

## COMMUNITY NEWS

What a wonderful December. Christmas lights twinkling and carol singing in Wilton, full houses at church for Christmas services and at the Coronation Hall for mince pies and mulled wine together with visits from Father Christmas and an almost white Christmas across the parish!

We trust that those who were looking out for Father Christmas caught sight of him and his trusty elf as they toured the parish on Christmas Eve and visited The Swan on Christmas Day? Thank you both for remembering us all and for ensuring that you came past before we had been safely tucked in for the night.

There is a veritable army of people working behind the scenes to make these events happen - our thanks to everyone who contributes to making Christmas across the parish so special.

**Our very best wishes to you all for a happy and healthy 2018.**

### Road salting in icy weather

When ice is forecast all key routes in Wiltshire will receive precautionary salting. Key routes are trunk roads, class A and B roads and some of the busier lower category routes. If you need a reminder on the roads treated in your parish check the link. [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/grittingroutesmap](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/grittingroutesmap)



## St Nicholas' Church East Grafton

### January news

#### Church services for January

**Sunday 7** 11am Holy Communion

**Sunday 14** 6pm Evensong taken by our Church Warden. Please come along to support Martin and enjoy this service with him.

**Sunday 21** 11am Holy Communion

**Sunday 28** 4pm Family Worship

#### December report

The Parish Family Nativity and Carol Service held on 17 December was enjoyed by almost 100 people and our beautifully decorated Church was full for the Holy Communion service on Christmas morning which rang to the voices of over 160 worshippers.

Our thanks go to our Rector, Michael McHugh and to all the generous people who provided flowers and greenery and helped to clean and decorate the church.

Finally, thank you for supporting the church in many ways and may you enjoy a peaceful 2018.

### Carol singing makes a welcome return to the parish

On the 21st of December a small band of people from Wilton and Grafton went carol singing around the houses in Wilton to raise money for charity.

Our group included a guitar player and a music teacher so we were not too offensive. I would to thank everyone who donated towards the Crisis at Christmas appeal; we raised £101.30 Many people are not so fortunate as us in our lovely warm homes and it seemed fitting to remember the growing numbers of homeless people around the country.

Next year we hope more people might like to join with us in the week before Christmas so do get in touch with me if you are interested.

Rosie Pack **01672 870058**

## THE SPIRIT of AFRICA



An evening of beautiful African themed music and song performed by Jackie Macbeth and Nick Evans set to David White's fabulous photography.

The Coronation Hall Saturday 20 January  
7.00 for 7.30 pm

Tickets £25.00 to include  
a delicious two course supper  
and glass of wine on arrival

**An auction of excellent items will follow  
supper**

Contact June Pearson **01672 811997** or  
[info@kidstuskforce.org.uk](mailto:info@kidstuskforce.org.uk)

To benefit The David Sheldrick Trust anti-poaching  
program Organised by Kids' Tusk Force UK  
[www.kidstuskforceuk.org.uk](http://www.kidstuskforceuk.org.uk)

## Winter Warmers menu

**Wednesday 10 January 12.30  
Coronation Hall**

Honey Spiced Pork Casserole  
Rice and Green Vegetables  
followed by Bread and Butter Pudding.

Please reserve your place with Liz on **01264  
731242** or [liz@wexcombefarm.co.uk](mailto:liz@wexcombefarm.co.uk)

A great chance to meet local people, enjoy a fabulous meal and win a raffle prize!

A resident and Community News reader writes:-

I am attaching a photo which you may like to use on your website. This depicts the Winter Warmers dinners which are held at Coronation Hall once a month. This photo is of our Christmas Dinner which took place today.

Liz Hosier came up with the Winter Warmers idea and it has been successful for some time now. Liz is also ably assisted by numerous members of the community thereby ensuring that this is a regular event fuelled by fabulous food, great company and a real community atmosphere. Well done Winter Warmers team. Photograph on [www.graftonparish.com](http://www.graftonparish.com) home page



**CLUE HQ Swindon - Sunday 21 January - An opportunity to take part in a live escape game.**

Teams of up to 6 are challenged to work together to find a way to escape from the room they are in! The best number for a team is 4 so you may want to get a team together beforehand. It should be great fun and get you thinking. Afterwards we'll go for a burger in MacDonald's. We'll leave the Coronation Hall at 3.00 pm and take part in the game at 4pm and return by 7pm at the latest.

If you volunteered for the "Christmas Parish Get Together" on 17 December then you can go free of charge or if you have 2 "time credits" they will cover the trip cost. Otherwise the trip will cost £20.

Go to <https://cluehq.co.uk/swindon> and find out more about the escape game and how it all works. If you are interested in going please let Annie know by ASAP for last minute spaces as time slots have been booked in advance.

To book text Annie on **07802 923344** or email [youthactivities@graftonparish.com](mailto:youthactivities@graftonparish.com)

**February Half Term** – look out for planned activities @**GraftonParishCommunityNews** and get onto the email distribution list by contacting [youthactivities@graftonparish.com](mailto:youthactivities@graftonparish.com)

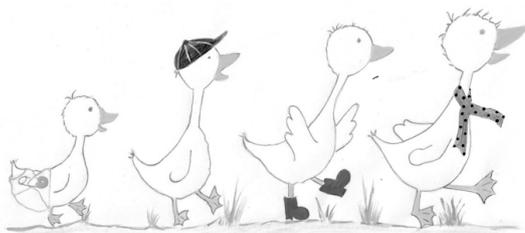
**Students can save in leisure centres until 31 January**

Reduced membership fees at all Wiltshire Council leisure centres are available for students up to 31 January. Young people aged 16 and over and in full-time education can enjoy four weeks of unlimited fitness suite usage, public swimming and group exercise classes for just £29.99. Read more... [www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/students-can-save-in-leisure-centres-this-christmas](http://www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/students-can-save-in-leisure-centres-this-christmas)

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**£2.50 PER FAMILY** (ALL CHILDREN UNDER 1)

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**Warm and Safe Wiltshire Priority Service Register**

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[www.warmandsafewiltshire.org.uk](http://www.warmandsafewiltshire.org.uk)

**Local commercial listing**

B&B West Grafton	Angie Orssich	01672 810339
B&B Grafton	Victoria Frost	07557 791604
Builder	Sam Sanchez	07887 991249
Cake making	<a href="http://www.faysfairycakes.co.uk">www.faysfairycakes.co.uk</a>	
Celebration Cakes	<a href="http://www.nattiesbakesandbites.co.uk">www.nattiesbakesandbites.co.uk</a>	
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
Homeopathy	Emma H-Byass	07540 773531
Logs/tree surgeon	Jeremy Hawkins	07980 536156
Painting & Decorating	Neil Anderson	01264 731362

**Local commercial listing Continued**

Personal trainer	Hen Mackinnon	07977 511959
Pest Control	Julie Wilson	01672 811479
Printing clothing/signs	<a href="http://www.SCSigns.co.uk">www.SCSigns.co.uk</a>	
Storage/lock up	David Lemon	01672 870866
Sunflowers at Grafton	Julie McLernon	01672 810478
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274
<b>For help and information</b>		
Link Scheme	0771 7006787	
Police emergency	999 or 112 - information 101	
Member of Parliament	Claire Perry	01380 729358
County Councillor	Stuart Wheeler	01672 810285

**Links for local information**

Charity working for community development [www.communityfirst.org.uk](http://www.communityfirst.org.uk)  
 Pewsey Area Board [www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk](http://www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk)  
 Access Community notice boards and much more on [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)  
 Grafton Parish [www.graftonparish.com](http://www.graftonparish.com)  
 Tree wardens for Wiltshire [www.wiltshiretreewardens.co.uk](http://www.wiltshiretreewardens.co.uk)

## Our Doctor Writes

As you may know we have recently taken the decision that for most patients that we will not take telephone repeat prescription requests. We are committed to providing a local and personal service for our patients and unlike many other Wiltshire practices which have been offering online repeat prescriptions only for a number of years, it is with some reluctance that we have made this decision.

Online ordering service is a very simple process. Once you are registered, you have access to ordering your medication, booking appointments and if you wish access to your medical record and test results. With the majority of patients ordering in this way, telephone lines are freed up, receptionists are available more to deal with patient queries and the flow of work into the dispensary is more evenly spread out. In your next repeat order there will be a small wallet sized card detailing the turnaround times for prescriptions, and a space for you to make a note of your user name. Please keep this handy for when you need to make your monthly order.

Di Cuthbert retired from the Practice in August. Despite our best endeavours to find a fully trained replacement this has proved difficult, and as a result we have been training up another member of staff. We will continue our search in the meantime to strengthen our team. As a result of these changes our turnaround times have had to be adjusted to **three** working days instead of **two**. In time we hope to return to a two day turn around, but in the meantime would appreciate your co-operation.

With increasing numbers of patients, and more complex health issues, we are receiving an ever increasing work load of hospital letters/discharges etc. To ensure that GPs have access to this information in a timely manner it is vital that our reception staff have the time to process this correspondence. Moving the time consuming processing of telephone prescription requests away from reception, will ensure that your medical records are up to date with all information available to the GP/Nurse. We have been working closely with our colleagues in local hospitals to get them to forward clinical letters by secure email, so that we can process them even quicker, so be rest assured our efforts are totally patient centred with you at the very heart of this.

But please note, we remain committed to helping the more elderly and vulnerable members of our community. If you genuinely do not have internet access, and there is no-one who can drop in your prescription request or collect your medication, then please speak to either myself or Donna Pais, and we will do our very best to find a solution for you.

Keith Marshall - Practice Manager

### Local policing consultation

Angus Macpherson, Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon asks "Would you be prepared to pay an extra £1 a month to protect local policing?" The policing precept consultation which launched on 2 January is looking for the views of Wiltshire residents on the proposed increase of £12 a year – the closing date is 31 January. For more information on how to share your views visit [www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk), you can also email [pcc@wiltshire.pcc.pnn.gov.uk](mailto:pcc@wiltshire.pcc.pnn.gov.uk) or use **#AskAngusPCC** on social media.

## Be Vigilant to tool theft.

### Warning from Wiltshire Police after recent events

Tools can be extremely valuable and if stolen can have a huge impact on small businesses. Wiltshire Police would like to remind all van owners to remove their tools from the vehicle when it is left unattended for long periods of time and overnight.

Follow these simple steps to help prevent you becoming a victim

- ⇒ Visibly mark tools using an engraving/chemical etching kit or a forensic marking kit
- ⇒ Keep a list of tools, together with any serial numbers and identifying marks
- ⇒ Don't leave tools in an unattended vehicle or overnight and put a sign in the window stating they have been removed
- ⇒ Consider fitting an alarm or internal security cage
- ⇒ If you have a garage, use it
- ⇒ If your van is parked on a driveway, consider installing security lighting
- ⇒ Check doors are locked. Consider installing additional locks for added protection
- ⇒ Secure access to building sites

If you have any information about vehicle crime in Wiltshire call Wiltshire Police on **101**. Alternatively, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

### Neighbourhood watch text service.

If you wish to receive texts associated with neighbourhood watch in our area then you can register using the link <https://member-registration.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/117/join>

### Community Contacts

Church flowers/cleaning	Patricia Knowles 01672 810072
Community News	news@grafonparish.com
Coronation Hall	07479 281809 hall@grafonparish.com
Parish Council	clerk@grafonparish.com
PCC Secretary	01672 870266
St Nicholas' services	www.savernaketteam.org.uk
Winter Warmers	01264 731242 liz@wexcombefarm.co.uk
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[katie@thepodiatrist.org.uk](mailto:katie@thepodiatrist.org.uk)

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

\* Evening and weekends can be arranged

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## Dates for your diary

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

### JANUARY

07	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
08	19.15	Parish Council	
10	12.30	Winter Warmers	
14	18.00	Evensong	<i>St N</i>
20	19.00	Spirit of Africa	
21	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
21	14.30	Youth activities trip	
26	24.00	Closing date for Community News	
28	16.00	Family Service	<i>St N</i>

### Rubbish collection over the holiday period

- ⇒ **Friday 12 January** Household waste rescheduled from 11 January
- ⇒ **Thursday 18 January** Black box/blue bin and garden waste where you can leave your **Christmas tree for free collection.**

See [www.graftonparish.com](http://www.graftonparish.com) for Coronation Hall booking information and details of gazebo hire - dates and information for all Parish council meetings and past community news issues.

#### MONDAY

##### YOGA

11:00 to 12:30  
01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt

#### TUESDAY



##### ZUMBA

09:30 to 10:30  
07710 115324 Joanna Bury

##### YOGA

19:30 to 21:00  
01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt

#### WEDNESDAY

##### CIRCUIT & FITNESS

09:15 to 10:15  
01672 810266 Hen Mackinnon

#### THURSDAY



Baby and toddler group  
10:00 to 11:30  
[graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk)

#### FRIDAY

**Mobile library** at the Coronation Hall  
19 January, 14 February 11.40am to 12pm



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 - 18.30	West End (Group Show Dances), Bronze Jazz, Pre-Pointe
Tuesday	15.45 - 17.45	Grde 1/2 Modern & Tap, Grde 3 Tap
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

Deadline for the next issue Friday 26 January.

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