

COMMUNITY NEWS

Congratulations to Peter Lemon on being awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours list "For services to the communities in Grafton and Wilton, Wiltshire". A well deserved accolade for all the work which he has done over many years within our Parish.

Most of the parish is in a conservation area, so please remember the commitments which we undertake by living in such a special place. Details relating to tree work are on page 2 for you to refresh your memory on the planning requirements for felling or working on trees.

If you want to keep up with the latest news from Grafton Parish and the surrounds, then keep an eye on the website (www.graftonparish.com) and the Community News Facebook page where recent posts include a video about the defibrillators and how they work.

The Parish is to host a major commemorative event on Sunday 3 August to which everyone is invited. Note that the roads across the green in East Grafton will be closed for the duration of the event.

Recent events such as the Open Farm Day in Wexcombe, the Jungle Book at Coronation Hall and Alice in Wonderland at Wilton Windmill have been hugely successful. Sunflowers' Family Day and the Crofton Produce and Flower Show are events to look out for in the coming weeks.

**Family
Day**

Saturday 19 July
3pm to 5pm



Come and catch up with Sunflowers. A relaxed and informal afternoon with plenty to keep the family amused for an enjoyable couple of hours in the garden

The Green, East Grafton, Marlborough, SN8 3DB
Sunflowers at Grafton is a registered charity (1147862)

Pewsey Deanery WW1 Service of Remembrance & Commemoration

St Nicholas' Church

10.45am for 11am Sunday 3 August

A Service is being held in St Nicholas' Parish Church, East Grafton on Sunday 3 August to mark the Centenary of the First World War and to remember, with pride and gratitude, those men from the Vale of Pewsey and the Savernake Parishes who, one hundred years ago, went off to fight for King and Country; many of whom did not return.

The Revd Michael McHugh, Rector of the Savernake Team, invites members of congregations across the Vale to join with those of Savernake Parishes on this National Anniversary occasion.

Music in Church will be provided by a Brass Quintet from the Band of the Rifles supported by the Bedwyn Millennium Choir. The Address will be given by the Revd Paul Abram MVO, a former Army Padre and Chaplain to HM The Queen.

Following the Church Service, the congregation will gather around the newly renovated Grafton War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance. The 26 Parishes and communities within the Vale have each been invited to provide the name of one man from their area who lost his life during the 1914-18 War. These names will be read out before the Last Post and Reveille sounded by Buglers from the Rifles, after which flowers will be laid at the War Memorial by a child from each Parish.

Those attending the Service, together with other visitors, are invited to remain to listen to a short Concert given by the Band and Bugles of the Rifles. A collection will be taken in aid of 'Care for Casualties' which is the Regimental Charity of the Rifles. This charity provides vital support for the casualties from the five regular and two Reserve Battalions of the Rifles. Since 2007, 60 Riflemen have been killed and 300 seriously injured, of which 34 have suffered life changing injuries.

**Do join this Anniversary occasion and take part in what will be a memorable
Remembrance and Commemoration Service.**

It is appreciated that many residents of the Parish may be unable to attend the Commemoration, but may wish to make a charitable donation. A collection box will be situated in the bar at the Swan in Wilton or donations can be sent to: The Treasurer WW1 Commemoration C/o Mr JD Knowles, 5 Grafton Place, East Grafton. SN8 3TU. Cheques should be made payable to: The Rifles Regimental Trust.

News in Brief

Tree work in our conservation area

Wilton and East Grafton are in a Conservation Area and one of the responsibilities is that applications for work to be done on any trees must be submitted to Wiltshire Council regardless of whether the tree has an individual Tree Preservation Order (TPO) placed upon it. Failure to follow this requirement is inconsiderate to all those diligent residents who do abide by these rules. If you are not sure whether you fall within the Conservation Area, you can check on maps.wiltshire.gov.uk/LocalViewpub/Sites/NorthPlanningApplications or call Wiltshire Council for advice on **0300 456 0100**.

Prosecution for unauthorised works to trees can lead to a maximum fine of £20,000. This fine applies to a contravention of a TPO or works to a tree in a conservation area where proper notice has not been given to the Council. Certain trees are exempt such as garden or fruit trees, all trees under eight centimetres in diameter, trees that are either dead or dangerous and if the felling is in accordance with an approved plan under the Dedication or Forestry Grant Schemes.

Anyone wishing to carry out work on trees over 75mm in diameter within a conservation area has to give six weeks' notice of their intention to the council.

The Community Foundation for Wiltshire & Swindon provides 'Money and support where Wiltshire people need it most'

The Foundation can help local organisations working with people of any age, helping to address local needs and improve the lives of those who are disadvantaged. Last year it helped to fund 157 groups in Wiltshire & Swindon supporting 37,500 people including grants to groups like SPLASH, Wiltshire Mind, Home-Start Kennet and Devizes Play Party. Apply online for funding for your community project by visiting wscf.org.uk/grants or **01380 729284** to find out more.

Progress at Wilton Pond!

Pewsey Area Board provided grant funding towards the rejuvenation of the main focal point in the village of Wilton – the pond! Dredging work is now complete and the team is moving to the next phase of the project. Progress can be followed at the Grafton Community News Facebook page where regular updates are posted.

Lights out for WW1 Commemoration on 4 August

"The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our life-time". These are words spoken by Sir Edward Grey, Foreign Secretary in August 1914 as Britain's ultimatum to Germany was about to expire. On 4 August this year at 10pm the lights will go out all over Britain again. Read more at pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/idea and follow the links.

First World War Commemoration Event – Tidworth Military Cemetery – 30 July

Communities across the county will come together on 30 July to mark and commemorate the sacrifice made by 10,000 soldiers from Wiltshire during the First World War. Each fallen soldier will be remembered on a named cross produced by school children in Wiltshire. All 10,000 crosses will be placed on a wall of remembrance. For more information, visit pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news and follow the links.

Summer Activities for Young People!

- 16 July Lion King (£10 charge)
- 5/6 August Oxenwood residential FREE
- 8 August Thorpe Park (£25 charge)
- 13/14 Cotswold Water Park residential FREE
- 17/22 August Soul Survivor (£50 charge)
- 26 August Rifles at Oxenwood FREE

There is very limited availability and places are booking up fast. If you would like to attend (or if you are a parent and your son/daughter would like to attend) please contact the SHAK/Youth Centre in Pewsey – you can email karen.brown@wiltshire.gov.uk or call **01672 563956**.

Volunteering in our Parish

A great way to meet people and become involved in the community is to spend the odd hour assisting with one of the many activities going on, even if it is just for a few hours. The Community News, St Nicholas' Church, Coronation Hall, Wilton Windmill, Crofton Beam Engines, Sunflowers, Goslings and Grafton Parish Council are all successful in large part to the time given by willing helpers. news@graftonparish.com can assist if you are interested in any of these ventures or need more information.

WINTER WARMER PARISH LUNCHES

Are having a Summer Get Together
On Wednesday 20 August
12.30pm at Wexcombe Manor
Weather Permitting in the garden



£5 per head for Summer Lunch

To include a glass of Pimms or beer
plus a raffle ticket!

To book call Liz Hosier 01264 731242
Also for any questions or dietary requirements

If you would like a lift to Wexcombe Manor phone:
Ronnie Pearson 01672 811997 or
Jenny Hatfield 01264 731415

DOCTOR TIM BALLARD WRITES

Electronic or E cigarettes have produced quite a lot of controversy. Good thing or bad thing? I think the answer depends on who is starting to use them. It is the nicotine in cigarettes and other tobacco products which produces a change in the way the brain works that smokers find pleasant and is more addictive than some class A drugs. When someone, usually a teenager or young adult, starts to smoke they triple the number of nicotine receptors in their brain which amplifies the effect that the nicotine has on the brain. When someone stops smoking they still keep triple the numbers of receptors which is why just the one cigarette for an ex smoker can prove disastrous. So is it the nicotine that we doctors worry about? Apart from its capacity to cause addiction the answer is no. The problem is all of the other poisonous chemicals and the carbon monoxide in tobacco smoke that drive narrowing of the blood vessels which leads to heart disease and stroke.

With all of this in mind, our focus needs to be on society using E cigarettes in a measured way. For them to become cool and fashionable and appeal to the young is a big problem because they would create addiction and dependency just like smoking does. However, as an easily available nicotine substitute that can help smokers ditch the poisonous carcinogens that accompany usual nicotine addiction, we should look upon it as a boon.

Should people be able to use E cigarettes in public places? Personally, I think they should. Would I be happy for them in my waiting room or consulting room, well that's another question!

Best wishes, and thanks once again for your support.

David Willcocks

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Parish Council update

At the meeting on 3 July, topics discussed included:

- Traffic speed restrictions on the roads and lanes in the parish.
- Trees in our conservation area (see notice on page 2).
- Bus service changes and progress made so far to restore services to Pewsey.
- The possible development of the Crofton Beam Engine site.
- Plans for the WW1 Commemoration event on 3 August.

In addition, the Community News is to come under the umbrella of Grafton Parish Council. The publication is self financing and does not receive any monetary assistance from the Parish Council and the editorial team will not change as a result. news@graftonparish.com remains the email address for all communications and advertisers will be made aware of changes to payment requirements on their next invoice.

The full minutes will be available soon on graftonparish.com as usual.



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⇒ Produce and Flower Show August 23, 24 & 25

⇒ Performance by Dead Rat Orchestra August 9

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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

JULY

13	18.00	Evensong	St N
19	15.00	Family day	Sunflowers
20	11.00	Holy Communion	St N
27	11.00	Family Worship	St N
30	10.00	Tidworth Military Cemetery WW1 event	

AUGUST

03	11.00	WW1 Commemoration service	St N
04	22.00	Lights out	UK wide
09		Dead Rat Orchestra	Crofton Beam
10	18.00	Evensong	St N
17	11.00	Holy Communion	St N
20	12.30	Parish lunch	Wexcombe Farm
23-25		Produce & flower show	Crofton Beam
24	11.00	Family Worship	St N

Mobile library dates

16,30 July 1,27 August Coronation Hall 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  09.30 to 10.30 Monday

YOGA  11.00 to 12.30 Monday

Bingo  19.00 to 20.30 Monday

TUESDAY

 **ZUMBA** 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

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

THURSDAY

 **GRAFTON GOSLINGS**
Baby and toddler group
10.00 to 11.30 Thursday

YOGA  19.30 to 21.00 Thursday

FRIDAY

 **pilates** *by nature* 09.30 to 10.30 Friday

CIRCUIT & FITNESS  13.45 to 14.15 Friday

KARATE CLASS Children only 16.30 to 17.00

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	0771 7006787
Marlborough Multiples	07967 835831 Amber
Member of Parliament	01380 729358 Claire Perry
Parish Council	clerk@graftonparish.com
PCC Secretary	01672 870266 Millie Lemon
Pilates	07796 225942 Tracey Rich
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	01672 484464 Joanna Bury

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
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
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Hat Hire	Victoria Frost	01672 810386
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	www.SCSigns.co.uk	
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274
Usborne Books	Trish Highnett	07775 941646

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No applications to report at publication date for this issue

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