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

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.

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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.

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**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](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk). Other consultations are also available online and can be found at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm](http://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.

**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

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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

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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.

**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, 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

**ZUMBA**
- 09.15 to 10.00 Tuesday

**Pilates Classes**
- 13.30 to 14.30 Thursday

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY**

**CIRCUIT & TRAINING**
- 09.30 to 10.30 Monday

**YOGA**
- 19.30 to 21.00 Tuesday

**THURSDAY**
- Baby and toddler group 10.00 to 11.30 Thursday

**WEDNESDAY**
- 11 months to preschool 11.15 to 12.00 Wednesday

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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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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

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CART Dance & Fitness

Refer to advertisement for class details please.

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**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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