



Community News

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Bus Services Update

There have been lots of changes in the bus services over recent months, with the final changes introduced on 30th October when the on-demand service extended to cover the rural area to the east of Marlborough to Hungerford.

In addition, there are new timetabled/semi-flexible services from 30th October:

100 Marlborough-Devizes

101 Pewsey-Devizes (Revised timetable)

110 Marlborough-Great Bedwyn-Hungerford

You can book your trip either through the Wiltshire Connect app or by calling **01225 712900**. You can travel to any pick up/drop off point in the area, which covers Pewsey, Marlborough, Devizes and Hungerford and the villages in-between.

All the villages in Grafton Parish have at least one pick up point for the bus: East Grafton - Lynden Close, Millstones and The Green
Wilton - The Swan Inn West Grafton - The Turn
Marten - Post Box Wexcombe - Bus Shelter

For more information and timetables go to
www.connectingwiltshire.co.uk



Thank You!

A glorious morning of coffee, cake, chat and laughter at our Coffee Morning on 29 September has raised over £300 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thanks to everyone who made a donation.



Feeling very grateful

Heartfelt thanks for the wonderful support received over the past six weeks.

In so many ways it has been business as usual at Sunflowers; busy nursery rooms; Breakfast & After School Clubs rolling on; plus the planning and operation of a super October half term holiday club. We were already busy managing all of this, then taking care of the implications of our minibus theft added an extra busy layer.

Just over £5,000 has been raised so far to fund enhanced security measures – mainly through our GoFundMe page*. A fabulous £500 was raised at our super Pumpkin Patch which was all made possible courtesy of David and the Manor Farm team. They are all absolute treasures for making this possible and we had a lot of fun making it happen. We are busy working out how to spend this money wisely and well.

News of the minibus theft spread far and wide following an article on Marlborough News Online and we found ourselves on BBC Radio Wiltshire and ITV West.

Thanks to everyone who packed up their unwanted clothes, bags, shoes and more and dropped them off for our recent Bag2School collection. The £160 raised will be spent on something fabulous to enhance the experience of the lovely little ones in our care.

* Would you like to contribute? Google 'GoFundMe Sunflowers' to find our fundraising page. But if you aren't comfortable contributing online please get in touch.

Winter Warmers Community Lunch

Tuesday 7th November 12.30pm at Coronation Hall

Boeuf Bourguignon, Mashed Potato, Vegetables
Blackberry and Apple Cobbler

To book your meal call Liz on **07831 545772**
or email liz@wexcombefarm.co.uk

Notification needed for any dietary requirements.
Transport and home delivery can be arranged if sufficient notice is given.

We do ask for a donation toward the cost of the lunch.

Future date 5th December 2023 - Traditional Christmas Meal

First Aid Training

If you are interested in joining a First Aid training session, then please email clerk@griftonparish.com



Planning Applications

Application Ref: PL/2023/08719 **Deadline:** 23 November 2023
Application Type: Full Planning Permission
Proposal: Replace existing windows, re-open two enclosed openings and insert matching windows.
Site Address: The Croft, Wilton, SN8 3SS

Wilton Windmill Hibernation

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 19 November from 10 am to 12 noon, with 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!

A Note from Our Wiltshire Councillor

You still have time to review and submit your comments on the draft Wiltshire Local Plan until 22 November. Go to wiltshire.gov.uk and on the Welcome page click planning and building control. On that page click the Planning policy (Local Plan) item which will open the relevant page. If you do not have online access then go to the library in Marlborough or Pewsey where the staff will be able to help you.

The next meeting of Pewsey Area Board is on 27 November at 7pm at Bouverie Hall in Pewsey will focus on Highway matters. Having received many emails relating to roads, drainage and other highway matters, this is a chance to have your say. In attendance and answering your questions will be Cllr Caroline Thomas who is Cabinet member responsible for Highway matters, the head of Highways and senior engineers. Everyone welcome to attend.

Cllr Stuart Wheeler

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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Remembrance Sunday

This service will be held outside by the War Memorial at St Nicholas' Church on Sunday 12 November at 10.45am

Savernake Team Creation Church

St Nicholas' Church in East Grafton on Sunday 12 November at 4pm. As well as the walk, there will be refreshments and a very short child-friendly remembrance service.

Stir Up Sunday

Always popular - Sunday 26 November at 4pm at St Nicholas' Church

Family Carol Service

Sunday 17 December at 3pm at St Nicholas' Church

Please note that the Christmas Day service will begin at 11am

Trees for Grafton Parish

Following the successful grant from Wessex Water, 16 mature trees have now been ordered for Wexcombe which include rowan, wild cherry, beech and lime.

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Mobile Library

Wiltshire Council has updated the Library Service's webpage - apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/librariesinformation/Library/Mobiles
The next mobile library is on Wednesday 15 November in East Grafton at the Coronation Hall from 11.40am to 12 noon.

East Grafton Coronation Hall

To book Coronation Hall or to find details on how to hire trestle tables visit: www.graftonparish.com or contact as follows:
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Dates for your diary

November

04	17:30	Guy Fawkes Street Food	The Swan Inn
04	19:30	Fireworks Display	Wilton Water
05	11:00	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Church
06	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Coronation Hall
07	12:30	Winter Warmers Lunch	Coronation Hall
12	10:45	Remembrance Service	War Memorial East Grafton
12	16:00	Creation Church Walk	St Nicholas' Church
15	11:40	Mobile Library	Coronation Hall
18	10:00	Wilton Wonderland	Manor Farm, Wilton
19	10:00	Wilton Windmill Hibernation	Wilton Windmill
26	16:00	Stir Up Sunday	St Nicholas' Church

December

05	12:30	Winter Warmers Christmas Lunch	Coronation Hall
17	16:00	Christmas Carol Service	St Nicholas' Church
25	11:00	Christmas Day 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 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	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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West Grafton: Annie **07802 923344**

Wilton: Tara **07833 320951**

Wexcombe: George **07786 332950**



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