# Community News

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### **Feeling Safe in our Parish**

We have seen more crime across our Parish in the past month than most of us can remember: regular instances of hare coursing – with one particularly nasty incident featured on our local TV news and the BBC News website - https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-englandwiltshire-66644193; possessions stolen from many cars in our Parish villages and neighbouring villages during night time raids; and the theft and destruction of one of the Sunflowers at Grafton minibuses.

For many of us it is terribly unsettling to feel the effects of crime so close to home. So what can we do? Simply be watchful and share information. Knowing that neighbours are watchful is a tremendous comfort and our village WhatsApp groups have been invaluable for sharing information over the past month – both within and between villages.

If you aren't currently part of your village group perhaps now is a good time to join? Details of all the groups are at the bottom of page 4 of the Community News.

The Parish Council maintains regular contact with Wiltshire Police and encourages everyone to be observant. Working together we can be much more effective at preventing crime, as well as reducing loneliness and isolation, and building a more resilient community.

### **Using Our New Bus Service**

The new Wiltshire Connect Bus Service includes Grafton Parish and will include Hungerford from the end of October. It also covers Pewsey, Devizes and Marlborough areas.

This is an on-demand bus service that you can book through the Wiltshire Connect app or by calling 01225 712900.

All the villages in Grafton Parish have at least one pick up point for the bus:

East Grafton - Lynden Close, Millstones and The GreenWilton - The Swan InnWest Grafton - The TurnMarten - Post BoxWexcombe - Bus Shelter

You can book to go to any other pick up/drop off point within the area served (there are lots of them!). Have a look and see wehther you could use it for one of your trips!

More information at www.connectingwiltshire.co.uk

### Remember, Remember the 4th of November



A fabulous evening to celebrate Guy Fawkes Night!

Saturday 4th November

Street food at The Swan Inn, Wilton from 5.30pm

Fireworks display at Wilton Water at 7.30pm Sponsored by Grafton Parish Council

# **OCTOBER 2023**

### Wilton Windmill End of Season

It has been a very successful year at Wilton Windmill with many visitors and some great events. Thank you to all our volunteers and visitors for your support.

But now it's time to put the windmill into hibernation for the winter.

We would be very grateful for any assistance you can offer on Sunday 19th November from 10:00 to 12:00, followed by a drink in The Swan afterwards. Tasks will include washing, sweeping, vacuuming, dusting, tidying, oiling, greasing and so on, so something for everyone - the more hands on deck the better!

### **Annual General Meeting**

The Windmill Society's AGM will be held at The Coronation Hall on Friday 20th October at 19.30. Everyone is welcome. It's your chance to find out more about our plans for next year and to get more involved and we are always looking for new committee members! Temptingly, there will be wine, cheese and nibbles on offer too! Hope to see you there!

Please contact Peter at **windymiller@pukkamail.com** if you'd like to help with the end of season work or come to the AGM so we can plan for numbers.



Date for your Diary..... Bag2School Collection Monday 16 October - 9am



It must be time for a clear out! Sunflowers at Grafton have a Bag2School collection on Monday 16 October so take the opportunity to clear your cupboards and help us raise funds.

Please bear in mind that items are for re-use rather than recycling. Bag up good quality used adult and child clothes, bags, paired shoes and socks, belts, hats, scarves, ties and jewellery. Bag2School also take soft toys and household linens and curtains (but not duvets, pillows, cushions or blankets thank you).

Use existing plastic bags that you have at home to bundle your contribution. Spread the word to family and friends – encourage them to have a clear out too.

The more we collect the more money we raise!

We have very limited storage space at Sunflowers so please don't drop your bags before Friday 14 October.



#### Keep an eye on village WhatsApp groups for Pumpkin Patch news

Don't buy your Halloween pumpkin anywhere else!

Come and pick with Sunflowers and contribute to our fundraising.

## **Heartfelt Thanks from Sunflowers**

The many messages of support from Parish residents, our families, suppliers and so many more over the past few weeks have been wonderful.

The theft from the grounds of a nursery, of what was clearly a minibus used for children, has appalled everyone, but has also brought out such kindness which has been very touching.

Of course the theft leaves us with a great deal of work to recover the situation and make sure that the impact on the nursery, community and all our families remains minimal. This includes working on long-term options to replace WJ62 in order to maintain service levels to families that depend on our Breakfast & After School Clubs as well as strengthening our security.

We need to secure our grounds to deter any recurrence – including installing new gates and lowering the hedge height around our car park – and improve our vehicle security.

Usually we are fundraising for something fabulous which will enhance the experience of children in our care but this time it is for security and we have a GoFundMe page to raise funds to make it all happen. Just Google 'GoFundMe Sunflowers' to find the page.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed. If you would like to contribute but are not comfortable contributing online, please get in touch. What an amazing bunch you all are!

### **Our Wiltshire Councillor Writes**

The latest draft of the new Wiltshire Local Plan is now subject to a public consultation. There are drop in events being held across the county between 27 September and 22 November. The event most relevant to our area is being held at Marlborough Library on Monday 9 October between 3pm and 7pm. You can just turn up to this event without booking.

Alternatively there is an online webinar covering the whole of Wiltshire on Tuesday 10 October between 6.30pm and 8pm. You will need to register to take part in this event.

You can see a full description of the consultation process via the Wiltshire Council web site - **www.wiltshire.gov.uk**. Search Services, then Planning and building control and finally Planning policy (local plan).

Finally I am very pleased to say the Marlborough Library has reopened after the repair work that was needed to the library floor.

I am always available to help on any issue if I can, either at **stuart.wheeler@wilitshire.gov.uk** or on **07764 680252**.



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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 Shop	Wendy Skardon	07989 228864
Yoga	Tim Brew	07747 780898

#### **Mobile Library**

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

### **East Grafton Coronation Hall**

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# **Dates for your diary**

### **Planning Applications**

Application Ref: PL/2023/07710 Deadline: 13 October 2023 Application Type: Full Planning Permission Proposal: Demolition of barn and erection of new dwelling Site Address: Upper Farm, Wexcombe

Deadline: 20 October 2023 Application Ref: PL/2023/07547 Application Type: Listed Building Consent Proposal: **Replacement of existing windows** Site Address: Apple Tree Cottage, Hollow Lane, Wilton

## October

09	18:00	Grafton PC Planning Meeting	The Barn Manor Farm Wilton
16	13:15	Alzheimers Support Group	Coronation Hall
16	09:00	Bags2School	Sunflowers at Grafton
20	19:30	Wilton Windmill AGM	Coronation Hall

# November

04	17:30	Guy Fawkes Street Food	The Swan Inn
04	19:30	Fireworks Display	Wilton Water
12	10:45	Remembrance Service	War Memorial East Grafton
19	10:00	Wilton Windmill Hibernation	Wilton Windmill

# Local Clubs

Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
Horticultural Society	01672 810364Marijke 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

<b>Coronation Hall Regular</b>	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	Timmy B Yoga	19:00
Wednesday	Timmy B 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
Thursday	Timmy B Yoga	20:00
Monday (1st & 3rd week in month)	Alzheimer's Cafe	13:15
Tuesday (1st week in month)	Winter Warmers Lunch	12:30



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