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Making Grafton Greater

This regular feature showcases Parish opportunities to encourage active volunteering This month ... Community Socials



The Coronation Hall and The Green provided the perfect setting for The Big Lunch on Sunday 6 May to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles. It was a wonderful afternoon full of chat, laughter and fun and it was fantastic to see so many people coming together.

Behind the scenes was an equally fantastic group of volunteers who arrived on the day and got on with their allocated tasks brilliantly.

But the real heavy lifting was done by a smaller team who started working on it months in advance to make it all happen - detailed planning, delivering the plan on the day and making sure that everything was returned to the right place afterwards.

Community Socials need people to make them happen – and the key to success is a great team with a strong leader, a clear plan and a shared responsibility for making it work. How many people does it take? That depends on the size of the event but something like The Big Lunch Make it Happen team would really need a minimum of 6 people to share the workload and make it a pleasure rather than a burden!

So how might you help? There is a thought that a Burn's Night celebration in January 2024 might be a great community social event. Interested in being part of the 'Make it Happen' team? Then get in touch with Annie Whitcher via WhatsApp in the first instance to get the ball rolling.

Or perhaps you have an idea for a Community Social that you would like to get off the ground? You could use the Community News or the villages' WhatsApp groups to get your idea out there and invite people to join your 'Make it Happen' team.

Grafton Neighbourhood Plan - Call for Sites

Over the last few years, there have been big improvements to Grafton Parish to make it a great place to live. Think of the difference that our Coronation Hall has made to the community, or the hard work put into restoring Wilton Windmill. Other volunteers have helped create our wonderful Sunflowers Nursery or transform our broadband supply in Wexcombe and Marten, which now connects our homeworkers in meetings from Zurich to New York!

Grafton Parish Council is preparing a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for the Parish, led by a steering group of local people and parish councillors. You can learn more about the NP on our website. It will create a kind of central blueprint for our work as a Council over the next 10 to 15 years. Ultimately, the plan will be subject to a referendum in the Parish where local people will decide whether or not to adopt the approach.

Grafton Parish is subject to many planning constraints, and the Neighbourhood Plan will allocate land for certain forms of development. The aim is to carefully develop the area, maintaining its character and charm and avoid in-filling (adding new dwellings into small gaps between existing houses). The steering group has agreed a set of local design principles. They conducted an online survey in Summer 2022 where there were 78 respondents and showed that there was overall support for allocating land for housing and for small commercial enterprises such as a shop or local businesses. The steering group are proposing to develop between 15-30 houses within the Parish over the next 15 years. The steering group is now looking for potential sites to consider.

The steering group is asking local landowners to submit information on sites under their control (as owners or otherwise) for the purposes of either housing or for small businesses. If you have a site that you would like to be considered, please download a copy of the site allocation methodology which can be found on the website - www.graftonparish.com/grafton-parish-council/neighbourhood-plan/ - together with maps of the Parish.

Please submit the following information if you wish to have a site considered:

- 1. A statement that you are the landowner and that you can develop the site.
- 2. A brief statement of what you wish to do on the site, for instance provide a number of dwellings, open a new business, open a farm or village shop, etc.
- 3. A map showing the full extent of your site. A drawn outline on a downloaded map is fine and can be sent as an image if the submission is made electronically.
- 4. A confirmation that you will work positively with the steering group to address any planning issues that will arise from your proposal.

You may wish to discuss this with either the steering group or their planning consultant. If you wish to do so, you can contact us at clerk@graftonparish.com and we will get back to you.

This notice does not affect the usual process of applying for planning permission - this can continue to be made at any time in the usual way. Please ensure that your submissions are received no later than 28 July 2023.

Planning Applications

Application Ref: PL/2023/03145 Deadline: 22 June 2023 Application Type: Listed building consent (Alt/Ext) Proposal: Replacement of roof covering Site Address: The Forge, Hollow Lane, Wilton

Application Ref: PL/2023/03442 Deadline: 16 June 2023 Application Type: Householder Planning Permission Proposal: Replacement of oil central heating and flue with air source heat pump

Site Address: Stables Cottage, Wexcombe, SN8 3SQ



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There are six artists taking part in the local area.

Studio 37 Barbara Frost- Painting, Drawing and Mixed Media, 263 The Green, East Grafton

Studio 38 Jeremy Wyatt - Sculpture and Metalwork, 2 Mill Close, Great Bedwyn

Sylvia Wyatt - Mixed Media

Rosalind Hewitt - Glass and Painting

Studio 39 Diana Barraclough - Ceramics, Glass and Wood, Truant House, Froxfield

Normandy Barcelo Soto - Painting and Drawing

Brochures will be available from the end of May in East Grafton Coronation Hall. The Swan at Wilton Bedwyn Post Office, Great Bedwyn Motors, Waitrose in Marthorough and many other outlets. Look out for special events and demonstrations in some of the studios. Opening times for each studio are also in the brochure and online. Everyone is welcome.

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GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL AGM REPORTS 2023

GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022 - 2023

Life is what happens whilst you are making plans and in a year that has seen a diamond Jubilee, a royal funeral followed by His Majesty's Coronation, Covid restrictions seem a dim and distant memory. The pubs and shops have opened, the activities in the Parish and the Hall itself are up and running and Covid is relegated to being part of life and not running it.

Youth Activities

I am saddened to say that after a successful period of getting the youth of the Parish together, by incorporating fun and learning, the Youth Group has ceased. There simply isn't enough interest from the youngsters in the Parish to support this wonderful initiative. I would like to thank Annie Whitcher for the hard work she invested into this group. I speak from the experience of my own children when I say what wonderful memories they have from all her efforts.

Speed Watch/ SID

Speeding traffic continues to cause problems and with 2 SIDs in Grafton and 1 in Wilton we have made huge strides to encourage speedsters to slow down. We are fully aware, that speed is still a problem. I can assure you, as a Parish Council we are persisting with every mitigating method within our power. Mike Hatherell, the leader of the Speed Watch initiative and Kevin Burke, who will soon commence speed watch activity along with more trained volunteers, will begin the program later this year. More volunteers are needed for the Speed Watch so please don't hesitate and contact the Parish Clerk for more details. As the A338 is an A-road we can't built humps or chicanes in the road. As with the Council everything takes frustratingly long, but our man Ed Nelson is on the case to request for the rumble strips at the entrances to East Grafton to be made more prominent.

Defibrillators

First, I want to say big thank you to the volunteers who make sure the defibrillators are in working order. Your volunteering is immensely important for this Community. The defibrillators, in West Grafton and in Wexcombe were moved to more accessible places for the public. Solar panel lights are to be installed soon for visibility after dark. George Hosier will take photos of the locations and "what.3.word" them and put them on the Parish website so people know where to find them.

Playing Fields

Improvements of the Playing Fields are under way. After conducting a survey of what facilities people would prefer, the majority voted for installing Pétanque facilities. Sue England from Sunflowers is on the case. This is to be financed by Co-Op grant. The skate ramp is getting towards the end of its natural life and no doubt we will want to consider "what next"?

Neighbourhood Planning

Frustrated by Wiltshire's core policy we, as a PC, decided to conduct a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. Richard Pash, Edward Nelson and others have taken on this mammoth task. This plan will give us certain powers to identify places where new development could take place. Things are moving on at a gentle pace but I believe the Committee are nearly ready to make a call for sites.

Website Enhancements and Community Calendar

With new blood on the team comes new ideas. Richard Pash has undertaken the task of making our Parish Website more user friendly, with an up to date style. Edward Nelson is keeping us up to date with events not only in this Parish but also at surrounding parishes.

Parish Steward

There are still places for improvements. However, to be fair, some of the potholes, or rather holes on our roads are beyond Steward duties, but luckily, Wiltshire Council found £200,000 for repairing potholes, so we may see some improvement soon. Meanwhile, I ask you to report any potholes on the WiltshireApp. This will help to add some pressure on Wiltshire Council.

Parish Activities

It never stops to amaze me how this Community comes together for social activities. The Jubilee was a great success on the Green last year with Annie and Kevin running an incredible event, both inside and outside the Hall. Sophia Bentley made a wonderful documentary from old to young, about what the Queen meant to them. Cakes, food, bar, rounders, dressing up, fun and frolics all round. The Bonfire night at Wilton was superb and I must again thank to Mike Hatherell for donating box of firelighters, Bill Clemence for providing street food and to everybody who helped on the day. We paid our respect on Remembrance Sunday with laying with the wreaths at the war memorial. Sadly due to unusually cold weather the popular Christmas event 'Carols by the Candlelight' was cancelled. Father Christmas and his helpers brighten everybody's evening on Christmas eve.

We had celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee last year and the King's Coronation more recently. Both were very successful events where people from all parts of community came together enjoy themselves.

As you will have noticed the majestic Ashes on the road to Wilton were cut down due to Ash dieback, a heart-breaking experience. However, new trees and saplings have been planted due to the strong spirit of Wilton people who funded this replanting. Special thank you to Diane Wilson and Justine Thompson for rallying the Village and raising the funds.

Regards David Lemon - Chairman Grafton Parish Council - chairman@graftonparish.com

Due to limitations of space, a selection of edited annual reports from community groups can be found in the AGM Reports section of this month's Community News. Unedited versions of all the reports can be found at www.graftonparish.com

A SELECTION OF EDITED ANNUAL REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS PRESENTED AT THE GRAFTON PARISH AGM ON 15 MAY 2023

St Nicholas Church

Parochial Church Council (PCC) members elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 27th March 2022:

Mrs Sally Butt / Mrs Elizabeth Hosier / Mrs Camilla Lemon (Secretary) / Mr Martin Butt / Mr Peter Horne / The Revd. Michael McHugh (chairman) Mrs Ann Dudney (Treasurer)

The full PCC met on five occasions through the year. The full details of our finances can be found in the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2022. The PCC is actively taking steps to ensure that our income is increased to match our outgoings.

During the year, the congregation has grown with a large attendance at Harvest, Easter, Remembrance Day and Christmas. The attendance at the Christmas Services was 162, the vast majority of whom were local families. The PCC is looking at other ways in which St Nicholas' Church can be used to host other events over the year.

On Easter Saturday children created an Easter Garden and flower crosses. The PCC have helped at a number of Parish Community events over the year. The Winter Warmer lunches continue and are very well attended.

The Church is in generally good repair and the PCC is working hard to maintain this wonderful building and improve it for future generations. New heaters and lights are going to be installed in the Church as an improvement to the currently uneconomical and inefficient ones.

Grafton & District Horticultural Society

This year we returned to our usual program of 4 lectures (March, April, October and November) in the Coronation Hall on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. We then visit private gardens that are not normally open to the public in May, June, July, August and September also on the third Wednesday of the month but obviously in the afternoon. Lunch near the garden visited is arranged in a pub nearby.

Thanks to the amazing weather in 2022 the visits were extra special as we could wander around at leisure and enjoy delicious tea and cake sitting in the garden.

The last meeting of the year was our Christmas party with a delicious buffet supper, a raffle and a table quiz. Always great fun!

Our membership will stay at £15 for 2023 and if people would like to come along to see whether the club is for them, the fee is £3. At present we have 37 members.

Our program for 2023 follows a similar pattern with good speakers and beautiful gardens to visit.

Marijke Craig (Chair)

Bedwyn & Grafton Link Scheme

Bedwyn Link provides confidential support to people in in need in our community, covering Great Bedwyn, Little Bedwyn, St Katharine's, the Graftons, Wexcombe, and Wilton. We provide a range of support including essential transport and 'good neighbours' help; this is free, though donations are welcome and are essential to keep the service going.

The Link AGM for 2022 was held in Great Bedwyn village hall on Wednesday 30 March 2022. The main points that were discussed were:

- In 2022, Bedwyn's Link scheme was 70% busier than in 2021 during Covid. In 2022, we undertook 381 medical and 90 non medical trips covering over 7300 miles. Each of our volunteers (drivers, co-ordinators and committee) gave over 50 hours of their time; in total over £31,700 to the Wiltshire economy
- Friends and Mobility is now a separate organisation from Link but is continuing in the village. We gave a huge thank you to Mary Soellner for her contributions to Friends and Mobility over the last 8 years.
- In 2022, Link's income was £3,413. This comes mainly from donations and more or less balanced our expenditure. Overall, we are in a stable financial position.
- We have a new Treasurer, Fred Brenchley. Alison Dewar is continuing as Assistant Treasurer. Many thanks to both.
- All our drivers were invited to do a Drive Plus Assessment (organised by Wiltshires Road safety Team on 01225 713700). This costs £50 and is free for anyone who is 79 or over.
- Link drop-ins continue to be well supported and are held monthly in the Three Tuns and are in the Bedwyn Parish News and available through WhatsApp.

Can you help? We are still looking for drivers and co-ordinators as well as a secretary So if you have any spare time and would like to help provide a vital service to our community, please get in touch via the Link Line 07717 006787. Thank you to everyone involved. Sylvia Wyatt

Grafton Goslings

This welcoming and friendly group meets every Thursday during term-time at the Coronation Hall.

Grafton Goslings continues to bounce along brilliantly. Traditional baby & toddler groups like Goslings are a valuable part of our community – offering little ones and their grown-ups a place to play and chat.

The group is well supported, particularly by our many Parish families, which is a sure sign of good health.

Coronation Hall

After reviewing our last two annual reports with the difficulties posed by the pandemic, this year I find that we have little to report as the Hall continues to run smoothly.

The Hall very much relies on the regular hirers and the weekday calendar is pretty much full. We have seen a slower return of the private hirers, in particular children's parties, and we now have a few weekends without a booking.

The Hall's finances remain strong with healthy reserves. There may be a small deficit for the past year due to rising costs, which is why we implemented a rise in hire costs halfway through the year.

We are currently exploring solar power for the Hall. We have a number of quotes and have already secured a small grant towards this project. It is our view that it might be prudent to ensure that the Hall is freed from the burden and uncertainty of rising energy costs for years to come.

The Hall supported the rounders match last summer which was a huge success, largely due to the efforts of Annie Whitcher. It is an event that brings together many in the Parish, especially families. I have no doubt that next year's report will begin with a report on the wonderful Coronation Party in the Hall.

The fabric of the hall remains in good order, and we are thankful to Maria our caretaker and James our cleaner for keeping the Hall in such good order. Thanks also to Fran Barclay for continuing to plant and care for the Hall's tubs and baskets.

Wilton Windmill Society

You may have noticed our new gates at the Mill - these have replaced the red metal girder that guarded the entrance to David Lemon's adjacent field.

The even more observant may have also noticed the small fenced bay between the two new pairs of gates. This space will shortly be planted with the herb, Tansy. A small shrub with yellow or purple flowers and a strongly scented leaf. We collect and dry the leaves and sew them into cambric bags to be placed on or near the millstones and the milling mechanisms. The scent of the leaves deters moths that might otherwise take it upon themselves to lay their eggs amongst our millstones.

Later in the season we hope to see the installation of an old millstone which will have had carved on it the name of the Mill and the dates 1820-2021 to mark the bi-centenary that we have recently celebrated. This, we hope, will give the entrance to the Mill a fresher and more striking appearance.

A visit into the grounds, (which are open all the year round) will reveal a revamped picnic area with a new surface and new picnic tables.

Also, in acknowledgment of the sheer number of visitors to the Mill, be it open or closed, the Windmill Society has decided to bear the cost of a "Portaloo Presence" all the year round and not just in our Open Season.

Recently there has been a training session for four new guides one of whom is French. This is very opportune as we shall be welcoming a party of 50 residents of Gien in the Loire Valley as a part of a Malmesbury Twinning Association event.

We have already had the National Mills Weekend and we now look forward to the murder mystery and hog roast "Swine of Passion" event on 24th June (info@hauntedmysteryweekend.co.uk). We will also be participating in the Heritage Open Days initiative in September.

Much effort has been spent recently securing a fresh supply of wheat grain for the windmill. Previous suppliers have declined our orders on the grounds that they are not large enough. Five hundred tonnes, yes; five hundred kilos, no. To be "the only working windmill in Wessex" without any grain to mill would be a very sorry state of affairs. Very recently we have been able to secure a supply from Yattendon Estate near Chieveley in Berkshire. So we are looking forward to resuming the supply of wind-milled flour in the very near future, winds permitting.

Our beautiful and friendly "Mill on the Hill" is all set for the season. However we are always on the lookout for new volunteer millers, helpers and guides. Local support is the very life blood of this wonderful local resource. David Jackson

Sunflowers at Grafton

In marked contrast to the previous couple of years the year has been a much more sociable affair and we have enjoyed some super events with our families – including Platinum Jubilee, Sports Day, our Nativity back in St Nicholas' Church and most recently the Coronation of King Charles.

We celebrated our 11th birthday in October 2022 and are delighted to report that we are in good health. We now support 70+ families through our nursery rooms and out of school clubs each week and more families during the school holidays with our holiday club. Like any organisation we are all about people and it is the work of our wonderful team – those looking after the children and the trustees who support us – that continues to enhance the super reputation we have.

We are always conscious of our impact in the community and enjoy supporting other community activities and events. This includes regular activities such as supporting Grafton Goslings; organising our annual parish litter pick; supporting the production and delivery of our community newsletter; and making our minibus available for hire to community groups. And we very much enjoy playing our part in Parish events such as the production of our fabulous hazel throne as part of the wonderful Flower Festival in St Nicholas' Church for the Coronation.

Alongside celebrating our health it is important to say that, in common with many parts of the social care sector, early years is in a difficult place. The COVID pandemic pushed an already fragile early years sector into crisis, exacerbating existing recruitment, retention and underfunding challenges. Overlaid on this from the end of 2021 have been the additional challenges of the cost of living crisis. And more recently we learn from the Spring budget that great change is afoot with the extension of funding to more families. Staying ahead and managing the potential impact of these factors is a constant challenge.

It always feels a great achievement to report that our team are secure; our outstanding reputation intact; and our organisation financially sound.

Pewsey Community Area Partnership

Pewsey Community Area Partnership PCAP has continued to support small, local community groups with provision of insurance and also banking facilities, which in turn enables these small groups to apply for grant funding for their projects. Greener Great Bedwyn Group, Bedwyn Footpaths Group and Shalbourne Link all use this scheme. If you know of any voluntary groups who may benefit from this type of assistance, then just email Susie Brew at pcap@hotmail.co.uk

PCAP has continued to represent the Parishes at Pewsey Area Board, Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group and Wiltshire Council Cabinet meetings throughout the year to ensure that issues across the community are heard and actioned. PCAP has worked with Wiltshire Council on the new Pewsey Vale Bus Service and this will be launched soon at The Vale in Pewsey. This is a service funded by the DfT Rural Mobility Fund for demand responsive transport. This bus service also aims to link and connect Devizes and Marlborough with trains at three stations. Pewsey, Great Bedwyn and Hungerford. This will also support the work of PVTP and GWR on the "Rail Ways" walking routes.

Youth Activities – PCAP supports youth work through the local youth network. The blue bus work is now transforming into sports coaching for young people in Upavon. Community First continues their work with young people across the rural community.

Pewsey Vale Health & Wellbeing Group - PCAP continues to run the Health & Wellbeing Group and to administer the grant process with Wiltshire Council. All the grant funds were allocated in the 2022 - 2023 year. The fortnightly Movement to Music Together exercise class (run by Sylvie Clayden and Henrietta Mackinnon) continues and has been going for 5 years. The Memory Café also continues on the third Monday of each month at the Bouverie Hall. There is another Bruce Boats day trip on the canal planned for 12th June. We would like to thank all the local groups and individuals who continue to support the café with music, interesting talks and activities. The café has been going for 9 years.

Pewsey Vale Rail User Group - Dawn Wilson and Colin Gale chair and run the Pewsey Vale Rail User Group – working closely with Bedwyn Rail User Group, Great Western Railway, TransWilts and the Great West Way. They have also been supporting the Devizes Gateway Station project together with the Bedwyn group. The Pewsey Vale Rail User Group, together with others, have put in a bid to become a Community Rail Partner (CRP) with GWR, the Avon & Kennet CRP which will stretch from Reading to Westbury. The Pewsey Vale Rail User Group has been invited to meet with Network Rail to discuss the passenger train timetable for Pewsey and Great Bedwyn for 2029 and beyond, after the fourth platform at Westbury has been completed. Freight on this line constrains capacity currently but we hope to win some concessions to improve services to the west.

Pewsey Vale Cost of Living & Health Grant - PCAP received funding from the Pewsey Vale Health & Wellbeing Fund to run a grant scheme for households struggling with the cost of living. The fund has been used to assist with a number of situations, such as furniture, clothing and electrical appliances in situations where families has been rehomed or equipment had broken. Often it was to provide shopping vouchers for the applicants so that their own funds were released meaning they could obtain the needed item themselves. Anyone applying must be referred and so primary schools and other agencies are involved in identifying those in need. So far 22 adults and 34 children have benefitted from the scheme. PCAP has been fortunate to secure a further £2000 from Wiltshire Community Foundation to support this project further into this year. All the primary schools, social prescribers and parishes in the area have been made aware of this fund.

Other work - PCAP continues to attend and represent our parishes at informational events such as the EV strategy webinar. PCAP supports Pewsey Community Land Trust with communications. The aim is to build affordable homes for local people, owned by PCLT in perpetuity. A great aspiration.

Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership

We have continued to improve the information available for the Pewsey Vale Circular Way, the new long-distance walking and cycling route that was launched in March 2022. Tim Lewis (South West Ramblers) has very kindly put together some walking notes for the route so that it can be promoted through the Long Distance Walkers' Association. His work has provided us with an experienced eye's audit of the route and so Ron Forbes and Susie Brew have been out putting up additional waymarkers and correcting others.

We have also produced a new leaflet on volunteering. This has been given to estate agents in the area so that they can give them to people moving into the area. We have created a Rail Ways in the Pewsey Vale page on the website, bringing together the walking routes that can be done easily from either Pewsey or Bedwyn stations.

Our focus now is on putting an application together for funding from GWR which will include a series of professionally produced map reading videos, bike repair stands and some signage.

Meanwhile, the Tourism Partnership continues to run the 'business as usual' activities such as maintaining the website and its content, publishing articles, producing monthly business newsletters, producing monthly public newsletters, getting new members on board, delivering leaflets on walking and local things to do to our membership, dealing with enquiries as well as social media and advertising. We have had funds available for bigger and better advertisements in the VisitWiltshire and Great West Way publications. This is a good example of the additional things we can do to promote the area by having a healthy membership. Our partnership with Great Western Railways continues.

Susie Brew is on the North Wessex Downs AONB Council of Partners, representing tourism, and continues to get involved in their initiatives. In addition, Susie is a Trustee of the North Wessex Downs Landscape Trust. The Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership will again be organising 2 walks for the North Wessex Downs' Walking Festival in June and Bedwyn Footpaths Group also are organising a walk.

Our commitment to Walkers are Welcome means that we have to demonstrate that the rights of way in our area are being maintained. Bedwyn Footpaths Group (led by Judy Haynes) is the template that other groups should follow – they do an excellent job of maintenance and improvement, liaising with local landowners as well as organising regular walks. We now have contacts in most parish councils for footpaths so that if we find issues we can let them know. We now have a set of equipment for rights of way maintenance and for kissing gate installation, both of which are available to parishes in the Pewsey Community Area - just email Susie Brew at pcap@hotmail.co.uk.

We are always looking for help – for example delivering leaflets, project work, website content update – if you are able to spare some time, then please contact Susie at susie@visitpewseyvale.co.uk.

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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

Bedwyn Trains Passenger Group

Bedwyn Trains Passenger Group (BTPG) is run by local volunteers, Steve Smith and Bill Wells who work closely with GWR and Danny Kruger MP, to continually press for improvements to rail services at Bedwyn. The BTPG website **www.bedwyntrains.org.uk** has a host of information about local issues, and there is a regular email newsletter - you can sign up to receive this via the website.

Coronation Hall

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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.

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05	18:00	Planning Meeting	Manor Farm, Wilton
22	18:30	Yoga & Soundbath	Wilton Windmill
24	19:00	Murder Mystery & Hog Roast	Wilton Windmill
24	10:30	Steaming Day/Weekend	Crofton Beam Engines
25	10:30	Steaming Day/Weekend	Crofton Beam Engines

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10	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Coronation Hall
29	10:00	Steaming Day/Weekend	Crofton Beam Engines
30	10:00	Steaming Day/Weekend	Crofton Beam Engines

Local Clubs	
Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
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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

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	<mark>0</mark> 9:30
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 <mark>:</mark> 15
Tuesday (1st in month from October)	Winter Warmers	12:30



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