# COMMUNITY NEWS

Can there be a better time of year to stride out and take in our lovely countryside? We are fortunate to be spoilt with fabulous local walks in, and close to, Grafton Parish and the Community News will feature popular local walks over the coming months.



What better way to start than the beautiful circular walk which takes in Wilton Windmill, Wilton Water and Crofton Beam Engines; follows the footsteps of ancient Romans on the Roman Road and takes you alongside the Kennet & Avon Canal. A perfect walk, not only because of the fantastic landscape, but also because there are plenty of places to find sustenance along the way ... the Engineman's Rest Café at the Beam Engines, the shepherd's hut at Wilton Windmill (Sundays and Bank Holidays only) and, of course, The Swan at Wilton. This





walk is one of many featured at **www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk** – website of the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership - which is a great source of information about places to visit.

What is your favourite walk? If you have a suggestion for inclusion please drop us a note to **news@graftonparish.com**.

### May at Wilton Windmill

On Sunday 12 May Wilton Windmill will join 300 windmills and watermills opening to celebrate our milling heritage as part of National Mills Weekend. This annual festival of our milling heritage is the chance for everyone to explore their local mill - pop along for a visit.

The windmill is the location for an Ascension Day service at 7.30pm on Thursday 30 May. What a wonderful location for this service which marks the end of Easter.

### Wilton Junior Cricket Club meets 10:30 to 12:00 on each Saturday: 4, 11 May and 8, 15, 22, 29 June



As with previous years we will be charging £10 for the season and ideally the sessions are for children in the Parish who attend primary school. This is a great way to develop cricketing and ball skills. We will have 6 training days and for the final gathering we will have a parents/children game.

The training sessions will be on the East Grafton playing field, adjacent to Sunflowers at Grafton (just past St Nicholas' church). We would welcome any 11-15 year olds who would be keen to help with the coaching.

If you have any questions please contact Piers de Winton pdewinton@savills.com





# Wednesday 22 May by 9am

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 Wednesday 22 May.  $c_2 s_{c_4}$ 

Spread the word to family and friends – you can also use black bags if you have lots to clear out.



PS Delighted to confirm that we have recently taken delivery of litter picking equipment which stays in the parish (funded by Wiltshire Council). Hurrah! No more scrapping about for litter pickers when we do our Tidy Ups!

### ALL COMER'S TUG O' WAR CONTEST



To be held at the **TRADITIONAL SUMMER FETE** 

If you are **interested** then please register your team by **30 May** with **kevin.burke237@gmail.com** 

# **Grafton Youth Group**



### **Activities for the Summer**

### Put in your diaries and book onto our exciting programme of activities, starting with ...

28 May – Go wild at Oasis at Swindon where you can enjoy the lagoon, open topped water slide, water cannon, wave machine and a triple hydro slide. We'll leave Coronation Hall in the afternoon (exact time to be confirmed) and stop on the way home for a snack at McDonalds

### Followed by ...

14 June 6 August

Cake making at Coronation Hall for Grafton Parish Fete. Do you have a favourite recipe we can use? Donutting at Southampton dry ski slope

- 28 August Spooky navigation night and campfire at Oxenwood – possibly overnight?!
- Film and pizza at Coronation Hall 27 September

Please indicate your interest for any of these activities by contacting Annie youthactivities@graftonparish.com or text 07802923344

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

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		

Local commercial listing				
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B&B Grafton	Victoria Frost	07557 791604		
Builder	Sam Sanchez	07887 991249		
Cake making	www.faysfairycakes.co.uk			
Celebration Cakes	www.nattiesbakesandbites.co.uk			
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Disco and Karaoke	Pete Vallis	01672 811326		
Disco and Party	Steve	01672 811109		
Dog Grooming	Victoria	07786 868192		
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Double glazing repairs	David Willcocks	01672 811979		
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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		

Community Contacts				
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Junior Cricket	pdewinton@savills.com			
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PCC Secretary	01672 870266			
St Nicholas' services	www.graftonparish.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			



**Grafton Parish Council Annual General Meeting** 13 May at 7.30pm in the Coronation Hall

Refreshments will be served.

All local groups will report on their activities during the past year and their plans for the future. Everyone is welcome to this open meeting.



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# SUMMER FETE STALL

Any BOOKS, DVDs or TOYs that you want to get rid of

Please contact Mike or Vanessa Fleckney 01672 870911

Books in reasonable condition please. Anything not sold on the day will be given to Prospect Hospice or to Oxfam.



### Planning applications

News in brief

There have been several planning applications posted on Facebook recently www.facebook.com/ GraftonParishCommunityNews At the time of going to press there is one application for discussion at the Parish Council meeting on 13 May. 19/03390/FUL closing date 13 May - Barn Hill, Wexcombe. Proposed extensions, refurbishment and internal alterations to include rear/side ground floor extensions, enlarged entrance area, first floor en-suite extension and proposed first floor over the garage Full details can be seen on www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-applications-search

## Market and Brunch report and advance notice of the next one

info@hauntedmysteryweekend.co.uk

We had a fantastic turn out for our Community Market & Brunch Event held at the end of March at Coronation Hall, not just from the great array of stall holders, but also with everybody who came along to support us, from buying a little something from one of the stall holders or catching up over a freshly cooked brunch with friends. Our next event will be held on 22 June, so if you would like to join in, please get in touch with hall@graftonparish.com for further details.

### Dates for your diary

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

MAY				
04	10.30	Junior cricket	Grafton playing field	
04-06		Experience Archaeolog	gy Crofton Beam Engines	
05	11.00	Holy Communion	St N	
11	10.30	Junior cricket	Grafton playing field	
12	14.00	National Mills Weeke	nd Wilton Windmill	
13	19.30	Parish Council AGM		
19	11.00	Holy Communion	St N	
22	09.00	Bag2School	Sunflowers	
28	TBC	Youth Activities		
30	19.30	Ascension Day Servio	ce Wilton Windmill	
JUNE				
08	10.30	Junior cricket	Grafton playing field	
14	TBC	Youth Activities		
15	10.30	Junior cricket	Grafton playing field	
15	11.00	Grafton Traditional F	ete Grafton Green	
15	19.00	Murder Mystery	Wilton Windmill	
22	10.30	Junior cricket	Grafton playing field	
29	10.30	Junior cricket	Grafton playing field	
29-30		Motorcycle Festival	Crofton Beam Engines	
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See **www.graftonparish.com** for Coronation Hall booking information and details of gazebo hire. MONDAY



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11:00 to 12:30 01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt



19:30 to 21:00 01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt

Baby and toddler group

10:00 to 11:30

WEDNESDAY

**Mobile library** at the Coronation Hall 8 May, 5 June 11.40am to 12pm





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

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