

COMMUNITY NEWS



Sunday 30 March is the time for changing your clocks and watches. This year it will be important to make sure that you do not miss the Mother's Day service at 11am on the same day.

During April Wilton residents will notice that work commences to dredge and improve the pond following extensive research on how to return it to its original healthy state and attract wildlife once more. It is planned with minimum inconvenience to everyone although it may smell a little unpleasant at times!

Wiltshire Council will no longer notify neighbours when they receive "Tree work applications". At the Parish Council meeting on 7 March it was agreed that these should be included in the Community News to enable residents to respond to the county planning department if they have concerns. We live in an conservation area with many "tree preservation orders" so it is important to obtain permission prior to undertaking any tree work on your property. See page 4 for applications in this issue.

Across the country communities are putting together plans to commemorate 100 years since the start of the First World War. A parish team is working on a commemoration fitting of this significant milestone in world history which will take place on Sunday 3 August so "save the date" and watch for further details.



Easter Lilies

For many of us, Easter is a time for remembrance and reflection, if you would like to commemorate the life of a friend or loved one, what better way than to buy a Lily in their name to be included in the Easter floral decorations in St Nicholas' church? Lilies cost £2.50 each.

During the Easter period there will also be a 'prayer tree' within church where you may place a prayer request, a dedication or simply the name of a loved one. In addition to regular Sunday worship, St Nicholas' church is open each day from about 10 am until 4 pm. Please call in.

If you would like to buy a Lily, please contact:-

Elizabeth Hosier **01264 731242**

Millie Lemon **01672 870266**

Patricia Knowles **01672 810072**

You are invited to an

EASTER EGG HUNT!

And afternoon Tea for all ages

Saturday the 29 March

3:00pm start at Wexcombe Farm

Can you find 50 eggs hidden on the downs?

Many will be in disguise!

Also best decorated blown egg competition.

Entrance £5 per child to include Tea and Prize.

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RSVP: laraonline2000@hotmail.com to ensure each child has a prize and we bake enough cakes!

N.B maps will be provided

WINTER WARMER PARISH LUNCH

At the CORONATION HALL 12.30 pm

Wednesday 23 April

St George's Day



MENU:

Slow Roast Wexcombe Beef, Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding and Seasonal Vegetables and English Trifle to follow.

£5 per head

including a glass of wine or beer

To book and any questions or dietary requirements

call Liz Hosier 01264 731242

If you would like a lift to the hall phone:

Ronnie Pearson 01672 811997

GRAFTON AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our Society starts its programme for 2014 on Wednesday 19 March at 7.30pm with the AGM followed by a lecture given by one of our favourite speakers, Ray Broughton, on **pruning shrubs and trees**. This will be a practical session hands-on and no slides.

We meet in The Coronation Hall in East Grafton.

Our basic membership fee is £15 and our programme consists of 4 evening meetings with lectures, 4 garden visits in private cars with lunch and 2 social evenings, one in July when we visit local gardens followed by a buffet supper in the Hall and our Christmas Party in December.

Should you be interested to join, do come along on the 19th or give me a ring for further information on 01672 810364.

Marijke Craig, Chair GDHS

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Bedwyn Trains Passenger Group

A website has recently been launched that allows users to check the historic performance of their trains. The tool can be found at www.recenttraintimes.co.uk

The good thing is that you can save the search address and click on it later to keep an eye on performance.

A gentle reminder from the Community News team!

The Community News is published in black and white, to save cost, so it would be very much appreciated if submissions could be provided without any colours. It is important to send your entry to news@graftonparish.com before the closing date (on page 4) to avoid disappointment.

Flood Support Forum

Claire Perry MP will be holding a Flood Support Forum for affected and concerned residents across the Devizes Constituency, on Friday 21 March 5.30-7pm (refreshments from 5pm). Conveniently for us, this is taking place in the Coronation Hall. Grafton Parish Council will be represented, please contact tamara.reay@parliament.uk

Help to change a child's life

If you could provide a secure and caring home for a Wiltshire child, find out more about fostering at one of the Wiltshire information sessions.

For more information contact: 0800 169 6321,
fostering@wilshire.gov.uk, www.wiltshire.gov.uk/fostering

Police ask that you call 101 to report cold callers

We have been told that the Police are keen to hear about anyone who calls to sell items on the doorstep. There are a number operating without licences in the area and they need to be stopped.

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Sunflowers at Grafton

We've had some lovely events at Sunflowers recently. We had great fun at our recent Quiz Night - the quiz was great fun, albeit some of the questions a little tricky! The evening raised just over £250 which is a great result and we added nearly £60.00 to that total on Shrove Tuesday with a completely mad hour of pancake racing. The Coronation Hall has never seen so many pancakes - we estimate at least 100 pancakes were cooked, and either consumed or used for some frantic racing and pancake flipping! Great fun. The money will be wisely spent of course.

Last weekend was the Grafton Parish BiG Tidy Up. Teams of people picked up litter across the parish, filling a total of 15 bags. The BiG Tidy Up is part of the Love Where You Live campaign from Keep Britain Tidy - see www.thebigtidyup.org for more information. Thanks to everyone who demonstrated just how much they love our bit of the county.

If you shop at Sainsbury's will you save your Active Kids vouchers for us? We exchanged last year's vouchers for some super outdoor play equipment and this year's catalogue has a great range of equipment for growing and cooking, as well as physical play equipment. Thank you for your on-going support - it is very much appreciated by everyone at Sunflowers at Grafton.

Footsteps Podiatry Services

Tidworth Leisure Centre

07881 802386

katie@thepodiatrist.org.uk

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YOGA CLASSES

New Thursday evening class at The Coronation Hall
7:30pm-9:00pm

Join a great new class suitable for all levels of fitness – a warm and friendly welcome awaits you!

Also morning class – Monday – 11:00am-12:30pm

Plus evening class – Tuesday – 7:30pm-9:00pm

Tuesday's class has been running in East Grafton for four years
"mix and match" days and times to suit you

Other classes in Marlborough too – all "mix and match"!

Plus – Three Saturdays at East Grafton – 11:00am-2pm

12 April, 10 May and 14 June

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E:mail : **hawnted.house@btinternet.com**

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Parish Council vacancy and application procedure

Grafton Parish Council has 1 vacancy for the South Ward, this includes East and West Grafton, Wexcombe and Marten. All those interested in applying, who are over 21 and have been on the electoral roll for at least 12 months, should send details of what they can contribute to the Parish (experience, skills, knowledge, circumstances for example) and why they wish to apply to **clerk@grafftonparish.com**. Closing date 5 April.

Applicants will be asked to attend the May meeting of the Parish Council (on 1 May) when they will be interviewed during a "Public Forum" session and the selection procedure will take place.

There are bi-monthly meetings and the council operates a "rolling Chairmanship". Individual councillors are tasked with manageable commitments and frequently work as groups on larger projects.

Thursday 1 May is a public Parish Council meeting with contributions from Community organisations within the Parish.

This is an ideal opportunity to discover what is going on locally and who is involved.

Jason Lewis

Carpenter

Carpentry & Maintenance

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07990512342 Jasonlewis08@aol.com

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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@grafftonparish.com**
Please leave landline contact numbers wherever possible

MARCH

16	11.00	Holy Communion	St N
19	19.30	Horticultural Society AGM	
21	17.00	Flood Support Forum	
23	11.00	Family Service	St N
29	15.00	Easter Egg Hunt	Wexcombe farm
30	11.00	Mother's Day & Baptism	St N

APRIL

05	24.00	Closing date for GPC applications	email
06	11.00	Holy Communion	St N
12	11.00	Saturday Yoga	
13	18.00	Evensong	St N
20	11.00	Holy Communion	St N
23	12.30	St George's Day Winter Warmer lunch	

Mobile library

26 March & 8, 22 April - 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

YOGA  11.00 to 12.30 Monday

Bingo  19.00 to 20.30 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  09.15 to 10.15 Wednesday

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

THURSDAY

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

YOGA  19.30 to 21.00 Thursday

FRIDAY

PILATES 09.30 to 10.25 Friday

CIRCUIT & FITNESS  13.45 to 14.15 Friday

KARATE CLASS Children only 16.00 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	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	01672 484464 Jo Bury

Local commercial listing

B&B West Grafton	Angie Orssich	01672 810339
Baby sitting/odd jobs	Tom Nield	01672 870196
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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
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	www.SCSigns.co.uk	
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274
Usborne Books	Trish Highnett	07775 941646

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Planning applications for TREE WORK

Ref 14/02004/TCA Pond Cottage, Wilton SN8 3SS - by 20 March

Full details available on the website below:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningapplicationssearchonline.htm

OUR DOCTOR WRITES

You will probably know that there has been an announcement that the Care.Data programme has been put on hold for around 6 months. This is a welcome development and gives time for reflection and hopefully time to develop more clarity about how exactly the collected data will be used, what safeguards will be in place to protect it and produce a better way of explaining the programme for patients and doctors alike. I will keep you posted.

I carried out my first official role for the new members of our College in London this week. Welcoming (mostly) young doctors into our Royal College following their success in their exams. I was thrilled. They were an outstanding bunch and left me feeling that our health in times to come will be in good hands.

At the opening ceremony of the Olympics the NHS featured prominently. There was the quote about the NHS being as important as a religion in modern Britain. This got me thinking. Currently our society is changing and the care that the NHS provides is under stress from several different directions. We have an ageing population - great news. Fewer people are dying in young and middle age from preventable conditions. Society itself is changing with a move away from geographically stable nuclear families. More often than not children and grandchildren live miles away from their parents. Combine this with the move away from the supportive regular worshipping parish structure and we have a recipe for older people to be socially isolated at a time when many become vulnerable.

People can of course become vulnerable for other reasons and these changes to the structure of our communities can impact on them too. Over the last 50 years we have become used to the state, either via the NHS or departments of social services to be able to respond to social vulnerability. The recent period of austerity has highlighted that things will never be the same. When the economy picks up I doubt very much if we will ever return to a point where care capacity is as it was. It seems clear that if we want to live in happy caring communities there will be a need for them to be more resilient and less reliant on the state.

I began to think as well about the future of General Practice. Maybe there is a role to use General Practices up and down the country as a hub to facilitate community cohesion. It is easy to see how local social input is valuable, take our own link schemes but there is a need to go further. I wonder whether we will use our GP practices as a place to organise non medical groups that help to build friendships and link us together more so that if the going gets tough then there will be someone who might be able to help, someone you met at the knitting club that you saw advertised when you came for your blood pressure check?

If anyone is interested in taking these ideas forward let me know.

Best wishes, Dr Tim Ballard



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