

Parish Council update

Planning meetings have been held at 1pm in the Coronation Hall in the past. These days the Hall is regularly booked at this time and so the meeting times have had to be changed. From 9 August the Parish Council planning meetings will be held, when there are plans to discuss, prior to the full Parish Council meeting, at Wilton Manor Farm Barn. All planning applications, for non-tree work, are posted on our Facebook and Twitter accounts (see page 4 for details). Meetings will be open to the public as before and the agendas for planned meetings will be posted on noticeboards and on **www.graftonparish.com** as usual.

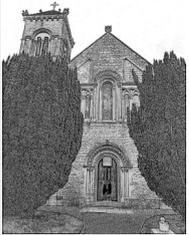
The Parish Council will do all that it can to ensure that planning dates are adjusted to coincide with full Council meetings as before. It is important to note that there is no requirement for "Applications for Tree work" to be discussed at open meetings therefore the Parish Councillor(s) responsible for the hamlet involved will respond to Wiltshire County Council. Please be warned that if a tree application affects your property it is your responsibility to respond to the application on the Planning website **www.unidoc.wiltshire.gov.uk/uniDoc** - this is the web site for investigating all planning applications.

Conservation area: Requests have been made recently regarding the Conservation Area in our Parish. You can find out more about this at **www.graftonparish.com** - select Grafton Parish Council/Planning and scroll down to the conservation area statement. It is important to note that different rules apply to planning applications in a Conservation area and so it may well be worth a visit to the "do I need planning permission" web page on the Wiltshire website. **www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/3586/Do-I-need-planning-permission**. Do please remember that your Parish Councillors are there to help you so please contact your local representative if you have any concerns or queries.

Speed Watch is resuming after a long break. From the data downloaded so far, the East Grafton Speed Indicator Devices appear to be making a difference. We always need more volunteers to man the devices which we share with Easton Royal on a fortnightly basis. It is now possible to undertake the necessary training online, rather than going to Police Headquarters in Devizes, so please consider getting involved. The equipment may not be used in rain, fog or snow so you will not be asked to stand outside in very inclement weather! There is a requirement for the Police to preform a Risk Assessment at each proposed location before the cameras can be used in an area so currently there are 3 sites only available in our Parish. Requests have been made for further sites but permission has not yet been given.

Please email **clerk@graftonparish.com** for details on how to enrol on the online Speed Watch course. Courses start at 11am and dates coming up are Thursday 19 and Saturday 21 August, Tuesday 7, Saturday 11, Thursday 23 and Saturday 25 September.

St. Nicholas' Church update



The PCC is pleased to report that permission for internal roof repair has been granted by the Salisbury Diocese Faculty. Funding of £2,000 has now been arranged with the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and the PCC has received some generous donations which, together with reserve funds, will enable work to commence; although further fund raising will be required to replenish the coffers which will be significantly depleted.

Work will start as soon as scaffolders and builders are able to schedule the jobs.

Baton for Posterity

Please look out on noticeboards, posters, WhatsApp, Facebook, Twitter and **www.graftonparish.com** for news of a "baton for posterity" initiative! Everyone is welcome to write their name in permanent ink as soon as the wooden batons are ready to be placed onto the new ceiling. The repair fund will benefit from your donations (minimum £5 per baton) and the roof will provide a record of Parish residents for many years to come. These signings will take place in the lych gate at the dates and times published.

Autumn clean and recover

Once the ceiling has been repaired there will be a need for a team of people to wield dusters, polishers, hoovers and much else! "Sing-along-a-clean" will be advertised, coffee/tea/cakes and much more will be served to all those with willing helping hands. This will herald a new start for St Nicholas' church - gleaming roof, gleaming church and smiling friends.

Church Services

No services during August and then 11am on the first Sunday in each month is Holy Communion and 6pm on the fourth Sunday is time for hymn singing and the evening service. Please be aware that the areas of the church which can be used prior to ceiling repairs are clearly marked and it is important to follow the signs. It is hoped that services can be held on Sundays in the Coronation Hall if work continues into September.

CROFTON BEAM ENGINES

Crofton Beam Engines are Steaming Again

Come along on Sunday 29 and Monday 30 August to see the engines in Steam again. Tickets are available on a pre-booked basis via Art Tickets, do check our website - www.croftonbeamengines.org or call 01672 870300 for further details. Take a picnic along to enjoy in the grounds and take a walk from there to Wilton Water or along the canal.

See Conservation Work in Progress

The Archimedes' Screw is undergoing some conservation treatment during August (this is a machine used for transferring water from lower to higher levels) and there will be three public viewing sessions (each of one hour) to see what's going on, on Thursday 19 August at 10.30 am and 2.30 pm and on Tuesday 24 August at 2.30 pm. Tickets are available on a pre-booked basis via Art Tickets, check our website www.croftonbeamengines.org for more details.

LET'S HAVE LUNCH

Winter Warmers

After a very welcome and successful return in June, following the pandemic restrictions, this monthly lunch continues to provide superb food, great company and a chance to catch up with your neighbours and friends in the Parish.

Salmon en croute with salad, followed by summer pudding and cream, was served on 3 August and the next delicious meal will be served on Tuesday 7 September at 12.30pm.

Contact Liz on **01264 731242** to book a place and ensure that there is sufficient food for you!

News in Brief



Community Messaging aims to improve the flow of information between communities and the police.

Free alerts (by email, text or voicemail) from local police officers about policing and crime matters in their Community Policing Team (CPT) area and from partner agencies.

Residents can reply to messages from local officers to help them better police the area e.g. responding to police appeals for information.

To find out more and sign up go to www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk.

Emergency Alerts For example, warning of severe flooding, fires, explosions, terrorist incidents or public health emergencies.

Emergency alerts work like a radio broadcast and in an emergency, mobile phone masts in the surrounding area will broadcast an alert. Every compatible mobile phone or tablet in range of a mast will receive the alert.

The emergency services and the UK government do not need your phone number to send you an alert. You will get alerts based on your current location – not where you live or work.

No one will collect or share data about you, your device or your location when you receive an alert. You will not get alerts if your device is turned off or in aeroplane mode.

Emergency alerts are free. You do not need to sign up for them or download an app. You can opt out of some emergency alerts, but you should keep them switched on for your own safety. To find out more visit www.gov.uk/alerts/how-alerts-work



Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Safe and Well Visits are completely free of charge.

They will supply and install free smoke, heat, and carbon monoxide alarms and also provide fire retardant bedding, spray, extension leads, heater loans, arson proof letterboxes, and deaf alerts where required.

You can find resources on their website and the following link provides some more information on what a Safe and Well Visit is together with the option to make a referral. www.dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits/what-is-safe-and-well



Work Wiltshire has announced a new Instagram account aimed at Young People in Wiltshire.

They will be sharing information and guidance on local jobs, education and opportunities to develop themselves. Follow them [@young_workwiltshire](https://www.instagram.com/young_workwiltshire). They are also happy to share information and events from partner organisations so do get in touch www.workwiltshire.co.uk/young if you would like to reach young people across Wiltshire.

Parish Council Planning Application Meeting 9 August, 6pm at Manor Farm Barn, Wilton

Application Ref PL/2021/06540 - closing 18 August

Address: Old Bakery Cottage, East Grafton,

Proposal: Erection of a detached garden room

Details on: www.unidoc.wiltshire.gov.uk/uniDoc

Plus any additional applications which may arrive.

Local Bus Transport

Wiltshire Council is asking for help to shape the future of local bus transport, as part of the Government strategy to improve and transform services across the country.

Around £3bn has been set aside by the Government to make improvements throughout England, and Wiltshire Council is looking at how Wiltshire and our residents can benefit from this. The Government's strategy complements the council's aim to encourage more people to travel by bus to help support its carbon neutral objectives, and to reach and connect more people who live in rural communities.

The survey will run until 23 August 2021. It can be found online at **Bus Service Improvement Plan survey Wiltshire** and hard copies are available at libraries and the council's main hubs.

Timmy B Yoga

Coronation Hall East Grafton

Wednesdays

Yoga 9.30 – 10.30am

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Grafton Parish Rounders Challenge 2021

This popular community event is back and planned for Friday 10 September. Similar format to previous years with intervillage knock-out matches, BBQ, drinks, and lots to keep little ones occupied. It's always those who come along to enjoy the fun who "make the day".

Start practicing your bat and ball skills and mustering a team!

Plans are gradually developing, thinking about BBQ and drinks selection and who can do and provide what!

If you have ideas and suggestions on menu, activities for the evening and for little ones, and/or you can help on the day contact Annie on **07802 923344** or youthactivities@graftonparish.com.

Final plans in next month's edition – keep your eyes peeled.

Planning for Grafton Youth Activities

A group of enthusiastic young people from the parish are putting together their thoughts and ideas for Youth Activities going forward to include:

- What trips they would most like to organise
- What activities they could undertake
- Ideas for volunteering in the community

The output of their work will create a programme for the next few months.

If you have ideas you would like included or would like to know more WhatsApp Annie on **07802 923344** or email youthactivities@graftonparish.com can help support the group.

Free Funday for young people 11 years+ 22 August Bouverie Hall Car Park, Pewsey Climbing Wall 11am – 4pm

Staff supervising safety at all times

Children aged 8 – 11 years may attend with parents

Links for local information

These links have been publicised before but, on recent verification, we have updated all the website addresses for your assistance. We do note that it is becoming increasingly clear that the majority of information is now published on websites/internet only. To this end we wish to offer alternative methods for distributing information. If you are unable to use current IT technology then please drop a message into the Coronation Hall letterbox and we will do our best to provide you with what you need.

Events and news in the Pewsey Vale visitpewseyvale.co.uk

Charity working for community development communityfirst.org.uk

Pewsey Area Board ocm.wiltshire.gov.uk/pewsey

Access Community notice boards and much more on wiltshire.gov.uk

Grafton Parish graftonparish.com

All the latest news releases wiltshire.gov.uk/news

Heritage community of Wiltshire

heritageinwiltshire.wordpress.com

Roadworks wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-road-closures

Tree wardens for Wiltshire treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/tree-wardens/wiltshire

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Dates for your diary

All events take place in the Coronation Hall unless otherwise specified. *St N* refers to St Nicholas' Church.

AUGUST

09	18.00	Parish Council planning <i>Wilton Manor Barn</i>
16	14.00	Alzheimer's Support Memory Cafe
19	All day	Wiltshire Police/Commissioner ballot
	10.30 & 14.30	Conservation in progress <i>Crofton Beam Engines</i>
24	14.30	Conservation in progress <i>Crofton Beam Engines</i>
25	11.40	Mobile Library
27	24.00	Closing date for September issue
29&30		Crofton Beam Engines in Steam

SEPTEMBER

03	11.00	Holy Communion <i>St N</i>
04	14.00	Alzheimer's Support Memory Cafe
07	12.30	Winter Warmers
10		Rounders Challenge
13	19.15	Parish Council open meeting



A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who dropped off a bag for our Bag2School collection in July.

Your contributions are very much appreciated and we raised just over £60 for new resources.



Join the **Prospect Hospice** 'thanks a million' summer raffle and you could win £2,000 cash!

Online entries close on Thursday 23 September 2021. For full terms and conditions, please visit www.prospect-hospice.net/raffle

Community News Closing dates Please note that our closing date is always the last Friday in each month. Issues are then distributed by volunteers either over the following weekend or within the next few days (thank you all). If you wish to publish an event, advert or comment then do please be aware of the calendar period covered by each issue.

Calendar of regular dates at the Coronation Hall

Monday (every week)	Dance	16.45
Tuesday (every week)	Zumba	09.30
Tuesday (every week)	Dance	16.15
Wednesday (every week)	Timmy B yoga	09.30
Wednesday (every week)	Dance	15.30
Thursday (weekly in term time)	Goslings	10.00
Thursday (every week)	Pilates	13.30
Thursday (every week)	Timmy B yoga	15.00
Thursday (every week)	Dance	16.45
Friday (every week)	Pilates	09.30

Monday (first & third in month)	Alzheimer's Cafe	13.15
Tuesday (first in month)	Winter	12.30

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