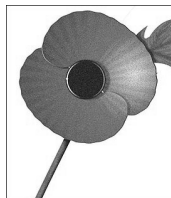


COMMUNITY NEWS

Once again as we approach the festive season the event calendar becomes full to bursting! There's plenty to get involved with in Grafton Parish on the crisp mornings and dark nights this Autumn. Why not tone up at an exercise class in preparation for the seasonal excesses, buy your Christmas gifts at one of the fairs taking place in the Coronation Hall or enjoy a scrumptious tea in aid of Riding for the Disabled. There's plenty to choose from!

**GRAFTON PARISH REMEMBRANCE SERVICE - SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER**

This year, the 94th Anniversary of Armistice Day 1918, when at the 11th hour of the 11th month the guns fell silent on the Western Front, the Parish will be holding its own Remembrance Service to honour those men of the Parish who gave their lives in the service of their country in two World Wars. We shall also be thinking and saying prayers for those men and women of our Armed Forces who are today on active service throughout the world.

The service, weather permitting, will start with the congregation gathered around the Parish Memorial at 10.45 am. Limited seating will be available. Following the two minute silence at 11 o'clock, wreaths will be laid on behalf of all our five hamlets and the Parish Council. This will be followed by children planting small crosses, each one representing a member of the Parish killed on active service; following which the congregation will be invited to move into St Nicholas Church for a short service and address. A collection will be taken on behalf of the Royal British Legion.

This is a break from the normal 'shared service' held in turn with other Churches in the area. It was felt by the Church Wardens and PCC of St Nicholas that it was more appropriate on Remembrance Sunday to honour our dead in our Parish Church. We hope that we will have your full support and attendance.

**Don't panic about keeping children amused during the October school holidays – come to The TreeHouse!**

Morning and afternoon sessions are available at The TreeHouse – our great holiday club for primary school children aged 5 to 11 years.

We're working with Oxenwood and have an amazing Viking Day and the always popular Fencing and Archery with them. Plus we've some lovely seasonal activities - Bonkers for Conkers! and a Halloween Day on 31 October - and some fabulous messing about outdoors with our Forest Day, bird watching (we have a visiting Harris Hawk) and kite flying at Wilton Windmill. Perfect! We hope that there will be something to appeal to everyone.

Bookings are being taken now – email admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk or call **01672 810478** for a copy of the timetable or to reserve a place.

Crofton Beam Engines Committee wishes to thank everyone who supported them over the season. It was a special year for Crofton and the season ended with a successful Steam Gala. Before closing Dick and Dom visited whilst filming a series on "Pioneers" for the BBC which will be shown in February.

Work will be carried during the winter and the site should be ready to open on the 9th March 2013. Steaming dates and events will be available on the website www.croftonbeamengines.org.

Harvest Festival is a roaring success

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed and attended the Harvest Festival and Harvest Supper. There were over 75 people in the congregation to enjoy an interactive service of thanksgiving. The guests on Monday evening at the Supper were entertained by a most amusing poetry recital, auction and sing along whilst enjoying delicious home cooked pies.

A record amount of more than £2000 was raised for St Nicholas' Church which is fantastic and everyone thoroughly enjoy themselves in the process. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's harvest celebrations so enjoyable.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Police & Crime Commissioner Elections on Thursday 15 November

Coronation Hall will be the polling station for the Police & Crime Commissioner election and so all other bookings at the hall for this date are cancelled.

Wiltshire Good Neighbours

As the summer finally draws to a close, some of us anticipate the darkening evenings, warm fires and hot chocolate drinks with a sense of comfort.

For others, however, the concerns of increased difficulty in getting around, more time spent alone at home and the worry of rising fuel bills brings on a gloom that is hard to lift.

There is action that can be taken to guard against these fears becoming realities, and with a little extra information older people can face the long winter months with a renewed sense of optimism.

For more information or details about volunteering opportunities in your area please contact Mary Soellner **07557 110418**

Contacting the police

Dial **101** if you want to report a crime that is not an emergency and you are not in immediate danger. You can also use this number to speak to your local police team or provide information about a crime. 101 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

When you call **101** the system determines your location and connects you to the relevant police force. If you are on a boundary between two or more forces, the system gives you choice of which force to be connected to. After a pause of approximately four seconds, the message will also give you the option to select an alternative police force of your choice via an operator.

People who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired can text-phone **18001 101**.

In an emergency, you can text **80999** from any phone.

A flat rate of 15p will be charged whether you call **101** from a landline or mobile, irrespective of how long the call lasts.



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Katie Bluff

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Wiltshire Voices

This is a project by Wiltshire Council which aims to find new ways of reaching out to people who do not, or cannot, attend the council's meetings. This will enable the council to understand the issues so that they can be addressed. Covering 12 different themes, the latest recording is on Rural Families on Low Incomes which can be found on **www.wiltshire.gov.uk**.

Our Doctor Writes

We have recently received breast screening figures and we were able to compare the uptake for screening with other practices, and disappointingly our figures were on the low side - I would like ours to be amongst the best in Wiltshire. Over the last few years there has been a lot of debate about the impact of breast screening but recently a huge study has been published showing finally that the screening programme is a good idea and that it really does save lives. If you or a member of your family receives a call for breast screening please try to attend. If there are any difficulties or if anyone would like to talk about their specific circumstances then please talk to us or your own doctor if you are not registered with us.

It's that time of year again and we are into the annual round of flu vaccinations. We have now taken delivery of this year's flu jab stock. There are lots of myths around about flu vaccination. It is not a live vaccine and can't give you flu. Vaccinating a large percentage of the community increases herd immunity and benefits the whole population. The most important groups to vaccinate are those with long term diseases such as diabetes, kidney disease and heart disease as well as the over 65's. If you aren't sure whether you qualify for a free jab then please ask, if you know you do qualify then please have one.

Tim Ballard

Power Supply being upgraded in East Grafton

Residents of East Grafton were a little surprised earlier this month when large generators appeared in the village. The surprise turned to frustration when one of the generators proved to be faulty and a number of power outages occurred. Scottish and Southern Electric were contacted and provided the following statement about the works.

"We are investing around £200,000 to strengthen and upgrade the overhead electricity network in East Grafton. The work, which will see approximately 3km of wires and poles replaced, started on 2 October and is due to be completed by the end of the month. For the safety of both our staff and the local communities, electricity supplies in the area have been temporarily connected to mobile generators during this essential work. Residents would have noticed a short interruption to their supplies when the generators were being installed, and every address affected received a notification card in advance".

Speaking on behalf of SSEPD, Duncan MacDonald, apologised for the interruptions to supplies on 8 and 9 October, explaining: "The work that we are currently carrying out in East Grafton will see a safe and secure supply to the local area for many years to come. We regularly use generators as we go about our maintenance and repair programme and, as part of their refuelling schedule, these are checked at least once a day. We would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused by the supply interruptions earlier this week, which were caused by a fault on one particular generator. In an attempt to minimise the disruption, our engineers had initially made repairs to the fault, but when it became clear that this was not sufficient, the generator was removed and replaced."

In addition, and by way of a goodwill gesture for the inconvenience caused, we would like to make a donation of £100 to your "Truly Scrumptious Afternoon Tea", which I see from your website is raising funds for the local Riding For The Disabled team.

June Pearson and Dougie Willcock were delighted by the donation to the Tea and everyone in East Grafton is hoping that the works will be completed without further incident and that the investment in the overhead lines means that our power supply will be more robust than it is usually during the Winter months.

Stir up Sunday 25 November

After the success of last year's Stir up Sunday service and Christmas pudding making, the Coronation Hall will again host another Stir up Sunday service.

There will be a family service during which everyone will be invited to "stir the pudding".

Please bring your own pudding basin and a donation if you would like to take a pudding to steam (and eat) at home.

St. Nicholas' Fayre 25 November

12:30 - 3pm Coronation Hall

With many stalls selling Christmas gifts, Christmas puddings, food stalls and much more. There will be a café offering soup & a roll, beef baps, cakes, mince pies.....



Is it really nearly a year?

It was 31 October 2011 when we opened our doors as a nursery and the past year has flown by. We now have over 100 children registered with us in the nursery and The TreeHouse which is incredible, we are a registered charity and we continue to grow. Credit to everyone who has played a part in our success – our amazing childcare team, the lovely families who trust us to care for their children, our fabulous team of volunteers and our wonderful community who have been so supportive.

The TreeHouse is open to provide care for primary school children before and after school and during school holidays. As we reported in the May Community News we have been awarded a Big Lottery grant to equip The TreeHouse room, develop suitable outdoors provision and purchase a minibus to transport children to and from their schools.

We have a project team working hard to spend our grant money wisely and good progress is being made. We already have our minibus and our focus has now turned to plans to develop the outdoor play spaces around our building. Our aim is to create wonderful, natural play spaces for our children which fit with our lovely surroundings. If you're interested in knowing more about these plans please get in touch and we'll be pleased to provide more information.

We are still on the lookout for minibus drivers – 1.5 hours in the morning and 1.5 hours in the afternoon so please get in touch if you are interested, or give a friend or family member a nudge if you think they may fit the bill. Call us on **01672 810478** or email **admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk**.

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent World's Biggest Coffee Morning which raised just over £150 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thanks also to those who came and shopped at our Boden Party which will contribute to additional resources for Sunflowers for which we are very grateful.



A Bag2School bag has been delivered with your Community News so why not take the opportunity for a clear out before Christmas and help us raise funds. Fill the bag with good quality used clothes, bags, shoes, belts and more (see side of bag for full details) and drop it off at Sunflowers by 9am on Friday 9 November. Spread the word to family and friends – you can also use black bags if you have lots to clear out.

On Sunday 9 December we have a Christmas Fair at the Coronation Hall featuring local produce and goods, delicious tea and cakes and plenty to keep little ones amused. More information in the November Community News.

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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

OCTOBER

14	18.00	Evensong: Chris Stock	St N
21	11.00	Holy Communion	St N
28	11.00	Family Service	St N

NOVEMBER

02	24.00	Closing date for the next C News issue	
04	11.00	Holy Communion	St N
04	15.00	RDA Tea party	
09	09.00	Bags2School closing time	Sunflowers
11	10.45	Remembrance Day Service	St N
18	11.00	Holy Communion	St N
25	11.00	Stir up Sunday service	
25	12.30	St Nicholas' Fayre	

Mobile library 24 October, 7, 21 November
Marten 11.30 Coronation Hall 13.00

Regular weekly dates for your diary

Please check for full details with the relevant organiser.

TUESDAY



10.15 to 11.15 Tuesday

TUESDAY and THURSDAY



09.15 to 10.00 Tuesday

13.30 to 14.30 Thursday

Pilates Classes

MONDAY and WEDNESDAY

CIRCUIT & FITNESS TRAINING



09.30 to 10.30 Monday

09.15 to 10.15 Wednesday

TUESDAY

YOGA



19.30 to 21.00 Tuesday

THURSDAY



Baby and toddler group
10.00 to 11.30 Thursday

WEDNESDAY



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Community News	news@graftonparish.com
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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
Link Scheme	01672 870120
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

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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
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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
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House Sitting	Maxine Wallis	07879 993150
Kindling	Jo Harman	01672 810673
Logs/tree surgeon	Jeremy Hawkins	07980 536156
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Odd Jobs	Kieran Maidment	07531 685353
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