

How time flies!

Next month will be our second anniversary and we are delighted that the Community News is self financing with income from the Coronation Hall, St Nicholas' Church, Sunflowers of Grafton, Grafton Goslings and advertising revenue. The volume of activities in the Parish ensures that each edition is full and we are always keen to receive feedback and contributions at news@graftonparish.com or through the Hall post box. Don't forget to put your clocks back an hour on 29 October too!

Library Launch

Did you know that not only can you hire books, but also CD's, DVD's, games, large print books, talking books and even home energy monitors? You can browse the titles available on line and book the resource you want. We are very lucky as a parish still to have a fortnightly visit from the Mobile Library and you can return items to any library or mobile library in Wiltshire or renew on line. There is a Home Library service for those unable to visit a library too. You have to have a library card to use the library network - this can be applied for on line and then you just need to take proof of your address to any library or mobile library to get your card. See www.wiltshire.gov.uk or call **0300 456 0100** for more information.

The next Mobile Library visit is on Wednesday 26 October at 1pm at the Coronation Hall (11.30am at Marten). There will be tea and cake provided in the Hall from 12.45pm for anyone who would like to come along and find out more.

**Resuscitation****Defibrillator****Training at the Coronation Hall****Saturday 12 November****Session 1 – 10am to 11.30am****Session 2 – 11.45am to 1.15pm****£6 per person to include tea and coffee**To book a place: Email: defib@graftonparish.com Phone: Susie Brew 01264 731404**Please help tidy up our churchyard**

There will be a community working party on Saturday 29 October 9.30am to 12.30pm to give the churchyard at St Nicholas a real tidy up.

Certain graves, including that of a soldier who died whilst on active service in World War I, have over the years been covered by grass clippings and other garden rubbish. We need 30 friends with wheel barrows and garden forks and shovels to move the grass clippings and dead flowers from the heaps around the churchyard to the waiting forklift buckets and trailers.

No real skill is needed. What is required is a willingness to help and work hard with a broad smile regardless of rain or sun. We will repair for a pint when it is all done.

If you can help please drop an email to Peter Horne peter.horne@city-link.com or Peter Lemon peter.lemon@talk21.com or just turn up. We look forward to seeing you.

School playing field

Grafton Parish is one step closer to completing the transfer of the school playing field to the community. At the Pewsey Area Board's meeting held on Thursday 6 October 2011, the application to transfer the former playing field at Grafton School to Grafton Parish Council was discussed and approved. The Community Asset Transfer will now go to Wiltshire Council for approval.

Sunflowers at Grafton – full speed ahead

As we speed towards our 31 October opening date we feel very proud of what has been achieved so far but conscious that there is still a great deal to do! Thanks to everyone who has lent a hand, we certainly wouldn't have made it this far without you all. So very soon we will be offering full day care for babies and children up to 5 years old – that means 8am until 6pm, 51 weeks a year. Plans for after school and holiday clubs from January 2011 are progressing well and we hope to be able to report in more detail next month.

Work inside and outside the building is close to completion. We're delighted to report that our recruitment has been very successful – we had a great response to our advertising and have recruited an amazing team. Our marketing has swung into action – Open Mornings, banners, posters and flyers are spreading the word. And as a result of all our efforts children are being registered with us – fantastic.

One of our Open Mornings was combined with the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on 30 September. We raised just over £130 for Macmillan Cancer Support and had a lovely morning in the sunshine. Thanks to everyone who made cakes and came along to consume cakes and coffee. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 October at 1.30pm, you are welcome to join us, and on Thursday 27 October we have a Community Open Evening from 6.30pm to 8pm – an opportunity to catch up, ask questions and see what's been happening. We hope to see you there.

We're delighted to be able to continue with a policy of considerate community access to our secure gardens during evenings and weekends when Sunflowers is not open. Please bear in mind that the equipment and resources in these gardens is suitable for the use of pre school children supervised by an adult. Providing community access should not cost us either time or money but we have had a couple of incidents over the past couple of months that have been a little disheartening. For example a sand tray being filled with water which meant we had to replace the sand, toys left scattered across the gardens and alcohol bottles and cans in the playground which means time taken by members of the team to tidy up. Please help us by ensuring that you help to take care of our grounds and gardens.

How can you help? Are you dividing plants in your garden at the moment? We are planning to spruce up our outdoor space and any contributions would be gratefully received. Can you offer business experience to our governing group? We are keen to recruit people from across the community with finance, marketing, HR or property skills. We'd love to hear from you.

Please email admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk.

We have a Bag2School collection arranged for Tuesday 22 November – bags will be delivered in early November. We'll make sure there is a reminder in the November Community News but in the meantime start putting aside those clothes, bags, belts and shoes ready for collection

Our Doctor Writes

In September the Health and Social Care bill was passed in the House of Commons and now moves to the House of Lords. There is still an enormous amount of disquiet amongst the profession about the planned changes to the NHS. My biggest worry is that the forced introduction of multiple providers will fragment and duplicate services. This makes strategic planning for health much more difficult. I'm sure it's true that competition can drive up standards and improve service but it should perhaps be used by those planning services rather than a consideration for every decision. The original idea was that the GP or clinical commissioning groups could be any size and would enable GPs to have influence and plan care for patients in an area that they knew well. There is now talk of the House of Lords requiring a minimum of 250,000 patients per group – thus becoming like PCTs! It will be interesting to see where this finally ends.

A reminder that the flu vaccination programme is underway and that if you know you are entitled to a flu jab please have one, if you are not sure please ask.

Finally I read with interest that simple things are effective in restoring the performance of the middle-aged man in their love lives. For those with mild or occasional problems, increasing exercise in line with guidelines for cardiovascular risk reduction helps quite a lot. Now where did I put my walking shoes?

Best wishes, Dr Tim Ballard

Know it off by heart

So, you've contributed to buying the defibrillators, you may have been at the training in February, you even read the leaflet delivered in the July issue of the Community News and stuck it on your fridge, but would you really know or remember what to do if someone had a cardiac arrest? Can you recall what you were taught – what to do in the right order - or perhaps you missed the training altogether?

We all know how rusty we get if we don't practise something regularly, so two training sessions have been organised for Saturday 12 November with Richard Schofield at the Coronation Hall for us to polish up our skills and refresh our knowledge.

The first session will start at 10am and the second at 11.45am and each session will take about 1.5 hours. There is a small charge for the training of £6 per person which will include tea and coffee.

If you would like to book a place, then please contact Susie Brew at defib@graftonparish.com or call **01264 731404** (leave your details if there is no answer).

Going, going, gone!

The Harvest Supper took place on Monday 26 September at the Coronation Hall. Everyone enjoyed a magnificent feast provided by Bill Clemence and the team at The Swan before the thrill of the auction took place. The bidding for the donated harvest produce was skilfully managed (with much witty repartee) by Martin Butt, Jamie Pearson and Simon Walker.

Thanks to the generosity of those present over £1600 was raised for St Nicholas Church, which will help plug a huge hole in the annual running costs. Thanks are also everyone involved in making the Coronation Hall look so splendid for the event and to the kitchen and the bar teams

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Pewsey Campus – Your Service Centre, Your Say

You may have heard about the new Pewsey Campus which is aimed at delivering public services at a location that is more local to you.

A committee has been working on what form the Campus should take and you may have already contributed your views through the questionnaire that was sent out last month.

Based on the questionnaire findings, the committee is now investigating the set up of a split campus in Pewsey (based at the Leisure Centre and the new Library) providing:

A modern Leisure Centre, including high quality swimming provision for both able and disabled swimmers, a full range of indoor and some outdoor facilities and a modern Youth Centre, including skateboard park;

Provision of a flexible space for meetings and use by a wide range of community service partners and Wiltshire Council (social, welfare, support, advisory – for example Police, Citizens' Advice Bureau, etc. could be included);

The current library, with examination of the potential for further exploitation of the new facilities.

Recognising that the Pewsey area stretches a considerable distance between the west and east boundaries and that Pewsey is very much to the west of the community area, the committee is also investigating the possibility of a satellite site for the provision of community services to Burbage and eastwards (including Grafton) on a shared basis with the main Pewsey campus.

To develop the scheme further, a public session is being held in the Coronation Hall on Saturday 19 November from 10am to 12 noon in which you can find out more about the plans and provide your feedback during this important consultation period. The Campus is for your use and so it is important that it provides the services that you need – please come along!

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE SAVERNAKE TEAM

Date	Church	Time	Service	Taken by
16 October	Great Bedwyn	09.30	Family Service	Lay led
	St Katharine's	09.30	Holy Communion	Linda Dytham
	St Nicholas	11.00	Holy Communion	Mary Edwards
23 October	Little Bedwyn	08.00	Evensong	Lay led
	Great Bedwyn	09.30	Holy Communion	Robert Gist
	St Nicholas	11.30	Family Service & Baptism	Alan Deboo
30 October	St Nicholas	09.30	Cluster H C	Mary Edwards
06 November	Little Bedwyn	09.30	Holy Communion	Mary Edwards
	Great Bedwyn	11.00	Matins	CS
	St Katharine's	18.00	Evensong	CS
13 November	St Nicholas	10.45	Remembrance	CS
20 November	Great Bedwyn	09.30	Family Service	Lay led
	St Katharine's	09.30	Holy Communion	Linda Dytham
	St Nicholas	11.00	Holy Communion	Alan Deboo
27 November	Little Bedwyn	18.00	Evening Prayer	Lay led
	Great Bedwyn	09.30	Holy Communion	Robert Gist
	St Nicholas	11.00	Morning Service	Special guest
	St Katharine's	18.00	AUnited Advent Service of light	Mary Edwards

Family Service 23 October

This Family Service will begin at 11.30am due to the Rugby World Cup!

Remembrance Service at St Nicholas Church East Grafton, 13 November. 10.45am

This year the Remembrance Service will be at St. Nicholas. As you know, the four churches in the Savernake Team share this service and this year it is our turn. We look forward to seeing you all.

Sunday Morning Service at St Nicholas. 27 November

On this last Sunday of November we welcome the first of our special guests invited by the PCC, to conduct a morning service at St Nicholas. The Rev Christopher Walker will join us at the usual time of 11am for a celebration of BCP Holy Communion.

Christopher was born during the War, the son of an army family. He joined the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst direct from school and was commissioned into the 17th/21st Lancers. He served with his Regiment in Germany, Cyprus, Northern Ireland, Trucial States and Libya. On retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel he trained for the Church at Salisbury and Wells Theological College and was ordained in Salisbury Cathedral in July 1987. He returned to the Army, this time as a Padre in the Royal Army Chaplain's Department and for the past ten years has served in retirement as Chaplain to the Royal School of Artillery at Larkhill.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bonfires

A concern has been raised in the Parish about bonfires, now that Autumn has arrived and there is lots of garden waste. Please be considerate to your neighbours. Green recycling bins are available from Wiltshire Council and from next April will be free of charge.

Recycling News

A reminder that the new blue-lidded bins for plastic and cardboard recycling will be delivered from 31 October onwards, with the fortnightly collection service commencing in November. It's time to think about where you are going to put the new bin!

Next Pewsey Area Board

The next Pewsey Area Board is on Monday 7 November at 7pm (tea/coffee from 6.30pm) at The Bouverie Hall in Pewsey. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Parking on the Green

Please remember that parking on the tracks around the Green does inconvenience residents and tradesmen. Please do your best to park respectfully.

Dates for your diary



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

Bookings 01672 810406 or hall@griftonparish.com
Please leave landline contact numbers wherever possible

OCTOBER

16	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St Nicholas</i>
17	09.30	Circuit Training	
17	19.00	Bingo	
18	09.15	Pilates	
18	10.00	Zumba	
18	13.30	Sunflowers of Grafton AGM	<i>Sunflowers</i>
18	19.30	Yoga	
19	09.30	Circuit Training	
19	19.00	Horticultural Society	
23	11.30	Family Service & baptism	<i>St Nicholas</i>
25	10.00	Zumba	
26	09.30	Circuit Training	
26	11.30	Mobile library visit	<i>Marten Post box</i>
26	12.45	Mobile library refreshments	
26	13.00	Mobile library visit	
27	18.30	Community Open Evening	<i>Sunflowers</i>
29	09.30	Church yard tidy up	<i>St Nicholas</i>
30	09.30	Cluster Holy Communion	<i>St Nicholas</i>
31	09.30	Circuit Training	

NOVEMBER

01	09.15	Pilates	
01	10.00	Zumba	
01	19.30	Yoga	
02	09.30	Circuit Training	
02	14.00	Wednesday Club	
03	10.00	Grafton Goslings	
03	13.30	Pilates	
03	19.15	Grafton Parish Council public meeting	
04	13.00	Circuit Training	
07	09.30	Circuit Training	
08	09.15	Pilates	
08	10.00	Zumba	
08	19.30	Yoga	
09	09.30	Circuit Training	
09	11.30	Mobile library visit	<i>Marten Post box</i>
09	12.45	Mobile library refreshments	
09	13.00	Mobile library visit	
10	10.00	Grafton Goslings	
10	13.30	Pilates	
11	13.00	Circuit Training	
12	10.00	Defib & 1st aid training	
12	11.45	Defib & 1st aid training	
13	10.45	Remembrance Service	<i>St Nicholas</i>
14	09.30	Circuit Training	
14	09.15	Pilates	
15	10.00	Zumba	
15	19.30	Yoga	
16	09.30	Circuit Training	
16	19.00	Horticultural Society	
17	10.00	Grafton Goslings	
17	13.30	Pilates	
18	13.00	Circuit Training	
19	09.00	Pewsey Campus Public Consultation	

Carer's Support Day at Great Bedwyn Surgery

The Carer's Support Day mentioned by Dr Tim Ballard in last month's Community News will take place on Tuesday 18 October. For more information please contact the surgery.

Useful contacts

Societies/Clubs/Organisations: 1 line free entry
Email 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 emergency	999 or 112
Police non emergency	101
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

B&B West Grafton	Angie Orssich	01672 810339
Baby sitting/odd jobs	Tom Nield	01672 870196
Baby sitting	Florence Butt	01672 810743
Disco and Karaoke	Pete Vallis	01672 811326
Disco and Party	Steve	01672 811109
Builder	Sam Sanchez	07887 991249
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
Local Holiday Cottages	Mary Rhodes	01672 870659
House Sitting	Maxine Wallis	07879 993150
KACIS Ironing Service	Karen Evans	07920 755372
Kindling	Jo Harman	01672 810673
Painting & Decorating	Neil Anderson	01264 731362
Pest Control	Julie Wilson	01672 811479
Seasoned Hardwood Logs	Jeremy Hawkins	07980 536156
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274
Usborne Books	Trish Highnett	07775 941646
Wellbeing Centre	Amanda Toon	01672 811677

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Police Update

Sergeant Logue has highlighted that his biggest concern at the moment is burglaries in our area, particularly from outbuildings and business premises. Due to the size of the area and the nature of this type of offence, it is very unlikely that culprits will be apprehended, so defence is the best policy by beefing up security where possible. Anyone who comes across suspicious behaviour should make a note of the type and registration of the vehicle and report this to the Police.

Everyone should be encouraged to join the Grafton Parish Neighbourhood Watch scheme by emailing nhw@graftonparish.com to subscribe – this network is used as one of the first information channels when there are local problems.

101 for Non-emergencies

Wiltshire Police now has a new non emergency number - **101**. The roll out of this new non-emergency number is part of a national programme to make it easier for you to contact your local police. **101** should be used for non-emergencies such as:

- contacting local officers
- getting crime prevention advice
- making us aware of policing issues in your local area
- making an appointment with a police officer
- for any other non-emergency
- reporting a crime (unless crime in progress, when you should dial **999**)

Jason Lewis

Carpenter

Carpentry & Maintenance

All building work undertaken, painting, Tiling, all types of locks, kitchens, home improvements, plastic doors & windows, general maintenance.

References available on request.

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YOGA ON TUESDAY NIGHTS

Yoga Classes at the Coronation Hall on Tuesday Nights - 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

Lizzy will look forward to hearing from you!

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