

## Welcome to the August Community News

We hope that you are enjoying the summer holidays, and the largely fine weather we are having.

We are delighted to confirm that Sunflowers Pre school have reached agreement with Salisbury Diocese regarding using the whole school building and plans are now being put into action to open as Sunflowers at Grafton with full daycare for 0-5s from October. We are now able to share more of the plans and these are below.

Community events have been, as always, quieter over the summer holidays but there is plenty going on in September. The Heritage Open Day at Wilton Windmill, the Wexcombe 10k run and Harvest Festival and Supper are all taking place next month. Many of the regular activities return to the Coronation Hall too – so whether its Circuits, Zumba, Wednesday Club, Yoga or Grafton Goslings Baby & Toddler Group we hope there's something for you.



### Sunflowers at Grafton - Plans for the Future

Discussions with Salisbury Diocese who own the school buildings have continued and we are pleased that agreement has now been reached regarding Sunflowers taking over the former school building.

The working party is now finalising the detail of the plan that will enable Sunflowers to expand to offer full daycare for 0-5s and After School and Holiday Clubs for Primary Aged children. Key dates are:

- September 2011 – Sunflowers reopens as current Pre School (term time/school hrs)
- October 2011 (after Half Term) – Sunflowers to offer full day care for 0-5s all year
- January 2012 – after school and holiday clubs for primary age children.

Sunflowers at Grafton will operate on a not-for-profit basis as either a Charity or a Community Interest Company. This will involve re-establishing Sunflowers with a new constitution and a board of trustees/directors. A conservative financial plan has been developed, with fees comparable with other nurseries and pre schools. Any profits will be retained by Sunflowers for improving the setting and the children's experiences.

We are confident that Sunflowers will provide the best possible start for children. We will make the most of the amazing setting and be out-doors in all weathers. We will establish a vegetable garden that the children will nurture. Our staff will also be carefully selected to ensure that they live the Sunflowers vision and values. The existing Sunflowers team led by Play Leader Lyndsey Turner will form the core of the staff going forward and there will be opportunities for childcare professionals with the right qualities and experience. See the advertisement on beside this article.

We need help from the community to make our vision a reality and to ensure that the young are at the heart of the parish. The working party comprises various business professionals from the parish and they have been developing the plans to get us to this stage. Moving forward we need

- *Practical help* – can you help with painting, decorating, gardening, soft furnishings etc? A group is working at Sunflowers this weekend (20/21 August). We would be delighted to see more people join us on Saturday or Sunday. For more information call Caroline Pearson on **07974 400228**. Or if you can't make this weekend, we plan to schedule another one over the next few weeks – please let Caroline know if you can help.
- *Business experience* – we need more people to get involved with the governing group. Do you have finance, marketing, HR or property skills? We would love to hear from you. Please email [admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk](mailto:admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk)
- Specifically do you know anyone who could help us with Search Engine Marketing? Or make some large floor cushions (we will provide materials)?
- Finally we will be fundraising for the resources we need but we would love to hear from anyone in the community who would like to donate towards the acquisition of a minibus to enable us to run our after school and holiday clubs. Please email us on [admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk](mailto:admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk)

We will keep everyone informed over the next few months as the plans develop. We will use the Grafton Community News and the Wiltshire Gazette & Herald as well as having Open Days. If you do have any questions or concerns in meantime please contact us by phone or email using the details above.

### Sunflowers at Grafton are recruiting

Having the right people in our team is essential to us. Every person will be working together to build on Sunflowers' profile and reputation in the local area by developing Sunflowers childcare to be the very best.

Does the following describe you? Professional, friendly, open, honest, sensitive to the needs of others, responsive, sets and achieves high standards, no half measures, shows passion for work, committed to continued professional and personal development, shows a 'can do' attitude, IT literate. If it does, there may be opportunities for you at Sunflowers.

#### CHILDCARE ROLES

From the end of October we aim to have our babies, toddlers and pre school rooms open – there will be opportunities in all rooms. We are looking for a Deputy Manager, Room Leaders and Play Assistants. Most of the roles will be full time and will either start/finish early, eg 7.45am to 3.45pm, or start/finish later, eg 11.30am to 6.30pm in line with our opening hours. If you are looking for part time work please do not be put off – we are very happy to consider part time and job share opportunities. Salaries for all roles are negotiable dependent upon skills and experience.

#### FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MANAGER

12 hours per week - Working with the Nursery Manager this role is a key point of contact with parents and other stakeholders. You will provide the finance and administrative support to ensure that Sunflowers at Grafton runs seamlessly.

If you would like to register your interest in any of these roles please contact us either by email [admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk](mailto:admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk) or phone **07748 349856** – let us know which role you are interested in and leave your name and contact details. Information packs and application forms will be sent out w/c 29 August 2011 and the closing date for applications is Friday 2 September 2011. Interviews will take place w/c 12 September 2011.

We look forward to hearing from you.

## Our Doctor Writes



This year the NHS has once again fine tuned the contract with family doctors. A focus on patient participation, listening and being responsive to patient views has been introduced. In Bedwyn we already had a patient group but the majority of practices who haven't had one will be in the process of introducing one.

Over the past few years there has been a rolling national survey of practices by the NHS. The results are all in the public domain and you can access them and compare individual practice performance at [www.gp-patient.co.uk](http://www.gp-patient.co.uk)

We have tried to develop a representative mix on our core patient group and they are doing a great job. Their major focus at the moment is to reach out to our whole practice population and take soundings about how you think we are performing to help us to make further improvements. The first stage of this is to ask as many people as possible to sign up to participate in a survey that our patient group are developing. You can do this (and have a look at our new website) at [www.oldschoolsurgery.co.uk](http://www.oldschoolsurgery.co.uk)

If you don't have internet access or want to respond to the survey in paper format please write to our Practice Manager with your details: The Old School Surgery, Church Street, Great Bedwyn, Marlborough SN8 3PF. We look forward to hearing from you.  
Best wishes, Dr Tim Ballard FRCGP

### St Nicholas Parochial Church Council

Because we are without a Vicar for the next few months we are short of Clergy led Services but for those who want to go to Church there are Services at the other Churches in the Savernake Team.

#### Harvest Supper and Flowers

The Harvest Supper this year will be held on Monday 26 September at the Coronation Hall, where we will auction all the fruit, vegetables and produce from the Harvest Festival Service.

For tickets contact: Millie Lemon **01672 870266** or Lucy Pash **01672 870665** or Gabby Walker **01264 731338**

If you have any fruit, vegetables, home made produce please bring it to the Church on the Saturday or Sunday or take it along to the Coronation Hall on the Monday.

If anyone would like to help arrange flowers in Church for the Harvest Festival Service, please contact Sally Butt on **01672 810743**

**Sunday 21 August:** John Wraw the Arch Deacon is taking Holy Communion at St Nicholas' Church at 11.00hrs.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Taken by</i>
4 September	Little Bedwyn	09.30	Holy Communion	Robert Gist
	<b>St Nicholas</b>	11.00	Family Service	Grafton PCC
	Great Bedwyn	11.00	Matins	Alan Deboo
	St Katharine's	18.30	Evensong	Mary Edwards
11 September	Great Bedwyn	09.30	Holy Communion	Robert Gist
	Tidcombe	09.30	Holy Communion	Sandy Railton
	St Katharine's	11.00		Lay led
18 September	Great Bedwyn	09.30	Family Service	Lay led
	St Katharine's	09.30	Holy Communion	Alan Deboo
25 September	Great Bedwyn	09.30	Holy Communion	Linda Dytham
	Tidcombe	09.30	Holy Communion	Robert Gist
	<b>St Nicholas</b>	11.00	Harvest Festival	Linda Dytham
	Little Bedwyn	18.00	Harvest Festival	Linda Dytham

### Boden Party

In aid of Grafton Goslings Toddler Group

**Thursday 15 September 2011**  
at **Sunflowers at Grafton**

**9.30am - 12 midday and 7pm - 9pm**

Come along to view and try on the new Autumn clothing collection from Boden and take advantage of the big discounts we have on offer. There will be a wide selection of items from across the new Boden range, including women's clothing and accessories, children's and menswear.

**At least 15% off every order with 20% off some items or buy 3 items and get the 4th for £1, plus every order benefits from free delivery and returns**

Teas, coffees and cakes available during the morning party and wine and nibbles in the evening. Commission from every order placed will go directly to Grafton Goslings Toddler Group.

Entry is free although we do ask for a small donation for refreshments.

Please note that all Boden orders must be placed with a credit or debit card.

**If you're an existing Boden customer you will earn £25 credit for introducing a friend at the party!** You can do this for up to four friends, so earn a potential £100!

For information contact Emma on **07767 676714** or [emma@davidandemmabutler.co.uk](mailto:emma@davidandemmabutler.co.uk)

**The Wednesday Club** had a garden meeting at Crofton Lodge courtesy of Mrs Ali Burch. The weather was not too hot, the scenery stunning and we saw white doves, three dogs and three alpacas! After a walk around the extensive garden, we were treated to delicious home-produced fare. We were really spoilt, and were made to feel like royalty for our visit! Bob Flippance thanked Ali Burch, on behalf of the Club, for a wonderful afternoon.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 7 September, at 2.00 p.m. in the Coronation Hall

**Trees in our Parish** We all live in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and some of us live in a designated Conservation Area.

Trees within Conservation Areas are protected as long as the trunk of the tree in question measures more than 7.5cm at 1.5 mtrs above ground level; the trunk diameter is increased to 10cm at 1.5 mtrs above ground level when removing trees for thinning purposes. Requests to fell or prune protected trees must be submitted to Wiltshire Council, there is an on-line application form with guidelines on their web site, so that it can exercise control on what is acceptable. No work should be undertaken until the application has been accepted.

If a protected tree is dead, dying or dangerous an applicant must notify Wiltshire Council, giving five days notice (ideally in writing), of their intention to remove the tree or trees. In most circumstances a replacement planting will be required to replace the removed tree(s). This will need to be agreed in writing with the conservation department at Wiltshire Council.



## YOGA ON TUESDAY NIGHTS

New Yoga Classes start at the Coronation Hall on Tuesday Nights in September - these are friendly and fun classes - suitable for all abilities - please contact Lizzy Hawnt on **01672 841553** or **07821 396 430** or [hawnted.house@btinternet.com](mailto:hawnted.house@btinternet.com)

Lizzy will look forward to hearing from you!

## World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Every cup will help improve the lives of people living with cancer.



**Sunflowers at Grafton** are hosting a coffee morning to support Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning on **Friday 30 September**.

Come and join us from 10.30am to 12.00pm for a cup of coffee or tea (and no doubt some wonderful home made cakes) and help people living with cancer. Bring the children – they are very welcome.



The World's Biggest Coffee Morning raises millions of pounds each year and Macmillan uses this money to provide much needed support to people affected by cancer. Every single penny raised will help make a big difference to the lives of people affected by cancer.

We look forward to welcoming you to Sunflowers at Grafton on 30 September

## Wexcombe 10 km Run – Sunday 18 September

In aid of The Alzheimer's Society and St Nicholas Church

The run is single lap and traffic free at Wexcombe Manor Farm. The event includes a 10km run, a 5 km walk, a children's 1.2km and a Fun Run for 8+ year olds plus an obstacle course race for younger children and a tractor ride.

**There will be a barbecue, refreshments and cakes.**

Please support us either by burning off some calories whilst running or walking or you can just come and eat cake and cheer on the runners. Any help with marshalling will be appreciated so please do let us know.

Email [run@graftonparish.com](mailto:run@graftonparish.com) for information and to reserve entry tickets (£7 in advance and £10 on the day)



# Wilton Windmill

## Saturday 10 September 2011

### 1.30pm – 4.30pm



**Free Guided Tours  
Art Show &  
Heritage Exhibition  
Children's Games  
Windmill Bread  
Cakes and Refreshments**

## Dates for your diary

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

### AUGUST

21	11.00	Communion Service	<i>St Nicholas</i>
21	day	Artist Day	<i>Wilton Windmill</i>
28		Family Service - <u>cancelled</u>	<i>St Nicholas</i>
31	19.15	Parish Council meeting	

### SEPTEMBER

04	11.00	Family Service	<i>St Nicholas</i>
05	09.30	Circuit Training	
05	14.00	Alzheimer's Tea shop	
05	19.00	Bingo	
06	09.15	Pilates	
06	10.00	Zumba	
07	09.30	Circuit Training	
07	14.00	Wednesday Club	
08	10.00	Grafton Goslings	
10	13.30	Heritage Day	<i>Wilton Windmill</i>
13	09.15	Pilates	
13	10.00	Zumba	
13	19.30	Yoga	
14	09.30	Circuit Training	
15	09.30	Boden Sale	<i>Sunflowers</i>
15	19.30	Boden Sale	<i>Sunflowers</i>
16	13.00	Circuit Training	
18	day	Wexcombe Run	<i>Wexcombe</i>
19	09.30	Circuit Training	
19	19.00	Bingo	
20	09.15	Pilates	
20	10.00	Zumba	
20	19.30	Yoga	
21	09.30	Circuit Training	
22	10.00	Grafton Goslings	
23	13.00	Circuit Training	
25	11.00	Harvest Festival	<i>St Nicholas</i>
26	09.30	Circuit Training	
26	19.30	Harvest Supper	
27	09.15	Pilates	
27	10.00	Zumba	
27	19.30	Yoga	
28	09.30	Circuit Training	
29	10.00	Grafton Goslings	
30	10.30	Biggest Coffee Morning	<i>Sunflowers</i>
30	13.00	Circuit Training	

## Coronation Hall Function Committee

Courtesy Notice

There will be a wedding reception on 2 September which will continue into the evening.

Bookings **01672 810406** or [hall@graftonparish.com](mailto:hall@graftonparish.com)

## MOBILE LIBRARY NEW TIMETABLE

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMINGS: *Devizes Route H*

14 September. Marten post box 11.30-11.50am Coronation Hall  
East Grafton 13.00—13.20

## Community News

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## Useful contacts

**Societies/Clubs/Organisations:** 1 line free entry  
Email [news@graftonparish.com](mailto: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 Training	01672 810266 Hen Mackinnon
Coronation Hall	01672 810406 Lara Ross
Cricket Club	pack.andy@googlemail.com
Grafton Goslings	graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk
Horticultural Soc	01672 810364 Marijke Craig
Link Scheme	01672 870120
Parish Council	clerk@graftonparish.com
PCC Secretary	01672 870266 Millie Lemon
Pilates	07788 970976 Beth Knight
Police	08454 087000 PC Hollands
Sunflowers preschool	07748 349856 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

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Baby sitting	Florence Butt	01672 810743
Disco and Karaoke	Pete Vallis	01672 811326
Disco and Party	Steve	01672 811109 07749 553681
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Kindling	Jo Harman	01672 810673
Painting & Decorating	Neil Anderson	01264 731362
Pest Control	Julie Wilson	01672 811479
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#### Neighbourhood Watch

There has been a steady response from residents who want to be updated by email on Police notices via the Neighbourhood Watch network. To join the scheme, just email [nhw@graftonparish.com](mailto:nhw@graftonparish.com) with Subscribe in the title of the email. A number of alerts have already been circulated so do not miss out.

#### Pewsey Area Board

The next meeting of the Pewsey Area Board will take place on Monday 5 September 2011 at 7pm at Burbage Village Hall in Eastcourt Road. The meeting is open to the public. Further information can be found on the Wiltshire Council website – [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

**Volunteer Centre Wiltshire** is conducting a survey of volunteering in Wiltshire. The aim is to gather information about who volunteers in Wiltshire, what they do and why in order to improve the service and support provided by Volunteer Centre Wiltshire.

The survey can be accessed on-line at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk) or a paper copy can be obtained by calling **0845 034 5250**. The deadline for completion is 30 September and every person who completes the questionnaire can elect to enter a free prize draw.