COMMUNITY NEWS

It looks as though summer is on its way with leaves appearing and bluebells in our local woods. May started with the Parish Council AGM at which many local organisations and services summarised the past year for the benefit of all residents of Grafton Parish, if you missed this then do have a look on **www.graftonparish.com** to read all about it. George Hosier (Wexcombe) has been welcomed as the newest councillor and Natalie Bullock (West Grafton) takes the chair for the next 6 months.

We learn that potholes in the parish are now being taken seriously by Wiltshire and repairs are scheduled for Wilton later in the year but in the meantime do take care especially when cycling this summer.

There is a serious risk that we will be losing the Connect2 bus service see page 2 for further details especially if you, or anyone in your family, use or are planning to use the Pewsey Shak facilities in the future.





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News in Brief

Public Transport Consultation

The Wiltshire Council consultation on public transport in the Pewsey Vale closes on 14 May 2014. The services east of Burbage to Grafton and other neighbouring villages to and from Pewsey will no longer exist in the proposal for a scheduled bus service. In addition, night bus services will be removed. If you would like to view or respond to the consultation, go to www.consult.wiltshire.gov.uk or call 0300 456 0100. NB Bedwyn/Marlborough bus is not at risk.

Wilton Windmill - Help Needed!

The Wilton Windmill Alice in Wonderland open day is taking place on Saturday 5th July and needs volunteers to help make the day successful. If you would like to help on the day (even just for an hour or two) or make cakes for the refreshment tent, then please contact Susie Brew – secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk or 07802 444022.

Theft from cars

We live in a beautiful part of the world that attracts walkers and visitors from all over the country, and beyond. Unfortunately, this means that thieves are active during the summer months at the local beauty spots. The Police are asking people not to leave anything in their cars – and certainly not in view. Sad as it is, some thieves will even hide behind hedges and watch to see where you put your bags, coats and other belongings before you leave your car - so even putting things in the boot does not necessarily mean they are safe. Don't take the risk – please take your property with you. If you see any suspicious behaviour around parked cars, please call **101** (non-emergency) or **999** (emergency) numbers - our local Police team will be keen to help.

Go even greener!

Wiltshire Council has teamed up with Great Green Systems to offer subsidised food waste digesters to Wiltshire Residents, to help reduce the food waste sent to landfill. Simply plug in your postcode and get a Green Cone for £19 or a Green Johanna Composter for £24. For more information and to order, go to www.greatgreensystems.com

Pewsey Community Area information

For news and event information, see

pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk. You can use this website to advertise events as well.

Want to know what's going on?

MyEnvolve is a free survey tool, available to anyone who wants to run or take part in surveys. As a survey-setter, you can target your survey at postcode levels which means it is great for doing local surveys. As a resident or consumer, if you want to see what surveys are currently open for your area, then you can do a very simple registration and relevant surveys will be displayed for you. All this can be found at **www.myenvolve.com.**

Grafton Link needs more drivers

This service is used by residents of our Parish when they are unable to get to hospital, doctors or shops with public or their own transport. The scheme needs as many people as possible to ensure that there is always someone available to help when needed. To find out more about this valuable scheme please contact **0771 7006787**

Speed watch is back

Grafton Parish now has access to the new speed watch guns on a regular basis. We have 5 trained volunteers who you will soon see on the roadside. If you can find an hour or two on a voluntary basis to help us to keep the local traffic speeds down then please email clerk@graftonparish.com for more information

Parish Councillor vacancy

Why not find out more about what is going on in our Parish by investigating opportunities for joining the Parish Council. Meetings are bi-monthly and it is a chance to get involved in your community. Email clerk@graftonparish.com of you would like to find out more.

Wilton phone box

If you can spare some time to contribute to the repainting of the box which contains the defibrillator then please email **clerk@graftonparish.com** for details

Mobile library dates

21 May 4, 18 June - Coronation Hall 11.30 to 12.00

Wilton Windmill



ALICE IN WONDERLAND Saturday 5th July

12 noon to 4.30pm

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News from St Nicholas' church wardens

Bishop Ed started the month with a 20-mile pilgrimage from St Michael's in Tidcombe via Burbage to St Katherine's then the two Bedwyns and back to St Michael's, with wonderful spiritual and gastronomic sustenance en route – a big thank you to all who helped. Holy Week saw many reflective services throughout the parish, culminating in Robert Grist's splendid Easter Sunday in our own church of St Nicholas.

Liz Hosier hosted the last of the wonderful Winter Warmer lunches in the Coronation Hall, to be followed by a summer party, then restarting in October.

Do join us in our beautiful church on Sundays if you can: 11am every Sunday except the second Sunday of the month, when we hold Evensong at 6pm, this month with the unforgettable Alan DeBoo, accompanied by the indefatigable Stephen Corps on the organ – a real treat.

Team services: 29 May 7pm Chute Causeway 29 June 10.30a.m Collingbourne Ducis

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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

MAY	

10	11.00	Saturday Yoga	
11	18.00	Evensona	St N

Pewsey Area Board meeting 12 18.30

18.00 Link Scheme tea party/AGM Bedwyn VH 14 18 11.00 Holy Communion St N

22 **European Elections**

24-26 Beam engines in steam Crofton 25 11.00 Family Worship St N

JUNE

Holy Communion 01 11.00 St N 80 11.00 Open Farm Sunday Wexcombe farm

80 18.00 Evensong St N

14 Saturday Yoga 11.00 15 11.00 Holy Communion St N

11.00 Family Worship 22 St N 28 16.00 Jungle Book

Regular weekly dates for your diary

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

MONDAY

FITNESS

Henrietta MacKinnon

09.30 to 10.30 Monday



11.00 to 12.30 Monday

Bingo



19.00 to 20.30 Monday

TUESDAY

ZVMBA

09.15 to 10.30 Tuesday

Marlborough Multiples

15.00 to 16.30 Alternate Tuesdays



19.30 to 21.00 Tuesday

WEDNESDAY

CIRCUIT & Henrietta MacKinnon

09.15 to 10.15 Wednesday



THURSDAY



Baby and toddler group 10.00 to 11.30 Thursday



19.30 to 21.00 Thursday

FRIDAY



09.30 to 10.30 Friday

Henrietta MacKinnon

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	07796 225942 Tracey Rich
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

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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	
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	
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Painting & Decorating	Neil Anderson	01264 731362	
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DOCTOR TIM BALLARD WRITES

Earlier in the year I wrote in this slot about concerns that were being generated about the process known as Care.Data. This is the process aimed at using personal medical data for research with the aim to improve overall care for the whole of the UK population. A lot has happened behind the scenes over the last few months. We have been very active at our Royal College and raised our concerns which I'm pleased to say have been listened to.

We have had agreement that the security of data will be dramatically improved with a plan to make sure that data doesn't actually leave the NHS information centre at all but can be used there by authorised third parties. We have also got agreement that nobody will be able to buy information as previously planned, in fact it will not be available for any commercial purposes at all. I listened to a debate about this recently and the major sticking point is whether people should be able to choose to opt in to this or whether they need to opt out. I think that there are potentially enormous benefits for the NHS and all of our care, as long as we make sure that the security of personal information is completely sewn up. Part of this will include the agreement that abusing this data would be a criminal act. We are in a much better place and the public uproar at the beginning of the year has been listened to. We aren't quite there yet but I will keep you posted.

Over the last three years I've been involved with developing a medical fair trade initiative. Very similar to the familiar wider Fair Trade campaign. What many don't realise is that costs are kept down and infection risk managed by using cheap, often disposable instruments. These instruments are often made in sweat shops, often using child labour, in developing countries. I don't think it is acceptable to export our risk and keep our costs down by increasing the burden of illness for the poorest in the world. I'd be happy to hear what you think

On a local level our five local practices have been involved in discussions about joining together in a federation. More of that in June.....

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