## COMMUNITY NEWS

It's busy in June at Wilton Windmill with the Wind in the Willows on 13 June and the Murder Mystery on 27 June. Elsewhere in the Parish, work will be starting at the playing field in East Grafton to improve the levelling so that it is more football and games friendly.

We have learned that we are one of a select number of locations to retain the Mobile Library service in Grafton, however the frequency will be changed from fortnightly to monthly from October 2015. What this demonstrates is that we will only continue to benefit from this service if we use it regularly. The mobile library is convenient and the staff are very helpful and knowledgeable. Amongst other options, the service includes the ability to reserve books, so why not drop in when it next visits the Coronation Hall and get the full details of what is available? You may be surprised at the scope (dates and times are on page 4).



# Clear out your cupboards! Bag2School collection Thursday 2 July 2015



A blue Bag2School bag has been delivered with your Community News so why not take the opportunity for a summer clear out and help us raise funds?

Fill the bag with good quality used clothes, bags, shoes, belts and more (see side of bag for full details) and drop it off at Sunflowers by 9am on Thursday 2 July. Spread the word to family and friends – you can also use black bags if you have lots to clear out.

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Grafton Goslings



Thursdays 10.00-11.30am Coronation Hall, East Grafton

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Admission £2.50 per family includes tea/coffee and toddler snacks

Arts and crafts, toys, activities, songs, story-telling and lots of fun

If you would like to get involved at Goslings, we would love to hear from you. Additional help with our creative activities and getting drinks and snacks organised is always welcome and it is great fun.

 $\label{prop:co.uk} \mbox{Email } \mbox{\bf graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk} \mbox{ to find out more}.$ 

The Floating Cinema On Tour' presents a brand new summer programme of open air and on-board film screenings, performances, talks and events created for the waterways of the South East and West of England. The Floating Cinema will begin its epic journey from Brentford Lock, travelling along the Kennet & Avon Canal, across West Berkshire and Wiltshire, before taking up residency in Bristol in early July.

### **Grafton Parish Council**

The Annual General and Annual Parish meetings were held on 18 May followed by the normal Parish Council meeting. Some very entertaining and informative presentations were given by the many organisations within the Parish and residents are urged to lake a look at their hamlet's notice board to find out more if they were unable to attend. Thank you to those who came to take part in the meeting and who take an interest in all that goes on in the parish. Updates included:

- The continuing success of Sunflowers which employs 20+ people from the Parish and nearby to look after a full compliment of children;
- The Parochial Church Council report highlighted the need to raise funds for roof repairs and reported on many successful fund raising events and commemorative Church services which were very well supported;
- Our Community Police Officer Teresa Herbert has received a national award;
- The Coronation Hall report included details of the full timetables and the prospect of another pantomime later in the year;
- The Cricket Club, Horticultural Society and Wilton Windmill Society all reported successful years and thanked all their volunteers for sterling work;
- The Grafton Link Scheme continues to look for more volunteers to fulfil the need.

Gareth Morris, from Wilton, was welcomed onto the Parish Council and George Hosier accepted the post as Chairman for the coming year with Annie Whitcher as Vice Chairman. The Council thanked Mike Hyslop for his successful term as Chairman and Mrs Parkin for her diligent duties as Clerk.

The next meeting will be on Monday 13 July at 7.15pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

#### **Our Doctor Writes**

We will soon see a Prospect Hospice service becoming available at Savernake. The Prospect Hospice has a great reputation for providing care to people in the end stages of their lives. It will not be an in-patient facility but will give access to some specialist expertise closer to home, a much welcome development. Historically the hospice movement has focussed on patients with cancer as their underlying health problem but there is a growing trend to include people with other disease types as well. The challenge that we face as a society of managing non-malignant end of life care is enormous and the changing approach from hospice movements is again something that I think we should embrace and welcome.

We need to revitalise our Patient Participation Group at the surgery in Bedwyn. We consistently strive to deliver a high standard of service with great access but it is really important that we also have the feedback of a supportive patient group who can be our critical friend. The commitment is about four meetings of an hour or so a year. With time being precious we are thinking of the group being a virtual group run on the lines of Google groups if that makes the decision any easier. Please drop let us know at the surgery if you are interested or email Keith at

### kmarshall@nhs.net.

With the new Government in place we have the pre-election pledges coming to the fore in the NHS. There was promise of an extra £8 billion for the NHS, an extra 5000 doctors, access to a GP 12 hours a day seven days a week for routine care and same day guaranteed access for the over 75s.

There are many implications of these pledges. Extended service hours has an implication for small rural practices like our own. The only way we would be able to offer an extended service is to decrease the amount of time available at our surgery in order to take part in longer access at one of the bigger local surgeries. Please let Claire Perry, our local MP, know your thoughts - claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk.

#### Dr Tim Ballard

This is an extract from Dr Ballard's monthly report - to see the full article, please see **www.graftonparish.com**.

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## Part-time roles with Sunflowers at Grafton



## Can you take on our kitchen?

We are looking for someone to join our support team to manage lunch and tea time at Sunflowers. Lunches are delivered from a caterer so you will be serving and clearing away for up to 40 babies and children between 11am to 1pm. At tea time we prepare our own food so you will be making, serving and clearing for up to 30 children between 4pm to 6pm.

Some relevant catering or food background would be fantastic but what really matters is that you have a keen interest in the provision of good, healthy food and are a good cook. As you might imagine it can get a bit hectic so you need to be pretty unflappable. It also helps to enjoy the company of the children you are feeding!

## Or what about driving one of our minibuses?

We will shortly be taking delivery of a new minibus and are looking for an additional driver to drop off and pick up children from local primary schools as part of our Breakfast and After School club service.

Hours will be Monday to Friday, 3 hours per day, during term time only. Applicants will need to have a D, D1 or D1(101) category on their current driving licence.

If you are interested in any of these roles – lunch, tea or driving (or all 3!) - please contact Sue on **01672 810478** or

**admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk** for further details and an application form. Rates of pay will be dependent on experience.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 19 June 2015**.

Sunflowers at Grafton is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and references, enhanced CRB checks and evidence of the right to work in the UK are essential.

### **News In Brief**

## Police advice to avoid burglaries

Some useful advice from Sgt Clare Wallace, from our local Neighbourhood Police Team, on burglary prevention measures and procedures:

- If you use padlocks, invest in a good quality closed shackle padlock.
- Fit backplates and use threaded coach bolts for all door hinges, hasps and staples to prevent them being wrenched free.
- Chain large items together with smaller items.
- Board over or fit welded mesh to any windows and use net curtains to stop people seeing what you have inside.
- Fit additional locks to your up and over garage door the standard fitted locks are not always sufficient to prevent a break-in.
- Treat any pedestrian door to your garage as you would an outside door of your home - fit a minimum five- lever mortice lock to secure it.
- Make sure all items in your garage and shed are marked and registered with Immobilise.com. Mark with a DNA property marking system and if large, paint your postcode in bright colour on the item.
- Make sure you record serial numbers on equipment such as mowers, chainsaws etc. If items are stolen and subsequently found, you stand more chance of it being identified as yours and having it returned to you.
- Check your insurance covers items in garages, shed and outhouses.
- Remember, tools from your shed or garage could be used to break into your home – by securing them you are making your home more secure too.
- Report suspicious activity on 101 or on 999 if it is an emergency or a crime is in progress. Alternatively, call Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111** where information can be left anonymously if preferred.
- Sign up to Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging to receive alerts on local incidents real-time. To sign up to Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging, visit www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk.

## Canal & River Trust – share the space, drop your pace

The Canal and River Trust (CRT) run regular quarterly meetings for those who use and live on or by the Kennet and Avon Canal and the parishes through which it passes. There was lively sharing of different perspectives and a commitment to protect the canal for everyone by working together.

A new "Towpath Code" is available for all who use it for whatever purpose. The message is "share the space, drop your pace". Priority is given to those walking or sitting on the towpath. Joggers and cyclists are welcome, but drop your pace and let people know you are approaching. Copy available from

## www.canalrivertrust.org.uk.

This forms part of the general good practice for canal users which includes:

- Users of the towpath are asked to be courteous, abusive behaviour is not acceptable and any incidences should be reported to the police using 101.
- Where there are incidences of littering or fouling of the towpath or nuisance noise from boats this should be reported to the CRT customer services on 0303 0404040 (8am to 6pm).
- Farmers with land alongside the canal are also encouraged to report any issues of littering, damage to fences, gates left open etc. By reporting incidences it helps the police and CRT discover "hotspots" which in turn helps them develop strategies to try to overcome reported issues.

Do you know the right way to pass fishermen if you are on a boat on the canal? According to the Pewsey & District Angling Association, boats should slow down and cruise down the middle and deepest part of the canal when approaching fishermen. Although most people would automatically take their boat to the far edge, this apparently stirs up the mud and drives the fish away!

## **Focus on the Parish Playing Fields**

Renewed commitment by the Parish Council means that you will see changes starting to happen very soon. Initially a thorough inspection of the quality and condition of the field is being done, as well as grass mowing and dealing with the moles. This work will enable football to be played again and will be followed with some signage so everyone knows where it is.

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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.

21	11.00	Holy Communion	St N
24	20.00	Floating Cinema	Crofton
27	19.00	Swine of Passion	Wilton Windmill
27	16.00	Family Service	St N
27/28	10.30	Engines in Steam	Crofton
28		Veteran Motorcycle Club	Crofton
JULY			
5	11.00	Holy Communion	St N

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

## Local Youth Activities are up and running!

Evensong

11.00 Holy Communion

25/26 10.30 Engines in Steam

Friday 12 June will have seen the third Youth Activities session in Grafton Parish - Self-defence Training and a BBQ at the Coronation Hall.

In the next edition we'll report on its success, details of the funding application and activities programme, plus an update on (and for) willing volunteers.

**CIRCUIT &** Henrietta MacKinnon

09:15 to 10:15 Monday

11:00 to 12:30 Monday

St N

St N

Crofton



18.00

19:00 to 20:30

#### Alternate Mondays TUESDAY

(KP) ZVMBA

09:30 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

Mobile library at the Coronation Hall 17 June 1, 15, 29 July 11.30 to 12.00



## THURSDAY



Baby and toddler group 10:00 to 11:30 Thursday



19:30 to 21:00 Thursday

### **FRIDAY**



09:30 to 10:30 Friday 10:45 to 11:45 Friday Beginners and gentle work

Karate Class Children only 16:30 to 17:00

## Useful contacts Societies/Clubs/Organisations: 1 line free entry

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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	wiltoncc@yahoo.co.uk		
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		
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