

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## What a month!

### June promises to be even more rewarding!

We are very fortunate to have so many talented and enthusiastic residents in our parish. You will probably have seen, heard or witnessed some of the Jubilee celebrations where residents of Grafton Parish put their names forward, were welcomed and then rewarded with some epic encounters as part of the event on 1 May. Thank you to all those who so willingly contributed to a very complex, informative and long lasting display of the Pewsey area history for the Queen's visit to Salisbury as part of her Jubilee tour.

The windmill was turning, grinding and milling over the May Bank holiday too and what a tremendous sight that was for all who ventured out onto the A338 and beyond.

Whilst on the subject of all things local and, in the spirit of contributing to all that you treasure and enjoy, do please consider whether you might be able to put yourself forward to join our Parish Council. We are reliably informed that we are one of the most friendly, enthusiastic and decisive in the County so it might just be worth a look, especially as all councillors have to retire for elections next year. What an ideal opportunity for find out what this is all about without a lifetime's commitment?

### ANNUAL ST NICHOLAS' PLANT SALE

This year, the Annual Plant Sale, in aid of church funds, will be held in the Coronation Hall, East Grafton, on **Saturday 19 May**, from 2pm.

If anyone has any spare plants, Libby Gilbert would love to hear from you on **01672 810349!**

All residents are invited to "Toast the Queen" in the Coronation Hall at 12.00 on June 3 where all the decorations and displays used in Salisbury for the Queen's visit will be on view for the weekend.

### Diamond Jubilee Celebrations progressing well

We are pleased to report that everything is coming along for the Parish's Community event on the Green in East Grafton. We hope that you have kept your flyers in a prominent position so that you do not forget to "save the date".

If you are able to contribute a cake, some salad, a stop watch or any other associated consumable or effort then please email **mail@graftonparish.com** so that we can be sure to involve as many people as possible in this family day.

Contributions towards the beacon bonfire are also required so please let us know what you have and where/when to collect it. Our beacon is now registered at **www.diamondjubileebeacons.co.uk** along with all those official fires being lit around the UK and the Commonwealth.

### CROFTON BEAM ENGINES celebrate 200 years of steam

- ◆ Under 16's accompanied by fee paying adult admitted FREE
- Pay for a steam day ticket and you are entitled to visit the Beam Engines as often as you like for one calendar year.
- Our café is now fully licenced and is open daily 10.30am - 5pm

1 June Steve Yabsley BBC Radio Bristol will be visiting Crofton late afternoon. If you are a fan of his please come and meet him.  
 2, 3 and 4 June open for business with a show of Classic cars on the 3 June.  
 16 and 17 June is a weekend of steamings.  
 16 June a very special guest will be visiting Crofton.

30 June and 1 July Free Live Music 11am - 5pm on both days. Blues, folk, rock and pop. Wiltshire based bands and singers will be playing in the beer tent.

We will be holding a Produce and Flower Show on the 25,26 & 27 August - open to anyone living within 15 miles of the Crofton Chimney.



# Midsummer Fair

*in support of Wilton Windmill*

**East Grafton Village Hall**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June**  
**1:00pm - 8:00pm**  
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## GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Grafton Parish council is sorry to report that Alison Comyn has resigned from the Council as a result of her commitments in London to look after James. The Parish Council wishes to express gratitude for the many years work which Alison has contributed mainly with regard to the planning responsibilities of the Parish Council. We all wish Alison and James a speedy return to Grafton and look forward to seeing them back soon.

There are now 2 vacancies on the Grafton Parish Council and applications are invited to join our very relaxed, committed and forward looking Parish Council. Please email [chairman@graftonparish.com](mailto:chairman@graftonparish.com) if you are interested in serving on the Parish Council or if you would like to find out more about what is involved. There are a number of new Parish Councillors who will be only too happy to explain what is involved and how easy it is to slide into the team. In 2013 the entire Parish Council will stand down and an election will take place so this is an ideal time to find out what is involved.

In the meantime your Parish Council is continuing the work involved in the new Local Area Plan, part of the nationwide localism bill. We have a number of interested residents of the Parish involved in this project but please email [mail@graftonparish.com](mailto:mail@graftonparish.com) if you are able to contribute towards this important venture for our parish.

You will have seen that the fencing is under construction to formalise the playing field boundaries. Please note the date of the Parish meeting to discuss how this amenity will be used and come along help us to decide how best to make maximum use of this land - see below.

It is important to respect these grounds and to leave them as you would wish to find them. We are progressing a recent request from a parishioner to provide dog litter bins in the Parish and will report progress as soon as we are able to.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### ***Grafton Parish Website***

The new Grafton Parish website is now available on the old address – [www.graftonparish.com](http://www.graftonparish.com). Due to the termination of the old Microsoft service, the website has now been moved to the new Microsoft platform. The service is under review and so historical information will be added once the review period is completed. If you have any feedback or queries on the new website, please email [mail@graftonparish.com](mailto:mail@graftonparish.com).

#### ***Neighbourhood Watch Update***

A warning came out recently from PCSO Joe Sadd about a burglary in Easton Royal on 1 May in which a chainsaw, hedge cutter and associated equipment were stolen.

If you have any information or have been offered items for sale, then please contact Wiltshire Police on 101.

If you would like to be added to the Neighbourhood Watch email list so that you get alerts as they are sent through from the Police, please email [mail@graftonparish.com](mailto:mail@graftonparish.com) with Subscribe in the subject of the email.

#### ***Pewsey Area Board***

The next meeting of the Pewsey Area Board is on Monday 14 June at Coronation Hall in East Grafton – it is a public meeting so everyone is welcome. Tea and coffee is available from 6.30pm with the meeting starting at 7pm. The Timeline, posters and map from the Queen's Visit at Salisbury will be on display at the meeting and will also be available for hire for schools, fetes, open days and other interested groups. To book the materials, email [mail@graftonparish.com](mailto:mail@graftonparish.com) (materials are subject to availability).

#### ***Playing field***

Please come to the meeting on 21 May at 7pm when the playing field adjacent to Batts Lane will be discussed. The meeting will be held at the playing field where the purpose is to decide who is interested in using the area and when.

Please note that the access to the playing field is from the new gates on Batts Lane which runs along the edge of the church grounds. We need to avoid crossing the area which is used by Sunflowers especially during their open hours.

Please come and tell us what you think, there is no expectation of involvement, responsibility or commitment at this stage.

### **Grafton Goslings – from strength to strength ...**

Grafton Goslings baby and toddler group continues to attract families from the parish and beyond to a friendly and fun group at the Coronation Hall. Every Thursday morning from 10am during term times upwards of 25 children with their Mum, Dad, Granny, Grandpa and friends have a super time with a great variety of toys and craft activities on offer.

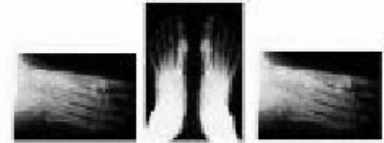
If you have a baby or toddler and haven't been along to Goslings yet we'd love to see you there – look out for our Play Leader Juliette who will make sure you have a warm welcome.

## **Footsteps**

### **Podiatry Services**

**07881802386**

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## SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH

	Time	Service	Taken by	
<b>May</b>				
	27	11.00	Family Service	Lay led
<b>June</b>				
	03	11.00	Diamond Jubilee Service	Chris Stock
	17	11.00	Parish Communion	Robert Gist
	24	11.00	Family Service and Baptism	Ian Cowley

### JUBILEE SERVICE AT St Nicholas' Church

On Sunday 3 June, there will be a special service at 11am to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Appropriate hymns and readings are being chosen and the children will plant a tree in the Churchyard after the service.

You are all warmly invited to join us in the Coronation Hall after the service for the Loyal Toast.



### Sunflowers at Grafton – we're growing the team!

We're delighted that we've now received confirmation of our grant funding for The TreeHouse – our out of school activities which will include Breakfast Club, After School Club and Holiday Clubs. This means that we need to expand our team and are recruiting a Deputy Manager to develop and manage The TreeHouse. Childcare experience and qualifications are essential for this role, and ideally some experience working with primary school children. More details will be available on [www.childcarejobs.co.uk](http://www.childcarejobs.co.uk) shortly. If you think you may fit the bill get in touch with us on **01672 810478** or [admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk](mailto:admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk).

The grant will fund our minibus and we'll also be looking for drivers who have a few hours available in the mornings (between 8am and 9.30am-ish) and the afternoon (2.45pm to 4pm-ish).

The nursery team is also expanding and we're looking for someone with childcare qualifications to join us on a part-time basis, between 12 and 15 hours per week. Again please get in touch to register your interest in either of these roles.

A blue Bag2School has been dropped off with the May Community News – a great opportunity to clear out the cupboards 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 of what is accepted) and drop it off at Sunflowers by 9am on Thursday 24 May. Spread the word to family and friends – you can also use black bags if you have lots to clear out.

### Closing date for applications to join Grafton Parish Council is 30 May

If you are interested, would like more information or are ready to apply then please post a note into the Coronation Hall letterbox, or send an email to [chairman@graftonparish.com](mailto:chairman@graftonparish.com) or contact any of your Parish Councillors.

Your Parish Councillors are:

- Tom Hatfield - Wexcombe (Chairman)
- Susie Brew - Wexcombe
- Mike Hyslop - Marten
- Jack Frost - West Grafton (Vice Chairman)
- David Lemon - Wilton
- Jamie Pearson - Wilton
- Ann Dudley - East Grafton
- Maggie Smith, Clerk - Wilton

## Events, clubs and other dates for your diary

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

Bookings **01672 810406** or [hall@graftonparish.com](mailto:hall@graftonparish.com)  
Please leave landline contact numbers wherever possible

### MAY

16	09.00	Horticultural Society outing	Englefield
19	14.00	Church plant sale	
21	19.00	Bingo	
21	19.00	Playing field open meeting	Playing field
24	By 9am	Bag2School	Sunflowers
28	19.00	Bingo	

### JUNE

03	12.00	Diamond Jubilee Loyal Toast	
04	10.30	Let the Jubilee Games begin!	
11	19.00	Bingo	
21	13.00	Gastronicks event - see page 1	
25	19.00	Bingo	

**Mobile library** 23 May, 6 and 20 June  
Marten 11.30 Coronation Hall 13.00

### Regular weekly dates for your diary

Please note that most classes do not run during school holidays. 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



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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 Jean Turvey
Link Scheme	01672 870911 Mike Fleckney
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
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 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
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Hat Hire	Victoria Frost	01672 810386
Holiday Cottages (local)	Mary Rhodes	01672 870659
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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

Prostate medicine has been back in the headlines again. When talking to our registrars about men and their prostate problems, I use it to highlight an area in medicine which epitomises uncertainty - I can't think of another area which is underpinned by so much doubt. From screening and diagnosis to management there seems to be little that is incontestable.

There is a new treatment called HIFU (High Intensity Frequency Ultrasound). It has been in the experimental phase for a few years and I have had experience of it with one patient. It looked really promising. The proof of the pudding though is in the long-term effectiveness of the treatment.

Now evidence of this is available and supports its use. HIFU effectively cooks the prostate from within and it is only appropriate for men for whom prostate cancer is confined to the prostate itself. Importantly using it early on doesn't preclude using other treatments later. It isn't currently extensively available on the NHS but watch this space.

If you do develop a prostate problem it is worth raising HIFU with your doctor as a potential treatment option.

Tim Ballard

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