



Community News

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MARCH 2023

Making Grafton Greater

Volunteering is for everyone and there are plenty of opportunities to lend a hand and help a local group in Grafton Parish. The Community News will be showcasing local groups in this regular monthly feature, so if you aren't already actively involved this might help to point you in the right direction.

This month ... Sunflowers at Grafton.

What is Sunflowers at Grafton?

Fabulous childcare. We are a registered charity based on The Green, East Grafton (just past St Nicholas' Church). We provide nursery care for babies, toddlers and preschool children; Breakfast & After School Clubs for children at Great Bedwyn and Burbage Primary Schools, and Holiday Clubs for all local primary school children. We have a fantastic team of qualified and experienced childcare professionals; we work with wonderful families and have a super reputation.



Why join our volunteer team?

You might feel that you would benefit from spending some time in a simple and happy place - you definitely smile and laugh more in the company of children! Spending time with us may provide a way for you to make new connections locally or give you a new sense of purpose. Whatever your reasons we'd love to chat.

How might you help?

Children love meeting new people. You could come to After School Club and share your hobbies, skills or interests. Magic? Knitting? Sports? Art? Drama? Photography? Bird watching? Astronomy? Or you could spend time with our nursery children - perhaps story telling, playing games or coming with us on a trip on our minibus. Or you could come and help us manage our gardens?



What level of commitment might be needed?

Whatever works for you. A regular slot or an occasional hour. We'll take care of all paperwork, including DBS checks and can assure you that our volunteers are always very well supported by our professional team.



Contact Sue England to chat ... email
admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk or call
01672 810478



March Winter Warmers' Lunch

The March Winter Warmers' Lunch is on Tuesday 7 March 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!

The menu for March is:

Chicken and Leek Pie with vegetables
Queen of Puddings

If you need more information please ring Liz on **07831 545772**. Also, please let Liz know if you have any dietary requirements.

We look forward to seeing you.



Great British Spring Clean Saturday 11 March, 11am



Have you got the date in your diary? Bring a sturdy pair of gloves and a bag and we'll provide the litter pickers, bag holders and a stylish hi-viz vest.

Meeting points:

East Grafton - Coronation Hall

Wilton - by the pond

Wexcombe - at the bus stop

Marten & West Grafton - at the noticeboard

For more information call Sue on **01672 810478**

or email admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk

The Great British Spring Clean is backed by the key anti-litter charities including Keep Britain Tidy

www.keeptobritaintidy.org

Parish Tree Fundraising Update

We are delighted to report that the first phase of the large tree planting will be carried out in the next few days. 22 large trees (between 3-5m tall) will be planted starting at the Wilton village end of the Avenue. The species chosen for this phase from the shortlist are liquidambar and limes. The middle section of the avenue has already been planted with small "whips" - a mix of oak, silver birch and rowan.

The JustGiving site has now been closed. Fundraising for the next phase of large tree planting at the Grafton end of the road will restart later in the year. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed or attended the fundraising events. We raised just under £2,000. An amazing achievement.

Mothering Sunday Service

Sunday 19th March at 4pm
at

St Nicholas' Church in East Grafton

A lovely family occasion with posies to celebrate all the important women in our lives:

Mothers, Grandmothers,
Aunts and wider family and friends





Our Burbage Doctors Write

NHS Health Checks

If you are between 40 and 64 you may be eligible for an NHS Health Check. This is a 20 minute Nurse appointment to check your cholesterol levels and risk of heart attack. If you are interested, and have not had one of these in the last 5 years, please ask at reception and we will check your eligibility and book you in accordingly.

Exciting News

We are very excited for Dr Alex Carpenter who is expecting her first baby in the middle of March. She will be off on Maternity Leave from the start of the month, but we are very pleased that Dr Bailey and Dr Glover will be helping to cover her sessions while she is away. We all wish her the very best and look forward to having her back when she needs a rest!

Big Thank You!

Burbage Surgery is extremely grateful to Bob Norbury, the Spotty Dog Choir and Burbage residents for all the donations that have been made as a result of Bob's fundraising events.

Bob has recently donated a further £600 to the surgery which will be used to purchase a new blood pressure monitor for the GP's room. He has raised and donated an amazing £7,000 to the surgery over the years. These funds have helped enable us to repaint the surgery, replace the waiting room chairs and replace our oil tank.

We are also very lucky to be well supported by BEAM and Burbage PCC both of whom kindly give us a donation every year. These and other generous gifts from our Patients have helped us replace our defibrillator, and re-equip the emergency bag recently, and it is always useful to have a fund which enables us to buy and maintain some of our vital surgery equipment such as the ECG, cryotherapy, and blood pressure machines.

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Monday: Closed / Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am to 5.30pm

Saturday: 9.30am to 3.30pm

Wine Bar Wednesday & Wood Fired Pizzas: 5.30pm-7.30pm



Coronation Hall

To enquire on booking the Coronation Hall or to find out details on how to hire trestle tables or gazebos, go to:

www.graftonparish.com or contact as follows:

Email: hall@graftonparish.com (anytime)

Call: **01672 216115** or **07479 281809** (9am to 6pm Monday to Friday)

Walking in Wiltshire

Time to get walking again!

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Wiltshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/wiltshire> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Wiltshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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Parish Council Meeting

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B&B Grafton	Victoria Frost	07557 791604
Self Catering Grafton	Pip Browning	07884 453300
Self Catering Wilton	Millie Lemon	01672 870266
Celebration Cakes	Nat Neal	07711 373688
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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

Crofton Beam Engines

Crofton will be holding their next "Winter Works Open Day" on Saturday 25 March between 10:30 and 14:30.

This will be a chance to see behind the scenes winter work during the closed season. Please note, no booking required and entry is free, however, donations would be most welcome.

The car park opposite the site will be open on this Open Day.



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www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk - including walking and cycling routes, places to visit and where to eat, drink and stay.

If you have a business and are interested in joining, contact Susie Brew on susie@visitpewseyvale.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

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

March

05	11:00	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Church
06	19:30	Grafton PC Meeting	Coronation Hall
07	12:30	Winter Warmers Lunch	Coronation Hall
08	11:40	Mobile Library	Coronation Hall
11	11:00	Great British Spring Clean	Various - see page 1
19	16:00	Mothering Sunday Service	St Nicholas' Church

April

07	14:00	First Open Day for 2023	Wilton Windmill
07	10:15	First Open Day for 2023	Crofton Beam Engines
09	11:30	Easter Sunday Service	St Nicholas' Church

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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Marten: Richard 07795 636767

West Grafton: Annie 07802 923344

Wilton: Tara 07833 320951

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