

# COMMUNITY NEWS

Not a cloud in the sky as we compile this month's issue with more local news from our small community, mostly made possible by so many kind volunteers.

Thank you to the reader who took the time to email after the June edition to say how much they had enjoyed the news - it is much appreciated.

From the 30 July 2018 the materials that people can recycle at home from the kerbside is changing. We have given all the details in the May Community News but if you need any further information visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling-new-services](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling-new-services).

The Marten defibrillator is being moved to Mill Farm, Marten where it will be easily accessible to the general public. The location maps will be posted onto [www.graftonparish.com](http://www.graftonparish.com) and noticeboards as soon as the exact position is known.

The next screening for the picture Palace will be advertised in the August Community news. We learn that the screening of Darkest Hour was a great success and that Crispin Herod Taylor sorted out the sound system resulting in a significant improvement which added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

Congratulations to the Winter Warmers team for what we learn was an excellent outing to Bletchley Park.

## COFFEE MORNING

### *in aid of Hospice Care*

*Walnut Tree Cottage, Wilton Road,  
East Grafton*

**TUESDAY 16 JULY...10-12.00**

*In memory of my dear sister who died at The Thames Hospice in January after her long battle with Parkinson's Disease.*

*The wonderful care she received, and the compassion, kindness, respect, honesty and support given by every single member of staff and an army of volunteers will stay with me forever.*

*Please drop in for coffee and cake- you will be most welcome.*

*If you can't make it and would like to make a donation phone **01672 811997** or email [june.walnuttree@btinternet.com](mailto:june.walnuttree@btinternet.com) Thank you.*



## The Annual Grafton Parish Rounders Challenge is proving to be a great success

Yet another happy and jolly community event, burgers, drinks, cakes were consumed with gusto and the welcome fire pit kept everyone warm later in the evening. The 'knock out' matches were played with great enthusiasm, by all ages, many dressed in their nominated village colours – the competitive spirit was definitely in evidence!

It was good to see people new to the parish come along and join in with the matches, peeling onions, mucking in with the BBQ and helping clear up at the end.

It's organised by the Parish Council and a valiant team of helpers, who did an amazing job.

Whilst aiming to "break even" we are pleased to report that there was a surplus at the end of the day which has been split between the fund for improving the heating in St Nicholas' church and the provision of a zip wire in the playing field.

The Parish Council and the helper team are inspired to continue this annual event and can always use more help. If you would be able to add your name to the list of those willing to give time to community events then please email [clerk@graftonparish.com](mailto:clerk@graftonparish.com).



**Summer clear out!  
Bag2School collection  
Tuesday 17 July 2018**



Time for a clear out? A blue Bag2School bag has been delivered with your Community News so why not take the opportunity for a 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 Tuesday 17 July. Spread the word to family and friends – you can also use black bags if you have lots to clear out.



[www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk](http://www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk) for all the details



## 11.11.18 WW Remembrance plans - more news, more details!

Adding to the costumes, large poppies, themed service and vehicles of the period we have now sourced some more memorabilia consisting of guns, ammunition boxes, trench items and sandbags.

Each hamlet will receive a commemorative indigenous tree, donated by Pewsey Community Area of Wiltshire, during November. Planting details will be in the August issue of the Community News.

As always we are looking for volunteers to help with the arrangements on the day so do please email [news@graftonparish.com](mailto:news@graftonparish.com) if you can spare some time to make this event a memorable success.

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## Ride and Stride for churches 8 September

Why not do a sponsored cycle ride, horse/pony ride or walk to visit some of Wiltshire's beautiful churches and enjoy refreshments at each? All money you raise will go to your church and Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust.

**St Nicholas will welcome you of course!**

Sponsor forms can be obtained from Charles Graham **01672 514301** or [ctg100@hotmail.com](mailto:ctg100@hotmail.com) or [wiltshire@rideandstrideuk.org](http://wiltshire@rideandstrideuk.org)

# PUBLIC EXHIBITION

## Proposed Development on

**Land at 'Machinery Field', opposite Hungerford Road  
East Grafton**



A second exhibition to consult the community about the landowners' plans for a future planning application. Having taken on board feedback from over 60 residents the landowner would like to present their revised scheme to the community for the residential development.

Join us at: **Coronation Hall, East Grafton on Friday 13 July between 4pm and 7.30pm**

There will be a series of plans and illustrations to outline the proposed development along with an opportunity to discuss the proposal with the design team and submit comments.

### Local commercial listing

B&B Grafton	Victoria Frost	07557 791604
Builder	Sam Sanchez	07887 991249
Cake making	<a href="http://www.faysfairycakes.co.uk">www.faysfairycakes.co.uk</a>	
Celebration Cakes	<a href="http://www.nattiesbakesandbites.co.uk">www.nattiesbakesandbites.co.uk</a>	
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
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	<a href="http://www.SCSigns.co.uk">www.SCSigns.co.uk</a>	
Storage/lock up	David Lemon	01672 870266
Sunflowers at Grafton	Julie McLernon	01672 810478
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274
<b>For help and information</b>		
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](http://www.communityfirst.org.uk)  
Pewsey Area Board [www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk](http://www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk)  
Access Community notice boards and much more on [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)  
Grafton Parish [www.graftonparish.com](http://www.graftonparish.com)  
Tree wardens for Wiltshire [www.wiltshiretreewardens.co.uk](http://www.wiltshiretreewardens.co.uk)

## Grafton Parish Boundary Hike You can still sign up!

There are still a few places available on the Grafton Parish Boundary Hike (approximately 25km) on Saturday 15 September, raising money for the Brighter Futures Radiotherapy Appeal. Places are limited.

Please contact Jane Leighton on **07974 927919** or Susie Brew on **07802 444022** if you would like to join in.

## A perfect alternative to the gym!

**CIRCUIT &  
FITNESS**



We all know we need to stay active but for some of us the thought of the gym is just too much! We have a local, friendly and welcoming fitness training class here in the parish at the Coronation Hall. A challenging mix of strength, flexibility and aerobic work every Wednesday, 9.15am to 10.15am, during term time. Classes are bookable in termly blocks – good value at just £7.00 per week. Our dedicated group range in age, size and level of fitness and everyone works to their own personal capacity.

Interested in joining us for a free taster session? You just need to complete a health questionnaire in advance so please contact Henrietta MacKinnon on **07977 511959**.



### Awesome Summer Activities – Canoeing, tree climbing, zip wires and Tarzan trails!

**Tuesday 31 July** - Canoe fun session on a 4 acre lake in 2 and 3 seater Canadian canoes, followed by a Tarzan Trail, a challenging high ropes course, tackle the 'Burmese Bridge' and 'Tarzan Swing' before zooming down the zip wire. We'll leave Coronation Hall at 10.00am. Cost £20 or two Time Credits

**Sunday 19 August** is Youth Day in Pewsey - Pewsey 360 is open to all

**Tuesday 28 August** - Tree Climbing and Zipwire Event in Monkton Park, Chippenham followed by a BBQ. We'll leave Coronation Hall at 11.00am. Cost £20 or two Time Credits

If you are Moving into Year 7 in September, and there is space, we can sneak you onto these amazing summer activities!

Deadline for confirming places is 13 July, the activities must be booked ahead. Information on both trips can be found at **www.wolt.org.uk**. To book now or if you have any questions about summer trips contact **youthactivities@graftonparish.com** or Annie on **07802 923344**

### Autumn Programme

**14 September, 6.30 pm** in the Coronation Hall with a Table Tennis Challenge (A fee trip for the winner) followed by fajitas and nachos! Come along and talk to us about the youth group, find out what we do and tell us what you'd like to do. If you know young people moving into year 7 encourage them to pop in and find out more.

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

### Successful dredging of Wilton Pond on 16 June

Great pictures posted on **www.graftonparish.com**

The spring fed pond in Wilton is loved by everyone and acknowledged as the upstream source of the River Dun and supply of water for the Kennet and Avon Canal.

The Pond has become overgrown with Crassula, New Zealand Pygmy Weed, which cannot be killed by sprays and notoriously colonises lakes once it gets established. We have unsuccessfully asked Natural England and the Canal and River Trust for help and this year the infestation has become very serious.

David Lemon with his farming team of Wayne Watts and Warren Lee made up a Drag Machine which when pulled across the pond would hopefully drag the weed to the opposite side and leave it in a pile close to the road. To enable this to work four stalwarts spent nearly 4 hours in the pond and by the end they were very cold and tired. David Lemon, Wayne Watts, Philip Smith and Jo Long were brilliant and made it all happen.

Once the Drag Machine had been placed behind the weed the wire rope was attached to the forklift and with the considerable help of our manual pulling team of Mark Banting, Simon Blakey and Bob Watts, the fork lift backed across the road and up into the field until the drag had reached the road side bank. The weed was left in a floating pile until we were ready to lift it out of the pond

James Allen from Grafton very kindly brought his digger machine down to the pond and brilliantly scooped up all the weed and dumped it into the Forklift truck driven by Jasper Banting. Trevor Young and Peter Lemon were on traffic control and everyone was fascinated with what was going on as they drove carefully through.

Pam Puig and Roger England spent the 4 hours wading in the pond dealing with all the small outcrops of the Crassula which would have covered the pond if left there this summer. They floated their loaded container across the pond and emptied it with all the other weed by the road. They did a great job ensuring that all the small bits which could have been left were properly cleared away.

So many Mums brought teas, biscuits and cake to keep the troops fed and the kindness shown by so many of our Community has been a real example of The Parish Community Spirit. Thank you to everyone.

### Footsteps Podiatry Services

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Parish Council	clerk@graftonparish.com
PCC Secretary	01672 870266
St Nicholas' services	www.savernaketeam.org.uk
Winter Warmers	01264 731242 liz@wexcombefarm.co.uk
Local Clubs	
Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig

## Dates for your diary

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

### JULY

08	18.00	Evensong	<i>St N</i>
09	19.15	Parish Council meeting - open to all	
10	10.00	Coffee morning	<i>Walnut Tree Cottage</i>
13	16.00	Public Exhibition	
15	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
17	09.00	Bag 2 school closing time	<i>Sunflowers</i>
21	11.30	Wind in the Willows	<i>Wilton Windmill</i>
27	24.00	Closing date for August issue of C News	
2	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>Cluster at Gt Bedwyn</i>
31	10.00	Youth Activities	

### AUGUST

13	13.00	Parish Council planning meeting (if req'd)	
19		Pewsey 360 Youth Day	<i>Pewsey</i>
28	11.00	Youth Activities	

See [www.graftonparish.com](http://www.graftonparish.com) for Coronation Hall booking information and details of gazebo hire - dates and information for all Parish council meetings and past community news issues.

#### 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](mailto:graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk)

#### FRIDAY

**Mobile library** at the Coronation Hall  
1 & 29 August 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	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

Deadline for the next issue Friday 27 July.

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