafton Parish soon. They need as many residents as possible to take part in this venture to create an accurate picture of what residents require.

In the run-up to the Community Area Level Report, Wiltshire Council are trying to get as many residents as possible to take part in a short survey by asking us to say **what matters to us**.

Visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/whatmatterstoyou to record your views.

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators wanted!

Grafton Parish Neighbourhood Watch is growing and is looking for more volunteers to represent all the hamlets in the parish. Once we have some more volunteers, we will hold a meeting to determine how we can help our parish to be a safe place to live in.

If you are interested in getting involved (and the effort is not onerous), please email mail@graftonparish.com or drop a note with your name and contact details into the Coronation Hall letterbox or call **01264 731404**.

War Memorial and Playing Fields

Details in the next Community News following the September 12 Parish Council meeting.

Have a Go at Carnival Week

Available exclusively to 13 to 17 year olds and running until 20 September, Pewsey Carnival has organised lots of activities for young people to try out for free and see whether they enjoy them. There are 33 different activities, ranging from archery, to football refereeing, to zumba. For more information, see www.pewsey-carnival.org.uk and book your free places now!

Cycling Help

A website is available to help you find cycling routes in and around the North Wessex Downs - <http://map.1sw.org.uk>. The fully interactive map provides route information such as the difficulty of the terrain, short videos of the views and photos to help you plan where you are going to go.

Dates for your diaries

Panto at the Hall

Early evening family fun! Jack and the Beanstalk at the Hall on Friday 22 November. Box office and ticket information in next month's Community News.

Christmas service at St Nicholas' Church

'Kings at Grafton', a service of readings and carols, with performances by The Bedwyn Millennium Choir accompanied by David Stewart, will take place in the Parish Church of St. Nicholas on Sunday 22 December at 4.00pm, followed by mince pies and mulled wine at the Coronation Hall.

The service will follow that of Kings of Cambridge which many of us listen to on Christmas Eve on the radio.

A crèche for young children will be provided at the Hall during the service.

Wilton Pond attracts new visitors

In order to raise the water level in Wilton Pond to its usual level, the outlet of the pond was restricted. Two days later, a swan flew in and spent hours enjoying herself. The swan had obviously flown over the previous afternoon and was enthralled by the crazy sight of happy helpers in a boat rowing around the pond to remove the New Zealand Pygmy weed and an awful lot of rubbish. We hope that the swan comes for a return visit - it's much nicer to swim there than it has been for ages.

Word has obviously got around. Last Monday morning the heron from Wilton Water paid a visit in search of the four tiny Jack Pike seen there last week. And amazingly a kingfisher watched his progress while sitting on the chain by the road.

North Wessex Downs have given their full support for the plans to rejuvenate Wilton Pond and have offered a grant towards the cost of this work. Grafton Parish is situated in the heart of the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and the organisation has grants available for community group projects. They also have their 5 year plan out for review and would welcome your views. For more information visit www.northwessexdowns.org.uk

Grafton Parish Council

There is one vacancy remaining on the Parish Council and so if you are able to spare some time to become involved in your community why not email clerk@graftonparish.com or call **01672 810406** to find out a little more? Meetings are held bi-monthly and jobs are mainly shared to avoid onerous burdens on members of the PC. We operate a rolling Chairmanship and so everyone gets a chance to find out what the Parish Council is all about.

Coronation Hall News

After three years as Hall caretaker, Phil Cook has moved onto pastures new.

"Thanks Phil for everything you have done to sustain and maintain the standard we have all come to expect and, most importantly, for being one of those nice people in life you come across and such a pleasure to work with. Good luck in your new job."

The Hall Committee is made up of volunteers who put many, many hours into the smooth running of the building.....its maintenance, appearance, website enquiries, hire agreements, and aiming to oblige the majority of people wishing to hire it.

As it is such a lovely building and in such a beautiful setting we have had many enquiries for its use from individuals and groups outside our Parish who would like to use it for their evening celebrations, events etc..

Whilst we welcome most, we have encountered some who have agreed to our terms and conditions then not fully complied with them. We have made the decision to allow use of the Hall for night time parties/celebrations and weddings to residents only. This hopefully will eliminate some problems we have encountered including late night revelry and more than the usual cleaning duties.

Our motto, which is printed at the bottom of every hire form, is 'to leave the Hall as you would like to find it'. We also encourage every party and 'big' event hirer to employ a car park monitor. We are blessed with a particularly beautiful and well equipped Parish Hallwe can't promise to fit every request into the increasingly full diary but will always do our best to accommodate as many as we can.

Thank you

The Coronation Hall Committee

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

SEPTEMBER

14	10.00	Ride & Stride	<i>Around & about</i>
14	12.00	Heritage Open day	<i>Wilton Windmill</i>
15	11.00	Holy Communion & Baptism	<i>St N</i>
21	11.00	Art Fair	
22	11.00	Art Fair	
22	11.00	Harvest Festival	<i>St N</i>
23	19.30	Harvest Supper	
27	10.30	Macmillan Coffee morning	

OCTOBER

06	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
07	19.00	Bingo	
13	18.00	Evensong	<i>St N</i>
16	19.30	Horticultural Society	
20	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
21	19.00	Bingo	
27	11.00	Sudan Sunday	<i>Shalbourne Church</i>

See August edition for Ride and Stride details please.

Mobile library

24 September 8, 22 October at the 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  09.30 to 10.30 Monday

TUESDAY

 09.30 to 10.30 Tuesday

Marlborough Multiples 15.00 to 16.30
Alternate Tuesdays

YOGA

 19.30 to 21.00 Tuesday

WEDNESDAY

CIRCUIT & FITNESS  09.15 to 10.15 Wednesday

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

THURSDAY

 **GRAFTON GOSSLINGS**
Baby and toddler group
10.00 to 11.30 Thursday

FRIDAY

PILATES 09.30 TO 10.25

KARATE CLASS Children only 16.00 to 17.00

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 $\frac{1}{12}$ page £5. $\frac{1}{6}$ page £10. $\frac{1}{4}$ page £15
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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 810072 Patricia Knowles
Circuit/fitness Training	01672 810266 Hen Mackinnon
Community News	news@graftonparish.com
Coronation Hall	01672 810406 hall@graftonparish.com
County Councillor	01672 810285 Stuart Wheeler
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
Marlborough Multiples	07967 835831 Amber
Member of Parliament	01380 729358 Claire Perry
Parish Council	01672 810406 Alison Halfpenny
PCC Secretary	01672 870266 Millie Lemon
Pilates	0779 4412685 Vicki Diwell
Police emergency	999 or 112
Police non emergency	101 ext 745818 M Camilleri
Sunflowers at Grafton	01672 810478 Lyndsey Turner
Wiltshire Good Neighbours	07557 110418 Mary Soellner
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
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Builder	Sam Sanchez	07887 991249
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Double glazing repairs	David Willcocks	01672 811979
Furniture	Holgate & Pack	01672 870887
Gardening	Sue Upham	01672 810526
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
Kindling	Jo Harman	01672 810673
Logs/tree surgeon	Jeremy Hawkins	07980 536156
Odd jobs/gardening	Dan Oakey	07783 644405
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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