

Community Action!

As always there's so much going on in the Parish – recent events including the Fungi Forage Day and the Harvest Supper have raised fantastic sums for community causes. In the next month or so there will be 'Bonkers for Conkers'(!), Friendship of Grafton's Bring & Buy and the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. Festive plans are being made too – with the Annual Parish Xmas Party taking place on Sunday 19 December. We hope to see you at some of these events or one of the regular activities that takes place at the Coronation Hall.

If there's something that you feel strongly about then let's take Community Action! Speeding has been mentioned many times for example. The recent Community Speedwatch showed that over 5% of vehicles were being driven in excess of the speed limit on the A338 through East Grafton and as a Community we can take simple action to reduce this. If we all ensure we 'slow to 30' when entering East Grafton (and the other villages) then the following cars will almost certainly do the same. Together we will make a difference. If there are other areas you'd like to see some Community Action on please email news@graftonparish.com and we'll report it in a future edition of the Community News.

Children Starting School in 2011 or 2012

On Wednesday 10 November 6.30pm – 8pm the staff and governors of Grafton School and Sunflowers Pre School Committee are inviting parents of children starting school in 2011 and 2012 and parents of pre school children to an informal open evening. Parents will have an opportunity to view the classrooms and outside play areas, hear from staff about teaching styles and children's milestones and chat to staff, governors and other parents about the benefits of starting school or pre school at Grafton.

Please do come along, the evening will run very informally so don't worry if you can't make it at 6.30pm please drop in for a chat and a glass of wine. Of course, if you can't make the 10th then you are very welcome to visit the school at any time – please call the office on **01672 810478** or email admin@grafton.sch.wilts.uk or sunflowers@grafton.wilts.sch.uk

Remembrance

The church service for Remembrance Sunday rotates round Grafton, Great Bedwyn and St Katharine's. This year it is St Katharine's turn and the service will be at

10.45 on Sunday 14 November at St Katharine's.

Later that morning there will be an

Act of Remembrance at the Grafton War Memorial 14 November at 12.30

Also there will be an *Armistice Service* at 11.55 on Thursday 11th November at the War Memorial outside St Mary's Great Bedwyn.

We look forward to you joining us for one or all of these services.

Christmas – A Time for Giving?

Research shows that more than 50% of us will do some or all of our shopping on-line. So isn't it good to know that whilst we are shopping we can very easily contribute to the true meaning of Christmas without it costing us a penny!

All you have to do is:

- Go to www.thegivingmachine.co.uk
- Click on Join as a Giver and select Grafton Coronation Hall or Grafton CofE Primary School as your beneficiary (it's very simple!)
- Once that's done, from the Giving Machine website, find the on-line store you want to buy from (virtually all of the High Street stores and all major on-line stores are there)
- Click on the link to go to the shop you want to visit
- Make your purchases as normal

It really couldn't be easier – every time you go shopping, just remember to go via the Giving Machine website and the donation will be made automatically. If you don't go via the Giving Machine, the donation won't be made. Make a real difference this Christmas – for free!

Ballet Classes

Coronation Hall, The Green, East Grafton

Classes starting January 2011 on Wednesdays

For Children 2 1/2 years upwards

For more information Contact Alex 07748620374



Teacher: Alex Foley
Registered: Royal Academy of Dance

Ex-professional dancer who danced with The Royal Ballet, National Ballet of Canada and English National Ballet

Friendship of Grafton's

Annual Bring & Buy

In aid of club funds and local causes

Wednesday 3 November
at 2.30 pm in the Coronation Hall

STALLS GALORE FOR CHRISTMAS!

Bric-a-Brac, Cakes, Raffle, Tombola and Woodworking gifts

£1.00 entrance fee to include Door Prize and light refreshments

If you have any items for the Bric-a-Brac stall, please bring them along to the Hall on the morning, from 10 a.m. onwards.

Community Round-Up

Photos and full reports on www.graftonparish.com

Congratulations to the 60 or so runners and walkers who took part in the Wexcombe 10km Run on 19 September and thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make the day such a winner. Just over £740 was raised for St Nicholas Church and Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

The Coffee Morning at the school in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support raised £65.

The annual Harvest Supper at the Coronation Hall on 27 September was again a great success. Plenty of people and lots of garden produce for the auction, together with a scrumptious supper raised over £1300 for St Nicholas Church. Special thanks to Mr and Mrs Taylor and Dave French for their very generous contributions.

Thank you to everyone who turned out for the Fungi Forage and Feast on 9 October. Particular thanks go to Nicky and Roger Phillips who so kindly gave of their time and expertise. From the foraging in the afternoon to the tea and cakes, the wonderful art exhibition and the delicious food, it was a fantastic day. Over £1700 was raised towards the Coronation Hall and the Public Access Defibrillators. Well done – a real parish effort!

The Friendship of Grafton had an entertaining talk by Tony Nolson of the Royal British Legion at the October meeting.

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The Wilton Windmill Society

The Annual General Meeting of the Wilton Windmill Society will take place on Friday 3rd December 2010 at 7.30pm at the Coronation Hall, East Grafton

Friends and Members of the Society are invited to attend.

If you are not a member, and would like to get involved then you are very welcome to come along to hear about what has happened during the past year and our plans for the future.

Please help our preparations for the meeting by calling Susie Brew on 01264 731404 or emailing susie.brew@hotmail.co.uk if you are interested in attending.

A whirlwind of activity ...

Into the new academic year we go and the Friends of Grafton are off to a flying start with a great programme of fundraising and community activities. Thanks to everyone who supported our **World's Biggest Coffee Morning** – we raised £65 **Macmillan Cancer Support**.

Next it's **Bonkers for Conkers!** If you have a secret recipe for preparing conkers then get ready for our competition on Sunday 24 October starting at 3.30pm at the Coronation Hall. There will be conker competitions for all age groups – yes, adults too! Buy pre-prepared conkers on the day or pay 'conkerage' to enter your own conker! Halloween fancy dress competitions for the children and the usual wonderful refreshments will complete the event.

The next **Bag2School** collection takes place on Wednesday 17 November – your bag has been delivered with the Community News. Have a clear out and fill the bag with old clothing, textiles, shoes and bags (as specified on the bag) and drop off at Grafton CofE Primary School either on:

Tuesday 16 November between 3.30pm and 5.30pm

Wednesday 17 November before 9am

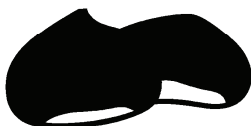
If you have bags for us but aren't able to deliver them on either of those days please call on 01672 810478 to make alternative arrangements. If you have more than 1 bag please use black bags. Spread the word to family and friends – the more bags we collect the more money we raise!

Look out for details of our **Children's Fashion Show** in December – an event not to be missed!

Bonkers for Conkers!

Sunday 24 October
3.30pm to 5.30pm

Coronation Hall, East Grafton



A grand conker competition for all ages

Buy pre-prepared conkers on the day or bring your own and pay 'conkerage' to enter

Halloween fancy dress

For pre school and primary age children

Soup, tea and cakes

The Swan Christmas Quiz

The regular monthly pub quiz at The Swan will take on a festive feel once again on Monday 8 November at 8pm.

The entry 'fee' for each team (4-6 people) is a children's toy – these will be donated to Wiltshire Social Services and distributed amongst children who may not receive many presents this Christmas. The annual festive quiz is always hotly contested so why not make a special effort to take part this year? Friends of Grafton will be entering a couple of teams – and if you'd like to join but are short of quiz mates email news@graftonparish.com and we'll put you in touch.

Monthly quizzes take place on the second Monday of the month.

NAME THE VENUE!

The Bar will be open at the Coronation Hall on Thursday 21 October at 7.30

Why not come along for a drink and a chat in the casual atmosphere?

We are running a competition to "NAME THE PUB" - bring along your ideas and help to plan opening times for the lead up to Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you there.

The postponed free IT taster session will take place at a future open bar evening.

News in Brief

Grafton Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting is on Thursday 4 November at 7.15pm in the Coronation Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along. For more detailed information, see www.graftonparish.com.

School playing field out of action for the winter

The school playing field at Grafton CofE Primary School is out of action for the winter following some rigorous work to rid the field of moles. We have had moles in the field for years and have just about managed up to now to contain the problem, but recently the moles have caused serious damage which has presented a health and safety issue for the children. It has been ploughed, levelled, treated and new grass seed sown and is now out of action until the Spring. Our apologies to those who use the field for sport and play. Community access to the playground and play areas is unaffected – as always we ask that you treat these areas with care and respect.

Hemming and Hanging

If you can spare an hour or two and would like to help us to prepare material to hang around the walls of the hall in an effort to reduce the acoustic noise in the Hall then please call **01672 810406** or email hall@graftonparish.com and we will come back to you with suggested dates. The Grafton Gaumont will be relaunched as soon as we have improved the sound quality too.

We continue to use fundraising event income to supplement the hire charges for residents of the Parish and to improve the facilities that we can offer to you all.

St Nicholas Day Service

The Bishop of Ramsbury is coming to join us for our celebration of St Nicholas at St Nicholas' Church on Sunday 5 December at 11.00 am. Please come and join us on this special occasion. Everyone is very welcome.

Parish Christmas Party

Save the date so that you do not miss Father Christmas on Sunday 19 December - more details in the next issue. Email hall@graftonparish.com if you can help with this very popular Parish event.

Yoga Classes

At the Coronation Hall — Tuesday evenings 7.30pm to 9pm. The class is suitable for all levels and age groups – and always enjoyable and full of fun. If you would like to come along to try please ring Lizzy Hawnt on **01672 841553** or **07821 396430** or email hawnted.house@btinternet.com.

Pilates classes

The taster session on 6 October was well attended and regular evening classes will start in January 2011 providing sufficient interest is shown by calling Caroline McCord on **01672 511360**, Caroline@backinbalancepilates.com

Wiltshire Council Consultations

Information on public consultations can now be obtained at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Wiltshire Leisure Facilities

The review looks at leisure provision for the next 25 years and focuses on a programme of replacement, refurbishment and devolvement of leisure facilities.

Wiltshire Council is currently seeking your views regarding leisure and you can view the strategy and complete an online survey by going to the website. You can also comment, by 29 October 2010, on the review by emailing leisureconsultation@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2011 - 2026

Wiltshire Council is consulting on a new Local Transport Plan (LTP) for publication by the end of March 2011. You can view the plan on-line or by viewing a copy at libraries or the main council offices. Comments on the plan can be submitted on the website (as above) or by email to transportplanning@wiltshire.gov.uk or in writing to: Sustainable Transport Group, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8JD.

The consultation period runs from 9am on 4th October to 5pm on 26th November, 2010. Please be aware that all responses will be publicly available and cannot be treated as confidential.

Dates for your diary



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

OCTOBER

- | 17 11.00 Parish Communion *St Nicholas*
- | 18 09.30 Adult Exercise
- | 18 17.30 Pilates
- | 18 IT Session postponed
- | 21 10.00 Grafton Goslings
- | 21 19.30 Bar open at the Hall
- | 22 13.00 Adult Exercise
- | 24 11.00 Family Service *St Nicholas*
- | 24 15.30 Bonkers for Conkers!
- | 25 09.30 Adult Exercise
- | 25 17.30 Pilates
- | 25 19.00 Bingo

NOVEMBER

- | 01 09.30 Adult Exercise
- | 01 17.30 Pilates
- | 02 19.30 Yoga
- | 03 14.30 Friendship of Grafton Bring and Buy sale
- | 04 10.00 Grafton Goslings
- | 04 19.30 Parish Council meeting
- | 05 13.00 Adult Exercise
- | 07 11.00 Holy Communion *St Nicholas*
- | 08 09.30 Adult Exercises
- | 08 17.30 Pilates
- | 08 19.00 Bingo
- | 08 20.00 Annual Christmas Pub Quiz *The Swan*
- | 09 19.30 Yoga
- | 10 18.30 Open Evening *Grafton School/Sunflowers*
- | 11 10.00 Grafton Goslings
- | 12 13.00 Adult Exercises
- | 14 12.30 Act of Remembrance *St Nicholas*
- | 15 09.30 Adult Exercises
- | 15 17.30 Pilates
- | 16 15.30 Bag2School collection *Grafton School*
- | 16 19.30 Yoga
- | 17 08.00 Bag2school collection *Grafton School*
- | 17 19.30 Horticultural Society
- | 18 10.00 Grafton Goslings
- | 19 13.00 Adult Exercises
- | 21 11.00 Family Service & Baptism *St Nicholas*
- | 22 09.30 Adult Exercises
- | 22 17.30 Pilates
- | 22 19.30 Bingo
- | 23 19.30 Yoga
- | 25 10.00 Grafton Goslings
- | 26 13.00 Adult Exercises
- | 29 09.30 Adult Exercises
- | 29 17.30 Pilates
- | 30 19.30 Yoga

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMINGS: *Devizes Route H*

- | 27 October, 10 and 24 November.
- | Marten post box 11.30-11.50am Severalls E Grafton 1.00-1.15pm Grafton Primary School 1.20-2.00pm

Coronation Hall bookings 01672 810406

Avoid disappointment! Book early to use the Coronation Hall. Private bookings are not shown in the calendar here so please make sure that you telephone or email hall@graftonparish.com in good time.

Useful contacts

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

Friendship of Grafton	01672 810349 Libby Gilbert
Cricket Club	pack.andy@googlemail.com
Bingo	hall@graftonparish.com
Windmill Society	susie.brew@hotmail.co.uk
Link Scheme	01672 870120
Church flowers/clean	01672 810743 Sally Butt
Parish Council	mail@graftonparish.com
PCC Secretary	01672 870266 Millie Lemon
Horticultural Soc	01672 810364 Marijke Craig
Art Club	libby_gilbert80@hotmail.com
Yoga	01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt
Adult exercise	01672 810266 Hen Mackinnon
Pilates	07817 503546 Caroline McCord
Grafton CofE School	01672 810478 Jill Parr
Sunflowers preschool	07748 349856 Lyndsey Turner
goslings	graftongoslings@btinternet.com

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Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274
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An Evening of Play Readings

with The Marlborough Players

Thursday 18 November 2010 7.30pm to 9.30pm

The Bear, 1 High Street, Marlborough

Always wanted to tread the boards but not sure how to get involved? Interested in being part of The Marlborough Player's next production?

Then please join us for an evening of play readings on Thursday 18 November from 7.30pm to around 9.30pm in the upstairs meeting room at The Bear, 1 High Street, Marlborough. We will be reading a selection of different plays with the aim of choosing two one Act Plays for our next production in June 2011 to be directed by John Williams.
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News from Bedwyn Surgery

We're hoping that updates from the surgeries will be a regular feature and recent 'Our Doctor Writes' articles are available on the Bedwyn Surgery website at www.oldschoolsurgery.co.uk/downloads in the meantime the following may be of interest.

Prostrate Cancer – Dr Ballard reports that he is often asked why there isn't a screening test for prostrate cancer but until recently the effectiveness of testing has not been proven. A recent British Medical Journal has however shown that whilst a one off test at age 60 could exempt certain individuals from ongoing surveillance it recommends that Doctors should individualise their testing for those in higher risk groups.

NHS Funding – over the last few years Bedwyn and Burbage Surgeries have benefited from an element of funding called 'Growth Funding' – this amount (nearly £100,000) is being withdrawn starting in April 2011 and funds will be allocated to reward surgeries who manage within their overall budgets, although exactly how this will work is not clear at this time. This reduction in funding is a quite significant for small practices that struggle to realise economies of scale and whilst both surgeries will be working hard to deliver the highest quality of service Dr Ballard and Dr King would appreciate your patience and understanding.

Free Essential First Aid Training for Parents – Parents of children registered at Bedwyn Surgery can benefit from free paediatric first aid training courses this autumn. The courses, funded by Bedwyn Surgery and run in conjunction with Angels First Aid have had great feedback from previous participants. Email Keith Marshall, Practice Manager, to register interest kmarshall@nhs.net

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Shalbourne, Ham & Grafton Conservative Association

Drinks with Claire Perry MP

at

The Barn, Shalbourne Manor

on

Friday 26 November at 6.30pm

Lots of stalls for early Christmas shopping!

Tickets in advance

£10 per person

Telephone: 01264 731404

Email: susie.brew@hotmail.co.uk