

COMMUNITY NEWS

Despite the recent cold snap there are welcome signs of Spring in the garden. Time to sort out the garden tools!

Easter falls at the end of March and the bank holiday weekend marks the opening of both Wilton Windmill and Crofton Beam Engines for the summer season. These fantastic landmarks are opened to the public weekly and host great events each year – all made possible by the volunteers who give their time to secure the future of these heritage sites.

There is no doubt that the health of our thriving parish is supported by many people who give their time and energy to our local organisations and groups. A relatively small number of people give a great deal of time and energy but just a few hours can make a real difference and develop a deeper connection to this wonderful parish. Email news@graftonparish.com if you'd like to know more.

Friday 30 March 10am is the time when the church will be prepared for Easter so please bring along any greenery which you can spare and, if feeling energetic, your dusters too!

St Nicholas' Church East Grafton



A reminder

The names of loved ones will be included on a scroll displayed in church over the Easter period.

If you would like to dedicate a Lily to a loved one or a friend contact Patricia Knowles **01672 810072** and your lily, £2.50 each, will be included in the stunning Easter display in the church.



Mothering Sunday

11 March at 4pm

It is a tradition at St Nicholas' for the children to present their loved ones with a small posy which is provided during the service.

Do come along and enjoy the service. If you can bring children or grandchildren then all are very welcome - there will be plenty of posies to go round!

18 March 11.30am

St Nicholas' Parochial Church Council AGM

The AGM will commence after Holy Communion at 11am. This is an informal and informative meeting when everyone is invited to find out more about what the Church is doing and to ask about future plans.

Refreshments will be served and all residents of the parish are welcome.

Saturday 31 March at 6pm
Choral performance at Tidcombe church

Service of Light at Tidcombe church with the performance of a choral work called *The Visit to the Sepulchre* (composed by Edward Lambert who lives in the parish of Tidcombe)

Easter Sunday service

1 April 11.00am

Everyone is welcome to the church for this traditional Easter celebration



Letters from the Vicar are now available on www.graftonparish.com

Can you help in the Grafton Parish Spring Clean?

Each year Sunflowers at Grafton organise a litter pick across the five Grafton Parish villages to help keep our corner of the county looking lovely.

Many of you have helped before and we hope you will be able to take part again on Saturday 17 March, 11am to 1pm.* For those who haven't taken part previously – you'll be amazed at how much litter gets picked up!

* Finished in time for the final Six Nations match!

You are all very welcome. Please bring a sturdy pair of gloves – gardening gloves are ideal. There will be co-ordinators in each village – simply meet on the day at 11am:

East Grafton – Coronation Hall

West Grafton – notice board

Wilton – by the pond

Wexcombe – at the bus stop

Marten – noticeboard



Youth Group members – time credits can be earned for time spent litter picking - join us!

Call Sue on **01672 810478** or email admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk for more information.

The Great British Spring Clean is backed by the key anti-litter charities including Keep Britain Tidy - see www.greatbritishspringclean.org.uk

Our Doctor Writes about Out of Hours (OOH) assistance, this month. Living as we do, some miles from our nearest hospitals - medical issues and emergencies can be especially worrying, particularly when the local surgeries are closed.

The **111** free non-emergency helpline is usually the best place to start - where trained medical staff will triage the patient's concerns and make recommendations for further treatment. Whilst there are Minor Injuries Units in Andover, Chippenham and Thatcham - often **111** can arrange a convenient appointment time with an Out of Hours Doctor at Savernake Hospital in Marlborough. More information about OOH is available on www.theburbagesurgery.co.uk, but a call to **111** can result in medical support for non-emergency conditions being available far sooner than a trip to GWH A&E.

Winter Warmers menu

Wednesday 14 March 12.30

Coronation Hall

Beef Steak Pie, Mashed Potato, Peas and Beans
Chocolate Roulade

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

Don't forget to order your delivery if you are unable to get to the Coronation Hall. Please tell Liz if you know of someone who would like home delivery.



Tacos, fajitas, cheesy nachos and a film!

Grafton Youth Activities' Easter Holiday Event

Tuesday 3 April at Coronation Hall, East Grafton, 6pm – 8.30 pm

Come along at 6pm and help prep your Mexican delights to enjoy in the interval! The film will start at 6.30 pm. Tell your local friends about it and get them to join in. There is no charge for this activity.

Just let Annie know what your favourite fillings are for tacos and fajitas and suggestion what film you'd like to watch.

If you are interested and / or have questions email youthactivities@grafftonparish.com or text Annie on **07802 923344**. Grafton Youth Activities is an initiative started by Grafton Parish Council and is aimed at young people at secondary school or in further education

Alabama rot disease in dogs – a warning

Cutaneous Renal and Glomerular Vasculopathy (CRGV), commonly known as 'Alabama rot' is a disease that damages blood vessels in the skin and kidneys and can affect dogs of any breed, age or size. Dogs reported with the disease can suffer kidney failure and/or skin lesions.

There have been a small number of vet confirmed cases in Wiltshire. The most recent case involves the sad death of a dog who it is reported was walked along the canal side in Lyneham and in Crudwell. Many thousands of dogs are walked in the countryside every day and it is important to remember that only a very small number of dogs have been affected. Case numbers have increased in recent years; however, it is hoped this is due a higher level of awareness of the disease.

As the cause for Alabama rot remains unknown dog owners are not currently being advised to avoid any particular locations and testing to date has not revealed whether there is an environmental trigger. No vaccination for Alabama rot is available.



GRAFTON AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - Painting with plants

On the first day of spring, Wednesday 21 March, our programme of lectures and visits to private gardens for 2018 will start with a talk on PAINTING WITH PLANTS by Jane Moore.

Jane is the Head Gardener of The Bath Priory a 3 acre garden. She won a Silver Medal At Chelsea in 2003 and The British Garden Writers' Guild 'Journalist of the Year' in 2007. She writes regularly for the BBC Gardeners' World Magazine and The Guardian and The Times. She also researches and presents TV programmes and appears on Gardeners' World as a presenter.

We are really looking forward to this special visit and we would therefore like to invite non members to this evening in The Coronation Hall, East Grafton at 7.30pm. Entrance is £3.

Do let me know if you would like to come so we can put out a chair for you!! Marijke Craig, Chair GDHS. marijkecraig@gmail.com

11 November Remembrance

March update and progress report



Plans are coming together for this remembrance event.

Some people have come forward to take part to represent those who did return from combat but we do need more if we are to make this a memorable event.

WW1 uniforms have been located for hire and so we need measurements of volunteers to reserve them in good time. Email news@grafftonparish.com to be included in the parade please.

There is a plan to produce lunch in the Coronation Hall serving food typical of the time. Please let us know if you can help or have any ideas.

Email news@grafftonparish.com with any comments, offers and suggestions please.

Local commercial listing

B&B West Grafton	Angie Orssich	01672 810339
B&B Grafton	Victoria Frost	07557 791604
Builder	Sam Sanchez	07887 991249
Cake making	www.faysfairycakes.co.uk	
Celebration Cakes	www.nattiesbakesandbites.co.uk	
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
Hair and Beauty	Katherine Le Bon	07770 945307
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	www.SCSigns.co.uk	
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	Claire Perry	01380 729358
County Councillor	Stuart Wheeler	01672 810285

Links for local information

Charity working for community development www.communityfirst.org.uk
Pewsey Area Board www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk
Access Community notice boards and much more on www.wiltshire.gov.uk
Grafton Parish www.grafftonparish.com
Tree wardens for Wiltshire www.wiltshiretreewardens.co.uk

PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Proposed Development on Land at 'Machinery Field', opposite Hungerford Road, East Grafton

An exhibition to consult the community about the landowners' plans for a future planning application relating to the development of the site to provide open market homes, affordable homes with public open space and landscaping.

Join us at: Coronation Hall, East Grafton on Friday
16th March 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.

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Wilton Windmill will open from Friday 30 March, Sunday 1 March and Monday 2 April with guided tours and refreshments.

Crofton Beam Engines will be steaming from Saturday 31 March until Monday 2 April with refreshments here too!



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Respiratory Problems	IBS, Constipation		

Community Contacts

Church flowers/cleaning	Patricia Knowles 01672 810072
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Coronation Hall	07479 281809 hall@griftonparish.com
Parish Council	clerk@griftonparish.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.

MARCH

11	16.00	Mothering Sunday	<i>St N</i>
12	19.15	Parish Council open meeting	
14	12.30	Winter Warmers	
16	16.00	Public Exhibition	
17	11.00	Parish spring clean	<i>Everywhere!</i>
18	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
18	11.30	St Nicholas' AGM	<i>St N</i>
21	19.30	Horticultural Society meeting	
25	16.00	Family Worship	<i>St N</i>
30	10.00	Prepare the church for Easter	<i>St N</i>
30	10.00	Start of the 2018 season	<i>Wilton Windmill</i>
30	10.00	Start of the 2018 season	<i>Crofton Beam</i>
31	18.00	Service of Light	<i>Tidcombe</i>

APRIL

01	11.00	Easter Sunday service	<i>St N</i>
03	18.00	Youth activities	
09	13.00	Parish Council planning (if needed)	

See 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

FRIDAY

Mobile library at the Coronation Hall
14 March, 11 April 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	15.45 - 17.45	Grde 1/2 Modern & Tap, Grde 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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