

COMMUNITY NEWS

Thank you Father Christmas and your trusty elf for coming to see us on Christmas Eve and again on Christmas Day. Your visits are very much appreciated.

Another huge thank you to everyone involved in the Christmas celebrations in the Church, Coronation Hall and Wilton Quackers - your efforts make a huge difference for us all.

Winter Warmers menu

Tuesday 15 January 12.30

Steak and Kidney Pie

Rice Pudding and Fruit Conserve



Please reserve your place with Liz on **01264 731242** or **liz@wexcombefarm.co.uk**

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Grafton Parish planning applications now on Facebook and Twitter

Publishing dates for our printed Community News rarely coincide with the date of planning submissions and closing dates for consultations, but the Community News team are mindful that many Parish residents are keen to be kept informed of planning applications.

From January 2019 we plan to use Facebook and Twitter to publicise details of all Parish planning applications. This will help to ensure that residents have access to planning applications in a timely manner.

We appreciate that not all residents use either Facebook or Twitter but this does mean that many more people will be notified which is a positive step. We hope that this will ensure that residents have a better chance of identifying planning applications in their vicinity than has previously been the case.

If you would like to be notified of planning applications you can either like our Facebook page **www.facebook.com/GraftonParishCommunityNews** or follow us on Twitter **www.twitter.com/grafonparish**

See page 3 for more information on the planning application process.

Keep the wheels on the bus going round ...



Our minibus runs from East Grafton to Burbage Primary School at 8.30am and returns at 3.15pm. The role is Monday to Friday, 2 hours daily (1 hour in the morning and 1 in the afternoon), during term time only. At just 10 hours per week we know the hours are unconventional but we feel confident that the right person is out there. Or possibly the right combination of people are out there?

The role would certainly work well as a job share – maybe the afternoon run would work for you but not the morning? Or you'd be happy to drive on a couple of days but not 5 days?

Being part of our driving team may complement other part-time work hours, will provide a connection to the community and be good fun. You need a clean licence with D1 or equivalent and we will provide minibus driver training.

If you think you might be able to help at all, on either a permanent or ad-hoc basis, please get in touch for a chat. Contact Alison or Sue by **admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk** or on **01672 810478**.



From Superslow to Superfast

The villages of Marten and Wexcombe will be getting superfast fibre broadband – probably in about the next 9 to 12 months!

Tim Brew and Mike Hyslop have been working on the project during 2018 using a Government scheme to get broadband to remote villages and communities. Tamara Reay alerted Tim and Mike to the scheme, which provides grant funding towards the cost of broadband implementation. Funding depends on how many households sign up and whether they run business as opposed to residential telephone accounts from home. Individually, it would not have been achievable, but by clubbing together, as one community, the grant funding is roughly the same as the cost from BT OpenReach.

When the time comes, BT will require access to each property to install the fibre to the door.

Can't wait!



Grafton Youth Group

New Year Activities

Friday 11 January - Floodlit climbing wall and archery followed by a campfire at Oxenwood, 6pm – 8.30pm-ish

See if you can get to the top of the walls or get a bulls-eye at night under floodlights – much more exciting! End the evening with some campfire cooking!

Cost £10 or one Time Credit.

Please organise your own transport there and back. Parents when picking up you are welcome to join in with the campfire and enjoy some camp fire cooked nibbles.

For more details and a parent consent form please contact Gabby Walker on gabsw@icloud.com or text **07810 340471**.

Wednesday 20 February - Go Karting at Thruxton (Half Term)

There's still space for more to join in the 1.5 hour Go Karting session – to make sure you get a place can you please **confirm if you want to take part in this activity**. We'll then book places, first come first served as places on the mini bus will be limited to 14 people. Times and cost will be advised once booked. Time credits will be eligible for the trip.

Please indicate your interest on all these activities by contacting Gabby Walker on gabsw@icloud.com or text **07810 340471**.

Youth Activities is an initiative started by Grafton Parish Council and is aimed at young people at secondary school or in further education

Local commercial listing

Baby sitting	Sophie	07557 915052
B&B Grafton	Victoria Frost	07557 791604
Builder	Sam Sanchez	07887 991249
Cake making	www.faysfairycakes.co.uk	
Celebration Cakes	www.nattiesbakesandbites.co.uk	
Computer issues	Stuart	07881 912477
Disco and Karaoke	Pete Vallis	01672 811326
Disco and Party	Steve	01672 811109
Dog Grooming	Victoria	07786 868192
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
Homeopathy	Emma H-Byass	07540 773531
Logs/tree surgeon	Jeremy Hawkins	07980 536156
Painting & Decorating	Neil Anderson	01264 731362
Personal trainer	Hen Mackinnon	07977 511959
Pest Control	Julie Wilson	01672 811479
Storage/lock up	David Lemon	01672 870266
Sunflowers at Grafton	Julie McLernon	01672 810478
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274

Community Contacts

Church flowers/cleaning	Patricia Knowles 01672 810072
Community News	news@graftonparish.com
Coronation Hall	07479 281809 hall@graftonparish.com
Junior Cricket	pdewinton@savills.com
Parish Council	clerk@graftonparish.com
PCC Secretary	01672 870266
St Nicholas' services	www.graftonparish.com

Winter Warmers	01264 731242 liz@wexcombefarm.co.uk
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Parish Council meeting

Monday 7 January, 7.15pm

Coronation Hall

Everyone is welcome as always

All events, planning applications, legal requirements and items of interest to the residents of the Parish are discussed at each meeting. It is worth coming along now and then to a meeting to find out what is done on your behalf in the Parish.

Agendas are posted on all hamlet notice boards and on the **www.graftonparish.com** web site so do have a look and decide if you might pop in for all or part of the meeting!

The planning application for a housing development on machinery field in East Grafton will be discussed at this meeting because Wiltshire Planning Office has granted an extension to the consultation period to include the 7 January Parish Council meeting.

Do please come along if you have any comments, observations to impart regarding application 18/11168/FUL.

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Member of Parliament	Claire Perry	01380 729358
County Councillor	Stuart Wheeler	01672 810285

Community Market & Brunch

Saturday 30 March

Following the tremendous success of the pre-Christmas Community Market & Brunch in the Coronation Hall we are pleased to confirm the date for our Spring Market & Brunch will be Saturday 30 March.

Catch up with friends and neighbours over brunch and browse the market stalls.

If you have crafts or produce from the garden or kitchen which you would like to sell then do bring it along. Or perhaps you'd like to take a table to sell on your preloved, but no longer wanted, items!

There is no charge to take a table - simply email hall@graftonparish.com to book a place.

News in brief

Walking in the New Year

We are very lucky to live in an area where footpaths abound and walking is a great way to not only enjoy our lovely countryside, but also to get fit. As well as lots of ideas for walking and cycling in the area, there are also 4 new walking leaflets for you to download or print on www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk/walking – and more will be available in the coming months.

Grafton Parish Planning Applications

The planning process is largely governed by legislation and is designed to allow the input of expert and interested parties into the decision making process.

The Parish Council receives notification of a planning application at the same time as green notices are posted at the property. A link to the planning application will then be posted on Facebook and tweeted, along with the date of the parish council planning meeting at which the application will be discussed.

It is important to note that you do not have to be a neighbour, to live in the same street or to be named as a Consultee to comment on any planning application. Comments are made online and you need to visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment to locate an application and then to submit your response.

Printed application details are not available to either the Parish Council or to residents. Planning meetings in the Coronation Hall usually include access to the Wiltshire planning website so that discussions can be meaningful and residents are encouraged to attend.

Applications can relate either to building works or works to trees. Some properties in our Parish are within the Conservation area where planning permission is required to do any work to trees, additionally some trees have a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) placed upon them. Please note that applications for tree works are not discussed at planning meetings.

For more information on the planning process go to www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/householdersguidetoplaning

Like the Community News
facebook page or follow us
on twitter to make sure
you stay in touch with
planning applications



Links for local information

Charity working for community development communityfirst.org.uk
Pewsey Area Board pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk
Access Community notice boards and much more on wiltshire.gov.uk
Grafton Parish graftonparish.com
All the latest news releases wiltshire.gov.uk/latestnews.htm
Heritage community of Wiltshire heritageinwiltshire.wordpress.com
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All events take place in the Coronation Hall unless otherwise specified. *St N* refers to St Nicholas' Church.

JANUARY 2019

07	19.15	Parish Council meeting	
11	18.30	Youth Activities	
15	12.30	Winter Warmers	
20	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St Nicholas' Church</i>

FEBRUARY

07	19.15	Crofton charity talk	<i>St Peters' Church, M'Bo</i>
20		Youth Activities	

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MONDAY

YOGA



11:00 to 12:30
01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt

TUESDAY



09:30 to 10:30
07710 115324 Joanna Bury

YOGA



19:30 to 21:00
01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt

WEDNESDAY

Mobile library at the Coronation Hall
16 January, 13 February 11.40am to 12pm

THURSDAY



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

FRIDAY



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	16.00 - 18.00 18.00 - 18.30	Grade 1/2 Modern & Tap, Grade 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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