



Community News

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DECEMBER 2023

Father Christmas in Grafton Parish



It's not long now until Father Christmas will be travelling around our Parish on his brightly decorated sleigh with festive music and lights!

Don't miss out on this traditional Christmas Eve celebration!

- 18:00 - Hollow Lane, Wilton
- 18:10 - Marten
- 18:20 - Wexcombe
- 18:45 - A338, East Grafton
- 19:00 - West Grafton
- 19:15 - Severalls & Lynden Close, East Grafton
- 19:20 - Duck Pond, Wilton

Father Christmas will be back on Christmas Day at The Swan at 12.45pm!

Parents: It is possible to arrange for your child to receive a present from Father Christmas when he visits The Swan. Talk to Bill or one of the team at The Swan for more information - 01672 870274.

Christmas Winter Warmers' Lunch

The Christmas Winter Warmers' Lunch is on Tuesday 5 December at 12.30pm in Coronation Hall.

Everyone is very welcome and if you are unable to come to the Coronation Hall, we are very happy to arrange a delivery to your door!

If you need more information please ring Liz on **07831 545772**.

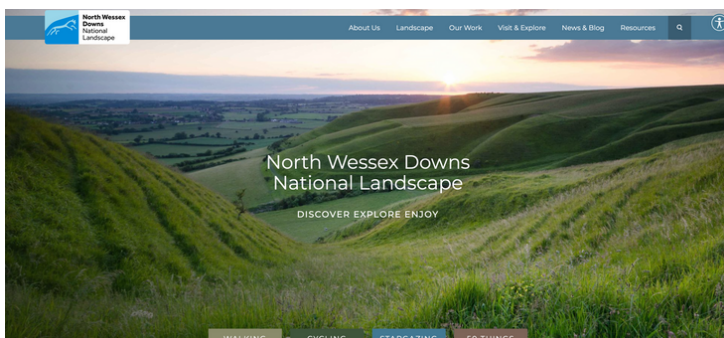
We look forward to seeing you.

Turkey with all the trimmings
Christmas Pudding

Please let Liz know if you have any dietary requirements.
Please note that January's Winter Warmers is on 9th January.

Name Change for Where We Live

Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty have been renamed to National Landscapes - so we now live in the North Wessex Downs National Landscape. This is part of a major rebranding programme across the country. You can find out more at national-landscapes.org.uk/



An Enormous Thank You!

The Community News team would like to thank everyone for their support and volunteer time during 2023.

We wish everyone in the Parish a very Happy Christmas and all the very best for 2024!



A most wonderful time of year ...

This is the week we start to get festive at Sunflowers!

Christmas jumpers are on and decorations are starting to go up. Secret squirrel crafts to make gifts for parents are underway and there will be lots of singing and visits to St Nicholas' Church in preparation for our nativity and Story & Sing-A-Long events. And as well as all that, we're getting ready for a party and a visit from Father Christmas. All very exciting!

Despite all of that, we always aim to wind down to Christmas rather than to wind up and finding moments of calm is important for us all - not just the little ones.



2023 will always be 'the year our minibus was stolen' and has underlined how very fortunate we are to be part of Grafton Parish. We have experienced such kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity and are grateful for your support - thank you.

Our very best sparkly Christmas wishes to you all.

Christmas & New Year - Bins & Recycling

Normal Collection Day	Revised Collection Day
Monday 25 December	Wednesday 27 December
Tuesday 26 December	Thursday 28 December
Wednesday 27 December	Friday 29 December
Thursday 28 December	Saturday 30 December
Monday 1 January	Wednesday 3 January
Wednesday 3 January	Friday 5 January
Monday 8 January	Tuesday 9 January
Tuesday 9 January	Wednesday 10 January
Wednesday 10 January	Thursday 11 January
Thursday 11 January	Friday 12 January

Chargeable Garden Waste collections will be suspended for the last week of December and the first week of January.

For more information, go to the Waste Collection Calendar - ilforms.wiltshire.gov.uk/WasteCollectionDays/index

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Thank you for your support as always.

First Aid Training

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

Trees for Grafton Parish

The Wexcombe trees have been delivered and are planned to be
planted on Saturday 2 December. If you would like to join us for
planting, we will be meeting on Saturday at 9.30am at Wexcombe bus
shelter. Bring a spade if you can! Holes will already be dug.

For more information, contact Susie Brew -
susie.brew@hotmail.co.uk or via WhatsApp.

Wilton Windmill Update



Thank you to everyone who helped put the Windmill
into hibernation in November.

A date for your diary is the annual Murder Mystery and
Hog Roast which will be on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16
June.

Activities for Christmas & New Year

Most of us feel the need to get outside and walk off some of the turkey
and mince pies over Christmas. You can find lots of walking routes and
downloadable guides at www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk/walkers-are-welcome. The Swan Inn also stocks the printed leaflets if you prefer
them.

At just over 77 miles in total, why not set yourself a challenge to do one
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Bicycle Repairs	Peter	07366 418484
B&B Grafton	Victoria Frost	07557 791604
Self Catering Grafton	Pip Browning	07884 453300
Self Catering Wilton	Millie Lemon	01672 870266
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Sunflowers at Grafton	Julie McLernon	01672 810478
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274
Pinckneys Farm Shop	Wendy Skardon	07989 228864
Visit Pewsey Vale	Susie Brew	07802 444022
Yoga	Tim Brew	07747 780898

Mobile Library

Information on the Mobile Library Service can be found at
apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/librariesinformation/Library/Mobiles
The next mobile library is on Wednesday 13 December at the
Coronation Hall in East Grafton from 11.40 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

December

03	11:00	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Church
05	12:30	Winter Warmers Christmas Lunch	Coronation Hall
11	19:00	A Concert of Christmas Music	St Mary's Church Great Bedwyn
17	16:00	Christmas Carol Service	St Nicholas' Church
23	09:30	Turkey & Christmas Collection	The Swan Inn, Wilton
24	18:00	Father Christmas starts his journey across the Parish	See Page 1 for timings and locations
25	11:00	Christmas Day Service	St Nicholas' Church
25	12:45	Father Christmas	The Swan Inn, Wilton

January

08	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Coronation Hall
09	12:30	Winter Warmers Lunch	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	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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