## COMMUNITY NEWS

## **BEDWYNS' & GRAFTON LINK SCHEME IN CRISIS - CAN YOU HELP?**

The Link Scheme has provided a valuable service to the local community for more than fifteen years providing transport for those who need it for doctor appointments, hospital appointments and so on. During this time the process to match clients with volunteers has been achieved by the selfless devotion of one individual - Brenda Nolson - who is now retiring. Bedwyns' Link Scheme chairman is asking for volunteers from the community to come forward to take over from Brenda and to share the duties. You do not have to undertake other Link duties such as driving or visiting and calls are only taken between 9am and 1pm. The hours are not onerous and can be suited to individual availability with regard to days or hours worked.

If Brenda's work cannot be redistributed, the Scheme may have to close or neighbouring Schemes may take it on if they are able to do so. This would be a great pity because the Bedwyns' Scheme would no longer be served locally by local volunteers helping their own neighbours.

Simultaneously, the committee is losing two long-standing members and so the Scheme is also appealing for at least two people to come forward and join the Committee. There are only four meetings a year and most routine business is done by email. You can find out more about the Scheme at the AGM on 9th May at the Great Bedwyn Cricket Club Pavilion. For more information contact Dr Hoshang Bharucha on **01672 871330** or **0776 101 4328** or email **eh.bharucha@doctors.org.uk**.

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## **Wilton Cricket Club**

More coaching sessions are planned for the Wilton Cricket Club Juniors in 2013. Our aim is to offer 6 coaching sessions followed by a Wilton CC tournament and then a final session with a Parents v Children match to conclude. This final match will be followed by a gathering at the Swan for certificates to be awarded to the children.

It's £10 per child for all the sessions which run from 10.30am to 12 noon and the dates to book into your diary are:

April: 20 and 27  $\sim$  May: 11 and 18 June: 8, 15, 22 (Tournament) and 29 (Parents v Children)

The Wilton Seniors' first match is 28 April at Ashton Keynes - for more information, contact **wiltoncc@yahoo.co.uk** or Andy **01672 870058**.

## **CROFTON BEAM ENGINES**



www.croftonbeamengines.org

**Engines in** 4, 5, 6 May All days open at 10.30am

**Steam** 25, 26, 27 May and close at 5pm

**Evening** 18 May 6pm to 10pm **Steaming** (part of Museums at Night event)

**2013 Prices:** Accompanied under 16's admitted free

Yearly Adult ticket £8

Licensed bar with real ales and lovely cafe selling hot food and delicious homemade cakes Open every day from 10.30am to 5pm

### **Grafton & District Horticultural Society**

Our annual coach outing this year will be on 19 June. We are organising an all-day excursion to Forde Abbey, Chard, Dorset and are offering any spare seats on the coach to non-members. Have a look on the website (**www.fordeabbey.co.uk**) to see what delights are in store and if you are interested, give me a ring for further details and to put your name on the list.

Our next meeting will be on 17 April at 7.30pm in the Coronation Hall when our speaker is Gwen Barton who will talk about the Galapagos islands.

We would love to see you there. Marijke Craig 01672 810364

## Fancy a night at The Races?

A fun and exciting evening in aid of the Tedworth Hunt

Friday 26 April Coronation Hall, East Grafton

Doors open 7pm ~ Racing starts at 7.30pm £10 per person includes fish and chip supper Tickets must be in advance so the food can be ordered - please contact Caroline Pearson on

01672 870882 or at caroline@thornacre.co.uk

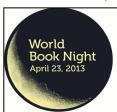


#### Do you have an unwanted trailer chassis?

You may have experienced the unique and delicious taste of pizzas from Andy Pack's beautifully crafted wood burning pizza ovens at events at the Windmill and elsewhere - in fact, they have been used at many of our community fundraisers over the years.

Unfortunately, the pallets they were stored on caught fire and the ovens were destroyed. However, Andy intends to rebuild them and needs a trailer chassis or horsebox chassis (four-wheeled, double-axle) to mount the new oven on.

If you would like to donate your old trailer to such a worthy cause, Andy would love to hear from you - **01672 870058**.



## World Book Night Event

Tues 23rd April, 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Coronation Hall East Grafton

20 FREE Copies of "The Secret Scripture"
By Sebastian Barry www.worldbooknight.org



Eileen Browne reading "Boo Boo Baby and the Giraffe" at 5pm;
Peter McDade author & poet - How to get published on Kindle;
Whitehorse bookshop; Usbourne books; Recycling - bring your books
for Oxfam bookshop; Community library info; Refreshments in aid of
St. Nicholas' Church. FREE entrance. For info Suzanne 07799 765641.
Lots of interest for children and adults!

#### ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

Can you spare a few hours in any one month to help clean and decorate our church?

We have some very dedicated helpers who do a great job but we need extra help.

Why not ask a friend or neighbour to join you and give just a few hours each year to help with this rewarding job?

Come to a coffee morning, meet the team and find out more.

Please contact me for details - Patricia Knowles on **01672 810072** 

## Footsteps

## Podiatry Services 07881802386

Now based in my own treatment room within Tidworth Leisure Centre appointments not always necessary.



Katie Bluff

BSc(HONS)Pod,SRCh,MCHs

## 10% Off Voucher

### **Parish Council Elections**

The deadline for receipt of nominations for the forthcoming Parish Elections has now passed and the following Statement of Persons Nominated has been issued by Wiltshire Council:

## Grafton Parish Council (Grafton South Ward) 7 vacant seats

Susie Brew, Ann Dudney, Crispin Herrod Taylor, Tom Hatfield

## Grafton Parish Council (Grafton North Ward) 2 vacant seats

David Lemon, Jamie Pearson

As those persons nominated are presently on the Parish Council and no new nominations have been received, **no** polling for Grafton Parish Council will be required on 2 May 2013.

## **Interested in being a Parish Councillor?**

The process for becoming a Parish Councillor outside of the election process is known as co-option. The rules and process can be found at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

There are presently 3 vacant seats for Grafton South Ward. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the clerk as co-option can take place after 2 May 2013.

For more information, please email **clerk@graftonparish.com** 

## CREATIVE ART TEXTILE **WORKSHOPS**

## FELTING

EAST GRAFTON CORONATION HALL SATURDAY 18 MAY 10am - 4pm £35

LIMITED NUMBERS CONTACT Barbara Frost 01672 811524

#### **OUR DOCTOR WRITES**

Bedwyn Surgery has now moved to the new 'System One' computer system and after a great deal of hard work for the practice team, it is hoped that both staff and patients will reap the benefits! In our survey of patients last year the main conclusion that was that there was a need to improve digital communication for those patients who wanted this. Our new system enables us to send SMS text messages to patients reminding them of appointments and passing on simple non clinically sensitive messages. Patients are able to book their own appointments on line and also order pre agreed repeat medicines without needing to come to the surgery or phone in. When ordering the last preauthorised medicine it would be very helpful to make an appointment for a medication review rather than being chased to do so.

If you would like to access the new system for repeat medicines please contact the surgery and we will furnish you with a password and explain how to log in. Please let us know if you find any glitches or problems with this. When you next contact the surgery for any reason it would be very helpful to let us have your up to date mobile number and email addresses if you have one or other.

I am acutely aware that not everybody has or wants to use a computer to contact us and we are making sure that access for those without computers does not deteriorate.

There will be community defibrillator training in April, probably in the British Legion in Bedwyn. The likely date as we go to press is the 20 April. For updates about timing and further details please look on the notice board inside and outside the surgery.

The Bedwyn Link scheme has been a godsend for the community (including Grafton Parish) and it is sad to hear that it is struggling and its viability is under threat. I've written before about the concept of the healthy community and schemes like the Link are at the very heart of them. Next time you find yourself telling friends what a brilliant place you live in remember that it's more than the geography and the architecture that makes it like it is. Any help will be gratefully received but best of all would perhaps be a small group of younger people who already know each other to step up to the plate. Please call 01672 **871330** if you can help.

I plan on going back to a clinical topic next month. If anyone has a burning request, please let me know. Dr Tim Ballard

## **HOLGATE & PACK**

## **Furniture Makers**

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Furniture now on display in Hughenden Yard Marlborough on the right past Sound Knowledge

Hardwood briquettes, made from ours and other local furniture makers waste, for sale from the Bedwyn workshop, £4 for a 15 kg bag, burn very well in woodburners, open fires and solid fuel stoves 10% moisture content means lots of heat, also ideal for chimineas, and firepits for those evenings when its not quite warm enough to sit outside without a bit of heat

## Events, clubs and other dates for your diary

All events take place in the Coronation Hall unless otherwise specified. St N refers to St Nicholas' Church.

Bookings 01672 810406 or hall@graftonparish.com Please leave landline contact numbers wherever possible

#### **APRIL**

14	18.00	Evensong	St N
17	19.30	Horticultural Society	
20	10.30	Wilton Junior CC	Batt's Farm
21	11.00	Parish Communion	St N
22	19.00	Bingo	
23	17.00	World Book Night	
27	10.30	Wilton Junior CC	Batt's Farm

28	11.00	Family Service & PCC AGM	St N
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2	07.00	Wiltshire Unitary Elections	
5	11.00	Parish Communion	St N
6	19.00	Bingo	
11	10.30	Wilton Junior CC	Batt's Farm
12	18.00	Evensong	St N
16	19.30	Horticultural Society	
18	10.30	Wilton Junior CC	Batt's Farm

## Mobile library 24 April; 8, 22 May; Coronation Hall 11.30

## Regular weekly dates for your diary

Please check for full details with the relevant organiser. Contact details are on page 4.

#### **MONDAY**



09.30 to 10.30 Monday

#### **TUESDAY**



09.30 to 10.30 Tuesday



19.30 to 21.00 Tuesday

## WEDNESDAY

CIRCUIT & Henrietta MacKinnon

09.15 to 10.15 Wednesday



Pilates classes have ended for the time-being due to low numbers



### THURSDAY



Baby and toddler group 10.00 to 11.30 Thursday

## **FRIDAY**

## KARATE CLASS Children only 16.00 to 17.00

### **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 a larger listing

 $^{1}/_{12}$  page £5.  $^{1}/_{6}$  page £10.  $^{1}/_{4}$  page £15

### **Useful contacts**

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

Bingo	hall@graftonparish.com		
Church flowers/clean	01672 810072 Patricia Knowles		
Circuit/fitness Training	01672 810266 Hen Mackinnon		
Community News	news@graftonparish.com		
Coronation Hall	01672 810406 hall@graftonparish.com		
Cricket Club	pack.andy@googlemail.com		
Dance and Fitness	07746 479345 Charlotte Price		
Grafton Goslings	graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk		
Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig		
Karate	07775 510143 Darren Pettifer		
Link Scheme	01672 870120		
Parish Council	01672 810406 Alison Halfpenny		
PCC Secretary	01672 870266 Millie Lemon		
Pilates	07788 970976 Beth Knight		
Police emergency	999 or 112		
Police non emergency	101		
Sunflowers at Grafton	01672 810478 Lyndsey Turner		
Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk		
Yoga	01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt		
Zumba	07747 617199 Lau Vergara		

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Local commercial listing						
B&B West Grafton	Angie Orssich	01672 810339				
Baby sitting/odd jobs	Tom Nield	01672 870196				
Beauty & wellbeing	Amanda Toon	01672 811677				
Builder	Sam Sanchez	07887 991249				
Disco and Karaoke	Pete Vallis	01672 811326				
Disco and Party	Steve	01672 811109				
Dog training/walking	Carrie Holborow	07546 941709				
Double glazing repairs	David Willcocks	01672 811979				
Furniture	Holgate & Pack	01672 870887				
Gardening	Sue Upham	01672 810526				
Grafton Garage	Tony Gilbert	07845 006890				
Hair and Beauty	Katherine Le Bon	07770 945307				
Hat Hire	Victoria Frost	01672 810386				
Holiday Cottages (local)	Mary Rhodes	01672 870659				
House Sitting	Maxine Wallis	07879 993150				
Kindling	Jo Harman	01672 810673				
Logs/tree surgeon	Jeremy Hawkins	07980 536156				
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Odd Jobs	Kieran Maidment	07531 685353				
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