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Apologies if your January issue was a bit late or did not arrive. We always do our best to deliver promptly to everyone but sometimes things go awry. Maybe the proximity of the New Year break and holidays got in the way in January!

We have also received a report that some houses are not receiving any copies of the Community News (which we commit to deliver to every house in the parish). If you are aware of residents who we seem to be missing out please either email news@graftonparish.com or post a note in the Coronation Hall letterbox so that we can investigate and sort out.

St Nicholas' Church**Annual Parochial Council Meeting****11.30am Sunday 15 March**

Coffee, Tea and snacks will be served following the Holy Communion Service which starts at 11am.

All residents of the Parish are invited to attend this informal review of the past year and to learn more about our church and the exciting plans for 2020.

Winter Warmers**Tuesday 11 February****12.30pm, Coronation Hall**

serole, baked potatoes and seasonal

Sticky toffee pudding and toffee sauce



Everyone is welcome to enjoy this get together with delicious food and friendly company. A relaxed atmosphere and a good way to meet your neighbours especially if you are new to the parish.

Contact Liz Hosier **01264 731242** or liz@wexcombefarm.co.uk to let her know that you are coming, would like a lift or would appreciate lunch to be delivered to your home.

**Exciting activities for the Spring****18 February (Half Term) afternoon time to be announced**

Extreme Trampolining in Swindon followed by McDonald's

20 March from 6.30pm - Making Paracord Bracelets Coronation Hall**6 April** - Go Karting at Thruxton

Book a place now as they will be very popular! Further details will be circulated via email and Facebook.

If you are interested in knowing more about Grafton Youth Activities, email youthactivities@graftonparish.com or text **07802 923344**.

Youth Activities is an initiative started by Grafton Parish Council and is aimed at young people at secondary school or in further education

Coronation Hall notice

The area for car parking at the Hall has suffered more than usual from the wet weather. The Committee is currently investigating a solution to the wear and tear and run-off of mud. Please bear with us whilst we locate a solution and wait for the right weather to remedy the situation. Rest assured that this is high on the list of priorities as the area is unsightly and muddy at present.



Get ready for Mother's Day with a great choice of small items to make her happy on the day.

This very popular community event is sponsored by the Hall as an opportunity for all parish residents to meet and exchange interests and views in a relaxed atmosphere. It is an ideal way to meet your neighbours too.

Coronation Hall Community Brunch**Saturday 21 March 9.30am - 12.30pm****Come and enjoy a FREE breakfast bap!****VISIT YOUR LOCAL DELI**

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Our Farmer writes



So the wettest Autumn in my farming lifetime is continuing on into the Winter months! This wet weather continues with the backdrop of the horrific fires in Australia, a country I have just returned from visiting and although fortunately I saw very little firsthand evidence of the fires, we heard horrific stories from those affected. Almost the most chilling conversation I had was with a farmer who told me that their bush fire season is normally February and March and we were only in December with the country ablaze. There can be no doubt that the climate is changing the world over.

We flew to Australia on an Airbus A380. These massive planes carry approximately 500 passengers and use 330,000 litres of fuel for a one way flight to Melbourne. That is over 9 years' worth of fuel use on our farm, during which time we would produce wheat for 23 million loaves of bread, barley for 152 million pints of beer, peas for 700,000 cans of mushy peas and 500 cattle for prime, grass fed beef. Now I am not for one second saying that farming is perfect or that no one should travel in aeroplanes but within the farming industry there is a feeling that we are being singled out as the bad guys in the whole Climate Change Debate when actually we all need to look at our personal carbon footprint and all make little changes to reduce our consumption of fossil fuels; reduce travel (or swap the car for the train where possible), reduce food waste (as a nation we throw away 1/3 of the food purchased), buy local to cut down food miles, reuse/repair more and recycle more. If we all do a little it will start to add up!

Back at home on the farm, everything is still very wet, so much so that some of our cattle have had to come into the barns, to spare the land from being churned up by the animals' hooves and to give them a break from the wind and rain. On the arable (crops) side of the business nothing is going to happen until the ground dries up significantly, at which point we will get very busy planting; not only on the land that we planned Spring crops for but also that which missed out in the Autumn due to the weather. There is still some extra decision-making to do. Due to the wet Autumn, there is an expectation that much more Spring Barley will be planted across the country this year which will, in turn, drive down prices. How much Barley do we plant, and what else do we plan for land not yet planted? One factor which will affect this decision-making will be how soon we are able to plant the crops. Some like Spring Barley and Beans like to go in early, whereas Linseed, Peas and Lupins still perform well if planted later.

Fingers crossed we get a spell of dry weather and those in Australia get some of the wet weather from us!

George Hosier

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PCC Secretary	01672 870266
St Nicholas' services	www.graftonparish.com
Winter Warmers	01264 731242 liz@wexcombefarm.co.uk
Youth Activities	Text Annie 07802923344

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



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SECRET SPITFIRES - Director's Cut

Friday 28 February 7pm for 7.30pm

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www.eventbrite.com**

You are invited to this for a screening of the this moving and powerful story together with a Q&A session with one of the Spitfire engineers who worked on those magnificent machines. Ninety four year old Norman Parker was an engineer in the final assembly plant and historical advisor to this film.

News in brief

Tree planning applications: Before carrying out any tree work it is important to find out whether the tree is protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), Conservation Area, or through another form of protection. You may have already been notified that a TPO covers trees that you own, either when the order was originally served or through a Local Land Charges search carried out by your solicitor prior to you purchasing the property. If you are at all unsure as to whether a tree is protected please apply for an explanatory pack for clarification.

**www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/
planningapplicationformsandfees/planningapplicationpacks**

You can check if your property is in a conservation area using
www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-conservation-areas

Parish Council update: Grafton Parish Council meetings will start at 7.15pm from the March meeting onwards. At the last meeting the installation of the "Speed indicator devices" in the Parish was confirmed and so you should see these installed in the next few weeks following the erection of the poles by Wiltshire Council. Full minutes of all meetings can be found on **www.graftonparish.com** and on hamlet noticeboards.

Message from Pip Browning: A big THANK YOU.....to everyone who bought (and hopefully enjoyed) one of our turkeys this year. Your support has meant that we have been able to donate £350 to St Nicholas' Church and £350 to Wiltshire Search and Rescue this year.



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Neighbourhood Watch meeting report

On 22 January, 36 people attended a very informative meeting, arranged by Chris Beale in conjunction with the Parish Council, to discuss how our community should protect itself following recent burglaries. Representatives from the Police, Neighbourhood Watch and Community Policing each gave a short talk about what they could do for us and what we could do to help them.

Recommendations from these organisations are:

- ⇒ Keep in contact with your neighbours and watch out for anything suspicious around your area. A WhatsApp group is an easy way to join neighbours together and can be used to warn those around you of problems.
 - o The Parish Council is looking into the co-ordination of these groups to provide a parish-wide record of concerns to pass on to the police.
 - o If this solution is not available to you then please put a note into the Coronation Hall letter box and a parish councillor will try to find a method for you.
- ⇒ Use 101 to notify the police of anything/anyone suspicious. If you are concerned and kept on the line for a long period then call 999.
- ⇒ Sign up to the Community Messaging service on which you can select areas of interest to you. **www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk** is the site where you can sign up for notifications from the police regarding a large number of categories from which you can choose to tailor the service which you receive.

A follow-up meeting is planned to see what progress is being made. This will probably be included in one of the bi-monthly Parish Council meetings or the May AGM meeting. Thank you to all those who presented and who attended the meeting.

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Parish Council Planning meeting open to all residents of the parish 1pm 10 February at the Coronation Hall

Application: **19/11559/FUL** - Coles Thatch Hollow Lane Wilton SN8 3SR

Proposal: Alterations to approved application 16/11080/FUL (Demolition of lean-to potting shed).

Extension to garage roof to create additional bay/log store. Alter existing garage doors to provide patio doors).

Visit **www.planning.wiltshire.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer/ApplicationSearch** for full details of this and any other local planning application.

Mount Kilimanjaro Information Evening: Prospect Hospice is organising a trek to Mount Kilimanjaro in January 2021. Come along to find out about this challenge and listen to one of our supporters who has just returned from a trek to the world's highest free standing mountain. Thursday 5 March, 7pm at the Prospect Hospice Wellbeing Centre at Savernake Hospital.

To reserve a space please email **fundraisingandevents@prospect-hospice.net** or call **01793-816161**

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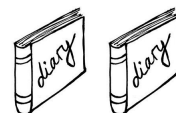
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Dates for your diary



Saturday 28 March (am) is the annual parish litter pick. Look out for detail in the March Community News - but get the date in your diary now!

24 April in the Coronation Hall St Nicholas' PCC is organising a **ST GEORGE'S DAY QUIZ**. Refreshments will be served

12 June is the date for the next Parish **ROUNDERS MATCH** on the Green - a bi-annual fun event which has earned a great reputation!

20 July a **TABLE TOP SALE** is being organised by St Nicholas' PCC so start saving your treasures now!

More details in the later issues of the Community News.

If you are planning any events in the parish then don't forget to email **news@graftonparish.com** to ensure that details are included in the Community News.

Dates for your diary

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

FEBRUARY

02	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
10	13.00	Parish Council planning meeting	
11	12.30	Winter Warmers	
16	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>
18	TBA	Youth activities	<i>meet at the Hall</i>

MARCH

10	12.30	Winter Warmers	
15	11.00	Holy Communion and APCM	<i>St N</i>
20	06.30	Youth activities	
21	09.30	Community Brunch	
28	10.30	Annual Parish Litter Pick	



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

MONDAY

YOGA



11:00 to 12:30
01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt

TUESDAY



ZUMBA
fitness
YOGA



09:30 to 10:30
07710 115324 Joanna Bury

19:00 to 20:30
01672 841553 Lizzy Hawnt

WEDNESDAY

Yoga for all

09.30 to 10.30
07747 780898 Tim Brew

Beginners' Yoga

11.00 to 12.00
07747 780898 Tim Brew

Mobile library at the Coronation Hall
12 February 11.40am to 12pm

THURSDAY



Baby and toddler group
10:00 to 11:30
graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk

FRIDAY



09:30 to 10:30
10:45 to 11:45
Beginners and gentle work
07769 580148 Tracey Rich



07746 479345
Charlotte Price

Monday	17.00 - 19.00	West End (Group Show Dances), Bronze Jazz, Pre-Pointe
Wednesday	15.30 - 19.00	Baby Ballet, Pre-Primary Ballet, Primary & Grade 1/2 Ballet, Grade 3 Modern
Thursday	16.45 - 20.15	Grade 4/5 Ballet, Grade 4/5 Modern

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