

September will soon be here

Community activities have been understandably quieter over the summer holidays but planning and booking events into the Hall Diary continues. From September there will be activities every morning at the Coronation Hall as well as new Pilates Classes on Monday evenings. Harvest Supper will take place in the hall for the first time on Monday 27 September and a Fungi Forage & Feast is planned for Saturday 9 October.

There are many private bookings in the diary too, so if you are planning an event in the Autumn do check availability at the Hall as soon as you can by calling **01672 810406** or email **hall@graftonparish.com**

Best wishes for a warm and pleasant final few weeks of summer and for a successful harvest.

**FUNGI FORAGE &
FEAST**

**A DAY OF ACTIVITIES WITH
WORLD EXPERT
ROGER PHILLIPS
SATURDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2010
CORONATION HALL, EAST GRAFTON**



2.30 pm

An afternoon Mushroom Forage including Dinner at 6pm
-£30 per person - *numbers are limited for the forage*



6pm onwards
Dinner

Including a talk on 'Trifling with Truffles'
by Roger Phillips
&

an Art Exhibition of works by Local Artists

- £15 per person, £2 for children under 13 years old



To book tickets:

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Raising funds for the Coronation Hall in East Grafton & the
Grafton Parish Defibrillator Scheme

Inaugural Community Camp a great success

A number of Parish families enjoyed the first community camp on the school playing field on Friday 6 and Saturday 7 August.

Bedtime on Friday followed toasted marshmallows, hot chocolate and traditional camp fire singing.

The weather was largely fine as children aged 2-12 enjoyed bug hunting, small mammal trapping and bat detecting with the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, a birds of prey demonstration, orienteering on the Green and camp cooking over a real fire.

Particular thanks to Darren and Dawn for showing their Harris Hawks to the children and to General and Mrs Walsh whose garden is adjacent to the playing field. We hope to run another camp in Summer 2011.

St Nicholas Harvest Supper and Produce Auction

Monday 27 September at 7.30pm

If you think that bidding for a marrow or a bag of apples is a serious business then you could not be more wrong! You must not miss this event! Excellent food and liquid refreshment, all the hustle and bustle of the market and a chance to support your church all in one very enjoyable evening.

Any harvest fare, cakes, jams, etc. which you can spare and would like to donate should be left in the Hall porch on Sunday evening or Monday morning please.

Tickets at £15 each are quickly sold 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!

Thursday 16 September

SHOWING AT THE **GRAFTON GAUMONT**

EARLY 6pm start so that all the family can join in!

UP certificate PG

Superb animation turns Disney's tale of a grumpy old man and plump little boy into a touching and exciting flight of fancy. Highly recommended for all ages, a touching, entertaining and life-affirming film. UP, a film so fantastically buoyant, so soaring and so universal, that it's hard to check the urge to get down on one's knees before the cinema screen and give thanks for the joy of being a moviegoer in an age when the Pixar animation studio has produced a run of brilliant titles that compares with the golden era of late-1930's Disney.

An interval, bar and ice creams.

All tickets sold on the night.

Adult £4.00, children (under 15) £3, family of 4 £12



Reviews of the Grafton Gaumont

Keeping Mum

Twitching curtains, a pretty village green and worries over the flower rota – no, not Grafton parish but Little Wallop, the rural backdrop for Keeping Mum, July's Gaumont film screening. We were richly entertained by a cast that included Rowan Atkinson, Maggie Smith and Kristin Scott-Thomas. A hilarious black comedy, this was Ealing comedy for the 21st Century, with more bodies than the average episode of Midsomer Murders.

Rowan Atkinson was delightfully understated as the world-weary vicar, though we caught a glimpse of Mr Bean when he was even more hapless in goal for the village football team than Robert Green. Meanwhile, his wife, Kristin Scott-Thomas dallied with sleazy golf pro, Patrick Swayze, and fretted about her 'over-active' daughter and put-upon son. Miraculously, all these problems, and more, were resolved in unorthodox fashion by the new housekeeper, inimitably played by Maggie Smith. The audience chuckled throughout, speculated on the plot over interval ice creams and cheered loudly at the end.

A real treat that had us watching warily over our shoulders on the walk home!

As someone recently living alone, I welcome the opportunity to have a night out. Where else can you visit a cinema and be surrounded by friends and neighbours and enjoy a drink at very reasonable prices? It's always a relaxed and friendly experience with the bar open both before and during the interval to help the ambiance. Why not give it a go in September? Far better than watching "East Enders" or "Coronation Street"

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Wilton Windmill

will be open on

Saturday 11th September 2010
From 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Free Guided Tours
Traditional Children's Games
Windmill Bread For Sale
Teas & Coffees, Cakes & Refreshments

Grafton Life meets Martin Butt, Church Warden at St Nicholas' Church

Cerys, Jack, Liam, Louise and Stacey the Year 6s at Grafton School met Martin Butt for their final interview, before leaving to start Secondary School in September.

What does a Church Warden do?

Along with Goff Beese the other Church Warden I generally look after the Church. This includes overseeing the cleaning and maintenance, ensuring the church is opened and locked each day and assisting at services. We have a very active bat population in the Church and this involves lots of sweeping before each service!

Where do you live?

I live close to the Church with my wife Sally and children Henry, Poppy and Florence. We have two dogs, Thistle and Hebe and I enjoy walking them on the Green.

What is your job?

I teach Latin at a local independent school.

What do you do in your spare time?

I enjoy bike rides, playing the piano, reading and gardening.

What challenges does the church face?

Our finances are our perennial issue. We do not have enough income each year to meet our running costs. Events such as the Plant Sale and the Harvest Supper are a huge help but it would be wonderful to see more parishioners attending services or perhaps making a regular contribution to the Church by direct debit.

Derrick Foord says farewell

Derrick Foord is retiring from the Wiltshire Constabulary on 31 August after serving more than 30 years in Wiltshire. Derrick has been the Neighbourhood Policing team Community Beat Manager for Grafton Parish for the past two years.

Derrick says that he has enjoyed meeting many people across the parish and dealing with the varied problems faced by a rural community. He will miss the friendliness of the community and the welcome he has received at events such as fetes, coffee mornings and council meetings. He believes that Neighbourhood Policing has brought real Policing back into the Community.

Until a permanent replacement is found then **PC Mark Lewis** mark.lewis@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk who works in the Neighbourhood Policing team in Devizes and who used to work out of Pewsey Police Station, will be covering the area.

Coronation Hall notices

We would like to thank people who use or hire the new hall for their care and thoroughness in leaving the premises in excellent condition.

The good fairies or gnomes who cut the hedge at the front of the Hall and the side by Green Close are stars too. Thank you very much indeed.

We have had many compliments on the beautiful hanging baskets which arrived from another generous contributor, thank you kind benefactor.

Please note that a party in hall finishes at 12 midnight on 11 September. We have arranged for vehicles to be parked "off site" to minimise any disruption to neighbours.

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Grafton Goslings on Thursdays from September

Grafton Goslings Baby & Toddler Group is changing its day to Thursdays from September. Goslings will meet at the Coronation Hall 10 – 11.30am every Thursday (term time only) from Thursday 9 September.

In the meantime why not join us for a picnic and play on Friday 20 August? Come and join us in the Sunflowers Pre school garden from 10.30am. We'll be making the most of the toys in the garden and the school playing field – lots of safe and secure play space suitable for pre school and primary age children. Bring your picnic and a rug. £2.00 contribution per family.

We're delighted to announce that in addition to the grant secured from the Pewsey Area Board for side gates at the Coronation Hall to make the outside area secure for play, that we've also received a grant from the Haines & Smith Charitable Trust. This is being used for ride on toys which are always in high demand from little ones!

If you'd like to keep up to date with Gosling's news please send an email to graftongoslings@btinternet.com and we'll add you to our list.

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World's Biggest Coffee Morning

The Friends of Grafton are hosting a coffee morning at Grafton C of E Primary School to support Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday 24 September.

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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.

AUGUST

- 15 11.00 Parish Communion *St Nicholas*
- 16 19.00 Bingo
- 20 10.30 Grafton Goslings picnic/play *Grafton School*

SEPTEMBER

- 05 11.00 Holy Communion *St Nicholas*
- 06 09.30 Adult Exercises
- 06 17.30 Pilates
- 06 19.00 Bingo
- 08 11.00 Adult Exercises
- 09 10.00 Grafton Goslings Baby and Toddler Group
- 09 19.15 Parish Council meeting
- 10 13.00 Adult Exercises
- 10 13.00 Sunflowers Pre School AGM *Grafton School*
- 11 13.30 Windmill Heritage Open Day *Wilton Windmill*
- 13 09.30 Adult Exercises
- 13 17.30 Pilates
- 13 19.00 Bingo
- 14 09.30 and 19.30 Yoga
- 15 11.00 Adult Exercises
- 16 10.00 Grafton Goslings/Baby and Toddler Group
- 16 18.00 Grafton Gaumont - showing UP
- 17 13.00 Adult Exercises
- 19 10.30 Wexcombe 10k run *see page 4*
- 19 11.00 Parish Communion *St Nicholas*
- 20 09.30 Adult Exercises
- 20 17.30 Pilates
- 21 09.30 and 19.30 Yoga
- 22 11.00 Adult Exercises
- 23 10.00 Grafton Goslings/Baby and Toddler Group
- 24 10.30 Coffee Morning *Grafton School*
- 24 13.00 Adult Exercises
- 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 09.30 and 19.30 Yoga
- 29 11.00 Adult Exercises
- 30 10.00 Grafton Goslings/Baby and Toddler Group
- 30 13.30 Friends of Grafton AGM *Grafton School*

OCTOBER

- 01 13.00 Adult Exercises
- 04 09.30 Adult Exercises
- 04 17.30 Pilates
- 05 09.30 and 19.30 Yoga
- 06 11.00 Adult Exercises
- 09 Fungi Forage and Feast

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMINGS: *Devizes Route H*

- 1, 15, 29 September
- 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.

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Useful contacts

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Help Needed!

Wilton Windmill will be open on Saturday 11th September from 1.30pm to 4.30pm as part of the Heritage Open Days Weekend. We are looking for cake makers and helpers on the day of the event - if you are interested, contact Emma Brunskill-Powell on **01672 870734** or emmabp@btinternet.com

Wiltshire Historic Buildings Trust

The Wiltshire Historic Buildings Trust undertakes repairs to buildings of significant importance in the county – one of which was Wilton Windmill in the 1970's.

The Trust is holding its AGM on Friday 22 October at Devizes Sports Centre starting at 1.30pm. The guest speaker this year is Michael Drury who is the Cathedral Architect at Salisbury Cathedral. More information on their work and on the Windmill's restoration can be found on www.whbt.org.uk

Free Summer Swimming!

Wiltshire Council is continuing free swimming at its leisure and sports centres until the end of September for anyone aged over 60/under 16.

Car Parking Strategy

Wiltshire Council is currently reviewing the car parking strategy for the county, the impact of which will affect the level of parking charges and the number and location of spaces. If you would like to find out more and provide feedback, you can find the consultation details at www.wiltshire.gov.uk or call them on **0300 456 1000**. The consultation is open until 3 September.

Annual General Meetings

The Annual General Meetings for Sunflowers Pre school and the Friends of Grafton will both take place in September. If you would like to know more about either of these organisations you are very welcome to join us.

Sunflowers Pre school AGM will take place on Friday 10 September at 1pm and the Friends of Grafton AGM on Thursday 30 September at 1.30pm.

Not yet connected to the internet or puzzled by IT?

Evening sessions will commence in October. Starting at 7.30pm these sessions are designed to offer a service to those who do not have internet access or who wish to make more of their computers at home. You will be able to call in for an informal chat and work on any IT aspect which you wish to explore. You could do your online shopping, find out how to create your own photobook, work on a school project which needs some help or just find out what is around on the net. Just drop a note into the Hall letterbox to register interest and watch this space for further details.

Lunchtime in Grafton Parish

We have volunteers to run a lunchtime "open house" in the Hall starting at the end of September. More details in the next issue of Community News. If you would like to join the team of volunteers (no more than 2 sessions a year) then please drop a note into the Hall letterbox or call **01672 810406**.

Wexcombe 10k run

Don't forget that the Wexcombe 10k walk/run is taking place on Sunday 19 September starting at 10.30. There will be spectator viewing points, a BBQ and a junior fun run (1k) for 4-15 year olds. See www.graftonparish.com for entry forms. All proceeds go to Wiltshire Air Ambulance and St Nicholas

Last month there were two funeral wakes held in the Coronation Hall, the first since the new building was completed.

Both families have expressed their appreciation for the use of the Hall on these sad occasions.

The tradition of a free wake venue for those who have lived for years in the parish continues to be protected by fund raising for the Hall.

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