

COMMUNITY NEWS

Easter spans the end of March and the start of April this year so it is coming around quickly.

Please note the request for lily orders, in good time for the Easter church decorations at the bottom of this page. You may not realise but it is a challenge each year for the team to ensure that the blooms are at their best for the Easter Services, this often means moving the blooms from cold garages to hot radiators, from sun to shade and all alternatives in between! Thank you to all those willing helpers who succeed in decorating the church so beautifully each year. If you can help please contact Patricia Knowles at the number below.

It is also at this time of the year that the Community News Team has to examine finances. All advertising charges have remained unchanged since this publication started 9 years ago and now we need to raise a little more to cover our costs. This publication is produced by volunteers and distributed by willing helpers too and so our only costs are those involved with the printing. Whilst we are very appreciative that Ridgeway have not increased their costs we do have less advertising income in the year. Consequently we are raising the fees from £5.00 to £5.50, from £10 to £11 and from £15 to £16.50. We will be implementing these prices from the next invoicing period and we trust that all our very loyal advertisers will understand and continue to support us.

St Nicholas' Church PCC has been working hard to ensure that the church remains viable in the foreseeable future. You are invited to enjoy refreshments and attend the AGM when the future plans will be discussed in detail. See the notice at the bottom of the page.

Take a look at page 3 too where ideas for the 100th WW1 remembrance are taking shape. Grafton Parish Remembrance services have been focal points for many years and this should be no exception with the special focus of both the centenary and the return of the memorial stone which was situated at the Wilton Methodist church before it closed.

MOBILE LIBRARY DATES - use it or lose it!

Please note that the mobile library will visit the Coronation Hall on WEDNESDAYS in the middle of each month.

Wednesday 14 February and 14 March are the next scheduled visits from 11.40hrs until 12.00hrs. You can pre-order books and DVDs by visiting **www.wiltshire.gov.uk**

**St Nicholas' Church East Grafton - a busy time in the build up to Easter****Church services for February**

- Sunday 4th 11am Holy Communion
- Sunday 11th 6pm Evensong taken by our Church Warden.
Please support Martin and enjoy this service with him.
- Sunday 18th 11am Holy Communion
- Sunday 25th 4pm Family Worship



*Mothersing
Sunday*

11th March at 4pm

It is a tradition at St Nicholas' for the children to present their loved ones with a small posy which is provided during the service.

Do come along and enjoy the service. If you can bring children or grandchildren then all are very welcome - there will be plenty of posies to go round!

Winter Warmers announces a delivery service

Kind volunteers will often give you a lift if you are unable to make your own way to the Coronation Hall so please ask if you need help.

If you, or anyone you know, is unable to travel to the Coronation Hall to enjoy the excellent Winter Warmer menu then please let Liz know.

By pre arrangement Liz can now offer lunch delivery within the Parish to anyone who is unable to travel to the Hall. The delivery will be a bit later than 12.30 but just as tasty.

01264 731242 or liz@wexcombefarm.co.uk

Winter Warmers menu**Wednesday 7 February 12.30**

Coronation Hall

Chicken Miranda

**with mashed potatoes and vegetables
Bakewell Tart and Ice Cream**

Please reserve your place with Liz

01264 731242 or liz@wexcombefarm.co.uk

This very popular, sociable and delicious way to spend a Wednesday lunchtime comes thoroughly recommended.

Please note that the March lunch date has been changed

Wednesday 14 March 12.30

(Changed from 7 March)

**Beef Steak Pie, Mashed Potato, Peas and Beans
Chocolate Roulade**

St Nicholas' Parochial Church Council AGM

Sunday 18th March 11.30am

The AGM will commence after Holy Communion at 11am. This is an informal and informative meeting when everyone is invited to find out more about what the Church is doing and to ask about future plans.

Refreshments will be served and all residents of the parish are welcome.



If you would like to dedicate a Lily to a loved one or a friend contact Patricia Knowles **01672 810072** and your lily will be included in the stunning Easter display in the church.

The names of loved ones will be included on a scroll displayed in church over the Easter period.

Early orders would be appreciated
Each lily costs £2.50



It is 3 years since Grafton Youth Activities started and during that time nearly 40 young people from local villages have taken part.

The Youth Group is an initiative started by Grafton Parish Council and is aimed at young people at secondary school or in further education. It is driven by young people who suggest, decide and make happen the events and activities they want to participate in.

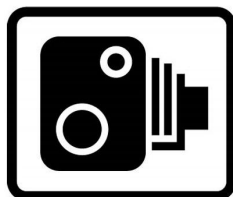
In January ten of us went to Clue HQ, and everyone completed the challenge and successfully escaped from the locked rooms! In December twelve of us made bath bombs in various colours and smells!

Group members are proactive volunteers within the community and earn time credits, which are used to pay for trips and activities.

The group has great fun and gets involved in very different activities, why not come along and find out more, bring your ideas for future activities and impact community events by volunteering.

February Half Term – look out for planned activities @**GraftonParish** and get onto the email distribution list by contacting **youthactivities@graftonparish.com**

To find out more about Grafton Youth Activities contact Annie on **07802 923344** or email **youthactivities@graftonparish.com**



Speed watch

Speed Watch was set up by the Parish Council after receiving numerous comments and complaints about people speeding through our Villages.

We now have a small team of volunteers who have been trained at Wiltshire Police HQ in Devizes to stand at the side of the road and help deter, and catch, those who exceed the 30mph limit through East Grafton.

Currently we can only run these sessions at 3 places, but are hoping for more sites once risk assessments have been carried out. However, none of these sessions can take place without the volunteers who give maybe one or two hours per month for this activity.

We are always looking for more volunteers and would invite anyone who has an interest in this to get in touch - full training is provided at Devizes. Do contact **clerk@graftonparish.com** to find out more.



The
Wilton Windmill
Society

Many readers may have noticed that the fantail and, with later horrendous winds, one of the sails have both been blown off this Wilton landmark.

Undeterred by these events the Society is working towards adding to the displays for visitors.

If you are able to contribute as little as one afternoon during the summer months then the team of volunteers will be very appreciative of your time.

Contact **suejbax@gmail.com** to offer support and to join this very friendly and supportive team.



www.graftonparish.com is expanded for 2018

The Community News has a Facebook and Twitter page and you can find all sorts of information, news and events. Our webpage is on the **www.graftonparish.com** website which now includes a page for St Nicholas' Church with service details, some history and letters from Vicars.

This ensures that every activity within the Parish is publicised in one place for all to view. If you do not have access to the internet and therefore the Parish Website then please drop a short note into the hall letterbox (containing your name, contact number and address) and we will do our best to ensure that you are supplied with local information.

Local commercial listing

B&B West Grafton	Angie Orssich	01672 810339
B&B Grafton	Victoria Frost	07557 791604
Builder	Sam Sanchez	07887 991249
Cake making	www.faysfairycakes.co.uk	
Celebration Cakes	www.nattiesbakesandbites.co.uk	
Disco and Karaoke	Pete Vallis	01672 811326
Disco and Party	Steve	01672 811109
Dog training/walking	Carrie Holborow	07546 941709
Double glazing repairs	David Willcocks	01672 811979
Furniture	Holgate & Pack	01672 870887
Gardening	Sue Upham	01672 810526
Grafton Garage	Tony Gilbert	07845 006890
Hair and Beauty	Katherine Le Bon	07770 945307
Homeopathy	Emma H-Byass	07540 773531
Logs/tree surgeon	Jeremy Hawkins	07980 536156
Painting & Decorating	Neil Anderson	01264 731362

Local commercial listing Continued

Personal trainer	Hen Mackinnon	07977 511959
Pest Control	Julie Wilson	01672 811479
Printing clothing/signs	www.SCSigns.co.uk	
Storage/lock up	David Lemon	01672 870866
Sunflowers at Grafton	Julie McLernon	01672 810478
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274
For help and information		
Link Scheme	0771 7006787	
Police emergency	999 or 112 - information 101	
Member of Parliament	Claire Perry	01380 729358
County Councillor	Stuart Wheeler	01672 810285

Links for local information

Charity working for community development **www.communityfirst.org.uk**
 Pewsey Area Board **www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk**
 Access Community notice boards and much more on **www.wiltshire.gov.uk**
 Grafton Parish **www.graftonparish.com**
 Tree wardens for Wiltshire **www.wiltshiretreewardens.co.uk**

11 November 2018



100 years after the end of World War I is to be remembered nationally

Grafton Parish Council and St Nicholas' Parochial Church Council are joining together to conduct an act of remembrance for those who left this Parish to fight during this and other conflicts. Residents and friends are invited to put their names forward to parade dressed in uniforms or garments of the period before, during and after the service of remembrance at St Nicholas.

Peter Lemon has organised the return of a memorial stone, originally sited at the Wesleyan Methodist Bethel Chapel, commemorating those from Wilton who left to fight in WW1 and it is hoped that this memorial will be unveiled in St Nicholas' Church as part of the ceremony.

If any one has, or knows of, vehicles from the WW1 period please let us know and we will pass the information on. Offers of clothing, accessories or other interesting items from the period will also be very welcome.

More details nearer the time but it is never too early to start thinking about events in November! Email news@griftonparish.com with any comments, offers and suggestions please.

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CHRISTENING



Friends of Savernake Hospital and the Community

The Friends of Savernake Hospital and the Community is a charity set up to support individuals and organisations involved in healthcare both at Savernake Hospital and in the wider community.

It aims to enhance the quality of life of those affected by ill health and or disability, and supports their care and wellbeing.

If you would like to apply for a healthcare-related grant or learn more about the Friends or become a member or volunteer visit

www.friendsofsavernake.org.

Parish Council interim open planning meetings

Wiltshire County planning department no longer supply paper plans - access is therefore on-line only. Where it is not possible to include applications at bi-monthly Parish Council meetings interim lunchtime open meetings are held. Agendas are posted on the noticeboards and the website when meetings are required so keep an eye on both.



Can you spare 2 hours per week?

If you would like to help families in your community contact **01672 569457**. You will receive 40 hours of training and will be supported every step of the way by professional Family Support Organisers and the entire Home-Start team.

There will be an opportunity to attend peer support sessions where you will meet other volunteers, network, and take part in additional training sessions. Travel and other agreed expenses are paid.

The next training course starts on **8 March**. For more information please see the volunteer pages on our website: www.homestartkennet.co.uk

Community Contacts

Church flowers/cleaning	Patricia Knowles 01672 810072
Community News	news@griftonparish.com
Coronation Hall	07479 281809 hall@griftonparish.com
Parish Council	clerk@griftonparish.com
PCC Secretary	01672 870266
St Nicholas' services	www.savernaketteam.org.uk
Winter Warmers	01264 731242 liz@wexcombefarm.co.uk

Local Clubs

Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig



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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.

FEBRUARY

04	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
07	12.30	Winter Warmers	
11	18.00	Evensong	<i>St N</i>
12	13.00	PC planning (when plans received)	
18	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
23	24.00	Closing date for Community News	
25	16.00	Family Service	<i>St N</i>

MARCH

11	16.00	Mothering Sunday	<i>St N</i>
12	19.15	Parish Council open meeting	
14	12.30	Winter Warmers	
18	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
18	11.30	St Nicholas' AGM	<i>St N</i>

Burbage Surgery will be holding a defibrillator training course 15 March at 18.45hrs. Please contact Keith Marshall Practice manager **01672 871450** or email kmarshall@nhs.net

See www.graftonparish.com for Coronation Hall booking information and details of gazebo hire - dates and information for all Parish council meetings and past

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
01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt

WEDNESDAY

CIRCUIT & FITNESS



09:15 to 10:15
01672 810266 Hen Mackinnon

THURSDAY



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

FRIDAY

Mobile library at the Coronation Hall
14 February, 14 March 11.40am to 12pm



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	15.45 - 17.45	Grde 1/2 Modern & Tap, Grde 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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