

## COMMUNITY NEWS

In olden days there was a farming tradition 'Calling The Mare' which entailed lobbing a crudely fashioned straw horse over a farming neighbour's wall to let him know you have finished your harvest. As it was thrown, the shout 'Mare! Mare!' would ring out. The receiving farmer then hurries to gather his crops so he can chuck the horse into someone else's yard, and eventually, the slowest farmer is left with the sorry little trophy and must display it for a year!

This year harvest has been beset with August rains and the harvest has been a stop/start affair. Perhaps it is as well that the old tradition has now passed?

Meanwhile in Grafton there have been changes in the Parish Council with the departure of our clerk, Anna Parkin, to pastures new and the Council is looking for 2 more willing volunteers to fulfil the complement of parish councillors. Whilst this has been included in the Community News before it is always an idea to remind everyone that these posts do not entail huge amounts of time and can be very rewarding - why not give it a thought and come to the 4 September meeting to see what goes on?

## News from St Nicholas' Church

**HARVEST SERVICE FOR ALL THE FAMILY** on Sunday 24 September at 4pm

This traditional service is always a popular item in the calendar and families are all welcome to join in the Celebrations at the end of harvest. Please leave any produce which you can spare in the church near to the 24th to add to the stunning floral arrangements which always adorn the church at this time.

**HARVEST SUPPER** on Monday 25 September

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the supper of traditional tasty food in the thatched barn at Manor Farm, Wilton on Monday 25 September. This delicious menu of 2 courses and a glass of wine will be served from 7.30pm at a cost of £15 per ticket.

Numbers are limited due to the space available and the popularity of this annual event so contact Liz Hosier **01264 731242**, Millie Lemon **01672 870266** or Sally Butt **01672 810743** to purchase your tickets as soon as you can.

*Thank  
you!*

Grafton Parish Council, on behalf of all the residents of the Parish, wishes to thank Anna Parkin for all her hard work as Clerk to the Parish during the past 2 years.

Anna's contribution has been extremely thorough, thoughtful and diligent.

We wish Anna all the very best in her new home.

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**Local job opportunity**

The Coronation Hall is looking for a cleaner between 3 and 4 hours per week with occasional extra checks after events.

You would "be your own boss" working flexible hours (day or evening) to suit yourself - although not when the hall is hired!

This is an opportunity to make a significant contribution to the community and to become part of an enthusiastic team.

The hourly rate is £10, paid monthly, and the hall is spacious and easy to clean.

If you are tempted then the team will be pleased to meet you at the hall so that you can find out more - perhaps a job-share with a friend would appeal?

Call **07479 281809** or email **[hall@graftonparish.com](mailto:hall@graftonparish.com)** and the Hall team will be very pleased to hear from you.

## News in Brief

### Healthy Weight 4 Life

Wiltshire Council's Public Health team have developed a Healthy Weight 4 Life Toolkit full of clear messages on what is a healthy weight and why it is important, plus links to recommended websites, resources and services available to people living in Wiltshire. The toolkit is aimed at all ages and you can find out more at [www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/healthy-weight-4-life](http://www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/healthy-weight-4-life)

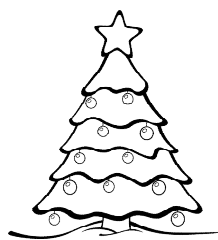
### How many smoke alarms do you have?

This information has been sent on behalf of Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service. Fire statistics reveal that one smoke alarm may not be enough to provide you with the best chance of escaping a fire in the home. To find out more visit [www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/how-many-smoke-alarms-do-you-have](http://www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/how-many-smoke-alarms-do-you-have)

### Employment support for the over 50s

More people over the age of 50 are continuing to work than ever before and if you're unemployed there's lots of benefits of returning to the workforce. You can save for retirement and have more control over how and when you retire, it can also improve your health and wellbeing. [www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/employment-support-for-the-over-50s](http://www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/employment-support-for-the-over-50s)

### An early request for ideas - please!



Following the great success of the rounders match in July, the Parish Council is keen to find out what Christmas celebrations would appeal for 2017.

In past years the Coronation Hall has been opened for mulled wine and mince pies for a relaxed atmosphere before one of the Christmas church services in the week before 25 December.

If you have any ideas for what might be included in 2017 then please email [clerk@graftonparish.com](mailto:clerk@graftonparish.com) so that a plan can be brought together for this December.

### Winter Warmers



The new season of superb lunches and excellent company starts Wednesday 11 October at 12.30pm

#### Menu

Autumn Casserole with Mashed Potatoes  
Apple and Blackberry pie and Custard

There is limited space for this very popular event in the Coronation Hall so please book a place with Liz **01264 731242** or email: [liz@wexcombefarm.co.uk](mailto:liz@wexcombefarm.co.uk)



Are you moving into Year 7 this September? If so you might be interested in joining in with Grafton Youth Activities.

Our Autumn programme starts on 29 September, 6.30 pm in the Coronation Hall. Come along and talk with young people about the group and the activities we have done so far. Learn more about how you can earn credits for volunteering as the credits can be used to pay for your trips. We'll be collecting ideas for the forthcoming years' activities, for volunteering and for fundraising come and have your say, there will be many activities we haven't thought of!

The table tennis table and Apple Mac will be available to use and we'll have a BBQ for you to enjoy.

If you know young people moving into Year 7 encourage them to pop in and find out more and bring your parents who may also have questions about or perhaps could help with the Youth Group.

In the meantime get thinking about how we can raise money for the Zip Wire, last year we cooked 32 dozen mince pies at Christmas, what ideas do you have for this year?

If you have any questions about the Grafton Youth Activities please contact [youthactivities@graftonparish.com](mailto:youthactivities@graftonparish.com) or Annie on **07802 923344**

Grafton Youth Group is aimed at young people in secondary education.

### Local commercial listing

B&B West Grafton	Angie Orssich	01672 810339
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
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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

### 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 870866
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

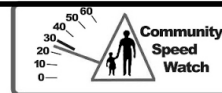
Charity working for community development [www.communityfirst.org.uk](http://www.communityfirst.org.uk)  
Pewsey Area Board [www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk](http://www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk)  
Access Community notice boards and much more on [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)  
Grafton Parish [www.graftonparish.com](http://www.graftonparish.com)  
Tree wardens for Wiltshire [www.wiltshiretreewardens.co.uk](http://www.wiltshiretreewardens.co.uk)

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The training, which is run by the Police, is short and not taxing and once completed, you work in a small group to perform the speed monitoring.



## Crofton Beam engines STEAM GALA will be held on 23/24 September

There are a large number of activities being planned. All details for full days entertainment can be found on **www.croftonbeamengines.org**



**WALKING FOOTBALL** at Marlborough Leisure Centre  
Thursdays 12pm- 1pm. Starts 7 September £2 per session

Walking Football is an adapted, slower paced version of the traditional game suitable for adults aged 50 plus. It's about turning up for an hour of exercise, a bit of fun and aims to help you start or maintain an active lifestyle.

For more information please contact: **Chloe Buller: 01793 486047** or **Chloe.Buller@wiltshirefa.com**

### Our Doctor writes

Great Bedwyn Surgery is holding their annual **Saturday Flu Clinic** on **23 September** from **10-2pm**

We ask you to book with the surgery **01672 870388** or online via the System Online Portal, although we will still see you if you haven't booked, there may be a short wait.

We will be contacting you if you are eligible very shortly.

We will also giving children's flu, pneumococcal, and shingles vaccinations to those who are eligible, the GP or Nurse will inform you if this is the case.

THESE VACCINATIONS WILL BE THE ONLY THING WE WILL BE DOING THAT DAY SO PLEASE DON'T ASK ABOUT COLLECTION OF PRESCRIPTIONS OR OTHER MEDICAL ISSUES

Take care, be well and best wishes  
Dr Angela Paddon MRCGP

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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.

### SEPTEMBER

04	19.15	Parish Council open meeting	
07-10	10.30	Heritage Open Days	<i>Crofton Beam Eng</i>
09	14.00	Heritage Open Day	<i>Wilton Windmill</i>
10	18.00	Evensong	<i>St N</i>
23-24	10.30	Steam Gala	<i>Crofton Beam Eng</i>
24	16.00	Harvest Festival Service	<i>St N</i>
25	19.30	Harvest Supper	<i>Barn Wilton Manor Farm</i>
29	13.00	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon	
29	18.30	Youth Activities	
29	24.00	Closing date for Community News	

Community News	news@grastonparish.com
Coronation Hall	07479 281809 hall@grastonparish.com
Parish Council	clerk@grastonparish.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

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  
6 October 11.55am to 12.25pm



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

Deadline for the next issue Friday 29 September.

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