

COMMUNITY NEWS

Winter Warmers menu

Tuesday 11 December 12.30

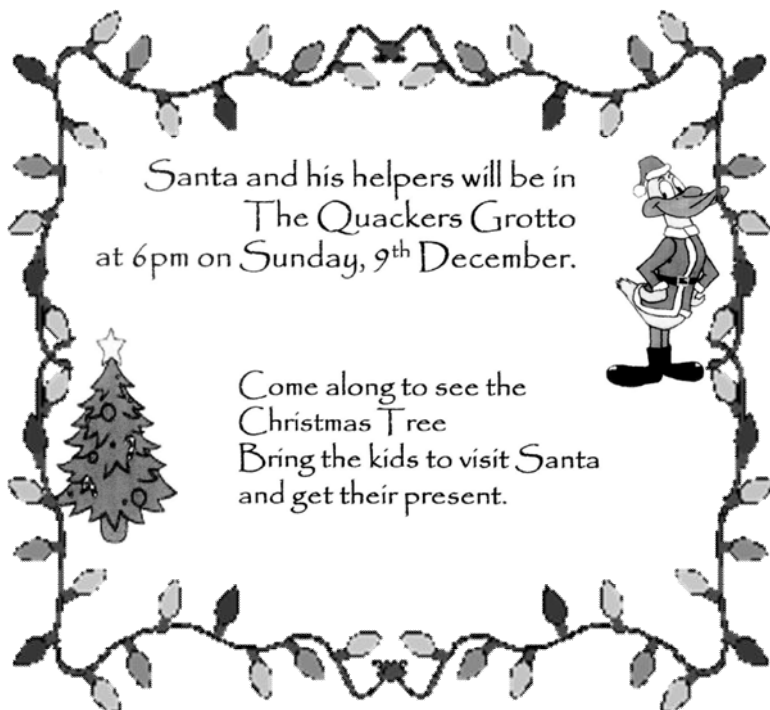


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Christmas Eve and Santa's Journey begins...

It won't be long now until Father Christmas will be travelling around our Parish on his brightly decorated sleigh with festive music and lights. Don't miss out on this traditional Christmas Eve journey.

18:00 Hollow Lane Wilton

18:15 Marten

18:20 Wexcombe

18:45 East Grafton



Parents: You may be aware that Father Christmas always visits The Swan on Christmas Day and that it is possible to arrange for your child to receive a present from him. Talk to Bill or one of the team at The Swan **01672 870274** for more information.

2019

Your Community News team wishes you a very Happy Christmas and all the best for in 2019. Thank you to all the volunteers in the distribution team who brave all weathers to deliver every month.



Carol and Crib Service

4pm Sunday 16 December

St Nicholas' Church



This is always a very welcoming service to start the Christmas tide. There is a lot of participation for the children and plenty of familiar carols to enjoy.

Everyone is very welcome as always.



Mince pies and mulled wine

Coronation Hall

5pm Sunday 16 December



Mince pies, mulled wine and treats for the children will be served in the Coronation Hall from 5pm when all residents are invited to join in the festivities. This community get together is organised by the Parish Council.



A quick change to your online shopping habits could mean valuable funds for Sunflowers - will you help?

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Just in time for last minute Christmas shopping - but keep it going through the year too! Click, Shop, Give for Free!



Grafton Youth Group

Winter and Spring Activities

11 January - Floodlight climbing wall and archery followed by a campfire at Oxenwood 6pm – 8.30pm

See if you can get to the top of the walls or get a bullseye at night under floodlight – much more exciting! End the evening with some campfire cooking! Cost £10 or one Time Credit.

Please organise your own transport there and back home.

20 February - Go Karting at Thruxton

We plan to book for a 1.5 hour Go Karting session – to make sure you get a place can you please **confirm immediately if you want to take part in this activity**. We'll then book places, first come first served as places on the mini bus will be limited to 14 people. Times and cost will be advised once booked. Time credits will be eligible for the trip.

10 April - Clue HQ

16 April - Making Easter Chocolates

Make sure that you indicate your interest in the activities mentioned, as numbers are limited, by contacting **youthactivities@graftonparish.com** or text **07802923344**

Plans are progressing to install a zip wire in the playing field after fundraising at Rounders and other activities. Grant applications will be submitted in the near future. *Youth Activities is an initiative started by Grafton Parish Council and is aimed at young people at secondary school or in further education.*

Local commercial listing

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Disco and Party	Steve	01672 811109
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Grafton Garage	Tony Gilbert	07845 006890
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Personal trainer	Hen Mackinnon	07977 511959
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Storage/lock up	David Lemon	01672 870266
Sunflowers at Grafton	Julie McLernon	01672 810478
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274

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PCC Secretary	01672 870266
St Nicholas' services	www.graftonparish.com
Winter Warmers	01264 731242 liz@wexcombefarm.co.uk

Local Clubs

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Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig

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Our Doctor writes



Those of you who are older or living with long term health conditions who may find it hard to be as physically active as you would like to be. There are activity programmes and exercise classes available to help.

- * Your GP can refer you to the Active Health Wiltshire programme where a trained exercise professional will create an activity programme suitable for you - this may include supervised gym sessions, low level circuit training classes or Aqua classes.
- * There's no need for a GP referral for the Active Plus session at Marlborough Leisure Centre which focuses on low impact toning exercise to music. Some exercises are chair based. Badminton, table tennis and short mat bowls are also available at this session.
- * Marlborough has a Walking Netball group based at the leisure centre and a Walking Football group which plays at St John's Academy.
- * Other leisure centres in Wiltshire do Walking Rugby, Walking Basketball, Walking Hockey, and my personal favourite, Walking Running! More locally to The Old School Surgery is the Mobility and Friendship Group. This involves gentle chair based light aerobics and yoga exercises for all abilities in a friendly and sociable environment. Tea and cake is available, but only once you have exercised! For more information contact our care coordinator Mary Soellner on 07717 893737.
- * Tai Chi is a low impact, slow motion form of exercise which improves muscle tone and balance. The Tai Chi Club is based at Burbage Village Hall. Louise Gordon organises the session and she can be contacted on 01672 810421.

If anyone attends another local activity group aimed at an older population I would love to hear about it. Well done to all of you who do keep active by walking your dogs, gardening, dancing, going to yoga and pilates, playing bowls and tennis and walking a round of golf.



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100th Anniversary of Armistice Day on 11 November

Thanks are due to all the people who helped to make this occasion memorable in Grafton Parish. The Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council joined to create scenes from World War 1 and the Youth Group completed a stunning mural at the Coronation Hall. The ride in military trucks, the joy of the Bedwyn Singers, the church bells repaired and all ringing, the beacon in Wexcombe, the film footage of the 1914-1918 battles accompanied by tunes of the period and the food from the wartime menus all complimented each other to complete the day.

There are too many willing helpers to mention individually but you know who you are and sincere thanks are due to you all.

The Memorial Project to plant 10,000 trees across Wiltshire has been made possible due to the generous support of The Woodland Trust who are donating all the 10,800 trees. Grafton Parish has received 5 Rowan trees, one for each hamlet, which will be planted as soon as they are large enough to survive mowers, feet and animals!

June Pearson, Area Co-ordinator for the British Legion, reports:

"£1632.78 was collected in the Grafton Parish thanks to the efforts of Mike Fleckney, Kevin Black and Susie Brew, the Swan and Sunflowers. St Nicholas' Church Remembrance Day Service collection was a staggering £862.00.

Grafton is an amazing and very generous Parish; please remember that the house to house collectors are about every year volunteering their time to collect for the remarkable work of The Royal British Legion. We welcome your support and are always pleased to have a cheery word or two when we're out and about. If anyone would like to volunteer to collect in West Grafton next year I'd be delighted to hear from you. It is quite a task making the annual order for at least 30 trays of goods (and wreaths for church services), delivering then collecting them, then counting and banking the proceeds. It is a huge responsibility but a task that is seen as a privilege and done with great pride.

On the evening of 11 November many families gathered in the cold and rain to light candles and lamps which were placed around the banner 'Lest We Forget' so kindly installed on The Green by Dougie Wilcocks.

The banner, surrounded by drifts of poppies and depicting soldiers carrying injured comrades, was illuminated by a beautiful glow which lasted well into the night. A timely reminder for everyone present (and passing motorists) of the sacrifices made by servicemen fighting for our freedom in the First World War and every war since.

The thoughts of how all those brave men coped in the trenches with the cold and rain night after night crossed the minds of many. The children especially took such pride in what they had done and stood so quietly for a minute in silent respect. We will do the same next year and every following year."

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Grafton Parish Calendar 2019

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to the Swan Inn for the launch of the Grafton Parish Calendar 2019. Wonderful to see a great crowd turn out on such a blustery evening! A huge vote of thanks is due to all the sponsors without whom the calendar would not have been possible.

If you weren't able to attend the launch then you'll be pleased to hear that the calendars are now on sale at the Swan Inn. You can also request calendars and notecards direct from **Liz@wexcombefarm.co.uk**.

Prices:

A4 Spiral Bound Calendar: £8 (or 2 copies for £15, 3 copies for £21)
Notecards: 1 pack of 6 for £5 or 3 packs of 6 for £13

If you purchased a calendar between the launch night and Remembrance Sunday, unfortunately your copy will contain an error! We think we have managed to spread the word to everyone concerned, but if we haven't been in touch with you then please contact Liz on **01264 731 242** so we can arrange to exchange your calendar. Apologies for this mix up and thank you to everyone for being so understanding.



Rubbish collection December/January

- ⇒ **No garden waste collections** from 24 December until 8 January
- ⇒ **Saturday 29 December** Household waste rescheduled from 27 December
- ⇒ **Saturday 5 January** Black box and blue bin rescheduled from 3 January
- ⇒ **Friday 11 January** Household waste rescheduled from 10 January

All household recycling centres will be closed from 1pm on 24 December and all day on 25 December, 26 December, and 1 January. At all other times normal opening hours will apply, 10am-4pm. Visit at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres to check which days your local centre is open.

Dates for your diary

All events take place in the Coronation Hall unless otherwise specified. *St N* refers to St Nicholas' Church.

DECEMBER

01	09.30	12 Tables of Christmas	
02	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
07	18.00	Youth Activities	
09	18.00	Santa's Grotto	<i>Quackers Wilton</i>
11	12.30	Winter Warmers Christmas Lunch	
16	16.00	Carol and crib service	<i>St N</i>
16	17.00	Mince pies, mulled wine, children's tea	
24	18.00	Father Christmas' Tour	<i>See page 1</i>
25	11.00	Christmas Communion	<i>St N</i>

JANUARY 2019

08	12.30	Winter Warmers	
11	18.30	Youth Activities	

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MONDAY

YOGA



11:00 to 12:30
01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt

TUESDAY



ZUMBA

09:30 to 10:30
07710 115324 Joanna Bury

YOGA



19:30 to 21:00
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WEDNESDAY

Mobile library at the Coronation Hall
19 December, 16 January 11.40am to 12pm

THURSDAY



Baby and toddler group
10:00 to 11:30
graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk

FRIDAY



09:30 to 10:30
10:45 to 11:45
Beginners and gentle work
07769 580148 Tracey Rich



07746 479345
Charlotte Price

Monday	17.00 - 18.30	West End (Group Show Dances), Bronze Jazz, Pre-Pointe
Tuesday	16.00 - 18.00 18.00 - 18.30	Grade 1/2 Modern & Tap, Grade 3 Tap
Wednesday	15.30 - 19.00	Baby Ballet, Pre-Primary Ballet, Primary & Grade 1/2 Ballet, Grade 3 Modern
Thursday	16.45 - 18.45	Grade 4/5 Ballet, Grade 4/5 Modern

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