

The good weather has provided a fantastic setting for our community events in the last month or so – many families enjoyed the sunshine at the Wilton Windmill Food Fayre on 15 May. Whilst the weather wasn't quite as kind at the Plant Sale & Family Fun Afternoon on Sunday 16 everyone seemed to have fun. Children and adults enjoyed the Family BBQ at the Swan Inn on Bank Holiday Sunday too.

There are more events happening in the next few weeks – by the time you read this the Grafton Garage Sale on Saturday 12 June will probably have taken place. If you missed the opportunity to have a clear out or still have clothes and textiles to get rid of, please do use the Bag2School bag that's enclosed with this Community News. Other events for your diary include Grafton Gaumont showing the Kite Runner on 17 June and the Grafton Goslings Treasure Hunt & Family Afternoon on Sunday 4 July.

Finally, Friends of Grafton School is organising its' annual Grand Draw – the last fundraising event of the School Year. There are some fantastic prizes including a load of logs, food hampers, meat boxes and vouchers kindly donated by a number of our parish businesses. Tickets will be on sale soon.

News from the Coronation Hall

How grand it is to see so many using our new Parish asset? Generally the hall is used every weekday and the calendar is filling up for the Autumn months and beyond. From the money which we raise funds from events such as the Grand Garage Sale we hope to continue to support our hirers and to improve the facilities on offer.

Every month we report to the Big Lottery on how the hall is being used and so the paperwork and projects do not stop! We are always keen to welcome new people to help so please drop a note into the Hall letterbox or email hall@graftonparish.com if you would be able to offer a small amount of time now and then. Thank you to the kind volunteer who is preparing hanging baskets for us, this is a very welcome offer and we look forward to a colourful display for the summer.

Grafton Parish Council Meeting in May

It was a busy meeting with planning, hall updates and fundraising included, but not least of all was the re-election of the Parish Council. The new chairman is Chris Garman who was voted in unanimously and who takes over the role from Peter Lemon, whose 3 year tenure had come to an end. The council otherwise remains unchanged.

The last few years under Peter's leadership have been very successful and much has been achieved, including the realisation of the new Coronation Hall. Peter thanked everyone for their support.

Business discussed included the Speed Watch scheme which is progressing with 6 members of the Parish having received training in the use of the equipment. We are now awaiting confirmation for the proposed locations for it to take place.

The speed control data collection in Marten showed that the problem of actual speeding is insufficient for any action to be taken as the speed limit for the road is currently 60mph (the national speed limit). The next step is to investigate whether the speed limit can be reduced and this is being progressed.

The next meeting is on Thursday 1 July at 7.15pm at the Coronation Hall and everyone is welcome to attend.

GRAFTON GAUMONT

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Family Fun Afternoon and Treasure Hunt - Sunday 4 July

Grafton Goslings our new baby and toddler group is holding a fundraising family fun afternoon and treasure hunt on The Green on Sunday 4 July from 3pm.

There will be plenty for all the family to enjoy including fancy dress competitions, treasure hunts (toddlers to age 6), quizzes for older children, races and games, face painting, strawberries & cream, BBQ and bar. Technology permitting, we are hoping to screen the Wimbledon Men's Final too.

Grafton Goslings meet every Friday (term time only) from 10.30 – 12 noon at the Coronation Hall. There are lots of toys for little ones, regular themed craft activities, singing and storytime and refreshments for both children and adults. £2 per family. All welcome – Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Childminders etc.



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The Great Outdoors.....

We consider ourselves very lucky to have such wonderful school grounds. Few schools are sited in such an idyllic location and we make the most of our good fortune. Wherever we are in school we have lovely views over our surroundings. Sunflowers and our Key Stage 1 (Infants) class have gardens looking out into our playing field and open fields beyond and our Key Stage 2 (Juniors) class have great views from their upstairs classroom.

The most obvious benefits are that we have fantastic space for sports and of course, playtimes on the playing field are very popular! But our outdoor spaces are so much more.

During the summer months (and fine weather at every other time of year) these spaces are wonderful places for learning. Outdoor learning can provide a dramatic contrast to the indoor classroom which can be hugely motivating for most children. From gardening to den building, large scale art projects to drama and singing there are endless possibilities to explore.

We have always welcomed the use of our lovely grounds out of school hours by children and young people across our community. Please come to play in this lovely space, for games, exploring or using the play equipment in KS1 and Sunflowers gardens - we are happy to see it used responsibly, with care and respect.

Grafton Life

With SATs out of the way, Stacy, Cerys, Liam, Jack and Louise the Year 6 students at Grafton School are looking forward to starting Secondary School in September. In the meantime they have been busy interviewing more Grafton Parish residents for the Community News. In the hot seat this month, was Susie Brew – Parish Councillor, Secretary of Wilton Windmill Society and a member of the fundraising group for our own Public Access Defibrillators.

Where do you live?

I live with my husband Tim, and dogs Pebble and Percy in Wexcombe. We built our house a few years ago and we really enjoy living in Wexcombe despite the fact that it is colder and windier than the other villages in the parish, as it is higher up and more exposed.

Where do you work?

I used to work in London but a few years ago I decided I would like a more rural lifestyle. It means that we were able to get Pebble and Percy too, as it wouldn't have been fair to have dogs with Tim and I out for long periods most days. Now, I'm involved in a number of community initiatives so things are certainly no less hectic! I enjoy the fact that every day is different.

What do you do in your spare time?

I enjoy gardening – we're lucky to have enough space for a vegetable garden. I love cooking too, especially making chutney and cakes. Of course, I enjoy walking Pebble and Percy too.

How are you getting on with fundraising for the Public Access Defibrillators?

We're aiming to get a defibrillator for each of the five villages in Grafton Parish. As the parish is some distance from a hospital it's unlikely that the emergency services would reach a cardiac arrest patient in sufficient time. Each defibrillator costs around £2000 with training and installation so we're aiming to raise £10000.

The recent SOS Sausage Evening was a fantastic start and we raised over £800. We're hoping that our Grand Garage Sale taking place at the Coronation Hall on Saturday 12 June will be a great success too. We've also been selling air horns which are useful for alerting neighbours to an emergency. We have some left, so if anyone would like one just email **news@graftonparish.com** or pop a note in the letterbox at the hall. The air horns cost £10.

Are the defibrillators easy to use?

They are easy to use, they're really not very heavy and when the case is opened there are clear instructions. We will be running more training courses though when we start to install the defibrillators. More details in a future edition of the Community News.

Wilton Phone Box

Invitations for Wilton residents to join the Wilton Heritage Society are in the process of being delivered. The Society will look after the operation of the phone box in Wilton as a local Information Kiosk and the small membership fee will raise funds to ensure it is maintained. The offer to join the Society is extended to all residents in the Parish and if anyone is interested in joining and would like details, please contact via the email **wiltonheritagesociety@gmail.com**

Grafton Gaumont on the Green!

How to reserve your tickets the easy way..

You can always drop your name and address together with the screen date and ticket money into the Hall letter box to reserve your tickets and then collect them on the night!

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For your diary

Grafton's own 10km walk/run on Sunday 19 September

Starting and finishing in Wexcombe a fundraising 10km run/walk will take place across our beautiful Wiltshire downland. All proceeds will go towards Wiltshire Air Ambulance and St. Nicholas Church, Grafton. The main event will start at 10.30am and at 12.30pm there will be a 1km Junior Fun Run for 4-15 year olds. After the race there will be a BBQ and cakes.

We hope that as many of you as possible will support this run - perhaps by running in it or by marshalling or serving refreshments.....Race entry forms coming soon.

If you are planning to run or walk the race, look for regular training tips from Henrietta Mackinnon, local personal trainer, starting next month.

Grafton Parish Community Fundraising

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION Still got clothes to clear out after the jumble sale? Did you miss the jumble sale? Use the Bag2School delivered with this months Community News and de-clutter your wardrobe. Fill the bag with quality second hand clothing and/or textiles (as specified on the bag) and drop off at Grafton C of E Primary School on either:

Wednesday June 23 between 3.30pm and 5.30pm

Thursday June 24 before 9.00am

If you have bags for us but aren't able to deliver them on either of these dates please call us on 01672 810478 to make alternative arrangements. If you have more than one bagful please use black bin bags. Do spread the word to friends and family - the more bags we collect the more money we raise!

AIR HORNS - OUR OWN EMERGENCY SERVICE Be part of the parish Air Horn scheme. Just £10 will buy an air horn to raise the alarm and get help quickly in the event of an emergency at your home and helps to raise money for our parish defibrillators.

TESCO AND SAINSBURY VOUCHERS FOR SCHOOL The deadline for dropping off Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers for sport and other equipment is Friday June 25. Drop off points are the school office, in the Coronation Hall post box in East Grafton or at Pond Cottage, Wilton.

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.

JUNE

- 13 18.00 United Songs of Praise Crofton Beam Engines
14 09.30 Adult Exercise Class
15 Yoga Class (09.30 and 19.30)
16 11.00 Adult Exercise Class
17 19.30 Grafton Gaumont on the Green
18 09.30 Dinky Dancers
18 10.30 Grafton Goslings Baby & Toddler Group
18 13.00 Adult Exercise Class
20 11.00 Parish Communion St Nicholas
21 09.30 Adult Exercise Class
21 19.00 Bingo
22 Yoga Class (09.30 and 19.30)
23 11.00 Adult Exercise Class
23 3.30 Bag2School drop off Grafton School
24 08.00 Bag2School drop off Grafton School
24 19.00 Art Class (Call for venue)
25 09.30 Dinky Dancers
25 10.30 Grafton Goslings Baby & Toddler Group
27 11.00 Family Service St Nicholas
28 09.30 Adult Exercise Class
29 Yoga Class (09.30 and 19.30)
30 11.00 Adult Exercise Class

JULY

- 01 19.15 Parish Council meeting
02 09.30 Dinky Dancers
02 10.30 Grafton Goslings Baby & Toddler Group
04 11.00 Holy Communion St Nicholas
04 15.00 Goslings on the Green (see page 1)
05 09.30 Adult Exercise Class
05 18.30 Pewsey Area Board open meeting
05 19.00 Bingo Grafton School
07 11.00 Adult Exercise Class
07 14.00 Friendship of Grafton (Call for venue)
09 09.30 Dinky Dancers
09 10.30 Grafton Goslings Baby & Toddler Group
12 09.30 Adult Exercise Class
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15 19.30 Grafton Gaumont on the Green
16 09.30 Dinky Dancers
16 10.30 Grafton Goslings Baby & Toddler Group
19 09.30 Adult Exercise Class
19 19.00 Bingo
21 19.00 Horticultural Society

23 June, 7 and 21 July for the mobile library visits.

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.

You are invited to contribute to the next issue by Friday July 2 and the earlier the better of course!

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Useful contacts

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Email news@graftonparish.com to be listed below.

Friendship of Grafton	01672 810349 Libby Gilbert
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Bingo	hall@graftonparish.com
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Wilton Cricket Club Update

We have played 5 games so far this season, and in all of them defeat was yet again snatched from the jaws of victory! Bishops Cannings outclassed us, but we did manage to score 186 runs.

Highlights include Jonathan Small's 108 against Aldbourne and David Lemon's diving catch at Chute (no one thought he would make it!). And the teas have been fantastic!

A reminder that everyone is welcome to join us. We practise every Friday evening at 6pm behind Batt's Farm in Wilton and then go to the Swan afterwards for a drink. If you would like to come along, call Andy Pack on **01672 870058**.

We also appreciate any spectators and supporters, so the next fixtures, which are all away games, are:
20 June Mildenhall 27 June Shalbourne
25 July Collingbourne 1 August Linkenholt

News in Brief

Friendship of the Parish

The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month (during the summer in local venues) and provides support to Parish initiatives and local fundraising events. If you would like to get involved, please call Libby Gilbert on **01672 810349**.

Grafton Parish Council Meetings

To keep up to date on activities in the parish, see the notice boards or go to www.graftonparish.com. Parish Council meetings throughout the year are open meetings for the public to attend – you are very welcome to come along. Next meetings: 1 July, 9 September, 4 November, starting at 19.15 at the Coronation Hall.

Wilton Windmill Victorian Food Fayre - Another success

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to another very successful day at the Windmill. There was much to do - from watching Mike Robinson preparing game and then eating the delicious food, to the children (and adults!) taking part in the sack races and tugs of war. The usual high quality cakes were on offer in the refreshment tent – all down to the generosity of our members and friends. Thank you!

Computing made easy!

We will be recommencing in September. Please email news@graftonparish.com for information and watch this space for more news.

Art Club Update

Venues change in the Summer so please call Libby Gilbert on **01672 810495** for more information.

Grafton & District Horticultural Society

Please contact Marijke Craig on **01672 810364** if you are interested.

A Triumph!

Mark Fleckney and Lee Plank both completed the London Marathon in respectable times, Mark in 4hrs 18mins in spite of a hip injury and Lee in a very creditable 4hrs 01mins! They would like to thank those who sponsored them. They are well on their way to raising £3000 for The Anthony Nolan Trust in memory of Robin Plank.

Community Area Grants

Don't forget that if you have a community project for which you need funding, Community Area Grants are available. The grants are awarded by the Area Boards at their bi-monthly meeting – the closing date for submissions for the next round is Friday 23 July for consideration at the September meeting. The application form and further details can be found on the Wiltshire Council website – www.wiltshire.gov.uk.

An important warning from our local Police

"Wiltshire Police report that attempts have been made to gain access to homes of elderly residents in the Bedwyn area, by individuals posing as plain-clothes police officers. We would advise residents to take care and not allow any unexpected non-uniformed visitors claiming to be police officers to enter. If in doubt, ask the visitor to return after you have confirmed their identity, then call Wiltshire Police on the non-emergency number **0845 408 7000** with as much information as possible."

Pewsey Area Board – Here in Grafton!

The next Pewsey Area Board is on 5th July here in Grafton at the Coronation Hall. Doors open at 6.30pm with the meeting kicking off at 7pm. This is a public meeting, so if you would like to see democracy in action for our area, then please come along. You can get more information on the Wiltshire Council website – www.wiltshire.gov.uk.

Grafton Plant Sale & Family Day - Thank You Everyone!

It was lovely to see our splendid Coronation Hall full of happy faces and there was a strong sense of community spirit. £470 was raised for St Nicholas Church and Friends of Grafton activities and games raised just over £100.

St Nicholas Church bells are going to be ringing on Friday evenings between 6 and 6.30. April Mortlock, a 16 year old from Burbage, is very keen on Bell Ringing and will be practising regularly. She is very willing to ring for any forthcoming weddings!