

COMMUNITY NEWS

The weather is improving as seen by all the spring flowers in St Nicholas' church, there is plenty going on in the parish and, with the prospect of something special for the young people in our area, we are all looking forward to the warmer season.

19 April is the PCC AGM after the 11am service when everyone is invited to attend with a chance for you to see what the plans are for St Nicholas' church in the year ahead. Children are all welcome at the disco on 17 April and Scouts are busy 23 to 25 May at Crofton and the Wilton Windmill. The next important date is 7 May when the Coronation Hall will be the polling station for everyone in our parish. The Parish Council Annual meeting will be held on Monday 18 May when local organisations are invited to report on the last year's activities with tea, coffee and biscuits served before the 7.15pm start so please come along and see what is happening in our parish for yourself. June promises to be a busy time at the Wilton Windmill, see the posters on pages 2 and 4.

Great start to youth activities

Lots of ideas (see left!) came up at the brainstorm on 25 March with Karen Brown, Pewsey area Community Youth Officer.

The next step is a session on **24 April at 6.30pm** to progress ideas. You can bid for funding for amazing activities of your choice and the Parish Council want to involve as many of you as possible in having your say in what's provided, how it will be funded and volunteering support.

If you are aged 12 to 19 years, please come along to the Coronation hall, share your ideas, have some fun and chomp some pizza! All free!

PS Parents are welcome too!

News will be posted on www.graftonparish.com Contact karen.brown@wiltshire.gov.uk or **07795 665756** or news@graftonparish.com

Scouts set the scene as in World War I with a Tiger Moth visit and re-enactments for us all to enjoy

The steaming weekend at Crofton running from 23 to 25 May, is going to be extra special. Working alongside Crofton's engineers during the weekend, the Scouts will set up a typical 1915 Scout Camp using bell tents and a camp kitchen within the grounds of Crofton Beam Engines. There will be a display in the Smithy showing scouting memorabilia of this period.

In conjunction with Wilton Windmill, Explorer Scouts will mill flour (subject to the wind) and will also give a demonstration of a 1915 Scout Camp in the Windmill grounds. Using semaphore signalling, the Scouts will be communicating between Crofton and the Windmill, as they would have done in 1915. And to really set the scene, a 1920 Tiger Moth will be flying and, if conditions allow, it will land in a nearby field allowing a closer view. More information will follow closer to the date.

Contact: www.croftonbeamengines.org or **01672 870300** or crofton.shop@katrust.org.uk



Wilton Cricket Club Juniors are pleased to announce their training dates for the 2015 season!

Once again we will be looking to further develop the skills of all those who attend. We will have 6 training days and for the final gathering we will have a parents/children game followed by a barbeque (weather permitting).

The timing on each of the Saturdays will be 10:30-12:00 and the dates for your diary are: April 25th, May 9th, 16th, 30th and June 6th, 13th.

These training sessions will be at the Wilton cricket net. As with previous years we will be charging £10 for the season and ideally the sessions are for primary children in the Parish. If you have any questions please email wiltoncfc@yahoo.co.uk

CHILDREN'S DISCO

(11's and under)

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**Last chance for tickets to
ST GEORGE'S DAY SUPPER**

Thursday 23 April 7.30pm: Coronation Hall

TICKETS £20.00 each

All the money raised to go towards the Church
Roof Repairs.

Tickets available: Millie Lemon **01672 870266**
Liz Hosier **01264 731242**
Sally Butt **01672 810743**
Emma Butler **01672 811619**

A report from one of the Soldier for a Day team

Soldier for a Day was a great experience. When we arrived we had a talk about REME and then got our kit – full military uniform, exactly what the troops wear! We were then taken to the Quarter Master to be shown weapons and learn how to strip them down. All of us agreed this was the best part of the day. After weapons training we learnt what to do in case of a nuclear attack and basic field first aid [note from editor – not quite sure how useful basic first aid would be in a nuclear attack!] This was followed by lunch, which was much better than school meals!

After lunch was camouflage training and field exercises. This was especially amazing as we finished off with a ride in a Challenger 2 tank! That was the end of the day, however we were then told that the metal workshop had a surprise for us – they handed us 10cm soldiers made from nuts, bolts and pins that would have been used in tanks and guns. The experience was incredible and given the opportunity I would definitely do it again.

The Soldier for a Day experience was donated by generous Parish residents and advertised in the January Community News. A BIG thank you to them from all the young people who took part.

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If you can find 10 minutes then do go into St Nicholas' church to see the colourful display of spring flowers this Easter! **WONDERFUL.**

Thank you to the team of flower gatherers, arrangers and cleaners as well as all those who donated lilies in memory of loved ones.

News In Brief

Age Concern befriending service

The Befriending Service helps tackle social isolation by linking older people with a local volunteer who will visit or phone them regularly. This free service is available to people over 50 who live alone and have less than 7 hours social contact a week (excluding carers). It is important to link people who will enjoy each other's company and the befriending support worker will match you carefully to ensure this happens. Volunteers will receive full training and ongoing support as well as travel expenses. All volunteers are subject to a free DBS check. Could you volunteer or do you know anyone who would benefit from this service? Please contact Helen, BarbrookBefriending Team Coordinator for a chat on Tel **01380 735524**

helen.barbrook@ageukwiltshire.org.uk or go to our website

www.ageukwiltshire.org.uk for more information.

Special services at St Nicholas' church

Major-General Michael Walsh will give the address at the V.E Anniversary Evensong Service at St Nicholas' Church on 10 May. On the same day there will also be a Rogation Service at Knowle Farm, Marlborough, SN8 3HT. Visit **www.savernaketeam.org.uk** for full details of these and other services.

Be "Tick Aware" this Summer

A Wiltshire Council campaign is being launched with information on how to prevent being bitten by ticks and how to safely remove them. Ticks don't fly or jump, but climb onto animals or people, then bite to attach to the skin and feed on blood and can go unnoticed. They are found in dense vegetation, long grass, woodlands, moorlands, etc. Ticks transmit bacteria which can cause Lyme Disease that will require antibiotic treatment. More information on the campaign is available on the Wiltshire Council website.

The General Election – Thursday 7 May 2015

If you have not already registered to vote in the May election, the deadline for registration is Monday 20 April, and for receipt of new postal votes is 5pm on 21 April. To register to vote, please visit **www.gov.uk/register-to-vote** - make sure you have your say on 7 May!

Bedwyn Train Update

Despite lobbying from Devizes MP and railways minister Claire Perry as well as persistent pressure from the Bedwyn Trains Passenger Group and an on-line petition with 2,000 names on it, unfortunately Bedwyn is to lose its direct link to Paddington from May 2017. These are to be replaced by Newbury to London electric trains and Bedwyn to Newbury diesel shuttles. Some good news for Bedwyn is that Great Western has agreed to pilot the use of Hitachi independently powered electric trains from 2018, though Claire Perry is pushing to pull this pilot to May 2017 so that there is no gap. GW has said that one train in each direction will continue a direct service to and from London. Pewsey will keep their direct service to London.

Comic Relief Cake Sale

Olivia Pearson and Eve Walker would like to thank everyone who supported their project which raised £621. They have asked that the money should be spent on education for orphaned African children giving them a chance for a better future. THANK YOU!

Big Tidy Up

Sunflowers at Grafton would like to thank everyone in Marten, Wexcombe and Wilton who helped in the Big Tidy Up on Saturday 21 March. We collected an amazing 14 (full) bags of rubbish from in and around these villages - never ceases to amaze just how much litter is dropped (or thrown from cars!) East and West Grafton - we'll obviously have to work a bit harder to get you to join us next year?!

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Dates for your diary

All events take place in the Coronation Hall unless otherwise specified (contact details on page 4).
St N refers to St Nicholas' Church.

APRIL

11	15.00	Easter Egg Hunt	Wexcombe Farm
12	18.00	Evensong	St N
15	12.30	Winter Warmer lunch	
17	18.00	Children's disco	
19	11.00	Holy Communion & PCC AGM	St N
23	19.30	St George's day supper	
24	18.30	Young people's brainstorm and pizza	
25	10.30	Junior cricket season starts	Wilton nets
26	16.00	Family Service	St N

MAY

2,3,4		Engines in steam	Crofton
07	07.00	General Election open until 22.00hrs	
09	10.30	Junior cricket	Wilton nets
10	18.00	VE Anniversary Evensong	St N
10		Rogation Service	Knowle farm
16	10.30	Junior cricket	Wilton nets
18	19.15	Parish Council Annual meeting	
23-25		Scouts WW1	Crofton & Windmill
30	10.30	Junior cricket	Wilton nets

www.savernaketeam.org.uk for St Nicholas' service details.

MONDAY

CIRCUIT & FITNESS	Henrietta MacKinnon	09:15 to 10:15 Monday
YOGA		11:00 to 12:30 Monday
Bingo		19:00 to 20:30 Alternate Mondays

TUESDAY

ZUMBA		09:30 to 10:30 Tuesday
Marlborough Multiples		15:00 to 16:30 Alternate Tuesdays
YOGA		19:30 to 21:00 Tuesday

WEDNESDAY

CIRCUIT & FITNESS	Henrietta MacKinnon	09:15 to 10:15 Wednesday
C.A.P Dance & Fitness		Various classes for all ages between 15:30 and 19:00

THURSDAY

GRAFTON GOSSINGS		Baby and toddler group 10:00 to 11:30 Thursday
YOGA		19:30 to 21:00 Thursday

FRIDAY

pilates by nature		09:30 to 10:30 Friday 10:45 to 11:45 Friday Beginners and gentle work
ZUMBA		13:30 to 14:30 Friday
KARATE CLASS		Children only 16:30 to 17:00

Useful contacts

Societies/Clubs/Organisations: 1 line free entry

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	07479 281809 hall@graftonparish.com
County Councillor	01672 810285 Stuart Wheeler
Cricket Club	pack.andy@googlemail.com
Crofton beam engines	www.croftonbeamengines.org
Dance and Fitness	07746 479345 Charlotte Price
Grafton Goslings	graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk
Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig
Junior cricket club	wiltoncc@yahoo.co.uk
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 01672 811335
PCC Secretary	01672 870266 Millie Lemon
Pilates	07796 225942 Tracey Rich
Police emergency	999 or 112
Police non emergency	101 Jonathan Mills
St Nicholas' church	www.savernaketeam.org.uk
Sunflowers at Grafton	01672 810478 Lyndsey Turner
Wiltshire Good Neighbours	07557 110418
Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
Yoga	01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt
Zumba	01672 484464 Joanna Bury

Local commercial listing

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Builder	Sam Sanchez	07887 991249
Builder & roofing	Dan and Co	07936 586228
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Car washing	wiltonwashers@gmail.com	
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Reflexology	Jacque Gibbons	07724 676569
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274
Usborne Books	Trish Highnett	07775 941646

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