

Welcome to the February Community News

Whilst the Winter weather lingers on, there are plenty of events and activities taking place over the next few weeks. We hope to see you out and about.

21 February 7.15pm Annual Parish Meeting at the Coronation Hall

Everyone is welcome to come and hear what has been going on within local organisations during the last year in our Parish. With Parish Council elections on 2 May our meeting has been brought forward. It is an ideal opportunity to see whether you would be able to contribute to the workings of your Parish Council. For further information on registering an expression of interest for nomination/election please go to the following link www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/elections/forthcomingelections. See page 4 for details on road speed project.

Important notice

On the morning of Wednesday 13 February members of the Sunflowers at Grafton team arrived to discover empty cans of cider, roll-up ends and the remains of a fire which had been lit next to a wooden shelter which sits very close to our building. The fire, which was made up of items from a recycling bin, could have got dangerously out of control with horrible consequences for both people and building. For this reason the incident has been reported to the police and we would ask that anyone with any information please get in touch.

Our considerate community access policy does not include using the Sunflowers at Grafton grounds for these purposes. It may be that young people are responsible and we appeal to all parents of young people across the parish to please talk to them to share our concerns about this incident and ask that they please do not use the grounds in this way. With thanks from the Sunflowers at Grafton team.

St Nicholas' Church***Easter Lilies***

Make sure that you order your remembrance lilies in good time. Easter is a time to remember loved ones who have died and a lily is a fitting expression of remembrance. Lilies costs £2.50 and can be ordered from Sally Butt **01672 810743**

Transport to and from Church

Anyone in the Parish who would like to come to Church and for one reason or another finds transport difficult, please phone June Pearson **01672 811997**. A member of the PCC will be pleased to give you a lift to Church and deliver you safely home afterwards.

The PCC electoral roll

Please contact Liz Hosier at e.hosier@farming.co.uk to add your name to the list to show your support for our church.

Annual Parish Church Meeting

Following the family service on 28 April at St Nicholas' Church. Everyone is welcome.

Leading the prayers in Church

If you would like lead prayers there will be training offered 7, 14 and 21 March in Burbage (free of charge). Contact Millie Lemon at Camilla.lemon@btinternet.com

The Mothering Sunday

The service at 11.30 on 10 March is where all the children present posies to Mums and Grans. This half hour service is a family celebration.

**Grafton Parish BiG Tidy up
- it's back!****Saturday 9 March, 10.30am**

Join us to litter pick in and around each of our parish villages to help keep our corner of the county looking lovely! You are all very welcome - please bring a sturdy pair of gloves - gardening gloves are ideal. We'll provide everything else.

Meeting points:

East Grafton – Sunflowers at Grafton
West Grafton – parish notice board
Wilton – opposite the duck pond
Wexcombe – bus stop
Marten - parish notice board

This is a community event organised by Sunflowers at Grafton

**The Parish celebrates the contribution made by Goff Beese on both the Parochial Church Council and the Parish Council**

On 27 January, following the Family service in St Nicholas' church, the congregation gathered to thank Goff for all he has done both as a Parish Councillor and as a Church Warden at St Nicholas Church.

Freeman of Grafton Parish, Peter Lemon, unveiled the bench which is presented "As an acknowledgement of Goff's life time of service and in gratitude for all he has done to enrich the lives of his fellow parishioners, the Parochial Church Council and Parish Council have great pleasure in presenting this bench to commemorate all Goff's contributions to the Parish."

It is hoped that all those who use the bench for a quiet rest and reflection whilst visiting the Church and Parish grounds will enjoy the views whilst appreciating all that Goff has done for the Parish.

Goff has asked the Community News to publish his very grateful thanks for this very personal gesture. Goff is very touched by all the kind and warm words and has thoroughly enjoyed his involvement with both the Parish and the Church.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Mobile Library changes

The Mobile Library now stops only at Coronation Hall at 11.30am on alternate Wednesdays and no longer stops in Marten. It is definitely a case of use it or lose it – and it is amazing how using the Mobile Library and online services can make borrowing books easier and more convenient. For example you can order books online to collect from the mobile library and return or renew any library books at the mobile library. You can renew books and download digital books on line or renew books by phone **0844 4142270**

Bedwyn Train services

Hungerford Town Council has set up an e-petition stating “We the undersigned petition the DfT to retain all the current direct services between Bedwyn, Hungerford, Kintbury to Reading and London Paddington.” see <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/45021>

Potholes on roads

With recent snow and excessive rain, our roads and lanes are looking a bit of a mess! To report defects in the roads or blocked road drains log the issue on Wiltshire Council's website wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets or call **0800 232323**

Getting the most from your computer

Help is at hand for people who need help with their computer skills thanks to the Pewsey Youth Council. The group can help people to get the most from their computers at sessions held on Saturday mornings between 10am and 1pm in Pewsey Library. These sessions are open to everyone and are free of charge but you must book a slot. For more information, ask in Pewsey Library, email pewseyyouthcouncil@hotmail.co.uk or call **01672 562265**.

Apprenticeship Week - 11 to 15 March

Wiltshire Council is running a 'Have a Go' Skills Event on Tuesday 12 March at Salisbury Racecourse, SP2 8PN from 10am to 6pm. The event provides a free and practical way of promoting and demonstrating skills used in the workplace and is aimed at year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students and other groups, including students in college and anyone looking for work with training. The same event will be run in Trowbridge on 14 March at the Civic Centre.

For more information, call 01225 756170 or email haveago@wiltshire.gov.uk. The booking form can be found on the Wiltshire Council website – www.wiltshire.gov.uk.

Broadband news

Wiltshire Council has announced the start of a project which should enable 91 per cent of homes and businesses to have access to world class broadband speeds by the end of March 2016. The remaining premises will see a significant improvement in their speeds and the vast majority will receive greater than 2Mbps.

Following the contract signing there will be a period of planning, with work expected to start on the ground during the autumn. The first exchanges enabled under the project are expected to go live with fibre in spring 2014.

Footsteps

Podiatry Services

07881802386

Now based in my own treatment room within Tidworth Leisure Centre appointments not always necessary.



Katie Bluff

BSc(HONS)Pod,SRCh,MCHs

10% Off Voucher

Wednesday 13 March from midday

Coronation Hall.

“Super Soup Lunch”

in aid of

Comic Relief and Christian Aid

OUR DOCTOR WRITES by Dr Tim Ballard

People are often confused by the differences between chicken pox and shingles. Both are caused by the Varicella virus.

When first exposed to this virus the illness we know as chicken pox is what usually develops. Chicken pox is an illness that is still relatively common in children and usually runs a mild course with spots developing over a few days then scabbing over and then gradually healing. It is infectious for up to 3 days before the first spots appear (or just before) and remains infectious for about 5 days after the last spot has arrived. The incubation period is 14 to 21 days. After having chicken pox the virus is never completely eradicated. It takes refuge in nerve cells where they lie inactive, often for the rest of our lives. Occasionally though they are reawakened though and when this happens they emerge as shingles.

Very early shingles can be tricky to diagnose. Often people have pain in one particular area of the body and then only a few days later a rash develops. It is possible to catch chicken pox from shingles but not the other way around.

It is important to avoid people with immune problems (especially those with leukaemia and on chemotherapy) and pregnant women if you have either chicken pox or shingles. You also can't catch shingles from shingles either. Shingles can be very painful and one big problem with it is that this pain can remain as neuralgia long after the rash has all healed. If you think you are developing shingles please contact your GP straight away. The sooner antiviral treatment starts the more effective it is. There is also evidence that it decreases the long term nerve pain that can be associated with shingles.

Police Neighbourhood Watch Update

January was a busy month on Neighbourhood Watch, with regular updates coming through from the Pewsey East Police Team.

There has been suspicious activity reported in Shalbourne, and more recently in Burbage, with cold callers knocking on doors claiming to be from charities or utility companies. Be cautious when answering the door to 'cold callers'. Checking id is fine but you should also double-check any 'head office' telephone numbers printed on id cards rather than just calling the number you are given.

The main focus of activity has been on those engaging in off-road and off-byway trespass in pursuit of game and other illegal activities – particularly in **East Grafton**. The manner in which these vehicles are driven is often aggressive and dangerous and history shows that when these activities are stopped, other crimes in the area normally decrease. As a result, the byway at the end of The Green has been closed to four-wheeled vehicles. This is a temporary and emergency measure and notices have gone up accordingly.

Wiltshire Police have an immediate response to such incidents and hare coursing is currently a policing priority for this area. Please report sightings of any unfamiliar 4x4 vehicles if seen on farmland, particularly if they have lurcher dogs with them.

To report something to the Police, call **101** if there is no immediate danger or **999** if you feel there is an immediate danger.

To subscribe to the Neighbourhood Watch email updates, email mail@graftonparish.com with Subscribe in the subject/heading.

Alzheimer's Support

The Alzheimer's Café is held in the Coronation Hall on the first Monday of each month. The atmosphere is very relaxed and friendly with speakers and activities arranged for most gatherings. Wonderful tea is served in a café atmosphere.

The cafe recently lost a couple of regular volunteers and would be delighted if anyone living locally could come along once a month to help us out. Applicants would give plenty of guidance and it is a very rewarding role.

Stephany Bardzil 01225 776481
Development and Communications Manager, Alzheimer's Support
www.alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk

Pewsey Community Matters

A new website <http://pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk> is an interactive site worth exploring. Anyone can post events, comments and ideas on the site, but if you have a job (paid or voluntary) or a news item, then just email details to news@graftonparish.com and we can post them for you.



Events, clubs and other 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

FEBRUARY

17	11.00	Parish Communion	St N
21	19.15	Annual Parish Meeting	
24	11.00	Family Service	St N
25	19.00	Bingo	

MARCH

03	11.00	Holy Communion	St N
04	14.00	Alzheimer's Café	
09	10.30	BiG Tidy up	Parish wide
10	11.30	Mothering Sunday service	St N
11	19.00	Bingo	
13	12.00	Super Soup Lunch	
17	11.00	Parish Communion	St N
24	11.00	Palm Sunday	St N
25	19.00	Bingo	
30		Start of 2013 season	Wilton Windmill
31	11.00	Easter Holy Communion	St N

Mobile library 27 February 13, 27 March
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



09.30 to 10.30 Monday

TUESDAY



09.30 to 10.30 Tuesday

YOGA



19.30 to 21.00 Tuesday

WEDNESDAY

CIRCUIT & FITNESS



09.15 to 10.15 Wednesday



Pilates Classes

10.15 TO 11.15 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

KARATE CLASS

Children only 16.00 to 17.00

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Business based in the Parish: 1 line listing – Free.

Business based outside the Parish: 1 line – £1/issue. £10/pa.

Rates per issue for a larger listing

1/12 page £5. 1/6 page £10. 1/4 page £15

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 810743 Sally Butt
Circuit/fitness Training	01672 810266 Hen Mackinnon
Community News	news@graftonparish.com
Coronation Hall	01672 810406 hall@graftonparish.com
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
Parish Council	01672 810406 Alison Halfpenny
PCC Secretary	01672 870266 Millie Lemon
Pilates	07788 970976 Beth Knight
Police emergency	999 or 112
Police non emergency	101
Sunflowers at Grafton	01672 810478 Lyndsey Turner
Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
Yoga	01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt
Zumba	07747 617199 Lau Vergara

Local commercial listing

B&B West Grafton	Angie Orssich	01672 810339
Baby sitting/odd jobs	Tom Nield	01672 870196
Beauty & wellbeing	Amanda Toon	01672 811677
Builder	Sam Sanchez	07887 991249
Disco and Karaoke	Pete Vallis	01672 811326
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Dog grooming	Susan Hailstone	01264 731451
Dog training/walking	Carrie Holborow	07546 941709
Double glazing repairs	David Willcocks	01672 811979
Furniture	Holgate & Pack	01672 870887
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
House Sitting	Maxine Wallis	07879 993150
Kindling	Jo Harman	01672 810673
Logs/tree surgeon	Jeremy Hawkins	07980 536156
Odd jobs/gardening	Dan Oakey	07810 381783
Odd Jobs	Kieran Maidment	07531 685353
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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