

COMMUNITY NEWS

Thursday 8 June is the date for the general election and the polling station will be the Coronation Hall in East Grafton as usual. When you visit the Coronation Hall do have a look at the flower tubs which are very professionally planted and tended by Fran Barclay - thank you Fran. Back to the green again for the Rounders Knock Out Cup on the following day 9 June at 6pm when you can let your hair down and enjoy a bit of community fun!

Thank you parish councillor Mike Hyslop for all your efforts to achieve the 40mph speed limit through Marten. See the official notice on page 3. The Parish Council AGM provided a good opportunity to learn about what is going on in the parish although the turnout was very disappointing when so many are volunteering in so many ways throughout the parish. You are warmly invited to join in with any of the teams working in the parish, your assistance will be so much appreciated and a little effort will go a long way.

Our apologies to Lemon's Lock Ups on the incorrect printing of telephone and email details last month. We endeavour to be as accurate as possible and are sorry if business has been affected by the error in this advertisement.



9 June, Grafton Parish Rounders Knock Out Cup



Plans are well under way for the matches on the green, teams are getting signed up in all the villages so a competitive inter-village challenge is on the cards!

Starting at 6pm with rounders for the little ones and from 6.30pm the rounders for bigger siblings and adults will start. There are 6 teams with three knock out rounds and a grand final. If you are ready to take on the bat or field the ball please contact Annie to join a team before 9 June, and don't worry if you fancy joining on the evening we'll find a way for you to play. The rules are not too challenging! This event is organised by Grafton Parish Council for the community.



Objective: Two teams of nine players must try and score more rounders than the other in an innings!

While not playing there are other activities to entertain - French cricket, table tennis, face painting, film night in the hall, as well as burgers and beers etc! Come along to cheer on your team, enjoy the food without the washing up or take the chance to catch up with your neighbours.

Put the date in your diary and if you would like to play, or volunteer to help cook/serve the food and drinks let Annie know on **07802 923 344** or email youthactivities@graftonparish.com



Clear out your cupboards!

**Bag2School collection
Friday 23 June 2017**

A blue Bag2School bag has been delivered with your Community News so why not take the opportunity for an summer clear out and help us raise funds. Fill the bag with good quality used clothes, bags, shoes, belts and more (see side of bag for full details) and drop it off at Sunflowers by 9am on Friday 23 June. Spread the word to family and friends – you can also use black bags if you have lots to clear out.



The
Wilton Windmill
Society

There is still time to book tickets for Saturday 24 June at 7pm Smoke & Mirrors at the Windmill for their Cinderella Murder Mystery and hogroast.

The event is a fundraiser for the Windmill and tickets are on sale now from **07769 977779** or info@hauntedmysteryweekend.co.uk £27.50 to include the hog roast!

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Become 'Part Of An Elephant's Future' with Kids Tusk Force

KIDS' TUSK FORCE UK is a new charity based in East Grafton which aims to teach children and young people about the plight of Sub-Saharan elephants due to poaching and the illegal trade in ivory.

It all began after I learnt of the wonderful work of The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust with orphaned elephants and used their story during our family service at St Nicholas' Church last May. All the children went home with a small block of clay to make a string of beads and paint them with the colours of African animals, together with a label bearing the name of an orphaned elephant. These beads would be a constant reminder of the work of the Trust and of the little elephant they were dedicated to.

The service and the beads had a great impact and so I spoke to more children and made more beads at Sunflowers and Bedwyn Primary School. Kids Tusk Force grew from this with three clear objectives - Conservation, Protection and Education - encouraging schools across the UK to become involved in a crusade led by children to shout out against poaching, the illegal trade in ivory and the protection of habitat. We are partners with the Sheldrick Trust and have been joined by Hugh Fearnley- Whittingstall, Bear Grylls, Jonathan Scott of BBC's Big Cat Diaries, Elinor Goodman and Claire Perry.

Great Bedwyn School have since raised £1,200 and are fostering an elephant for the next ten years and making a substantial donation to the anti-poaching unit. This fantastic effort by Year 5 children (aged 9 and 10 years) is inspirational and they are looking forward to regular progress reports sent from the Keeper's Diaries. Four more schools are embarking on this crusade now with more lined up to go ahead in September.

Find out more at www.kidstuskforce.org.uk and our facebook page. If you would like to support us please email or drop in at Walnut Tree Cottage, Wilton Road, East Grafton. I have strings of beads and beautifully designed correspondence cards complete with envelopes for sale at £5.00 each, or you could make a simple donation.

Thank you, June

june.walnuttree@btinternet.com, 01672 811997

PS If we had enough donations we could foster an orphaned elephant for Grafton Parish and publish its progress reports in the Community News every two months. What a wonderful thought ...



The summer programme is underway and several ideas have been suggested. Please let Annie know which activities you fancy and can come to so final planning can be completed

25/07 Tree Runners (leaving Coronation Hall 9.15am for 10.30am session (2.5 hrs) McDonald's lunch, returning circa 3pm)

02/08 Ramble to Crofton Beam Engine (10.30am at Coronation Hall, ramble to Crofton for lunch at Engineman's Rest Café and ramble back!)

09/08 Family Supper (2.00pm Coronation Hall, prep and cook supper for parents, siblings and selves, eat at 6.30pm)

15/08 Paint Balling (trip organised with Pewsey Youth Group)

W/C 21/08 Survival Skills (a day of bush craft or, if you fancy, an overnight stay as well!)

30/08 Thorpe Park (trip organised with Pewsey Youth Group)

If you know young people in the Parish tell them about the plans and get them to come along. If you have questions, want more details or would like to join in then please contact youthactivities@graftonparish.com and **Annie on 07802 923344**

Our Doctor writes is provided by Sarah Davey who has written about her role as a Care Co-ordinator

"What is a Care Coordinator?" I hear you ask, I will explain.

I provide information and guidance about the care and support that is available to best meet your needs. I can visit you in the comfort of your home and discuss what areas of support or guidance you are looking for. I can help you liaise with or refer you to services with the aim that the support you receive maximises your independence and wellbeing. I can continue to be involved if the support you already have requires adapting to meet your changing needs.

I work alongside the Old School Surgery team and the Community team based at Savernake Hospital. This enables me to refer patients from the surgery into the community team for Physiotherapy / Occupational Therapy and District Nurse services. A simple piece of equipment or adaption provided, following assessment by the community team, may enable a person to continue with a daily activity with which they were struggling, thereby promoting safety and independence.

I liaise with the acute hospitals and follow referrals from the ward to the community teams to support in hospital discharge. Leaving hospital and settling back home can be a worrying and exhausting time. The Care Coordinator is an effective link in promoting joined up care and reassurance to the person leaving hospital that the care and support they need will be in place when they return home.

I make referrals to the Adult Social Care team based at the local council. This team helps people who are in need of practical support due to illness, disability, old age or a low income and provide many avenues of support especially with housing, finances and wellbeing. Many voluntary/charity organisations work closely with the council and are vital in providing support. I can provide information about these organisations and help you access them.

I help with the completion of application forms, such as the Blue Badge, Attendance Allowance and benefit forms. A Blue Badge can allow closer parking to amenities, enabling continuation of access to the community and services, which in turn promotes social inclusion and wellbeing. The Attendance Allowance is a benefit for people over 65 who may need to pay for extra help to stay independent at home.

Kind regards, Sarah Davey, Care Co-ordinator employed by the N.H.S.

Local events and news in brief

Planning applications for tree work in our Parish conservation area

Consent is needed before any work is carried out on protected trees, except in cases where the tree is dead or dangerous. When permission is granted for the felling of a tree, a replanting condition may be appropriate to make sure the tree is replaced with the same or a similar species. The tree preservation order (TPO) then automatically applies to the new tree. Anyone wishing to carry out work on trees over 75mm in diameter within a conservation area will need to give the council six weeks' notice of their intention. This ensures the council can make a TPO where necessary. You can use www.wiltshirecouncil.maps.arcgis.com mapping system to check if the tree is within a conservation area or covered by a Tree Preservation Order. Planning application forms and guidance can be downloaded from the pack finder page. - See more at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-trees-hedges

Prosecution for unauthorised works to trees can lead to a maximum fine of £20,000 or twice the value of the tree. Certain trees are exempt from felling licensing such as garden or fruit trees, trees under eight centimetres in diameter and trees that are either dead or dangerous.

Get Wiltshire Walking

Every month is a walking month for Get Wiltshire Walking, as the project offers a comprehensive programme of 31 free led weekly health walks of varying levels at 18 locations across the county. Since 2011, Get Wiltshire Walking's volunteer walk leaders have provided free opportunities for Wiltshire's residents to increase their physical activity - read more... www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/get-wiltshire-walking

40mph speed limits confirmed in Marten and came into operation on 29th May 2017

1. THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE (C195, MARTEN, GRAFTON) (40MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2017

To introduce a 40mph speed limit on the following length of road: C195, Marten, Grafton – from a point 163 metres south east of its junction with A338 to a point in line with the boundary of property known as No. 4 Armines

2. THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE (C195, MARTEN, GRAFTON) (50MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2017

To introduce a 50mph speed limit on the following length of road: C195, Marten, Grafton – from its junction with A338 for a distance of 163 metres in a south easterly direction

Speed Limits & Speed watch

Grafton Parish Council has been working hard to highlight speeding through our villages and have recently been successful in securing a 40mph speed limit through Marten. Along with this, regular speed watch sessions are held in the village through the 30mph section on the A338. We have a team of volunteers who help this effort, but we are always looking for more. If you would like to get involved, do please contact clerk@grafterparish.com for further details - full training is given at Devizes Police Headquarters.

"Supper Club" at Engineman's Café, Crofton Beam Engines

The first "Supper Club" is to be held on Thursday 22 June from 6.30 to 10.30pm at the Enginemans Café, a 3 course supper including a hot buffet of an authentic curry with accompaniments, delicious homemade lasagne with salads as well as a vegetarian option. Live music will be performed by Da Vinci, a four-piece smooth jazz instrumental band. Tickets are available at £25 per head (drinks not included). To book your seat for this popular event (numbers are limited), email sarahbibby@aol.com, or contact through the Facebook page.

Thefts

There have been a number of thefts from car parks recently in the area, please be vigilant when leaving your car not to leave anything of any value in view – don't give potential thieves the opportunity.

Cycling Pewsey

Every day at 9.30am, a group of cyclists of all abilities meet at the Fire Station in North Street in Pewsey to go for a cycle ride around the area – often stopping for a cup of tea along the way. Everyone is welcome to join the group and they advise you to check their Facebook page for updates and cancellations – just search for Cycling Pewsey.

Special Offers

The Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership has some special offers from local partners, including Marr Green Farm Shop, The Bruce Arms, Crofton Beam Engines and Wilton Windmill. To download the vouchers, just go to www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk and click on Special Offers.

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Parish council planning meeting 12 June is cancelled due to lack of applications.



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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.

JUNE

04	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
08	07.00	General election	
09	18.00	Rounders on the green	
10	10.30	Junior cricket	<i>Grafton playing fields</i>
11	18.00	Evensong	<i>St N</i>
12	13.00	Parish council planning meeting cancelled	
17	10.30	Junior cricket	<i>Grafton playing fields</i>
18	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
23	09.00	Bags2School	<i>Sunflowers at Grafton</i>
24	10.30	Junior cricket	<i>Grafton playing fields</i>
24	19.00	Cinderella Murder Mystery	<i>Wilton windmill</i>
24-25		Steaming weekend	<i>Crofton</i>
25	16.00	Family Worship	<i>St N</i>
30	24.00	Closing date for Community News	

JULY

10	19.15	Parish council open meeting	
12-16		Wimbledon cream teas delivered to you	
25	09.15	Youth activities tree runners	

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Local Clubs	
Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
Junior cricket club	pdewinton@savills.com
Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig

MONDAY

YOGA



11:00 to 12:30
01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt

TUESDAY



ZUMBA



YOGA

09:30 to 10:30
07710 115324 Joanna Bury

19:30 to 21:00
01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt

WEDNESDAY

CIRCUIT & FITNESS



09:15 to 10:15
01672 810266 Hen Mackinnon

Various classes for all ages
between 15:30 and 19:00
07746 479345 Charlotte Price

THURSDAY



GRAFTON GOBLINS

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

FRIDAY

Mobile library at the Coronation Hall
9 June, 7 July 11.55am to 12.25pm



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

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