

OCTOBER 2022

The End of an Era

The 8 September 2022 will be a date which everyone will remember - and we will all probably remember exactly where we were when we heard the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

Since then, we have, as a nation, grieved the loss of our brilliant Queen; we have followed the journey of her Coffin in Scotland and in England, some have been able to pay their respects at Westminster Hall, others have left flowers, signed books of condolence and attended Church services in her memory.

And we have also welcomed the smooth transition to King Charles III for whom the last few weeks must have been so difficult but who has risen to the challenge.

The Queen Consort visited Grafton Parish in 2010 to perform the official opening of the Coronation Hall in East Grafton. Such was the collective community effort from across the Parish, the Hall was completely full to capacity with those who had worked on the project as well as the many fundraisers. More information and images on

www.graftonparish.com



Queen Elizabeth II at the Pewsey Community Area display at Salisbury Cathedral in 2012 to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee. The map of the Community Area by June Pearson hangs in the Coronation Hall.



It's Time for Winter Warmers' Lunches!

Winter Warmers will be starting up again on Tuesday 4 October at 12.30pm in Coronation Hall.

Everyone is very welcome and if you are unable to come to the Coronation Hall, we are very happy to arrange a delivery to your door!

If you need more information please ring Liz on 07831 545772.

We look forward to seeing you.

Menu for October
Wexcombe Meat Pie with seasonal vegetables
Gooseberry Cobbler and Custard

Please let Liz know if you have any dietary requirements.

Grafton Youth Group Needs Your Support

Grafton Youth Group has been active in the Parish since 2015 to encourage and support young people of secondary education age.

The Youth Group is a Parish Council initiative and is funded by grants from Wiltshire Council enabling young people to mix with others in the community and at the same time have fun. There have been many regular activities and trips, all free of charge and suggested by the Youth Group members.

Over the last few months there hasn't been much support for the Group. Does the current model need to evolve to become more relevant for our young people?

If any young person, and /or parent, thinks the Parish should be providing a youth group, please share your ideas for it and lend your support before it is no longer viable.

If you can volunteer support, or are a young person interested in the future of the Grafton Youth Group and would like to know more, WhatsApp Annie on **07802 923344** or email youthactivities@graftonparish.com

Solar Power Session

Solar PV Information Session at Coronation Hall
Thursday 13 October 5:30-7pm

The Coronation Hall team has been considering installing solar PV at the hall and has secured quotes from a number of companies. We are now ready to move forward with Power-Aid (www.power-aid.org).

We are aware that a number of residents have also expressed interest in solar PV, and Shaun from Power Aid has agreed to do a drop-in information session for residents on Thursday 13 October 5:30-7pm in the upstairs room at the hall.

Please drop an email to tamara.reay@btinternet.com if you would like to come along.

Local Business Listings

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Sunflowers at Grafton	Julie McLernon	01672 810478
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Our Doctors Write

Burbage Surgery

Dr Rebecca Style who has worked at the Burbage Surgery for the last 9 years will be leaving in October. She has been a key member of the Team and patients have grown to appreciate her not just as an exceptional clinician, but also as a kind and caring doctor. Dr James Downie will continue to run the surgery alongside Mary, the Practice Manager. They are determined to deliver a medical practice with an old fashion ethos; where GPs are people you know, trust and importantly can get to see in a timely manner, delivering a surgery you can continue to feel proud of.

Burbage Surgery has been voted 38 out of 6418 other surgeries in England this year in the list of Top Doctors Surgeries in the UK; an excellent achievement and due to the hard work of the whole Team.

Bedwyn Surgery

Patient Participation Group (PPG)

The PPG is a group of people who are patients of the surgery and want to help it work as well as it can for patients, doctors and staff. The NHS requires every practice to have a PPG. Your experiences matter and you can bring different ideas to the surgery to help us treat patients better or to improve what we do in some way. If you would like to become involved here is a link which explains the role of the PPG:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2016/09/ppg-flyer.doc>

Did Not Attend (DNAs)

There has been an alarming increase in DNAs during August. Please ensure that if you no longer need the appointment or cannot attend, please do contact the surgery as quickly as possible – this can be done online, email, phone or popping into the Surgery itself.

Covid and Flu Clinics

Bedwyn Surgery is in process of planning the clinics due to begin in October. You will be contacted by text, email or telephone, so please wait until you have been contacted to book your appointment. If you receive a text or email from the National Booking Centre for your next Covid vaccination, you can book an appointment at one of your local centres.

Cleaner Needed!

The Coronation Hall team is looking for somebody to help care for our fabulous Hall in East Grafton, doing spot checks and weekend cleans, around 3 hours per week.

For full details, please contact Natalie at Hall@graftonparish.com or call 01672 216115.

Temporary Road Closure Notice

Wiltshire Council has made the following Order to close temporarily to all traffic (Ref: TTRO 8338):

Hollow Lane (Part), Grafton; from its junction with Grafton Road for a distance of approximately 50m in a southerly direction, to enable Wiltshire Council to carry out bridge strengthening and associated works, between 7 and 25 November.

Alternative route: via Grafton Road – Wilton Road – A338 – Hollow Lane (unaffected length) and vice versa.

Wetland in Middle Road

Due to lack of rain, the planting of plug plants will be delayed until next year - thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help. The wetland has been seeded with wildflower and wet grassland seed mixes so should start to green up through the autumn. The team is aiming to get out in December to carry out tree planting. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the tree planting, then please contact Rupert Kelton at rupert@riverkennet.org.

Harvest Celebrations

Celebrating and giving thanks for the harvest is an annual event enjoyed by many in the Parish.

Harvest Supper & Race Night

Friday 14 October 7pm for 7.30pm
at Coronation Hall

Tickets £15 per person includes dinner plus a glass of wine

To reserve tickets:

Sally Butt 07880 552154 / sallycbutt@hotmail.co.uk
Millie Lemon 07803 032273 / camilla.lemon@btinternet.com

Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 16 October at 4pm
at St Nicholas' Church
Everyone welcome

Please bring food that can be given to the Trussell Trust:
Cereal - Tins of soup, fruit, vegetables, beans - Pasta - Rice -
Biscuits - UHT Milk or Fruit juice

Remember, Remember the 5th of November!

There is a Parish Plot afoot! The firework display, originally planned to end our Parish Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June and which was rained off, is planned again for Saturday 5 November in the fields next to Wilton Water starting at 7.30pm – weather permitting.

There will also be a “street food” gathering at The Swan Inn car park throughout the evening and extra parking will be available in the fields opposite the Wilton pond.

Wrap up warm and wave a sparkler!

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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

Dates for your diary

October

02	11:00	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Church
04	12:30	Winter Warmers	Coronation Hall
07	18:00	Parish Planning Meeting	Manor Farm, Wilton
13	17:30	Solar PV Information Session	Coronation Hall
14	19:00	Harvest Supper & Race Night	Coronation Hall
16	16:00	Harvest Festival	St Nicholas' Church

November

01	12:30	Winter Warmers	Coronation Hall
05	19:30	Fireworks Display	Wilton Water
06	11:00	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Church
13	10:45	Remembrance Service	St Nicholas' Church

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	TimmyB Yoga	19:00
Wednesday	TimmyB Yoga	09:30
Wednesday (weekly in term-time)	Dance	15:30
Thursday (weekly in term-time)	Grafton Goslings	10:00
Thursday (every week)	Olivia Boydall - Chair Yoga	14:30
Thursday (weekly in term-time)	Dance	16:45
Monday (1st & 3rd in month)	Alzheimer's Cafe	13:15
Tuesday (1st in month from October)	Winter Warmers	12:30



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West Grafton: Annie **07802 923344** Wilton: Tara **07833 320951**

Wexcombe: George **07786 332950**



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