

COMMUNITY NEWS

Make the most of the lovely long August days and hopefully the sun will shine on us more often than not. Summer days may be lazy but there is still lots happening in and around the Parish. Plenty of activity on the farms, children enjoying the summer holiday and always an event around the corner. It's easy to take the beauty of our surroundings for granted but those who come to holiday here have the right idea. We have such a lot on our doorstep and for a great reminder just visit www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk.

Community Market & Brunch

Thank you to everyone who turned out for the July Community Market and Brunch. As always, a fantastic array of crafts on offer from our local community creators, along with the delicious brunch itself.

Our next event will be held on Saturday 30 November where you will be able to pick up (dare we mention the C word ...) a selection of great Christmas gifts!

Steampunk at Crofton

Crofton Beam Engines held their first Steampunk event with their "Splendid Summer Steaming" on 27-28 July. Not even the rain on Saturday morning stopped the crowds gather from across the country to see fantastic entertainment from "Alice's Night Circus" and "Professor Elemental" who kept the audience both captivated and involved along with Teapot-Racing, Tea-Duelling, Nerf-gun-Duelling, Best-Dressed and a Rap Workshop from the Professor himself! Crofton partnered with Steamhenge (the Salisbury and Wiltshire Steampunk group) to put on this sold out weekend event, which will be held again next year - a definite date to look out for!

Our Farmer writes ...

Harvest has just started with the Winter Barley, always our first crop. It has been a successful year for the Winter Barley, it had a good start last Autumn and this Spring and early Summer had sun and rain almost exactly when required. The quality seems good and due to the lovely dry weather recently we harvested it in perfect conditions and didn't need to dry the crop prior to storage. This year, unlike last year, there is now a bit of a gap before anything else will be ready for harvesting, we may be waiting about a fortnight before the next crop, which could be Oilseed Rape or Spring Barley. Therefore, the next few weeks will be a time to try and get ahead with other jobs that get put off during the madness of harvest.

This week has been "Farm Safety Week", a national campaign to try to improve the safety record of our industry which is sadly languishing near the bottom of many a safety league table. Coincidentally we also had a visit from a Health and Safety advisor. This has been a very interesting process and highlighted a few issues I was completely unaware of and provided solutions for others. Farming accounts for 1% of the national workforce and yet is responsible for 22% of workplace fatalities (Source: HSE). This is a shocking statistic, one that, as an industry we must work hard to put right. Farming has undergone many changes over the last 100 years, not least increasing efficiencies through mechanisation. Tractors have replaced horses and subsequently got bigger and bigger, the workforce has shrunk as margins have tightened. Add to this the variety of jobs undertaken in isolation by many farmworkers around the country working long hours, often under time pressure, or the threat of an impending change in weather and the reasons for the poor safety record begin to reveal themselves. The solutions are not always obvious but some small tweaks can make a huge difference. Touch wood our safety record here is pretty good, but it is very important that we are not complacent and move forwards with safety a high priority, especially at this busy time of harvest.

On a lighter note, I gave an interview this week to BBC Radio 4's Farming Today about our No-Till System as part of their week focusing on cereal production. It was aired at 5.45am on Thursday 18th and 6.30am Saturday 20th July for those who may wish to listen back!

Hopefully we will continue to enjoy some warm, sunny and dry weather as we move into August. Harvest should really get going and all the schools will have broken up, ready to enjoy the Summer holidays.

George Hosier george@wexcombefarm.co.uk

Keeping it local ...

It is all about our community and we are very proud to be (probably) the largest employer in the parish!



Our Breakfast & After School Clubs provide care for up to 14 primary school children at the beginning and end of the school day for working parents and we are expanding this team.

Breakfast Club has to be functional and efficient - make sure everyone has a good breakfast and whisk off to school! After School Club has much more scope for adventure and creativity.

How might you be able to help? Not many people want to do five early mornings or five late finishes but you might be very happy to be part of a team doing two or three shifts each week and that would suit us very well.

Don't forget that we are also looking for minibus drivers too! These roles are all paid and full training is provided.

Interested? Find out more by contacting Alison or Sue on 01672 810478 for a chat or email admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk

Sunflowers at Grafton, The Green, East Grafton, SN8 3DB

**August and September****28 August – Spooky navigation night and campfire cooking at Oxenwood**

Meet at Oxenwood Outdoor Centre at 7pm for a briefing and get your maps. Set off just before sunset and finish in the dark, arriving back at the Centre 9.00 – 9:30pm. Afterwards celebrate around the campfire and do some campfire cooking. Finishing at 10.00pm

The cost for this event is £5.00. Food and drinks will be provided. Parents to drop off and pick up. Contact Gabby to book a place on **07810 340471** or email gabsw@icloud.com

27 September – Film and Pizza at Coronation Hall, 6.30pm

Come and enjoy a film and make your own pizza for the interval! Let your friends know and bring them along. If there's a film you really fancy let Gabby know (contact details below)

Young people moving into secondary school can join in, come along to the film night and find out more about Grafton Youth Activities and add your ideas for activities and trips! Please contact Gabby by text on 07810 340471 or email gabsw@icloud.com if you are interested.

Youth Activities is an initiative started by Grafton Parish Council and is aimed at young people at secondary school or in further education

Our Doctor writes



Bedwyn Health Walks

Whatever your ability, there is something for you to enjoy. From Parkrun to the more sedate Bedwyn Health Walks.

Walking has been proved to be the safest activity to help improve the health of older people or those with long-term health conditions, and has the added benefit of being a social activity in the fresh air which can also enhance mood and reduce isolation and feelings of loneliness. Promoting good health is as important as supporting you during times of ill health and so we at The Old School Surgery are excited to be part of the Bedwyn Health Walks Project. The Village Hall has developed the project in consultation with us at the Surgery to promote weekly health walks with the use of Nordic Walking Activator poles. The walks hopefully appeal to members of our community aged 18 and over who are living with long-term health conditions that affect mobility, those recovering from injury, or who have had an operation or treatment. You may want to become involved simply because you want to improve your physical fitness and wellbeing, especially if you have found yourself slowing down due to the passing of time, or just because you would like some company. You do not have to be registered at The Old School Surgery or live in Great Bedwyn to get involved.

These free, friendly and guided walks are on Tuesday mornings at 10.30am and set off from the Village Hall Car Park. You will be able to explore Great Bedwyn and some of the area for about 45 minutes at a pace suited to you, supported by trained volunteer walk guides. Activator poles, which help provide stability, improve balance and posture, reduce impact on leg joints and promote upper body fitness, are available for you to use. After the walk you can stay to enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

"Absolutely wonderful" were the words used to describe the walks by one of our older residents.

Jude Buckell is the project co-ordinator and she is available to have a chat about the walks, how you can join in and how to book - on **07444 642309** or **bedwynhealthwalks@gmail.com**. Jude is also looking for volunteer walk guides/leaders so if you wish to volunteer please contact Jude on the above telephone number or email. I would love to volunteer, but I'm not allowed to because I have to work!

Get walking.

Be well, best wishes,

Dr Angela Paddon

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News in brief

Watch the Vale of Pewsey video

A promotional film for the Vale of Pewsey was launched on 11 July by the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership. With more than 16,000 views already, you can see the video on YouTube (search for Visit Pewsey Vale) and on Facebook – www.facebook.com/visitpewseyvale/videos. See how many local people, dogs and locations you can spot!

The North Wessex Downs need your input!

The North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty team is planning to develop and deliver a project based on the theme of the 'Landscape of the White Horses', but they need your help! Please take a couple of minutes to complete their brief survey which will help the AONB team better understand how the White Horses are valued and how you think funding to support the project should be spent. Please complete the survey by 31 October 2019 and share the link with others, so that they may participate.

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VDH8BDP

BfA Bridge for All Marlborough

Learn to play or improve your bridge with lessons in Marlborough. (EBU Professional Tutor). These are for absolute beginners, improvers & intermediates (Club players)

New courses start September 2019 and no partner is needed. Practice sessions, Supervised Play, and Duplicate session are run regularly in a friendly relaxed atmosphere

Please contact Andy or Mo Hill for further details & availability Tel: **07831 841185** email: andyjbridge@btinternet.com

www.bridgewebs.com/bfamarlborough

Heritage Open Day at Wilton Windmill

Wilton Windmill will again be taking part in the national Heritage Open Days week. The Windmill will be open especially on Saturday 14 September for children's games, tea and cake and **free** guided tours. Times to be confirmed.

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Parish Council Meeting Summary
Monday 8 July 2019

Minutes of Parish Council meetings are posted on all noticeboards and on www.graftonparish.com, but sometimes progress on concerns expressed by residents merit publicity via the Community News.

This is an extract from recent minutes which should keep you in the picture

"The committee agreed to invest money into traffic calming schemes as an investment for the future. Mr Hyslop proposed obtaining quotations for the purchase of 1 or 2 portable Speed Indicator Device (SID) together with costs for moving the equipment - to increase the impact by installing it along the roads most impacted by speeding vehicles. There are various models of SIDs available, some powered by solar and others with a battery with varying methods of securing this equipment. Mr Hyslop informed the committee that CATG (community Area Transport Group) has also agreed to review and improve road signage, improve road markings and review other traffic calming measures. Once completed they will review if the likes of white gates at both entrances to East Grafton could further encourage drivers to slow down. The work is likely to take 3 to 6 months to complete."

The police reported that "a gang from Marlborough and Swindon recently were convicted with a combined 57 years in jail for drug dealing"

The next full Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 9 September to which everyone is welcome.

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The full timetable is on our website www.sunflowers-grafton.org.uk/treehouse/holiday-club/

The TreeHouse is open to children from reception to 11 years - email admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk or call **01672 810478** to reserve a place.



WEBSITE

Events and news in the Pewsey Vale visitpewseyvale.co.uk
Charity working for community development communityfirst.org.uk
Pewsey Area Board pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk
Access Community notice boards and much more on wiltshire.gov.uk
Grafton Parish graftonparish.com
All the latest news releases wiltshire.gov.uk/latestnews.htm
Heritage community of Wiltshire heritageinwiltshire.wordpress.com
Roadworks wiltshire.gov.uk/roadshighwayspavements
Tree wardens for Wiltshire wiltshiretreewardens.co.uk

For help and information		
Link Scheme	0771 7006787	
Police emergency	999 or 112 - information 101	
Member of Parliament	Claire Perry	01380 729358
County Councillor	Stuart Wheeler	01672 810285
Community Contacts		
Church flowers/cleaning	Patricia Knowles 01672 810072	
Community News	news@graftonparish.com	
Coronation Hall	07479 281809 hall@graftonparish.com	
Junior Cricket	pdewinton@savills.com	
Parish Council	clerk@graftonparish.com	
PCC Secretary	01672 870266	
St Nicholas' services	www.graftonparish.com	
Winter Warmers	01264 731242 liz@wexcombefarm.co.uk	
Youth Activities	Text Annie 07802923344	
Local Clubs		
Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk	
Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig	
Crofton Beam Engines	crofton@katrust.org.uk	
Grafton Goslings Baby & Toddler Group	graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk	

Local commercial listing		
Baby sitting	Sophie	07557 915052
B&B Grafton	Victoria Frost	07557 791604
Builder	Sam Sanchez	07887 991249
Cake making	www.faysfairycakes.co.uk	
Celebration Cakes	www.nattiesbakesandbites.co.uk	
Computer issues	Stuart	07881 912477
Disco and Karaoke	Pete Vallis	01672 811326
Disco and Party	Steve	01672 811109
Dog Grooming	Victoria	07786 868192
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
Homeopathy	Emma H-Byass	07540 773531
Logs/tree surgeon	Jeremy Hawkins	07980 536156
Painting & Decorating	Neil Anderson	01264 731362
Personal trainer	Hen Mackinnon	07977 511959
Pest Control	Julie Wilson	01672 811479
Storage/lock up	David Lemon	01672 870266
Sunflowers at Grafton	Julie McLernon	01672 810478
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274

Dates for your diary

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

AUGUST

04	09.00	Holy Communion	<i>Little Bedwyn</i>
11	09.30	Holy Communion	<i>Great Bedwyn</i>
18	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
25	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St Katharine's</i>
28	19.00	Youth Activities	<i>Oxenwood</i>

SEPTEMBER

9	19.30	Parish Council Meeting	
14	TBA	Heritage Open Day	<i>Wilton Windmill</i>
27	18.30	Youth Activities	

Publishing dates for our printed Community News rarely coincide with the date of planning submissions and closing dates for consultations, but the Community News team are mindful that many Parish residents are keen to be kept informed of planning applications. We have been using Facebook and Twitter to publicise details of all Parish planning applications to help ensure that residents have access to planning applications in a timely manner.

Like our Facebook page www.facebook.com/GraftonParishCommunityNews or follow us on Twitter www.twitter.com/graftonparish.

See www.graftonparish.com for Coronation Hall booking information and details of gazebo hire.

MONDAY

YOGA

11:00 to 12:30
01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt

TUESDAY



09:30 to 10:30
07710 115324 Joanna Bury

YOGA

19:30 to 21:00
01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt

WEDNESDAY

Mobile library at the Coronation Hall
28 August 11.40am to 12pm

THURSDAY



Baby and toddler group
10:00 to 11:30
graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk

FRIDAY



09:30 to 10:30
10:45 to 11:45
Beginners and gentle work
07769 580148 Tracey Rich



07746 479345
Charlotte Price

Monday	17.00 - 19.00	West End (Group Show Dances), Bronze Jazz, Pre-Pointe
Wednesday	15.30 - 19.00	Baby Ballet, Pre-Primary Ballet, Primary & Grade 1/2 Ballet, Grade 3 Modern
Thursday	16.45 - 18.45	Grade 4/5 Ballet, Grade 4/5 Modern

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