

Welcome to Autumn in Grafton Parish

The Police have responded to concerns about speeding on our patch, the harvest is gathered in and will be celebrated at the end of the month, there is a new Karate course for children running in the Coronation Hall, the Parish Council says goodbye to Maggie Evans, there will be great offers at the Sunflowers' Boden Party and the weekend of September 29 and 30 looks very busy with events in the Coronation Hall and at Crofton. All the details are inside this month's Community News together with reports and new local business advertisements.

We welcome contributions about forthcoming events and comments or concerns about life in the Parish so please note the closing dates for each publication to avoid disappointment. It is time to thank our so very efficient and willing distributors too so please give yourselves a pat on the back since we could not cover the entire Parish without your help.



Opportunities with Sunflowers at Grafton

The majority of our fabulous Sunflowers at Grafton team live locally and we are keen to continue recruiting locally wherever we can. If any of the following are of interest please do get in touch.

Lunchtime Assistant to work 1.5 hours Monday to Friday. Getting food on plates to hungry little mouths and clearing up afterwards is a job in its own right! If you're looking for something local, with a friendly team where your contribution will make a real difference then this may be for you. Relevant experience would be a bonus but not necessary as all training will be provided. This role is offered on a short term contract as we assess our permanent staffing requirements so this is a great opportunity to try it out.

Part time mini bus driver to join the team responsible for providing transport to and from local schools as part of our Breakfast and After School Clubs. You will need to be available during term time to provide back-up for our main driver so if you can offer a few hours a week on a fairly flexible basis but don't want too great a commitment this could be for you! Applicants will need to have a D, D1 or D1 (101) category on their current driving licence.

Finance and administration In the next month or so we plan to add to our support team. This will be a part time role providing the essential administrative support which ensures that Sunflowers at Grafton runs seamlessly. Experience of customer facing roles and strong communication and IT skills essential.

For more information please contact **01672 810478** or admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk



29th & 30th September - 11am to 5pm

The Coronation Hall, East Grafton, Wilts.

22 artists from Wiltshire & surrounding counties

Admission is free

*Including: Café & Children's Painting Competition
(£1 to enter. Age range 5-12 years. All equipment provided on site)*

River Dart 10k marathon in aid of The Prospect Hospice

On Saturday 22 September Caroline Pearson is swimming the Dart and would appreciate sponsorship via www.justgiving.com/carolinepearson

Wish her luck and please dig deep!

NEWS IN BRIEF

Parish Council Update

Maggie Evans is retiring from duties as Parish Clerk in November after giving the Parish Council over 3 years of superb support and diligence. There have been many changes since Maggie first took up her post and the Parish Council wish to publically thank her for all her hard work and dedication.

The post of Parish Clerk is not a daunting prospect and it does offer the possibility of becoming closely involved in what your Parish Council does for you. The post attracts a nominal salary and all reasonable expenses are paid so if you are interested then please email chairman@graftonparish.com for more information. Familiarity with the internet and email is now an essential part of Parish Clerk's responsibilities but there is always plenty of help and support from Parish Councillors to help any applicant in the initial stages.

Hounds for Heroes fun day is a roaring success

Carrie of Astute Canine Services would like to thank all those who helped, contributed and supported the Summer of Fun Day in aid of Hounds for Heroes on Saturday 4 August at Wilton Waters. Special mention to Peter and David Lemon for the use of the area to host the event, and also to the local businesses and individuals who donated fantastic raffle prizes - and of course, to those who attended, volunteered and supported the day. Carrie has been overwhelmed by people's generosity and kindness for the event - and of course the sterling spirit of those who were not put off by the intermittent down pours on the day. The current total in the charity pot is £450 which demonstrates the generosity of those supporting the event - many thanks again. Tentative plans are afoot for next year - the date to watch out for may be the 6 July.

Keep to the speed limits and keep on the look out

The Community Beat Manager for Pewsey East villages reports that she has been in the area conducting speed checks following concerns expressed by local residents regarding motorists travelling at excess speed through East Grafton, Wilton and Great Bedwyn. The message is "Please can you remind motorists to drive with care and within the speed limits in accordance with weather and traffic conditions"

Since the start of August there have been several cases of attempted and successful lead thefts from church roofs in our area. If you hear or see any suspicious activity around the churches, please report it on **101** or **999** if there is a theft in progress. If you see any suspicious vehicles, and it is safe to do so, please note the car registration and model. Descriptions of any people seen would be great as well. The Police thank you for your continued vigilance.

CELEBRATE HARVEST AT ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH

Friday 21 September at 2pm is scheduled to decorate the church and we would welcome as many people as are able to come and help us with this very enjoyable task in preparation for the Harvest Festival Service on 23 September.

If you have any home produce please bring along to the Church anytime during the weekend of the 21 September. The produce will be auctioned at our Harvest Supper on Monday the 24 September to raise money for St Nicholas' Church.

HARVEST SUPPER

24 September 7.30pm - Coronation Hall

Tickets are £16 per person which includes one glass of wine and a delicious two course meal.

An auction of the harvest produce will take place following the meal.

If you would like to book tickets please contact
Millie Lemon **07803 032273** Gabby Walker **07810 340471**
Sally Butt **01672 810743**

It is normally a really fun evening and everyone is welcome.

Footsteps

Podiatry Services

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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.

Crofton Beam Engines

6th Annual STEAM GALA

29 and 30 September 10.30 to 17.00

Don't miss this wonderful annual event.

NEW THIS YEAR: Vintage Tractor Ploughing demonstration by Eddie Ellison.

Beam engines in steam for the LAST TIME in 2012

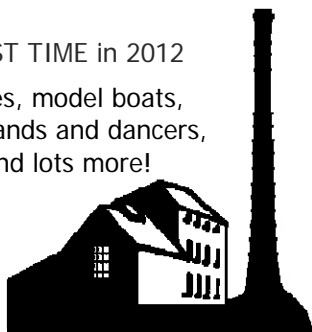
Attractions include: Vintage vehicles, model boats, traditional crafts, Punch and Judy, bands and dancers, Real Ales, BBQ, café, tombola and lots more!

ADMISSION to site and ploughing demo.

Adults £6 Under 16's free

ADMISSION to beam engines in steam.

Adults £6 Seniors £5 Under 16's free



Heritage Open Day at Wilton Windmill sails into the record books!

Throng of people attended the Heritage Open Day at Wilton Windmill on 9 September to enjoy free guided tours, tea and cake, bar, barbecue, pizzas, Punch & Judy, children's games, tractors, ferret racing, rural crafts, the Phoenix Brass Band and lots of other attractions.

What a fantastic day it was – the sun shone as people enjoyed the traditional fun and fare on offer. Enormous thanks go to all the volunteers who made the day such a success. The windmill is open from 2pm to 5pm on Sundays until the end of September, when the 2012 season ends, and it will reopen on Good Friday in 2013.

Boden

20% off at Sunflowers' Boden Party Thursday 20 September

Sunflowers at Grafton will be hosting a Boden Party with profits from the party going towards vital projects at Sunflowers. There will be 20% off everything, including free delivery and free returns. Come along and try on the new season's styles. Refreshments will be available

Thursday 20 (Morning) - 10am-12noon at Grafton Goslings, Coronation Hall
Thursday 20 (Evening) - 7pm-9pm at Sunflowers at Grafton

For more information email admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk

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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

SEPTEMBER

16	11.00	Parish Communion: M McHugh	St N
20	10.00	Sunflowers Boden Party	
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23	11.00	Harvest Festival	St N
24	19.30	Harvest Supper	
28	10.30	Macmillan Coffee morning	Sunflowers
29/30	11.00	Grafton Art Fair	
29/30	10.30	Annual Steam Gala	Crofton

OCTOBER

07	11.00	Holy Communion	St N
14	18.00	Evensong: Chris Stock	St N
21	11.00	Holy Communion	St N

Mobile library 26 September 10, 24 October
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

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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



C.A.P. Dance & Fitness
Various classes for all ages. Contact details on page 4.

FRIDAY

KARATE CLASS 16.00 TO 17.00

Starting September for children. Call 01672 810406 for details.

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Discounts for 6 months and 12 months

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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
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

B&B West Grafton	Angie Orssich	01672 810339
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
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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