



Community News

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JANUARY 2023

Happy New Year!

The team at the Community News wishes you a very Happy New Year and would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone involved in the production and distribution of our monthly newsletter. Our network of deliverers do a sterling job, particularly at this time of year when the weather can be challenging!

We do hope you enjoy this monthly community round-up. We always welcome any comment (good or not so good) and ideas on what you would like to see in the Community News.

Don't forget that you can also access the Community News online - graftonparish.com/community-news and it is posted on to all the village Whatsapp groups. Additional printed copies are at the Coronation Hall.

Grafton Parish Playing Field Improvement

Grafton Parish Playing Field is located behind Sunflowers at Grafton at the far end of The Green, East Grafton. Previously the primary school playing field, it is now a valuable community asset and currently offers a small half-pipe for skateboards and scooters and a trim trail (an obstacle course for children of all ages) in addition to the large open field.

Grant funding of just over £5,500 was awarded through the Coop Community Fund in 2021 to extend facilities with the objective of widening the appeal of this community space and encouraging parishioners of all ages to meet, play and enjoy activities together.

A number of options have been discussed and we have the following short list.

- Solid (formed concrete) table tennis table. Ping-pong is great fun for all ages and is very sociable
- A petanque (also known as boules) pitch. Also great fun for all ages and very sociable
- Establishing a community garden (could be vegetables or an orchard). A more complex option which would require commitment and leadership from residents to get established but would bring great social opportunities to build on our sense of community and belonging.

Before a final decision is made please let the Parish Council know what you might welcome, value and, importantly, use within the community. Make sure your voice is heard on this important subject via one of the following channels:

- Respond to the survey which will be on your village WhatsApp group from 9 January
- If you aren't part of your village WhatsApp group please email news@graftonparish.com for access to the survey
- If you do not have access to technology pop a note in the Coronation Hall post box with your name and address and a paper copy of the survey will be delivered to you.

January Winter Warmers' Lunch

The January Winter Warmers' Lunch is on Tuesday 10 January 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. January's menu is:

Pasta Special
Lemon Meringue Pie

Please let Liz know if you have any dietary requirements.

There are all sorts of reasons why joining our Breakfast & After School Club team might be just what you need in January 2023...



Local, part-time work in a great team providing a service that makes a real difference for families.

We have hours to suit Early Birds and those who prefer late afternoon. You could do a couple of days or 3 or more days. You might need to earn additional income to help over the coming year or this might be part of your longer term plan.

It can be hard work - a team of 2 manage up to 14 primary school children which requires mental and physical energy. But it is also fun - we have lots of chat, smiles and laughter - and that is something you might be missing!

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 trundle 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

Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to making Christmas in Grafton Parish so very special!

In particular, thanks to Dougie for the fabulous light display in Wilton, to Bill and Pip for our locally sourced Christmas goodies, to all the staff at The Swan for ensuring we were well looked-after and of course to Father Christmas and his elf for visiting each of the villages on Christmas Eve and then giving out presents on Christmas morning at The Swan.

We are so lucky to have such a wonderful community and direct contact with Father Christmas!

Local Business Listings

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| Airbnb Shepherds Hut | Emily Rance | 07970 799214 |
| Babysitting | Harry Rance | 07555 185085 |
| Babysitting | Livs Pearson | 07974 400228 |
| Bicycle Repairs | Peter | 07366 418484 |
| B&B Grafton | Victoria Frost | 07557 791604 |
| Self Catering Grafton | Pip Browning | 07884 453300 |
| Self Catering Wilton | Millie Lemon | 01672 870266 |
| Builder | Sam Sanchez | 07887 991249 |
| Celebration Cakes | Nat Neal | 07711 373688 |
| Computer Issues | Stuart | 07881 912477 |
| Dog Grooming | Victoria | 07786 686192 |
| Dog Training/Walking | Carrie Holborow | 07546 941709 |
| Double Glazing | David Willcocks | 01672 811979 |
| Flowers | Gill Campbell | 07833 670693 |
| Gardening | Suz Upham | 07799 765641 |
| Grafton Garage | Tony Gilbert | 07845 006890 |
| Homeopathy | Emma H-Byass | 07540 773531 |
| Logs/Tree Surgeon | Jeremy Hawkins | 07980 536156 |
| Painting & Decorating | Neil Anderson | 01264 731362 |
| Personal Trainer | Hen Mackinnon | 07977 511959 |
| Pest Control | Julie Watson | 01672 811479 |
| Printing | Jane Goldstein | 01672 515444 |
| Storage / Lockup | David Lemon | 01672 870266 |
| Sunflowers at Grafton | Julie McLernon | 01672 810478 |
| Swan Inn | Bill Clemence | 01672 870274 |
| Pinckneys Farm | Wendy | 07989 228864 |
| Yoga | Tim Brew | 07747 780898 |

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 Lane, 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.

Our Vicar Writes

It occurred to me that we have spent a good three years trying (to the best of our ability) to be brave in the face of various trials and tribulations.

For a lot of people this year, we will have experienced 'Christmas Lite,' with care taken about expense. In that time, we have paradoxically had Christmas Light - giving thanks for the good rather than mourning the bad.

All major religions and most minor ones have at their heart the hope in something better. In Christianity we call it 'The Kingdom of God,' which is both here and now and in the yet to come. I pray you maintain the memories of awe and wonder of now, and for this New Year hope in your yet to come.

May you have courage to face your fears. I leave you with this quote:

"Surely, in the light of history, it is more intelligent to hope rather than to fear, to try rather than not to try. For one thing we know beyond all doubt: Nothing has ever been achieved by the person who says, 'It can't be done.'" Eleanor Roosevelt

Every Blessing,
Michael

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Grafton Parish Council



The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 9 January at 19:30 at the Coronation Hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

One of the items on the agenda will be Speedwatch which is in place for East Grafton and Wilton. If any residents would like to find out more and volunteer to help, then please come along.

Now we have the date for the Coronation of King Charles III set for Saturday 6 May, plans will start to be discussed for celebrations in Grafton Parish. If you have ideas on what you would like to happen, then do please go to the meeting.

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Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2022

Grafton Parish house-to-house poppy sales and the Remembrance Service collection raised a total of £789.00!

Many thanks to Mike Fleckney, Mike Hyslop, Susie Brew and Tor Frost for giving their time, as well as The Swan. Thank you to those who donated at St Nicholas' Church Service.

Our thanks also to Dougie Wilcocks. His kindness in funding work done to the War Memorial is very much appreciated by us all - thank you Dougie.

June Pearson MBE - RBL Area Volunteer for TEA04 The Bedwyns

A Reader Writes ...

We notice all the work felling and reducing trees in our beautiful Parish and it is lovely to see the community come together to plant so many new trees in new places. However, it would be great if replacement trees could be planted close to the position of the old trees as well. Perhaps a native species that is less overbearing but would preserve the general appearance of the villages? Whilst replacing trees is not a requirement when planning applications are presented to Wiltshire Council it would be a positive thing to do for the Parish and for the planet.

Wilton Windmill 2023

There's plenty going on in 2023 at Wilton Windmill including the installation of new gates and an engraved millstone. Events this year are on 13 & 14 May for National Mills Weekend, Murder Mystery & Hogroast in June/July, participation in Heritage Open Days 8 to 17 September and the AGM & End of Season event on 20th October.

The Wilton Windmill Society is also looking for £500 sponsorship to continue to keep the loos open all year round. If you would like to find out more, then email secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk

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Dates for your diary

Mobile Library

Wiltshire Council has updated the Library Service's webpage - apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/librariesinformation/Library/Mobiles

This new page enables you to find a library near you and includes information on mobile library stops, dates and times as well as physical library buildings.

January

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| 09 | 19:30 | Grafton Parish Council Meeting | Coronation Hall |
| 10 | 12:30 | Winter Warmers | Coronation Hall |
| 10 | 19:00 | Great Green Bedwyn Event | Bedwyn Village Hall |
| 11 | 11:40 | Mobile Library | Coronation Hall |

February

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| 05 | 11:00 | Church Service | St Nicholas' Church |
| 06 | 18:00 | Grafton PC Planning Meeting | Manor Farm, Wilton |
| 07 | 12:30 | Winter Warmers | Coronation Hall |

Local Clubs

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| 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

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| 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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Marten: Richard 07795 636767

West Grafton: Annie 07802 923344

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