

**Do come along  
to the first community event since lockdown  
Friday 10 September, 6pm  
East Grafton Village Green**

**Your Parish Council is organising the Rounders Knock Out Challenge Cup 2021**

It's only a few days before this popular community event will be here!

If you don't fancy playing, come along anyway. Shout from the side lines, enjoy meeting up with old friends and making new ones – and at the same time demolish some BBQ food and enjoy a glass or two!

**Programme**

6pm - 6.30pm Junior Knockout (up to 6 years)  
6.30pm – 9pm'ish Senior Knockout (Adults and older siblings)  
6.30pm - 9pm BBQ and Bar

**The Teams**

- There will be at least 5 village teams, three knock out rounds and a grand final!
- Medals and trophies will be awarded with lots of opportunity to get those competitive juices running!
- Don't forget to sign up for your village teams, your team leader direct or WhatsApp Annie on 07802923344 who'll pass your name on.
- If you fancy joining in on the evening then we will find a way for you to play. The rules are not too challenging!
- As far as possible each village will wear unique team colours - as an aid towards corralling participants!



Hamlet	Team leader	Rounders team colour
Grafton	Lou Keyes - East Grafton Natalie Neal - West Grafton	BLUE
Martin	Lucy Pash	WHITE
Wexcombe	Gabby Walker	GREEN
Wilton	David Lemon	RED

While not playing there's plenty else going on:

- film night for little ones at 7.15pm in Coronation Hall
- table tennis and table football
- face painting in your village colours
- BBQ sausages and pulled pork, cakes, ice cream, wine, soft drinks and beers!

This is principally a community event and therefore our aim is to cover our costs by charging minimum prices only for food and drinks. Any surplus funds will be donated towards the repair of St Nicholas' ceiling.

**Volunteers** Please text Annie on **07802 923344** or email **youthactivities@graftonparish.com** if you can offer a bit of time to help. Perhaps you could bake a "tray bake", cook/serve food and drink, help with the setting up or the clearing up? All offers will be very much appreciated.

**Last minute details** Do check your village WhatsApp group for any last minute details.

**The Parish Council looks forward to welcoming you to our first Community Event since the pandemic lockdown**

**Grafton Youth Activities back in action!**



**24 September 6.30pm** - Making Paracord Bracelets at the Coronation Hall  
Come along and get creative and also help plan some fun activities for 2021/2022.  
Drinks and nibbles will be provided

**25 October** (Half Term) - Go Karting at Thruxton. Leaving Coronation Hall at 12.30pm for racing at 2.00pm.  
This is very popular and numbers are limited so reserve places now by contacting Annie on **07802 923344** or email **youthactivities@graftonparish.com**. More details to follow in October Community News.

Any relevant Covid 19 Guidance will be observed to keep everyone safe.

To book a place and/or if you're interested to know more about Grafton Youth Activities, WhatsApp Annie on **07802 923344** or email **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*



## Community Market & Brunch

### Advance notice regarding the return of a Festive Favourite!

Grafton Coronation Hall will re-open its doors to the Community Market on Saturday 27 November, for a Christmas event which we are really looking forward to welcoming you all to - and what's not to like about the great brunch on offer!

We are now on the look out for the amazing people in our Parish offering unique and fantastic items for sale, so if you would like to book a stall for this event, do please get in touch with Natalie by emailing [hall@grastonparish.com](mailto:hall@grastonparish.com) or calling **07479 281809**. Please note that tables are limited.

### HARVEST WINTER WARMERS LUNCH



Winter Warmers at 12.30pm on 5 October will take the form of an Harvest celebration

Cooked ham, mixed vegetables and plum clafoutis comprise this celebratory menu for all to enjoy.

Everyone in the Parish is welcome to enjoy this celebration so please book with Liz at **01264 731242** to ensure that there is food4U!



### Parish Council meeting 13 September 7.30pm in the Coronation Hall

The agenda will be posted on all hamlet notice boards and on [www.grastonparish.com](http://www.grastonparish.com) as usual.

Please note that all non-tree planning applications are posted within agendas in addition to Facebook and Twitter notifications.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and have an issue which you wish to raise then please email [clerk@grastonparish.com](mailto:clerk@grastonparish.com)

#### Planning applications received in time for this CN issue:

**Application Ref PL/2021/07800 - closing date** 17 September

**Address:** Batts Farmhouse, Grafton Road, Wilton, SN8 3SS

**Proposal:** Proposed Alterations (Chimney removal, removal of Solid Concrete Floors - replace with New Insulated Slab and First Floor Bathroom/WC Wall Alterations)

### News in brief

**Pewsey & The Vale has achieved Walkers are Welcome accreditation**, recognising the quality and variety of walking in the area. This accreditation provides additional publicity and will also reinforce the message that the Pewsey Vale is an ideal destination for anyone who wants to enjoy a walking holiday.

Susie Brew, Coordinator for Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership, said, "This is a brilliant achievement for the area and we would like to thank the Parish Councils, businesses and local residents for their support. The work continues to maintain the accreditation, so we will be working with parishes to set up footpath groups, following the excellent example of the group already in operation in Great Bedwyn."

For more information on the accreditation and to see the published walking routes for the area, go to [www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk/walkers-are-welcome](http://www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk/walkers-are-welcome).

#### **Pewsey is open - a day out?**

Pewsey Parish Council is running a Pewsey Is Open Day on Saturday 25 September from 10am to 4pm, centred on the Bouverie Hall, but with activities and events going on all around the village centre. Everyone is welcome to attend and explore the offerings on the day!

If you are a local business, group, club or other organisation and would like a stand at the event, then please call **01672 562014**.

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## Our Doctor writes



On 19 July, with the change in the Covid guidelines, appointments for face to face consultations became available on request. You can now opt to have a face to face consultation or a telephone call. Whilst many of you have continued to use the telephone triage system with all its flexibility, it is also lovely to see familiar faces again in the consulting rooms.

There have been some changes to our staff. Dr Noel Au-Yeung is now a fully qualified GP having completed her year with the practice. She will be back occasionally to locum. Dr Izabel, who spent six months with us, has moved to another practice to complete her training. We have welcomed Dr Sobia for the final year of her training and Dr Eno for six months as part of her second year attachment. We are a training practice and grateful that we have been able to continue training future GPs and medical students during the pandemic. Thank you to all of you who book appointments with our trainees and challenge them with the diversity that general practice presents.

There have also been changes to the reception team and Alex Roe is rapidly learning on the job. He is going to medical school next year and this is great experience for him. Recently, a member of the clinical team tested positive for Covid. This is the first time this has happened and it is quite amazing that a member of staff has not been infected previously. Fortunately patients were not put at risk. However, it does highlight the fact that we all still need to wear our masks, social distance, wash hands and minimise the numbers in the waiting room. So, for now, please continue to go to the back window if you do not have an appointment.

Finally I would like thank Linda Fry and Patrick Pease for all the hard work they do in the garden. It looks beautiful.

Take care, stay safe. Dr Angela Paddon  
The Old School Surgery, Great Bedwyn.

## Harvest Festival 3 October at 11am in the Coronation Hall

All donations of harvested crops, tins and jars will be distributed to local food banks or used for the Winter Warmers lunch, please bring them to the service for display.

The harvest supper will not take place this year due to the uncertainty surrounding the church ceiling repair.

Unfortunately work has been delayed on the roof of St Nicholas' Church because the chosen builders have, like so many others, been scheduled for further jobs. The PCC now awaits their revised schedule. St Nicholas' will remain closed for the foreseeable future with the exception of 11am on the first Sunday and 6pm on the fourth Sunday for small congregations using the side aisles only.

## Remembrance service on 14 November at 10.45am.

This very special service will be held around the War Memorial as in all previous years. Further details in the October Community News.

## Our Vicar writes

Dear Reader

This is a time to welcome everyone back from whatever summer break they had. For those of you who have not managed to get a break I hope that you will manage to get a change soon. This last twenty months has proved a strain even in times when little could be done but be at peace with oneself.

This is a time of nervous hope, which if we are willing to indulge in flexible planning could define our futures as communities and as a people. The pandemic, like HIV, has become endemic. I pray that this will not prevent us from celebrating as we have done in the past.

We look forward to being with you this season as we move forward through Harvest and Remembrance to Christmas.

I repeat the comment of Theresa of Avila in my July letter, 'Christ does not have a body here on earth unless it is your body.'

Every Blessing, Michael **01672 870779** [mtmch@hotmail.com](mailto:mtmch@hotmail.com)

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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

05	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
04	14.00	Alzheimer's Support Memory Cafe	
07	12.30	Winter Warmers	
10	18.00	Rounders Challenge	
13	19.15	Parish Council open meeting	
22	11.40	Mobile Library	
24	18.30	Youth Activities	
24	24.00	Community News closing date	
26	18.00	Evensong	<i>St N</i>

### OCTOBER

03	11.00	Harvest Festival	
05	12.30	Winter Warmers Harvest Lunch	
11	18.00	Parish planning meeting	<i>Manor Barn Wilton</i>

### A reader writes:



Thank you David Lemon for your great job in ensuring that the footpath between Grafton and Wilton is cleared - after so many years waiting for the Council to do the job. Very much appreciated.

**Community News Closing dates** Please note that our closing date is always the last Friday in each month. Issues are then distributed by volunteers either over the following weekend or within the next few days (thank you all). If you wish to publish an event, advert or comment then do please be aware of the calendar period covered by each issue.

**To book the hall contact:** [hall@graftonparish.com](mailto:hall@graftonparish.com) or **07479 281809.**

### Calendar of regular dates at the Coronation Hall

Monday (every week)	Dance	16.45
Tuesday (every week)	Zumba	09.30
Tuesday (every week)	Dance	16.15
Wednesday (2 classes each week)	Timmy B yoga	09.30 11.00
Wednesday (every week)	Dance	15.30
Thursday (weekly in term time)	Goslings toddler group	10.00
Thursday (every week)	Timmy B yoga	15.00
Thursday (every week)	Dance	16.45

Monday (first & third in month)	Alzheimer's Cafe	13.15
Tuesday (first in month)	Winter Warmers	12.30

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**Village WhatsApp groups** - Text or WhatsApp to join: East Grafton (Tamara 07711 824864), West Grafton (Annie 07802 923344), Marten (Richard Pash 07795 636767), Wexcombe (George 07786 332950), Wilton (Tara 07833 320951). New to What's App? We can help - just get in touch.

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