COMMUNITY NEWS

WINTER WARMER PARISH LUNCHES

At the CORONATION HALL 12.30 pm (new time!)

Wednesday 12 February

Menu: Butcher's Sausages, Creamed Mashed Potato and Onion Gravy

Caramel Apple Pudding and Custard



£5 per head

including a glass of wine or beer plus a raffle ticket! To book and any questions or dietary requirements call Liz Hosier on 01264 731242

> If you would like a lift to the hall phone: Ronnie Pearson **01672 811997** or Jenny Hatfield **01264 731415**

The next lunch will be on Wednesday 12 March

New Zumba classes starting in the Coronation hall every Tuesday morning from 11 February at 9.15am. Movida Zumba is a new business which has taken over from Lau Vergara, for further information on our classes in Grafton and Marlborough, please contact **info@movidazumba.com** or **01672 484464**.

An evening at the races...



Tedworth Hunt Supporters Club Race Night Friday 7 March at 7pm at the Coronation Hall £10 to include fish and chips Please contact Caroline Pearson 07974 400 228 or caroline@thornacre.co.uk In December we drew attention to concerns raised by readers about fireworks on New Year's Eve. The Parish Council has investigated the position for nearby residents and asked us to report that both the Police and Fire Service recommend that residents, particularly in close proximity to thatched houses, preferably refrain from letting off the fireworks or, at the very least, consult with their neighbours beforehand. They also advised that anyone letting off fireworks, particularly near thatch, should ensure that they have public liability insurance included in their house insurance so that they are covered for costs if any damage to neighbouring property should occur. In circumstances where there have been 2 very severe thatch fires locally it is understandable that residents should be very concerned when firework debris is found nearby.

At the January Parish Council meeting, parishioners and councillors aired their concerns regarding the state of the roads and flooding in the parish. A number of actions to improve the situation were identified and progress will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on 6 March.

Enthusiasm continues as the Coronation Hall adds a new Circuit and Fitness class on Fridays, new Yoga class on Thursdays and a new Zumba teacher for Tuesdays. The TreeHouse at Sunflowers is open this month from 17 to 21 February. Contact details on page 4.

Please can contributors submit their adverts or articles before the deadline on Page 4 to help the team to publish in time?





Put the date in your diary Saturday 8 March 10.30am

Join our annual litter pick in and around each of our parish villages to help keep our corner of the county looking lovely. You are very welcome - please bring a sturdy pair of gloves (gardening gloves are ideal). We'll provide everything else. **Meeting points:** East Grafton – Sunflowers at Grafton, West Grafton – parish notice board, Wilton – opposite the pond Wexcombe – bus stop, Marten - parish notice board

This is a community event organised by Sunflowers at Grafton

OUR DOCTOR WRITES

A really important development is the Care Data programme being launched by the government. Currently the information that is held by your GP and the wider NHS is confidential. The changes that are being proposed involve giving access to this information to all sorts of parties. Not only will the information be available to researchers within the NHS family but it will also be available for sale to private organisations and charities. The data available to them will not include your name but it will include your gender, your date of birth, your NHS number and importantly your post code.

Whilst there are some good reasons to be comfortable with this direction of travel, for example the enormous benefit to bona fide health and social care researchers, there is an obvious down side too. Post code areas are very discrete and there are unlikely to be many individuals with similar health details in your post code area which means that individuals may be identifiable. There is also concern that organisations such as insurance companies who do hold data about you will be able to match their data to the Care Data and thereby cross check the information revealing information about to you as an individual with a fair degree of certainty.

The plans are for the first sets of data extraction to start in March this year. The default position is that you will be deemed to opt in to the system unless you opt out, unlike informed consent used elsewhere in the NHS and wider society. You will be receiving a leaflet about Care Data soon.

You can opt out by telling your GP that you are uncomfortable and at a later date you can opt in if you wish. If it is any help to you at all I will be opting out as will my wife and probably my children.

Dr Tim Ballard

This is an extract from the Doctor's February letter, the full text is available on **www.graftonparish.com**

NEWS IN BRIEF

Planning applications for work on trees or hedges Wiltshire Planning Department has recently confirmed to Grafton Parish Council that they no longer intend to inform neighbouring residents about any applications submitted for this type of work. This decision was made without notification to the Parish Council which will discuss how to manage this situation at the March Meeting.

History of Grafton Parish

If you are interested in the wide range of information held about our Parish then visit Wiltshire Community History resources at **http://history.wiltshire.gov.uk/community/**

NHS Health check

If you recently had your 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 or 74th birthday then do make sure that you take advantage of your free NHS 20 minute health check with your GP. This can help to prevent ill health and prolong life - just contact your own GP surgery to book an appointment.

Wildlife Hospital to the rescue!

The Wildshire Wildlife Hospital is a charity based in Newton Tony (the other side of Tidworth) and is available 24 hours a day for people to take any injured or orphaned wild animals. It is run by volunteers working all hours of the day to care for their patients, looking after anything from deer to owls, from pigeons to weasels.

This winter, they have about 170 hedgehogs – all hibernating in safety. However, in the spring, the hospital needs suitable sites for releasing the hedgehogs and these can be very hard to find. Many areas in Grafton Parish are well suited for this as we are so rural and have gardens.

These are the guidelines:

- Old fashioned gardens or gardens with lots of cover (untidy corners), log piles, sheds with gaps underneath (cosy hibernation spot) as well as access to other gardens away from dangers of roads and in slug pellet free areas.
- If there is a garden pond, then an escape ramp or a sloping edge is needed in case they fall in - they can swim but will exhaust themselves trying to get out.

If you think you might be able to help the hospital with the hedgehog release, then please contact them via their website –

www.wildthingsres-q.org.uk - or on 01980 629470.



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

YOGA adds 3rd weekly class

YOGA

New Thursday class at the Coronation Hall starting Thursday 13 February 7:30-9:00pm

To join a great new class suitable for all levels of fitness contact: Lizzy Hawnt at hawnted.house@btinternet.com or 01672 841553 or 07821 396430

<u>Also</u> morning class on Monday at 11:00am and evening class on Tuesday at 7:30pm

Tuesday's class has been running for four years and you can "mix and match" days and times to suit you Other classes in Marlborough too – all "mix and match"!

Bedwyn and Grafton Link Scheme

X From February 3 the telephone number will change to 07717 006787. The organisers apologise for any inconvenience but this was unavoidable.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Written by the women of Egypt and titled "Streams in the Desert"

Hosted by the PCC of St. Nicholas' Church Friday 7 March

The service is at 2.00pm followed by tea and refreshments

Marie Curie Nurses provide free care to people with terminal illnesses in their own homes. To ensure they can continue to provide this vital care they need people to help make this year's Great Daffodil Appeal a great success.

If you're able to donate an hour of your time to collect donations and distribute daffodil pins please contact Natalie Taylor 01179 247 275 or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil.

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Church cleaning and flowers

A big thank you is due to all you volunteers who help to keep our church clean and welcoming. You do a wonderful job which is appreciated by both visitors and congregation. Thank you all.

However, we desperately need more help. You may feel able to provide a small vase of flowers or arrangement or would help with vacuuming, dusting or brass cleaning. Whether this is for a regular month each year or on an ad hoc basis when you are able to give just an hour or two, it would be greatly appreciated.

Get together with a friend or neighbour and have a chat as you work or just come along and meet new friends.

If you would like further information please contact Patricia Knowles 01672 810072.

Jason Lewis Carpenter **Carpentry & Maintenance**

All building work undertaken, painting, tiling, all types of locks, kitchens, home improvements, plastic doors & windows, general maintenance.

References available on request.

07990512342 Jasonlewis08@aol.com

Free weekly session for people with memory loss & their carers at Pewsey Library every Thursday 2.30 – 4pm

Contact for more details:-Josephine Corcoran on 07812 238503 josephinecorcoran@thereader.org.uk



Dates for your diary

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Website: www.manningfordcroft.com

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
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Karate	07775 510143 Darren Pettifer
Link Scheme	0771 7006787
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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 Jo Bury

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Builder Sam San	nchez 07887 991249		
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Disco and Party Steve	01672 811109		
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