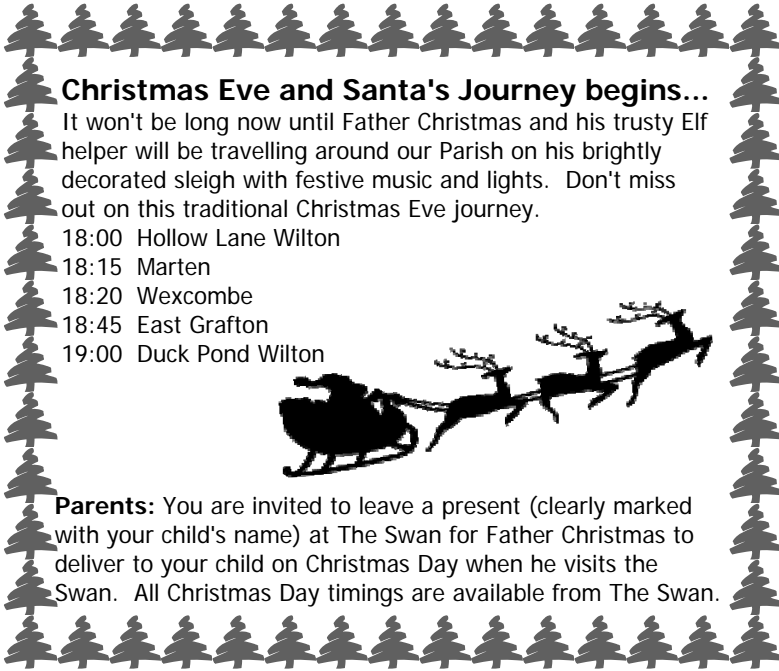


COMMUNITY NEWS

December is now upon us and the weather has definitely changed for the colder, finding us digging out our winter woollies from the back of the cupboards. It also means the start of the drink-drive campaigns and speed checks being carried out by the Police (you may have noticed them in East Grafton recently), and they will be carrying out regular checks in the coming weeks in our local community.

Winter also brings the possibility of ice and snow. Many of us live on roads that are not gritted by the council so we have to rely on others to clear and grit our roads. If you need your road gritted, then our local farming community are holding salt stocks precisely for this purpose. Just call your local contact and they will do the rest! (Contact details for each area are on the back page.)

Everyone on the Community News Team wishes you a very happy and safe Christmas.



Christmas Eve and Santa's Journey begins...

It won't be long now until Father Christmas and his trusty Elf helper will be travelling around our Parish on his brightly decorated sleigh with festive music and lights. Don't miss out on this traditional Christmas Eve journey.

- 18:00 Hollow Lane Wilton
- 18:15 Marten
- 18:20 Wexcombe
- 18:45 East Grafton
- 19:00 Duck Pond Wilton



Parents: You are invited to leave a present (clearly marked with your child's name) at The Swan for Father Christmas to deliver to your child on Christmas Day when he visits the Swan. All Christmas Day timings are available from The Swan.

Annual Wilton Windmill Quiz

How did you fare at the 2013 quiz - think you can improve on it? Well, your chance is here as the Wilton Windmill Quiz is now available. So it is time to dust off the encyclopaedias, gather round your friends and family and get your thinking caps on!



The cost for this is just £1 for each entry. You can pick up your quiz sheets at The Swan in Wilton and Great Bedwyn Post Office. The winner will receive £20 and £10 will be given to one lucky winner, drawn from the returned answer sheets.

So if you are bored of the usual Christmas games, Pictionary, charades, Trivial Pursuit, etc, then this is the perfect antidote!

The closing date for entries is 5 January 2015 and the answers will be available on the Wilton Windmill website after this date. (www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk). Full details are on the quiz sheet.

GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE!

Stir Up Sunday

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Led by Rev Michael McHugh in the Coronation Hall, Stir Up Sunday was a great success. Aided and abetted by some 30 children, Mrs Hosier stirred up a magnificent giant-sized Christmas pudding to the accompaniment of much dancing and merriment. Then Mrs Pearson bought out some delicious cakes, provided by generous members of the congregation: truly a feast!

Christmas Tree Collection

Although we are only just thinking of putting the trees up in our houses, this is just a reminder for when we take them down at the end of the festive period. Sunflowers at Grafton ask for a donation for this service. Please take your tree, along with your donation firmly attached to the tree (if you are leaving out it for collection) to one of the drop off points at the specified times listed or contact Caroline on **07974 400288** or email caroline@thornacre.co.uk

Sunday 4 January 2015 Collection Timetable:

- 09:15 The Swan Pub Car Park
- 09:30 Wilton Duck Pond
- 09:45 Lynden Close (by No 8)
- 10:00 The Severalls (grass area)
- 10:15 Hungerford Road (car park at front)
- 10:30 Marten (phone box)
- 10:45 Wexcombe (bus shelter)
- 11:00 Grafton Green
- 11:15 Sunflowers at Grafton



Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,
Great chieftain o' the puddin'-race!



CELEBRATE BURN'S NIGHT

In true Scottish style. Hoch Aye!

**At The Coronation Hall
East Grafton
Saturday, 24th January
At 7.30pm**

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Then reel the night away!

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Wednesday 14 January at 12.30pm

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and includes a glass of wine or beer

To book, and any questions or dietary requirements call Liz Hosier on

01264 731242

If you would like a lift to the hall phone:

Ronnie Pearson 01672 811997

Our Doctor Writes...

This November saw the publication of two important sets of data. Every GP practice in England has had its "Intelligent Monitoring" data published by CQC. It is freely available on the internet. It is a distillation of 38 different sets of data aimed at giving an overall reflection of practice performance. It includes patient satisfaction as well as medication prescribing and hospital use by the patients of the practice. We also saw the publication of outcome data for General Surgeons. The desire to deliver a more transparent service is clearly understandable and I support it wholeheartedly. It was a response to a series of concerns about NHS performance and patient safety, beginning with Shipman and more recently Colchester Hospital which has been in the news for the wrong reasons. So whilst publication of data and transparency is to be welcomed, my reservation is around the inability for the reader to be able to contextualise the results. For GPs many things affect the results not just the performance of the GPs and the team that is around them. Locally we have relatively low levels of deprivation and also stable populations with low levels of turnover. Both of these factors clearly contribute to overall performance. It is only when an individual practice has been visited that the data can be considered in the round. At present I would urge caution in over interpreting the results and coming to perhaps incomplete conclusions. We all want the NHS to perform better, to be safer and deliver higher quality care. This needs to be seen as an important but as yet incomplete attempt to contribute to this. The beginning of December will also see the national roll out of the Friends and Family test for General Practice. The metric for this is very simple. Would you recommend your practice to your friends and family? Watch out in your surgery for more information about how to give your feedback. You should be able to do it in a variety of ways.

November has been a busy month and it also saw the publication of the Academy of Royal College report on clinical waste. I was proud to have been part of the group who helped to put this together. At the end of life it is not uncommon for us to be presented with a bin liner full of unused medicines, often in duplicated unopened boxes. Only re-ordering medicines when they are needed is important. Sometimes people think we will be offended if we are told that our prescriptions are not wanted but it is important that we all have clarity about what people are taking and why they might not want to take a particular drug. I for one won't bite! At the heart of the waste report was the need to really engage with patients so that the risks and benefits of medicines are as clear as they can be so that both patient and doctor can choose wisely about the treatment they have.

Finally on behalf of all of our doctors and staff at Great Bedwyn we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy, and importantly healthy, New Year.

Tim Ballard

GRAFTON



Your community needs you!

Please consider joining your parish council.

There are 2 vacancies and the work covers many aspects of rural life.

Parish Council

No experience is necessary because the team is friendly and will guide you along the way if you are new to community involvement.

This is an ideal way to find out more about what affects our lives in the parish and how to make a difference where possible.

Email clerk@graftonparish.com for more information or pop along to the next meeting on 8 January to see what goes on.

Marlborough Car Parking Consultation

There is currently a consultation in progress, if you would like to put forward your views, please do so by 16 January 2015. Details can be found on the Wiltshire Council website as follows:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/car-parking-Marlborough.htm

Speedwatch Training

The next speedwatch training sessions will be held on the following dates:

- Saturday 10 January 2015 - 10:00 to 12:00
- Saturday 28 February 2015 - 10:00 to 12:00



Both sessions will take place at Wiltshire Police HQ in Devizes.

If you would like to book a place, then please contact

clerk@graftonparish.com

YOGA CLASSES - Suitable for all ages and abilities

At the Coronation Hall, East Grafton, Classes are run:

Mondays 11:00-12:30 Tuesdays 19:30-21:00

Thursdays 19:30-21:00



You can mix & match between all of them. They are friendly, enjoyable classes and improve your strength, flexibility and overall health and well-being. Classes are well established having run for 5 years at this venue. They are suitable for all levels and experience, so anyone new to Yoga will soon feel at ease.

For full details contact Lizzie Hawnt (fully qualified and experienced British Wheel of Yoga teacher) on 01672 841553 or 07821 396430 or email hawnted.house@btinternet.com

Speed Awareness

The Parish Council is promoting speed awareness across the Parish as part of an initiative to increase road safety in our community. The initial phase is to provide 30mph and other speed awareness stickers for our wheelie-bins throughout the Parish.

If you would be happy to display these stickers, then please leave your bin at the bottom of your drive on **Saturday 10 January by 10am**. A local team will be going round the village and will stick the signs on for you.

If you would like to help as one of the speed awareness team, please email clerk@graftonparish.com.

Applications to Wiltshire Council for Tree Work

When applying for work to be carried out to any trees in our Parish, it is essential to make the right application. There are two types:

TPO - Work to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order

TCA - Work to trees in a conservation area (covers Wilton and East Grafton) (this is officially a Section 211 notice).

Full details and guidance of what is required in your application for a TPO or TCA can be found on the Wiltshire Council website:

<http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/tree-preservation-orders/>

News in Brief

Defib Training

On a very wet evening, Richard Schofield from the Community Heartbeat Trust did another informative and entertaining training session at the Coronation Hall on how to use the defibrillators and how to administer CPR. Thank you (as always) to Richard for his on-going support to our Parish.

Road Closures - Bedwyn

There will be some road closures due to start on 15 December which will affect the Bedwyn area so getting to the Station will mean diversions and some extra time on your journey.

All works should be carried out between 19:00 and 06:00 with temporary road closures and diversion routes marked as necessary.

1st Phase - North of Great Bedwyn village - 15-16 December

2nd Phase - South of Great Bedwyn village - 17 December

3rd Phase - Oxenwood Road - 18 December

All these works involve resurfacing, new road markings and adjustment of surface ironwork. Weather permitting, the work should all be completed by the morning of 19 December.

Full details are available on the Wiltshire Council website.

Road Closure - Wilton

You will have noticed that work started at the beginning of December in Hollow Lane and Grafton Lane to undergo urgent drainage works. These are planned to last until the end of January. Work will be carried out over two phases, but both roads will not be closed at the same time and diversions will be in place. There is a planned Christmas shut-down from 23 December until 5 January where the closure will be removed for the festive period.

Pewsey Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

The Pewsey NDP is now out for consultation until 17 December. Although it doesn't directly affect planning decisions in our parish, Pewsey is our designated service centre and so the NDP will determine how Pewsey and the services it provides are developed over the coming years. Pewsey Parish Council welcome any comments on the plan from all the surrounding parishes – to read the NDP and submit your views, visit www.consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal where all consultations can be found (including the Car Parking review for Marlborough).

Employment Prospects Improvement Club (EPIC)

EPIC is now able to help people of all ages in the Pewsey area to become work ready. EPIC volunteers (who are also professional recruiters) offer free support for you to write or review your CV and any covering letter or e-mail, offer information and support about volunteering or provide potential for hosting opportunities in exchange for a report. In addition, they will work with each individual to create a rolling four point plan that can also be used as evidence in the Job Centre+ as EPIC is a registered Jobs Club. Free drink and mince pie too at the December meeting – which is on 11 December at 7pm in the Pewsey Methodist Hall (opposite the Spar shop). See www.epicpewsey.org.uk for more information.

Grafton Parish rubbish collection - Christmas timetable

Plastic Bottles/Card/Black Box Recycling	Household Waste
Thursday 11 December	Thursday 18 December
Monday 29 December	Monday 5 January
Saturday 10 January	Thursday 16 January



Crofton Winter Work Open Days

Come and see behind the scenes at the Historic Crofton Pumping Station this winter, when our teams of dedicated volunteers cosset and maintain the two historic beam engines.

The Pumping Station will be open free of charge on the following Saturdays from 10.30am to 3.30pm: 13 December, 7 February 2015, 7 March 2015

This winter we are giving visitors a rare chance to see maintenance works in progress, when we dismantle parts of the engines normally hidden from view. It's cold inside the Pumping Station during the winter as the boiler is not in steam but tea, coffee and biscuits will be available for a small charge.

Dates for your diary



All events take place in the Coronation Hall unless otherwise specified (contact details on page 4).
St N refers to St Nicholas' Church.

DECEMBER

14	16.15	Carol Service	St N
21	15.30	Crib Service	St N
25	11:00	Christmas Day Service	St N
28	11:00	Family Worship	St N

JANUARY 2015

04	11:00	Holy Communion	St N
04	09:15	Christmas Tree Collection	
08	19:15	Grafton Parish Council Meeting	
10		Don't forget to put your bins out!	
11	18:00	Evensong	St N
14	12.30	Winter Warmer Lunch	
18	11:00	Holy Communion	St N
24	19:30	Burns Night	
25	16:00	Family Worship	St N

Mobile library dates at the Coronation Hall
17,31 December 14 January 11.30 to 12.00

Regular weekly dates for your diary

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

MONDAY

CIRCUIT & FITNESS  09:15 to 10:15 Monday

YOGA  11:00 to 12:30 Monday

Bingo  19:00 to 20:30
Alternate Mondays

TUESDAY

 09:15 to 10:30 Tuesday

Marlborough Multiples 15:00 to 16:30
Alternate Tuesdays

YOGA  19:30 to 21:00 Tuesday

WEDNESDAY

CIRCUIT & FITNESS  09:15 to 10:15 Wednesday

 Various classes for all ages between 15:30 and 19:00

THURSDAY

 Baby and toddler group
10:00 to 11:30 Thursday

YOGA  19:30 to 21:00 Thursday

FRIDAY

 09:30 to 10:30 Friday

 10:45 to 11:45 Friday
Beginners and gentle work

KARATE CLASS Children only 16:30 to 17:00

Useful contacts

Societies/Clubs/Organisations: 1 line free entry

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	07479 281809 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	0771 7006787
Marlborough Multiples	07967 835831 Amber
Member of Parliament	01380 729358 Claire Perry
Parish Council	clerk@graftonparish.com 01672 811335
PCC Secretary	01672 870266 Millie Lemon
Pilates	07796 225942 Tracey Rich
Police emergency	999 or 112
Police non emergency	101 Jonathan Mills
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	01672 484464 Joanna Bury

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
Builder	Sam Sanchez	07887 991249
Builder & roofing	Dan and Co	07936 586228
Business Support	Natalie Bullock	07711 373688
Cake making	www.faysfairycakes.co.uk	
Car washing	wiltonwashers@gmail.com	
Disco and Karaoke	Pete Vallis	01672 811326
Disco and Party	Steve	01672 811109
Dog training/walking	Carrie Holborow	07546 941709
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
Kindling	Jo Harman	01672 810673
Logs/tree surgeon	Jeremy Hawkins	07980 536156
Painting & Decorating	Neil Anderson	01264 731362
Pest Control	Julie Wilson	01672 811479
Printing clothing/signs	www.SCSigns.co.uk	
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274
Usborne Books	Trish Highnett	07775 941646

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 Business based outside the Parish: 1 line – £1/issue £10/pta
 For larger adverts: 1/12 page £5 1/6 page £10 1/4 page £15

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Planning applications. Full details available on www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningapplicationsearchonline.htm

Grit/Salt Contacts

Wilton: David Lemon - 01672 870266
 East Grafton: James Allen - 01672 810753
 West Grafton: James Allen - 01672 810753
 Wexcombe: George Hosier - 07786 332950
 Marten: David Lemon - 01672 870266



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