



# Community News

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## MARCH 2024

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### First Aid Training Course - Defibrillators

Grafton Parish Council are offering First Aid Training courses to anyone living in the Parish, with a focus on use of Defibrillators.

There are two sessions planned - 12 April and 28 April starting at 6pm at Coronation Hall. The sessions last around 90 minutes and cover CPR, the use of the Defibrillators and calling for help. Training is being provided by Louise Worsley of [worsleytraining.co.uk](http://worsleytraining.co.uk) and is fully funded by Grafton Parish Council.

There are 20 places available for each session, so if you would like to learn about CPR or refresh your own knowledge, please email [clerk@graftonparish.com](mailto:clerk@graftonparish.com) to book your place.



**Don't forget - Parish Litter Pick - Saturday 9 March at 11am**

Be part of the Great British Spring Clean.

Look out for WhatsApp chat next week with all the details for your village

### A Message from Wilton Windmill Society

Ever since I have been involved with the Mill, my first glimpse of her has always been from between the trees on Grafton-Wilton Avenue. A lovely rural vista.

The distress I felt was palpable when I drove down that road one day last Summer and found that the bulk of the trees had been felled on account of ash dieback.

The trees stood on the land of Farmer David Lemon and we, at the Mill, feel a huge and ongoing debt to him on account of the free and generous access he affords us to his field lying adjacent to the Mill. Having access to free and plentiful parking has made visits to the Mill and the staging of events so so much easier.

When I heard that the Parish were actively fund raising to help replace the felled trees I immediately felt that the Mill should help.

We have therefore donated £1000 to go towards the purchase of replacement trees on the Grafton-Wilton Avenue in the hope that future generations will once again enjoy that iconic view through these newly planted trees.

David Jackson - Chairman Wilton Windmill Society

### Grafton & District Horticultural Society

We start our 2024 programme with our AGM and an exhibition of water colour paintings and photographs of over 180 wildflower species found during walks around Wootton Rivers. The paintings are exquisite and they show what to look out for on your walks.

Our programme consists of 4 lectures held in the Coronation Hall at 7.30pm on 20 March, 17 April, 16 October and 20 November. From May to September we visit private gardens on the third Wednesday of the month.

Membership is £15 for the year; you may come as a guest for £3 per event - do join us.

For further information please call me on **07725 655230** - Marijke Craig

*Mothering Sunday  
Creation Church  
at  
St Nicholas' Church  
Sunday 10 March  
at 3pm*

*A short walk from St Nicholas,  
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Church to celebrate Mothering  
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### Planning Applications

**Application Ref:** PL/2024/01444 **Deadline:** 15 March 2024

**Application Type:** Householder Planning Permission

**Proposal:** Demolition of existing extension and erection of single storey extension to east elevation. Alterations to existing garage to create ground floor annexe accommodation.

**Site Address:** Honey Barn, Hollow Lane, Wilton, SN8 3SR

**Application Ref:** PL/2024/01567 **Deadline:** 18 March 2024

**Application Type:** Full Planning Permission

**Proposal:** Proposed new dwelling in rear garden

**Site Address:** Willow Cottage, 239, East Grafton, SN8 3DF



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The first Steaming Days of 2024 are Sunday  
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both days.



Book tickets online at [www.croftonbeamengines.org/events/](http://www.croftonbeamengines.org/events/) where  
you can also check to see other events and updates.

### Church News

Please join us for our 'Creation Church' walk and cakes to celebrate  
Mothering Sunday on 10 March at 3pm (see page 1).

On Saturday 30 March, there is a Team Easter Vigil Service at Tidcombe  
at 8pm.

There are no Easter Sunday services at East Grafton, Great Bedwyn or  
Tidcombe this year, but please enjoy visiting other churches in the area  
on Easter Sunday:

09:30 - Shalbourne - Holy Communion  
09:30 - Ham - Lay led service  
09:30 - Little Bedwyn - Holy Communion  
11:00 - Burbage - Family Communion  
11:00 - St Katharine's - Holy Communion

On Sunday 7th April, the Bishop of Ramsbury, Bishop Andrew, will be  
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## News from Sunflowers



In response to significant changes in the wraparound care landscape on both a national and local level, we have opened Breakfast at Bedwyn. This is a super collaboration with Great Bedwyn Primary School – for Sunflowers a great way to develop the wraparound care we offer in The TreeHouse and for school to benefit of a breakfast club on site.

At home in East Grafton our successful After School Clubs continue along with Breakfast Club for Burbage Primary School. If you have a background in education and an interest in wraparound care we'd love to talk to you about helping to further develop our wraparound care.

The various measures we have taken to strengthen security around our grounds are looking a bit more obvious now that our new gates and fencing are in. Along with the (fairly drastic) work to reduce the height and depth of the hedge carried out in January, our frontage is looking very much smarter. More importantly it has significantly opened up our grounds - which was the objective – all small steps towards strengthening security.

Recruitment is front of mind: you can see our advert for Breakfast at Bedwyn on the front page; we're looking for help to develop our wraparound care; and for qualified early years professionals for our nursery rooms.

You may know that in our nursery rooms we are required to maintain minimum adult:child ratios, for example 1 adult for every 3 babies and tots under 2 years old. But alongside this we also have to maintain ratios of qualified:unqualified team members.

Finding wonderful early years professionals is difficult and we need your help. Do you know a fabulous someone who works (or has worked) in early years? Can you nudge them towards Sunflowers? We are a straightforward, comfortable, kind place to be – for all of our children, their families and for our team.

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The next mobile library is on Wednesday 6 March 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](http://www.graftonparish.com) or contact as follows:  
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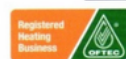
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# Dates for your diary

## March

03	11:00	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Church
04	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Coronation Hall
05	12:30	Winter Warmers Lunch	Coronation Hall
06	11:40	Mobile Library	Coronation Hall
09	10:30	Winter Works Open Day	Crofton Beam Engines
09	11:00	Parish Litter Pick	All Villages
10	16:00	Mothering Sunday Creation Church	St Nicholas' Church
20	19:30	Grafton Horticultural Society	Coronation Hall
31	10:00	Easter Steaming Weekend	Crofton Beam Engines
31	14:00	First day of the 2024 season	Wilton Windmill

## April

01	10:00	Easter Steaming Weekend	Crofton Beam Engines
01	14:00	Open for guided tours	Wilton Windmill
02	12:30	Winter Warmers Lunch	Coronation Hall
03	11:40	Mobile Library	Coronation Hall

## Local Clubs

Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig
Crofton Beam Engines	crofton@katrust.org.uk
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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