#### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### 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.

News is always lighter in the Summer months so we are pleased to take this opportunity to acknowledge our advertisers for their contribution towards our production costs. Without these regular inserts we would be unable to distribute local "news" to all residents in the Parish free of charge. Advertising details are shown at the bottom of this page. Our deadlines are really tight so please make sure that you pass on any contribution, event detail or advertisement by the closing date for each issue.



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!

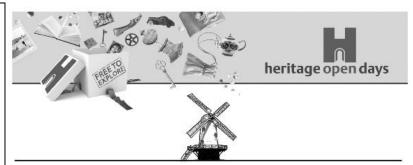
Wiltshire came in 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the first Well-Being Survey conducted across the country. You can have a look at the results at http://www.ons.gov.uk

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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 welcime. 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-professionls.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.

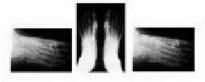
Opportunists are in our area and all precautions should always be taken.

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

#### **Footsteps**

## Podiatry Services 07881802386

Now based in my own treatment room within Tidworth Leisure Centre appointments not always necessary.



### **Katie Bluff**

BSc(HONS)Pod,SRCh,MCHs

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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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#### 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

11.00 Holy Communion/Alan Deboo St N

06 19.15 Parish Council meeting

12.30 Heritage open day Wilton Windmill 11.00 Michael McHugh St N 16 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 <sub>Classes</sub>

#### MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

**CIRCUIT & FITNESS** TRAINING

09.30 to 10.30 Monday

Henrietta MacKinnon

09.30 to 10.30 Wednesday

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

#### NEDNESDAY



11 months to preschool

11.15 to 12.00 Wednesday





Helping older people to live at home for longer The Bedwyns, Burbage, Grafton, Tidcombe and Fosbury Contact Mary Soellner 07557 110418

#### 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/odd jobs	Tom Nield	01672 870196	
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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