

# Community News

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# **APRIL 2024**

### **Not Again!**

As this edition was being put together, the sad and distressing news came that the Sunflowers' minibus had again been stolen on Monday 1 April overnight and was reported on fire at 02:00 on Tuesday 2 April near East Kennet. Our thoughts are with the dedicated team at Sunflowers. If anyone saw or heard anything suspicious or odd on Monday night, then do let the Police and Sunflowers know.

#### **Police & Crime Commissioner Election**

The election for Police & Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire is on Thursday 2 May. The doors of Coronation Hall will be open from 07:00 to 22:00.

You will need to take photo ID with you if you are voting in person. In addition to passports and driving licences, there is a long list of accepted forms of photo id which you can find on the Electoral Commission's website - www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections

### **Date for your Diary!**

The annual inter-village rounders event will be on the evening of Friday 7 June. More information to follow.



### 2024 at Wilton Windmill

Wilton Windmill and the Granary Museum are now open on Sundays and Bank Holidays from 2pm to 5pm until 29 September for guided tours and refreshments.

Visitors are most welcome to bring their own picnics. The site, of course, remains open for picnickers throughout the year even when the mill is closed. And so does the portaloo!

Events this year include the return of the popular Smoke and Mirrors Theatre Company with their not-wholly serious Murder Mystery on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 June. This year it's Burying the Hatchet – a story of skulduggery in a Michelin starred restaurant in Wiltshire. It's a memorable way to spend a summer evening and comes complete with our own gourmet hog-roast and well-stocked bar.

Other events include National Mills Weekend on 11 and 12 May, as well as an Open Day in July and a Vintage Car Meet in August. As usual we'll be taking part in the National Heritage Open Days on 14 and 15 September. More information at **www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk** 

### **Grafton Parish Council AGM**

The Grafton Parish Council AGM is on Monday 13 May at 19:30 at Coronation Hall.

Local clubs and organisations are invited to provide an update for the year. If you haven't been before and would like to provide an update for your group or organisation, then email <a href="mailto:clerk@graftonparish.com">clerk@graftonparish.com</a> so you can be added to the list.

If you have been invited in previous years, then look out for an email from Grafton Parish Council.

Everyone in the Parish is very welcome to attend - it is an opportunity to find out what is going on and to catch up.

Refreshments will be available.

#### **Wessex Water Environment Fund Grants**

Wiltshire Community Foundation has announced the launch of this year's Wessex Water Environment Fund Grants.

Parish and Town Councils, as well as schools, community groups and charities, are eligible to apply for this funding and the application process opens on 22 April 2024.

The Wessex Water Foundation Environment Fund supports charitable and community activities that improve local biodiversity or have a positive impact on the environment for local people. Applications must demonstrate one or more of the following outcomes:

- Involving communities in environmental activities that benefit their local area
- Restoring, maintaining or enhancing the local natural environment
- Engaging people in supporting the local natural environment Priorities for this programme are:
  - Reducing water use
  - Improving environmental sustainability in the local area
  - Improving local biodiversity

These grants are only open to projects delivered in areas served by Wessex Water. Applications close on 17 May 2024. More information and details of how to apply are available here:

https://www.wiltshirecf.org.uk/grants-andsupport/groups/wessex-water-environment-fund/

### **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** 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** to book your place.

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### **Planning Applications**

**Application Ref:** PL/2024/00489 Deadline: 8 April 2024 Application Type: Householder Planning Permission Proposal: Construction of garage, shed and greenhouse and

application of lime render to existing cottage

Site Address: Apple Tree Cottage, 210 Hollow Lane, Wilton,

Marlborough, SN8 3SR

Application Ref: PL/2024/02613 Deadline: 15 April 2024 **Application Type:** Householder Planning Permission Proposal: Replacement conservatory on existing base and proposed rear garden room following demolition of existing

Site Address: The Manor, Marten, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 3SJ

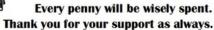
### **News from Burbage Surgery**

Covid Clinics will take place at Burbage Surgery on Monday afternoons and evenings from 22 April. Contact the surgery for more information www.theburbagesurgery.co.uk - 01672 810566.

Those eligible this time around are adults aged 75 years and over (including those who turn 75 years old by 30 June 2024) and individuals aged 18 and over who are immunosuppressed.



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Visit Crofton Beam Engines for Drive It Day on Sunday 21 April 10:30 to 16:30



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The site is open to the public as normal, so everyone is welcome to see the Grade I Listed Engine House and Engines, as well as a display of classic cars. Refreshments available.

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### **Winter Warmers**

The final Winter Warmers of the season will be on Tuesday 7 May at 12:30 at Coronation Hall and will resume in the autumn. The menu sounds delicious - Spring Roast Chicken followed by Rhubarb Crumble and Custard

### **Opportunity for Greening Your Property**

From Emma Dawnay in Wexcombe Are you thinking about installing heat pumps or solar cells but don't know where to start?

People in Wiltshire can now get a grant of £500 towards the cost of an extensive survey which helps to identify what measures make most sense for your house to save energy bills and/or to reduce carbon emissions - see www.futureproof.uk.net/our-services for information.

I was intrigued and had a survey carried out for my home. Firstly, I filled out Future Proof's online form and they responded a few days later with a quote for carrying out the survey. The price varies according to how big the property is, and includes the grant Future Proof can get for doing the survey. For my quite large home it was a few hundred pounds, for smaller homes the grant completely covers the cost. Future Proof organised a surveyor to come round a couple of weeks later to survey the house, how we use it and what I wanted to achieve (e.g. cost savings, reducing carbon footprint).

About a week later I received a report identifying what the energy losses and carbon footprint are now, and how these would likely change for several different scenarios of improvements, each with more or less disruption and cost. For me, the clear next steps are to better insulate one of the attics and to cut down on air leaks.

I would highly recommend this survey to anyone thinking about undertaking improvement works, and I would be happy to be contacted by anyone who'd like to find out more.

Emma Dawnay (emma.dawnay@gmail.com)





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Information on the monthly Mobile Library Service can be found at apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/librariesinformation/Library/Mobiles The next mobile library is on Wednesday 1 May 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**

## **April**

08	18:00	Grafton Parish Council Planning Meeting	Tithe Barn, Manor Farm, Wilton
12	18:00	First Aid / Defibrillator Training	Coronation Hall
21	10:30	Drive-It Day	Crofton Beam Engines
28	18:00	First Aid / Defibrillator Training	Coronation Hall

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01	11:40	Mobile Library	Coronation Hall		
02	07:00	Police & Crime Commissioner Election	Coronation Hall		
05	11:00	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Church		
07	12:30	Winter Warmers Lunch	Coronation Hall		
13	19:30	Grafton Parish Council AGM	Coronation Hall		
11	14:00	National Mills Weekend	Wilton Windmill		
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# **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

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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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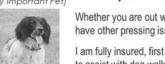
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Wexcombe: George 07786 332950

Marten: Richard 07795 636767 Wilton: Tara 07833 32095



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