

COMMUNITY NEWS

Following a spell of amazing weather the rain is back to reinvigorate the gardens and crops. There is an ideal chance for the youth of the parish to meet up and to experience all the fun of skating on 18 August - see the details below!

Everyone in the Parish is welcome to attend the Parish Council meeting on Monday 13 July at 7.15pm. Topics discussed are usually varied and interesting for people who live in our area. This meeting is likely to be shorter than the last combined Annual meeting when so many interesting presentations were given by people involved in local community projects - it is encouraging to learn that so much is going on in our villages.

How wonderful too that both the events at the Wilton Windmill and Wexcombe Farm were so successful and well supported during June. July is always quieter at holiday time however if you are a dog owner then please take note of the Sunflowers notice when you are taking a summer stroll and keep the countryside free from dog poo.

Rubbish collections days have changed and we gather that the new dates have not been clearly communicated to everyone in the parish so we have included the new regime to clarify the position. Household waste will be collected on Thursday 16 July and both blue and green bins together with black boxes on the following Thursday with the pattern continuing throughout the year.



Youth Activities gaining momentum Come Ice Skating in August



Another successful (and boisterous!) evening happened on Friday 12 June. With excellent support from Impact Martial Arts the Grafton group honed their self-defence techniques – beware don't tackle these guys!

Feedback from many disappointed young people suggests that Fridays isn't the best day, we'll look to avoid them in the future.

After requests for a summer activity a trip is planned for Ice Skating (Swindon) on 18 August. Transport, skates and entry costs will be covered – just bring enough to cover any drink/food you may need. Get your skates on be at the Coronation Hall by 6.30pm when the mini bus will leave.

Three parents have volunteered to participate and they'll be doing the necessary checks and training. We need a couple more volunteers for the project to be successful – come along to Ice Skating and see what it would be like.

With the help of the young people a bid for funding for the next year is planned to go to Septembers' Area Board – so come along in August and get your voice heard and included.

Contact karen.brown@wiltshire.gov.uk or 07795 665756 or news@graftonparish.com



Report from Martin Butt, Church Warden St Nicholas' church

We are once again very grateful to Patrick and Liz Hosier and their family for opening their farm to the public on Sunday 7th June, in order to raise money for repairs to the church roof. Glorious weather allowed a variety of events and entertainments to go ahead, including a Scarecrow Competition, Tombola and a full range of home made cakes, Wexcombe Burgers. The setting was perfect and everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable time. £1,407 was raised which was marvellous!

Maintaining our lovely village church for future generations is important, but the feeling of community, which these lovely occasions engenders, is important too. And for those who enjoy the feeling of community, what better place to express gratitude for such a blessing than in church.

Planning applications details available on

[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/
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A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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Summer at Sunflowers

Amazing holiday club activities at Sunflowers this summer for primary school children. Join us in The TreeHouse to complete the ultimate 50 things to do before you are 11¾ - as put together by the wonderful National Trust. Thrills, hills, sun and fun, we've got everything you need excellent adventures all summer long. We've got archaeology and fossil hunting, circus skills, raft building, art and cookery schools plus trips to the beach and rolling down big hills! See www.sunflowers-grafton.co.uk for the full timetable. Caution: some activities may cause extreme excitement.

Polite reminder from Sunflowers at Grafton regarding Dog Poo

We would like to remind those members of the dog walking community that dogs are not allowed anywhere in the grounds of Sunflowers at Grafton. Dog poo is not only horrid, but poses a health and safety risk to children of all ages. In the event that your dog does offend please clear up the mess and take it away with you. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

OUR DOCTOR WRITES

I'm writing this on the day of Jeremy Hunt's speech to the House of Commons about the future of the NHS. I'm absolutely thrilled that he has seen the writing on the wall and is investing more into General Practice and Primary Care. To be clear this will be investment into the service and not the wallets of GPs! In particular I'm pleased that £10 million has been found to help practices who are particularly struggling. Currently I'm responsible for a program of work that offers support to practices who have been placed in special measures by CQC (The Care Quality Commission). We all feel that this is a drastic step and that it would be so much better to use early warning mechanisms and try to head things off at the pass before problems become so bad that practices end up being placed in this category by CQC.

I think there may also be a little more flexibility in relation to what seven day opening actually means. It would still be helpful for anyone with concerns about the impact on small rural surgeries (it would most likely lead to a reduction in availability paradoxically) to contact Claire Perry to voice this concern.

One of the ways that the NHS will be able to survive is by not rationing particular treatments that are felt to be not appropriate for the NHS to fund (assisted conception is often cited in relation to this) but for us to focus on wider over-diagnosis and over-treatment of people and to link this to true informed decision making between the doctor and the patient. Quite often statistical significance is mixed up with clinical significance. It can be proved that giving a drug to a lot of people makes it less likely for something (like a stroke) to happen, but as the level of risk leading to treatment falls then more and more people need to take, often lifelong, treatment to stop one event happening in that very large group. To be able to offer this sort of decision making consistently we need to invest in more time for doctors and nurses to spend discussing issues like this.

We are back in summer time and the rates of malignant melanoma (and other skin cancers) are worryingly high. Remember the Australian advice of Slip, Slop, Slap! Slip on a Tee Shirt, Slop on the sun tan lotion (factor 30) and Slap on a hat.

On our practice website you will find a link to join our wider patient group. Please consider joining this and doing your bit to help us in our ambition to continually improve our services. Please will you also fill in the Friends and Family test when you have contact with us. It might be a bit tedious but the rates of feedback that we can send back to the NHS are important in the way they view us which eventually effects our long term viability. There are cards in reception and you can complete the form on line as well.

Best Wishes – and remember to cook the burgers and chicken properly on those BBQs!!!!

Dr Tim Ballard

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News In Brief

Music Mirrors

The Pewsey Vale Dementia Awareness Group has just a few places available on Music Mirrors workshop on Wednesday 29 July from 10am until lunchtime. We all know moments when hearing a simple snatch of music opens up a whole world of memories and feelings and makes us think of people, places, words and times long forgotten.

This innovative workshop will be delivered by Heather Edwards in Pewsey Fire Station Community Room (at the rear of the building). The purpose of this workshop is to train people on how to create a Music Mirror with an individual so that it can then be used as a memory tool at whatever stage of their life it may be needed. Printed materials, leaflets, information and a manual will be available to back up the training and for referral purposes. To cover the costs of refreshments, printing and Heather's travel, we are asking for **£10 per person**. There will be **no charge** for carers of those living with dementia although they may make a donation if they would like to. Please email sylvie.clayden@btinternet.com to book your place – spaces are limited but please share this information with others you feel may benefit. There is free parking in Pewsey in the Bouverie Hall car park just across the road from the Fire Station.

Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership

The new website for tourism in the Pewsey Vale can be found at www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk

North Wessex Downs AONB launches film

To promote awareness of the special qualities of the North Wessex Downs (NWD) Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in which we all live, the NWD has created a short film of what makes it special. The film can be accessed via their website –

www.northwessexdowns.org.uk - where you can also find out how to be a Landscape Ambassador and build your knowledge of the North Wessex Downs by doing the short course.

News In Brief

Befriending service operated by Age UK Wiltshire branch

Requests for people to join this volunteering service to help people in the Grafton Parish have been received by Age UK Wiltshire branch. If you feel able to help then please contact Helen Barbrook **01380 735524** or **07506 836942** or helen.barbrook@ageukwiltshire.org.uk

Recycling Consultation and garden waste collections

A representative from Wiltshire Council will be at the Marlborough Household Recycling Centre to answer queries on the new arrangements for the recycling centres in Wiltshire on 18 July – all day

Full details of all the recycling centres can be found at:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres>

You will recall that your Council Tax this year does not include collection of your garden waste. To enable this, you need to sign-up for the new paid-for collection service which came into force in last month. Sign-up online or by telephoning 0300 456 0102; you should receive your bin stickers within 2 weeks along with notification of collection dates. Check

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/gardenwaste for full details.

Temporary Closure of Road to Lower Farm, Wexcombe

THE WILTSHIRE COUNCIL HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that on 22nd July 2015, the following length of road shall be closed to all traffic in the interests of public safety to enable Wiltshire Council to carry out carriageway resurfacing and associated works.

Road to Lower Farm, Wexcombe.

Alternative route:

No through road – access will be maintained.

The closure will be clearly indicated by traffic signs throughout the works period.

This closure notice comes into effect on 22nd June 2015, for a maximum of 21 days; however it is anticipated the work will take 3 days to complete.

For further information regarding these works please contact Balfour Beatty Living Places on **01249 468582** (Office Hours) and **07900 715776** (Out of Hours – Duty Manager).

Sustainable Transport Group, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8JN

Summer Activities

Leisure centres across Wiltshire will be running summer camps over the holiday period for children aged 5 to 14 called Camp Activate. These are run by qualified staff and within Ofsted guidelines. Camps run from 08:30 to 17:00 on weekdays, half days are also available. The cost is £11 for half day or £22 for a full day. Full activity days include art, sport and history. If you would like your child to attend, they must hold a Wiltshire Council Leisurecard. If your child doesn't have one, they cost £5.50 for a year and are for all children under the age of 16. For more details of places, dates, contact details, please go to:

wiltshire.gov.uk/leisureandrecreation/leisureandsportscentres.lscampative

For the more athletic child, camps are available for cricket, football, tennis, athletics and much more across Wiltshire. Prices vary from £45 to £80 depending on the activity and if it is a full week or 2-3 days. For details go to: wiltshire.gov.uk/leisureandrecreation/sportphysicalactivity/sportsdevholidayactivities Otherwise for more ideas of where to take the kids this summer check out www.visitwiltshire.co.uk which is crammed with ideas.

Superfast Broadband

The roll-out of fibre broadband has started which is great news for most of the properties in East Grafton, Wilton and West Grafton. More details available at wiltshireonline.org and if you wish to upgrade you should contact your Internet Service Provider.

Unfortunately Marten and Wexcombe are served by the Oxenwood Exchange which is not included in Phase 1 of the project. More information will be made available about upgrades in these villages as soon as possible.

Pewsey-Devizes Bus Service

The pilot bus service will commence on 17th August. At the time of printing the Community News, the timetables (although confirmed) were not available in a format that could be shared, but they will be distributed in the weeks prior to the pilot commencing. The joint working group of Devizes and Pewsey Community Area Partnerships continue to work with the Wiltshire Council Public Transport Unit on this important project.

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.

JULY

12	18.00	Evensong	St N
13	19.15	Parish Council meeting	
18		Marlborough recycling consultation	
19	11.00	Holy Communion	St N
25/26	10.30	Engines in Steam	Crofton

AUGUST

02	11.00	Holy Communion	St N
07	22.00	C News closing date	
09	11.00	Commemorative Service with Bishop	St Katharine's
16	11.00	Holy Communion	St N
18	18.30	Youth activities skating mini bus leaves	
29-31	10.30	Engines in Steam	Crofton

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www.savernaketeam.org.uk for St Nicholas' service details.

MONDAY

CIRCUIT & FITNESS	Henrietta MacKinnon	09:15 to 10:15 Monday
YOGA		11:00 to 12:30 Monday
Bingo		19:00 to 20:30 Alternate Mondays

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
Mobile library at the Coronation Hall 15, 29 July, 12, 26 August 11.30 to 12.00		

	C.A.P. Dance & Fitness	Various classes for all ages between 15:30 and 19:00
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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 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	wiltoncc@yahoo.co.uk
Crofton beam engines	www.croftonbeamengines.org
Dance and Fitness	07746 479345 Charlotte Price
Grafton Goslings	graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk
Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig
Junior cricket club	wiltoncc@yahoo.co.uk
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
St Nicholas' church	www.savernaketeam.org.uk
Sunflowers at Grafton	01672 810478 Lyndsey Turner
Wiltshire Good Neighbours	07557 110418
Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
Yoga	01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt
Zumba	01672 484464 Joanna Bury

Local commercial listing

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Hair and Beauty	Katherine Le Bon	07770 945307
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Homeopathy	Emma H-Byass	07540 773531
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Painting & Decorating	Neil Anderson	01264 731362
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Reflexology	Jacque Gibbons	07724 676569
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274
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