



# Community News

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## MAY 2024

### Rounders Challenge 2024 - Friday 7 June

Come along to this popular community event on East Grafton village green. It's not long before it will be here so start practicing your bat and ball skills and mustering a team! If you don't fancy playing, come along anyway. Shout from the side lines, enjoy meeting up with old friends and make new ones – and at the same time demolish some BBQ food and enjoy a glass or two!

#### Programme

18:00 – Teams gather and rounders kicks off  
18:30-21:00 - BBQ / Cake Stall / Bar  
20:00 - 80 second silence, Grafton Parish will show its respect for the 80 year D-Day Anniversary

#### The Teams

There will be at least 5 village teams, three knockout rounds and a grand final! Medals and trophies will be awarded with lots of opportunity to get those competitive juices running!

**Wilton** (Red Team) - David Lemon

**East/West Grafton** (Blue Team) - TBA / Natalie Neal

**Marten** (White Team) - Lucy Pash

**Wexcombe** (Green Team) - Gabby Walker

Sign up for your teams via WhatsApp; as far as possible each village will wear their unique team colours - as an aid towards corralling participants! And have your face painted to match. If you arrive on the evening and want to join in, don't worry, we'll find a way for you to play.

While you are not playing there's plenty else going on:

- Film night for little ones at 19:15 in Coronation Hall
- Table tennis and table football outside the Coronation Hall
- Face painting in your village colours
- BBQ sausages and pulled pork, veggie option, cakes, ice cream, wine, soft drinks and beers!

This is principally a community event organised by the Parish Council and therefore our aim is to cover our costs by charging minimum prices only for food and drink. Any surplus funds will be donated towards the Church floor repairs.

#### Volunteers Please!

Please text or WhatsApp Annie on 07802 923344 if you can offer a bit of your time. Perhaps make a tray-bake, man the BBQ or the bar, and help with the setting up or the clearing up? All offers will be very much appreciated.

For last minute details do check your village WhatsApp groups.

### Date for Your Diary

The Wilton Windmill Open Day will be on Sunday 21st July. Cakes and volunteers to help will be most welcome!



Please use this QRcode to donate towards the upkeep and running of St Nicholas' church.

Every penny will be wisely spent.

Thank you for your support as always.



### Grafton Parish Council AGM

The Grafton Parish Council AGM will be held at Coronation Hall on Monday 13 May starting at 19:30.

Local clubs and organisations will provide an update on their past years activities. If you haven't been before and would like to provide an update for your group or organisation, then email [clerk@grafftonparish.com](mailto:clerk@grafftonparish.com) so you can be added to the list.

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

Refreshments will be available.

### Respecting the 80 year D-Day Anniversary

Grafton Parish will be taking part in the National commemorations in the following ways:

#### Thursday 06 June

18:30 - a peal of bells will ring out from St Nicholas Church.

21:15 - a Beacon will be lit on Wexcombe Down; if you would like to go <https://w3w.co/share.newsreel.wakes> will take you there.

#### Friday 07 June

20:00 - an 80-second silence will be held at the Rounders Challenge, followed by a peal of bells from St Nicholas Church.

### First Aid Training Course - Defibrillators

Two courses were held at Coronation Hall during April run by Louise Worsley of [www.worsleytraining.co.uk](http://www.worsleytraining.co.uk) and funded by the Parish Council. Both sessions were very well attended with 36 participants learning about CPR and how to use the Defibrillator machines. Everyone who attended left feeling confident in the use of the both delivering CPR and the use of the machines.

Do you know where the defibrillators are in your Village? Exact locations can be found on [www.grafftonparish.com](http://www.grafftonparish.com) as well as [www.defibfinder.co.uk](http://www.defibfinder.co.uk) for ours and countrywide locations.

If you were not able to attend and would like your name to be added to the waiting list for the next session, do please register your interest by emailing [clerk@grafftonparish.com](mailto:clerk@grafftonparish.com).

Grafton Parish thank Louise for the great training she has provided.

### Gigaclear Works



Even though we were taken by surprise by the arrival of Gigaclear on The Green; it is a great result for East Grafton and Wilton to have full fibre broadband on the doorstep, and well worth any disruption.

Wexcombe and Marten already have full fibre due to Village action a few years ago, which leaves only West Grafton not to be connected from this installation. Fill-in works between villages will occur in the future, once further Government funding has been received.

When it is fully installed a broadband checker will show full fibre options for our postcodes. You should be able to move to a full fibre package with your existing or new provider (subject to any tie-in you may have).

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## Planning Applications

**Application Ref:** PL/2024/03472 **Deadline:** 20 May 2024  
**Application Type:** Householder Planning Permission  
**Proposal:** Proposed conversion of existing rear outbuilding into ancillary accommodation  
**Site Address:** Foxglove Cottage, 267-268 The Green, East Grafton, Marlborough, Wilts, SN8 3DB

## Knocked sideways ... but not down!

The theft and destruction of our second minibus on Easter Monday knocked us sideways. Since then we have been buoyed by many kind messages and offers of help which have combined to create a great big hug around us. Thank you all.



It is hard to believe that we have had 2 vehicles stolen in 7 months and means that we have some serious thinking and planning to do on how we recover and move forward positively. We now have ahead of us a significant period of fundraising. The vehicle stolen at Easter was owned by Sunflowers and so our fundraising pot is started with the insurance claim, but this is by no means the full amount to fill the empty parking spot and activity is underway to explore funding and grants. Alongside this we need to consider how we layer additional security measures.

These thefts have been dreadful but we are managing through the consequences and are delighted that we have been able to avoid any significant impact on our service levels across nursery, wraparound care and holiday clubs. Onwards and upwards!

## JOBS!

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## BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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## GET IN TOUCH ...

Come and talk to us about current opportunities. Contact Sue or Alison  
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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 - but they will be back in the Autumn.

This months menu is:

Spring Roast Chicken followed by Rhubarb Crumble and Custard

## Our Doctor Writes - Burbage Surgery Update



### Covid Spring Boosters

Clinics are planned here at the Surgery on the afternoons/evenings of the 10 & 13 May. Please book via the NHS App or online if you can, [www.theburbagesurgery.co.uk](http://www.theburbagesurgery.co.uk) or do call reception.

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

### Surgery News

We are excited to welcome two lovely new staff members:

Lisa who has joined the reception/ admin team and is currently training to do phlebotomy clinics, and Caroline who is working both in the dispensary and reception/admin team. Please be patient with them while they are new and getting used to the systems. There is a huge amount for them to learn!

We also have 2 very experienced Clinical Pharmacists working closely with us, Rima and Shalini. They help us on Tuesdays and Thursdays by dealing with your medication queries and carrying out your medication reviews - which are done over the phone. Please call us if you would like us to book you in with them. You can also now book them online with for a telephone medication review if you get a recall on your repeat slip when you collect your prescription. They are not based here in the surgery so please do not attend for any appointments. They will call you and deal with it by phone.

### Prescription Ordering

Please allow plenty of time when re-ordering your medication. With all the Bank Holidays we lose days available for processing them, so ideally need a week's notice.

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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

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# Dates for your diary

## May

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
12	14:00	National Mills Weekend	Wilton Windmill

## June

02	11:00	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Church
06	21:15	D-Day Beacon	Wexcombe Down
07	18:00	Parish Rounders	Grafton Village Green
15	19:00	Murder Mystery & Hog Roast	Wilton Windmill
16	19:00	Murder Mystery & Hog Roast	Wilton Windmill
29	10:00	Steaming Weekend	Crofton Beam Engines
30	10:00	Steaming Weekend	Crofton Beam Engines

## 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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