

COMMUNITY NEWS

2015 continues with more community activities in Grafton Parish. The Children's disco was well attended, the Youth Group is putting ideas together for future events, the St George's Day dinner was a full house and all the Easter events meant that there was lots going on. Doctor Ballard is on vacation so there is no article from the surgery this month.



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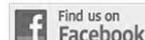
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St Nicholas' church - Another Begging Letter? (or a statement of fact)

'The church is the only institution that exists primarily for the benefit of those who are not its members.'

William Temple, former Archbishop of Canterbury

Churches throughout the country continue to function for the local community. Our church community at St Nicholas' Church continues to provide a focus in the area around East Grafton. Open Farm Day, Remembrance Day, VE Day Evensong, Stir Up Sunday, St George's Supper, Community Meals are just some of the ways in which the wider community benefits from the work of church members. Some of those events are fund-raisers for the church, others raise money for other good causes. All of them are an opportunity for the local community to get together and meet as neighbours. In addition, the church has a duty to provide for key moments in people's lives marking birth, marriage and death for anyone who lives in the area and wants to make use of this.

Earlier fundraising efforts and a recent bequest of over £30,000 mean that we can start work on essential repairs. The roof alone will cost over £36,000. Our normal annual expenses of £21,000 including repairs are not covered by occasional bequests (though please feel free to make one). At St Nicholas, the cost of keeping the building safe and watertight has emptied our contingency funds despite heroic efforts.

There is often a mistaken belief that money goes into the church or the Church of England coffers. This church community is subsidised by the national church for which a share is asked from the worshipping community (about £5,500). Churches as charities are legally required to be accountable and respect the intention of donors and so money cannot be diverted from the purpose for which it is given. Read our independently scrutinised accounts at the back of the church.

Donate to the repair fund and you are allowing the building to stay in public use. There are five churches and numerous Christian chapels in the Savernake Team which over the years have ceased to function. This parish alone had chapels closed in both Wexcombe and Wilton. In many cases this has been to the detriment of the local community.

If you can help a cheque payable to **Grafton PCC** (Peter Horne, The PCC Treasurer, The Old Court House, 272 East Grafton, SN8 3DB) or a BACS payment to sort code **60 71 28** Account No **73144517** reference **Repair Fund** makes sure it is only used for that purpose.

Gift Aid adds 25%. Make your donation work. A NAME, AN ADDRESS, A DATE AND SIGNATURE with the words PLEASE GIFT AID are all that are required.

On behalf of the PCC I thank you in expectation, Michael T McHugh Team Rector

News from St Nicholas' church

St George's Day Supper

£3,000 was raised at a very enjoyable St George's day supper on 23 April. This money will help pay for the repairs to our Church. The evening would not have been the success it was without a huge amount of support and generosity from members of our Parish. Liz Hosier and her team served the most delicious roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, trifle, apple pie and cheese. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the evening a great success. Martin Butt, Church Warden

Church cleaning and floral decorations

A big THANK YOU to our band of ladies who give up their time to clean our church and provide floral decorations. You all do a great job and it is really appreciated.

However, we still need more volunteers to help spread the load. If you could give just a few hours each year at a time to suit you, then please contact Patricia Knowles on **01672 810072**. The job is not onerous and you do not need any particular skills or expertise. Come with a friend or neighbour and have a chat whilst you work, or come along and make new friends. Thank you to Millie and David Lemon who have generously provided a brand new Henry vacuum cleaner which makes our job a lot easier!

News from the Coronation Hall Function Committee

There is a vacancy on the committee

Would you be interested in joining the Coronation Hall committee? We are looking for someone bright and cheerful who would minute meetings and help run a very busy hall. Please contact either Bill Clemence **01672 870274** or June Pearson **01672 811997**.

Amnesty alert!

Several items, bizarrely including all the saucepan lids, have gone missing from the hall kitchen! We are offering an amnesty to anyone who might accidentally have taken the last piece of cake home on a plate, pudding in a bowl, bread rolls in a basket or juice in our glass water jugs!

Or to anyone who might have held a party at the Hall and inadvertently packed Hall property away with their own catering items.

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Youth Activities Taking Shape - next session on 12 June

Numbers grew and another fun and ideas packed evening was had on 24 April. The table tennis tables and computer went down a storm – the pizza helped as well! Several parents also came to the evening, encouraged by what they saw and wanting to support the project.

Currently a bid is being put together for a 'Youth Café' (name to be determined), to meet twice a month, with funding for additional equipment and a series of requested activities. From clay pigeon shooting, horse riding, mountain biking, to street dancing, self-defence training and cooking with chocolate!

If you couldn't come last time, we'll do all we can to get your input, a short questionnaire will be circulated soon with more detail of what's in the bid – you'll get the chance to add to it.

AND come to the next session 12 June on the playing field weather permitting skateboarding (with ramps!) and a BBQ. If the weather's not so good, we will be back in the hall.

Parents are welcome, your support will be essential.

News will be posted on **www.graftonparish.com** and via our developing email network. Contact **07795 665756** or **Karen.brown@wiltshire.gov.uk** or **news@graftonparish.com**.

WW1 Scout reconstructions at Crofton and Wilton Windmill

The Steam Car Club joins the Scouts on Sunday 24 May for a WW1 extravaganza at Crofton and Wilton Windmill on 23 to 25 May.

There will be "turn of the century" camp sites, milling if the weather permits and plenty of activity at both sites. See **www.croftonbeamengines.org** or **www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk** for further details.

News In Brief

Warning over mirror danger

Warning over mirror danger Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service is again warning against the dangers of sunlight reflecting off mirrors and glass ornaments. There have been a number of incidents where fires have broken out in homes as a result of the sun's rays being reflected onto fabric or other flammable material. <http://pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/warning-over-mirror-danger/>

Part Time Course Tutors – Adult Education

Do you have a passion and enthusiasm for a subject that you would love to pass onto to adult learners? We currently have a number of Adult Education courses which run for one evening, one day or a number of weeks, taking place during weekday evenings and Saturdays. Read more... <http://pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/job/part-time-course-tutors-adult-education/>

Crofton Beam Engines

Come and visit the oldest working steam engines in the world still performing the job they were built to do! 200 years of history on your doorstep, situated in unspoiled countryside between Great Bedwyn and Marlborough. The Engines are next 'in steam' on **May 23, 24 & 25** and, with the 'Engineman's Rest Café', will be open from 10.30 to 4.30 each day. We also offer 'Steam Experience' days. Please see our web site for opening times during non-steaming periods. Contact: www.croftonbeamengines.org or Crofton Pumping Station, Marlborough, SN8 3DW. E-mail: crofton.shop@katrust.org.uk

Could you help make a difference to the lives of unpaid carers?

Carer Support Wiltshire are looking for volunteers to become local carer ambassadors to help Carer Support Wiltshire support more people providing unpaid care and support to a family member or friend. Our charity provides free support to people all over Wiltshire but our beautiful county is so large that we struggle to let everyone know that we exist. That's where you come in – you can help us raise our profile in your local parish.

Here are a few ways you could help:

- Put up promotional posters in your local village hall, shops or noticeboards
- Attend a local carers café to help provide social support for carers
- Link-up with local village events to tell people more about us.

You can give as little or as much time as you can. We really value our volunteers and we offer social events, access to training for your role and reimburse your out of pocket expenses. If you could help us reach more of the carers living in your area, please give Alan Docherty at Carer Support Wiltshire a call on **01380 871690**, or email info@carersinwiltshire.co.uk

Grants available

If you are looking for funding then please refer to the article on www.graftonparish.com where you will find many options now available.

Dog mess

A new law, introduced as part of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act last year, has been designed to tackle Britain's dog poo problem, with owners caught without a poop scooping bag facing a £100 fine. Although not adopted by our local council as yet, it is worth being aware of the new law.

Windmill help needed

If anyone would like to make cakes, sell raffle tickets or generally help out at the Windmill's Wind in the Willows day on Saturday 13th June from 12 to 4.30pm then please contact Susie Brew on secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk or on **07802 444022** (please leave a message if there is no answer).

Pewsey Care Café

A new monthly Care Café (run by the Pewsey Vale Dementia Awareness Group) is starting on Tuesday 16 June at 2pm at the Scout Hut in Pewsey. The café is for anyone caring for or living with dementia or anyone who would like some company and conversation over cake and a cuppa. It will take place on the third Tuesday of the month (except for September when it is on the 8th).

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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.

MAY

18	19.15	Parish Council Annual meeting	
23-25		Scouts WW1	Crofton & Windmill
23-25	10.30	Engines in Steam	Crofton
24	16.00	Family Service	St N
30	10.30	Junior cricket	Wilton nets
31	10.30	Team Holy Communion	Gt Bedwyn

JUNE

06	10.30	Junior cricket	Wilton nets
07	11.00	Open farm Sunday	Wexcombe farm
07		No service this Sunday	St N
12	18.30	Young people's BBQ	Playing field or Hall
13	10.30	Junior cricket	Wilton nets
13	12.00	Wind in the Willows	Wilton Windmill
14	18.00	Evensong	St N
21	11.00	Holy Communion	St N
27	19.00	Swine of Passion	Wilton Windmill
27	16.00	Family Service	St N
27/28	10.30	Engines in Steam	Crofton

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

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

 09:30 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

Mobile library at the Coronation Hall
20 May, 3, 17 June 11.30 to 12.00

 **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
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

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