



# Community News

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## MAY 2023

### Making Grafton Greater

This regular feature showcases Parish opportunities to encourage active volunteering.

This month ... Grafton Goslings



Baby and toddler groups are a great opportunity for young children to have fun and mix with other children, in a safe environment, with a familiar adult. Just as importantly they offer the opportunity for that familiar adult - parents and carers, including grandparents, childminders and nannies - to meet and chat with others.

Grafton Goslings has been meeting at the Coronation Hall since 2010 and with up to 25 babies and children it can be a busy Thursday morning. Why so busy? There are many reasons: we are friendly and welcoming; we have a weekly craft, a lovely range of indoor and outdoor toys and always have singing; we meet in the fabulous Coronation Hall; we offer a healthy snack for little ones; and the adults have fresh coffee or tea and a home-made cake!

Baby and toddler groups remain a valuable part of the community. A place to meet new people and to enjoy play activities in a safe, informal and friendly atmosphere.

So how might you help? Maintaining a supply of fresh coffee, tea and cake for the adults; preparing snack for the children and then clearing it all up is a tricky thing to do if you have a baby or toddler to look after too. So we always have someone without children in the kitchen. Fancy joining our kitchen rota? Just a couple of hours every 4-6 weeks. It's busy but it's a lovely morning of chat and smiles. And who doesn't want more smiles?

Interested? You can email us at [graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk), message us via facebook or contact us by phone via Sunflowers at Grafton on 01672 810478.



### Coronation Service

11am Sunday 7 May  
St Nicholas Church, East Grafton  
All welcome

### The Big Lunch

from 12.30pm Sunday 7 May  
Coronation Hall  
Rounders at 2.30pm depending on weather

### Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting, which is also the AGM, will be held at Coronation Hall on Monday 15 May at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Local groups and organisations provide updates at the AGM, so do go along if you'd like to find out more.

### Stile-free Walking!

Well done to Bedwyn Footpaths Group for making Great Bedwyn stile-free!

Great Bedwyn is the first parish in Wiltshire to achieve this and it gives walkers about 20 miles of stile-free rights-of-way in Great Bedwyn. In the last two years the group has installed a total of 13 gates, 9 in Bedwyn and 4 in Grafton Parish at Freewarren Farm.

This achievement has been a joint effort between the Bedwyn Footpaths Group, Wiltshire Council and of course all the landowners. Funding has been through the Pewsey Area Board and Great Bedwyn Parish Council.



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## Home-Start - Can you help?

Home-Start North Wiltshire - an independent charity affiliated to Home-Start UK - is celebrating 35 years supporting local families. Last year your local Home-Start supported 107 families across North Wiltshire. Home-Start is committed to promoting the welfare of families who have at least one child under the age of five.

Their volunteers are parents or grandparents with an interest in, and experience of, young children and family life. The charity provides early support to families who are facing the challenges and stresses of family life, including a wide range of difficulties such as isolation, low self-esteem, physical and mental health issues.

They work alongside parents in their homes to help raise their self-confidence and their ability to cope in an increasingly pressured society. The emphasis is on parents helping parents.

The charity is desperately in need of volunteers to work with families in the Tidworth and Swindon areas. They also run Toddler Brunch Cafes for mums with toddlers or babies. Could you help a few hours a week? Please call or text 07864 652349 or email [hello@homestartnorthwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:hello@homestartnorthwiltshire.org.uk)

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## Replacing Stiles

The tools for the kissing gate installations in Great Bedwyn were loaned from the Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP), purchased with a Pewsey Area Board Grant.

The gate installation tools are available for all parishes in the Pewsey Community Area to use, by arrangement with PCAP - email [pcap@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pcap@hotmail.co.uk).

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- Friday night pizzas (weekly menu on website) baked in our pizza oven or assembled and ready to cook at home.
- Pizza kits and deli boxes to order

**Wine Bar Wednesday - 5.30pm-7.30pm**  
**Friday Wood Fired Pizzas - 5.30pm-7.30pm**



## Can you Help Families in your area?

Home-Start helps families with children under five who are experiencing tough times. We are recruiting volunteers to offer weekly support which is tailored to the family's need. Often, just listening makes all the difference.

We're looking for volunteers with:

- ✓ A friendly, positive nature
- ✓ Great listening skills and empathy
- ✓ Parenting skills/relevant life experience
- ✓ Time to visit families weekly, for 2-3 hours



We offer professional training & personal development. Expenses paid. Volunteer group, fundraiser, trustee roles also available.

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Home Start North Wiltshire is committed to equality, diversity, and safe recruitment. This volunteering post is subject to an enhanced DBS check. Charity number: 1106736

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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

## Planning Application

Application number: PL/2023/02631 Deadline: 16 May 2023  
Application type: Householder planning permission.  
Proposal: Single storey side extension. Single storey rear extension replacing lean-to. Replacement garage.  
Address: Victoria House, Grafton Road, Wilton, SN8 3SS.

## 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](http://www.graftonparish.com) or contact as follows:

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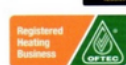
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# Dates for your diary

## Mobile Library

Wiltshire Council has updated the Library Service's webpage - [apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/librariesinformation/Library/Mobiles](https://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.

## May

05	10:00	Coronation Flower Festival (to 9 May)	St Nicholas' Church
07	11:00	Coronation Service	St Nicholas' Church
07	12:30	The Big Lunch	Coronation Hall
07	14:30	Parish Rounders	Village Green, East Grafton
15	19:30	Grafton Parish Council AGM	Coronation Hall
28	10:30	Steaming Weekend (& 29)	Crofton Beam Engines

## June

22	18:30	Yoga & Soundbath	Wilton Windmill
24	19:00	Murder Mystery & Hog Roast	Wilton Windmill
24	10:30	Steaming Weekend (& 25)	Crofton Beam Engines

## 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 Price
Yoga	07747 780898 Tim Brew
Zumba	07710 115324 Joanna Bury

## Coronation Hall Regular Dates

Monday (weekly in term-time)	Charlotte Price	16:45
Tuesday (weekly in term-time)	Zumba	09:30
Tuesday (weekly in term-time)	Charlotte Price	16:15
Tuesday	TimmyB Yoga	19:00
Wednesday	TimmyB Yoga	09:30
Wednesday (weekly in term-time)	Charlotte Price	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)	Charlotte Price	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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