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We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. References, enhanced DBS checks and evidence of the right to work in the UK are essential.

### Our Farmer writes ...



Be careful what you wish for!

Many farmers and gardeners spent the end of May doing rain dances. Recently we have been in a period of seemingly endless rain days (we've measured rain on 10 of the last 12 days). Though luckily not on the scale of some further north where they have had three or four months rainfall in a week, leading to serious flooding of many fields of crops. The rain has been very welcome, hopefully the sun will now come out to help our crops flower and fill out to fulfil their potential.

On Sunday in the middle of June I had an early morning phone call, our three bulls were found by the police on the Fairmile road at 4am in the morning. Their field gate had been opened and not shut. This is frustrating and potentially very dangerous, luckily this time no harm was done. Our bulls are very docile and were probably minding their own business lying down in the corner of the field, anyone walking in the field probably never saw them and thinking the field was empty left the gate open. The crucial message from this is a plea to always leave gates as you find them, they could have been left open on purpose by the farmer, but if in doubt please do close them.

June tends to be a relatively quiet month on the farm as the crops approach harvest time and the cattle are moving quietly around the farm grazing and growing. This has become the time of year for meetings and conferences in the farming calendar. I was invited to Westminster to a "Celebration of Rural Business", which is an event organised by the Country Land and Business Association to get rural business people together with MPs to discuss our needs. There was a lot of talk of 4G and broadband connectivity as well as a lot of farming talk on how best to move agricultural policies forward after Brexit and in view of climate change. The day was really interesting and enjoyable. The Palace of Westminster is an incredible place (even covered in scaffolding) and to walk through the central lobby at 6pm filled with journalists filing their reports on the Tory leadership battle, which was in full swing, was interesting!

All the farms in the parish are looking to join together with many more between here and Hungerford to create a "Farmer Cluster" group to work together and provide wildlife and environmental benefits on a landscape scale rather than just doing our own thing on our patch. This is something which has been done extremely successfully locally on the Marlborough Downs over the last few years. Hopefully we can have a similar impact here within our community, I will try to keep you informed as this develops over time.

George Hosier, Wexcombe

### Youth Activities for the Summer Holidays



**31 July** – "Donutting" at Southampton Dry Ski Slope - closing date to register your interest is **12 July**.

"Donutting" is just brilliant! It's pure fun! It's not complicated, you just fly down the slope on an inflatable ring or sledge ... what's not to like? Don't miss it. Leaving Coronation Hall at 2pm for an hour of activity, followed by fish and chips by the sea and returning circa 7pm.

For more information go to [www.activenation.org.uk/outdoor\\_activity/donuts-sledging](http://www.activenation.org.uk/outdoor_activity/donuts-sledging). Book your place now, text Annie on **07802 923344**. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Trip Cost £15 (includes Donutting and Fish and Chips)

**28 August** – Spooky navigation night and campfire at Oxenwood. Details to follow in August Community News.

### Autumn Activities

**27 September** – Film and pizza at Coronation Hall. Young people moving into secondary school in September are encouraged to come and join us. Come along to the film night and find out more about Grafton Youth Activities and add your ideas for activities and trips!

Please indicate your interest for any of these activities by contacting Annie by text on **07802 923344** or email [youthactivities@graftonparish.com](mailto:youthactivities@graftonparish.com)

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

## Grafton Fete report

The traditional summer fete on the Green went ahead despite the efforts of the rain to prevent it.

When the sun finally broke through in the afternoon a great time was had by all. The highlight of the day being the "chariot race" between Martin Butt and Peter Lemon!

Just over £800.00 was raised and will be split between Wiltshire Air Ambulance, the PCC and local projects.

We have already started planning the next fete which will be in 2021.

A massive thank you to all those who gave their help and support throughout the weekend to make the event such a success.

Kevin and Annette Burke

## News in brief

### ***Wiltshire Council's summer student leisure membership***

The Summer offer is available now from your local leisure centre.

Get a great deal on a fully inclusive Life Zone membership package for just a single payment of £49.99. You will get unlimited access to the fitness suite, public swimming sessions, group exercise classes, health suite (where available) and racket sport court hire as well as a gym induction, for eight weeks from the date of purchase.

There is no admin fee to pay either! This offer is open to new members only and applicable to those aged 16 and over in full time education (proof of enrolment will be required). It is not available in conjunction with any other offer and is available for purchase now until Saturday 31 August.

Visit Pewsey or Marlborough leisure centre and ask a member of reception staff for more details or visit **[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-promotions](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-promotions)**. Full terms and conditions apply.

### ***Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch AGM***

Will be held on Saturday 13 July 10:30am – 12:30 in The Bay Window Room At Wiltshire Police Headquarters London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 2DN. If you are interested just arrive and find out about the scheme.

### ***Run The Rainbow for Prospect Hospice***

Location: Lydiard Park, Swindon

Start: Saturday 14 September 10am

Registration: £12 UNDER 16'S and £20 ADULTS

Suggested Sponsorship: £100

Join the most colourful fundraiser of the year! This event is great for the whole family as well as friends and colleagues. Whether you run, jog, walk or dance the 5km route, you are sure to have loads of fun! Start wearing your white event T-shirt and along the route pass through five different paint stations where coloured powder paint will be thrown at you, so you finish rainbow coloured! If you have any questions about the event, please call **01793 816161** or email **[fundraisingandevents@prospect-hospice.net](mailto:fundraisingandevents@prospect-hospice.net)**



## Our Doctor writes

Nikki Turrell has written this month's article about the Patient Participation Group (PPG). If you are not registered at the Old School Surgery please continue to read because your own surgery will have a PPG and you may wish to become involved.

We are reviving our Patient Participation Group whose aim is to help prioritise areas for improvement at the practice. It is an informal meeting held every quarter where any patient of the surgery, or their carer, can come along and have their say about the services we provide and where they would like to see changes made. We would like encourage a range of people so that the group is representative of all patients. However, we understand that not everybody will be able to attend the meeting, so please do get in touch with us by email, letter or even a note penned while you are waiting to see the doctor!

At our next meeting on 18 July at 12.30 in the Surgery Waiting Room we plan to discuss out of hours provision, surgery operating hours and how the local GP interacts with the CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group), and we will also be quite happy to chat about other ideas on how the surgery can make further improvements. Please do come along.

We really value your opinion and look forward to hearing from you, so please get involved!

Best wishes

Nikki Turrell

As this month's article is focused more on The Old School Surgery I would like to tell you briefly how the 'GP crisis' is impacting on our service provision. The difficulty we have is finding locum doctors and nurses to cover annual leave and study days. We are cross covering each other as much as possible, but there have been a few months recently when the number of doctor sessions available has reduced and a few days when only one doctor is on duty or no nurse available in the afternoon. We remain committed to see same day urgent cases, to offer telephone advice and visits. Consequently on these days we have had to reduce the number of routine appointments available. The knock on effect is that the waiting time for an appointment with the doctor of your choice can increase to between one to two weeks. However, when we are fully staffed this waiting time falls back to its normal time of a week or under. We really appreciate your patience during weeks a doctor or nurse is on annual leave and there may be a reduction in the number of routine appointments.

Be well, best wishes

Dr Angela Paddon

## Splendid Summer Steampunk Steaming

Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 July



Live bands and games!

See **[www.croftonbeamengines.org/event/steampunk-weekend](http://www.croftonbeamengines.org/event/steampunk-weekend)** for more information

## Grafton Parish Council




The next meeting, which is open to all residents of the Parish, will be held in the Coronation Hall at 7.30pm, Monday 8 July. Agenda and draft Minutes are posted on noticeboards in each hamlet and posted on the Parish website **[www.graftonparish.com](http://www.graftonparish.com)**

Mrs Natalie Neal is stepping down from the Parish Council. Natalie joined the PC in May 2013 so has done just over 6 years during which time she has been both chair and vice chair. David Lemon, Chairman, says "I know I speak for all of us when I say how grateful we are to her for the work she has put in during her time on the PC".

If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in joining the Parish Council then please email **[chairman@graftonparish.com](mailto:chairman@graftonparish.com)** for further information.

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Community Contacts		
Church flowers/cleaning	Patricia Knowles 01672 810072	
Community News	news@graftonparish.com	
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Youth Activities	Text Annie 07802923344	
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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.

### JULY

06	09.30	Community Market & Brunch	
08	19.30	Parish Council meeting	
21	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
27-28		Summer Steampunk Steaming	<i>Crofton</i>
31	14.00	Youth Activities	

### AUGUST

04	09.00	Holy Communion	<i>Little Bedwyn</i>
11	09.30	Holy Communion	<i>Great Bedwyn</i>
18	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
25	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St Katharine's</i>
28		Youth Activities	

### Lost property at the Coronation Hall

**Mislaidd an item of clothing or a stuffed toy?** You might find it behind the door to the stairs in the Coronation Hall lobby. Have a look when you are next in for a class or meeting. If you are not likely to visit the hall please email [hall@graftonparish.com](mailto:hall@graftonparish.com) to ask when the hall will be open for you to have a look. Items which are still unclaimed at the end of August will be given to charity.



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See [www.graftonparish.com](http://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



19:30 to 21:00  
01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt

### WEDNESDAY

**Mobile library** at the Coronation Hall  
31 July 11.40am to 12pm

### THURSDAY



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