



'Kings at Grafton'

All ages are welcomed at
St Nicholas' Church
at **4.15pm** on Sunday **22 December**
to take part in a special Carol Service.



This service is based upon the world renowned
'Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols' which is
performed and broadcast annually on Christmas Eve
from Kings College Chapel, Cambridge

Our service features:
Bedwyn Millenium Choir
Choral Director & Conductor, Fiona McArthur
Organist David Stewart

Readers
Members of the Parish

The congregation are invited to join the choir for refreshments in the
Coronation Hall after the service.

A staffed crèche will be provided for the duration of the service in the
Coronation Hall.

Christmas greetings and all good wishes for 2014 from the CN Team and all of our volunteers

Look out for Father Christmas on Christmas Eve as he travels
around Grafton Parish. This traditional tour, on the brightly
decorated sleigh with music and lights, is a highlight of the
holiday! We are very honoured to be visited by this busy person
and his cheerful elf - don't miss this event!



Christmas Eve! Santa's journey begins...

6pm Hollow Lane Wilton
6.45pm East Grafton

6.15pm Marten 6.30pm Wexcombe
7pm Duck Pond Wilton

There have recently been some changes to speed limits in the
Parish. This has not been previously reported because Wiltshire
Council did not consult locally beforehand. These changes to
parts of the A338 and West Grafton are not in line with the
Parish Council's priorities which remain as Marten, Wilton and
East Grafton Green. All are welcome to the next Parish Council
meeting 9 January where this and other issues will be discussed.

You will see that work has commenced in the area around the
War Memorial so please take care when walking or driving in this
area. Copies of the "Men of Grafton" book are still available
(post a note into the hall letterbox to order) if you require a copy
for a Christmas stocking.

Thank you to all those who returned the questionnaire (August
edition of Community News) on the Playing Field. The Parish
Council is in the process of sourcing equipment ready for
Summer 2014.

Christmas tree collection and disposal - Sunflowers at Grafton, Pre School & Nursery, ask for a donation for this service. Not quite
the "top of the list" activity prior to 25 December but nevertheless an important part of the Christmas Festivities! Take your tree, with your
donation firmly attached if you have to leave it for collection, to one of the drop off points at the specified time listed or contact Caroline on
tel: **07974 400 228** or email: caroline@thornacre.co.uk

Sunday 5 January collection timetable. 9.15am Swan Pub Car Park, 9.30am Wilton Duck Pond, 9.45am Lynden Close (by no. 8),
10.00am The Severalls (grass area), 10.15am, Hungerford Road (car park at front), 10.30am Marten (phone box), 10.45am Wexcombe
(bus shelter), 11.00am Grafton Green, 11.15am Sunflowers at Grafton, 11.30am West Grafton (please call to arrange)



Burns Night

at the

Coronation Hall



Get your tartans and dancing shoes at
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Celebrate Burns Night at The Coronation
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on Saturday 25 January

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See notice boards for times and
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Christmas at Sunflowers



Thank you very much to everyone who supported our recent Christmas
Fayre. It was a great afternoon with lovely stalls to browse, a super
tombola (sold out after just an hour!), delicious cakes, pony rides and
of course, a wonderful grotto to visit Father Christmas. We raised just
over £500 for new resources which is fantastic.

There have been festive activities galore over the past couple of weeks
and a great deal of paint and glitter has been used to make some
fabulous creations.

Our little ones are now busy rehearsing for our

Christmas Service and Nativity

which will take place on

Friday 20 December 4.30pm at St Nicholas' Church.

There will be plenty of singing and lots of fun and you are very
welcome to join us.

St Nicholas' Reports

The Remembrance Service, led by Michael Walsh, began outside the Church around the War Memorial where people from the parish laid wreaths in memory of all those who fell in the two world wars. Children planted a cross around the memorial for each man from the parish who had lost his life in battle. After the 2 minutes silence everyone moved into Church to continue the Service of Remembrance.

Our Stir up Sunday Service was held in the Coronation Hall where all the children were invited by Michael McHugh, our Vicar, to stir the pudding mixture whilst chanting "Stir up we beseech thee, the pudding in pot, and when we get home we'll eat the lot"

This was followed by hymns and prayers and finally tea, coffee and mince pies. There was a variety of homemade Christmas decorations for sale, made by Patricia Knowles, to raise money urgently needed for Church repairs.

Thank you to all those involved. Martin Butt, Church Warden

New Year's Eve firework precautions - a reader writes

Last New Year's Eve a lot of fireworks were set off very close to the thatched cottages on the Green in East Grafton. It caused great anxiety to the owners as open flames and sparks are extremely dangerous when in the proximity of thatched roofed houses. It would be greatly appreciated therefore if people could refrain from setting off fireworks on New Year's Eve close to any buildings, but in particular those that are thatched.

Windmill AGM & Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the Gastronicks Christmas Fair on Thursday 5 December, helping to raise funds for Wilton Windmill. The Windmill Society AGM took place in the evening and was well attended by members and friends of the Society. Peter Lemon, Chairman, thanked everyone for their hard work during 2013 which had been a very successful year, no doubt aided by the fine weather. The Windmill Open Day will take place on Saturday 5 July 2014. If anyone would like to get involved in the Wilton Windmill Society, please email secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk or call **01672 870202**. For further information, visit the website www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk

It's quiz time!

The annual Wilton Windmill Quiz is now available. If you have never done this before, it's an absolute must-have for entertaining the family over the festive season – the cryptic clues and word puzzles will keep everyone's brains working in the midst of the excesses of food and drink.

It's great fun and only £1 to purchase – you won't get better entertainment value! Not only that, but there is a first prize of £20 and a lucky draw from all returned answer sheets for one prize of £10.

To obtain a quiz sheet, pick up a copy at The Swan in Wilton or at Great Bedwyn Post Office or send a stamped addressed envelope, plus £1 (or 2 second class stamps as equivalent) to Paul Harvey, The Poplars, Little Bedwyn, Near Marlborough, Wiltshire. SN8 3JP

Note that the closing date for entries is 5 January 2014 (please refer to the quiz sheet) and the answers will be available on the Wilton Windmill website (www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk) after that date.

Happy Christmas Quizzing!

NEWS IN BRIEF

Christmas Disruption on the Railways

- There will be rail replacement buses operating between Reading/Reading West and Theale from Friday 27 to Monday 30 December. On every day except Sunday, customers wishing to continue their journey to Newbury/Bedwyn will be served by a train every hour from Theale
- On Sunday 29 December, there will be an hourly rail replacement bus from Reading/Reading West to Theale. From Theale, there will be a two hourly service to Newbury (calling at all stations) with alternate trains going to Bedwyn (calling at Thatcham, Newbury then all stations to Bedwyn)
- On Tuesday 31 December and Wednesday 1 January 2014 there will be two trains per hour between Reading and Newbury. Trains continue hourly from Newbury to Bedwyn

Jack and the Beanstalk

The November production was such a success at the Hall that the Committee has booked the same company to bring 'Jungle Book' to Grafton Parish in June 2014! So put Saturday 28 June in your diaries. The performance will be early evening either preceded or followed by a family barbecue. The touring company have promised a 'workshop' for older children giving them the opportunity to dress up, look at the scenery and how it all works, and perhaps even give a little show themselves!

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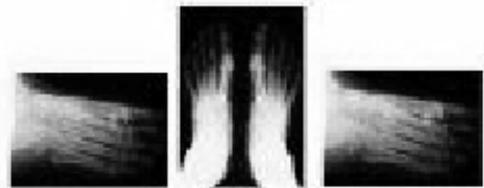
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Katie Bluff

BSc(HONS)Pod,SRCh,MCHs

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Our Doctor Writes

Just before sitting down to write this edition the weather forecaster has just announced that we are heading for a really cold snap. The weather really impacts on all of our health but some more than others. In the UK in cold spells we see an increase in two specific types of ill health, hypothermia and injury. Despite living in our modern society the elderly, especially, die from the cold and this is preventable. This winter with the price of energy increasing as it has done is likely to add to the risks for the elderly. This is not just where people can't afford to pay their energy bills but also where there is a belief that it is too expensive as well. Diogenes syndrome is a condition where elderly people live in self imposed deprivation, and often hoard, despite often having very healthy bank balances. Whilst the full blown syndrome is thankfully quite rare more minor manifestations such as decisions not to put the heating on or food going uneaten in the fridge is not.

What can we do in our communities? Being aware that it is a potential problem is a great first step. There is help available, in particular in the shape of the Warm Front Programme. Mary Soellner (Wiltshire Good Neighbours) works locally to help to improve the wellbeing of our older population. If you are concerned about anyone in particular please tell your doctor. If you want to contact Mary her telephone number is on page 4.

Turning to injuries, these too are often preventable. Simply making the decision not to go out on severe weather days is particularly effective for us all but the elderly in particular. Having a small supply of food such as long life milk is a good plan. If you do need to venture out in snow and ice then devices to fit on shoes to decrease the slipping and sliding can be particularly helpful as can making sure that your car and its contents are made ready for winter. I'm sure everyone is aware how much concern there is this winter about the ability for A&E to cope. There is no simple solution to this but we can all do our bit and make a difference this winter by trying to avoid cold related problems in the first place.

If you are in a high risk group and haven't had your flu jab yet it's not too late!

Finally, from all of us at Great Bedwyn Surgery, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and above all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Very best wishes to each and every one of you. Dr Tim Ballard

Grafton Parish rubbish collection Christmas timetable

- Thursday **26 December** - No collections
- Saturday **28 December**
Plastic bottles and cardboard recycling
Black box recycling
- Saturday **4 January**
Household waste

There are no collections scheduled for garden waste during this period

A new YOGA CLASS - ready for a new start in 2014!

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Dates for your diary

All events take place in the Coronation Hall unless otherwise specified. St N refers to St Nicholas' Church.

Bookings **01672 810406** or hall@graftonparish.com
Please leave landline contact numbers wherever possible

DECEMBER

20	16.30	Christmas at Sunflowers	St N
22	16.15	Carols at Grafton (followed by) Mince Pies & Mulled Wine	St N
24	18.00	Santa's journey begins	Various
25	11.00	Holy Communion	St N

JANUARY

05	11.00	Holy Communion	St N
09	18.30	Parish Council public meeting	
12	18.00	Evensong	St N
15	12.00	Winter warmer lunch	
19	11.00	Holy Communion	St N
25		Burns Night	
26	11.00	Family Worship	St N

Next Pewsey Area Board meeting
13 January 7pm Woodborough Social club

Christmas services which are held in neighbouring churches are available on www.graftonparish.com

Mobile library

18 December 15,29 January - Coronation Hall 11.30

Regular weekly dates for your diary

Please check for full details with the relevant organiser.
Contact details are on page 4.

MONDAY

CIRCUIT & FITNESS

Henrietta MacKinnon  09.30 to 10.30 Monday

TUESDAY



ZUMBA

09.30 to 10.30 Tuesday

Marlborough Multiples

15.00 to 16.30
Alternate Tuesdays

YOGA



19.30 to 21.00 Tuesday

WEDNESDAY

CIRCUIT & FITNESS

Henrietta MacKinnon  09.15 to 10.15 Wednesday



C.A.P. Dance & Fitness
Various classes for all ages between 15.30 and 19.00

THURSDAY



Baby and toddler group
10.00 to 11.30 Thursday

FRIDAY

PILATES

09.30 TO 10.25

KARATE CLASS

Children only 16.00 to 17.00

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Business based in the Parish: 1 line listing - Free.
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Useful contacts

Societies/Clubs/Organisations: 1 line free entry
Email news@graftonparish.com to be listed below.

Bingo	hall@graftonparish.com
Church flowers/clean	01672 810072 Patricia Knowles
Circuit/fitness Training	01672 810266 Hen Mackinnon
Community News	news@graftonparish.com
Coronation Hall	01672 810406 hall@graftonparish.com
County Councillor	01672 810285 Stuart Wheeler
Cricket Club	pack.andy@googlemail.com
Dance and Fitness	07746 479345 Charlotte Price
Grafton Goslings	graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk
Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig
Karate	07775 510143 Darren Pettifer
Link Scheme	01672 870120
Marlborough Multiples	07967 835831 Amber
Member of Parliament	01380 729358 Claire Perry
Parish Council	01672 810406 Alison Halfpenny
PCC Secretary	01672 870266 Millie Lemon
Pilates	0779 4412685 Vicki Diwell
Police emergency	999 or 112
Police non emergency	101 ext 745818 M Camilleri
Sunflowers at Grafton	01672 810478 Lyndsey Turner
Wiltshire Good Neighbours	07557 110418 Mary Soellner
Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
Yoga	01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt
Zumba	07747 617199 Lau Vergara

Local commercial listing

B&B West Grafton	Angie Orsich	01672 810339
Baby sitting/odd jobs	Tom Nield	01672 870196
Beauty & wellbeing	Amanda Toon	01672 811677
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Double glazing repairs	David Willcocks	01672 811979
Furniture	Holgate & Pack	01672 870887
Gardening	Sue Upham	01672 810526
Grafton Garage	Tony Gilbert	07845 006890
Hair and Beauty	Katherine Le Bon	07770 945307
Hat Hire	Victoria Frost	01672 810386
Holiday Cottages (local)	Mary Rhodes	01672 870659
Kindling	Jo Harman	01672 810673
Logs/tree surgeon	Jeremy Hawkins	07980 536156
Odd jobs/gardening	Dan Oakey	07783 644405
Painting & Decorating	Neil Anderson	01264 731362
Pest Control	Julie Wilson	01672 811479
Printing clothing/signs	GraphicSignsandDesign@gmail.com	
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274
Usborne Books	Trish Highnett	07775 941646



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