

COMMUNITY NEWS

SAVERNAKE TEAM OF CHURCHES



Rev. Michael McHugh will be instituted and inducted as Team Rector at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday 5th July at St. Mary's Church, Great Bedwyn By the Bishop of Salisbury

A fund raising event for Hounds for Heroes

The event is on the 4 August 2012 at Wilton Wide Waters. We have had a fantastic response from dog training clubs that want to get involved in running displays and "have a go" elements, there will also be a Companion Dog Show, Gun Dog Scurry, Falconry display and static displays of sled dogs and most recently interest from Swindon Reptile Rescue Centre. There will also be stalls and a raffle with some amazing prizes that have been donated.

For information contact: Carrie Holborow, Astute Canine Services 07546 941709

Jubilation.....!!

People came from all corners of the Parish to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. From the Church Service and Loyal Toast to her Majesty on the Sunday, to the Jubilee Games, the Beacon and Fireworks on the Monday, friends and neighbours across Grafton Parish celebrated the Jubilee, shared laughter and fun, and enjoyed a weekend to remember. Blythe Clemence was the lucky winner of the Children's Fancy Dress Competition and lit the 'Olympic Torch' which later fired the Beacon.

Many people across the Parish were involved in the planning and organisation of the events - there are too many people to list in the Community News but huge thanks is in order to everyone, particularly to David Lemon who coordinated the planning for the events on the Monday and to Paul Halfpenny and Mike Fowler whose generosity funded the magnificent fireworks.

The following is in an extract from a letter written by David thanking all who helped.....

We live in God's country with its rolling downs and rustic farm land; we have stunning villages with beautiful thatched cottages, ponds, churches, greens and views to die for but better than all this is its community. I looked up community in the dictionary and it says "n. body of people **living** in a place or district" If you are not living you just exist and where is the fun in that? Thank you all very much for all your help.

I think the Parish is very lucky to have people who are willing to take the lead and give their time and spirit so generously. You will be pleased to hear that although the Jubilee Games, Beacon & Fireworks were non-profit making - we made around £500. We are going to use this money to honour two stalwarts of the Parish who have given so much of their time to the community over the years. Goff Beese, for more than 30 years of service to the Parish Council and Parochial Church Council and for whom we going to place a bench on the Green. And Doug Wilcox, who for years has provided festive entertainment at Christmas with the lights and for whom we are going to put a bench down at Wilton Water.

Thank you all so much for all your help

Don't forget to email news@graftonparish.com with any contributions for this publication.

The Parish Jubilee Games

We're delighted to be able to reproduce the medal table from the Jubilee Games. Of course it's the taking part that counts, rather than the winning, so thanks to everyone who took part with such great spirit.

On the track we had the drama of the bale hurdles and the thrills and spills of the 3-legged race and in the field we had welly wanging and the low jump. It was fantastic to see such great spirit amongst the competitors (and their villages). Particular mention must be made of the Over 12's category which featured a great many competitive adults! Well done one and all.

	East Grafton	Marten	West Grafton	Wexcombe	Wilton	Visitors
1 st	7	2	1	1	9	1
2 nd	5	1	1	-	6	2
3 rd	3	2	1	-	7	4




Midsummer Fair

in support of Wilton Windmill

East Grafton Village Hall
Thursday 21st June
1:00pm - 8:00pm
Everyone Welcome!

Local Stalls
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 Wines & Prosecco
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Community access to our grounds and gardens

Over the past several months there have been a number of instances where we have arrived in the morning, or after the weekend, to find that we have some clearing up to do before our children arrive. These have been mostly trivial incidents – flowers beheaded, toys left scattered in the gardens and sand trays filled with water. We've been happy to deal with them at a small cost as, in the absence of a play park in the parish, providing community access to our grounds and gardens means that there is somewhere for little ones to play safely.

Unfortunately we had a much bigger incident a couple of weeks ago. An external tap was left running overnight which resulted in major flood damage to one of our nursery rooms and significant damage to another. Of course we are insured – but it has cost us a great deal in both time and money and, more importantly, had an impact on our children as we had to close one room for over a week. We're pleased to say that the flooring has now been replaced and the room has re-opened but we are still in the throes of sorting out masses of paperwork.

We'd like to ask for your help to reduce future risk – will you help us to reinforce our community access policy with your family and friends? Our gardens and premises are designed and equipped with supervised pre school children in mind. This means that we would not expect to see children older than 5 years using the gardens and we would always expect these children to be accompanied by an adult. If you have children would you remind them of this and ask them to be considerate about accessing and using our gardens?

We are part of a wonderful community in Grafton Parish. This was demonstrated to us once again following the flood when many people arrived to help clear the room and in days following when many people offered their help. Thank you all very much.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Consultations

Wiltshire Council performs quite a number of consultations which feed into the decisions and changes that the council makes.

Two consultations currently underway may be of particular interest:

Adult Education in Wiltshire – closing 27 June 2012

Review of Bedwyn Bus Services – closing 30 June 2012

The consultations are available from local libraries and on-line at

www.wiltshire.gov.uk. Other consultations are also available on-line and can be found at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm

Next Pewsey Area Board

The next Pewsey Area Board will be at Bouverie Hall, Pewsey, SN9 5EQ on Monday 2 July 2012 from 7pm. It is a public meeting and so everyone is welcome.

Volunteering in Wiltshire

The Pewsey Area Board announced that Wiltshire has been chosen to pilot a ground-breaking scheme that aims to give real rewards to community volunteers. The county is just one of three areas in England that will trial the scheme, which aims to attract more volunteers by awarding them with time credits.

It will see volunteers given one credit for every one hour they give to the community. That credit can then be used by them, or a friend or relative, to 'spend' at participating organisations; such as a bowling alley or the cinema. Alternatively volunteers can donate their credits for the wider community to benefit from. Eventually it is hoped credits could be exchanged with other volunteers in the country, so people can enjoy attractions outside their area. The two-year trial is part of the government's White Paper called 'Giving,' which aims to make it easier and more attractive for people to donate to charity and become volunteers. It will be led by Wiltshire Council with the help of partner agencies.

Similar schemes run by a social enterprise scheme called 'Spice' have been successfully running in South Wales for seven years. In the year ending March 2010, there were 5,300 participants generating 200,000 hours of giving. The people behind Spice will be helping Wiltshire Council draw up plans on how the scheme will be introduced into the county.

Footsteps

Podiatry Services

07881802386

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Jubilee Service at St Nicholas'

On Sunday 3 June, at a special service of hymns, prayers and readings, 112 people celebrated The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in St. Nicholas' Church. The five villages which comprise the parish - East Grafton, West Grafton, Wilton, Wexcombe and Marten - were all represented and the congregation, led by Chris Stock from Chute, sang the patriotic hymns with great enthusiasm - enthusiasm very much inspired by the splendid solo singing of Nick Evans. Many people expressed the wish that this sort of service should become an annual event.

A crab-apple tree was planted in the churchyard after the service by children of the parish - of whom there seemed to be dozens in church - and then the whole congregation moved down the Green to the Coronation Hall where champagne and 'nibbles' were enjoyed by all, the champagne generously donated by Bill Clemence and Ronnie Pearson. After a short speech in which he remembered his role as a young lieutenant at the coronation in 1953, Mike Walsh gave the Loyal Toast which was followed by three cheers for Her Majesty.

It was a day which we will remember with gladness for a long time.

Martin Butt Church Warden

CROFTON BEAM ENGINES celebrate 200 years of steam

Our steaming weekends for our bicentenary celebrations in June are:

16 June - visit by HRH The Duke of Gloucester 4pm-5pm.

17 June. Steaming

30 June - Free Live Music 11am-5pm. Fully Licensed Bar

1 July - Free Live Music 11am-5pm. Fully Licensed Bar

Local musicians playing Rock, Pop; Folk and Blues on both days.

Engines will be running, normal admission prices apply to see them in steam.



A reminder..... our 4th Annual Produce and Flower show is being held on 25-27 August. The show is open to anyone and includes classes for vegetables, fruits, flowers, baking, preserves, bread making and photography.

If you would like an Entry form and schedule or more details about the show please phone Kerry on **07530290700**

TreeHouse Leader and team members



This is a great opportunity for an experienced and qualified childcare professional to develop and manage The TreeHouse.

The TreeHouse will provide breakfast, after school and holiday care for primary school children. Big Lottery funding has been awarded to set up this element of our service and the Leader will be instrumental in its success.

We're also interested in hearing from anyone who might be looking for opportunities to help at our Holiday Club during the school holidays.

Contact us for more information by email admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk or call **01672 810478**

The St Nicholas' Church Plant Sale raised £320.

Thank you to everyone who helped grow plants, serve teas and help on the day.

Libby Gilbert

Parish Council

The next meeting on July 5 is an open and public meeting as usual.

Everyone in the Parish is welcome to attend.

The Community News wishes to apologise to Maggie Evans for the error in the last issue in which we named her as Maggie Smith.

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I hold regular surgeries around the Constituency - please call or email to book an appointment

Events, clubs and other dates for your diary

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

JUNE

- 21 13.00 Gastronicks event
- 24 11.00 Family Service & Baptism/Ian Cowley *St N*
- 25 19.00 Bingo

JULY

- 01 11.00 Holy Communion/TBA *St N*
- 05 19.15 Parish Council meeting
- 09 19.00 Bingo
- 15 11.00 Parish Communion/Alan Deboo *St N*
- 16 19.00 Horticultural Society
- 22 11.00 Family Service/Michael McHugh *St N*
- 23 19.00 Bingo

Mobile library 20 June, 4 and 18 July
Marten 11.30 Coronation Hall 13.00

Regular weekly dates for your diary

Please note that most classes do not run during school holidays. Please check with the relevant organiser

TUESDAY

 10.15 to 11.15 Tuesday

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 09.15 to 10.00 Tuesday

13.30 to 14.30 Thursday

Pilates Classes

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

CIRCUIT & FITNESS TRAINING 09.30 to 10.30 Monday

09.30 to 10.30 Wednesday

Henrietta MacKinnon  13.00 to 14.00 Friday

TUESDAY

YOGA  19.30 to 21.00 Tuesday

THURSDAY

 Baby and toddler group
10.00 to 11.30 Thursday

WEDNESDAY

 **Junipers**
Creative and Sensory Play
"Everything Creative in One Class"

11 months to preschool 11.15 to 12.00 Wednesday

 **C.A.P Dance & Fitness**
Refer to advertisement for class details please.

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Useful contacts

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

Bingo	hall@graftonparish.com
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 Soc	01672 810364 Marijke Craig
Juniper's Sensory Play	01672 890829 Jean Turvey
Link Scheme	01672 870911 Mike Fleckney
Parish Council	clerk@graftonparish.com
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	susie.brew@hotmail.co.uk
Yoga	01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt
Zumba	07747 617199 Lau Vergara

Local commercial listing

B&B West Grafton	Angie Orssich	01672 810339
Baby sitting/odd jobs	Tom Nield	01672 870196
Baby sitting	Florence Butt	01672 810743
Beauty & wellbeing	Amanda Toon	01672 811677
Builder	Sam Sanchez	07887 991249
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
Grafton Garage	Tony Gilbert	07845 006890
Hair and Beauty	Katherine Le Bon	07770 945307
Hat Hire	Victoria Frost	01672 810386
Holiday Cottages (local)	Mary Rhodes	01672 870659
House Sitting	Maxine Wallis	07879 993150
Kindling	Jo Harman	01672 810673
Logs/tree surgeon	Jeremy Hawkins	07980 536156
Odd jobs/gardening	Dan Oakey	07810 381783
Painting & Decorating	Neil Anderson	01264 731362
Pest Control	Julie Wilson	01672 811479
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274
Usborne Books	Trish Highnett	07775 941646

Our Doctor writes

I have just been listening to the Secretary of State for Health Andrew Lansley who remarked how important it is for patients to be able to access primary care and to see or speak to a doctor when necessary. For once I am in complete agreement with him. Each year I formally thank our staff for helping to make this happen. I suspect that getting a GP appointment can be more difficult in urban areas perhaps with large practices. In our recent practice survey (which you can access through our website or see the hard copy in our waiting room) you can see how we perform. You can also compare practices on the NHS Choices website. The feedback that we received reflected the Department of Health's strategy which is in short to make more effective use of information technology. We aim to make direct booking of some appointments available online. Whilst enabling those who wish to avail themselves of this facility I am also keenly aware that this must not disadvantage those who are not able to go online for whatever reason. Whilst some choose not to use e-technology there are many who can't use it for many reasons. I want to make sure that we don't inadvertently widen health inequalities.

As part of our drive to improve communication with our patients we are embarking on a campaign to collect mobile telephone numbers and preferred email addresses. Not only am I hopeful that this will improve the patient experience it will also help us be more efficient. You can drop off your details at the surgery or better still email us doctorsgb@nhs.net.
Tim Ballard

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