

COMMUNITY NEWS

Thursday 5 May is the date for the Police and Crime Commissioner election when the Coronation Hall will be open as your polling station. When you visit the Hall you will no doubt see the great improvement to the driveway which the Hall funds have provided with the very able help from A4 hire, Frank Silk, Matt Phillips and David Lemon - thank you all. The area where cars park suffers a lot from drenching rain during the winter and so scalplings and a large amount of grass seed have been added to reduce the erosion and to get the area back to full grass. June Pearson has resigned from the Coronation Hall Function Committee to concentrate on Community events such as the Queen's birthday celebrations; during the past years June has worked hard on Hall business and all her efforts are much appreciated - thank you June.

Another improvement in the Parish relates to the playing field, adjacent to Sunflowers of Grafton, which has been much enhanced. The junior cricket club will meet there this season and the Parish Council is currently exploring the provision of facilities, for children from primary school age and upwards, to complement those already in neighbouring villages for the very young. Residents of the Parish are welcome to enjoy the field during the fine weather providing, of course, that you are mindful of the neighbours and that you keep within the field!

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Crofton Beam Engines started the 2016 season with a Great Easter Steaming weekend when their Boiler Appeal was launched. Regular steaming dates are planned throughout the year, with the next steaming weekend between the 30 April and 2 May.

Over the winter volunteers have been working hard, maintaining the engines and making improvements to the Engineer's Rest Café. This includes new counters and a shop area selling an improved range of gifts and souvenirs. The café and gift shop are both free entry and make an ideal stop when walking along the canal.

You don't need to wait for a Steaming Day to visit, the site is open everyday except Wednesdays from 10.30am to 4.30pm. For more information see www.croftonbeamengines.org.

**Wilton****Cricket****Club****Juniors****The training dates for the 2016 season are announced**

This is a great way to develop cricketing and ball skills.

We will have 6 training days and for the final gathering we will have a parents/children game followed by a barbeque (weather permitting) back at the Swan.

The timing on each of the Saturdays will be 10:30-12:00 and the dates for your diary are: 23 April, 7, 14, 21 May and 11, 18 June.

This year, we will be moving training sessions to the East Grafton playing field, adjacent to Sunflowers of Grafton (just past St Nicholas' church).

As with previous years we will be charging £10 for the season and ideally the sessions are for children in the Parish who attend primary school.

If you have any questions please email
pdewinton@savills.com

St Nicholas' church

If you have time to visit the church and see the wonderful Easter arrangements you will find the trip very worthwhile as they are stunning. Visit www.savernaketeam.org.uk for the schedule for May.

Winter Warmers**Last lunch of the season****Wednesday 11 May 12.30pm**

**Chicken Casserole New Potatoes
Rhubarb Crumble and Custard.**

We will meet again October for more Winter Warmers.

**Book your tickets with Liz Hosier 01264 731242
or 07831 545772**

**On your own or with a group of friends - everyone
welcome.**

News from Bedwyn Surgery

There are a few things that I would like to tell you about and would welcome your help with:

- As you probably know Dr Ballard's last day at the Surgery was 31 March. We wish him well in the forthcoming College Elections, and if he is elected Chair, we will be seeing him later in the year on occasions, as he will need to do a certain amount of clinical work in that role, and has chosen Bedwyn surgery as the place that he would like to do that.
- We welcome Dr Anne Woods to the Practice from 5 April, who is moving down from Scotland. She has been a partner in her own Practice for the last 12 years, and she and her husband are moving to the area.
- It is two years since we last carried out our own **Patient Survey**. In conjunction with our Patient Group we have decided that it would be a good idea to run it again to see how the Practice is performing in your eyes two years on. You should have received an email or text with a link to take the survey. If you don't have access to a mobile or computer, paper copies are available from reception. **Please do take part**. Your feedback is appreciated, and will help shape the way we provide our service to you. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like further information on this.
- We are planning a **Community Defibrillator training session** in the spring. Again we need sufficient patient interest to make it worthwhile running. Please let reception know, and as soon as we have a group of around 40-50 who would like to take part we will book a date.
- **Are you a carer?**- Someone who without payment provides help and support to a partner, child, parent or neighbour who could not manage without your help. This could be due to age, physical or mental illness, substance misuse eating disorder or disability. If you think this applies to you, let us know we can provide additional help and support to you as the carer.

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Youth Activities

The cookery session resulted in a very tasty family lunch on 19 March which was well attended, delicious and successful for everyone! The pavlovas would beat anything on MasterChef! During the Easter holidays there was an opportunity to spend time credits on a trip to Freedog (29 March) and ice skating proved to be a fun day out on 31 March too. Oxenwood came up trumps with rifle shooting, archery, including long bows and some outside cooking!

Grafton Youth Activities has been evolving and now has a fabulous logo to communicate its energy and purpose – what do you think of it?

Plans for the Summer Term

29 April – Making Chocolates in the Coronation Hall 6.30 pm

If you fancy being a chocolatier for the evening, come along and make colourful chocolate bars and you could also try your hand at some decadent truffles too. Bring aprons - its messy work!

01 June – Extreme Trampoline Park

A brand new trampoline park in Swindon – early feedback says its better than Freedog!

Further details for the mini bus times, bounce session and parent consent forms will be in the next Community News Edition. Please indicate if you are coming and book a place by emailing youthactivities@graftonparish.com or text **07802 923344**

08 July – Pizza Making and Clay Modelling Session in the Coronation Hall 6.30 pm

Two activities running concurrently. You can either get making delicious pizzas or get creative with clay. The pizzas will be consumed by everyone!

There will be other activities at May half term and in the summer holidays where you can spend time credits – watch this space.

Please let your local friends know what is planned and invite them along. If you have questions, want more details or would like to join in then please contact youthactivities@graftonparish.com and Annie on **07802 923344** or Karen.brown@wiltshire.gov.uk and on

If you are interested in becoming DBS checked to enable you to help occasionally with Grafton Youth Activities in the parish then please contact youthactivities@graftonparish.com to join a local fast track service to be held in Grafton.

Local events and news outside this Parish

Bedwyn Music Society Summer Concerts at the Church in Bedwyn each month during the season	Enquiries: Andrew Hutchison 01672 870 970
Prospect Hospice is looking for volunteers to open their gardens during the Summer to raise funds	www.prospect-hospice.net
What's on in Wiltshire	www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisureandrecreation/whatson
Tree wardens for Wiltshire	www.wiltshiretreewardens.co.uk
A blog for the heritage community of Wiltshire	www.heritageinwiltshire.wordpress.com
A blog for Wiltshire's arts community	www.theartsinwiltshire.wordpress.com

News in brief

Everleigh Update

Following the 'consultation' on the Household Recycling Centres in Wiltshire and the proposed closure of Everleigh Recycling Centre, a number of reports and communications were distributed which served further to confuse Everleigh's future. As a result, the Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP) provided contextual analysis to Wiltshire Council which showed that in fact Everleigh was far from being the least efficient Centre, when population figures are taken into account. PCAP also asked Wiltshire Council to provide 'a formal, unambiguous statement on Everleigh HRC which can be communicated to the parishes across the Community Area'. Wiltshire Council has confirmed that 'closure of Everleigh Household Recycling Centre is not included within the budget proposals for 2016-17'. Sadly, Wiltshire Council does not currently seem willing to look at the contextual evidence and still insists that Everleigh is the least efficient site. PCAP awaits a response from Wiltshire Council on the contextual data. The future of Everleigh is therefore far from certain.

Update on Queen's birthday celebrations on 12 June

Please help the parish to create a **right royal gallery of art** to mark this very special occasion.

Paint a picture....create a crown or collage... anything in fact that you feel reflects 90 glorious years of the Queen's life and of her reign over this Country and the Commonwealth. Take inspiration from all the Queen's favourite things....horses, corgis, castles and carriages, changing the guard, the countryside, her family, a wonderful smile....and all those hats!

Everything submitted (by the 10th June to the Coronation Hall please) will be exhibited in the Tea Tent.

Please have a go....get those creative juices flowing....and produce a majestic masterpiece!

Calling all bakers!

There's nothing as good as a nice cup of tea and a slice of home-made cake...it's so very British!

Please could you make your favourite cake and bring it to our Royal Tea Tent at the Queen's Birthday Celebrations on 12 June?

Phone **01672 811997** or **01672 870947** to confirm your contribution. Thank you!

Grafton Parish Council annual meeting 9 May at 7.15pm

All residents of the Parish are warmly welcomed to the annual meeting of the council during which representatives of all the associations, clubs and organisations which are active in the Parish will give their summary of the last year. Refreshments are served at the start of the meeting which will be a relaxed affair and a good opportunity for you to learn about what is going on. This is a chance for you to have your say too! For more information email clerk@graftonparish.com

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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.

APRIL

10	18.00	Evening Service	St N
13	12.30	Winter Warmers lunch	
17	11.00	Holy Communion and Annual PCM	St N
17	14.00	Hooky Duck	Wilton pond
20	19.30	Horticultural Society	
23	10.30	Junior cricket	Grafton playing field
24	16.00	Family Worship	St N
29	18.30	Youth activity chocolate making	

MAY

05	06.30	Police & Crime Commissioner election	
07	10.30	Junior cricket	Grafton playing field
09	19.15	Parish Council AGM/APM/meeting	
11	12.30	Winter Warmers lunch	
14	10.30	Junior cricket	Grafton playing field
21	10.30	Junior cricket	Grafton playing field

St Nicholas' Parochial Church Council Annual Meeting

17 April in the church after the morning service
Do please come along to find out what is happening in our parish church.

email news@graftonparish.com with contributions for the Community News.

Deadline for the next issue Friday 6 May
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MONDAY

CIRCUIT & FITNESS



09:15 to 10:15 Monday

YOGA



11:00 to 12:30 Monday

TUESDAY

ZUMBA



09:30 to 10:30 Tuesday

YOGA



19:30 to 21:00 Tuesday

WEDNESDAY

CIRCUIT & FITNESS



09:15 to 10:15 Wednesday



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

THURSDAY



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

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6.45pm and 7.45pm
Thursday

FRIDAY

Mobile library at the Coronation Hall
15 April, 13 May 11.30am to 12pm



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

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
Dog training - sociable	07779 100079 Simon Wooler
Grafton Goslings	graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk
Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig
Junior cricket club	pdewinton@savills.com
Karate	07775 510143 Darren Pettifer
Link Scheme	0771 7006787
Member of Parliament	01380 729358 Claire Perry
Parish Council	clerk@graftonparish.com 01672 811335
PCC Secretary	01672 870266 Millie Lemon
Pilates	07769 580148 Tracey Rich
Police emergency	999 or 112
Police non emergency	101 Jonathan Mills
Salt/sand bags	07910 637 634 David Lemon
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
Winter Warmers	01264 731242 Liz Hosier
Yoga	01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt
Zumba	01672 484464 Joanna Bury

Local commercial listing

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Builder & roofing	Dan and Co	07936 586228
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