

COMMUNITY NEWS

Welcome to the April Community News

What a topsy turvey couple of months! Beautiful Spring weather has been followed by frosts, cold and much needed rain - of course Summer in March was unlikely to last. At least all the local seasonal attractions have opened for business including Wilton Windmill with its fantastic new shepherds hut, Crofton Beam Engines was a buzz of activity over the Easter weekend, and the Ice Cream Parlour at the Swan has lifted its shutters with all manner of treats for kids!

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and London 2012 means it is a year to remember. Grafton Parish will be celebrating with our very own Parish Jubilee Games on Monday 3 June. See the enclosed flyer in this month's Community News for more information.

Until May.....



Sunflowers at Grafton – time flies ...

Sunflowers at Grafton is now into its sixth month and interest in, and take up of, places has been extremely encouraging and beyond any of our expectations. There are now over 75 children registered with us in our nursery rooms and breakfast and holiday clubs which is just fantastic – and numbers continue to grow.

Our recent Open Evening was very successful and we're delighted to welcome several new members to our voluntary management team. That does not mean that our doors are now closed to offers of help - on the contrary we would still love to hear from anyone who would be interested in joining our team. Please drop a note to admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk.

Sunflowers at Grafton recently had some very good news as we learnt that we have a conditional grant offer from the Big Lottery Village SOS to fund The TreeHouse - our Out of School activities. The TreeHouse will be based in our one remaining room (upstairs) and will provide Breakfast, After School and Holiday Clubs for primary school children. The grant will be used to purchase a minibus allowing us to drop and collect children from local schools and some fantastic equipment for our indoor and outdoor spaces.

Local press picked up on the announcement very quickly and we were featured on the BBC Radio Wiltshire Breakfast Show last week. We have some paperwork to return in order to secure the final offer which is close to completion – we'll keep you posted on that.

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our Easter Eggstravaganza despite the terrible weather! Drizzly rain doesn't provide the best conditions but we had a lovely time anyway – egg hunts, egg throwing and more to keep everyone amused and fresh coffee and sausage and bacon sandwiches for sustenance. What more could we want?

And finally – a request to those who use the play areas around our building when Sunflowers is closed. Many of our cheerful daffodils have been beheaded recently and the flowers left scattered around – a very sad sight. We welcome you to use these spaces – but please take care and leave things as you find them.

Parish Council AGM

Mike Hyslop gave a very clear outline of all that has happened in the past year and the challenges which have been set for 2012/3. At the end of the meeting Goff Beese told us that he wished to stand down as Parish Councillor after serving a total of 50 years in two parishes. Goff has served in most capacities during his time on our parish council. His expertise in Planning and his Chairmanship contributed to the smooth and productive practices which are applied today. Members of the parish have expressed their appreciation for all the work which Goff has put into the success of the Parish Council during his service to the community.

Reports from all the organisations in our Parish provided a synopsis of all that is taking place in our Parish. The Parish Council is mindful of the increased precept charge in 2012. Amongst the lowest in Wiltshire, this now has provision for the initial work associated with the ownership of the playing field which is intended to provide a community space for residents of the parish in the years to come.

If are interested in joining Grafton Parish Council and you are able to spend 2 or 3 hours every 2 months, with some time in between depending on your commitments, then please write to clerk@graftonparish.com for more details.

Grafton Parish contributes to 1 May display for the Queen

Area Boards throughout the county have been invited to showcase their areas at the Queen's visit to Salisbury Cathedral on 1 May as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. People from our parish are involved in preparing the Pewsey Area Board's tent. June Pearson is creating a hand-painted map of the Pewsey Area, detailing landmarks from the various parishes.

Our display consists of a 'timeline' banner showing major local royal, social and industrial events from King Alfred through to the present day. There is also a series of posters showing old and new photographs from the parishes and a couple of Wiltshire horn sheep!

If you are intending to go to the event to see the Queen, then please look out for the Pewsey tent in the Cathedral Close.

The banner, posters and map will be housed in the Coronation Hall after the event and will also be available for local schools and groups to use.

C.A.P Dance & Fitness

WEDNESDAY DANCE CLASSES - EAST GRAFTON CORONATION HALL



Time	Class	Age
3.30pm	Baby Ballet	3 - 4 yrs
4.00pm	RAD Pre-Primary Ballet	4 - 5 yrs
4.30pm	RAD Primary Ballet	5 - 6 yrs
5.00pm	ISTD Primary Modern	5 - 6 yrs
5.30pm	RAD Grade 1 Ballet	7 - 8 yrs
6.00pm	ISTD Grade 3 Modern	12 - 14 yrs
6.30pm	Latin	Adults

Charlotte Price

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Coronation Hall

We would appreciate the return of any cutlery, crockery or glassware (and not forgetting card tables) to the Hall porch by the store room door.

This is an amnesty for all those who inadvertently forget to return that odd plate with the last piece of cake after an event!

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Contact: Mark Chick/Simon Walker

NEWS IN BRIEF

As smooth as the A338 ...

It will not have gone unnoticed that over the last few weeks the worst bits of the A338 have been repaired. This patching work has been done prior to a surface dressing treatment which is programmed for later in the year. Dates have not been advised yet and will be published as soon as they are available both on the Grafton Parish website – www.graftonparish.com and on the Wiltshire Council website www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Windmill news

Wilton Windmill is host to an amateur radio station from about 9am on Saturday 12 May and Sunday 13 May as part of the Mills on Air weekend, an event supported by the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings. Everyone is welcome to come and see the amateur radio in action.

The new shepherd's hut arrived at Wilton Windmill on Saturday 24 March and was pulled into place by Mike Walsh on a 1937 Farm All F20 Tractor. Thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy the morning. Unlike the windmill itself, the new hut isn't yet a Grade II Listed Building but if you haven't been up to see it yet, then a visit is strongly recommended. The hut is beautifully crafted and provides a warm, dry space where you can sit down and have your refreshments. More information can be found on the website - www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk.

Wilton Cricket Club Free barbeque and soft drinks.

5 May from 11am to 2.30pm at the CRICKET NET WILTON.

Barbeque and Children's quick cricket for those interested in joining in the coaching sessions this season and for any adults interested in finding out more about the club and our programme for the season.

Come along and meet the club players, everyone is welcome.

Please let us know if you're coming so we can get the burgers and sausages!

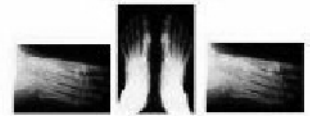
ANDY PACK 01672 870058 MIKE FLECKNEY 01672 870911.

Footsteps

Podiatry Services

07881802386

Now based in my own treatment room within Tidworth Leisure Centre appointments not always necessary.



Katie Bluff

BSc(HONS)Pod,SRCh,MCHs

10% Off Voucher

YOGA CLASSES – suitable for all ages and abilities.

New classes at the Coronation Hall Tuesday 17 April

These are fun and enjoyable classes and improve your strength, flexibility and overall health and well-being.

Full details please contact Lizzy Hawnt

[fully qualified and experienced British Wheel of Yoga teacher]
01672 841553 or 07821 396 430 hawnted.house@btinternet.com

CROFTON BEAM ENGINES

The café and site is open daily 10.30am - 5pm

NEXT IN STEAM 5, 6 & 7 May.

* Under 16's accompanied by fee paying adult admitted FREE

* Pay for a steam day ticket and you are entitled to visit the Beam Engines as often as you like for one calendar year.

We will be holding a Produce and Flower Show on the 25,26 & 27 August which will be open to anyone living within 15 miles of the Crofton Chimney.



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Saturday 28th April 2012

Coronation Hall, East Grafton, Nr Marlborough, Wilts SN8 3DB

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Menu

Saturday 28th April 2012, East Grafton

Starters

Smoked haddock and spinach tart served with a baby tomato and red onion salad

or

Warm lentil salad with walnut and roquefort cheese

or

Free range chicken liver parfait served with onion confit and toasted brioche

Mains

Pan fried red mullet fillets on a bed of prawn and pea risotto and served with samphire

or

Burbage Toad in the Hole with Gloucester 'Old Spot' sausages served with savoy cabbage and pancetta

or

Baked egg, wild mushroom and parmesan tartlet
Served with toasted asparagus

Desserts

Yorkshire East Ridings sultana cheese cake served with a warm fudge sauce

or

Traditional French lemon tart served with homemade meringue and lemon balm ice cream

or

Chef's selection of fine cheeses served with oat cakes

SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH

	Time	Service	Taken by
<i>April</i>			
15	11.00	Holy Communion and Annual PCC General meeting	Alan Deboo
22	11.00	Family Service and christening	Michael Degan
<i>May</i>			
06	11.00	Holy Communion	Alan Deboo
27	11.00	Family Service	Lay led

SAVE THE DATE: 3 JUNE St Nicholas' church

CELEBRATION of the QUEEN'S JUBILEE

Plenty of singing, lots of patriotism and more details to follow

Grafton PCC is pleased to welcome Michael McHugh who will be taking up the post as team rector, based in Great Bedwyn, from June.

ANNUAL ST NICHOLAS' PLANT SALE

This year, the Annual Plant Sale, in aid of church funds, will be held in the Coronation Hall, East Grafton, on **Saturday 19 May**, from 2pm. If anyone has any spare plants, Libby Gilbert would love to hear from you on **01672 810349!**

NEWS IN BRIEF

Wind turbines

In view of the plans for a number of wind turbines in Wiltshire we thought you might be interested in the petition below.

You can have a serious debate on this issue at <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/22958>

Latest Police News

PC Teresa Herbert and PCSO Joe Sadd are the new Neighbourhood Policing Team for Pewsey East.

It's that time of year where the thieves target cars parked at beauty spots. There have been incidents reported of dubious looking workmen offering to tarmac driveways. In a separate incident, a suspicious phone call was received by a neighbourhood watch coordinator from a lady with a northern accent purporting to be working with the police. The caller did not provide any details such as a name or shoulder number which any legitimate police officer would do. In any situations which seem suspicious, such as these, you should contact Wiltshire Police on their non-emergency number - 101.

There have also been incidents in Grafton Parish including damage to and theft from the donation box at the Windmill and several thefts from outbuildings and gardens. The Police urge us all to remain vigilant and to help prevent the thefts by locking things away where possible. If you notice any suspicious behaviour, please call them on 101 at any time.

If you would like to be on the Neighbourhood Watch email list for Grafton Parish, just send an email to request this to nhw@graftonparish.com

AGM of the Bedwyn and Grafton Link Scheme

3 May at 7.30pm at

Gt Bedwyn Royal British Legion

All welcome - refreshments provided

Grafton Parish is not well represented with Link volunteers. You can do as many or as few journeys as you wish. There is no firm obligation. If you are interested please contact: Mike Fleckney **01672 870911**.

GRAFTON & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On **Wednesday 16 May** our Society is organising a coach outing to **THE SAVILL GARDEN** in Englefield near Windsor Great Park. The Garden has a wonderful display of azaleas and rhododendrons which should be just perfect by then. The coach will be leaving at 9am from Grafton and will be leaving the Garden by about 3.15pm. Call Marijke Craig **01672 810364** for further information.

Events, clubs and other dates for your diary

All events take place in the Coronation Hall unless otherwise specified.

Bookings **01672 810406** or hall@graftonparish.com
Please leave landline contact numbers wherever possible

APRIL

16	19.00	Bingo
18	19.00	Horticultural Society
28		Jackamole Pop Up Restaurant
30	19.00	Bingo

MAY

03	19.15	Parish Council open meeting
05	11.00	Cricket club BBQ <i>Wilton nets</i>
16	09.00	Horticultural Society outing <i>Englefield</i>
19	14.00	Church plant sale
21	19.00	Bingo
28	19.00	Bingo

JUNE

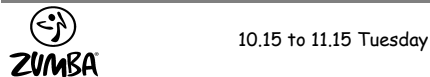
04	10.30	Let the Jubilee Games begin!
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Mobile library 25 April, 9, 23 May
Marten 11.30 Coronation Hall 13.00

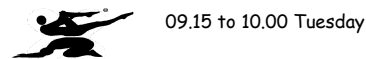
Regular weekly dates for your diary

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

TUESDAY



TUESDAY & THURSDAY



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



THURSDAY



Baby and toddler group
10.00 to 11.30 Thursday

WEDNESDAY



11 months to preschool	11.15 to 12.00 Wednesday
4-11 months	12.30 to 13.15 Wednesday



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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
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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
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Kindling	Jo Harman	01672 810673
Logs/tree surgeon	Jeremy Hawkins	07980 536156
Odd jobs/gardening	Dan Oakey	07810 381783
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David Willcocks

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Our Doctor writes

Now that the Health and Social Care Bill has completed its passage through the House of Commons, I feel that the Bill has turned out to be a curate's egg, good in parts. The good part has been the introduction of clinical commissioning. This will help to inject a degree of appropriate perspective in the way that services are planned for patients. I think that this sensible part of the Bill has been a Trojan Horse used to bring in wholesale introduction of the private sector into the NHS. The fact that GPs will be at the heart of future service planning leaves me with the consolation that other effects will be somewhat tempered.

The Lancet has just carried a really interesting analysis focussed on the potential benefits of aspirin in cancer prevention. I have written about it in the past following a similar report in October 2010. This report was also strongly supportive of the use of aspirin in middle aged and older people to help to prevent the onset of cancer. Strikingly it also seemed to have a big effect on decreasing the chance of a cancer spreading if it did develop. There is a potential downside to taking aspirin with the potential for stomach ulceration and bleeding. Please feel free to discuss this with us at the surgery or if you aren't registered with us in Bedwyn then approach your own GP. It seems to take a long period to really start to reap the benefits of aspirin so it is best not to rush into taking it.

Best wishes, Tim Ballard

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