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A most wonderful time of year ...



Of course it's all a bit different this year but the decorations are starting to go up at Sunflowers, we are practicing our nativity and carol singing and have launched into a frenzy of Christmas present making!

Our very best sparkly Christmas wishes to you all

Good news for the parish playing field! Shoppers at the Co-op may have noticed that Sunflowers at Grafton has been selected as one of three beneficiaries of the Co-op Local Community Fund. Funds will be used to encourage parishioners of all ages to use our community spaces to meet, play and enjoy activities together, specifically the parish playing field. The plan is to extend facilities to include an outdoor table tennis table which can be used by all ages and natural climbing structures for young children.

How can you help? The more Co-op members who select us as their cause, the more funds we receive. It is easy to select us at **membership.coop.co.uk/causes/52454.** If you aren't already a Co-op Member it is easy to join online at **coop.co.uk/membership** or by downloading the Co-op app.

Like our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ GraftonParishCommunityNews or follow us on Twitter www.twitter.com/graftonparish. Grafton Parish celebrates Christmas in Tier 2. The Community News team sends greetings to all residents of the Parish in these very different times. Please stay safe and let us all hope for better tidings in 2021.

Do look out for Father Christmas on 24 December - we understand that he will do his best to stick to his timetable and hopes that his visit will bring a smile to you all. In the meantime please remember that you can contact your local Parish Councillor for help/support if you need it during this time.

Lastly, what a fantastic attendance at the Act of Remembrance by our War Memorial - 120+ people came and raised £288 for the British Legion. "Carols by Candlelight" is being held by popular request following this success.

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

18:10 Marten

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18:20 Wexcombe

18:40 East Grafton (A338)

18:45 West Grafton

18:45 East Grafton (Severalls and Lynden Close)

19:00 Duck Pond Wilton

Father Christmas apologises. He usually visits The Swan on Christmas Day but he is sorry that he will be unable to join in the celebrations there this year. He is planning to return next year!



Carols by Candlelight
The Green, East Grafton
Sunday 20 December, 4pm

Join friends and family for carol singing on The Green, East Grafton and start Christmas off with cheer.

The Green will be lit up with candles and fire pits, lanterns will guide household bubbles to socially distanced places. Be in good voice, bring candles and lanterns to add to the ambience, umbrellas too - just in case! If you need to drive please park in front of the Coronation Hall or around the war memorial.

Whilst some carol sheets will be provided they can accessed at www.graftonparish.com/parish-council/carols - you can print or just log on at the time! If you have a favourite carol let us know.

All being well nibbles will be provided and understandably all plans will be dependent on Covid 19 guidelines at the time – look out for updates on village WhatsApp groups and Facebook. Thursday 17 December is when last minute details will also be posted on the Coronation Hall noticeboard and on all public noticeboards in the Parish.

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Join the Christingle *craft* service on Zoom 12 December, 4pm

ID: 826 6887 4600 Password: 021821

You will need: 4 cocktail sticks, raisins or sweets, small candle, small piece of foil, red tape or ribbon and an adult with a sharp knife!



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Zoom Classes

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Holidays - 19th December - 4th

Yoga & Go! keeps going throughout Christmas & the New Year Tuesday & Thursday 7.30 – 8.00am

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Please note that the next full Parish Council meeting will be held on 13 January at 6pm via Zoom. This is a change from the previously published date and time. Details from clerk@graftonparish.com

Parish Council notice: Zoom planning meeting 7 December, 1pm

Details from clerk@graftonparish.com

You can send your comments any time before the closing date to: planning.wiltshire.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer/ ApplicationSearch.asp

20/09809/FUL: Upper Farm Wexcombe. Closing date: 8 December 2020 Proposed development: Conversion of existing agricultural building into a C3 residential dwelling, together with associated residential curtilage, parking and landscaping, including the demolition and removal of two existing open sided barns within the site (resubmission of 20/02786/FUL)

20/09809/FUL: Honey Barn, Hollow Lane, Wilton, SN8 3SR 22 December 2020 Proposal:- Formation of balcony to dwelling house and erection of ancillary outbuilding and retaining wall. Felling of 1 no. Cherry Tree.

Christmas isn't cancelled...



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Christmas church services will be held using Zoom

Carols on **23 December** at 6pm to get you into the mood.

Christmas Day Service at 10.30 am for half an hour.

This will be a story telling, with some of the old favourites that all the family can sing together.

Services held in Church

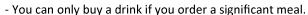
Information is available locally and from the website **www.savernaketeam.org.uk**

Zoom meeting ID: 826 6887 4600 Password: 021821

News from The Swan

We will be re-opening on Wednesday 2nd December.

As we are in Tier 2 the rules are briefly as follows:



- You can only sit inside with members of your own household or bubble.
- You can sit outside with friends outside of your family/bubble up to a maximum of 6 people and if you all order a significant meal.

With these rules in mind, we are ordering outdoor heaters, and intend to create an affordable significant meal menu for the garden only.

Takeaways are still available, and pies and other bakes will still be available from our little shop.

It is possible that before the next edition of the Community News that these rules will change, so keep an eye on our social media.

Wishing everybody a Happy Christmas with thanks for your continued support.

Our Doctor writes ... about the Psychology of the Perfect Gift

A few days ago a friend and I were discussing Christmas and how different it will be this year. Embracing this and abandoning Amazon, she told me her thoughts about making changes to the gifts she usually gives. She enjoys her garden and has collected seeds from the abundance of meadow flowers growing in the flower beds, which she plans to beautifully package and give as presents. Her worry is that some members of her family will love such a gift, but others will not be very impressed. This is a gift I would love. Why? What is the psychology of gift giving? The gift we choose and how we present it says so much about us, our relationships and the complex social structures within our community. Giving a gift to someone we care about allows us to communicate our feelings of appreciation for them and strengthens the bond we share with them.

Here are three considerations you might find useful as you search for the perfect gift:

1. Give a gift that reflects who you are

Research has found that gifts that reflect who the giver is increases closeness between the giver and receiver. The gifts I enjoy receiving most from friends are those which reflect who they are. Homemade biscuits, sloe gin and wine. Home-grown vegetables and flowers, apples fallen from a garden tree to make apple pie. Even a bicycle chain given by a keen cyclist who noticed mine was very rusty! So a beautiful wrapped packet of home-grown meadow flower seeds is a perfect gift.

2. Give the gift of experience

Research shows that giving an experience as a gift strengthens the relationship with the receiver more than giving a material gift. This is because experience gifts elicit stronger emotional responses which include the initial joy of unwrapping the gift, the anticipation of waiting for the experience and, finally, the emotions during the experience itself. Experiences such as a weekend away, a cookery course, theatre tickets, a surprise party, or simpler experiences such as just giving time for a walk or a picnic have the bonus of being the type of gifts usually enjoyed with other people. This social element results in shared memories and moments that allow the emotional reaction to continue long after the experience has finished. So the experience of planting meadow flower seeds given as a gift and watching them grow into a beautiful display of colour and scent is another reason this is a perfect gift.

3. Give a sentimental gift

Sentimental gifts are so special. They allow the gift receiver to access a special place of nostalgic emotion that holds a unique meaning. The gift will be loved for years to come. In three separate studies researchers studied gift-giving beliefs. For example, friends were asked to give either the sentimental gift of a framed photo of them having fun together or a gift they thought that their friend would prefer. All three studies concluded that gift givers do not give sentimentally valuable gifts as frequently as receivers would like. The reason, givers are unsure about whether receivers will like gifts that have sentimental value. Women tend to attach more meaning and sentimentality to gifts, men tend to be more practical and give functional gifts. I was once given an ironing board. Functional yes, sentimental no. I hate ironing! Meadow flower seeds may be of sentimental value to some and, therefore, a perfect gift. This gift certainly serves lots of functions from getting the receiver into the garden, possibly even germinating a love for gardening, to brightening up pots and boarders. So be brave, be sentimental. With gift giving comes a unique opportunity to express ourselves. Enjoy choosing, giving and receiving your gifts this Christmas. I hope to find mine in my home and local gift and charity shops.

Happy Christmas and New Year from all of us at the Old School Surgery. Dr Angela Paddon.

Editorial Team Note - like Angela we are very much planning to shop local this year and support our local businesses.

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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.

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13.00 Parish Council planning meeting

DECEMBER

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12	16.00	Christingle Service		Zoom
17	All day	Carols last update	all	noticeboards
20	16.00	Carols by candlelight	ΕG	Frafton Green
23	18.00	Carol Service		Zoom
24	18.00	Father Christmas starts tour		Everywhere
25	10.30	Christmas Day service		Zoom

JANUARY 2021

13 18.00 Parish Council meeting Zoom

Grafton Parish Council response teams

East Grafton	Kevin Burke	07713 067113
Marten	Mike Hyslop	07799 760417
West Grafton	Annie Whitcher	07802 923344
Wexcombe	George Hosier	07786 332950
Wilton	David Lemon	07974 400224



Grafton Parish Council Food Bank

If you are affected and need support then please call Kevin Burke on **07713 067113** who will treat your call with strict confidence and arrange for a delivery of basic essentials to be made on a regular basis.

Refuse collections over Christmas are all as usual during w/c 21 December but you will see village dependent changes in the following 2 weeks.

East Grafton, Wilton, Wexcombe and Marten collections during w/c 28 January are a day later than usual. For West Grafton collections during w/c 4 January will be a day later than usual.



Zoom

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