



Community News

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February Blues

As we put this edition of the Community News together, the sky is dark, the rain is incessant and it's cold!

Typical February weather - not nice, but ideal for sitting down with this month's edition of the Community News with a cup of tea!

There is lots going on in the Parish, even in the winter months, so do get out and enjoy some of the classes and activities available to you in our lovely Parish!

Parking at Coronation Hall

- Parking at the Hall is for Hirers of the Hall -

When someone makes a booking for the Hall, they do so with the knowledge that all parking spaces are available to them (you will see that there are parking signs to state "Parking for Hall Hirers Only" in the car park). If someone else has parked there, then the Hall are against their contract of hire.

However, as you know, the Hall is not used every day and there are times when it could be used by those in the Parish. If residents have a need for overflow parking (if they are having a party, etc), then do get in touch with Natalie first by emailing hall@graftonparish.com to see if you can be accommodated. Please do not see that the parking area is empty and that it is free to use - people come and go at varying times and our priority is the Hall hirers. Many thanks.

PANCAKE PARTY

St. Nicholas Church East Grafton

Tuesday 17 February 2 pm
Coronation Hall

JOIN US FOR PANCAKE DAY FUN!



Sally & Martin Butt, 01672 810743
Liz Hosier, 01672 810743

Winter Warmers Community Lunch

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

Tuesday 3 March at 12.30pm

March's Menu

Hot Ham and Parsley sauce Boiled Potatoes and Vegetables
Fruit Crumble and Custard

The following lunch will be held on Tuesday 7 April 12:30

Everyone is very welcome

If you need more information please give me a call -

Liz on 07831 545772

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

Local Jobs ...

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Retired? Semi-retired? All good? Or perhaps not quite what
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After School Club Team

Don't dismiss this. It could be just what you need. A couple of
hours a week. Play. Laugh. Enjoy the company of super children
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Contact Alison

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admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk

GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

Across Grafton Parish

Saturday 14 March, 11am

Get the date in your diary now and look out for more
information in the March Community News and on
village WhatsApp groups



The Great British Spring Clean is backed by the key
anti-litter charities including Keep Britain Tidy -
www.keepbritaintidy.org

This community litter pick is co-ordinated by
Sunflowers at Grafton. For more information
email admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk



Planning Applications

There are no Planning Applications this month

February – Beating The Winter Slump

February can feel like the longest month, even though it is the shortest on the calendar. The new-year buzz has faded, the evenings are still dark, and many people notice their motivation dip just when their bodies most need steady movement and simple care.

This is where small, realistic habits matter more than big resolutions. A gentle yoga class, a Zumba session, a short swim or even ten minutes of stretching after a dog walk all help circulation, mood, and those stiff winter shoulders and backs. Rather than aiming to “get fit”, think in terms of one kind thing you can do for your body this week.

If you have “fallen off the wagon” since January, you are not alone, and you do not need to wait for another special date to start again.

Booking a class at the village hall, meeting a friend for a brisk walk, or choosing one song every day to dance to in the kitchen can all be enough.

Motivation grows from action, not the other way round, and your body will quietly thank you for every little bit of care you give.

Tim Brew @ Timmy B Yoga

Winter Events at Crofton Beam Engines

Winter Maintenance Days

*** Saturdays - 21 February | 7 March | 21 March | 28 March ***

A special opportunity to see how we maintain our engines, pumps and the boiler. This maintenance work is carried out to preserve Crofton and to ensure we can run our mighty engines in the summer season so visitors can experience the true power of steam. Our knowledgeable volunteers will be on hand to guide you round the site. Entrance is free although a donation to Crofton will be much appreciated since looking after Crofton is an expensive business! Open hours are 10am to 2pm. Our car park is open from 10am to 2.30pm.

Steaming Days

5 & 6 April – Experience our Great Easter Steam Up, the first steaming of Crofton’s year. Watch our mighty Beams rise and fall as the engines work to raise water 40 feet from our well to feed the Kennet and Avon Canal.

We will have duck races in our stream (leat) on both days. Watch your ducks pop out of the pump and race away towards the canal. There will be prizes for both first and last duck to pass under our bridge.

We will also have a Easter Egg Children’s trail in our grounds. Children can search high and low for clues to the secret answer, there will be a prize for every correct trail. Our crafting area will be open for everyone to have make a simple Easter Bonnet or just have fun making something related to Easter.

Pewsey Vale Memory Café

This café, which has run for over 10 years, takes place every month on the third Monday, from 2pm to 3.30pm at the Pewsey Heritage Centre (and in the summer at Bouverie Hall). The next date is Monday 16 February. The café is free to anyone who would like to join us.

It’s very informal and friendly - a place for a cup of tea and a chat as well as a different activity every month. Carers are most welcome too.

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Flu Update from Burbage Surgery

It's good news that the number of flu cases are decreasing and the pressure is easing in our hospitals. The uptake we had here in Burbage for the flu jab was really great and hopefully kept the majority of us healthy.

There are now no more flu vaccines available at the surgery but they are still available in pharmacies. There are still child nasal vaccines available at the surgery so please book your child in. All older children should be vaccinated at school but please do contact the surgery if you have any queries. It will also soon be time for eligible patients to be called in to have their covid booster.

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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 04 March 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@graftonparish.com - 01672 216115 / 07479 281809

February

16	14:00	Pewsey Vale Memory Cafe	Pewsey Heritage Centre
17	15:00	Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day	Coronation Hall
18	19:00	Ash Wednesday Service	St Nicholas' Church
21	10:00	Winter Maintenance Day	Crofton Beam Engines

March

01	11:00	Church Service	St Nicholas' Church
03	12:30	Winter Warmers Lunch	Coronation Hall
04	11:40	Mobile Library	Coronation Hall
07	10:00	Winter Maintenance Day	Crofton Beam Engines
09	19:00	Still Waters - Short Service	St Nicholas' Church
14	11:00	Great British Spring Clean	All Villages
15	15:00	Mothering Sunday Service	St Nicholas' Church

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	19:30
Monday (1st & 3rd week in month)	Alzheimer's Cafe	13:15



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