

St Nicholas joins "All the Bells"

All the Bells rang at St Nicholas' Church on 27 July when local families joined in "All the Bells", the national mass bell ringing event conceived by Martin Creed, the Turner Prize winning artist to herald the start of London 2012 early in the morning on Friday 27 July at St Nicholas' Church.

It was a beautiful summer morning at the Church when Peter Horne led the count down to 08.12hrs. With Goff Beese ringing St Nicholas' bells and around 40 adults and children chiming a variety of rather smaller bells - a wonderful and suitably symbolic cacophony of sounds could be heard on the Green and beyond.

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Take part in the
World's Biggest Coffee Morning
on Friday 28 September 2012
with Sunflowers at Grafton

Join us from 10.30am to 12.00pm for a cup of coffee or tea and delicious home made cakes. Come and see the developments at Sunflowers and chat to Claire Perry, MP for the Devizes Constituency.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan Cancer Support's biggest fundraising event, raising a record £10 million last year. This wonderful event helps to provide much needed support to many people affected by cancer. Every single penny raised helps to make a difference.

It's official, we are happy!

Wiltshire came in 4th overall in the first Well-Being Survey conducted across the country. You can have a look at the results at <http://www.ons.gov.uk>

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We've done bike maintenance, scooter skills, archery and fencing and Olympic sports. We've made music, solved the mystery of who ate the cakes, explored Wilton Windmill and learnt some street dance moves. And we're only half way through our summer holiday club!



Whilst some sessions are now fully booked there is still availability on a number of dates so let us know if you'd like to make a booking. Call **01672 810478** or email admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Parish Council Update

We are aware that not everyone in the parish has access to email. The Parish Clerk's telephone number is now included in the list on contact numbers on page 4.

The next Grafton Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 6 September at the Coronation Hall in East Grafton. The meeting starts at 7.15pm and everyone is welcome. For more information, agenda and previous meetings' minutes, see www.graftonparish.com

We still have one vacancy on the Parish Council and would welcome applications for consideration at our September meeting. If you have thought about joining the Parish Council but are unsure about what this entails then please come to our meeting and find out for yourself.

Free Swimming

Children aged up to 16 can enjoy free swimming during all public swimming sessions at their local Wiltshire Council managed leisure centres in Wiltshire throughout the school holidays.

Next Area Board

The next Pewsey Area Board meeting will take place on Monday 10 September at the Bouverie Hall in Pewsey. Wiltshire councillors are present to answer questions, deal with current issues across the area and award grants to local community projects. The meeting starts at 7pm but you can get there earlier and have a coffee from 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome, it's a public meeting so everyone is welcome. For more information, see www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Wiltshire Falls Strategy – Have Your Say - open until 13 September.

Falls are a common cause of injury and loss of independence in older people. Around 1 in 3 people aged over 65 have one or more falls every year. An estimated 20,000 women in Wiltshire have osteoporosis – 25% are aged 80 years and over.

Falls and Bone Health Strategy and Consultation Documents available at:

<http://www.wiltshire.nhs.uk/Clinicians/For-healthcare-professionals/For-healthcare-professionals.htm> If you would like a hard copy of the Consultation survey, please call the communications department on **01380 736010**

Warm & Well

Grants are now available for loft and cavity wall insulation and you no longer need to be on a qualifying benefit or over 70 to apply.

If your loft has no insulation or it hasn't been topped up in several years, Wiltshire Warm and Well may be able to top it up for free. If you have cavity walls these could also be insulated for free using a grant.

If you have solid walls, there are also grants available for internal and external wall insulation. The level of grant funding is dependent on your circumstances, the size of the property and the main source of heating within the home. The scheme is open to privately owned and rented properties only and is subject to survey and available funding. **The grants are only available until the end of September and so you should act now.**

The Energy Saving Trust estimates a yearly saving of around £175 after loft insulation is installed and up to £135 after cavity wall insulation is installed (based on 3 bed semi-detached house).

For more information www.warmandwell.co.uk or tel. **0800 500 3076**.

Public Consultations

Wiltshire Council always has a number of consultations underway at any time – from street lighting to housing needs to cycle routes. To get involved and put your views on the record, visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations for a list of all the currently open consultations.

Our Community Police Officer has asked us to remind all residents to ensure that their properties are securely locked and protected.

Opportunists are in our area and all precautions should always be taken.

You can register for regular police information updates at mail@graftonparish.com

Footsteps

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Katie Bluff

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Our Doctor writes

Flu jabs

Although some of us might not have even taken our Summer Holidays, just a brief reminder that the Flu season starts in September.

We hope to be in a position to commence jabs from middle/end of September. If you normally have one, it would be really helpful if you could provide us with an email address or mobile telephone number, so that we can advise you when the jabs are here. Sending out letters is both time consuming, costly and not always particularly successful.

We will of course contact you if you have not attended any of our first round of clinics, but your assistance in updating our records via email/mobile will help enormously.

Tim Ballard

Book Early

Now is the time to start thinking about joining one of our many, varied and extremely successful clubs and activities at the Coronation Hall. Contact details for all the sessions are on Page 4 so why not give the leaders a call and make sure that you are able to join the session of your choice?



St Nicholas' Update

Our new Vicar, Michael McHugh, took his first service at St Nicholas's Church on the 22 July.

There were 75 people in the congregation, including lots of children. We hope Michael and his family have settled happily into their new home in Great Bedwyn and look forward to his association with our Church.

Please take special note of the early start to our service on 26 August at 9.30

Crofton Beam Engines

in steam 26, 27 & 28 August

The Crofton 4th Annual Produce and Flower show is being held from 25 to 27 August.

The show is open to anyone and includes classes for vegetables, fruits, flowers, baking, preserves, bread making and photography.

If you would like an Entry form and Schedule or more details about the show, please visit the website: www.croftonbeamengines.org or phone Kerry on 07530 290700.



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I hold regular surgeries around the Constituency
- please call or email to book an appointment

Events, clubs and other dates for your diary

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

Bookings 01672 810406 or hall@graftonparish.com
Please leave landline contact numbers wherever possible

AUGUST

25 Start of Crofton Annual show *Crofton*
26 09.30 Holy Communion / Michael McHugh *St N*

SEPTEMBER


02 11.00 Holy Communion/Alan Deboo *St N*
06 19.15 Parish Council meeting
09 12.30 Heritage open day *Wilton Windmill*
16 11.00 Michael McHugh *St N*
28 10.30 Macmillan Coffee morning *Sunflowers*

Mobile library 15, 29 August and 12, 26 September
Marten 11.30 Coronation Hall 13.00


Regular weekly dates for your diary

Please note that most classes do not run during school holidays - **in particular in July and August**. Please check with the relevant organiser.

TUESDAY

 10.15 to 11.15 Tuesday

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 09.15 to 10.00 Tuesday

13.30 to 14.30 Thursday

Pilates Classes

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

CIRCUIT & FITNESS 09.30 to 10.30 Monday

TRAINING 09.30 to 10.30 Wednesday

Henrietta MacKinnon  13.00 to 14.00 Friday

TUESDAY

YOGA

 19.30 to 21.00 Tuesday

THURSDAY



Baby and toddler group
10.00 to 11.30 Thursday

WEDNESDAY



Junipers

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C.A.P Dance & Fitness

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Useful contacts

Societies/Clubs/Organisations: 1 line free entry
Email news@graftonparish.com to be listed below.

Bingo	hall@graftonparish.com
Church flowers/clean	01672 810743 Sally Butt
Circuit/fitness Training	01672 810266 Hen Mackinnon
Community News	news@graftonparish.com
Coronation Hall	01672 810406 hall@graftonparish.com
Cricket Club	pack.andy@googlemail.com
Dance and Fitness	07746 479345 Charlotte Price
Grafton Goslings	graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk
Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig
Juniper's Sensory Play	01672 890829 Jean Turvey
Link Scheme	01672 870911 Mike Fleckney
Parish Council	01672 871673 clerk@graftonparish.com
PCC Secretary	01672 870266 Millie Lemon
Pilates	07788 970976 Beth Knight
Police emergency	999 or 112
Police non emergency	101
Sunflowers at Grafton	01672 810478 Lyndsey Turner
Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
Yoga	01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt
Zumba	07747 617199 Lau Vergara

Local commercial listing

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Baby sitting	Florence Butt	01672 810743
Beauty & wellbeing	Amanda Toon	01672 811677
Builder	Sam Sanchez	07887 991249
Child & House Care	Charlotte Toombs	01672 811894
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
Grafton Garage	Tony Gilbert	07845 006890
Hair and Beauty	Katherine Le Bon	07770 945307
Hat Hire	Victoria Frost	01672 810386
Holiday Cottages (local)	Mary Rhodes	01672 870659
House Sitting	Maxine Wallis	07879 993150
Kindling	Jo Harman	01672 810673
Logs/tree surgeon	Jeremy Hawkins	07980 536156
Odd jobs/gardening	Dan Oakey	07810 381783
Painting & Decorating	Neil Anderson	01264 731362
Pest Control	Julie Wilson	01672 811479
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274
Usborne Books	Trish Highnett	07775 941646

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