

COMMUNITY NEWS

Your Community News team apologises for the delay in printing the February issue. The snow did not help and this meant that we were unable to distribute copies to our gallant deliverers until a few days later than planned. In our 10 years existence this, we think, is the only time when we have been unable to get the newsletter out at the allotted time.

Thank you for your patience and we hope that you were not unduly inconvenienced by this.



Saturday 30 March, 10am - 2pm

**The Coronation Hall invite you to their
second Market & Brunch event**



There will be craft, art and produce stalls as well as table-top where you can pick up new or nearly new items. Also, make a posy of flowers, craft a gift with Sunflowers or decorate cupcakes as a gift for Mother's Day.

A delicious brunch will be available from 10am until 1pm where you can catch up with friends and neighbours over a drink and a bite to eat.

If you would like to book a table, if you have anything you wish to donate for the table-top sale or if you have anything you would like us to sell on your behalf, do get in touch by emailing hall@graftonparish.com for more details.



**Can you help in the
Grafton Parish Spring Clean?**

Each year Sunflowers at Grafton organise a litter pick across the five Grafton Parish villages to help keep our corner of the county looking lovely.

Many of you have helped before and we hope you will be able to take part again on **Saturday 23 March, 10.30am to 12.30pm**. For those who haven't taken part previously – you'll be amazed at how much litter gets picked up!

You are all very welcome. Please bring a sturdy pair of gloves – gardening gloves are ideal. There will be co-ordinators in each village – simply meet on the day at 11am:

East Grafton – Coronation Hall
West Grafton – notice board
Wilton – by the pond
Wexcombe – at the bus stop
Marten – noticeboard

Youth Group members – time credits can be earned for time spent litter picking - join us!

Call Sue on **01672 810478** or email admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk for more information.

The Great British Spring Clean is backed by the key anti-litter charities including Keep Britain Tidy - see www.keepbritaintidy.org



Winter Warmers Lunch

**Tuesday 12 March, 12.30pm
Coronation Hall**

Irish stew with vegetables
Queen of puddings

Please reserve your place with Liz on **01264 731242**
or email liz@wexcombefarm.co.uk

If you need a lift, or are unable to come to the Hall and would like to receive the meal at home, then please contact Liz for arrangement details.

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

**St Nicholas' Church
news from the church mouse**

St Nicholas' Church always has a magnificent display of lilies at Easter. If you would like to remember friends and loved ones by purchasing lilies to be part of the display and memorial scroll then please contact Patricia Knowles on **01672 810072**.



£2.50 each. Early orders appreciated.

Join us at 11am on Easter Sunday, 21 April for our Easter service.

APCM, 17 March at 11.30am

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will commence after Holy Communion at 11am. This is an informal and informative meeting when everyone is invited to find out more about what the Church is doing and to ask about future plans. Refreshments will be served and all residents of the parish are welcome.

Mothering Sunday, 31 March at 4pm

It has become a tradition at St Nicholas' for the children to present their loved ones with a small posy provided during the service.

Please come along with children, grandchildren or just by yourself and enjoy the family service.

**St Nicholas' Church Electoral Roll
has to be renewed this year**

This is not the same as the Parish Electoral Roll for General, County and Parish Council elections but it is important to the Church to ensure that there is enough support to retain St Nicholas' Church in the Parish for the future.

It is a legal requirement for the Church to start from a blank sheet every 6 years and to ask for residents to consider enrolling or renewing their enrolment onto the Church electoral roll with a closing date of **16 March 2019**.

You can find the forms to register onto the Electoral roll in the following places:

1. www.graftonparish.com/st-nicholas-church
2. In St Nicholas' Church on the table at the entrance (the Church is open every day)
3. By emailing graftontres@savernaketeam.com with a request for the form to be emailed to you for completion
4. By calling Liz Hosier on **01264 731242** or at Winter Warmers on Tuesday 12 March

Grafton Youth Group



Join in Grafton Youth Group's exciting activities – tell your friends and bring them along

Friday 29 March - 6pm to 8pm, Teen Aider Course

Just a few places left on this fun and practical first aid training covering incident management and calling for help; unconscious casualties and the safe airway position; choking, CPR, and serious bleeding.

The course will take place at the Coronation Hall and will be funded by Grafton Youth Group. If you would like a manual to take away the cost is £5. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

Wednesday 10 April - Afternoon (exact time to be advised) CLUE HQ Swindon

An opportunity to take part in a live escape game. Teams of up to 6 are challenged to work together to solve clues and 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. Afterwards we'll go to MacDonald's. Cost 2 Time Credits or £20. Places on a first come first served as places on the mini bus will be limited to 14 people.

Tuesday 16 April - 6.30pm Making Easter Chocolates

Get creative with chocolate and make some Easter gifts (that's if it doesn't all get eaten beforehand!!) Be prepared to get messy - bring an apron! This activity is free and will take place at the Coronation Hall.

Please contact Annie to indicate your interest for any of these activities on youthactivities@graftonparish.com or text **07802923344**

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

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

Local commercial listing

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Builder	Sam Sanchez	07887 991249
Cake making	www.faysfairycakes.co.uk	
Celebration Cakes	www.nattiesbakesandbites.co.uk	
Computer issues	Stuart	07881 912477
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Grafton Garage	Tony Gilbert	07845 006890
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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

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

Local Clubs

Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig

Visitors car park

Coronation Hall parking area

Please note that the car park in front of the Hall is only for those who use the hall. It makes parking difficult for those hiring the hall when vehicles are abandoned in the middle of the area by people not using the hall.



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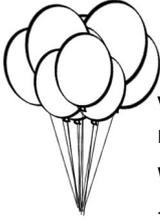
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Grafton Parish Council meeting, Monday 11 March
Please note that meetings now start slightly later at
7.30pm. Discussion will include planning applications
19/01332/FUL and 19/01293/FUL.



**Traditional Summer Fete Saturday 15 June, 11am to 4.30pm
on the Green in East Grafton**

Volunteers needed please: Can you help with the setting up on the Green, running a stall or donating a prize for the raffle?

We need as many helpers as we can to make this a wonderful day for all to enjoy.

If you can help please contact Kevin Burke on **01672 811719** or email kevin.burke237@gmail.com

Wilton Windmill opens for 2019

The first day of the 2019 season at Wilton Windmill is Easter Saturday, 20 April, when the windmill will be open for guided tours and refreshments from 2pm to 5pm. The windmill is then open from 2pm to 5pm every Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday until the end of September.

The Wilton Windmill Society is always looking for volunteers and there are lots of different roles available including (among others) millers, flour baggers, cake makers and guides, just a couple of hours a month can really help. If you are interested then email secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk.

Crofton Beam Engines opens for 2019

Crofton will be re-opening their engine rooms on Saturday 6 April and have a packed schedule for 2019 with a great number of themed events across the year. The last of their Winter Works Open Days is on Saturday 16 March from 10.30am until 3pm, so pop along if you can.

They also have a new team running the Engineman's Rest Café - this year the Café will be closed on Mondays instead of Wednesdays. Keep up to date on their event schedule by checking their website www.croftonbeamengines.org or following them on Facebook and Twitter.

News in brief

More traffic on A338 likely between 1 April and 10 May for the hours 7pm to 12am

Closure of the A4 London Road (Part), Marlborough; from its junction with Elcot Lane for a distance of approximately 1,242 metres in a westerly direction. To enable Tarmac work for carriageway reconstruction and associated maintenance works. Alternative route signposted will be: via A4 (unaffected length) – A338 – A346 and vice versa.

Pewsey Vale Health and Well-Being Group (PVHWBG)

This group is made up of local residents, volunteers and representatives from local organisations across the Pewsey Community Area who have agreed to form a committee to ensure that the Health and Well-Being funds of £7,000, devolved to Pewsey Area Board, are given in support of local projects and groups for the benefit of older residents in the main, although not exclusively. The group aims to meet quarterly to review grant applications to put to the Area Board and to support the improvement of Health and Well Being through diverse means where a positive impact can be achieved. Anyone with an interest in Health can ask to join the committee or present to the group or apply for funds through either the local Community Engagement Manager or through Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP) who administer this group – pcap@hotmail.co.uk. For projects that might need additional support with banking, insurance etc, PCAP will offer support if the project meets a local need.

University of the Third Age (U3A)

This is a UK-wide movement of retired and semi-retired people who come together to develop their learning, social and creative interests in a friendly and informal environment. For a single membership fee, U3A in Kennet offers more than 60 interest groups ranging from Art and Art History to Wine Appreciation.

To find out more, you can go to their regular Coffee Exchange in Marlborough. This takes place between 10.30am and 12 noon on the last Thursday of each month at the Wesley Hall in Oxford Street SN8 1AP (which is the narrow road on the left on the lower side of the Town Hall) or complete the enquiry form on www.u3ainkennet.org.uk/contact-me

Wiltshire Air Ambulance is calling on the people of Wiltshire to help the charity continue saving lives as its annual costs rise. The Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS), which has been operating since 1990, relies on donations – the equivalent of just over £10,000 per day – to keep its lifesaving service operational. It is not funded directly by the Government and receives no National Lottery grants. "No-one knows if they will ever need Wiltshire Air Ambulance but it's reassuring to know that our aircrew, with their specialist skills, are able to respond to incidents such as cardiac arrests, road traffic collisions, strokes and sporting injuries."

For more information about fundraising for Wiltshire Air Ambulance please call the charity team on **01225 300536** or email hello@wiltshireairambulance.co.uk.

Dates for your diary

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

MARCH

11	19.30	Parish Council meeting	
12	12.30	Winter Warmers	
17	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
17	11.30	St Nicholas' PCC APCM	<i>St N</i>
23	10.30	Parish Spring Clean	<i>Each village</i>
29	18.00	Youth Activities	
30	10.00	Community Market and Brunch	
31	16.00	Mothering Sunday	<i>St N</i>

APRIL

06		First open day of the season	<i>Crofton BE</i>
08	13.00	Parish Council planning meeting (if req'd)	
09	12.30	Winter Warmers	
10	tba	Youth Activities	
16	18.30	Youth Activities	
20	14.00	First open day of the season	<i>Wilton W'mill</i>
21	11.00	Easter Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>

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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



ZUMBA fitness

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
13 March, 10 April 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
Tuesday	16.00 - 18.00 18.00 - 18.30	Grade 1/2 Modern & Tap, Grade 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

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