

NOTICE FROM GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Grafton Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan

Over the last few years, there have been **big 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 Wilton Windmill. Other volunteers have helped transform our broadband supply in Wexcombe and Marten, and now connect our homeworkers in meetings from Zurich to New York!

Most changes require **planning and development approval with Wiltshire Council**. For example, a proposed development for Machinery field in Grafton, supported by the Parish, was unsuccessful at planning stage. So we need to take a structured approach, and will be working with **Andrea Pellegram**, an experienced manager and town planner (www.pellegram.co.uk).

In next few months we will be **writing a Neighbourhood Plan for Grafton**, thinking about changes that we can make together over the next 5 to 10 years. The work on Neighbourhood plan will create a kind of central blueprint for our work as a Council – this will lead to individual actions that will follow the usual planning processes.

Vision Meeting - 25 April at 7pm at the Coronation Hall in Grafton

To kick things off, there will be a meeting open to all residents where we want to gather your ideas and thoughts on the topics below, which we are calling our "Vision Meeting" and will be run with Parish Council Members and with Andrea. During the meeting we will explain the approach we will follow and how we will take your ideas and recommendations into account.

(a) Topics for discussion

Topic	What have we done
Living We think Grafton Parish is a wonderful place to live, however there may be small changes we should consider. We think that being proactive in our development plans, we can carefully develop the area, maintaining its character and charm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the past few years, and with the support of the community, we have proposed developments in a few of places in the parish which were unsuccessful at planning stage with Wiltshire Council.
Working The impact of COVID-19 will change the way many of us work, with more of us working from home.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many homes in the parish now have fast broadband. Through a community application we have fibre to the premise (1Gb/s) in Marten and Wexcombe. Another group are pursuing this for West and East Grafton.
Getting about Most of us travel by car rather than on public transport or by bicycle. For a rural area the roads are fast. There are big changes coming to the way we travel, with no new petrol or diesel cars on sale from 2030.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our speedwatch scheme shows motorists are driving in an increasingly dangerous way through the parish, reaching 65mph in Grafton. There has been good redevelopment and improvement of tracks and paths.
Community Resources For a small community we have a number of resources to feel really proud about.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With your help we have created the Coronation Hall, we have the excellent Sunflowers Nursery, the support groups for the COVID pandemic, our clubs, Wilton Windmill...
Environment We live in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). There have been many improvements over the past few years. Protecting and supporting this is something we can all play a role in.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An impressive 25,000 acres of local farmland is part of the Southern Streams Initiative www.southernstreams.co.uk. This commits to enrich the landscape and biodiversity on our environment, whilst enhancing water quality in the rivers, streams, lakes and ponds.

(b) Questions or comments

We are looking forward to our discussion on April 25th and more generally working on the Grafton Neighbourhood Plan. If you have any questions, please contact our Parish Clerk Maria Vonsova by email on clerk@graftonparish.com



Platinum Jubilee Update

Help to make it all happen ... Thank you to all those who have offered to help - we would like more please! This is planned to be a mega community celebration but will only succeed with the efforts of all of us. Please email news@graftonparish.com if you can help in any way. Watching the cars on the A338, help with parking, moving bins, setting out the rounder's pitch, serving teas, donations for the dressing up box (especially hats!) and so much more.

Let's all look forward to an amazing day and plan as well as we can. Everyone is encouraged to please offer support by emailing news@graftonparish.com or posting a note in the Hall letterbox.



Platinum Jubilee Film

If you have any special memories of the Queen at any point during her reign, what memories you may have of Coronation Day, a time you saw or met the Queen, your favourite outfit or hat she has worn, or perhaps you

remember how the villages have celebrated the Coronation or Jubilees, then please contact me on the following email address with a brief outline: graftonparishjubileefilm@gmail.com Please drop a note into the Coronation Hall letterbox or at the Community Market on 2 April if you are unable to email me! Many Thanks. Sophia Bentley



Easter Sunday Service Sunday 17 April 11am St Nicholas' Church

Everyone is welcome to this celebratory service. The Easter message is important at this strange time in our world

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Parish Council AGM 9 May 7.30pm in the Coronation Hall

This is the meeting when all the clubs, activities, charities etc in the Parish report on their previous year and their hopes for the coming year.

Refreshments are served and it is a great chance to find out what is happening. This year there will be more announced regarding the Platinum Jubilee as well.

Do come along and show your support for all that our Parish provides.

Local commercial listing

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The Community News - time for a refresh?

East Grafton, West Grafton, Marten, Wilton and Wexcombe

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Community News has been distributed each month to all homes in Grafton Parish since 2009 and the editorial team is keen to get your views so that it can continue to be a useful means of communication across the Parish. Of course, since 2009 electronic communication (especially What's App) has become more popular, but we know that not all residents use digital methods.

We'd very much like to hear what you think - and enclosed with this month's Community News is a short survey. Please do take a moment to complete it and return it by using one of the methods indicated. Alternatively please complete the online version which has been distributed via the village What's App groups. We'd appreciate responses by Saturday 16 April. Thank you.



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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.

APRIL		
05	12.30	Winter Warmers
16	24.00	C News Survey closing date
17	11.00	Easter Service <i>St N</i>
25	07.00	Grafton Parish Vision Meeting
MAY		
01	11.00	Holy Communion <i>St N</i>
05	12.30	Winter Warmers
07	19.30	Parish Council AGM

Please complete the inserted survey as your views do matter to the Community News Team.

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 Price
Pilates	07769 580148 Tracey Rich
Yoga for All	07747 780898 Tim Brew
Zumba	07710 115324 Joanna Bury

Community News Closing dates Our closing date is always the last Friday in the month and issues distributed by volunteers over the following weekend or within the next few days (thank you all). If you are publishing an event, advert or comment please be aware of the calendar period covered by each issue.

To book the Hall: email hall@graftonparish.com or call **01672 216115** or **07479 281809**

Calendar of regular dates at the Coronation Hall

Monday	Pilates	09.30
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	Pilates	13.30
Thursday	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)	Winter Warmers	12.30



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