

COMMUNITY NEWS

Welcome to the March edition of the Community News

We've certainly seen all manner of weather in our beautiful part of Wiltshire over the last few weeks. Hopefully now we are firmly heading towards Spring with few April showers. As the gardeners start to prepare for the season ahead and the evenings become longer, many of the local seasonal events are in the diary. The Mothering Sunday (18 March) service at St Nicholas' is always a delight when young (and not so young!) sons & daughters receive a posy to give to their Mum. Sunflowers at Grafton is hosting the traditional Easter Eggstravaganza on Easter Monday (9 April) and both Wilton Windmill and Crofton Beam Engines open over the Easter weekend for the 2012 season.

If you'd like to know more about what's going on in Grafton Parish then make a note in your diary of the Parish Council AGM which takes place on March 29 when many local groups and organisations will provide updates on their plans for the year. The Annual Parochial Church Council meeting will be held after the service on April 15 providing another opportunity for you to explore what is happening in our Parish.

Enjoy Spring in our beautiful surroundings!

CROFTON BEAM ENGINES 2012



Steaming at Easter
SPRING SHOW
April 7,8 & 9

The SPRING SHOW includes classes for spring flowers and bulbs, crafts, decorated eggs, children's competitions and a photography class.

Entry forms and schedules from **01672 870300**,
kacrofton@btconnect.com, or from the café.

If you have never entered a show before make this your first it can be addictive and by the time of our Produce Show in August you will be hooked!

"Easter Egg hunt" for youngsters on Easter Sunday April 8 11am to 3pm

The café and site is open daily 10.30am - 5pm

GRAFTON JUBILEE GAMES



Two major events in 2012

- Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee
- British Olympic Year



What better way to celebrate these two special occasions?

Plans are coming together for our community day on

Monday June 4 from 12pm

Childrens' and adults' activities will include:

- Sporting events with a rural Wiltshire twist
- Inter village tugs of war
- Lunch with a bar
- Competitions with a regal theme

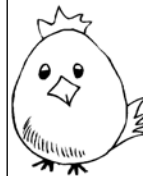
There will be Commemorative prizes for all children who take part.

More information, posters and flyers will follow as details are finalised.

Transport to and from all the hamlets to the Green in Grafton will be available using vehicles typical of our area! Please email **mail@graftonparish.com** if you would like to book a place.

The Parish Council is looking for as many volunteers as we can muster for the June Jubilee Celebrations in the Parish.

Please email **mail@graftonparish.com** for information and to offer your help.

Easter
Eggstravaganza

Eggsellent family entertainment
with Sunflowers at Grafton on
Easter Monday

Egg hunts and egg throwing!*

Competition for Best Dressed Egg

Refreshments including delicious
bacon and sausage sandwiches

Monday 9 April 2012
10.30am – 12 noon



* No waste! We are sourcing out-of-date eggs for all egg activities

Sunflowers at Grafton
The Green, East Grafton, Marlborough, SN8 3SS
admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk 01672 810478

A gentle reminder - Easter Lilies

Make sure that you have ordered any remembrance lilies in good time to avoid disappointment.

The cost of a lily is £2.50. Easter is a fitting time to remember loved ones who have died and a lily is a fitting expression of remembrance.

St Nicholas' Church is open every day so why not go and admire the flowers over Easter?

To order lilies contact Sally Butt on **01672 810743** as soon as possible

Wilton Cricket Club Juniors - back for 2012

Starting Saturday 21 April, from 10.30am to 12pm, we'll be offering coaching sessions through the summer term with the opportunity for a couple of games. Wilton CC Juniors is open to Grafton parish children aged 6 to 12 years - if you've played before we can help develop your skills and if not we'll provide a great introduction to the game. Sessions are friendly and fun, they are planned and run by an experienced coach supported by members of the Wilton cricket team and based at the practice nets in Wilton (behind the old Batts Farm site, opposite The Swan). Please email **scwinstanley@waitrose.com** to register your interest or for further information.

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Website: **www.manningfordcroft.com**

Contact: Mark Chick/Simon Walker

Save the date

August 4

Charity event

in aid of

"Hounds for Heros"

at Wilton Water

Contact

Astute Canine Services
07546941709

Wilton Windmill



Wilton Windmill's 2012 open season
begins on **Saturday 7th April at 2pm.**

The mill is then open every Sunday and
Bank Holiday Monday from 2pm to 5pm
until the end of September for guided
tours.

The new shepherd's hut is open at these
times providing seating and refreshments
and the picnic area is also available for
people to use.

We hope you will come along and enjoy
this unique piece of Wiltshire's heritage!

For more information, visit
www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk

Parish Council Update

Don't miss the AGM! Refreshments will be available

Grafton Parish Council's AGM will be held on Thursday 29 March at 7.30pm at the Coronation Hall.

Please come along as this is a good opportunity to find out what is happening in the parish.

Details of the forthcoming Grafton Jubilee Games will be included of course.

Updates will include the Localism Bill and how people can get involved in developing the Grafton Parish plan.

This annual event includes short summaries from organisations, clubs and activities within the Parish providing everyone with a chance to find out what is going on.



Holiday Club

During the February school holiday we ran our first Holiday Club for primary school children. A great deal of planning went into the week and we were delighted with how it all went – the range of activities offered, higher than anticipated bookings and the level of fun had by all. Our special thanks to members of the community and local businesses who came in to help run some of the activities – bike maintenance, scooter skills, dance and sport would not have been possible without you!

We are now planning for the Easter holidays and will be offering club for the 4 days either side of Easter weekend. The timetable will be available soon – let us know if you'd like a copy by emailing admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk.

Recent events

Thanks to everyone who came along to support one of our recent events.

Pancakes

A great deal of competitive behaviour was seen at Pancake Races! Seeing children and grown ups racing round with pancakes never fails to raise a smile – it was great fun and a good number of delicious pancakes were consumed.

Quiz night

Quiz Night at the Coronation Hall was also great fun with lots of laughter throughout the evening. The Coronation Hall was packed with over 100 people which was a fantastic turnout. Our very grateful thanks to Ronnie and June Pearson who organised this on our behalf and raised £950 for Sunflowers which is amazing.

BIG tidy up

Our thanks also to the 30+ intrepid BIG tidy up'ers that turned out on Saturday morning across the 5 villages of the parish to help with our litter pick. It never ceases to amaze how much is picked up during a couple of hours – this year some 20 bags of rubbish. Brilliant job – thanks to you all.



Looking to the future Wednesday 14 March, 7.30pm

Up until now the development of Sunflowers has been driven and managed by a relatively small core team of 6 people. As part of the expansion of our preschool to nursery and out of school care we recognised that there would be a need to develop our management team and put in place a more structured approach to manage our growth and that time has now come.

If you have skills and knowledge which may be valuable and are happy to share then we can find a way to do that which works for everyone. We know that we need to bring in some specific skills in finance - so if you work in finance we'd be very pleased to hear from you. And if you have experience working in the third sector (charities and other social enterprises) we'd also be keen to talk. We're looking for practical skills such as diy and gardening too. But really what matters is that you care about developing Sunflowers to its full potential, are keen to give your time to do so and are willing to roll up your sleeves and make things happen. How much time? It will vary from person to person but we'd anticipate an hour or 2 a week (though of course it won't be parceled in neat 1 hour per week packages - it will come in lumps and bumps!)

If you have an interest in the way that the Sunflowers will be managed into the future we invite you to join us for a glass of wine on Wednesday 14 March at 7.30pm to hear more about our plans. Please let us know if you're planning to join us so that we have an idea of numbers, call us on **01672 810478** or email admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk. If you can't make it on 14 March but would like to know more please let us know.

SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH

	Time	Service	Taken by
March			
18	11.00	Mother's Day Service	Robert Gist
25	11.00	Family Service	Lay Led
April			
01	11.00	Palm Sunday	Chris Stock
08	11.00	Holy Communion	Alan Deboo
15	11.00	Holy Communion and Annual PCC General meeting	Alan Deboo
22	11.00	Family Service	Lay Led

St Nicholas' Mother's Day Service will end with posies of spring flowers being given to children to hand to their Mothers, Grandmothers or Guardians.

St Nicholas' Church is looking for nimble fingers!

Is there anyone out there who would be interested in playing the organ at Grafton Church for our Sunday Services?

Services usually start at 11am and access to the organ for practice and familiarisation is easily arranged.

Please call Martin Butt on 01672 810743 who will be delighted to provide more details.

It is not necessary to be available every Sunday but if you feel able to join our small number of volunteers the congregation will give you every support.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Wilton Windmill 2012 Season due to begin

The 2012 season at Wilton Windmill starts on Saturday 7 April when the windmill will be open from 2pm to 5pm for guided tours and refreshments. The season runs to the end of September. For information www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk

New Facilities at the Windmill

On Saturday 24 March at about 11am, the new shepherd's hut will be arriving at Wilton Windmill – please come along and watch it being installed, everyone is welcome. The hut demonstrates a tremendous achievement for the Society, its volunteers and those who have supported the fundraising events. In addition to these efforts, a generous grant from the North Wessex Downs AONB and the Pewsey Area Board has meant that the hut will be in place for the start of the new season on Saturday 7 April. For pictures of the new hut under construction in at Blackdown Shepherd Huts in Ilminster, Near Taunton and more information, see www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk.

Mobile Library Service Review

Wiltshire Council is carrying out a review of the mobile library routes and would appreciate your views and comments. Revised routes will be introduced in July.

A full set of proposed schedules can be found by visiting www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries and following the links to the Mobile Library Consultation. The changes affecting our parish are on Route H, where the Marten stop will cease and the Coronation Hall stop will move to 11.30am, still on a Wednesday.

In order for a mobile library stop to be viable it should attract an average of four customers on a regular basis. If a stop consistently fails to meet this target for a year then it is proposed to remove the stop. Customers can apply for home delivery if they are unable to reach any library service.

Please send your comments to Rebecca Bolton, Outreach Services Manager by Friday 11 May 2012 at mobilelibraries@wiltshire.gov.uk and ensure you specify which route and stop you are commenting on or speak to the member of staff on the mobile library.

Pewsey Area Board

The next Pewsey Area Board meeting will take place on Monday 12 March at Burbage Village Hall starting at 7pm with tea and coffee available from 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Lynden Close, East Grafton

The problem with litter which we highlighted in the last issue has now been escalated by the Parish Council to Wiltshire Council. We have been informed that this is to be dealt with soon.

Events, clubs and other dates for your diary

All events take place in the Coronation Hall unless otherwise specified.

MARCH

14	19.30	Open evening	Sunflowers
16	19.00	Horticultural Society	
19	19.00	Bingo	
21	19.00	Horticultural Society	
24	11.00	Shepherd's hut	Wilton Windmill
29	19.15	Parish Council AGM	

APRIL

02	19.00	Bingo	
09	10.30	Easter Eggstravaganza	Sunflowers
16	19.00	Bingo	
18	19.00	Horticultural Society	
30	19.00	Bingo	

Regular weekly dates for your diary

TUESDAY



ZUMBA

10.00 to 11.00 Tuesday

TUESDAY & THURSDAY



Pilates Classes

09.15 to 10.00 Tuesday

13.30 to 14.30 Thursday

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

CIRCUIT & FITNESS TRAINING

09.30 to 10.30 Monday

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
Creative and Sensory Play
"Everything Creative in One Class"

11 months to preschool
4-11 months

11.15 to 12.00 Wednesday
12.30 to 13.15 Wednesday



C.A.P. Dance & Fitness

3-4yrs Baby ballet	15.30 to 16.00 Wednesday
4-5yrs RAD Pre primary ballet	16.00 to 16.30 Wednesday
5-6yrs RAD Primary ballet	16.30 to 17.00 Wednesday
5-6yrs ISTD Primary Modern	17.00 to 17.30 Wednesday
7-8yrs RAD Grade 2 ballet	17.30 to 18.00 Wednesday
12-14yrs ISTD Grade 3 Modern	18.00 to 18.30 Wednesday
13yrs to Adult Latin and ballroom	18.30 to 19.00 Wednesday

Please note that most classes do not run during school holidays. Please check directly with the relevant organiser

Mobile library dates 14, 28 March
Marten 11.30 Coronation Hall 13.00

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

Useful contacts

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

Art Club	libby_gilbert80@hotmail.com
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 Soc	01672 810364 Marijke Craig
Juniper's Sensory Play	01672 890829
Link Scheme	01672 870120
Parish Council	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
Wednesday Club	01672 810349 Libby Gilbert
Windmill Society	susie.brew@hotmail.co.uk
Yoga	01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt
Zumba	07747 617199 Lau Vergara

Local commercial listing

B&B West Grafton	Angie Orsich	01672 810339
Baby sitting/odd jobs	Tom Nield	01672 870196
Baby sitting	Florence Butt	01672 810743
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Builder	Sam Sanchez	07887 991249
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
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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
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Our Doctor writes

Over the last few years I've come to realise that the delivery of healthcare of itself is contributing to a wider public health problem. I'm not so much talking about the direct effect that treatment and investigations have on people but am thinking about the wider environment. I am currently the sustainability lead for the Royal College of GPs and I have worked closely with the NHS Sustainable Development Unit. This has a national remit but is based in East Anglia.

Currently when a medicine or other treatment is appraised by NICE (the National Institute for Clinical Excellence) the wider impact of the treatment is not taken into account, for example the environmental impact and the effect on the health of the public that the manufacturing process has. Likewise the impact of many millions of outpatient visits to hospital isn't evaluated in terms of the effect that vehicle emissions or indeed road traffic accidents have on health.

A recently published document looked at the attitude of the public to sustainability and health. This involved trying to decrease waste in the healthcare system. A significant proportion of the population felt that the NHS should be more sustainable and have a lower environmental impact even if it cost more. Interestingly more than half of the patients said they would be happy to use medicines that had been returned by other patients as long as they were safe. I feel confident that an even higher proportion would be content to use reconditioned appliances like crutches and frames. Currently the ludicrously risk averse system deems that these must be destroyed. Would you like the NHS to be more sustainable? Would you be prepared to take this into account when care is being planned?

At a time when we need to conserve resources my concern is that the any qualified provider element of the current proposed Health and Social Care Bill will lead to duplication and increased waste within the system.

Next month I'm planning on writing about the Freedom of Information Act and the impact that the use of it has had with us as a surgery.

Best wishes, Tim Ballard

Jason Lewis

Carpenter

Carpentry & Maintenance

All building work undertaken, painting, Tiling, all types of locks, kitchens, home improvements, plastic doors & windows, general maintenance.

References available on request.

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