

We hope that you paid a visit to St Nicholas' Church over the Easter period. The scent from the lilies was overwhelming and the beautiful displays were a credit to our parish. Thank you to all who sponsored this wonderful floral tribute in memory of loved ones and to all those who arranged the blooms to such great effect.

Your Parish Councillors will be in the Coronation Hall at 7.15pm on Monday 15 May together with representatives from all the local organisations. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served so why not come along and find out what is going on and what is planned for the Parish? There are 2 vacancies on the Parish Council, if you or someone you know steps forward the Parish Council will be more resourced to carry out more projects involving the community. It's not too onerous and can be very rewarding. There are plans to do more to involve the community and so you might be attracted to the idea of getting involved in future projects perhaps. Whilst on the topic of the Parish Council and in case you missed the article last month please think about the paid position of Clerk to the Parish Council. Email clerk@graftonparish.com for information on any of these aspects.



9 June, Grafton Parish Rounders Knock Out Cup



Community events, especially those with BarBQ food and drinks, are always a great success in the parish. It is all those who come along to enjoy the fun who "make the day".

Involving all ages the Rounders Knock Out starts at 6pm with rounders for the little ones – a chance to let off steam! From 6.30pm the rounders for bigger siblings and adults will start. There will be 6 teams with three knock out rounds and a grand final! Teams will be from the different village communities, a great opportunity to get the competitive juices running!

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!

The Game!

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 and maybe a bouncy castle, 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

Vacancy - Minibus Driver

10 hours each week during term time

Must have D1 on your licence. Training and DBS checks will be arranged. Interested?

For more information please contact Alison on **01672 810478** or alison@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk



Excellent adventures in The TreeHouse

No sooner have we finished our Easter holiday club and the May half term is almost upon us. We've got 4 days of activities and trips planned for holiday club in The TreeHouse for primary school children from Tuesday 29 May to Friday 2 June.

Check the full timetable at www.sunflowers-grafton.org.uk/treehouse. Then it's just a hop, skip and jump to the big summer holiday and we'll have adventures all summer long!



Sunset at Wilton Windmill

There will be a service at Wilton Windmill at 7pm on 25 May to celebrate Ascension Day. This is organised by the Savernake team to involve all the churches in the area. Everyone is welcome to join the sunset service at this most beautiful of locations.

Wiltshire Community
— at War — Stories —

Truly something for us all to be proud of

Our parish raised an amazing £1,678 for Brighter Futures Radiotherapy Appeal at the Coffee Morning held on 7 April at the Coronation Hall. With additional match-funding the total raised reached £3,176! Thank you so much to everyone who helped make the event such a success and for raising this fabulous sum to help equip a new Radiotherapy Centre at Great Western Hospital. It will make such a difference to cancer patients in our area, who currently have to travel all the way to Oxford for daily radiotherapy treatment. There was a wonderful atmosphere on the day and it is incredible how much our small community raised! Thank you again to everyone for your generous support.



Gazebo Hire

Coronation Hall has four 3 x 6 metre gazebos for hire across the Parish. These are very easy to put up and down, are white and all come with sides - very useful for our typical English Summer parties! If you would like to hire one or more of these, either download the booking form from the website or contact hall@graftonparish.com; pricing information is contained on the booking form.

Crofton Beam Engines will be displaying "Wiltshire at War Exhibition 4 – Keeping the Home Fires Burning" from 17 May until 15 June. Funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund it is part of the "Wiltshire at War: Community Stories Project" - for more information, please see www.wiltshireatwar.org.uk

Wiltshire Museums have also organised for Emma Shelley to give a talk on The Role of Women in the First World War on the afternoon of Thursday 25 May at 2.00 pm. The talk will be free, but ticketed: to get hold of your tickets and for more information, please email crofton@katrust.org.uk or telephone **01672 870300**.

Afternoon tea will also be available at the Engineman's Rest for £6.95 per person, tickets for this will be sold in advance at Crofton.

Our Doctor Writes by Dr Angela Paddon.

I asked our care-coordinators to write about their roles. These developed following The Health and Social Care Act 2012 and have proved to be an invaluable resource. The act enables patients to make choices about the services which best meet their care needs and clinicians to commission services which best meet the needs of their patients. Sarah Davey is not employed directly by the practice, but by Wiltshire Health and Care formed by Great Western Hospital (Swindon), The Royal United Hospital (Bath) and Salisbury NHS Trust. Mary Soellner is employed by the practice using funds commissioned 'to transform the care of older people'. Her role is quite specific to the Old School Surgery, Great Bedwyn, whereas Sarah's role is provided by the majority of surgeries. For those of you not registered at the surgery I would encourage you to read on. You may want to approach your Patient Participation Group and have a discussion about developing a service like Mary's.

Mary has written about her role this month and she can be contacted on **07717 893737/01672 870388**

"I work alongside Sarah Davey, both under the job title of Care Coordinator. My role is a different one that the surgery has created. Over recent months there has been much in the news about the importance of our social environment relative to our health and well-being.

My role is to support our patients who are over 75 by focussing on this well-being. There are those in our communities who live in constant pain, or have difficulty getting out, who live alone or who generally have very few visitors. Some have a little social contact but want more, or need support in finding local activities that really interest them, and help in getting to them. Some may not have local family to support them; some may have had a hospital stay or a bereavement and need pointers to merge back into the community - there are all sorts of situations that people find themselves in.

I have been involved in setting up new groups - a pub lunch club in Vernham Dean (where the surgery has a clinic) where a handful of patients have met and now gather regularly, making really good friends. The pub has kindly given the group a subsidised 'light menu' and village residents come along too, creating a really buzzy and inclusive atmosphere. Another group I support is the Mobility and Friendship Group - 15-20 older people meeting every week for a fitness class, tea and biscuits and then a chair yoga class. The middle section has become a really important part of the afternoon, with people making new friends, and the group has become much loved by all who attend. Both of these groups are excellently served by Bedwyns' wonderful Link scheme volunteers, transporting people to and fro.

There are other groups locally to which I point people, and even attend with them to help them settle in, as well as organisations who send befrienders into homes to chat and sit with people who need a little company.

I am just in the process of joining the surgery to the Dementia Action Alliance, who seek to improve radically the lives both of people living with dementia and of their families or carers. There is more information for those looking for it - just ask me at the surgery. We are also on the way to becoming one of Wiltshire's Safer Places, where anyone who finds themselves in difficulties will be looked after and for whom help will be found.

My role is best described by individual stories of how people have become more settled and feel healthier and happier through our involvement. There is not a 'one size fits all' when it comes to well-being. What makes one person wake up and feel that life is worth living is one thing for one, and for the next. Even in the face of the difficulties of old age a sense of well-being can be achieved. Above is an outline of what I get up to, but there is much more, too much to write."



The
Wilton Windmill
Society

Smoke and Mirrors are back!

On Saturday 24 June at 7pm Smoke & Mirrors are returning to the Windmill this year for their fifth Murder Mystery and hogroast.

This year's plot is "Cinderella: a Murder Mystery!" The classic fairy tale gets the Smoke & Mirrors treatment, and an evening of riotous comedy, charming princes, hard-up barons and (exceptionally) ugly sisters is guaranteed. It's by no means compulsory, but as ever, we'd love it if you come in costume - this year's theme is "Pantomania!"

Tickets include an outstanding gourmet hog-roast buffet (with vegetarian option); and there'll be a cash bar available throughout the evening.

Of course there will be prizes of champagne and chocolates!

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

Please help the volunteers who compile the Community News

We are always happy to receive comments and suggestions regarding this monthly publication so do please let us know what you think.

All our printing is in black and white and therefore it is very much appreciated when we receive copy in black and white!

Remember **news@grastonparish.com** is the best way to contact us and to ensure that your entry is posted in the relevant month!

Local commercial listing

B&B West Grafton	Angie Orssich	01672 810339
Builder	Sam Sanchez	07887 991249
Cake making	www.faysfairycakes.co.uk	
Car washing	wiltonwashers@gmail.com	
Celebration Cakes	www.nattiesbakesandbites.co.uk	
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Disco and Party	Steve	01672 811109
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Double glazing repairs	David Willcocks	01672 811979
Furniture	Holgate & Pack	01672 870887
Gardening	Sue Upham	01672 810526
Grafton Garage	Tony Gilbert	07845 006890
Hair and Beauty	Katherine Le Bon	07770 945307
Hat Hire	Victoria Frost	01672 810386
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
Printing clothing/signs	www.SCSigns.co.uk	
Sunflowers at Grafton	Julie McLernon	01672 810478
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274

Local events and news in brief

Garden waste collection reminder

With the advent of spring people are being reminded to renew their garden waste collection subscription by 16 June if they want to continue receiving this service. Existing customers will be sent a unique reference number by email or post the first week of April.

www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/garden-waste-collection-reminder

Free Tennis For kids course at Burbage and Easton Royal Tennis Club

Do you want your child to get in to tennis? If they have never played tennis before they will be eligible for Tennis For Kids. A 6 Week Free Course for 5-8 year olds. To book or for more information visit www.clubspark.lta.org.uk

Refurbiz Kennet Furniture

Refurbiz provides people with an affordable way to buy household furniture and appliances in the knowledge that they are safe and fit for purpose. They specifically aim to provide for low income households by offering discounted prices to those who qualify. As a registered charity, they offer services throughout Swindon and Wiltshire. www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/kennet-furniture-refurbiz

Victim Support in Wiltshire

This is an independent charity offering free, confidential support to people affected by crime and traumatic incidents. They can help in personal and emotional support. They can put you in touch with other specialist help or advise and support you in applying for compensation or financial assistance. www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/victim-support-in-wiltshire

Get fundraising... Could you take a collection box for Prospect Hospice?

Our box holders make a huge difference to the hospice and the services we are able to provide as a result of the income generated - last year the scheme raised £100,000. This May, we're encouraging more people to get involved.

Could you or your business take a box? Or would you be interested in volunteering as a box collector, gathering in the boxes from your local community to returning to the hospice? For information call **01793 816161** or email alexcooper@prospect-hospice.net

Community transport team targets a million miles

Community First, a Devizes based charity which supports communities across Wiltshire and Swindon, has launched a digital campaign with the ambitious aim of achieving a million volunteering miles in 2017 through the Wiltshire Link and Community Transport service.

www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/community-transport-team-targets-a-million-miles

Note – this is the organisation through which Sunflowers at Grafton make their minibuses available for hire via the WAVESS scheme. Visit www.wiltshirecommunitytransport.org.uk for more information.

Connect2 bus services across the Pewsey Vale

The Connect2 bus service (which used to be called the Wiggly Bus) still operates across the Vale, offering services to and from East Grafton, West Grafton and Wilton to Pewsey, calling at the villages between and beyond. It's a bookable service for most villages, so you have to call and book to be collected on 08456 525255. The timetable shows the stops where the buses are scheduled and will always call at (shown with a time next to them), those stops where you have to book (shown with a #) and those you have to request to stop at if you are on the bus already (shown with an R). You can download the timetables at www.pewseycap.org.uk/new-pewsey-devizes-pewsey-vale-bus-timetables and they are also available in the Coronation Hall.

Pewsey Community First Responder (CFR) team needs new members

A CFR scheme is made up of a group of volunteers who have been trained to attend local 999 calls on behalf of South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust and provide basic life support and care until the arrival of an emergency ambulance within the community. If you are interested please visit

www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/pewsey-community-first-responder-cfr-team-needs-new-members



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* Evening and weekends can be arranged

* Home visits available for a fee



Dates for your diary

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

MAY

12	18.30	Youth Activity cinema	
13	10.30	Junior cricket	<i>Grafton playing fields</i>
14	18.00	Evensong	<i>St N</i>
15	19.15	Parish Council AGM	
20	10.30	Junior cricket	<i>Grafton playing fields</i>
21	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
25	19.30	Ascension day service	<i>Wilton Windmill</i>
26	24.00	Closing date for Community News	
27-29		Steaming weekend	<i>Crofton</i>
28	16.00	Family Worship	<i>St N</i>

JUNE

08	07.00	General election	
09	18.00	Rounders on the green	
10	10.30	Junior cricket	<i>Grafton playing fields</i>
17	10.30	Junior cricket	<i>Grafton playing fields</i>
24	10.30	Junior cricket	<i>Grafton playing fields</i>
24-25		Steaming weekend	<i>Crofton</i>

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Parish Council	clerk@graftonparish.com
St Nicholas' services	www.savernaketeam.org.uk
PCC Secretary	01672 870266
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



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

FRIDAY

Mobile library at the Coronation Hall
12 May, 9 June 11.55am to 12.25pm



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

KARATE CLASS

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07775 510143 Darren Pettifer

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