



Community News

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SEPTEMBER 2025

Autumn Is Here!

The change in the weather confirms that we are heading into autumn - a season for harvesting fruit and vegetables from the garden, collecting blackberries and crab apples and making jams and chutneys - with the Harvest Festival Service at St Nicholas being an important annual celebration for the Parish.

Many of us are back to work, school, college or university so it's also a time for new starts, renewal and new challenges.

And it's a great time to get outdoors (inbetween the showers!) and enjoy the last few weeks of the open season at Wilton Windmill (end of season is Sunday 28 September) and Crofton Beam Engines, as well as going for a blustery walk or cycle ride. See www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk for ideas!



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The Churchwardens warmly invite you to the

Induction and Institution
by the Bishop of Ramsbury
of

the Rev'd Sue Hart
as

Team Rector of the Savernake Team

All Saints' Church, Eastcourt, Burbage SN8 3AG

Tuesday 16th September 7pm

Followed by wine, prosecco, soft drinks and canapés

Overflow parking available on Barn Meadow

Clergy are welcome to robe in the Church Centre opposite the Church
from 5.30pm

RSVP

Savernaketeam@outlook.com

Winter Warmers Community Lunch is back in October!

Join your neighbours and friends and enjoy some great food at
Coronation Hall.

Tuesday 7th October at 12.30pm

Everyone is very welcome.

If you need more information please give me a call -

Liz on 07831 545772

October's Menu

Cottage Pie and vegetables ~~~ Apple Strudel and cream

Please let me know if you have any dietary requirements

Winter Warmers is held on the first Tuesday of the month over Autumn
and Winter

Let's do Coffee Morning!

Join us to share a cuppa and create lasting memories while helping people living with cancer in the UK.

Coronation Hall, East Grafton

Friday 26 September 2025

10.30am - 12pm



This community coffee morning is organised annually by Sunflowers at Grafton
Email admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk or call 01672 810478 if you'd like to help by baking for us or for more information



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Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 7 September at 16:00
at St Nicholas' Church in East Grafton



Please bring dry and tinned food donations,
such as pasta, rice, cereal and tins of tomatoes etc,
for the Trussell Trust.



Share your interests at After School Club

Do you have a particular interest, skills or knowledge?



Think it might be fun to share at our After School Club?

As the nights draw in and After School Club takes place indoors,
we are always looking for fabulous and fun after-school activities.

Astronomy. Magic. Sewing. Languages. Science. Sewing. Animation.
Chess. Puppetry. The possibilities are endless.

Fun for children and adults. Lots of chat and laughs to lift the spirits.
Email Hollie or Sue at treehouse@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk or call
01672 810478 to chat.

Crofton Beam Engines

Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 September 10:00 – 16:30

In 2025, Railway 200 is a national celebration of the 200th
anniversary of the modern railway. An exhibition marking this
significant milestone includes GWR artefacts, images and a
chronicled timeline of the relationship between Crofton and GWR
over the years.

Alongside the Steaming on Saturday and Sunday, Geoff Roberts
and Neil Mercer will be performing their wonderful folk music on
Saturday and they will play a number of sets during the day.
Showman's Engines return to Crofton for the weekend and
children's activities will include a special trail as well as crafting
and junk modelling.

See their website for more details and to check the schedule for
each day: www.croftonbeamengines.org

Planning Applications

Application Ref: PL/2025/06648 **Deadline:** 17 September 2025

Application Type: Full Planning Permission

Proposal: Change of use of land to off-grid camp site plus retrospective permission for existing camping-related structures (washing up station and shower/compostable toilet facility).

Site Address: Wild Camping Wiltshire Site, Dark Lane, East Grafton, Marlborough.

Application Ref: PL/2025/06918 **Deadline:** 19 September 2025

Application Type: Prior approval Part 3 Class R: Agricultural buildings to a flexible commercial use

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural building to a flexible commercial use falling within Class C1 (aparthotel)

Site Address: Wexcombe Farmhouse, Wexcombe, SN8 3SQ.

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First session 2½ hours to throw. Second session 1½ hours to glaze.

Classes are for 2 people, at £70 per person (includes both sessions)
One on One classes are an option at £120.

Please contact me to arrange a suitable date and time.

07887 763999

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www.juliabowes.com



Sunflowers is celebrating (very quietly!)

Two years after our first minibus theft we are quietly celebrating the arrival of our second replacement vehicle. She is lovely! It would be great to shout about this and make a big noise but ironically don't want to draw too much attention to her.

So we are just sharing the news with a very select few! We are so very grateful to everyone who has contributed in any way to raising the funds, with particular mention to friends across Grafton Parish who have been incredibly generous. Your support is acknowledged on the bus. Thank you.

What's new at Unit 7, The Cattle Shed

The Cattle Shed, Manor Farm, Wilton, SN8 3SP

Opening Hours

Monday - Friday 3pm to 5pm Saturday - 10am to 4pm

New for Astute Canines

We are now not just for dogs and are now stocking a small range of over the counter medicines ready for winter. There is also a WhatsApp Community group which will replace the online shopping platform....just look for the logo and click to join for the latest offers and product news.

At My Little Blue Duck we are having a jiggle around and will soon be offering "rent a shelf" space. If you would like to know more please do pop in and see us or send an email.

Keep an eye on our social media platforms to keep up to date with Unit 7.

www.astutecaninedoggydelights.com
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Timmy B Yoga

Weekly Yoga Classes
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Classes restart on Sept 2nd
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Crofton Beam Engines Open for Heritage Open Days

Open for free guided tours of Crofton as part of the national Heritage Open Days scheme on Sunday 14 September. Guided tours at 11:00, 12:00, 13:00, 14:00 and 15:00.

Wilton Windmill will also be open as usual from 2pm to 5pm on Sunday 14 September offering free guided tours but hoping for donations!

Pottery Taster Sessions & Classes

Want to have a go at throwing a pot on the wheel?
It's easy to book your session now - go to:

www.bookwhen.com/natalienealceramics

For more details about me and my work, go to:

www.natalienealceramics.co.uk

or email

NatalieNealCeramics@gmail.com

For examples of students work



Natalie Neal
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News from the North Wessex Downs

Marlborough Down Space for Nature - Annual Bat Walk

17th September, 6:30-8:30 pm, somewhere near Marlborough

The ever-popular annual bat walk will be led by Sarah Jupp of the Wiltshire Bat Group. Special bat detectors will be provided so you can hear the bats calling as they hunt around the trees and buildings.

Details and booking are available at www.spacefornature.net/event-details/bat-walk

Check out the postcards on the North Wessex Downs Landscape Trust's website to find places to visit from across the North Wessex Downs that you may not know about - www.nwdlt.org.uk

The Trust's events programme has a couple of exciting events coming up.

19 September is 'Wilton Village - A Living Landscape' which is a guided visit to Wilton, taking in Manor Farm and Wilton Windmill.

18 & 19 October is 'Buzzing in the North Wessex Downs' when you can join in the campaign to plant 40,000 spring flowering bee-friendly bulbs across the North Wessex Downs this autumn. Check the website www.nwdlt.org.uk for booking and more information.



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Dates for your diary

Mobile Library

Information on the monthly Mobile Library Service can be found at apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/librariesinformation/Library/Mobiles
The next mobile library is on Wednesday 17 September at the Coronation Hall in East Grafton from 11.40 to 12 noon.

Coronation Hall - Gazebo Hire

New covers have been purchased for the gazebo's and they are now able to be hired again! Please contact the Hall for further details:
hall@griftonparish.com - 01672 216115 / 07479 281809

September

07	11:00	Harvest Festival Service	St Nicholas' Church
14	10:00	Heritage Open Days	Crofton Beam Engines
16	19:00	Induction Rev'd Sue Hart	All Saints' Church Burbage
17	11:40	Mobile Library	Coronation Hall
26	10:30	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Coronation Hall
27	10:00	Steaming Weekend	Crofton Beam Engines
28	14:00	Final Day of the 2025 Season	Wilton Windmill

October

07	12:30	Winter Warmers Lunch	Coronation Hall
15	11:40	Mobile Library	Coronation Hall

Local Clubs

Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig
Crofton Beam Engines	crofton@katrust.org.uk
Baby & Toddler Group	graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk
Dance classes	07746 479345 Charlotte Price
Yoga	07747 780898 Tim Brew
Zumba	07710 115324 Joanna Bury

Coronation Hall Regular Dates

Tuesday (weekly in term-time)	Zumba	09:30
Tuesday	Timmy B Yoga	19:00
Wednesday	Timmy B Yoga	09:30
Wednesday (weekly in term-time)	Charlotte Price	15:30
Thursday (weekly in term-time)	Grafton Goslings	10:00
Thursday (weekly in term-time)	Charlotte Price	17:00
Thursday	Timmy B Yoga	20:00
Monday (1st & 3rd week in month)	Alzheimer's Cafe	13:15



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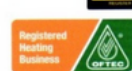
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New to WhatsApp? We can help - just get in touch

Text or WhatsApp to join:

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Marten: Richard 07795 636767

West Grafton: Annie 07802 923344

Wilton: Tara 07833 320951

Wexcombe: George 07786 332950



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