

Wilton Windmill Family Fun Day

It was a glorious summer day - sunny intervals and light winds - the perfect weather for any event up at Wilton Windmill!

And people came in their droves to enjoy this magical place and all the entertainment, food and drink laid on for the afternoon, including falconry displays, a Tiger Moth looping the loop (to the gasps of the crowds below), craft stalls, children's games and the fabulous Swan Folk who played throughout the afternoon. There was a delicious BBQ, a very busy bar and of course the Tea Tent. You could get a free guided tour of the Windmill and bid in the silent auction for some amazing prizes and hundreds of children were enthralled by the magician and the Punch & Judy shows.

There is a lot of work that goes in to any event like this. The organisers for the event were Andy and Rosie Pack and what a grand job they did! There were teams of helpers on Friday and Saturday morning setting things up and then after the event taking things back down again.

Volunteers of all ages made everything happen - from organising car parking, running the children's games, serving tea and cake and manning the shepherd's hut and lots more besides.

The tea tent sold out of cake by the end of the event - everyone was amazed by the choice and quality of all the delicious cakes that were available. This was completely down to people of this Parish taking the time to bake and decorate all manner of cakes - a huge thank you to everyone. Details of how much was raised will be on the Grafton Parish Facebook page soon.

Well done Grafton Parish - what an amazing day and the effort of so many local volunteers (and indeed quite a few from further afield). There has been some brilliant feedback, here is a small selection:

"What a fantastic and well organised day out. Well done everyone involved."

"Was just a fabulous afternoon, thanks to everyone involved in bringing it together, we all loved it."

"Thank you to all involved in the organising of such a terrific afternoon. Our family had the best time, especially when we won a toilet brush on the tombola!!!"

"Was really fab , walked up 3 years ago and loved the feeling it gave me of history and today I went inside the grain store - wow oh wow have only seen it from outside - thank you Wilton"

"I just wanted to write to say thank you for an absolutely excellent family day out on Saturday at the 200th birthday summer fair. We had a fabulous time enjoying the magic show, games and birds of prey. We were treated to a brilliantly informative and engaging tour of the windmill by one of your millers Tom. It was fascinating to understand the precision and ingenuity of the engineering behind the windmill."

"We have come home with a bag of flour ready to bake rolls tomorrow"

Gardening for Good

A big well done to Amanda Marsh in East Grafton for raising over £1,000 so far this year from her plant stall on the Green (between the Coronation Hall and the A338) - all for **Macmillan Cancer Support**.

Amanda has a fabulous selection of plants on sale - indoor, outdoor, flowers, shrubs, vegetables - and all at extremely reasonable prices.

Do pop over and have a look!



Grafton Parish Community Survey

Please take 10 minutes to complete this important survey on the Future of Grafton Parish.

By taking part in the survey you will be entered into our prize draw - two lucky winners will each win £25!

Over recent years, there have been big volunteer-led improvements to Grafton Parish to make it a great place to live.

Think of the difference that our Coronation Hall has made to the community, or the hard work put into restoring and maintaining Wilton Windmill.

Volunteers have helped transform our broadband supply in Wexcombe and Marten, and now connect our homeworkers in meetings from Zurich to New York!

The Parish Council and other volunteers are creating a Neighbourhood Plan for Grafton Parish, thinking about changes that we can make together over the next 5 to 10 years. The work on the Neighbourhood Plan will identify the priorities and create a blueprint for the Parish Council, working with other local community groups and organisations.

We want to hear from you!

We are asking everyone in the community to complete the Community Survey - which will directly feed into the Neighbourhood Plan. So please find 10 minutes... make yourself a cup of tea... and tell us what you think.

Copy or click on this Google Survey link -
<https://forms.gle/TCX3i2cWqqPi7F8D8>

Or if you would prefer a paper copy please email
news@graftonparish.com

Closing date Tuesday 20 September



WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

Coronation Hall, 10.30am to 12pm. Coffee, cake, catching up with friends and neighbours and raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

For Coronation Hall booking information and details of how to hire trestle tables and gazebos, please see www.graftonparish.com, call **01672 216115** or email hall@graftonparish.com

Ride & Stride

The annual Ride & Stride for the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust is on Saturday 10 September between 10 am and 6 pm.

Anyone can join in and help to raise money for this important charity which looks after the village churches dotted all around Wiltshire. Any money you raise will be split between the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and the church of your choice - so please make sure you choose St Nicholas in East Grafton!

The idea is to visit as many churches as you can in the time available, travelling from one to the next by cycling, walking, by horse or perhaps driving a mobility scooter.



You plan your own route so it could take you anywhere you like. Do it on your own, as a family or why not get a group together?

Have a look at a map and details of churches in the Pewsey Community Area to get some ideas - bit.ly/3zNm3SL

Full details of the churches involved, how to register, how to raise money, how to set up your fundraising page and everything else you will need can be found here -

www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride-stride/

And there are prizes! The Brooke Cup and £500 is awarded to the best achieving parish with runner-up prizes of £100 and £50. The Junior Group Cup (and £100) is awarded on the same basis to the most successful group of Under 18-year-olds. Runners-up get £50.

Get Your Blunt Knives Sharpened

Neil from The Blade Sharpening Company is coming to East Grafton on Saturday 20 August between 10:00-14:00, parking up outside Coronation Hall.

If you have blunt knives, scissors, garden shears, chisels, garden tools, mower blades, etc, then do pop along to the Hall. You don't have to sit and wait, leave them with him and come back later and collect! (Please note that chisels do take a while to do).



Children at home for the summer? Need activities for visiting family or friends? Help is at hand just up the road ☺ Check out the fabulous TreeHouse summer club and contact Sunflowers to book your child's place. For full timetable, dates and details, go to:

<https://www.sunflowers-grafton.org.uk/treehouse/holiday-club/>
Call: 01672 810478

Email: admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk

Getting Outdoors

For local walking and cycling routes, short or long-distance, go to www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk where you can view and download lots of information including maps and gpx files.

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Our Doctor Writes

We would like to thank those of you who have kindly made donations to Burbage Surgery. We have used some of this money to replace and restock our Emergency bag. We really appreciate this and all the kind comments we get on the Friends and Family questionnaires we send/give out. We are doing our very best to look after you all and it means a lot to know you think we are doing a good job.

Covid Vaccine Update

The Autumn boosters will be offered to the following:

- Residents and staff in care homes for older adults
- Frontline health and social care workers
- All adults aged 50 years and over
- Persons aged 5 to 49 years in a clinical risk group,
- Persons aged 5 to 49 years who are household contacts of people with immunosuppression
- Persons aged 16 to 49 years who are Carers

Flu Vaccine Update

The additional flu groups just announced are:

- Secondary school children in years 7, 8 and 9 who will be offered the vaccine in order of school year (starting with the youngest first). This group are likely to be offered vaccination later in the year once children age 2 and 3 and primary school age children have been vaccinated.
- 50 to 64 year olds that are not in a clinically at-risk group, will be offered vaccination once people that are more vulnerable to COVID-19 and flu, including those in clinically at-risk groups have been offered their vaccine.

We are planning to continue doing these as a PCN, hopefully we will be able to run clinics based here at the Surgery but we need to wait for the guidelines to be finalised before we know how this will happen. As before, you will be contacted as soon as you are eligible or due to have your vaccine. We will continue to update the BN and our website and Facebook page with the latest news. Please don't call us - as soon as we know we will be in touch.

Meanwhile enjoy the jab free summer and stay cool!

Carer Cafe



Carer Support Wiltshire runs a number of groups and carer cafes where carers can meet up and offer support to one another - the nearest one is in Marlborough.

Marlborough Carer Café, The Jubilee Centre, 28 High St, Marlborough 10:30-12:00 (midday) - 23 August and 27 September - **01380 871690**

Wiltshire Council / Grafton Parish Planning Applications

Address: 292 Grafton Road, Burbage, Marlborough,
Application No: PL/2022/05757
Closing Date: 27 August 2022
Proposal: Two Storey End and Rear Extension with Associated Internal Alterations

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Get Involved With The Grafton Youth Group

Do you believe in young people mixing with others in their community, having fun, challenging each other, and learning together? If so, can you give some time to Grafton Youth Group? We are looking for adults, interested in working with young people of secondary school age to help manage some activities from time to time. It would be on a voluntary basis starting September.

The Group is a Parish Council initiative and supported by funding from Wiltshire Council; activities take place in Coronation Hall and trips out are regularly organised. The activities and trips are driven by input from young people. For example, during October half term we have the opportunity of exclusive use of the enormous 8 lane pure water pool at Marlborough College - and the floor can be raised for water polo!

If you can volunteer support, or are a young person interested in taking part and would like to know more about the group and what's involved then call or WhatsApp Annie on **07802 923344** or email youthactivities@graftonparish.com

A DBS check is part of our safeguarding processes.

Summer at Crofton Beam Engines



Saturday 13 August is Teddy Bear Picnic

Bring your picnic lunch and your favourite stuffed animal for some crafts, games, songs and a self-guided tour of the Engine House.

Sunday 28 and Monday 29 August is another Steaming Weekend

Hopefully not restricted due to water shortages, but this will be confirmed closer to the date.

Crofton is open to visitors from 10:15 to 16:30 on Saturdays and Sundays. There is no charge to enter the site on non-steaming days. There is a charge to visit the station itself to view the boiler and engines. A perfect place for a picnic overlooking the canal in the glorious Pewsey Vale countryside!

Timmy B Yoga

I'm on holiday during August!

Chair Yoga is running as normal
Thursdays 3.00pm Coronation Hall

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Dates for your diary

August

07	11:00	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Church
12	18:00	Paella Evening	Gastro Nicks
13	11:00	Teddy Bear Picnic	Crofton Beam Engines
28	10:00	Steaming Weekend	Crofton Beam Engines
29	10:00	Steaming Weekend	Crofton Beam Engines

September

24	10:00	Steaming Weekend	Crofton Beam Engines
25	10:00	Steaming Weekend	Crofton Beam Engines

Local Clubs

Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig
Crofton Beam Engines	crofton@katrust.org.uk
Grafton Goslings Baby & Toddler Group	graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk
Dance classes	07746 479345 Charlotte Stevens
Yoga	07747 780898 Tim Brew
Zumba	07710 115324 Joanna Bury

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.

Coronation Hall Regular Dates

Monday (weekly in term-time)	Dance	16:45
Tuesday (weekly in term-time)	Zumba	09:30
Tuesday (weekly in term-time)	Dance	16:15
Tuesday (not August)	TimmyB Yoga	19:00
Wednesday (not August)	TimmyB Yoga	09:30
Wednesday (weekly in term-time)	Dance	15:30
Thursday (weekly in term-time)	Grafton Goslings	10:00
Thursday (as normal for August)	TimmyB Chair Yoga	15:00
Thursday (weekly in term-time)	Dance	16:45

Monday (1st & 3rd in month)	Alzheimer's Cafe	13:15
Tuesday (1st in month during winter)	Winter Warmers	12:30



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Text or WhatsApp to join:

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West Grafton: Annie 07802 923344 Wilton: Tara 07833 320951

Wexcombe: George 07786 332950



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