

Contact details and general local information Anyone new to the Parish may be helped by referencing **www.graftonparish.com** where you can find most previous issues of the Community News to find out more about what goes on in our area. Why not have a browse on a cold winter's evening?



Parish Council Planning Meeting

Monday 6 December, 6pm, Manor Farm Barn Wilton

Agendas will be posted on all hamlet noticeboards and on www.graftonparish.com

The following planning applications will be discussed at this meeting (note that others may be received after publication of this Community News issue). The particulars in connection with these applications are available to view and comment on via the Wiltshire Council website by clicking/using the unique links provided:

Application Reference: PL/2021/10224 **Deadline:** 07/12/2021

Site Address: 8, Wexcombe, Marlborough, SN8 3SQ

Proposal: Proposed ground and first floor extension and new single storey garage.

<https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/0i3z000016q8V1>

Application References: PL/2021/10534 **Deadline:** 14/12/2021

Site: Manor Farm Cottages, East Grafton, Marlborough, SN8 3DB

Proposal: Single Storey Bedroom Extension to side of property.

<https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/0i3z000016rI3H>

Application References: PL/ 2021/10744 **Deadline:** 17/12/2021

Site: Manor Farm, Grafton Road, Wilton, SN8 3SP

Application Type: Prior approval Part 3 Class R: Agricultural buildings to a flexible commercial use

Proposal: Application for Prior Approval for Change of Use of Agriculture Barn to Mixed Industrial Units under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class R of GPDO.

<https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/0i3z000016rguz/pl202110744>

All applications can be found using www.development.wiltshire.gov.uk and entering search criteria.



Our Doctor writes

Happy Christmas from the Bedwyn Surgery!

This year Christmas may happen thanks to the high uptake of the Covid booster and flu vaccinations. We are in a very different place compared to last year and the potential to celebrate Christmas without restrictions is reason enough to encourage everyone who is eligible for a Covid booster and flu jab to have them. Keep yourself and your family safe this Christmas. And party!

Early studies have found that Covid booster jabs are more than 93% effective at stopping people catching the Delta variant and provides substantially greater protection against symptomatic illness than any two-dose regime. That protection may still wane but it will last longer than just two doses.

Although the number of cases remain high, the effect of the booster is already apparent with hospital admissions and death rates, especially in the over 85's, falling.

In addition to the booster, reducing transmission is crucial. This means testing frequently, especially before and after events with multiple people (eg your Christmas parties) and, if you test positive, then stay isolated. Tell others that you have been with so they can test or isolate themselves.

At the Old School Surgery we are holding booster vaccination clinics every Thursday afternoon at Ramsbury Surgery in the run up to Christmas. You are eligible if you are over 50 and had your second vaccination over 6 months ago. You may have already received a text message from the National Booking program which will allow you to book your booster vaccination anywhere. Alternatively you can wait for us to contact you or please do call the surgery if your second vaccination was over 6 months ago. By the time you read this article, the over 40s who are eligible for a booster will be able book through the National Booking program and 16 and 17 year olds will be able to book their second vaccination.

A huge thank you to everyone who has had their Covid booster and flu jab and to the staff at all our local surgeries who are working additional hours to ensure you get your vaccinations.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas this year. Take care, stay safe.

Dr Angela Paddon and the team at The Old School Surgery.

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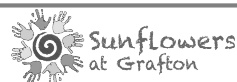
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Playing field Ash trees with die-back disease

The Parish Council will be arranging for the felling of Ash trees with die-back disease over the next 18 months, prioritising the work depending on the severity of the disease and danger of collapse. A replanting plan will be constructed after this work has been completed.



Help needed ...

Recruiting qualified, experienced and amazing early years team members is notoriously difficult. In usual circumstances our wonderful working environment, good terms and conditions and our reputation mean that recruitment has been 'easier' for us.

But not at the moment - a growing early years workforce crisis has been accelerated by the pandemic. Will steps be taken to address the underlying causes of this? We hope there will be a significant shift in our societal approach to caring roles but don't have time to hang about. We need to get on and recruit!

We have a 3-day per week, 6 month maternity contract which we need to fill. Candidates may not have relevant childcare qualifications but must have energy, commitment and an enormous sense of fun. Perhaps an ability to walk like a dinosaur or sing 'Jingle Bells' at the top of their voice?

Is that you? Or someone you know? Contact Alison or Sue on **01672 810478** or admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk.

Royal British Region Poppy Appeal 2021

Report from June Pearson, Voluntary Area Co-ordinator for the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal

On behalf of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal I am delighted to report that our area 'The Bedwyns' has raised £3,686.00

The total collected by Grafton Parish volunteers is £878.98. Many thanks to Mike Fleckney (Wilton), Susie Brew (Wexcombe), Annie Whitcher (W. Grafton) and Mike Hyslop (Marten) for giving their time to knock on doors in their villages. I cover East Grafton and find it a delight to say hello to people I see often - and those who I might see only once a year when I'm out and about with the poppy tray. The personal touch we give the Poppy Appeal as Parish residents by selling poppies, and donating to a National Remembrance 'at the door' is yet another reminder of the lovely friendships and good neighbourliness fostered in the Parish.

It was lovely to see Joe lay a wreath at the St Nicholas' Church Remembrance Service on behalf of the British Legion - and in memory of his Grandad, Ian Harman, who as a member of the Legion, was a stalwart in his support for this cause. Ian laid the RBL wreath every year - he passed away two months ago. A Parish resident for a lifetime - we salute him and thank him for the service he gave this Country and the camaraderie he shared with his army 'mates' who so often visited Korea and Legion reunions over many, many years.

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Tree planting at East Grafton village boundary

All residents are welcome on 15/16/17 December, starting 9am, to help plant 5 acres of trees to provide a local woodland. The site is south of the A338, at the entrance to East Grafton from the Hungerford side, where all volunteers will be very welcome. Dress in warm clothing and bring a spade! This initiative is led by David Lemon of Manor Farm Wilton.

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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.

DECEMBER

05	11.00	Feast of St Nicholas' Service	<i>St N</i>
05	18.00	Quackers' Christmas Lights	<i>Wilton</i>
07	12.30	Winter Warmers Christmas lunch	
06	18.00	PC Planning meeting	<i>Wilton Manor Barn</i>
19	16.00	Carols by Candlelight	<i>The Green</i>
24	18.00	Santa starts his ride around the Parish	
25	11.00	Christmas Service	<i>St N</i>

JANUARY 2022

02	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
04	12.30	Winter Warmers	
07	24.00	Community News closing date for copy	
10	19.30	Parish Council meeting	

Bin collections over Christmas and New Year

According to current information on Wiltshire Council website, all collections in our Parish will take place on the NORMAL days over the holiday period.

To check go to <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/christmas-waste-and-recycling-collections>



A reader writes: Regrettably, a number of times a year, individuals or businesses within the parish seem to think it's acceptable to light sizeable

bonfires of what appears to be wet/green scrub or brashing materials, burning with acrid smoke. As today, it's done on a still day, without any apparent concern or respect for neighbouring parishioners or the adverse health impact being caused.

Community News Closing dates Our closing date is always the last Friday in the month and issues distributed by volunteers over the following weekend or within the next few days (thank you all). If you are publishing an event, advert or comment please be aware of the calendar period covered by each issue.

To book the Hall: email hall@graftonparish.com or call 01672 216115 or 07479 281809

Calendar of regular dates at the Coronation Hall

Monday	Pilates	09.30
Monday (weekly in term-time)	Dance	16.45
Tuesday (weekly in term-time)	Zumba	09.30
Tuesday (weekly in term-time)	Dance	16.15
Tuesday	TimmyB Yoga	19.00
Wednesday	TimmyB Yoga	09.30
Wednesday (weekly in term-time)	Dance	15.30
Thursday (weekly in term time)	Grafton Goslings	10.00
Thursday	Pilates	13.30
Thursday	TimmyB Chair Yoga	15.00
Thursday (weekly in term-time)	Dance	16.45

Monday (1st & 3rd in month)	Alzheimer's Cafe	13.15
Tuesday (1st in month)	Winter Warmers	12.30



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