

DECEMBER 2022

Father Christmas in Grafton Parish



It's not long now until Father Christmas will be travelling around our Parish on his brightly decorated sleigh with festive music and lights!

Don't miss out on this traditional Christmas Eve celebration!

- 18:00 - Hollow Lane, Wilton
- 18:10 - Marten
- 18:20 - Wexcombe
- 18:45 - A338, East Grafton
- 19:00 - West Grafton
- 19:15 - Severalls & Lyndon Close, East Grafton
- 19:20 - Duck Pond, Wilton



Carols by Candlelight

Friday 16 December at 6.30pm

Join friends and family for Carol singing on The Green in East Grafton and start off Christmas festivities with lots of seasonal cheer.

Mulled wine, roast potatoes and all the Carols you can remember!

Singing will be led by a local volunteer.

Here are the Carols:
 Jingle Bells
 Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer
 Little Donkey
 Twelve Days of Christmas
 Hark the Herald Angels Sing
 Once in Royal David's City
 Good King Wenceslas Looked Out
 Ding Dong! Merrily on High

The Carol Sheet is available on www.graftonparish.com - it's at the top of the FEATURES section on the COMMUNITY NEWS page.

Get your candles and lamps ready and create a wonderful Christmas night-time scene. And of course, we'll be in the Coronation Hall if it's just too wet.

Volunteers are needed to help set up from 4pm and If you can bring a bowl of roasties or help make some from 4pm in the in the Hall, please WhatsApp Annie on **07802 923344** or via clerk@graftonparish.com and support this annual event.

The Parish Council, PCC and Coronation Hall are sponsoring the event.

Christmas Winter Warmers' Lunch

The Christmas Winter Warmers' Lunch is on Tuesday 6th December at 12.30pm in Coronation Hall.

Everyone is very welcome and if you are unable to come to the Coronation Hall, we are very happy to arrange a delivery to your door!

If you need more information please ring Liz on **07831 545772**.

We look forward to seeing you.

Turkey with all the trimmings
 Christmas Pudding

Please let Liz know if you have any dietary requirements.

Our Vicar Writes

Jesus Saves! This line came out of an early frustration with things Christmas. Everyone seemed to be placing the socialisation and commercialisation of Christmas ahead of the Mystery of the Incarnation.

It felt like people had lost sight of the great message of hope in a small child in a manger. Part of that message can be true whatever your belief. That a small child can start a movement that endures and grows over two thousand years gives hope even to those who wish to dispel that message. It says that 'Such things are possible!'

As a child, attending church at Christmas was the thing that made sense of the celebrations afterwards. That so much is focussed on a small child, homeless and in poverty, gave re-assurance that children are loved regardless of the world's values. For an adult the event represents our shared humanity from the beginning of history.

Christmas services start with Advent and continue through December. They cater for all ages in different ways making it possible to access or remember both the mystery and the relevance of Christmas for yourselves and your loved ones.

Enjoy the season and invest to make it relevant. Happy Christmas,
 Michael

Great Green Bedwyn Event

Nature, soil and river-friendly farming in the Southern Streams

Farm Cluster

10 January 2023

at 7pm

Great Bedwyn Village Hall, Frog Ln, SN8 3PD

Refreshments

This event has been arranged by Great Green Bedwyn and South Streams. Everyone is welcome, but we would be grateful if people could RSVP to greatgreenbedwyn@gmail.com

Great Green Bedwyn is a climate action group funded by the National Lottery's "Together for Our Planet" programme and supported by Great Bedwyn Parish Council.

Local Business Listings

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Sunflowers at Grafton	Julie McLernon	01672 810478
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274
Pinckneys Farm	Wendy	07989 228864
Yoga	Tim Brew	07747 780898

Christmas & New Year Bins & Recycling

Normally, we would let you know the plans for bin collection over the Christmas and New Year period, as they sometimes change to allow for the public holidays.

Unfortunately the information isn't available yet from Wiltshire Council, so please check your collections closer to the time at <https://ilforms.wiltshire.gov.uk/WasteCollectionDays/index>

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We have hours to suit Early Birds and those who prefer late afternoon and you could do a couple of days or more. You might need to earn additional income to help over the coming year or it might be longer term. Whatever your reasons for joining you need to be energetic, committed, happy in the company of children, a super team player and happy to drive our minibus (with appropriate training of course).



Or you might simply drive for us for a couple of hours or more each week ...

Our minibuses are to and fro between our base in East Grafton and Great Bedwyn and Burbage primary schools every weekday morning and afternoon during term time. These are paid roles and could either be on a permanent or ad-hoc basis.



Let's talk ... about you coming to work with our fabulous team and wonderful families.

Get in touch with Sue or Alison for a chat - email admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk or call 01672 810478

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Our Doctors Write

Burbage Surgery

We have now finished the latest round of covid clinics. Huge thank you to all of you for your co-operation and patience. We are very proud that we have managed to get so many of you vaccinated, while continuing to provide our usual services. We have given 1080 covid vaccines and 1500 flu jabs here at the surgery since September, which we think is amazing. ☺ Anyone who still needs a booster can book elsewhere by calling 119 or going online.

We are celebrating by having the Surgery repainted – it is already looking so much better!

Hopefully we will now be able to start getting back to normal, the nurses have been especially busy but we will from now have more appointments available, so please do respond to any recall stickers on your repeat medication and book blood tests, diabetes reviews etc. You can book a blood test online.

Message from dispensary: If your medication is due over Christmas, we suggest you order at least a week before you need it. The Surgery will only be closed on the Bank Holidays: (Mon 26th & Tues 27th Dec, and Mon 2nd Jan) and will be open as normal apart from that.

Bedwyn Surgery wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and will do a seasonal update for the next edition.

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Order & Collect Local Christmas Goodies!

You can still order pies, fresh vegetables and ham from Bill at The Swan Inn (01672 870274) and Oyster Mushroom Grow Kits & Gifts from Harry (07500 423151) - but do it now as all items must be pre-ordered. Collection from The Swan on Friday 23 December between 9.30am and 12 noon.

Latest Update from the Police & Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire

Philip Wilkinson's latest update is available online for you to download at <http://bit.ly/3GXD80p>.

This month, he talks about levels of policing and resources as well as road safety. Look out for his survey which will be out in December and January.

Community News Closing Dates

Please note that our closing date is always the last Friday in each month. Issues are then distributed by volunteers either over the following weekend or within the next few days (thank you all). If you wish to publish an event, advert or comment then do please be aware of the calendar period covered by each issue.

News in Brief

Carer Cafe Back in January

Carer Support Wiltshire are pleased to be re-opening their popular carer café in Pewsey. The café will take place on the first Tuesday of every month – starting on Tuesday 3 January 2023 – between 10.30am and midday at Pewsey Methodist Church, North Street.

If you need more information, or are an unpaid carer who is not currently registered for support with Carer Support Wiltshire, please call **0800 181 4118** or email admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk.

More Trees Please!

There has been a lot of felling and tree reduction in our beautiful parish of late and it would be great to know that trees are being planted to replace those taken down. Whilst replacing trees is not a requirement when planning applications are presented to Wiltshire Council it would be a positive response from those who are applying for work to be done.

Remembrance

Martin Butt led a very well-attended Remembrance Service around the War Memorial at St Nicholas' Church on 13 November. Dougie Wilcox kindly organised the cleaning and repainting of the memorial which looked terrific in the brilliant sunshine on the day. Thank you Dougie.

Pinckneys Farm, Marten



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Dates for your diary

December

06	12:30	Winter Warmers	Coronation Hall
16	18:30	Carols by Candlelight	The Green, East Grafton
18	16:00	Family Carol Service	St Nicholas' Church
23	09:30	Turkey & Christmas Collection	The Swan Inn, Wilton
25	11:30	Christmas Day Service	St Nicholas' Church
25	12:45	Father Christmas	The Swan Inn, Wilton

January

03	10:30	Carer Cafe	Pewsey Methodist Church
10	19:00	Great Green Bedwyn Event	Bedwyn Village Hall

Local Clubs

Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig
Crofton Beam Engines	crofton@katrust.org.uk
Grafton Goslings Baby & Toddler Group	graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk
Dance classes	07746 479345 Charlotte Stevens
Yoga	07747 780898 Tim Brew
Zumba	07710 115324 Joanna Bury

Coronation Hall Regular Dates

Monday (weekly in term-time)	Dance	16:45
Tuesday (weekly in term-time)	Zumba	09:30
Tuesday (weekly in term-time)	Dance	16:15
Tuesday	TimmyB Yoga	19:00
Wednesday	TimmyB Yoga	09:30
Wednesday (weekly in term-time)	Dance	15:30
Thursday (weekly in term-time)	Grafton Goslings	10:00
Thursday (every week)	Olivia Boydall - Chair Yoga	14:30
Thursday (weekly in term-time)	Dance	16:45
Monday (1st & 3rd in month)	Alzheimer's Cafe	13:15
Tuesday (1st in month from October)	Winter Warmers	12:30



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Text or WhatsApp to join:

East Grafton: Tamara **07711 824864** Marten: Richard **07795 636767**

West Grafton: Annie **07802 923344** Wilton: Tara **07833 320951**

Wexcombe: George **07786 332950**



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