

**Spring has arrived – at last!**

With the clocks going forward and daffodils beginning to show, it feels as if Spring is finally here. If the dark winter mornings and nights have meant that you've not seen your neighbours for a while then do find time to say hello. Or, why not get a few neighbours together and go along to an event at The Coronation Hall?

There was fierce competition at the recent Friends of Grafton Quiz night with around 12 teams battling for honours, and The Help for Heroes Coffee Morning was very well attended and raised over £2200. Later this month on Saturday 17 April is The Sausage Tasting Supper in aid of fundraising for Public Access Defibrillators for our villages – please do come along, you could help save a neighbour's bacon!

Enclosed with this edition of the Community News is a handy flyer from PC Derrick Foord and the Community Policing Team which you may find useful should you need to contact the Police. We hope you had a peaceful and/or chocolately Easter and perhaps found time to admire the beautiful lilies in St Nicholas' Church or enjoyed the Easter Eggstravaganza at Grafton School.

**Grafton's Own Emergency Service - SOS**

How can sausages save your bacon? Well, on Saturday 17 April at 6.30pm, the first fundraising event for the Parish defibrillators will be taking place at the Coronation Hall. It promises to be lots of fun and includes a Sausage Tasting competition and quiz. There will be plenty to eat and at just £6 for adults and £4 for children, it's very good value! See page 3 for more details and ticket information.

There is a more serious point to the evening – our aim to install Public Access Defibrillators in each of our villages. If someone suffers a cardiac arrest, they need two things – resuscitation and a defibrillator. It is highly unlikely in our rural location that an ambulance will reach us in time, so we have to make provisions to help ourselves. Public Access Defibrillators are simple to use – they automatically assess the condition of the patient and ensure that the correct level of pulses are delivered, so it is impossible for them to be used incorrectly.

But what would we do if we really did have an emergency – whilst we might ring 999, we may also need someone to help us – for example to help lift a collapsed person. Or perhaps it could be a fire in the home, or burglars at your back door. How do you raise the alarm to get help? Well, we have the answer! We will be selling 'SOS kits' at the Sausage Tasting event to help the defibrillator funds – they are a simple and effective way of ensuring that we can all get help quickly in an emergency.

**Looking good at Grafton School ...**

Over the Easter holiday we have the builders in again at school to take care of some small structural jobs. We're delighted to be getting this done at last as once it is finished we can get on with some much

needed redecoration to our entrance area, hall and what will become our reading room. Bringing the appearance of these areas up to the standard of the rest of the school is an exciting project and one we have been itching to get on with for some time!

Our outside learning areas are just as important, particularly during the summer term and our School Council has been looking at ideas for the grounds. We hope to have our vegetable garden up and running during the summer term - we'll be growing, harvesting and cooking our own produce soon.

If you have some spare time or skills to share that might help with these projects we'd love to hear from you.

Call **01672 810478** or email [admin@grafton.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@grafton.wilts.sch.uk)

Showing at the **Grafton Gaumont on the Green!**

**Sherlock Holmes (Certificate 12)  
with Robert Downey Jr & Jude Law**

Our very own cinema will open its doors for the first time at the Coronation Hall on Thursday 13 May at 7.30pm with Sherlock Holmes which is a fast paced, entertaining and action-packed adventure film, suitable for all the family.

Tea, coffee, wine and some soft drinks available before the film.

**Introductory offer** -one free drink per ticket! No interval.

Tickets £3.50 booked in advance. Tickets £4 on the night.

Tickets on sale at SOS event 17 April, at the Hall on 6 May or call **01672 810406** to order.

**Next Grafton Gaumont dates** – 17 June, 15 July, 19 August, and 16 September.

Get involved with selecting future films by completing the questionnaire available at the showing of Sherlock Holmes on Thursday 13 May.

**It's all go at Sunflowers ...**

Our local pre school continues to thrive. We have the highest ever number of children now attending Sunflowers and have added an extra session on a Wednesday afternoon. This means we are now open until 3pm Monday and Wednesday and 12.30pm on Tuesday and Friday (though some sessions are now full and we have waiting lists in place). There will be lots of fun and fabulous activities based around our 'People who help us' theme coming up next term. If you'd like to know more about Sunflowers call us on **07748 349856** or pop in and see us.

**Friendship of the Parish** (formerly the Friendship Club) has a new lease of life and now meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month 2-4pm at the Coronation Hall for a cup of tea and to provide support to Parish initiatives such as the Help for Heroes Coffee Morning, local fundraising events and the new Toddler Group – Grafton Goslings. If you would like to help please call Libby Gilbert on **01672 810349**.

## Grafton Life meets Jill Parr, Headteacher at Grafton School

In this month's interview our regular reporters Liam, Louise, Cerys and Stacey, were delighted to have the opportunity to find out a little more about Mrs Parr, their Headteacher at Grafton CofE School.

*How long have you been teaching at Grafton?* I've been at Grafton for about six years. I began teaching in Hampshire in a primary school, followed by a Junior school in London and a secondary school in Chester. When we moved to Salisbury and my children went to school I began teaching in Infant schools around Salisbury before joining Landford Primary. I came to Grafton after that.

*Have you always been a teacher?* No I started out as a teacher but when my husband moved jobs I became a Civil Servant - one of the tasks I did was to collect and send statistics to The Treasury each month and this is where I got my love for maths.

*How many hours do you work?* The last time I was asked to work this out for a survey I counted about 66 hours a week – actual teaching time is only part of it, we have to prepare and mark lessons of course, plus keep up to date with all the changes in Education and the Curriculum. And these days Heads are responsible for the business side of schools too – managing budgets, premises, health and safety etc. We do work long hours during term time but thankfully we have longer holidays.

*What is your favourite subject?* I love science and maths and of course PE and games - I like these best because they are so practical.

*Do you have any pets?* No because I'm out for such long hours, however my daughter and I share looking after a horse called Lucky Arrow or Mr. Finnegan (Finn for short). He is a big grey horse, 17 hands. I enjoy going for rides across the fields and Kate likes dressage and show jumping.

*What is your school favourite trip?* I enjoy going to New Barn in Dorset - I particularly enjoy the history day as I used to work in archaeology. There is always plenty to do and lots of fresh air.

*How can parents help their children at school?* I encourage all our parents to get involved in their children's education by talking to them, listening to them read, and by showing real interest and support in whatever they are doing. Our aim at Grafton is to develop the 'rounded child' and because we are small we can provide lots of opportunities for learning outside the classroom too – we encourage our parents to actively support their children in getting involved in after school clubs and activities too.

A NEW TODDLER GROUP AT  
CORONATION HALL, THE GREEN, EAST GRAFTON

### GRAFTON GOSLINGS

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GRAFTON GOSLINGS

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COME AND JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL CROWNS AND CUPCAKE  
THEMED SESSION AT THE FIRST GRAFTON GOSLINGS ON:

FRIDAY 23RD APRIL 2010



## Parish Council AGM

The Annual Parish Meeting for 2010 took on a new look in our new hall - drinks and snacks were available and as a result, the attendance numbers were definitely up! It provided a welcoming and relaxed setting for the review of a very busy year.

Peter Lemon, the Parish Council Chairman, thanked everyone for their help and support during the rebuild of the hall, the climax of which was the opening by HRH The Duchess of Cornwall in February.

The next year looks like another busy one, with fundraising for the Defibrillator scheme, as well as continued support for the school and Church and plenty of activities at the Coronation Hall.

Local clubs and organisations were well-represented – Wilton Cricket Club, Wilton Windmill Society, Grafton Horticultural Society, Grafton CofE School, Sunflowers, Toddler Group, Grafton Friendship Club, the Parochial Church Council, the Police and Wiltshire Council – all provided updates and plans for the coming 12 months. To see more details about the meeting, see the notice boards or go to [www.graftonparish.com](http://www.graftonparish.com). Parish Council meetings throughout the year are open meetings for the public to attend – you are very welcome to come along and get involved.

Next meetings: 20 May, 1 July, 9 September, 4 November

## Help fundraise for Grafton Parish

### We're Collecting!

Friends of Grafton is collecting Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers for Sport and other equipment for Grafton CofE School and Sunflowers Pre School. Sainsbury's 'Active Kids' vouchers will be available instore until 8 June and 'Tesco for Schools and Clubs' are available until 9 May. Please collect them with your shopping and drop them off at one of the drop off points below.

### We're Recycling!

Used mobile phones, printer and toner cartridges can be recycled to raise funds for Grafton Parish. We've reviewed a number of schemes and we believe that central collection (rather than individual envelopes) is the simplest. For more information including a list of the phones and cartridges accepted please go to

[www.recyclingappeal.com](http://www.recyclingappeal.com).

Please drop off your phones and cartridges at:

- ⇒ **East Grafton** – the School Office or the postbox at the Coronation Hall
- ⇒ **Wilton** – Pond Cottage, by the duckpond

### Shopping online?

It's really easy to help raise money for the Coronation Hall and Friends of Grafton when you use your normal online retailers just go to [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk), select **Grafton Coronation Hall** or **Grafton CofE School** click through to your chosen store - including Tesco, Next, Ebay, ELC and Amazon. We receive a percentage of the order value each time you buy.

The  
Wilton Windmill  
Society



## Victorian Food Fayre

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010

12 noon to 4.30pm

Game Cookery Demonstrations

By

Chef, TV Presenter and Author

Mike Robinson

Of

The Pot Kiln, Yattendon, Berkshire

'Food in Fur & Feather'

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Victorian Games ~ Punch & Judy

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### Save the Date & Save Your Bacon!

Join us for the launch of the Parish's own SOS scheme

An entertaining evening is promised!

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April – 6.30pm at The Coronation Hall**

Sausage Tasting Supper Bar ~ Raffle ~ Quiz ~ SOS kits on sale

**Please book tickets in advance: £6 adults, £4 children**

Available from: The Swan, Wilton

Susie Brew – Wexcombe - **01264 731404** - [susie.brew@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susie.brew@hotmail.co.uk)

Phil Baldwin – East Grafton - **07810 207238** - [flexouk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:flexouk@yahoo.co.uk)

Hall **01672 810406** - [hall@graftonparish.com](mailto:hall@graftonparish.com)

Money raised is in aid of the

Grafton Parish Public Access Defibrillators

### Grafton & District Horticultural Society

On 17 March we started our new programme with a lecture by Robert Harvey, who is an environmental scientist and a photographer. He told us how he created a downland garden out of a very uninteresting piece of land.

At the end of his talk, we were all exhausted just watching the slides that showed us the incredible amount of work it took to create this amazing garden.

Our next meeting is on 21 April at 7.30pm in the Coronation Hall when Sally Gregson, who owns a nursery in Wookey, Somerset will talk about COTTAGE GARDENS FOR A NEW CENTURY. To find out whether you would like to join us, there will be no charge for this event - please come along!

Marijke Craig **01672 810364**

### Community Speedwatch

We have the minimum number of volunteers to start Community Speedwatch but would welcome a few more. A short training course in the Coronation Hall will enable us to carry out speed monitoring of traffic passing through East Grafton in the first instance - other locations in the Parish will follow.

Teams of 3 or 4 will use the official radar equipment to detect and report vehicles which exceed the speed limit. Penalties, ranging from a warning to full police action for repeat offenders, can be applied by Wiltshire Police to those reported.

The aim is to make the village a much safer place for all of us, particularly children crossing the A338 to go to school.

### HELP for HEROES

Very many thanks to everyone who helped to make the event so successful.

The Coronation Hall looked wonderful and the atmosphere was fantastic with generosity and goodwill abounding. We raised £2,233 to help the wounded of our Armed Forces.

Many thanks to you all. June Pearson

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### Dates for your diary

Notice boards and [www.graftonparish.com](http://www.graftonparish.com) will have the latest updates. All events take place in the Coronation Hall unless otherwise specified.

#### APRIL

See page 4 for your local skip dates.

- 12 19.00 Bingo
- 14 Mobile Library *See route below*
- 17 18.30 SOS sausage tasting and more!
- 18 11.00 Parish Communion *St Nicholas*
- 20 Yoga class (09.30 and 19.30)
- 21 19.30 Horticultural Society AGM
- 22 19.00 Art Club
- 23 09.30 Dinky Dancers
- 23 10.30 Grafton Goslings Toddler Group
- 25 11.00 Family Service *St Nicholas*
- 26 09.30 Adult Exercise class
- 26 19.00 Bingo
- 27 Yoga class (09.30 and 19.30)
- 28 11.00 Adult Exercise class
- 28 Mobile Library *See route below*
- 28 15.00 Computer Club
- 30 09.30 Dinky Dancers
- 30 10.30 Grafton Goslings Toddler Group

#### MAY

- 02 11.00 Holy Communion *St Nicholas*
- 04 Yoga class (09.30 and 19.30)
- 05 14.30 Friendship of Grafton
- 06 07.00 Election Day
- 07 09.30 Dinky Dancers
- 07 10.30 Grafton Goslings Toddler Group
- 10 09.30 Adult Exercise class
- 10 19.00 Bingo
- 11 Yoga class (09.30 and 19.30)
- 12 11.00 Adult Exercise class
- 12 Mobile Library *See route below*
- 13 19.30 Grafton Gaumont on the Green
- 14 09.30 Dinky Dancers
- 14 10.30 Grafton Goslings Toddler Group
- 15 12.00 Food Fayre *Windmill*
- 16 14.30 Annual Plant sale
- 17 09.30 Adult Exercise class
- 18 Yoga class (09.30 and 19.30)
- 19 11.00 Adult Exercise class
- 20 19.15 Parish Council meeting
- 21 09.30 Dinky Dancers
- 21 10.30 Grafton Goslings Toddler Group

### 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](mailto:hall@graftonparish.com) in good time.

**To contact us:-** [news@graftonparish.com](mailto:news@graftonparish.com) or a note into the letterbox by the hall.

You are invited to contribute to the next issue by Friday May 7 and the earlier the better of course!

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### MOBILE LIBRARY TIMINGS: *Devizes Route H*

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

## Useful contacts

**Societies/Clubs/Organisations:** 1 line free entry  
Email [news@graftonparish.com](mailto:news@graftonparish.com) to be listed below.

Friendship of Grafton	01672 810349 Libby Gilbert
Cricket Club	pack.andy@googlemail.com
Bingo	hall@graftonparish.com
Windmill Society	susie.brew@hotmail.co.uk
Link Scheme	01672 870120
Church flowers/clean	01672 810743 Sally Butt
Parish Council	mail@graftonparish.com
PCC Secretary	01672 870266 Millie Lemon
Horticultural Soc	01672 810364 Marijke Craig
Art Club	libby_gilbert80@hotmail.com
Yoga	01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt
Adult exercise	01672 810266 Hen Mackinnon
Grafton CofE School	01672 810478 Jill Parr
Sunflowers preschool	07748 349856 Lyndsey Turner

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Disco and Karaoke	Pete Vallis	01672 811326
Wellbeing Centre	Amanda Toon	01672 811677
Grafton Garage	Tony Gilbert	07845 006890
Seasoned hardwood logs	Jeremy Hawkins	07980 536156
Kindling	Jo Harman	01672 810673
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274
Painting & decorating	Neil Anderson	01264 731362
Hat hire	Victoria Frost	01672 810386
KACIS Ironing Service	Karen Evans	07920 755372
Babysitting	Gemma Appleford	01672 871016
Furniture	Holgate & Pack	01672 870887

### Grafton's Grand Garage Sale

The Grand Garage Sale in aid of the Coronation Hall and Parish Defibrillators will be held at the Hall on Saturday 12 June from 2pm. Volunteers are needed to sort goods, man stalls and serve refreshments – please let us know on **01672 810406** if you are able to help.

We're looking for good quality clothing, soft furnishings, toys, books, bric a brac, household goods and furniture – so please tidy out those garages, lofts, sheds and cupboards to help fundraise for these important community causes. Goods can be dropped off at the Hall from 4pm to 7pm on Friday 11 June and on the day itself from 10am. More details in May's Community News.

### Doggy doo doos are a no-no!

A gentle reminder to dog owners and walkers to pick up any dog mess - thank you.

## News in Brief

### Noise Control in the Coronation Hall

We are installing a noise control system to ensure that music cannot be played too loudly by visiting bands or discos.

The system works by sensing the level of sound in the hall and it warns performers and operators when sound levels rise. If the volume rises above the accepted limit, the system cuts off the power to the amplifiers for 20 seconds. This will generally ensure that the sound is maintained at a level which prevents annoyance to our neighbours.

Our system will detect when the emergency doors are opened and immediately shut off the power because this can cause noise problems too. Signs on the doors will advise hall users of this feature. Additionally, for safety purposes, it is planned to connect the system to the fire alarm so that any music is cut off in an emergency so that the alarm can be heard.

### Wilton Phone Box

With everyone using mobile telephones nowadays, BT is removing unused boxes. When this scheme started, it led to uproar in some parts of the country where the distinctive, traditional red boxes were an integral part of the street scene. BT has therefore been asking local communities whether they want to adopt their red telephone boxes.

Led by Nu-Nu Yee Hoggarth, and in cooperation with Grafton Parish Council, the Wilton red phone box is being adopted. The newly-formed Wilton Heritage Society will run and maintain the box which will become an information kiosk to publicise local attractions and businesses (the phone will be removed). Further details in the next edition of Community News.

### Art Club Meeting on 22 April

The Art Club will be starting its' 2010 season at 7.30pm on 22 April at the Coronation Hall with a visit and talk from Patron, Robert Howe. Robert is a renowned watercolourist and always inspires members to get their brushes out. For more information call Libby Gilbert on **01672 810495**

### Support for Local Businesses

If you are a Bed & Breakfast provider, you can access comprehensive marketing and advertising support through the Visit Wiltshire partnership ([www.visitwiltshire.co.uk](http://www.visitwiltshire.co.uk)). There are a number of incentives for small businesses to use within Visit Wiltshire, including on-line booking facilities and reduced payment processing charges. If you would like more information, you can contact Theresa Hopwood - **07810 654946** or [theresahopwood@visitwiltshire.co.uk](mailto:theresahopwood@visitwiltshire.co.uk)

### Bedwyns' Link scheme AGM

Incorporating the GRAFTONS LINK SCHEME. Covering the Bedwyns, St Katharines, Wilton, E&W Grafton, Wexcombe and Marten. Thursday 6 May at 7.30 pm Cricket Pavilion, Great Bedwyn. ALL WELCOME

### Do you have sensory impairment?

Wiltshire Improvement Network is holding a Sensory Impairment discussion to understand needs for the future on Tuesday 11 May at Trowbridge Civic Hall, 10am-3.30pm. For more information call **01225 701120** or email [wiltshirelink@hapuk.co.uk](mailto:wiltshirelink@hapuk.co.uk)

### Parish Skips organised by your Parish Council

Skips will be available for use by Parish residents on the following dates:  
Wexcombe Garages – Friday 9 – Monday 12 April  
Severalls, East Grafton – Friday 16 – Monday 19 April  
Wilton, opposite the Duck Pond – Friday 23 – Monday 26 April

### Annual Plant Sale - Sunday 16 May

The plant sale will take place at the Coronation Hall at 2.30pm on Sunday 16 May. There will be craft and jewellery stalls too. Volunteers are needed to help – please contact Sally Butt on **01672 810743**. Please note the Dog Show has been postponed to a later date.

### Computing made easy! – 9 & 28 April

The next sessions take place on 9 April and 28 April at 3pm at the Coronation Hall. Spreadsheets, printing and common computing irritations are the topics. Do join us – call **01672 810406** for more information.