

It's Harvest Time!

The harvest in the fields is all but done, but for many of us we are still gathering in the garden produce that we have nurtured throughout the year. Overall, it seems that the crop is plentiful—anyone who has been out foraging for blackberries, elderberries and rosehips will confirm that!

Indeed, for the end of September and the beginning of October, harvesting and foraging seem to be the main theme in the parish. On 27 September we have the annual, not-to-be-missed Harvest Supper and Auction (see below) and in October we have the Fungi Forage & Feast. We hope that you will be able to get involved in one or both of these events—they promise to be great fun as well as raising money for very worthwhile, local causes.

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£15 per person ~ £2 for children under 13 years old

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Raising funds for Coronation Hall, East Grafton & the Grafton
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St Nicholas Harvest Supper and Auction

Monday 27 September at 7.30pm at Coronation Hall

Don't forget that your opportunity to bid for top quality, local produce takes place later this month.

This event is great fun and definitely shouldn't be missed.

Delicious autumnal food and plenty to drink from the bar, as well as very competitive bidding and lots of laughter is the order of the evening.

Of course it couldn't happen without the generous donations from the parish. Any harvest fare, such as cakes, jams, fruit or vegetables that you would like to donate should be left in the porch at the Coronation Hall on Sunday evening or Monday morning.

Tickets at £15 each are quickly selling out so call Millie on **01672 810266** or Gabby on **01264 731338** to avoid disappointment.

Doors open at 7.30pm and the evening continues until there is nothing left to eat, drink or sell! We are into recycling so please bring your own large shopping bags as well!

Goslings and Sunflowers – a great excuse for anyone to have fun!

There are always opportunities for people to get involved at Goslings and Sunflowers.

Spending time with little ones is a joy – so if you are looking for something to bring a smile to your face and a skip to your step why not join us for an hour or so each term?

You could help out with craft activities, read stories, sing, jump about in the garden or help in the kitchen – call us on **0774 834 9856**.

Wexcombe Run & Walk

The Wexcombe Run & Walk starts at 10.30am on Sunday 19 September, with the 10km route going through some of Wiltshire's most beautiful downland.

The day also includes a junior fun run of 1km for 4 to 15 year olds which starts at 12.30pm as well as fantastic spectator viewing points, a BBQ and refreshments.

Entry forms are available on the parish website, www.graftonparish.com. Any queries should be sent to run@graftonparish.com.

All proceeds will go to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance and St Nicholas' Church.

Scrapstore at Goslings

Grafton Goslings will be having fun with craft activities over the next few months and have added to their craft box with a visit to Scrapstore.



Scrapstore is a Wiltshire based charity who collect 'scrap' from organisations and make it available to schools, children's groups and families for use in craft activities.

Their warehouse near Lacock is a real Aladdin's Cave with scrap of every shape and size – from cardboard, to fabric, plastic shapes to wool and foam. The items are donated by companies when they would otherwise go into landfill.

Anyone can visit Scrapstore and fill a plastic sack with scrap for a suggested donation of £6 - £12. Scrapstore often do local visits and events too.

They will be visiting the Wesley Hall in Marlborough on Thursday 23 September 9.30am – 11.30am everyone is welcome to drop in – there will be scrap to purchase and craft ideas to try out on the day.

We're on your doorstep ...

You may see the little ones from Sunflowers out and about over the next term as we explore what is 'On our doorstep'. This is a lovely topic, providing lots of opportunities to visit the places that makes this such a brilliant place to live, including our church, the beautiful Green, Wilton Windmill, Crofton Beam Engines and the village pond at Wilton, and when back at Sunflowers we'll be making little maps of journeys from home to pre school. Great fun!



We start this year with the highest number of children ever at Sunflowers which is fantastic. We're constantly renewing toys and other resources to ensure that our children have access to the very best and are delighted to have won an Area Board Grant to help with this. Please bear us mind if your children have outgrown their pre school age toys – we'd be happy to help you recycle toys in good condition so that they can continue to be enjoyed - a familiar theme for those who have seen Toy Story 3! In particular we'd be grateful for any dolls clothes – either baby doll or Cindy doll type.

If you are considering options for your little one as they turn 2 years old then call us on **0774 834 9856** or pop in and see us. We are open until 3.30pm Monday and Wednesday and 1.00pm on Tuesday and Friday.

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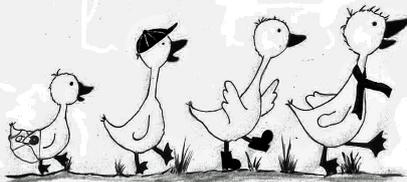
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A note from Rodney, The Vicarage, Great Bedwyn

I still remember my first harvest in Devon, when I was aged just 5. With the other small boys I waited, stick in hand, to catch any rabbits bolting from the centre of the field as the reaper and binder worked its way inwards. Later the church was decorated with sheaves of corn, apples and all sorts of vegetables. The celebrations were real: in that village, everyone who could help had helped. The good harvest promised that rationing might end soon.

Nowadays only a few in our communities are actually involved in the harvest of our fields. Most of us see the combine harvesters working the fields but have no idea whether the harvest has been good or bad - it seems there will always be food in our supermarkets. But the prices we pay, and even the availability of food, still depends on farmers, somewhere, to bring in a harvest. That is why we gather each year to give thanks that we have food to eat, and also to recognise the efforts of our own farmers, the custodians of the countryside we treasure.

In St Nicholas' Church, we shall gather for a Family Harvest Service on Sunday 26 September at 11am. We shall give thanks that we have food and enough – millions all over the world do not. The church will be decorated with the produce of our fields and gardens – I'm sure that a lot of the marrows started life as courgettes! Then on Monday evening, in the new Coronation Hall, we gather for a Harvest Supper.

This is actually a major fund-raising event for St Nicholas' Church. It helps us pay our way and keep the building open for the benefit of everyone who lives in the Parish. It is true that, years ago, the Church Commissioners had what seemed like lots of cash, and paid most of the costs of churches up and down the land. Now, sadly, what little they have left is almost all swallowed up in clergy pensions. Each church has to find the funds to keep itself going and pay for its share of a parish priest. If any community wants its church to remain as a place of celebration, of joy, and even of sadness, then that community has to make the effort to support its church.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday 26 and Monday 27 September.

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Fungi Forage & Feast—there's not mushroom left!

Ticket sales have been lively for the Forage and Feast on Saturday 9 October - in fact we have sold out for the afternoon forage and are filling up quickly for the evening.

We strongly urge you to buy your tickets as soon as you can – either by emailing mushroom@graftonparish.com or calling **01264 731404** or **01672 870266**.

It promises to be another great Grafton event and one not to be missed! We are extremely lucky that Roger Phillips, world expert and authority on fungi and resident of the parish, has offered to help raise funds for the Coronation Hall and the Parish Defibrillators.

At about 5.30pm, the foragers will return to the hall and any (non-poisonous!) mushrooms collected during the afternoon will be cooked and added to the supper provided by volunteers from the parish.

There will be a bar and following the meal Roger will entertain us with his talk on Trifling with Truffles.

Roger will also sign copies of his latest book and, as if that wasn't enough, works from local artists will be on display around the hall and will also be available for sale.

Children are very welcome to join in (we hope that by starting at 6pm we have timed the event to coincide with bath and bed times!).

Tickets for adults are just £15 each and £2 for children under 13 years.

Come and join us

OPEN HOUSE

At the Coronation Hall

Friday 24 September at 7.30pm

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We look forward to seeing you

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Dates for your diary

Notice boards and www.graftonparish.com will have the latest updates. All events take place in the Coronation Hall unless otherwise specified.

SEPTEMBER

- 19 10.30 Wexcombe 10k run/walk *see page 1*
- 19 11.00 Parish Communion *St Nicholas*
- 20 09.30 Adult Exercise
- 20 17.30 Pilates
- 21 19.30 Yoga
- 23 10.00 Grafton Goslings Baby and Toddler Group
- 24 10.30 MacMillan Coffee Morning *Grafton School*
- 24 13.00 Adult Exercise
- 24 19.30 Friday Open House **NEW!**
- 26 11.00 Harvest Festival Service *St Nicholas*
- 27 09.30 Adult Exercises
- 27 19.30 St Nicholas' Harvest Supper
- 27 19.00 Bingo *Grafton School*
- 28 19.30 Yoga
- 30 10.00 Grafton Goslings Baby and Toddler Group
- 30 13.30 Pilates
- 30 13.30 Friends of Grafton AGM *Grafton School*

OCTOBER

- 01 13.00 Adult Exercise
- 03 11.00 Holy Communion *St Nicholas*
- 04 09.30 Adult Exercise
- 04 17.30 Pilates
- 04 19.00 Bingo
- 05 19.30 Yoga
- 06 20.00 Pilates **Free** Taster Session
- 07 10.00 Grafton Goslings Baby & Toddler Group
- 08 13.00 Adult Exercise
- 09 Fungi Forage and Feast
- 11 09.30 Adult Exercise
- 11 17.30 Pilates
- 11 19.00 Bingo
- 12 19.30 Yoga
- 14 10.00 Grafton Goslings Baby & Toddler Group
- 15 13.00 Adult Exercise
- 17 11.00 Parish Communion *St Nicholas*
- 18 09.30 Adult Exercise
- 18 17.30 Pilates
- 18 20.00 IT **Free** Taster Session
- 19 19.30 Yoga
- 21 10.00 Grafton Goslings Baby & Toddler Group
- 22 13.00 Adult Exercise
- 24 11.00 Family Service *St Nicholas*
- 25 09.30 Adult Exercise
- 25 17.30 Pilates
- 25 19.00 Bingo
- 26 19.30 Yoga
- 28 10.00 Grafton Goslings Baby & Toddler Group

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29 September, 13 and 27 October.

Marten post box 11.30-11.50am Severalls E Grafton 1.00-1.15pm Grafton Primary School 1.20-2.00pm

Coronation Hall bookings **01672 810406**

Avoid disappointment! Book early to use the Coronation Hall. Private bookings are not shown in the calendar here so please make sure that you telephone or email hall@graftonparish.com in good time.

To contact us:- news@graftonparish.com or a note into the letterbox by the hall.

Deadline for the next issue by Friday 9 October.

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News in Brief

Thank You!

The Heritage Open Day at Wilton Windmill on Saturday 11th September was a great success—thanks to some kind weather and all the fantastic volunteers. Cake bakers, car parkers, tea servers and guides all did a brilliant job in raising just over £1000. If you joined in the fun, then we hope you enjoyed it. The funds go towards the upkeep of the windmill and its site. If you are interested in getting involved with the Wilton Windmill Society or becoming a member, please contact Susie Brew on **01264 731404** or susie.brew@hotmail.co.uk

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for the Friends of Grafton School will take place on Thursday 30 September at 1.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

Come and explore IT on 18 October

Just pop into the Hall meeting room and use the IT facilities in the Hall. If you do not have internet access at home then this could help you to explore what is on offer out there. You can do your on line shopping too. If you have any IT problems then why not bring them along and we will point you in the right direction to get a solution.

Open House in the Coronation Hall

Following the responses to our short piece in last month's Community News, we are opening the bar in the Hall on Friday evenings to provide a meeting place with a relaxed atmosphere to help you unwind at the end of the week. This is likely to be a regular item in the diary - depending on the response of course. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pewsey Community Area Grants

The close date for the next round of applications for Community Area Grants is Friday 8 October. Submissions will be put forward for consideration at the November Area Board Meeting. If you need funding to support a community based idea, then the Area Board may be able to help. More information and forms can be found on the Wiltshire Council website - www.wiltshire.gov.uk or by calling **01225 718609**.

Grafton Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council met on 9 September, where defibrillators, local speeding issues, planning applications and on-going updates to the Coronation Hall were discussed. For more detailed information, see the parish's website - www.graftonparish.com. The meetings take place every other month, so the next meeting is on Thursday 4 November at 7.15pm in the Coronation Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Wiltshire Council Consultations

Information on public consultations can now be obtained on-line at <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>. You can also submit your views and comments on the consultations via the website.

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The Marlborough College Concert Series is about to commence with the London Jazz Orchestra on 19th September and then monthly concerts through to March 2011. For more information, go to www.marlboroughconcertseries.org or call **01672 892566**.

Grafton Gaumont

Grafton Gaumont will not take place in October, but will be back soon - look out in the Community News for an update!

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Why not try just once to see how easy it is to do your shopping online and at the same time help either Grafton C of E Primary School or the Grafton Coronation Hall?

The list of stores grows every day so to help you we have put a link onto www.graftonparish.com.

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