

COMMUNITY NEWS**Grafton Parish Council response teams**

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Each hamlet has its own WhatsApp Group which you can use to ask for, or offer, help. Call your co-ordinator for help in using this if you are unsure.

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**Grafton Parish Council Food Bank update**

If you are affected and need support then please call Kevin Burke on **07713 067113** who will treat your call with strict confidence and arrange for a delivery of basic essentials to be made on a regular basis.

West Grafton Support Group Report

Lockdown is now gradually easing for most of West Grafton residents, the surreal and worrying times feel a bit more distant. Though the community feels anything but distant, its stronger and closer, chatting to residents previously unknown, and sometimes parishioners from other villages discovering our lovely walks!

A majority of residents signed up for the Covid-19 WhatsApp Group and quickly established vulnerable neighbours to check on and keep a watchful eye. Offers and requests for shopping, advice and prescription pick ups were made and responded to, 50% of homes included volunteers.

We celebrated the NHS noisily with a Mexican wave of clapping, cheering, banging saucepan lids and trumpets which gradually made its way up and down the lane - it was a moving connection with each other on those Thursday evenings.

The WhatsApp Group, whilst much quieter, remains in operation, and hopefully as time moves on its need completely diminishes.

Just now we're awash with tasty fresh vegetables, a product of all the seed swapping in April and May!

All 5 hamlets have now reported on their activities during lockdown and therefore the Community News Team will be returning to report on the usual goings on in the Parish next month when, hopefully, life returns to something near normal



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**Parish Council Planning Meeting
Monday 10 August, 1pm**

This meeting will be held remotely to conform with the legal requirements for Parish Councils.

The Zoom platform will be used for the meeting and the Chairman will control the meeting as normal.

The Agendas and draft minutes will be posted on notice boards in the hamlets and on www.grafonparish.com.

How do I join the meeting?

If you wish to be invited to join the meeting then please email clerk@grafonparish.com and you will be given access information so that you can listen in to the meeting.

Planning applications for discussion at the meeting on page 4.

All is well at Sunflowers at Grafton ...

It has been lovely to hear the sounds of play and laughter in the gardens since we've been able to welcome back more of our children from 1 June. We are currently operating at less than 50% capacity but it is our intention to be back as near normal as we can in September and while some restrictions will remain in place we will minimise their impact as much as possible.

Parents of children of all ages should be aware that current government guidance about attending multiple settings is unlikely to change in September. This is because multiple children attending multiple settings increases the risk of COVID-19 transmission and infection. Children should attend just one setting wherever possible which means that if children usually attend another nursery or childminder alongside Sunflowers at Grafton parents are encouraged to make a choice.

Parents of school age children are also encouraged to minimise as far as possible the number of education and childcare settings their child attends - this means that if your week is usually full of whizzing about to various different after school activities each day you might want to consider reducing your calendar in the short term to minimise risk to yourself and others.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak



**Grafton Parish September Clean
Saturday 19 September, 10am**



Having been rescheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Grafton Parish Tidy Up will now be taking place on Saturday 19 September, from 10am, across our 5 villages.

Sunflowers at Grafton has registered our Parish event and will co-ordinate plans (another use for those village WhatsApp groups!)



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Grafton Parish Council meetings

Normal service will be resumed in September with the first full meeting being held in the Coronation Hall at 7.15pm on Monday 7 September when all residents are welcome to attend.



Do you need help with your pet?

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Thank you Printimage

The July issue of the Community News was not delivered by the courier as normal which presented a bit of a problem. We would have not been able to deliver the July issue without the help of Printimage. Thank you also to all the delivery volunteers who stepped up to deliver at a different time.

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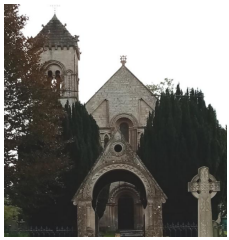
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Good News from St Nicholas' Church

The PCC is pleased to announce that the church will be opened daily from 1 August for visitors to reflect, pray and relax.

The church has been "deep cleaned" and there will be a number of notices for visitors. Please read and take note to ensure that we all remain free from Covid-19. It is important that you enter your name and contact details, perhaps bring a pen with you, so that the PCC is able to trace any contacts should a positive Covid-19 test be recorded by anyone who visits. The PCC has taken every care to ensure that there is sufficient anti-viral spray, paper towels and solutions to wipe down pews which have been used so do please follow the instructions.

The PCC plans to open the church for services commencing 1 September and notices regarding services will be posted on the lych gate and in the Community News to keep you up to date.

A PLEA FOR VOLUNTEERS - your church needs you!

Those who are usually happy to clean, flower arrange and look after the church are currently unable to fulfil these tasks because of "shielding" or other caring commitments. If you are able to help then please contact Patricia Knowles (**01672 810072**) who will be thrilled to learn of anyone who has even the smallest amount of time to spare. It will be vital, going forward, to have some new faces to help with these tasks. The PCC is keen to keep the church functional and a central part of the Parish but without additional volunteers this becomes a more precarious task.

It is coming up to the time for Harvest Festival and Remembrance Day when congregations are traditionally vibrant therefore the importance of providing a St Nicholas' welcome becomes ever more important.

The PCC will welcome you and your help with open arms so do please make contact.

News in brief

Coronation Hall Re-Opening

We are delighted to announce that we will be re-opening Coronation Hall from the beginning of September. Between now and then, we will be finishing off some maintenance work, setting up all necessary sanitising stations and signage as well as carrying out a deep clean.

Initially we are opening only for the regular hirers, which includes all the exercise classes, but we hope, as time goes on, that we can move to having other events held there too.

If you are a regular at exercise classes, please check with your tutor to confirm their schedules as some procedures for attending may be a little different for now. See page 4 for the details of where you can contact any class provider.

Parish Council meeting report

At the last Parish Council meeting it was reported that the Speed Indicator Device situated in the west of East Grafton on the A338 had recorded a significant reduction in vehicle speeds during the day. The Parish Council has decided to purchase the budgeted additional device together with the required poles and brackets in order that further verification could be conducted on the A338 and on the road between Grafton and Wilton. More volunteers are still needed to train for the speed watch initiative - email **clerk@graftonparish.com** to join.

The defibrillator in Wexcombe has been used 3 times during the last month and this further indicates the advantages of having these facilities in all the hamlets in the Parish. Rest assured that all devices are regularly checked and kept in excellent working order. Please ensure that you know where your nearest defibrillator is situated and remember that when calling 999 you will be guided on how to access the device and how to use it.

Link Schemes

Community First are the governing body for the 43 Link schemes that run throughout Wiltshire. Link Schemes are voluntary groups which offer a transport and good neighbour service to local people who are in need, perhaps because they are elderly, disabled, isolated and lonely, single parents, or perhaps temporarily in need because of illness. These essential services provide a safety net for those unable to access services in other ways. Link Schemes aim to complement other services, statutory and voluntary.

Link Schemes operate as small, independent charitable organisations and all volunteers use their own private vehicles. (Insurance and DBS checks are carried out). To give you an idea of the level of support the Link Schemes offer, last year they made 31,351 health related journeys and completed 48,027 good neighbour tasks which incorporate collecting prescriptions and shopping.

Due to Covid 19, the Link schemes have found themselves suffering from a large number of volunteers being unable to drive because of age and or vulnerability.

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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 All events cancelled until **SEPTEMBER**

East Grafton Coronation Hall - Closure

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with Natalie at Hall@graftonparish.com

See www.graftonparish.com, call **07479 281809** or email hall@graftonparish.com for Coronation Hall booking information and details of gazebo hire.

Mobile library at the Coronation Hall -

Please verify times at www.services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/Library/Details/3

Community Contacts

Church flowers/cleaning	Patricia Knowles 01672 810072
Community News	news@graftonparish.com
Coronation Hall	07479 281809 hall@graftonparish.com
Junior Cricket	pdewinton@savills.com
Parish Council	clerk@graftonparish.com
PCC Secretary	01672 870266
St Nicholas' services	www.graftonparish.com

Winter Warmers	01264 731242 liz@wexcombefarm.co.uk
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Youth Activities	Text Annie 07802923344
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Local Clubs

Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig
Crofton Beam Engines	crofton@katrust.org.uk
Grafton Goslings	graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk
Baby & Toddler Group	
Dance classes	07746 479345 Charlotte Price
Pilates	07769 580148 Tracey Rich
Yoga for All	07747 780898 Tim Brew
Yoga	01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt
Zumba	07710 115324 Joanna Bury

Annual Canvass

Each year Wiltshire Council asks all residents to complete the annual canvass to check who is eligible to register to vote, and this year it's being done a little differently.

If Wiltshire Council hold your email address you will soon be contacted via email and asked to confirm the details for your household are correct.

The email, from Wiltshire Council electoral services, will ask you to confirm your details at www.householdresponse.com/wiltshire and will include your security codes and steps on how to access your household details.

Planning Applications

20/05011/FUL Renovation of existing pool with slight alteration of pool shape. Replacement of concrete slabs around the pool with sandstone pavers.

At: Bank Farm, Hollow Lane, Wilton, SN8 3SR
Comments to be received by: **12 August 2020**

20/04853/LBC Replacement of 2 timber casement bedroom windows

At: Pipers Cottage, 247, East Grafton, Marlborough, SN8 3DB
Comments to be received by: **13 August 2020**

Plans are available to view on website at planning.wiltshire.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer/ApplicationSearch.aspx

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