

# COMMUNITY NEWS

The Community Rounders match on 9 June was a fantastic success. There were 120 people involved in the teams of which circa 50 were children. See the report below.

The Grafton Parish Council accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017 are available to view at Hopcrofts, East Grafton between 12 June and 21 July by appointment with the Clerk. Email [clerk@graftonparish.com](mailto:clerk@graftonparish.com) or tel. **01672 811335** to arrange. These are also available on [www.graftonparish.com](http://www.graftonparish.com) under the Parish Council Finance page

The Coronation Hall has recently had some mirrors installed onto the end wall of the main Hall. Some curtains will be put across these in the next couple of weeks both to protect the mirrors and to avoid any embarrassment! You will also find the calendar of regular hall bookings on the Weekly Classes page under the Coronation Hall on [www.graftonparish.com](http://www.graftonparish.com)



You may remember that we notified all residents that the Parish website had to be relocated (indeed reconstructed) because Microsoft terminated their website facility. Recently the site has remain unchanged, not updated and seriously lacking in current information. We are pleased to report that the new website is now "up and running". It is a simple and basic website which the Parish Council believes will give you all that you need simply and quickly. The Government recently introduced a "transparency code" which applies to all small parish councils and Grafton Parish Council is pleased to report that this code is now complied with on the new site. The web address is unchanged [www.graftonparish.com](http://www.graftonparish.com) and all email addresses connected to [graftonparish.com](http://graftonparish.com) remains the same.

Burgers, drinks, cakes and much more was served to everyone with a welcome fire pit to keep everyone warm under the shelter of the trees on the green. This event was organised by the Parish Council who did an amazing job supported by a valiant team of helpers. The idea of a community event did not intend to do more than "break even" however we are pleased to report that there was a surplus at the end of the day and that this has been split between the fund for improving the heating in St Nicholas' church and the provision of a zip wire in the playing field.

## Rounders Report



The Parish council has been asked to make this an annual event and we hear that they will be happy to make this happen - but they do need more helpers please. If you would be able to add your name to the list of those willing to give time to community events then please email [clerk@graftonparish.com](mailto:clerk@graftonparish.com).

### **Bonfires in a Conservation Area** - this article has been inserted in response to a reader request

We are approaching the time when there is a lot of garden refuse to dispose of or burn and the question is occasionally asked whether or not bonfires are permitted, particularly in a conservation area. Generally there is no ban on garden bonfires, even in conservation areas, but there are what might be regarded as codes of good neighbourly behaviour which may seem self-evident.

1. Do not burn damp grass or 'green' material since this generates thick smoke.
2. Do not burn any oily rags, rubber, plastics, damp garden waste or other materials which would inevitably create heavy smoke or toxic fumes.
3. Do not leave your fire unattended. Never leave a fire to smoulder for long periods. Hose it down before you leave it.
4. Do advise your neighbours that you are going to have a bonfire, so that they can be prepared in case they have any washing outside or windows open.
5. Do chose your bonfire site carefully – away from any trees, fences and sheds.
6. Do have water available in case the fire gets out of control.
7. Avoid lighting a fire in unsuitable weather conditions – smoke hangs in the air on damp, still days.
8. Avoid burning when air pollution levels in your area are high or very high. You can check air quality on 0800 556677 or at <http://uk-air.defra.gov.uk>.

Naturally, there are some general legal issues which may have to be considered, particularly if there are neighbours who persistently create a nuisance with their bonfires. Most bonfire problems are addressed under nuisance legislation. Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, a statutory nuisance includes 'smoke, fumes or gases emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance'. In practice, a fire would have to be a recurrent persistent problem, interfering substantially with neighbours' well-being, comfort or enjoyment of their property. A November 5th bonfire would certainly not be regarded as a nuisance if the above guidelines are followed.

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For help and information		
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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)



The Summer Programme has been adapted based on your feedback, you still have the opportunity to input and have your say. To help finalise details please tell Annie ASAP which dates and activities you'd like to do on **07802 923344**

**01/08 Trip to Oasis, Swindon and BBQ in the Savernake Forest**

**23/08 Tree Runners (or Basingstoke Flume) followed by a picnic**

*Pewsey Youth Group still has a few places available on their trips.*

**15/08 Paint Balling** at Combat Splat in the Cotswolds, leaving Pewsey Vale School at 8.30am and returning at 1.30pm. The cost £25 and includes Domino's pizza for lunch.

**30/08 Thorpe Park** leaving Pewsey Vale School at 8.30am and returning at 6.00pm. The cost is £25 each

More information on available on [www.facebook.com/graftonparishcommunitynews](https://www.facebook.com/graftonparishcommunitynews) and [www.facebook.com/pewseyyouthgroup](https://www.facebook.com/pewseyyouthgroup)

The Autumn programme will start on **29 September** in the Coronation Hall (activity details to follow). If you know young people moving into Year 7 this September tell them about youth activities and get them to come along.

Any questions you have or details you would like please contact [youthactivities@graftonparish.com](mailto:youthactivities@graftonparish.com) or Annie on **07802 923344**

#### **Special leisure offer: 8 weeks for just £49.99**

Calling all students! 8 weeks leisure membership – unlimited gym, swimming, group exercise classes, health suite / sauna (where available) for just £49.99 at any Wiltshire Council run leisure centre. No admin fee, no gym induction cost, no usage charges, no contract – just one amount for 8 weeks use. Make the best use of read more...

[www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/special-offer-8-weeks-for-just-49-99](http://www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/special-offer-8-weeks-for-just-49-99)

#### **Summer Opportunity for all 15-17 year olds**

Looking for something fun to do this summer while meeting new people? Want to experience new challenges and improve your future prospects? Then The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) has the programme for you... The National Citizen Service (NCS) is the government's flagship youth initiative which brings together young people from different backgrounds and helps them develop read more...

[www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/summer-opportunity-for-all-15-17-year-olds](http://www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/summer-opportunity-for-all-15-17-year-olds)

#### **Our Doctor writes**

Teenagers, you are amazing. In just a few years you become independent and pass exams, leave home, get jobs or go to university, you are able to vote, get married and have children and you make informed choices about your wellbeing. But, the challenges of being a teenager have changed considerably. As well as issues such as drugs, sexually transmitted infections, abuse, teenage pregnancy and mental health problems. Now social media can be both a positive and a huge negative.

Where can you get help if you are having a challenging time? Your parents or an adult you respect may be able to help and I would always encourage you to talk to your parents. Alternatively, teenagers still at school can talk to the school counsellor.

Over 18s are adults and are usually regarded as competent to decide their own treatment. The Family Law Reform Act gives the right for 16 and 17 year olds to consent to their own treatment. However if you are under 16 you can still see a medical professional without your parent's consent/knowledge. The doctor will assess if you have sufficient maturity to fully understand any treatment proposed and make decisions regarding the treatment. By following the guidelines, GPs are able to advise and prescribe contraceptives to under 16s. Advice and treatment for sexual health issues (contraception (including emergency contraception), pregnancy or sexually transmitted infections) is available at the practice or there is a daily walk-in clinic at Great Western Hospital. [www.swindonsexualhealth.nhs.uk](http://www.swindonsexualhealth.nhs.uk)

As a GP, I would always encourage anyone under the age of 18 to talk to their parents but I want to reassure you that you are entitled to complete confidentiality. This means that without your permission the practice cannot share information with anyone, not even that you have had an appointment. However, there are two exceptions to this, whatever anyone's age - if there is a serious risk of harm to you or others, or if there is a risk of a serious crime.

As parent of two teenagers, I am aware of the challenges you face. My colleagues at The Old School Surgery and surrounding practices also have teenagers and some of the younger doctors were teenagers only a few years ago! So please talk to us if you need to, in person, on the phone or email us.

Be well, best wishes, Dr Angela Paddon

## Local events and news in brief

### **Proposed changes to the Connect2Wiltshire bus services in the Devizes and Pewsey area**

In October 2016, Wiltshire Council agreed to make savings of £500k from its public transport budget, while maintaining 97% of the supported bus journeys across Wiltshire. These savings are being achieved by reviewing those bus services that have a subsidy per passenger trip of more than £3.50, which is the maximum permitted. Read more... [www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/proposed-changes-to-the-connect2wiltshire-bus-services-in-the-devizes-and-pewsey-area](http://www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/proposed-changes-to-the-connect2wiltshire-bus-services-in-the-devizes-and-pewsey-area)

### **Bridge lessons**

Lessons for Absolute Beginners, Improvers & Intermediate, New courses start September 2017, practice sessions also available in the Marlborough Area. No Partner needed. Friendly relaxed atmosphere. Please contact Andy Hill for further details & availability Tel : - **01380 724725** [andyjbridge@btinternet.com](mailto:andyjbridge@btinternet.com) [www.bridgewebs.com/bfamarlborough](http://www.bridgewebs.com/bfamarlborough)  
Bridge is utterly compulsive once it has got hold of you. It isn't too hard to learn and the joy is that you can play it and actually start enjoying it before you get very good. You can take it on at any level that you want.

### **When will I get superfast broadband?**

The "When Can I Get It" Registration Service is now on the Wiltshire Online website, there is an option for residents to register their details with Wiltshire Online which means one of the team will email when fibre broadband is available. We would encourage residents to sign up to the service as the quickest way of finding out when fibre broadband is in their area [www.wiltshireonline.org](http://www.wiltshireonline.org)

### **Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre**

A large number of interesting events, some free and others with a nominal charge, are planned for the future. Visit [www.wshc.eu/home/events.html](http://www.wshc.eu/home/events.html) for information, phone **01249 705500** or email [localstudies@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:localstudies@wiltshire.gov.uk)

### **Open Studios will be running through July over the weekends of 1-2 / 8-9 / 15-16 / 22-23.**

This is the annual chance to meet amateur and professional artists and visit their studios, workshops or pop-up galleries. Art is in all shapes and forms, from painting and drawing to photography, sculpture, jewellery, ceramics, print, glass and many more. Check [www.marlboroughopenstudios.co.uk](http://www.marlboroughopenstudios.co.uk) or email [enquiries@marlboroughopenstudios.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@marlboroughopenstudios.co.uk) for further details and schedule

### **Communities will have their say on future housing plans in Wiltshire**

A new plan for housing in Wiltshire to help meet housing needs as identified in the Wiltshire Core Strategy will go out to public consultation next month. The Housing Site Allocations Plan identifies proposed sites for new homes across Wiltshire to ensure sufficient housing is provided for the period to 2026. Read more... [www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/communities-will-have-their-say-on-future-housing-plans-in-wiltshire](http://www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/communities-will-have-their-say-on-future-housing-plans-in-wiltshire)

### **Marden Henge excavation**

The University of Reading will be excavating at Marden Henge between Monday 26th June and Thursday 27th July. Visitors are welcome to visit the excavation sites during the season. The site is open to visitors between 9:30 and 17:00 Mondays – Saturdays (closed Friday 30 June, Friday 7 July and Friday 14 July). Group visits read more... [www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/marden-henge-excavation](http://www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/marden-henge-excavation)

### **Disruption to GWR Services**

The next stage of work for the electrification programme will be to test the overhead wires in the Reading area, which will have an impact on all Thames Valley and High Speed Services on Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 September. Services between Penzance, Plymouth and London Paddington will operate hourly and journey times will be extended by up to 70 minutes. Full details of the programme are available on a dedicated web page: [www.gwr.com/travel-updates/planned-engineering/reading2017](http://www.gwr.com/travel-updates/planned-engineering/reading2017)

### **The Real Wolfhall**

Excavations have been underway at Wolfhall to determine whether it could be the real Wolfhall – the subject of much debate over the years, with some views that it was located elsewhere. What the archaeologists have discovered so far is amazing and provides strong evidence that this must be the site. The finds include medieval tiles as well as clear indications of buildings, walkways and tunnels. The Friends of Wolfhall Committee has been set up to support this work and invites you to join them to help to protect this national treasure for future generations. To find out details about becoming a Friend, email [alicemacaire@gmail.com](mailto:alicemacaire@gmail.com) or call **07805 304597**

### **Monthly Alzheimers Cafe**

The first Monday in every month the café is open in the Coronation Hall for those who care for and those who have alzheimers. There is an opportunity to meet others in the same position and usually a talk with refreshments starting at 14.00hrs



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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.

### JULY

09	18.00	Evensong	<i>St N</i>
10	19.15	Parish council open meeting	
12-16		Wimbledon cream teas delivered to you	
16	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
23	16.00	Family worship	<i>St N</i>
25	09.15	Youth activities tree runners	
28	24.00	Closing date for Community News	

### AUGUST

02	10.30	Youth activities ramble to Crofton	
09	14.00	Youth activities family supper prep'	
15		Youth activities paint balling	
20	11.00	Cluster service	<i>St N</i>
21		Youth activities survival skills	
25	24.00	Closing date for Community News	
30		Youth activities Thorpe Park visit	

Community News	news@graftonparish.com
Coronation Hall	07479 281809 hall@graftonparish.com
Parish Council	clerk@graftonparish.com
St Nicholas' services	www.savernaketeam.org.uk
PCC Secretary	01672 870266
Local Clubs	
Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
Junior cricket club	pdewinton@savills.com
Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig

### 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



Various classes for all ages  
between 15:30 and 19:00  
07746 479345 Charlotte Price

### THURSDAY



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



Various classes for all ages  
between 17:15 and 18:45  
07746 479345 Charlotte Price

### FRIDAY

**Mobile library** at the Coronation Hall  
7 July, 4 August 11.55am to 12.25pm



09:30 to 10:30  
10:45 to 11:45  
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07769 580148 Tracey Rich

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