

COMMUNITY NEWS**Community Safety Meeting****Wednesday 22 January at 7.30pm**

Recent domestic property break-ins to houses in East Grafton have been matched by similar burglaries in our neighbouring villages. At the same time, our farming community is suffering a host of incidents involving trespass, damage to crops and property, poaching, hare coursing and theft.

It was agreed at the November Parish Council Meeting that matters are sufficiently serious to warrant a specific meeting to discuss the steps we can all take to assist the Police in their efforts to address rising levels of rural crime, and by so doing serve to protect our own homes and our community as a whole.

Please therefore join us in the Coronation Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday January 22nd.

We will be joined by the senior officer for this part of the County, Inspector Pete Foster, who - with members of his team, will explain current Police strategy to counter rural crime and the links with Neighbourhood Watch.

Paul Sunners, who took over recently as Chairman of Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch, will also be present to cover the initiatives now planned or implemented at both County and National level to support the Police and spread the gospel of awareness and crime prevention throughout our communities.

David Willcocks, the East Grafton based security expert, will be on hand to offer advice, as featured in the December Community News, on the security of windows, doors and conservatories.

The Community News team apologises for the error in the telephone numbers printed for David Willcocks in the December issue and we hope that residents have not been inconvenienced by this error.

The correct contact numbers for David Willcocks are **01672 811979** or **07966 216629**.

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**Winter Warmers****Tuesday 14 January****12.30pm, Coronation Hall**

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Everyone is welcome to enjoy this seasonal "get together" with delicious food and friendly company.

Contact Liz Hosier - **01264 731242** or liz@wexcombefarm.co.uk to let her know that you are coming, would like a lift or would appreciate lunch to be delivered to your home.



Other plans for the new year include a trip to Extreme Trampoline, Go Karting at Thruxton, Bedwyn Pantomime, Games night in the Hall, Creating Easter Chocolates, Swindon Cinema trip, Crazy Golf, Aquaventure and many more. Have your input and tell us what you'd like to add?

If you are interested in knowing more about Grafton Youth Activities, email youthactivities@grafftonparish.com or text Annie on **07802 923344**.

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

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The New Year starts here

A variety of fun activities are planned for 2020, kicking off in January.

24 January 6.30pm, Coronation Hall Tie-dye Tee Shirts

Come along and design your own funky tee shirt, there'll be lots of colours and ideas to help you. We'll have a selection of shirts for you to experiment with, and if you want to bring your own that's cool

News in brief

Free fire safety checks and smoke alarms are being offered by Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.

As part of its ongoing focus on preventing fire-related incidents in the home, Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is providing one-to-one advice in the home, which incorporates fire safety and health and well-being. Wiltshire residents can arrange for a member of the Fire Service to visit them at their property and provide smoke alarms and safety advice as part of a Safe and Well visit.

The visit will identify potential risks within the home and how to reduce or prevent these risks. It covers electrical safety, escape plans, cooking, smoking, personal safety and the immediate installation of smoke alarms, if needed, all free of charge. We can also arrange adaptive smoke alarms for people with hearing impairment who are unable to hear their smoke alarms without hearing aids. Certain criteria apply so to check eligibility, please visit www.dwfire.org.uk or call **0800 038 2323**

Hollow Lane, Wilton, major bridge works

Wiltshire Council will commence work on the bridge adjacent to the Swan pub during the summer of 2020 and it may continue into 2021. The bridge is safe now and will be monitored regularly.

This work may require the closure of Hollow Lane, diversions via the A338, the provision of a footbridge and could take as long as 12 weeks depending on how much work is required following a full survey.

This is an early warning for residents who will receive full details nearer the time. In the meantime contact Chris Pearce **01225 718083** or **07423 594457** for further details.

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
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

For help and information

Link Scheme	0771 7006787	
Police emergency	999 or 112 - information 101	
Member of Parliament	Danny Kruger	01380 729358
County Councillor	Stuart Wheeler	01672 810285

Community Contacts

Church flowers/cleaning	Patricia Knowles 01672 810072
Community News	news@griftonparish.com
Coronation Hall	07479 281809 hall@griftonparish.com
Junior Cricket	pdewinton@savills.com
Parish Council	clerk@griftonparish.com
PCC Secretary	01672 870266
St Nicholas' services	www.griftonparish.com
Winter Warmers	01264 731242 liz@wexcombefarm.co.uk
Youth Activities	Text Annie 07802923344

Local Clubs

Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig
Crofton Beam Engines	crofton@katrust.org.uk
Grafton Goslings Baby & Toddler Group	graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk

Links for local information

Events and news in the Pewsey Vale visitpewseyvale.co.uk

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 griftonparish.com

All the latest news releases wiltshire.gov.uk/latestnews.htm

Heritage community of Wiltshire heritageinwiltshire.wordpress.com

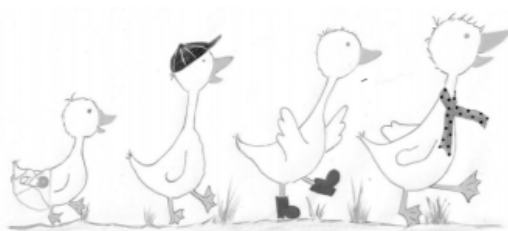
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Reminiscences from the first issue of the Community News - November 2009!

Whether you are new to Grafton Parish or have been resident here for many years we thought that you might enjoy a little 10 year trip down memory lane. The first issue included the following articles ...

"Welcome to the first edition of the Community News" This monthly newsletter has been created by representatives of the Parish Council and Grafton CofE primary school so that everyone in our thriving village community is kept informed about events and matters that affect us. *There was a lot of news about our primary school which sadly closed in July 2011. Sunflowers at Grafton started business in the original school buildings in October 2011 and has been thriving ever since.*

"The new Coronation Hall is almost complete" Grafton Parish Council has overseen the construction of this new building but it would not have been possible without the support of everyone in the parish. Many of the activities on your wish list at the start of this project such as yoga and a toddler group are now being planned. *For those new to the parish it is worth noting that vast sums of money were raised by the community with lots of fun fund-raising events such as Wide Water Clay shoots and fairs, sponsored events such as bike rides, runs and walks not to mention activities such as Call my wine Buff, dances, meals and sausage tastings. There was a frantic couple of years of activity to match and National Lottery Fund which could be achieved.*

"When the lights go out" Have you every wondered what would happen if there was a major emergency, such as a major road incident in the parish, or a nationwide power loss? Well, even if you haven't, you will be comforted to know that Wiltshire Council holds annual Emergency Planning Exercises to provide an opportunity for parish councils to simulate what they would do in such an event. *These events no longer take place!*

"Carols on the Green" An invitation to join a Community Choir of young and old (toddlers to Grandparents) to sing on the Green and at the Parish Christmas Party on 19 December.

"Heart attack warning" The first training sessions and awareness meeting to launch the fundraising for defibrillators in the parish. *Ultimately the efforts resulted in equipment being installed in all 5 hamlets of the parish. We were one of the first parishes to totally fund and site defibrillator equipment for all parts of the parish. This was an especially successful results after all the fundraising required to build a new Coronation Hall. The equipment is serviced and maintained by the Parish Council with the valued help of a team of monitors who regularly inspect and check the equipment - thank you all.*

"Raising money" Bag2School, online shopper giving machine and bulk buying of heating oil were all part of the money raising initiative which absorbed the parish.

So those are the Grafton Parish stories from 10 years ago - we hope it brought back some good memories and shows how our vibrant parish continues to support community initiatives.

Dates for your diary

All events take place in the Coronation Hall unless otherwise specified. *St N* refers to St Nicholas' Church.

Coronation Hall bookings **07479 281809**
hall@graftonparish.com

JANUARY

05	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
08	9.30	Yoga for all	
19	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
24	18.30	Youth Activities	

Heartfelt thanks Crowds of children (and adults) enjoyed seeing Father Christmas fly around the Parish on Christmas Eve and meeting him on Christmas Day at The Swan, Wilton. Thank you Father Christmas and your merry helpers.

Thank you to Quackers for the fabulous Wilton Christmas tree which has twinkled merrily throughout December.



Like our Facebook page **www.facebook.com/GraftonParishCommunityNews** or follow us on Twitter **www.twitter.com/graftonparish**.

See **www.graftonparish.com** for Coronation Hall booking information and details of gazebo hire.

MONDAY

YOGA



11:00 to 12:30
01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt

TUESDAY



ZUMBA
fitness

09:30 to 10:30
07710 115324 Joanna Bury

YOGA



19:00 to 20:30
01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt

WEDNESDAY

Yoga for all

09.30 to 10.30
07747 780898 Tim Brew

Mobile library at the Coronation Hall
15 January 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 - 19.00	West End (Group Show Dances), Bronze Jazz, Pre-Pointe
Wednesday	15.30 - 19.00	Baby Ballet, Pre-Primary Ballet, Primary & Grade 1/2 Ballet, Grade 3 Modern
Thursday	16.45 - 20.15	Grade 4/5 Ballet, Grade 4/5 Modern

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