

**Welcome to the September Community News**

With the children back to school it seems Autumn is well on its way. The leaves are beginning to turn and the trees and hedgerows are full of berries and apples. Harvest Festival and the Harvest Supper take place on Sunday 25 and Monday 26 September – please do come and celebrate the harvest. If you haven't been before, then Harvest Supper is a fantastic community event – with great food and all proceeds from the auction of produce go to St Nicholas' Church.

We hope to see you at a community event soon.

**World's Biggest Coffee Morning**

Every cup will help improve the lives of people living with cancer.



**Sunflowers at Grafton** are hosting a coffee morning to support Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning on **Friday 30 September**.

Come and join us from 10.30am to 12.00pm for a cup of coffee or tea (and no doubt some wonderful home made cakes) and help people living with cancer. Bring the children – they are very welcome.



The World's Biggest Coffee Morning raises millions of pounds each year and Macmillan uses this money to provide much needed support to people affected by cancer. Every single penny raised will help make a big difference to the lives of people affected by cancer.

Come and see the changes taking place at Sunflowers and hear all about the plans for Sunflowers at Grafton.

**St Nicholas' Church**

**Harvest Festival service 25 September 11am**

**Harvest Supper**

The Harvest Supper will be held on Monday 26 September 7.30pm at the Coronation Hall, where we will auction all the fruit, vegetables and produce from the Harvest Festival Service.

For tickets at £15 each contact:

Millie Lemon **01672 870266** or  
Lucy Pash **01672 870665** or  
Gabby Walker **01264 731338**

If you have any fruit, vegetables or home made produce please bring it to the Church on the Saturday or Sunday or take it along to the Coronation Hall on the Monday.

**Flowers**

If you can help arrange flowers for the Harvest Festival Service, please contact Sally Butt on **01672 810743**

**Grafton Parish Council**

The last meeting was held on 31 August and the detailed minutes can be found at [www.graftonparish.com](http://www.graftonparish.com) and on the noticeboards around the parish. Here are a few highlights.

You will have heard much talk in the press about the Localism Bill. This bill will enable us to have a plan for our parish that will protect the things that are important to us. The Parish Council, through Mike Hyslop, is keeping a close eye on developments, recognising the urgency to put a plan in place, and will be consulting with the community as soon as it is possible to do so.

Meanwhile in Great Bedwyn, as reported by one of our residents, there has been a proposal to limit parking in The Knapp next to the station. Separately, Network Rail has asked Bedwyn Parish Council to pay £5000 towards a feasibility study into extending the existing car park and there was a possibility that this might be funded through the Pewsey Area Board Grant scheme. Grafton Parish Council has registered opposition to the Area Board's funds being used to pay for this study.

Grafton Parish Council, through Tom Hatfield, has been selected to help shape the new Campus proposal for Pewsey, where public services and community groups will be located in the same, or adjacent buildings.

Peter Lemon is in communication with Wiltshire Council regarding the high cost and prioritisation in replacing the road signs on the A338. The Parish Council considers this work to be unnecessary and in direct conflict with its' expressed concerns over the atrocious condition of road surfaces in the Parish.

The Community Asset Transfer for the field next to the school is in progress and a Parish public meeting will be held as soon as the Parish Council has received documentation for the legal transfer of the land for community use.

As you can see from this summary, this was a typical varied and lively meeting covering many topics. Members of the public are able to take part so please come along to the next meeting which is on Thursday 3 November at 7.15pm at Coronation Hall.

**Resuscitation Training**

A training session is planned to take place on Saturday 12 November from 10.30am at Coronation Hall. The training will focus on resuscitation and defibrillator use but will also include how to identify and deal with a number of situations that can lead to cardiac arrest.

We are still shaping the content and length of the session and would welcome any thoughts from people in the parish.

The training session will be run by Richard Schofield and there will be a small charge.

If you have any views or suggestions, please email [defib@graftonparish.com](mailto:defib@graftonparish.com). Further details will be in the October Community News.

## Our Doctor Writes

People who care for others within our society are really important to us all. By and large they are unsung heroes. It is estimated that one in eight of the population act as a carer. Sometimes children act as essential carers for adults within a family. General Practices have been asked to record the details of carers on their practice systems for quite a while now but we have records of nowhere near one in eight. It can be very helpful to understand who the carers are within family or neighbourhood groups without whom there are potentially big health implications for others. Being a carer can be a lonely task and we are looking at what we can do to help and support them. We are beginning some collaborative work with Kennet Carers and will soon be holding at least one dedicated day where support can be provided looking at not only health but also things like financial advice. The details of the day will be published on our website and details displayed at the surgery. **[www.oldschoolsurgery.co.uk](http://www.oldschoolsurgery.co.uk)**

In the meantime if you are a carer, or you know of someone who is, and they are registered with us at the surgery please let us know, this is the first step to being able to respond to your or their needs. We have some useful information leaflets at the surgery which can be picked up free of charge.

It's that time of the year again when we are gearing up for the seasonal Flu vaccination campaign. Our vaccines are arriving on the 19 September and our clinics start 26 September. If you are over 65 have heart, lung or kidney disease or have problems with your immune system or have diabetes then you are entitled to a free flu vaccination. Carers are entitled to vaccination as are those resident in care homes. Pregnant women are at particular risk especially from the H1N1 strain and vaccination is recommended for them. If you think you qualify for this please ask.

The more people we can vaccinate in our community the safer we will all be. Dr Tim Ballard



### A busy summer for Sunflowers at Grafton

It's been all go at Sunflowers with progress on many fronts. Thank you to everyone who has helped at the working party weekends – it has been a fantastic community effort. Each of the ground floor rooms has been painted, new kitchens have been fitted and the gardens tidied. The rooms are light and airy and each has now been named to reflect our natural, outdoors theme – Sky for pre school, Meadow for toddlers and Sunshine for babies. We were delighted to receive a grant of almost £4,000 from Pewsey Area Board towards the set up costs.

The home page of our website **[www.sunflowers-grafton.co.uk](http://www.sunflowers-grafton.co.uk)** is now live, more pages will be added over the next couple of weeks, and other promotional activity in the local area will take place. We have had a great response to our staff recruitment advertising and interviews are taking place. We are still keen to hear from experienced and qualified childcare professionals (min NVQ2) so please email us at **[admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk](mailto:admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk)** if you are interested.

Sunflowers pre school has returned after the summer holidays and we are now preparing to open as a full daycare nursery for 0-5s from 31 October. Please come and see us at one of the following:

**Friday 30 September** 10.30am - 12noon Join us for an Open Morning and take part in the annual World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support

**Thursday 27 October** 7pm - 8.30pm Community Open Evening (a chance to catch up, ask questions and see the setting over a glass of wine)

In the meantime if you'd like to see the childcare facilities that will be available at Sunflowers at Grafton please call Lyndsey Turner, Manager on **07748 349856**.

STOP PRESS – Sunflowers at Grafton will be doing a Bag-2-School collection in November. So please save all your unwanted clothes, linen, shoes and handbags etc. The blue bags will be distributed with the October Community News.

## News in Brief

### **Temporary Closure of Bridleway**

Wiltshire Council has advertised the temporary closure of Bridleway 52 at the Crofton Level Crossing due to Network Rail carrying out essential track renewal and major level crossing maintenance works. The alternative crossing points are at Freewarren Bridge (Pedestrians and Equestrians) and Newbridge (Pedestrians only). There are many dates on which the crossing is closed between 11pm on Saturday 24 September through to 6am on Wednesday 16 November. Further information can be obtained from Wiltshire Council on **01924 372957**.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

We recently launched the Neighbourhood Watch scheme which enables people to subscribe to a mailing list, which is used to warn people of any threats in the area, as advised to us by the Police or other neighbourhood schemes.

You must subscribe in order to be on this list, so if you are in any doubt and would like to join, please email **[nhw@graftonparish.com](mailto:nhw@graftonparish.com)** with Subscribe in the heading of the email.

### **Police Update**

On 3 October, the new Police Hubs will go live as a result of the restructuring of the Wiltshire Police. The main change is in how the Response Teams who respond to emergency calls are managed and deployed and, through the use of newly introduced technology, resources closest to the incident will be able to be diverted to emergencies, thereby improving response times. Neighbourhood Policing Teams will be unaffected by the changes.

### **Warm & Well Scheme**

The new Wiltshire Warm & Well scheme is open to all home owners and private tenants and enables residents to improve the energy efficiency of their homes through installing loft and cavity wall insulation. To get more information you can freephone **0800 512012** or go to **[www.warmandwell.co.uk](http://www.warmandwell.co.uk)**.

### **Wilton Windmill**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to another successful Heritage Open Day at Wilton Windmill on Saturday 10 September. We hope that everyone who took part or visited the Windmill enjoyed the day. We raised approximately £1000 after expenses, which is a great help towards the cost of the replacement shepherd's hut.

The Windmill's 2011 open season finishes on Sunday 25 September and it will reopen at Easter in 2012. To keep up to date with the Windmill and our shepherd's hut project, visit **[www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk](http://www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk)**.

## CHURCH SERVICES IN THE SAVERNAKE TEAM

You are welcome to attend any of the services below during the time when vacancies exist in the team.

Date	Church	Time	Service	Taken by
18 September	Great Bedwyn	09.30	Family Service	Lay led
	St Katharine's	09.30	Holy Communion	Alan Deboo
25 September	Great Bedwyn	09.30	Holy Communion	Linda Dytham
	Tidcombe	09.30	Holy Communion	Robert Gist
	<b>St Nicholas</b>	11.00	Harvest Festival	Linda Dytham
	Little Bedwyn	18.00	Harvest Festival	Linda Dytham
02 October	Great Bedwyn	11.00	Matins	Lay led
	Little Bedwyn	9.30	Holy Communion	Alan Deboo
	St Katharine's	18.00	Harvest Festival	T.B.A.
09 October	Little Bedwyn	08.00	Holy Communion	Mary Edwards
	St Katharine's	11.00	Matins	Lay led
16 October	Great Bedwyn	09.30	Family Service	Lay led
	St Katharine's	09.30	Holy Communion	Linda Dytham
	<b>St Nicholas</b>	11.00	Holy Communion	Mary Edwards
	Little Bedwyn	08.00	Evensong	Lay led
23 October	Great Bedwyn	09.30	Holy Communion	Robert Gist
	<b>St Nicholas</b>	11.00	Family Service & Christening	Alan Deboo
30 October	<b>St Nicholas</b>	09.30	Cluster H C	Mary Edwards



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### Wiltshire Good Neighbour Scheme – what is it?

Wiltshire Good Neighbour Scheme provides a wide range of information to older residents living at home, to support them in having safe, comfortable, fulfilling and independent lives.

There is no problem too big or too small – if it is worrying you, a neighbour or relative, the GNC will do their best to put you in contact with the right people.

The Good Neighbour Co-ordinators are employed by Community First. They provide a responsive and up to date service by supporting individuals and signposting to relevant services. This happens through a telephone call or a home visit, where worries can be listened to and questions answered.

You will see notices up in the village with contact details. Do make a call if you are concerned.

Ring Mary Soellner on **07557 110418**  
or email [gncarea10@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:gncarea10@communityfirst.org.uk)

### **Wilton Cricket Club – Juniors were bowled over!**

Over 5 Saturday mornings during the summer holidays 12 children from across Grafton parish met at the nets in Wilton for a Summer Cricket Skills Course.

Members of Wilton Cricket Club coached bowling, fielding and batting skills and each session ended with a match. Some great talent, along with some very competitive spirit, was demonstrated and everyone had a lot of fun.

We hope to get a match organised for our new team and plan to develop the juniors next year – we'll keep you posted through the Community News.

### **The Travelling Souk**

A charity shopping event for your diary on 23 and 24 November in the Coronation Hall.

Visit [www.thetravellingsouk.com](http://www.thetravellingsouk.com) for more information and see October Community News for full details.

## Dates for your diary



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

### SEPTEMBER

19 09.30	Circuit Training	
19 19.00	Bingo	
20 09.15	Pilates	
20 10.00	Zumba	
20 19.30	Yoga	
21 09.30	Circuit Training	
22 10.00	Grafton Goslings	
23 13.00	Circuit Training	
25 11.00	Harvest Festival	<i>St Nicholas</i>
26 09.30	Circuit Training	
26 19.30	Harvest Supper	
27 09.15	Pilates	
27 10.00	Zumba	
27 19.30	Yoga	
28 09.30	Circuit Training	
29 10.00	Grafton Goslings	
30 10.30	Biggest Coffee Morning	<i>Sunflowers</i>
30 13.00	Circuit Training	

### OCTOBER

03 09.30	Circuit Training	
03 13.30	Alzheimers Association tea	
03 19.00	Bingo	
04 09.15	Pilates	
04 10.00	Zumba	
04 19.30	Yoga	
05 09.30	Circuit Training	
05 14.00	Wednesday Club	
06 10.00	Grafton Goslings	
06 13.30	Pilates	
07 13.00	Circuit Training	
10 09.30	Circuit Training	
11 09.15	Pilates	
11 10.00	Zumba	
11 19.30	Yoga	
12 09.30	Circuit Training	
13 10.00	Grafton Goslings	
13 13.30	Pilates	
14 13.00	Circuit Training	
16 11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St Nicholas</i>
17 09.30	Circuit Training	
17 19.00	Bingo	
18 09.15	Pilates	
18 10.00	Zumba	
18 19.30	Yoga	
19 09.30	Circuit Training	
19 19.00	Horticultural Society	
20 10.00	Grafton Goslings	

### Coronation Hall Function Committee

Courtesy Notice

Parties are booked for 24 September and 15 October

**Bookings 01672 810406** or [hall@graftonparish.com](mailto:hall@graftonparish.com)

### MOBILE LIBRARY NEW TIMETABLE

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMINGS: *Devizes Route H*

28 September, 12 October. Marten post box 11.30-11.50am

Coronation Hall East Grafton 13.00-13.20

### Community News

**To contact us:-** [news@graftonparish.com](mailto:news@graftonparish.com) or a note into the letterbox on the hall. Deadline for the next issue is Friday 7 October. Editorial rights reserved.

## Useful contacts

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

Art Club	libby_gilbert80@hotmail.com
Bingo	hall@graftonparish.com
Church flowers/clean	01672 810743 Sally Butt
Circuit Training	01672 810266 Hen Mackinnon
Coronation Hall	01672 810406 Lara Ross
Cricket Club	pack.andy@googlemail.com
Grafton Goslings	graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk
Horticultural Soc	01672 810364 Marijke Craig
Link Scheme	01672 870120
Parish Council	clerk@graftonparish.com
PCC Secretary	01672 870266 Millie Lemon
Pilates	07788 970976 Beth Knight
Police	08454 087000 PC Hollands
Sunflowers preschool	07748 349856 Lyndsey Turner
Wednesday Club	01672 810349 Libby Gilbert
Windmill Society	susie.brew@hotmail.co.uk
Yoga	01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt
Zumba	07747 617199 Lau Vergara

B&B West Grafton	Angie Orssich	01672 810339
Baby sitting/odd jobs	Tom Nield	01672 870196
Baby sitting	Florence Butt	01672 810743
Disco and Karaoke	Pete Vallis	01672 811326
Disco and Party	Steve	01672 811109 07749 553681
Furniture	Holgate & Pack	01672 870887
Grafton Garage	Tony Gilbert	07845 006890
Hat Hire	Victoria Frost	01672 810386
House Sitting	Maxine Wallis	07879 993150
KACIS Ironing Service	Karen Evans	07920 755372
Kindling	Jo Harman	01672 810673
Painting & Decorating	Neil Anderson	01264 731362
Pest Control	Julie Wilson	01672 811479
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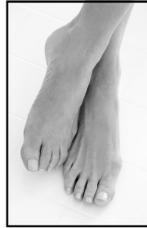
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YOGA ON TUESDAY NIGHTS

New Yoga Classes start at the Coronation Hall on Tuesday Nights in September - these are friendly and fun classes - suitable for all abilities - please contact Lizzy Hawnt on **01672 841553** or **07821 396 430** or [hawnted.house@btinternet.com](mailto:hawnted.house@btinternet.com)

Lizzy will look forward to hearing from you!

### Helping people to live at home review

For the last 18 months Wiltshire Council has been working with a group of older people and others to design a completely new range of services that will be developed to support people to stay at home.

People have said how important it is for them to be able to remain in their own community and in their own homes no matter how much support they need to do this.

One of the main priorities is to ensure that the services provided complement existing informal care undertaken by neighbours, friends or family – see the Doctor Writes article on page 2 and for more information, go to [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk) or call **01225 712553**.