

We sincerely hope that you will be very happy living in our beautiful Parish in Wiltshire.

Swans on Wilton pond in the background.

The residents of the hamlets of Wilton, Marten, Wexcombe, East and West Grafton do try to work together to achieve goals which would not be possible with the small populations within each hamlet.

The recent national events, such as the jubilee and millennium were celebrated with tremendous community spirit in this Parish. These celebrations extend to Christmas and Armistice Day every year so there are always events to look out for.



Wilton Windmill

Conservation Area

We do also have to remember that we live in a "CONSERVATION AREA" and this means that many buildings, trees, hedges etc are protected.

Planning applications are necessary for the majority of changes to buildings and the land upon which they are sited.

It is always necessary to remember your neighbours especially when parking vehicles within the parish where roads are narrow and obstructions can cause both inconvenience and danger.

Please contact the Parish Council if you are unsure about whether you need planning consent to

- alter the appearance of your buildings or
- fell or prune your trees!

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Welcome to Grafton Parish

This leaflet is designed to give you a little taste of what lies within the hamlets which comprise this Parish and where you might find information of assistance as you settle into your new home.



You can find out even more on the internet if you have internet access. The address is: www.graftonparish.com where you can use the "Contact us" page to email your Parish Council.

If you do not have access to the internet then please ask the Chairman for a printed copy of the details and contact information.

Where can I find information about this area?

Well, you will find details of all events to be held in the Parish on the web site (see cover for details) and on various notice boards in the hamlets and in the Village Hall.



Fund raising events for the thriving Primary school, St. Nicholas Church, the Coronation Hall

and the Wilton windmill provide very good opportunities to meet your neighbours—look out for the posters!!

There is a Parish Magazine which is published every two months for a small annual charge (contact Goff Beese 01672 810395). The independent Grafton Gazette is delivered to every household monthly (contact Pete Vallis 01672 811326)

You are always welcome to our Parish Council meetings which are held on the First Tuesday of January, March, May, July, Sept, Nov. Local topics, plans and opportunities are discussed here, providing a very good forum for getting to know the hamlets and their residents.

Getting about

Details of public transport are available through links on our web site and in the local stores and Doctors' surgeries in Burbage and Bedwyn where there are also more notice boards for local information.

A volunteer car transport "Link scheme" operates to help those who are unable to make their own way to important appointments.

We are lucky to have a vast collection of footpaths for exploring the area around; maps are displayed in the Hall.



Community

St Nicholas Church is regularly festooned with amazing floral arrangements.

There is a pub in Wilton

and there are a number of successful organizations which meet regularly in the Hall. The Gardening Club has a thriving membership, the Friendship Club is well supported by the retired residents of the parish and Bingo draws in the crowds every other Monday.



Topical notes:

Wexcombe in the background.

We are always, like most Parishes, looking for volunteers to help with the many activities which we undertake.

If you feel able and willing to offer your time (when you have had a chance to unpack of course!) then please give the Parish Council Chairman a call and we will be delighted to help you to fill your time!

You will find up to date lists of all Parish activities on our web site together with links to all the local community facilities, activities and plenty of information about past events, Parish Council minutes and much more.

There is a drive at the present to raise money to rebuild/renovate the Coronation Hall. This project has helped to cement the community and a visit to any/all of the fund raising events will surely help you to meet your neighbours and learn more about this lovely part of southern England

We all hope that you will be very happy in your new home and we look forward to meeting you soon.