



WILTON CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 15th December

Mulled wine, hot chocolate,
venison burgers, turkey sausages
mince pies and stollen

**Traditional Fun Fair
Brass Band & Carol Singing**

Enjoy the festive atmosphere from 4.00 p.m. onwards

**Father Christmas
Will be in attendance**

If you would like your child to deliver their Christmas letter to Father Christmas, and receive a treat, please obtain a ticket (£1) in advance from The Swan.

The car park at The Swan will be used for the festivities and by Father Christmas. Therefore, parking will be tricky in Wilton. We suggest, where possible, you arrive on foot.

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**CHRISTMAS DAY
FATHER CHRISTMAS RETURNS**

Mulled wine and mince pies at The Swan from 12.00 noon
Father Christmas to arrive shortly afterwards

If you would like your child to receive a present from Father Christmas then please ensure that you drop one into The Swan in advance, and ensure that a clear label is securely attached!



THE GRAFTON PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 16 December from 4.00 until 6.30 pm

Coronation Hall

We have entertainment for the children, balloons, fairy lights, party food, mulled wine, mince piesand Father Christmas!

Everyone welcome and if you haven't been to one before, come along and join in the fun!



Christmas Eve: Santa's journey begins...

Hollow Lane Wilton 6.00pm Marten 6.15pm

Wexcombe 6.30-6.45pm

East Grafton 6.45-7.00pm Duck pond Wilton 7.00-7.15pm

Get into the Christmas Spirit

As always the community festive calendar is full to bursting.

Quacker's Illuminations has installed a wonderful display near Wilton Pond, and whilst this year there won't be a public 'switch on', the lights will be lit for the Swan Inn Christmas Fair on Saturday 15 December and throughout the festive season.

Thank you to Dougie and Sylvia Willcocks for the huge enjoyment the lights provide each year.

The Parish Christmas Party takes place on Sunday 16 December with entertainment for all the family. Why not come along and meet with others from across the Parish?

The calendar wouldn't be complete without all the other events - St Nicholas' Carol Service (when the 3 Kings are always hilarious!), the Christmas Day Service, The Swan Inn December pub quiz in aid of Santa's Sleigh refurbishments, Santa's Christmas Eve journey and Christmas Day at the Swan.

The Community News Team is pleased to send Christmas and New Year Greetings to everyone and to thank all of our very willing and able volunteer distributors and contributors for their hard work during 2012.

British Legion Poppy Appeal

Jenny Hatfield would like to thank the residents of Wexcombe for their generosity in raising £67.17 for the British Legion in her house to house collection.



Sunflowers at Grafton

Christmas Fayre

Sunday 9 December

2pm to 4pm



Coronation Hall, East Grafton

An afternoon with something for the whole family

Christmas shopping including beautiful Christmas flowers, Usborne Books, Phoenix Cards, pottery and jewellery

Traditional favourites such as the tombola, a raffle and cake stall

Delicious refreshments



Lots for the children (of course!) with a Christmas themed Fancy Dress, plenty of games to play, a pocket money table and sweetie stall

-Reindeer Pony rides courtesy of Charlie



A hello from our new Team Vicar - Daile Wilshere

Paul and I have two daughters Rachel (17) and Rebecca (14) and a border terrier called Max. We have lived in Weymouth all our lives and so this move to Burbage is both exciting and daunting. Before I was ordained, I worked as a nurse in a variety of roles, but my main career was in Palliative Care and Community Nursing. I started training for ordained ministry in 2006, I served my curacy in Weymouth in a team of 3 churches, which range in context and churchmanship.

I came to faith when I was 14 at a youth mission where the evangelist J John was speaking, and since then have always been involved with the church. My passion is for mission and the transformation of individuals, churches and communities with the love of God made known to us through the risen Lord Jesus.

So what next? Well the date for my licensing will be in January 2013 and when it is confirmed we can begin to make plans to move.

I hope this gives you a little insight into who we are as a family. We are looking forward to getting to know all the congregations and settling as a family in Burbage and meeting you very soon. If there is anything specific you would like to know feel free to drop me an email and I'll try to answer your questions.

Blessings to you all.

Daile , Paul, Rachel, Rebecca dailewilshere@live.co.uk



Need help with childcare?

Sunflowers at Grafton will re-open after our Christmas break on Wednesday 2 January 2013

Our nursery rooms and The TreeHouse will be open from 8am to 6pm to provide care for babies and children to 11 years.

We have a good mix of activities on our TreeHouse timetable with plenty of outdoors activities as usual to keep our 5 to 11 year olds active and our little ones are always busy with their wonderfully imaginative play.

If you need help with childcare for the last few days of the school Christmas holidays then please do get in touch to find out more by email at admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk or call on **01672 810478**

GOOD NEWS from the Pewsey Campus Team!!

At last after nearly 2 years of fact finding, gathering public opinion, registering needs and requirements, talking to local clubs and service organisations, the Team tasked with looking into the future of the Pewsey Campus were able to place their findings in front of the Wiltshire Council Cabinet at Salisbury on 23 October.

The Pewsey Area case was presented by Team Chairman Councillor Bob Woodward, strongly supported by Mrs Carol Grant from Pewsey Vale School and Councillor Jerry Kunkler. After a nail biting wait it was announced that Cabinet approved the Committee's proposals completely and agreed to provide the capital funding to go ahead with the proposed project.

Now the hard work really starts for the Pewsey Campus Team with further discussions with architects and you can keep up to date with this exciting new development in Pewsey by going on the Pewsey Area Campus web site : www.pewseyareacampus.co.uk. where they will welcome your views and any feedback you may have.

Christmas Pub Quiz - Monday 10 December 8pm

The monthly Quiz at the Swan takes on special significance in December as it will raise money to refurbish Santa's sleigh. Do come along and pit your wits. Come as a team or join one on the night. The more the merrier!

Our Doctor writes

Many of us make new year resolutions. One that I would encourage all of you to think about is clearing out your old medicines from cupboards and drawers. They pose a risk to those for whom they are not intended. Please take them to your pharmacy or dispensing practice for them to be appropriately destroyed. Medicines, even if unopened and in date cannot be reused in the NHS but there is a collection scheme to take them to the third world to be used there.

On behalf of the whole team may I take this opportunity to wish you all a really enjoyable Christmas and a healthy festive period and new year.

Tim Ballard

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Rubbish Collections over Christmas & New Year

Three of the normal rubbish collection dates have been changed from Thursday because of holidays over the festive season. The revised collection dates are:

- * Saturday 29 December - Recycling (black boxes and plastic/cardboard wheelies)
- * Saturday 5 January - Household rubbish only. Garden waste is cancelled.
- * Friday 11 January - Recycling (black boxes and plastic/cardboard wheelies)
- * Normal service resumes on Thursday 17th January.

Pewsey Xtreme

Young people between 11 & 18 years old are invited to come and experience the thrill of alternative sport activities at Pewsey Xtreme.

The club runs its activities at Pewsey Leisure Centre on a Monday night between 7pm and 9pm and includes kayaking, archery, parkour and then after Christmas there will be indo-boarding and more kayaking. In the summer term mountain biking, mountain boarding and power kiting are all on offer.

The club costs £5 to join which includes a free Pewsey Xtreme t-shirt, although you must also be a member of the Leisure Centre to book onto courses.

For more information have a look on Facebook (look for WiltshireXtreme) or contact the centre on **01672 562469**.

Stir Up Success!

After the success of last year we again celebrated the making of Christmas puddings on 'Stir up Sunday' the last Sunday of November. Rev Michael McHugh took a very entertaining family service in the Coronation Hall where, with the help of Sue Brady, the pudding was stirred (East to West) by all.

The service was followed by a successful gift fair and café where a spot of shopping, delicious beef baps and soup were enjoyed by many. Over £700 was raised for St. Nicholas Church which is fantastic.

There are some of these truly delicious handmade puddings available to buy. They are all beautifully wrapped, so can be given as presents or just to eat and are far superior to anything you would buy in a supermarket.

1 pint puddings £6 or 2 pint puddings £12

Please contact Gabby Walker at gabsw@tiscali.co.uk or Liz Hosier at e.hosier@farming.co.uk

Save money on your energy bills

Wiltshire Council has announced a scheme in which householders could save hundreds of pounds on their energy bills.

It is known as a collective energy switching scheme and it is a bulk-buying project which enables every household in Wiltshire to join with other communities in the UK and become a single unit to negotiate cheaper energy bills. It is expected residents could see energy savings of between £60 to £200 a year.

Residents can now register their interest in being part of the switching scheme by visiting the Ready to Switch website – www.readytoswitch.co.uk – and providing their details including energy usage information. There is no obligation to sign up for the tariff once it has been offered to you.

The cut-off date for registration is 17 December 2012, however the scheme will re-open for new applicants for extra auctions throughout 2013.

In response to rising energy prices and the increasing numbers of households in fuel poverty, the scheme is the first in the UK to allow residents who use pre-payment meters to register (there are some restrictions however) and the first to invite small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to take part.

For full details, see www.wiltshire.gov.uk.

Local groups and Claire Perry MP work to protect local train services

Local transport groups have been working with Claire Perry to lobby for our future train services. Claire Perry took a huge folder of evidence, emails and letters from constituents to a meeting with the Rail Minister where he agreed to review the case to extend the Electrification project beyond Newbury to Westbury. This review is due to report by the end of February. Alongside this there is a plan to continue to press the bidders involved in the 'paused' franchise bidding programme to offer further improvements in terms of 'through' trains to and from London Paddington.

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

Bookings 01672 810406 or hall@graftonparish.com

Please leave landline contact numbers wherever possible

DECEMBER

9	14.00	Sunflowers Christmas Fayre	
10	20.00	Christmas Quiz	<i>The Swan</i>
15	16.00	Wilton Christmas Fair	<i>The Swan</i>
16	11.00	Carols	<i>St N</i>
16	16.00	Parish Christmas party	
23	11.00	Family Nativity	<i>St N</i>
24	18.00	Father Christmas journey starts	
25	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
25	12.00	Father Christmas arrives	<i>The Swan</i>

For St Nicholas' services in January please visit www.savernaketeam.org.uk and click on Grafton Parish

Mobile library 19 December 2,16,30 January
Martens 11.30 Coronation Hall 13.00

Regular weekly dates for your diary

Please check for full details with the relevant organiser.

TUESDAY



ZUMBA

10.15 to 11.15 Tuesday

TUESDAY and THURSDAY



Pilates Classes

09.15 to 10.00 Tuesday

13.30 to 14.30 Thursday

MONDAY and WEDNESDAY

CIRCUIT &
FITNESS



Henrietta MacKinnon

09.30 to 10.30 Monday

09.15 to 10.15 Wednesday

TUESDAY

YOGA



19.30 to 21.00 Tuesday

THURSDAY



Baby and toddler group
10.00 to 11.30 Thursday

WEDNESDAY



C.A.P. Dance & Fitness

Various classes for all ages. Contact details on page 4.

FRIDAY

KARATE CLASS

16.00 TO 17.00 Friday

For children. Call 01672 810406 for details.

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with contributions or comments for the
Community News

Deadline for the next issue 4 January 2013

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Useful contacts

Societies/Clubs/Organisations: 1 line free entry
Email news@graftonparish.com to be listed below.

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Church flowers/clean	01672 810743 Sally Butt
Circuit/fitness Training	01672 810266 Hen Mackinnon
Community News	news@graftonparish.com
Coronation Hall	01672 810406 hall@graftonparish.com
Cricket Club	pack.andy@googlemail.com
Dance and Fitness	07746 479345 Charlotte Price
Grafton Goslings	graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk
Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig
Link Scheme	01672 870120
Parish Council	01672 871673
PCC Secretary	01672 870266 Millie Lemon
Pilates	07788 970976 Beth Knight
Police emergency	999 or 112
Police non emergency	101
Sunflowers at Grafton	01672 810478 Lyndsey Turner
Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
Yoga	01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt
Zumba	07747 617199 Lau Vergara

Local commercial listing

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