

COMMUNITY NEWS



News from St Nicholas' Church

Sunday 18 December at 4 pm

CAROL SERVICE and Family Nativity. This promises to be a lovely service in the run up to Christmas. Please come and enjoy it.

Sunday 25 December at 11am

HOLY COMMUNION

Power cut information

If you are a pensioner, disabled, are ill or have small children, for example, then you can register for priority notification and assistance in the event of a power cut. To register call **0800 316 5457** or at www.ssepd.co.uk/priorityservicesregister. This is a new and free service.

Christmas good cheer and best wishes for 2017

A Happy Christmas and greetings for 2017 to all our readers from the Community News team.



A huge THANK YOU

On behalf of all the residents of our parish we would like to express our sincere thanks to a certain gentleman and his willing helper. You know who you are!

For the last fifteen years, at least, you have both contributed enormously to the community and festive spirit, especially for all the children, in the parish.

We all wish you all the very best in your well deserved retirement.



Merry Christmas from Sunflowers at Grafton

Vast quantities of glitter and sparkles are consumed as imaginations go wild this term. Our annual Creative Morning at the Coronation Hall was, as promised, a frenzy of present making. By the time this December Community News reaches you our ABC Nativity will have been performed to a packed St Nicholas' Church and our party day, with a visit from Father Christmas, will be a few days away.

The TreeHouse Holiday Club is open from Monday 19 December to Friday 23 December with a range of wonderful activities to keep primary school children busy. Perfect to create a little bit of time and space to complete those last minute jobs! The full timetable can be found at www.sunflowers-grafton.org/uk/treehouse/holiday-club.

Christmas Eve and Santa's Journey begins...

It won't be long now until Father Christmas will be travelling around our Parish on his brightly decorated sleigh with festive music and lights. Don't miss out on this traditional Christmas Eve journey.

18:00 Hollow Lane Wilton
18:15 Marten
18:20 Wexcombe
18:45 East Grafton
19:00 Duck Pond Wilton

Parents: You may be aware that Father Christmas always visits The Swan on Christmas Day and that it is possible to arrange for your child to receive a present from him. Talk to Bill or one of the team at The Swan **01672 870274** for more information.



A community event for Christmas in the Grafton parish



Sunday 18 December, 2pm to 4pm in the Coronation Hall

Get into the festive season with Christmas music, a chance to meet up over a relaxed glass of mulled wine, wish friends a Merry Christmas and meet people who are new to the parish.

This is timed to fit in with the Christmas Carol service for all those who wish to celebrate at St Nicholas' Church as well.

Mulled wine will be provided by the Coronation Hall. Mince pies kindly being baked and provided by the members of St Nicholas' Parochial Church Council and your Parish Council.

So, join us for some Christmas cheer – free of charge . . . though we might just sneak in a raffle!

The Grafton Youth Group will also be in the hall so you can pick up your mince pie orders between 2pm and 6pm.

M&M Productions Present



Coronation Hall East Grafton
Saturday 14 January 2017

Doors open at 4.30pm

Performance begins at 5.00pm

Children £5, Adults £7.50

Refreshments and Food will be available

Book your tickets from:

The Swan in Wilton

or Email: Hall@graftonparish.com

or Call: Natalie on 07479 281809

Winter Warmers Lunch

11 January 12.30pm

Steak and kidney pie with boiled potatoes and vegetables
Creamed rice pudding and stewed fruit

Book your tickets from

Liz Hosier 01264 731242 or liz@wexcombefarm.co.uk

Do come on your own or with a group of friends

Everyone welcome.



Thank you to the Vallis family

At least 75 people attended the Remembrance at the War memorial in East Grafton on 13 November.

A very dignified and appropriate act of remembrance was organised and conducted by Pete Vallis.

All the work involved in preparing the music, service sheets, power for the loud speakers and arranging readers and contributors was a huge task - not to mention the printing and distribution of the invitations.

Congratulations on a successful event and thank you to all the Vallis family from the Parish community.



18 December – 11.00am at the Coronation Hall for a Mince pie bake off

Help raise money for a zip wire at East Grafton playing field by making and selling mince pies and Christmas jam tarts. All bakers will earn time credits as well as helping the community.

Ideas for next year:

January

February (Half Term 15 – 18) A trip to see Bedwyn Panto with fish and chips at The Swan (either before or after).

Early April

Self Defence & Martial arts

Craft workshops

If the flume at Basingstoke Aquadrome is open a Sunday trip is planned.

Easter chocolate making in the Coronation Hall

A series of 4/5 sessions to give a good grounding in basic techniques

Including silk painting, decoupage, paper marbling, and many more

If you know young people in the parish tell them about youth activities and get them to come along. If you have suggestions on trips and activities for 2017 please let us know and we can help you make them happen.

If you have questions, want more details or would like to join in then please contact youthactivities@graftonparish.com and **Annie** on 07802 923344

Jason Lewis Carpenter

Carpentry & Maintenance

All building work undertaken, painting, tiling, all types of locks, kitchens, home improvements, plastic doors & windows, general maintenance.

References available on request.

07990 512342 Jasonlewis08@aol.com

Our Doctor writes

Many of us probably carry a donor card, or may have lost the donor card in the passage of time. Registering on line is easy and takes two minutes to do.

Hospitals will have access to this information if the situation becomes grave, and it is very comforting for surviving relatives to know that the dying person has made that decision and all they need to do is honour that agreement. It is also important that families have that conversation beforehand.

You can donate all of your organs (kidney, heart, liver, small bowel, cornea (surface of the eye), pancreas, lungs, tissue) or you can specify which organs you want to donate. If you have specific instructions you can appoint a representative to make decisions on your behalf. You can withdraw from the register at any time or if you feel that you do not want to donate your organs then you can also register this decision. The address to register your decision on line is www.organdonation.nhs.uk/register-to-donate. If you do not have internet access there are forms available at the surgery for anyone to collect, even if you are registered at another surgery. Your own surgery is also likely to have forms. Alternatively you can call NHS Blood and Transplant on **0300 1232323**.

It is possible to become a living donor and there is information on the website about how to do this. A living donor can donate a kidney, part of the liver, bone and amniotic membrane. Bone removed during a total hip replacement can be donated for bone grafts and pregnant women can donate the amniotic membrane surrounding the placenta which is then used in eye surgery. Placental cord blood can also be donated.

Many of you already donate blood. Over 6,000 blood donations are needed every day to treat patients in England. Most people between 17 and 65 are able to give blood and up to 70 if you have given blood before. Men can give blood every 12 weeks and women every 16. More donors from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities are particularly needed. There is an eligibility questionnaire covering issues about receiving treatment, taking medication, travelling outside of the UK, tattoos, pregnancy, illness, cancer, received blood, blood products or organs. You cannot donate if you are HIV positive, carry hepatitis B or C, or have HTLV (Human T-cell Lymphotropic virus). You can register to give blood on line at www.blood.co.uk and you can book an appointment on line to donate at a centre near you. You can also call on **0300 1232323**. The next blood drive at Marlborough Leisure Centre is on 15 December and Hungerford Town Hall on 5 January.

Next month I plan to write about how the practice (or your own practice if not registered) might be able to help you stick to those New Year resolutions to get fit, eat more healthily, drink less alcohol, do more exercise, lose weight and stop smoking!
Be well, best wishes. Dr Angela Paddon

Looking For A Babysitter?

My name is Sophie

I am 14 years old

I live in East Grafton

I am trustworthy, reliable, responsible and fun.

I am available to babysit evenings, weekends and school holidays and at short notice.

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* Home visits available for a fee



News in brief

Household waste - rubbish collection days during Christmas

Thursday 22 December collection as normal. Thursday 29 December black bin/household waste collection will take place on Friday 30 December. Blue-lid bins and black boxes (no garden waste) on Thursday 5 January. If you have a green garden waste bin you can put your Christmas tree beside it on 19 January and it will be collected for composting at no additional charge.

Household recycling centres will close at 1pm on 24 December and not open again until 2 January.

Making Music in Pewsey and surrounding villages

The Wiltshire Rural Music School is trying to reach out to and support music making in and around the Pewsey area. If you are involved in music making of any sort in your community, they would love to hear from you. They may even be able to help you. To find out more...

pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/making-music-in-pewsey-and-surrounding-villages

The Rural Crime partnership

Superintendent Phil Staynings heads this new partnership to help improve confidence for those living within rural communities in Wiltshire. People should feel empowered to report rural crime to Wiltshire Police and can be reassured that the police will act on all information received. Members of the board include representatives from Wiltshire Police, the Wiltshire Rural Crime Team, the National Farmers Union, the Country Landowners Association, the National Gamekeepers Organisation, the Ministry of Defence Salisbury Plain, the Angling Trust. Police and Crime Commissioner Angus Macpherson said: "I am very encouraged that organisations from across the county have joined together in partnership to focus on rural crime. Wiltshire is a rural county so it is important that the operational policing of the area is guided by the knowledge and advice of those organisations working within our communities.

British Legion Poppy Appeal

£588.72 was collected from East Grafton, Marten and Wilton in the weeks leading up to Remembrance Day.

INFORMAL CONSULTATION ON POSSIBLE APPLICATION TO DEREGISTER WILTON BRAIL as common land under the Commons Act 2006: Section 16

After many years of research into the history and archaeology of the Brails, it transpires that an error was made when Wilton Brail was registered as common land under the 1965 Commons Registration Act back in 1972. The Commons Act 2006 : Section 16 allows for errors to be corrected. The Planning Inspectorate who process such applications, advise that there should be a period of informal consultation prior to making the application.

To this end a report has been prepared outlining the history of Wilton Brail and the reasons why and how the error occurred. This report has been submitted to Great Bedwyn and Grafton Parish Councils and other local interest groups for informal consultation over the next three months, commencing 1 December. The report will also be viewable in Bedwyn or contact Richard Charles (see below).

Following this period of consultation, if the decision is made to deregister, then notices will be placed at the entrances to Wilton Brail and the application documents will be able to be viewed locally. There will then be a period of 28 days in which to write comments to the Planning Inspectorate

Wilton Brail is registered as common land under the 1965 Commons Registration Act, and mapped as access land under the 2000 Countryside Rights of Way Act. If it is decided to apply for deregistration, this will in no way affect the existing public footpaths in Wilton Brail.

Richard Charles hillbarnestate@btinternet.com or 01672 870 726

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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.

DECEMBER

15	22.00	Last mince pie orders!	
18	11.00	Youth Activities	
18	14.00	Mulled wine and mince pies	
18	16.00	Carol Service and Nativity	St N
25	11.00	Holy Communion	St N

JANUARY

08	18.00	Evensong	St N
09	19.15	Parish Council meeting	
11	12.30	Winter Warmers lunch	
15	11.00	Morning Worship	St N
19	07.00	Put out your Xmas tree for collection!	

Visit www.savernaketeam.org.uk for information on all the services at St Nicholas' Church.

Mince Pies & Christmas Jam Tarts

Grafton Youth Activities will be making delicious mince pies and jam tarts to raise money towards a zip wire for the Playing Field. They'll be guaranteed to rival any from well-known local supermarkets! And a bargain at £1.80 for 6 and £3 for 12.

The pies/tarts will be baked and ready for collection at the Coronation Hall Sunday 18 December between 2pm and 6pm. If you are unable to pick up don't worry they can be delivered.

An order form is enclosed in the Community News – fill it out now for your gourmet Christmas treats.

Last orders 15 December.

MONDAY

YOGA



11:00 to 12:30 Monday

TUESDAY



YOGA

09:30 to 10:30 Tuesday

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



Baby and toddler group
10:00 to 11:30 Thursday

FRIDAY

Mobile library at the Coronation Hall
30 December 11.55am to 12.25pm



09:30 to 10:30 Friday
10:45 to 11:45 Friday
Beginners and gentle work

KARATE CLASS

Children only 16:30 to 17:00

Useful contacts

Societies/Clubs/Organisations: 1 line free entry

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	wiltoncc@yahoo.co.uk
Crofton beam engines	www.croftonbeamengines.org
Dance and Fitness	07746 479345 Charlotte Price
Grafton Goslings	graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk
Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig
Junior cricket club	pdewinton@savills.com
Karate	07775 510143 Darren Pettifer
Link Scheme	0771 7006787
Member of Parliament	01380 729358 Claire Perry
Parish Council	clerk@graftonparish.com 01672 811335
PCC Secretary	01672 870266 Millie Lemon
Pilates	07769 580148 Tracey Rich
Police emergency	999 or 112
Police non emergency	101 Jonathan Mills
Salt/sand bags	07910 637 634 David Lemon
St Nicholas' church	www.savernaketeam.org.uk
Sunflowers at Grafton	01672 810478 Julie McLernon
Wiltshire Good Neighbours	07557 110418
Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
Winter Warmers	01264 731242 Liz Hosier
Yoga	01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt
Zumba	01672 484464 Joanna Bury

Local commercial listing

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