

AUGUST 2023

A New Bus Service!



On 31 July Stage 1 of a new bus service launched which will ultimately connect the Vale of Pewsey villages with Pewsey, Devizes, Marlborough and Hungerford. Stage 2 starts on 4 September and Stage 3 starts on 30 October.

This new service offers a dual service with timetabled routes as well as a bookable bus for villages not near those routes.

There are other benefits as well, including accessibility, USB charging and (soon to come) free wi-fi. Booking can be done by phone or on an app - just search for Wiltshire Connect to download.

The service will connect with trains at Hungerford, Bedwyn and Pewsey stations and will make it easier for you to get around. As well as getting to the stations, you'll be able to visit Marlborough or Hungerford or take the bus to get to the start of a walk that you'd like to do or a village you would like to visit.

For lots more information about the service, the app and how to use it, go to www.connectingwiltshire.co.uk/getting-around/bus/wiltshire-connect/

Look Out for Community Speedwatch!

Community Speedwatch is restarting following a break for the recruitment and training of new volunteers - Parish Councillor Mike Hatherell is the new co-ordinator. The Speedwatch sites approved by the Police are in East Grafton (Hungerford Road and Grafton Place). The police use the data collected by Speedwatch to target enforcement activity. The team will be out regularly during morning and evening commuting times - please do give them a wave! New volunteers are welcome. Please email clerk@graftonparish.com for information.

Green Open Homes Weekend

Great Green Bedwyn are looking for any homeowners who have a "Green home" and whether they might be willing to show it during the weekend of 14/15 October. The event will help people interested in installing green technologies to find out more about them without a sales pitch and also raise awareness of green homes and technologies.

The kinds of green technologies include low carbon heating systems (eg. heat pumps), energy saving (eg. super insulation), energy generation (eg. solar PV), energy storage (eg. batteries) and low carbon building methods (eg. PassivHaus).

Homeowners will indicate when they wish to welcome visitors and will know exactly who the visitors are before they visit. Up to 4 visitors will be allowed per 45 minute slot.

For more information go to

www.greatgreenbedwyn.org.uk/post/do-you-live-in-a-green-home

Trees for Grafton Parish Update

A grant of £2,000 has been received from Wessex Water's Environmental Fund to plant further trees in the Parish to replace those felled from Ash Dieback. With the help of the Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP), the set up required to receive a grant was completed and the application was submitted.

Key to getting the grant was all the work in fundraising and planting that has already taken place by Grafton Parish as it demonstrated how the community worked together to raise funds and replace the felled ash trees in our Parish.

The funds received will go towards replacing the 40 trees recently lost in Wexcombe. As with those already planted on the Wilton/Grafton road, 20 of these will be replaced with whips and a further 20 more will be more mature trees. This will be progressed over the coming weeks, with the plan to plant the trees in the autumn.

There will be further planting in the rest of the Parish, as and when required, to replace any trees removed. Fundraising will also restart later in the year and, now that we have the financial and policy set up for the group, we will continue to take advantage of any other grants that become available.

This is a great result for the whole community. Thank you again to everyone who contributed to the fund, to PCAP and to our farmers for supporting and helping with this project.

The Grafton/Wilton new trees are being carefully looked after and monitored. The weather has of course been incredibly challenging for the new trees - cold, rain and then extreme heat and ferocious winds have battered the poor trees, particularly the limes.

Some of them look very sorry for themselves and look like they are turning up their toes. We are aware that they don't look their best but they are being watered and checked on a regular basis - thanks to everyone who has been doing the checking.

Our supplier is also checking on them periodically and wants to reassure everyone that if they do not recover, these will be replaced free of charge later in the year at no cost to the group.

Fingers crossed though that they can get themselves sorted out before the winter hits! The liquidambar seems to be doing a little better than the limes but we remain positive that with a little TLC they will all be in good health this time next year.

Heritage Open Days at Wilton Windmill

Open on 9th and 10th September from 2pm to 4.30pm for free guided tours and refreshments!

A Warm & Bright Welcome at St Nicholas

You will be pleased to hear that replacement, more efficient heaters have been installed at St Nicholas' Church, together with much improved lighting - all ready for the winter season of services.

Planning Applications

Replacing Trees

There have been a lot of applications for removal of trees recently (excluding Ash Dieback). As we are in the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and (for some) in a conservation area, we would urge trees to be replaced - perhaps with smaller species if necessary.

More information at:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-building-control

Friday 29 September
10.30am - 12pm

Coronation Hall, East Grafton

Coffee, cake, catching up with friends and neighbours ...

... and raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support

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This is a community event organised by Sunflowers at Grafton



Our Burbage Doctors Write

Fantastic results from the latest GP patient survey 😊 Thank you to those who responded so positively. We are thrilled with the feedback that acknowledges that we are largely achieving our aims of providing you all with the best service that we possibly can.

- 98% find the receptionists at this GP practice helpful
- 96% of respondents find it easy to get through to this GP practice by phone
- 94% of respondents are satisfied with the general practice appointment times available
- 99% had confidence and trust in the healthcare professional they saw or spoke to during their last general practice appointment
- 100% felt their needs were met during their last general practice appointment

The full results can be found here -

gp-patient.co.uk/patientexperiences?practicecode=J83601

Vaccinations Programme Update

Shingles - A new shingles vaccine is being introduced from 1 September 2023 - two doses of non-live shingles vaccine Shingrix will replace the one-dose Zostavax. The surgery will share more information as and when it becomes available, and will be contacting eligible patients to invite them in.

Flu - We will as usual be running flu clinics from the surgery from mid-September. Once we have the dates confirmed we will get on with booking everyone in.

Covid - We still don't know what the plan is for the Autumn booster programme. Watch this space - as soon as we know more, you can be sure we will be in touch !

Local Summer Walking & Cycling

For local walking and cycling routes and leaflets, as well as places to visit, go to www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk and follow the links!

St Nicholas' Church PCC is pleased to offer you the opportunity to donate to the church by using the QRcode on this slip or cash if it is easier. Thank you for your support as always.



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- Wines, spirits, beers and soft drinks.
- Oils, vinegars, dressings, pasta and sauces.
- Hampers and gifts - personal and corporate
- 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



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Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274
Pinckneys Farm Shop	Wendy Skardon	07989 228864
Yoga	Tim Brew	07747 780898

Services at St Nicholas' Church

There are no services at St Nicholas church during August.
Services resume with Holy Communion on 3rd September at 11am.

Coronation Hall

To book Coronation Hall or to find details on how to hire trestle tables or gazebos, go to: www.graftonparish.com or contact as follows:

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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.

August

07	18:30	Planning Meeting	Manor Farm Barn Wilton
27	10:30	Steaming Day/Weekend	Crofton Beam Engines
28	10:30	Steaming Day/Weekend	Crofton Beam Engines

September

03	11:00	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Church
04	19:30	Grafton Parish Council Meeting	Coronation Hall
09/10	14:00	Heritage Open Days	Wilton Windmill
23	10:30	Steaming Day/Weekend	Crofton Beam Engines
24	10:30	Steaming Day/Weekend	Crofton Beam Engines
29	10:30	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Coronation Hall
29	19:00	Harvest Supper	Coronation 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 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 (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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