

COMMUNITY NEWS

It's the time of year when many local attractions and activities reopen after the winter break. Crofton Beam Engines are now open and the Wilton Windmill opens during Easter.

Parish Council Annual Meeting takes place on May 1 at 7.15pm in the Coronation Hall when the Parish Council invites local services and organisations to report on the last year's activities. This is an opportunity to see what is going on in the Parish and, who knows, you may find the perfect place to become a little more involved in the Grafton Parish community.

Finally as you will read on page 2 the mobile library services is under threat and we really need to use a service to ensure that it is there when we really need it. All residents have been invited to suggest any improvements which might increase the Parish usage of the mobile service. Do take the time to email any ideas which might help.

Crofton Beam Engines



Come and visit the oldest working steam engines in the world still performing the job they were built to do! 200 years of history on your doorstep!

Grounds, café and shop now open every day 10.30 - 5.00
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Easter Lilies



There is still time, if you would like to commemorate the life of a friend or loved one, to buy a Lily in their name to be included in the Easter floral decorations in our church. These cost £2.50 each.

Please call in to the church and add a dedication to the prayer tree which will be there throughout the Easter period.

If you would like to buy a Lily, please contact:-
Elizabeth Hosier **01264 731242**
Millie Lemon **01672 870266**
Patricia Knowles **01672 810072**

Easter Egg Hunt



**Monday
21st April**



**10am - 12pm
Sunflowers at
Grafton**



**Arts & Crafts
Refreshments**



**Eggy fun
& games**



Sunflowers at Grafton is a registered charity (No. 1147882)

BEDWYN and GRAFTON LINK SCHEME

Tea party to say thank you to Brenda Nolson for her 10 years work as coordinator

Great Bedwyn Village hall 6.00pm
Wednesday 14 May

The AGM will follow the tea party
All are welcome. To help with catering or if you need transport to the venue please call **0771 700 6787**

Grafton Parish Council tribute

Tom Hatfield from Wexcombe served on Grafton Parish Council for many years before his untimely death on 16 March 2014.

Tom contributed enormously both to the community and many organisations in Wiltshire.

Tom leaves his wife Jenny and an extended family to whom we send our sympathy at this sad time.

WINTER WARMER PARISH LUNCH

At the CORONATION HALL 12.30 pm

Wednesday 23 April

St George's Day

MENU:

Slow Roast Wexcombe Beef, Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding and Seasonal Vegetables and English Trifle to follow.

£5 per head

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JUNIOR CRICKET

Wilton Juniors cricket training dates this year

April 26 May 3,10,17 June 7,14,21,28

Time 10.30 till 12.00 at the nets behind Batts Farm

All boys and girls from the whole parish are welcome to join any of the sessions. An hour and a half of fun and games and learning some cricketing skills is guaranteed!

For more information please email wiltoncc@yahoo.co.uk

SENIOR CRICKET

Nets should be ready for the first Good Friday evening practice
Please phone Andy Pack for Senior cricket details **01672 870058**

News in brief

Wilton Windmill opens on Easter Saturday

First Day of the Season: 19 April – 2pm to 5pm and then every Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday until the end of September for guided tours and refreshments. www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk and see us on Facebook.

Addington Fund raising

£3,000.00 was raised as a result of the Addington Fund coffee morning supporting the flooded farmers of the Somerset Levels, held in March at the Coronation Hall. Thank you to everyone who came along and to all those who sent cash or cheque donations.

Pewsey Area Board

The next meeting is on Monday 12 May 6.30pm for coffee, meeting starts at 7pm at Coronation Hall. Everyone is welcome – it's your chance to hear more about what is happening in the Pewsey area.

Mini recycling sites will close in May but.....

Households can also have up to two black recycling boxes for recycling paper, glass, cans and textiles. Where households have more recyclables than can fit into two black boxes, the council asks that the extra materials are separated out into carrier bags (mixed materials may not be collected) and placed out for collection alongside the black box. Visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/newbinform

A personal message

Jenny Hatfield and family would like to thank all those who kindly helped and attended Tom's funeral on Friday 28 March.

Our MOBILE LIBRARY is under THREAT If we do not USE IT then we will LOSE IT

Do you love reading? Hardback, paperback, bestseller, new author – you name it, the mobile library can get it. From children's picture books to large print, audiobooks to DVDs, there's something for all the family.

All this – and more – is on offer from your mobile library. Mobile Libraries visit a range of communities throughout Wiltshire, operating on a fortnightly timetable between 9am and 5pm.

Joining the library is free Just bring along one form of ID with your name and current address. Your library card can be used in any Wiltshire library or mobile library.

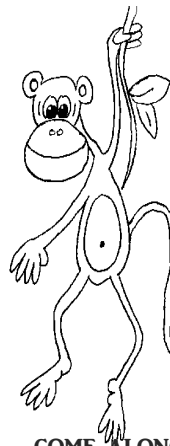
Mobile Library Manager is Ron Jerrard - For information and to renew items, contact Devizes library **01380 726878/9** or contact Rebecca Bolton, Outreach Services Manager **01225 713706**

To renew loans via the internet visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries
To renew loans by phone dial **0844 4142270** for the 24 hour automated renewal services.

If you have any ideas regarding how to encourage more use email rebecca.bolton@wiltshire.gov.uk

Mobile library dates

9, 23 April 7, 21 May- Coronation Hall 11.30 to 12.00



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News from St Nicholas' Churchwardens

Matthew Cookson

We are delighted to announce that Matthew Cookson has recently been appointed to the Walbury Beacon Benefice.

Over many years, Matthew has worked selflessly in and around Great Bedwyn as a non-stipendiary priest. Always well prepared and thoughtful, he has led many services at East Grafton with humour, sensitivity, gravitas and panache. We will miss you hugely, Matthew! Thank you for all your hard work.

Easter Egg Hunt

Held on Saturday 29 March at Wexcombe Farm in brilliant sunshine, the now annual Easter Egg Hunt gave children and adults alike great fun and raised an inspiring £460, half of which went to St Nicholas' church, half to elephants in distress. Well done everyone especially the Wexcombe team of organisers!

Mothers' Day

What more appropriate way to celebrate Mothers' Day than with a baptism? Little Freya Harris looked and behaved angelically, totally unperturbed by a church full to bursting. Thanks to Robin Dudney and Peter Vallis, the sound system meant everyone could be heard beautifully, and the singing nearly raised the roof! Stunning posies for the mothers, expertly prepared by Patricia Knowles, Sally Butt and their team, added a burst of colour to a gloriously joyful occasion.

Lent Lunch

Lent lunch on Wednesday 19 March added to the highly successful series of Winter Warmer lunches held by Liz Hosier and her team in the Coronation Hall. Great thanks to them all for some wonderful meals which have brought together many from our parish. Do join us at the next one on Wednesday 23 April, 12.30pm in the Coronation Hall, £5 only for a delicious meal and glass of wine or juice, and including a ticket for our splendid raffle.

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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

12	11.00	Saturday Yoga	
13	18.00	Evensong	St N
19	14.00	Windmill season starts	Wilton
20	11.00	Easter Day Holy Communion	St N
21	10.00	Easter Egg Hunt	Sunflowers
23	12.30	St George's Day Winter Warmer lunch	
26	10.30	Wilton Junior Cricket	Batt's Farm

MAY

01	19.15	Parish Council AGM/APM	
04	11.00	Holy Communion and AGM	St N
10	11.00	Saturday Yoga	
11	13.00	Evensong	St N
12	18.30	Pewsey Area Board meeting	
14	18.00	Link Scheme tea party/AGM	Bedwyn VH
18	11.00	Holy Communion	St N
25	11.00	Family Worship	St N

Regular weekly dates for your diary

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

MONDAY

CIRCUIT & FITNESS  09.30 to 10.30 Monday

YOGA  11.00 to 12.30 Monday

Bingo  19.00 to 20.30 Monday

TUESDAY

 **ZUMBA** 09.15 to 10.30 Tuesday

Marlborough Multiples 15.00 to 16.30
Alternate Tuesdays

YOGA  19.30 to 21.00 Tuesday


WEDNESDAY

CIRCUIT & FITNESS  09.15 to 10.15 Wednesday

 **C.A.P. Dance & Fitness**
Various classes for all ages between 15.30 and 19.00

THURSDAY

 **GRAFTON GOSSLINGS**
Baby and toddler group
10.00 to 11.30 Thursday

YOGA  19.30 to 21.00 Thursday

FRIDAY

PILATES 09.30 to 10.25 Friday

CIRCUIT & FITNESS  13.45 to 14.15 Friday

KARATE CLASS Children only 16.30 to 17.00

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
County Councillor	01672 810285 Stuart Wheeler
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	0771 7006787
Marlborough Multiples	07967 835831 Amber
Member of Parliament	01380 729358 Claire Perry
Parish Council	clerk@graftonparish.com
PCC Secretary	01672 870266 Millie Lemon
Pilates	0779 4412685 Vicki Diwell
Police emergency	999 or 112
Police non emergency	101 ext 745818 M Camilleri
Sunflowers at Grafton	01672 810478 Lyndsey Turner
Wiltshire Good Neighbours	07557 110418 Mary Soellner
Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
Yoga	01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt
Zumba	01672 484464 Joanna Bury

Local commercial listing

B&B West Grafton	Angie Orssich	01672 810339
Baby sitting/odd jobs	Tom Nield	01672 870196
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Builder	Sam Sanchez	07887 991249
Car washing	wiltonwashers@gmail.com	
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
Kindling	Jo Harman	01672 810673
Logs/tree surgeon	Jeremy Hawkins	07980 536156
Odd jobs/gardening	Dan Oakey	07783 644405
Painting & Decorating	Neil Anderson	01264 731362
Pest Control	Julie Wilson	01672 811479
Printing clothing/signs	www.SCSigns.co.uk	
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274
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Planning applications for TREE WORK

None received for this issue.

Full details available on the website below:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningapplicationssearchonline.htm

OUR DOCTOR WRITES

We have now put together the results from our practice survey. Overall we had about a 10% response rate, this is really good for a practice survey. The results were very helpful and interesting. One area of improvement that was highlighted was the desire for people to be able to access reception and dispensary services at lunchtime. I'm pleased to say that Keith, our practice manager has managed to arrange this and in the near future lunchtime opening will begin. I think access is a really important facet of primary care. The exercise of looking at lunchtime opening made me think more widely about the increasing demands for access being made by the Department of Health.

There is a move to offer patients a routine service seven days a week 12 hours a day. Whilst this may sound appealing we must also think about the consequences that there would be for our smaller practices. In urban areas services can be arranged by large practices grouping together in federations or clusters that can provide this for their patients. In an area like ours there would be significant consequences. In order to pool resources at the bigger practices and for our doctors and staff to take part in shared extended access this would inevitably, and paradoxically, lead to a much decreased service in small surgeries like Bedwyn and Burbage. In order to support 84 hour a week opening across the patch smaller surgeries would need to drastically decrease their availability to perhaps a mixture of weekday morning or afternoons only. A change like this would fundamentally change the service.

I think it is essential that we all have access to high quality services when our need is urgent. To try to pretend that a scarce resource can be spread very thinly and be all things to all is quite clearly not practical. For the Department of Health this is still work in progress but I believe the implications for rural areas have not been clearly thought through. Since 2008 the funding of general practice has fallen both in real terms and as a proportion of the overall NHS spend. You can find out more about this on the Royal College of GPs website: www.rcgp.org.uk.

If any of this concerns you please contact Claire Perry MP and let her know what you think.

Best wishes, Dr Tim Ballard

David Willcocks

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