

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

If you are wondering what to do this Spring then you need to look no further! How about suggesting an activity or sport to form part of the Queen's birthday celebrations planned for 12 June? If the tremendous success of the "Jubilee Games" is to be repeated then all contributions will be very gratefully received. Email [news@graftonparish.com](mailto:news@graftonparish.com) and we will pass on all ideas and offers of help whether with the planning, on the day or during the clear-up afterwards! If you do not have email then please ring **01672 811997** as suggested on page 2 where more details are shown.

On the subject of what to do... the success and variation of Youth Activities now available in Grafton Parish is shown by the program below and all this started as a result of a request from one resident of the parish. It just shows how much you can change what is available if you just ask. So contact [news@graftonparish.com](mailto:news@graftonparish.com) and we will do our best to pass on requests to the right organisation to try and fulfil your requests.

Our Doctor's piece will be available on [www.graftonparish.com](http://www.graftonparish.com) this month because we are a little tight for space.

**Youth Activities – Spice Time Credits taking off**

February was a busy month, a bus full went trampolining at **Freedog** - and no injuries! Great fun was had at Adrenaline Alley - it lives up to its name! And a trip to London for War Horse was fun and moving.

A number of young people have now earned time credits through helping others, for example by entertaining and looking after toddlers, planning the Family Meal and taking part in Clean for the Queen. More will be earned in cooking the family meal planned for 19 March.

Forthcoming activities:-

**19 March - Family Lunch.** A tasty lunch has been planned for parents and siblings of the youth group. The menu is yummy, at least 30 people will be coming – a great experience in cooking for crowds!

The cooks need to be at the Coronation Hall for 10am and guests at 1.45pm - lunch will be served at 2pm. It's a great opportunity to learn more about Grafton Youth Activities and plans for the future, email [youthactivities@graftonparish.com](mailto:youthactivities@graftonparish.com) by 16 March if you are coming – we'd hate to run out of food!

**31 March - Ice skating (NB the date has changed from 30 March to have enough parents volunteers),** leaving the Coronation Hall at 12pm and return at 4pm. There is no cost for this activity. Parents need to sign and return a consent form and we suggest you either bring a drink and snack or bring some cash for the vending machine at the ice rink. There are 14 places available, they will be given on a first come first served basis, except for over 13's who will have priority. To book your place and get a consent form, email [youthactivities@graftonparish.com](mailto:youthactivities@graftonparish.com)

**4 April - Rifle shooting and Archery** at Oxenwood. Further news will be in the March Newsletter, posted on [www.graftonparish.com](http://www.graftonparish.com) and Grafton Parish Community News Facebook page.

Plans for May, June and July will be available in the next Community News – with some exciting ideas on how Spice Time Credits can be spent!

Please contact [youthactivities@graftonparish.com](mailto:youthactivities@graftonparish.com) and Annie on **07802 923344** or [Karen.brown@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Karen.brown@wiltshire.gov.uk) and on **07795 665756** if you have questions, want more details or would like to join in.

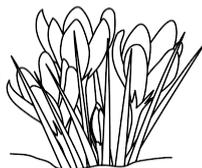
**EASTER GARDEN AND CROSS OF FLOWERS**

Please bring your children to St Nicholas' Church  
on Saturday, 26 March at 10.30am  
to create the Easter Garden and make a  
beautiful Cross of spring flowers



Easter biscuits and squash

will be provided



Many thanks to everyone who came to the "Joseph's Dream Coat" family service

We had a record number of forty eight and it was wonderful to see so many families

Please bring your children to the next one, the services last no longer than 40 minutes and are very child friendly

Details in the Community News diary of events

**Winter Warmers****The Queen's birthday lunch**

**13 April 12.30pm**



Lilibet's Salmon with new potatoes

Queen of Puddings and

**RIGHT ROYAL PICTURE QUIZ!**

Book your tickets with Liz Hosier 01264 731242  
or 07831 545772

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

The last lunch for the season is on 13 May



# EASTER LILIES - final reminder

There is still time to commemorate the life of a friend or loved one, by buying a lily in their name to be included in the Easter floral decorations in the Church of St Nicholas' at East Grafton.

To order Lilies which cost £2.50 each, please contact: -  
Elizabeth Hosier **01264 731242** Wexcombe  
Millie Lemon **01672 870266** Wilton and Marten  
Patricia Knowles **01672 810072** East Grafton  
Victoria Frost **01672 810386** West Grafton

This year, Easter Sunday falls on 27 March.  
Please come and enjoy the Church Service at 11am on that day.

Parishioners and friends of all ages will be warmly welcomed.

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## GRAFTON AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Wednesday 16 March we will start our Programme for 2016 with the AGM followed by a lecture by one of our favourite speakers, Ray Broughton, with the intriguing title "80 things you may not have known about gardening". This is the first of 4 evening lectures in the Coronation Hall, one more in April and then one in October and one in December.

From May we visit private gardens that are not usually open to the public, all within an hour's drive from Grafton. We meet for lunch near the garden first which makes for a really nice day out.

If you are interested in joining, why not come along to our meeting on the 16 March or on 20 April. The meeting starts at 7.30pm. You will be made most welcome.

Marijke Craig **01672 810364**



## A VERY SPECIAL DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

All residents of the Grafton parish are invited to a **PARISH CELEBRATION** to mark the **QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY** on **SUNDAY 12 JUNE**



The day will begin with a patriotic church service at St Nicholas' Church organised by the PCC followed by lots of free fun for all the family on the Green near the church in East Grafton

Many events are planned including a fancy dress parade, traditional track races, tug-of-war, lots of 'test your skills' contests and a wonderful Royal themed treasure hunt. A famous Swan barbecue will be available (or bring your own picnic) and of course the very best home-made cakes in the county will be served in a beautifully Regal tea tent!

Return tractor and trailer rides from all the Parish hamlets to the green will be provided

You are also invited to submit a portrait or picture ... indeed anything you would like to paint or create which represents our Queen, Country and Commonwealth. The works of art will be displayed in a Royal Gallery around the tea tent ... phone **01672 811997** for further information

More details in next month's issue of the Community News

### Employment opportunity in Grafton parish

The Coronation Hall Committee has a **VACANCY FOR A CARETAKER**

The position would be ideal for someone with good general maintenance skills.

Hourly rate and hours required agreed on application.

Contact the Hall Committee by email: [hall@graftonparish.com](mailto:hall@graftonparish.com)

### 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.**

## Local events and news outside this Parish

Join the campaign to show decision makers in County Hall that bus subsidies must be saved in Wiltshire.	<a href="http://www.change.org/p/wiltshire-council-stop-bus-cuts-in-wiltshire?">www.change.org/p/wiltshire-council-stop-bus-cuts-in-wiltshire?</a>
The Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership website has lots of content which you may find useful.	<a href="http://www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk">www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk</a>
What's on in Wiltshire.	<a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisureandrecreation/whatson">www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisureandrecreation/whatson</a>
Free children's activities in the build up to the Rio Olympics are taking place in the Pewsey area.	<a href="http://www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk">www.pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk</a>
If you do not have internet access and wish to find out more on how to save energy by swapping your supplier.	Contact Community First on <b>01380 722475</b> .
Marlborough & District Rotary Club. Spring Fayre raising money for a Radiotherapy unit at GWH.	Bouverie Hall, Pewsey on 2 April at 10am

### News in brief

#### Grafton Parish Council

You are warmly invited to attend any Parish Council meeting in the Coronation Hall so why not come along to find out what is going on and what is planned for the future? You will be surprised to see how you can "have your say" about local concerns and to find out what can be done to address any issues which you may have. There is a vacancy on the council and so you may well be tempted to offer your services and to contribute to your community.



Whatever your feelings about the Clean for The Queen campaign (and it has certainly stirred some discussion!) we had a great turnout in our parish litter pick on Saturday 5 March. Our little bit of the county is definitely looking a bit tidier after we picked up 7 bags of rubbish in Marten, 4 in Wexcombe and 8 in Wilton. A HUGE thank you to the 40+ litter pickers who gave their time and to the many people who regularly pick litter when out and about.

#### Coronation Hall news

Now that Spring is upon us why not enrol in one of the many excellent classes at The Coronation Hall?

They are all run by professional, personable trainers and include Yoga, Pilates, Circuit Training, Modern Dance and Ballet, Zumba and Karate. A great way to enjoy exercise, good company and stay fit at the same time!!

Perhaps there is something new you would like to see or organise at the hall. Ideas are most welcome.

Contact the Committee by email at [hall@graftonparish.com](mailto:hall@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.

### MARCH

14	19.15	Parish Council meeting	
16	19.30	Horticultural Society	
19	10.00	Youth Activities family lunch	
20	09.30	Palm Sunday	<i>St N</i>
26	10.30	Easter Garden and cross of flowers	<i>St N</i>
27	11.00	Easter Sunday service	<i>St N</i>
31	12.00	Youth Activities Ice skating	

### APRIL

03	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
04		Youth activities rifle shooting	
10	18.00	Evening Service	<i>St N</i>
13	12.30	Winter Warmers lunch	
17	11.00	Holy Communion and Annual PCM	<i>St N</i>
20	19.30	Horticultural Society	
24	16.00	Family Worship	<i>St N</i>

Thank you Amber for all your successful sessions of Marlborough Multiplies in the Coronation Hall. We wish you well for your future.

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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

**C.A.P Dance & Fitness**  
Various classes for all ages between 15:30 and 19:00

### THURSDAY

**GRAFTON GOBLINGS**   
Baby and toddler group  
10:00 to 11:30 Thursday

### FRIDAY

**Mobile library** at the Coronation Hall  
18 March, 15 April 11.30am to 12pm

**pilates**   
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
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
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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Gardening	Sue Upham	01672 810526
Grafton Garage	Tony Gilbert	07845 006890
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Hat Hire	Victoria Frost	01672 810386
Homeopathy	Emma H-Byass	07540 773531
Logs/tree surgeon	Jeremy Hawkins	07980 536156
Painting & Decorating	Neil Anderson	01264 731362
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Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274

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