

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Our Parish is inundated with road works in this freezing weather but we are assured that the current activity involves extensive work to ensure that all of the drains are functioning as they should. Interestingly one drain in Wilton was found to have been disconnected at some time in the past! Residents who marvelled at the volume of water emanating from an underground spring are now put to rights in the knowledge that it was caused by bad drainpipes! As soon as this work on the drains is completed the gangs will return to resurface the roads so we will, no doubt, have to continue using alternate routes for a little while longer.

Wendy, Barbara and Josh of the "Silver House" in East Grafton have now seen the ITV programme (Tuesday 3 February) which tells the story of how their building site was transformed into a warm and dry home. They are keen to express their sincere thanks to all those anonymous and generous residents of the Parish who contributed time, money and effort to complete the work to make the house and garden safe for Josh. Grafton Parish is a very supportive and generous community when called upon to assist others.

On the subject of supportive community the Parochial Church Council is looking for financial help to ensure that St Nicholas' Church is repaired so that it can serve the parish in the future. Please contact any of the people listed in their appeal below if you have any ideas on how the necessary funds may be raised or indeed if you are able to contribute to the appeal directly.

In answer to the question "What is the PCC and the PC?". The Parochial Church Council (PCC) looks after St Nicholas' Church with income from donations and covenants, for example, to provide regular services and maintenance of the fabric of the building. The Grafton Parish Council (PC) is responsible for the general environment of the parish, planning applications, maintenance of footpaths etc and income is derived from a proportion of your council tax.

**THE CHURCH of St NICHOLAS ROOF APPEAL**

Building commenced on our Norman style Church almost 173 years ago and it still serves us well today.  
**But now it needs your help - and time is against us!**

Repairs include work to the roof and the extensive specialist guttering and drainpipes. Severe internal flooding seen over the last two winters may soon cause irreparable damage to the fabric of the church if allowed to continue.

Following consultation with the diocese, architects, surveyors and builders, the necessary repairs will cost approximately **£33,000** - this is a huge challenge

A grant of **£2,500** has already been obtained from the Wiltshire Historical Churches Trust and an "Autumn Statement Roof Repairs" grant from the Government is also being sought.

Whilst many of us do not necessarily wish to attend regular Church services, most of us want and expect our Church to be available at important times in our personal lives, such as family baptisms, weddings and, inevitably, funerals. We are very fortunate to have such a beautiful Church in our Parish. We must surely do what is necessary to preserve it for future generations.

Regular service collections, however generous, from our small congregations barely cover annual church expenses.

**The Church of St Nicholas belongs to all of us. Please help preserve it for all of us.  
CAN YOU HELP?**

Giving is simple - and we can potentially increase donations by 25% with Gift Aid.

All you need to do to make a one off donation or a regular covenant is to contact:

Church Wardens: Martin Butt **01672 810743** or Alexandra Cox **01672 810138**  
or Rector Revd. Michael McHugh **01672 870779** or any member of the Parochial Church Council.

Ideas for fund raising and offers of help to raise funds are also more than welcome. **Thank you**

**February holidays in The TreeHouse, Sunflowers at Grafton**

February holidays will soon be with us and we have great holiday fun planned in The TreeHouse from Monday 16 February through to Friday 20 February.

**A great day with Oxenwood - living the life of a medieval outlaw**

**Super seasonal activities, including Pancake Races and a Big Garden Birdwatch  
Let the Forces be with you! A brilliant day with Major Boryer of the Royal Gurkha Rifles and  
PCSO Jonathan Mills of Wiltshire Police**



The TreeHouse is open to children aged 5 to 11 years and bookings are being taken now - email [admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk](mailto:admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk) or call on **01672 810478** to reserve a place. Our fabulous nursery rooms are also open throughout the holiday which means we can provide care for babies and children through to 11 years old. If you're not familiar with Sunflowers take a look at our website to find out more, [www.sunflowers-grafton.org.uk](http://www.sunflowers-grafton.org.uk), and if you'd like to pop in to meet us and take a look around you are more than welcome - just call to arrange a date and time.

## Footsteps Podiatry Services

Tidworth Leisure Centre

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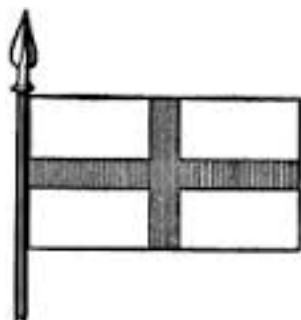
[katie@thepodiatrist.org.uk](mailto:katie@thepodiatrist.org.uk)

- ⇒ All aspects of footcare undertaken
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- ⇒ Biomechanical review inc plantar fasciitis, heel pain, metatarsalgia
- ⇒ Orthotics
- ⇒ Verrucae treatments

\* Drop in appointments 9-2 term time excl. Wednesday

\* Evening and weekends can be arranged

\* Home visits available for a fee



## ST GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATION SUPPER

Thursday 23 April 2015

7.30pm

The Coronation Hall, East Grafton

TICKETS £20.00 each to include:

A St George's Day Cocktail on arrival

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or

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Church Roof Repairs

Tickets available from:

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Sally Butt 01672 810743

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[www.davidwillcocks.com](http://www.davidwillcocks.com)

## WINTER WARMER PARISH LUNCH

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Wednesday 11 March at 12.30pm

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If you would like a lift to the hall phone:

Ronnie Pearson 01672 811997

or Jenny Hatfield 01264 731415

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### Speed Watch training

Grafton Parish Council is keen to encourage residents to take part in Speed Watch training. The aim is to ensure that there are enough volunteers to provide a good coverage for our area as soon as the equipment arrives.

If you can attend one of the free sessions below then please email [clerk@graftonparish.com](mailto:clerk@graftonparish.com) and your place will be reserved.

Wednesday	22 April	6pm – 8pm
Wednesday	24 June	6pm – 8pm
Saturday	05 September	10am – 12pm
Wednesday	23 September	6pm – 8pm
Wednesday	25 November	6pm – 8pm

All sessions are free and will take place at Wiltshire Police Headquarters in Devizes.



### Crofton Beam Engine dates

Come and visit the oldest working steam engines in the world still performing the job they were built to do!

7 March - The last of our winter working open days. Our engineering volunteers will be at work on final maintenance and preparation for summer opening. Entrance for this day is free, as is tea and coffee, but donations to the restoration funds would be much appreciated instead. For more information, [www.croftonbeamengines.org](http://www.croftonbeamengines.org) or **01672 870300**

**4, 5 and 6 April** - First steaming days of 2015 from 10.30 to 4.30 each day.

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## News in Brief

### Free recycling

Do you dislike waste and sometimes throw something away that you think still has useful life? Then you might be interested in Kennet Freecycling - [groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/kennet\\_free-recycling/info](http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/kennet_free-recycling/info).

This is an email based system for finding homes for things and avoiding them going to land-fill. You can apply to join by sending an email to:

[kennet\\_free-recycling-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:kennet_free-recycling-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

### Comic Relief cake sale

Olivia Pearson and Eve Walker are holding a Red Nose Day cake sale in The Swan car park on Friday 13 March at 4.00pm.

Donations of cakes would be appreciated - please go along and support their worthy cause.

### Second hand books wanted

Great Bedwyn School Association are organising a second hand book sale and are looking for donations of good quality books suitable for 4-11 year olds. If you have books you could donate, then please drop them off at the school reception during school hours before the end of February or contact

[janeleighton@mac.com](mailto:janeleighton@mac.com) for collection.

### Planning applications

Grafton Parish Council will receive brief email notifications only from Wiltshire Council in respect of applications relating to tree work. Information will be posted on the [graftonparish.com](http://graftonparish.com) website as soon as possible following notification. It will be very helpful and courteous if anyone anticipating work on their trees would inform their neighbours to ensure that those who may be affected are made aware of work to be done. It is possible to look at any applications on [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningapplicationssearchonline.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningapplicationssearchonline.htm) although it is understood that this would be an onerous task to check on a regular basis. This new policy has been adopted by Wiltshire Council without consultation. Grafton Parish Council is currently in negotiation about failures within this new system in an effort to ensure that correct information is supplied in a timely manner in the future.

### Be a soldier for a day

Four lucky youngsters in the Parish have won the chance to visit Tidworth and don their own uniforms whilst they enjoy all the experiences of a day with the REMEs. It is hoped that they will gain much from the visit and perhaps write a short resume of their soldiering for the next issue of the Community News. If you are one of the youngsters, please email your contribution to [news@graftonparish.com](mailto:news@graftonparish.com). Thank you to everyone who took part and applied for the places.

### Pylons a thing of the past?

A section of pylons running south of Pewsey and Burbage may be removed and the cables buried if a project between the National Grid and the North Wessex Downs AONB is successful in bidding for the funding. At this stage it is a competitive process with other proposed projects around the country.

If you have an interest in the project, then please visit the Drop-In Event at the Pewsey Heritage Centre, SN9 5AF, from 2pm until 8pm on Tuesday 3 March. You can just turn up, but better to let them know by emailing Rose Somerset, Communications Officer, at [RoseSomerset@northwessexdowns.org.uk](mailto:RoseSomerset@northwessexdowns.org.uk). More information including a map can be found at [//bit.ly/nwdpylons](http://bit.ly/nwdpylons).

### New Zumba Class!

A new Zumba session is now on Fridays at 1.30pm in the Coronation Hall. Great fun and it's for all levels.

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## Dates for your diary

All events take place in the Coronation Hall unless otherwise specified (contact details on page 4).

*St N* refers to St Nicholas' Church.

### FEBRUARY

15	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
22	16.00	Family Worship	<i>St N</i>

### MARCH

01	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
02	19.15	Parish Council public meeting	
07	10.30	Open Day	<i>Crofton Beam Engines</i>
08	18.00	Evensong	<i>St N</i>
11	12.30	Winter warmer lunch	
13	16.00	Red Nose Day Cake Sale	<i>The Swan</i>
15	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
22	16.00	Family Worship	<i>St N</i>

**Mobile library dates at the Coronation Hall**  
25 February 11, 25 March 11.30 to 12.00

### Regular weekly dates for your diary

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

### MONDAY

**CIRCUIT & FITNESS**  09:15 to 10:15 Monday

**YOGA**  11:00 to 12:30 Monday

**Bingo**  19:00 to 20:30  
Alternate Mondays

### TUESDAY

 09:15 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 GOSLINGS**  
Baby and toddler group  
10:00 to 11:30 Thursday

**YOGA**  19:30 to 21:00 Thursday

### FRIDAY

 **pilates**  
by nature  
09:30 to 10:30 Friday  
10:45 to 11:45 Friday  
Beginners and gentle work

 13:30 to 14:30 Friday

**KARATE CLASS** Children only 16:30 to 17:00

## Useful contacts

Societies/Clubs/Organisations: 1 line free entry

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	07479 281809 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	0771 7006787
Marlborough Multiples	07967 835831 Amber
Member of Parliament	01380 729358 Claire Perry
Parish Council	clerk@graftonparish.com 01672 811335
PCC Secretary	01672 870266 Millie Lemon
Pilates	07796 225942 Tracey Rich
Police emergency	999 or 112
Police non emergency	101 Jonathan Mills
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	01672 484464 Joanna Bury

### 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
Builder & roofing	Dan and Co	07936 586228
Business Support	Natalie Bullock	07711 373688
Cake making	www.faysfairycakes.co.uk	
Car washing	wiltonwashers@gmail.com	
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
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
Kindling	Jo Harman	01672 810673
Logs/tree surgeon	Jeremy Hawkins	07980 536156
Painting & Decorating	Neil Anderson	01264 731362
Pest Control	Julie Wilson	01672 811479
Printing clothing/signs	www.SCSigns.co.uk	
Reflexology	Jacque Gibbons	07724 676569
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274
Usborne Books	Trish Highnett	07775 941646

### Advertising rates per issue:

Business based in the Parish: 1 line listing – Free  
 Business based outside the Parish: 1 line – £1/issue £10/pa  
 For larger adverts: 1/12 page £5 1/6 page £10 1/4 page £15



email [news@graftonparish.com](mailto:news@graftonparish.com) with contributions for the Community News.  
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### Grit/Salt Contacts

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 East & West Grafton: James Allen 01672 810753  
 Wexcombe: George Hosier 07786 332950

### Our Doctor writes

Look Out for Lyme!

On the 18 January there was an event at the Houses of Parliament to raise the awareness of the importance of Lyme disease. And given our locality, Lyme is a particular risk especially in Spring and Autumn and so we are more vulnerable in the next few months.

Lyme disease is an infection that is transmitted by the bite of the deer tick. With lots of wild deer about it is understandable why we are in one of the hot spots. There is a reservoir of infection in wild deer but it also affects other animals as well. Lyme was first described in the 1970's in Connecticut in a town called Lyme – hence the name. The infection has many similarities to syphilis. After being bitten by a tick the first sign of an infection is a spreading rash which develops over a few weeks. It spreads out from the point of the bite but it can also develop at a site distant from the bite. There are often associated low grade flu like symptoms with this first stage. Untreated the rash slowly fades and the bacteria continues to multiply within the body but manages to do this without provoking a response from the immune system. Over time the immune system seems to become partially aware that there is a problem and the body produces a reaction which is poorly targeted and this then also becomes part of the problem. Untreated Lyme disease can cause serious health problems in most systems in the body.

It's not all gloom and doom though. There are two important things we can do. The first is to try to prevent tick bites in the first place. This isn't fool proof but simply tucking trousers in socks or wearing walking gaiters can help. Ticks are found in grassy areas and in areas of leaf mould (lots in the Savernake Forest!). The second is to pick it up in its early stage with the spreading rash which is easy to treat with a two week course of antibiotics. Later stage disease is still treatable but a longer course with perhaps a different antibiotic being used if the nervous system is involved. There are lots of causes of hard to understand general malaise and only a small minority of these will be caused by Lyme. That said it is worth raising the possibility with your doctor if you have a difficult to understand illness as Lyme should at least be considered

Regards Dr Tim Ballard

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