

**Glorious Autumn, Christmas next!**

What amazing colours we have seen across our beautiful part of Wiltshire. Sadly most of the leaves are now down, but it has certainly been an Autumn to remember and with December just around the corner, festive diaries are probably filling up! Do save some space for some of the fantastic community events including the Grafton Goslings Christmas Shopping Morning on 2 December 10am to 11.30am, The Grafton School & Sunflowers Pre School Christmas Production at the Church on the 13 December 5pm, the Carol Service at St Nicholas on Sunday 19 December at 11am and the Parish Christmas Party at the Coronation Hall on Sunday 19 December at 5.30pm.

Last month's Community News piece on traffic speeds has generated a lot of debate and the Community Speedwatch programme will be a regular feature in 2011. Pupils at Grafton School will be getting involved in measuring and recording traffic speeds - great for maths skills! We still need more people to help out once a month or so - if you can help please email [news@graftonparish.com](mailto:news@graftonparish.com) or simply do your bit by slowing down when driving through each of the villages in the Parish.

**Grafton Goslings**

The Coronation Hall buzzes every Thursday with parents, toddlers and babies having fun. We've been delighted with the fantastic autumnal weather and we've made full use of the outside space and our ride-ons. We're gearing up for Christmas with our Christmas Shopping Morning on Thursday 2 December 10am - 11.30am when there will be stalls offering all sorts of lovely gift ideas as well as festive food from Marr Green Farm Shop. Everyone is welcome to the Shopping Morning (not just those with little ones!). Please come along for a cup of coffee and a mince pie.

Santa's Grotto will be open!

Full program in the next issue of Community News.

**19 December 5.30pm**  
**Community Christmas Party**



All the usual treats, games and food!

Raffle, Tombola, children's games, carols, mince pies, mulled wine and loads more!

**Fashion Show****Seesaw Children's Clothing**

**Saturday 4 December, 3.30pm to 5pm**

Children from across the parish will be modelling Seesaw's current winter fashion, including winter dresses, fleeces, jackets and trousers. Looking for Christmas present ideas? Need to fill out your children's winter wardrobe? Join us at the Coronation Hall for a fun afternoon - we'll be serving afternoon tea and will have a special Christmas raffle.

Seesaw Children's Clothes is a company committed to producing 1st class British made clothing for babies, toddlers and children up to 10 years old. For over 18 years Seesaw's individual designs have been produced from a workshop in Kent. Their reputation has been built on providing their customers with children's clothes that are eye catching, practical and more importantly value for money. Many garments are reversible giving customers two garments for the price of one.

**Christmas Giving**

Don't forget when you are shopping on-line for Christmas, you can raise money for local causes without it costing you a penny!

There is a simple, one-off set up for a giver account on [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) - make sure you select either Grafton Coronation Hall or Grafton CoFE Primary School as your beneficiary.

Once that is done, you just find the on-line store you want to buy from (virtually all of the High Street stores and all major on-line stores are available).

Every time you go shopping, just remember to go to the store you want via the Giving Machine website and the donation will be made automatically.

It really couldn't be easier and it's free!

**St Nicholas' Day Service at our Parish Church**

The service on Sunday 5 December is a particularly important one for our Church in East Grafton.

The Bishop of Ramsbury is coming to join us for our celebration of St Nicholas, who is our patron saint.

With Christmas only three weeks away it is a good opportunity for all families to learn more about the origins of Father Christmas. The service starts at 11am.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on this special occasion.

shall we **DANCE?**

Want to learn to dance?

Ballroom and Latin American  
classes starting in the Hall  
from January 2011.



To find out more please contact

Amanda Gibson (AISTD) 07882-882-030 or

[learntodance@mac.com](mailto:learntodance@mac.com)

**Shalbourne, Ham & Grafton  
Conservative Association**

Drinks with Claire Perry MP  
at  
The Barn, Shalbourne Manor  
on  
Friday 26 November at 6.30pm

Lots of stalls for early Christmas shopping!

Tickets in advance  
£10 per person

Telephone: **01264 731404**  
Email: **[susie.brew@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susie.brew@hotmail.co.uk)**

**The  
Wilton Windmill  
Society**

The Annual General Meeting of the  
Wilton Windmill Society  
will take place on  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2010 at 7.30pm  
at the Coronation Hall, East Grafton

Friends and Members of the Society are invited to  
attend.

If you are not a member, and would like to get involved  
then you are very welcome to come along to hear about  
what has happened during the past year and our plans  
for the future.

Please help our preparations for the meeting by calling  
Susie Brew on 01264 731404 or emailing  
[susie.brew@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susie.brew@hotmail.co.uk) if you are interested in  
attending.

**The "Thursday Club" is open**

Why not "pop in" to the Coronation Hall on  
alternate Thursdays?

The Thursday Club will open in the Hall at  
7.30pm and will be serving drinks and light  
snacks.

We'd enjoy your company so why not come  
along and meet your neighbours?

The next date is Thursday 25 November.



Children Come First

Join us in our Christmas celebrations ...



At Grafton

**"A Really Noisy Nativity"**

Grafton Primary School and Sunflowers Pre school join forces this year to  
present 'A Really Noisy Nativity' on Monday 13 December at St Nicholas'  
Church.

Children's nativity plays are always a joy, as regular attendees of our  
school performances will attest. This one has great promise - join us for  
the performance from 5pm. If you can't make the opening night  
performance please join us for the dress rehearsal from 11am.

The end of this term is always a time of great excitement - term finishes  
on Friday 17 December and we have a school Carol Service at 11am. We'd  
be delighted to see you there.



**Time to de-clutter?**

Use the **Bag2School** collection as a reason to have a  
clear out and help raise money for the Friends of Grafton.  
Bags were delivered with the October Community News -  
fill it with old clothing, textiles, shoes and bags (as  
specified on the bag) and drop off at Grafton CofE Primary  
School either on:

Tuesday 16 November between 3.30pm and 5.30pm or  
Wednesday 17 November before 9am

If you have bags for us but aren't able to deliver them on  
either of those days please call on **01672 810478** to  
make alternative arrangements. If you have more than 1  
bag please use black bags. Spread the work to family and  
friends - the more bags we collect the more money we  
raise!

**CHRISTMAS IS A SPECIAL TIME FOR CELEBRATION**

**Sunday 19 December** 11am Carol Service at St Nicholas Church, East Grafton. Last year we were able to fill the choir stalls with a  
selection of people who feel that their voices are good enough to lead the congregational singing of the carols. Anyone who would like  
to join the 'choir' this year is warmly encouraged to do so, just call Sally Butt on **01672 810743**.

**Friday 24 December** 4pm Crib and Christingle Service, 11.30pm Midnight Mass -both at St Mary's Great Bedwyn

**Saturday 25 December** 11am Christmas Day Service, St Nicholas Church, East Grafton. Christmas Communion for all the family.

If you would like to help to decorate the church for Christmas then please call Sally on 01672 810743. Offers of help to clean and add  
to the beauty of the church are always welcome. Most of us are total novices so you will be in good company if you are willing to  
"give it a go"!

## News in Brief

### Parish Council Meeting

Grafton Parish Council met on 4 November and covered a wide range of topics, including Community Speedwatch (temporarily stopped whilst equipment is calibrated), police reports, planning applications and a replacement notice board at Marten. The parish council had also attended the Wiltshire Council Transport Plan Consultation and raised the issue of lack of usable bus services in the parish. For more details, the minutes are available at [www.graftonparish.com](http://www.graftonparish.com) or on the notice boards in the parish. The next meeting will take place at 7.15pm at the Coronation Hall on Thursday 6 January 2011.

### Council Tax Scam Warning

Wiltshire Council Trading Standards has asked people to be on their guard against a scam which involves bogus claims that they are entitled to a council tax rebate.

It begins with a phone call stating that you can get a rebate on council tax. The caller then goes on to ask for bank details. Wiltshire Council has confirmed that their staff will not call in this way or ask for bank details over the phone. Anyone who thinks they may have been a victim of this scam should call

Consumer Direct on **08454 040506**

If you do have concerns about your council tax bill, then you should contact Wiltshire Council directly on **0300 456 0100**

### Parish Christmas Party

Email [hall@graftonparish.com](mailto:hall@graftonparish.com) or call **01672 810406** if you can help with this very popular Parish event.

### Yoga Classes

At the Coronation Hall — Tuesday evenings 7.30pm to 9pm. The class is suitable for all levels and age groups – and always enjoyable and full of fun. If you would like to come along to try please ring Lizzy Hawnt on **01672 841553** or **07821 396430** or email [hawnted.house@btinternet.com](mailto:hawnted.house@btinternet.com)

### Circuit Training

These twice weekly sessions are very popular and very flexible - both in muscle toning, pace of exercise and accommodating any tinies! Sessions are paced to suit your own capabilities and everyone recounts on the progress that they make. Call Henrietta on **01672 810266** to find out more.

### New Recycling Service

Following the recent consultation on waste collection and recycling, from summer 2011, plastic bottles and cardboard will be collected on a fortnightly basis alongside the existing black box and wheelie bin collections. In addition, a non-chargeable garden waste collection will also be available. The council will contact everyone with additional details closer to the start date. For more information, see the Wiltshire Council website – [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

### Tree by War Memorial

We are pleased to report that the tree will be "cut into shape" and made safe within the next few weeks.

### Coronation Hall notices

There have been comments about parking at the Hall. Please can organisers of events be kind enough to encourage their supporters/visitors to park in the area allotted to the Hall and to keep away from the adjacent parts of the green? (See parking plans displayed) Thank you.

On the other hand regular users of the Hall have been very diligent recently about where they leave their vehicles and so parking has been less of an issue on a day to day basis and that is much appreciated.

The heating system has been recalled by the manufacturers and a completely new unit installed. We are sorry for any inconvenience that this has caused and thank you for your patience during our lack of background heating and hot water.

On 18 December a wedding reception will be held in the Hall. Alternative parking has been organised and we hope that the improved sound controls will reduce the noise levels around the hall.

It is almost a year since the Parish Council received the keys to the new Hall. A report on the first year's activities will be included in the next issue of the Community News.

**To contact us:-** [news@graftonparish.com](mailto:news@graftonparish.com) or a note into the letterbox by the hall. Thank you contributors for your ideas! Deadline for the next issue is Friday 4 December.

## Dates for your diary



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

### NOVEMBER

- 14 12.30 Act of Remembrance *Grafton War Memorial*
- 15 09.30 Circuit Training
- 16 15.30 Bag2School collection *Grafton School*
- 16 19.30 Yoga
- 17 08.00 Bag2school collection *Grafton School*
- 17 19.30 Horticultural Society
- 18 10.00 Grafton Goslings
- 19 13.00 Circuit Training
- 21 11.00 Family Service & Baptism *St Nicholas*
- 22 09.30 Circuit Training
- 22 19.30 Bingo
- 23 19.30 Yoga
- 25 10.00 Grafton Goslings
- 25 19.30 Thursday Club
- 26 13.00 Circuit Training
- 29 09.30 Circuit Training
- 30 19.30 Yoga

### DECEMBER

- 02 10.00 Grafton Goslings Christmas Shopping
- 03 13.00 Circuit Training
- 03 19.30 Windmill AGM
- 04 15.30 Children's Fashion Show
- 05 11.00 Patronal Service *St Nicholas*
- 06 09.30 Circuit Training
- 06 19.30 Bingo
- 07 18.30 Yoga
- 09 10.00 Grafton Goslings
- 09 19.30 Thursday Club
- 10 13.00 Circuit Training
- 13 09.30 Circuit Training
- 13 11.00 Children's Nativity Rehearsal *St Nicholas*
- 13 17.00 Children's Nativity Play *St Nicholas*
- 16 10.00 Grafton Goslings
- 17 11.00 School Carol Service *St Nicholas*
- 19 11.00 Christmas Carol Service *St Nicholas*
- 19 17.30 Parish Christmas Party
- 20 19.30 Bingo
- 23 19.30 Thursday Club
- 25 11.00 Christmas Service HC *St Nicholas*

### Update on advertised classes

Children's ballet classes will not take place in our Hall due to lack of response from our last advert. Email Alex if you wish to find out more as classes will be starting nearby where interest has been greater than in our Parish.

Pilates classes have now stopped because there were not enough in the classes to make the course viable. Email Caroline if you wish to register for classes held elsewhere.

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

- 10, 24 November and 8, 22 December.
- 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](mailto:hall@graftonparish.com) in good time.

## 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
Circuit Training	01672 810266 Hen Mackinnon
Grafton CofE School	01672 810478 Jill Parr
Sunflowers preschool	07748 349856 Lyndsey Turner
Grafton Goslings	graftongoslings@btinternet.com
Friends of Grafton	01672 870253 Sue England

### Commercial Advertising

Business based in the Parish: 1 line listing – Free  
Business based outside the Parish: 1 line – £1/issue. £10/pa.  
Rates per issue for larger listing  
1/12 page £5      1/6 page £10      1/4 page £15  
Discounts for 6 months and 12 months

Disco and Karaoke	Pete Vallis	01672 811326
Disco and Party	Steve	01672 811109 07749553681
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
Furniture	Holgate & Pack	01672 870887
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### News from Bedwyn Surgery

#### Our Doctor Writes

You may have heard that NICE (National Institute for health and Clinical Excellence) has revisited its guidance on the treatment of dementia. Until recently GPs have been in a difficult position - on the one hand we have been encouraged to diagnose dementia as early as possible but then access to treatments, especially drug based ones was limited to patients with a more advanced clinical problem. NICE have now agreed that the treatments for dementia can be prescribed at a much earlier stage. This is good news for individuals and families affected.

You may also be aware that the NHS is being restructured. As most NHS spending goes to the big hospitals we need to organise ourselves into groupings of practices that can work effectively with these hospitals, in our case mostly with GWH in Swindon. We need to be able to work with them to think innovatively about how care can be delivered in a cost effective and environmentally sensitive way. An example of this is the new dermatology service that we have set up for patients. We have developed a service where our patients will be able to see the hospital consultant in our local surgeries. Also, in future overall responsibility for public health services be with the local authority rather than with GPs. We need to work with our public health colleagues to plan specific health care programmes and with local authorities to have input on health grounds for wider functions such as transport and housing.

It will be difficult to balance these issues but I'm confident that we will be able to come up with a solution that manages to tick all the right boxes.

### COMMUNITY ROUND UP

#### Bring and Buy

There was a very friendly atmosphere at the Friendship of Grafton Annual Bring & Buy in the Coronation Hall on the afternoon of Wednesday 3 November. We are most grateful for the support of our friends, who gave very generously, raising the magnificent sum of £260. Wm. Mundy & Sons, Manor Farm Dairy, Waitrose and Tesco kindly donated some of the prizes for the raffle. The Chairman would like to thank all the stallholders for their hard work, particularly Fran Barclay, Vanessa Fleckney, June Pearson and Trevor Smith. The Bring & Buy is still the enjoyable, traditional occasion it always has been!



#### It was bonkers!

Thank you to everyone who came along to 'Bonkers for Conkers' a couple of weeks ago. There was some very competitive (and hilarious) conker playing amongst the 50 players of all ages. Trophies were awarded, soup, tea and cakes were consumed and a good time was had by all. Start practising for next year!

### Neighbourhood Police Update

PC Mark Lewis has reported that, following a number of night patrols in our area, five suspected criminals had been stopped and searched. Arrests have been made in relation to some of the people and their associates. The suspicion is that these people drive around at night stealing metal and loose items from sheds, garages and outbuildings. There is, however, nothing to link them directly to the reports of prowling in Grafton parish.

PCSO Coralie Nash has now returned to work part time at Pewsey. If you have anything to report, particularly feedback on whether the prowling is still occurring or any suspicious behaviour, please contact PC Lewis and his team on **0845 408 7000**.