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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 Closing date:

22 December 2020 **Proposal:-** Formation of balcony to dwelling house and erection of ancillary outbuilding and retaining wall. Felling of 1 no. Cherry Tree.



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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



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.savernaketteam.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 buy a drink if you order a significant meal.
- 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 borders. 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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DECEMBER

07	13.00	Parish Council planning meeting	Zoom
12	16.00	Christingle Service	Zoom
17	All day	Carols last update	all noticeboards
20	16.00	Carols by candlelight	E Grafton 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
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Grafton Parish Council response teams

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West Grafton	Annie Whitcher	07802 923344
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Grafton Parish Council Food Bank

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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.



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