

Grafton Parish Council is keen to welcome new members

There were 5 accepted nominations for Parish Councillors at this year's election (every 4 years the Parish Council has stand down and be re-elected). The full complement on our council is 9 and therefore there are vacancies for 4 co-opted members. If you would be interested in submitting an application to be co-opted onto your active and friendly Council then please contact the Clerk at clerk@graftonparish.com. She will be pleased to hear from you and to provide you with introductions and details about what is involved.

The Parish Council is sorry to say farewell and thank you very much to Mike Hyslop and Crispin Herrod-Taylor after sterling service on the Council. Mike mastered the implementation of Marten's 40mph speed limit, the SIDs (Speed Indicator Devices) on the A338 and soon to be installed on the Grafton Road entrance to Wilton. Crispin liaised with Pewsey Area Board and Pewsey Community Area Partnership to ensure that our Parish kept abreast of current projects and he also ensured that the SIDs were working and that the data was monitored.

During the Council meeting following the AGM on 10 May applications to be co-opted to Council will be presented. This timetable is constrained by the legal requirement to hold the AGM so soon following the election on 6 May, but an additional meeting is planned to accommodate any further applications. So why not consider applying to the Council for co-option?

Coronation Hall News

Update Classes have resumed at the Hall already for children, but starting from week 17 May, adult classes can also resume and we are very pleased to welcome back Tim Brew who will be resuming his Yoga class on Wednesday mornings. We hope to welcome all other classes and groups back in the coming months and will keep you posted as we have news.

Road Track During week commencing 10 May, the track up to and in front of the Hall will be undergoing a full repair. There will still be access during this time and only one entrance will be closed at a time. We apologise in advance for any disturbance this may cause, especially to the people living on The Green

Parking Please remember that parking at the Hall is for Hall hirers only - new signage will be up soon in the parking area stating this shortly. Many people have and are using the parking area as a stop off point to either walk their dogs or on go on cycle rides, please can we request that if you do do this, that you find alternative parking. This is especially important with the return of classes where the parking area will be needed for by the paid hirers.

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



Here comes the summer ...

The summer months always mean temporary employment opportunities at Sunflowers to provide cover for well-deserved team holidays.

In the perfect world we'd love to hear from qualified and experienced childcare professionals who might enjoy dipping their toe back into the nursery environment without permanent commitment. But this is also ideal student vacation work, or a stopgap for someone needing to supplement their income.

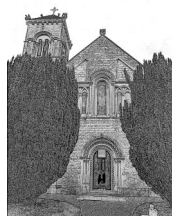
What really matters is that you approach every hour with energy, enthusiasm and commitment. You need to be quick to pick up the way we do things, a super team player and will obviously need to be happy in the company of children of all ages.

We will have 20 to 35 hours per week available during June, July and August. Please note that these hours will include early starts (7.30am) and late finishes (6.15pm). We are not expecting that one person will take all of these hours, in fact our preference would be a small summer team of 2 or 3.

Interested? Or do you know someone who may be interested in joining the team at our natural, not-for-profit nursery? Good hourly rate dependent on qualifications and experience.

To register your interest call Alison or Sue on **01672 810478** or email admin@sunflowers-grafton.co.uk.

We have been diligent about the safety of our team and families during the COVID pandemic. Sunflowers at Grafton work within current government guidance and expect all team members and our families to conform to guidance. All team members are encouraged to take part in asymptomatic testing.



St Nicholas' Church news

Church Roof and Annual Meeting

Firstly the PCC apologises for the incorrect Zoom ID and passcode published in the C News. There will be a "ceiling service" on 23 May at 4pm in St Nicholas' Church at which cakes, tea and coffee will be served.

It is hoped that this gathering will enable all those who had hoped to join the Zoom Annual Parochial Church meeting to join together and discover all the news about the progress of the project to repair the timbers lining the church roof.

Sadly, after long and dedicated service on the PCC, Christina Whitbread and Patricia Knowles have now stood down. Both these ladies have done a huge amount to ensure that St Nicholas' Church is clean, opened and prepared for services through the years, in addition to many other roles and tasks which they have willingly undertaken with broad smiles and friendship.

Please come forward if you are able to consider joining the small team which looks after our church. The more people who volunteer the easier the task becomes for all those involved. It is not necessary to become a formal part of the PCC to contribute to keeping the church open for all to enjoy so perhaps you could think about becoming involved on a less formal basis? Please contact Millie Lemon 01672 870266, Liz Hosier 01264 731242 or Martin Butt 01672 810743

The Savernake Team continues to offer spiritual support and worship, including Sunday Services at 11am by zoom and daily prayer and reflections by email. More information is at www.savernaketeam.org.uk/news-and-events



Wilton Junior Cricket Club meets 10:30 to 12:00 on each Saturday: 8, 15, 22 May and 12, 19, 26 June

As with previous years we will be charging £10 for the season and ideally the sessions are for children in the Parish who attend primary school. This is a great way to develop cricketing and ball skills. We will have 6 training days and for the final gathering we will have a parents/children game.

The training sessions will be on the East Grafton playing field, adjacent to Sunflowers at Grafton (just past St Nicholas' church). If you miss the first session that is not a problem, you will be welcomed to join on the second week.

If you have any questions please contact Piers de Winton pdewinton@savills.com



An update from Wilton Windmill

Wilton Windmill is run entirely by volunteers and, because social distancing cannot be maintained as the building is too narrow, we are adopting a flexible approach to the opening of the windmill to the public in 2021.

The grounds of the windmill will continue to be open to the public to enjoy on any day of the week (Covid restrictions permitting). You are welcome to bring your own refreshments and picnics - there are tables in the grounds for you to use.

During the summer, a number of volunteers will occasionally be on hand (on an unbooked, ad-hoc basis) to provide information and open the granary and mill for self-guided tours by individuals within the same household or bubble.

As social distancing restrictions are removed, the mill will be opened more formally and details will continue to be posted on the Wilton Windmill website

www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk

2021 is the Windmill's 200th anniversary and hopefully this wonderful milestone will be celebrated in some way at the end of the summer.

Our Doctor writes



A headache, fever, nausea and muscle aches are common side effects after the Astra Zeneca vaccination. These side effects usually settle within 12 to 48 hours and simple pain relief such as paracetamol and ibuprofen can help.

However there is some evidence that the AZ vaccination can be linked to a rare blood clot in the brain. Symptoms include a severe, persisting and worsening headache especially when lying down, which is not relieved by simple pain relief. There may also be blurred vision, vomiting, difficulty with speech, weakness, drowsiness, confusion and seizures. The advice is that if anyone who has these symptoms for **four or more days** after receiving the AZ vaccination should seek medical help. Other symptoms include abnormal pinprick bruising or bleeding, swelling and pain in the calf muscle, chest pain and shortness of breath. Whereas persistent abdominal pain can indicate a clot in the veins in the stomach or bowel.

Fortunately, clots are rare with an incidence of less than 4 people per million vaccinated and more women being affected than men. The benefits of the vaccine far outweigh the risks, but the risk-benefit balance changes with age with a slightly higher incidence of clots reported in younger adult age groups and although the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) is not recommending age restrictions, it does recommend under-30s with no underlying health conditions should be offered an alternative vaccine where available.

The 45 to 49 year age group is being vaccinated at present. No vaccination provides 100% immunity. This means even if you have had both your first and second vaccination you can still catch Covid-19 and spread the infection to other people, especially those not yet vaccinated. In order to prevent this and keep everyone including those not yet vaccinated safe, you still need to keep wearing your mask, washing your hands, social distancing and following the rules.

Stay safe and keep everyone safe.

Best wishes Dr Angela Paddon and the team at The Old School Surgery.

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Events, where important funds would normally be raised, haven't been able to take place, so an online raffle seemed an appealing way to maintain this important work.

One major prize is kindly donated by Ron Forbes at The Crown & Anchor in Ham, Crofton Beam Engines and Wilton Windmill. You can find out more about the prize and buy your tickets at www.northwessexdownsraffale.com/raffale.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE NORTH WESSEX DOWNS COUNCIL OF PARTNERS?

We have vacancies on the North Wessex Downs Council of Partners for people who are knowledgeable and passionate about nature conservation, heritage, recreation or tourism to serve as Advisory Members. The Council of Partners is the governing body for the North Wessex Downs AONB Partnership. Advisory Members play an important role in broadening representation within the Partnership beyond the core (funding) local authority and government members thereby making it a genuinely local partnership, grounded in our communities. For more information and/or an informal discussion please email susanclarke@northwessexdowns.org.uk

Planning applications

Please note that the website for locating planning applications has changed to www.development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/

Application Ref: 21/02521/FUL closing date **11 May**
Green Hall Barn, A338 East Grafton SN8 3DB Demolition of existing lean-to and erection of two-storey extension

Dates for your diary

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

MAY			
06		Parish, Council, Police Election Day	
10	18.00	Parish Council AGM	<i>Zoom</i>
15	10.30	Junior cricket	<i>Grafton playground</i>
23	16.00	Ceiling Service	<i>St N</i>
JUNE			
05	11.40	Mobile Library visits.	
06	11.00	Holy Communion	<i>St N</i>

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-home

East Grafton 11.40hrs to 12.00hrs
outside the Coronation Hall

5 May Mobile Library visits start in Grafton
Following visits 2 June, 30 June

If you've never used the mobile library before it's free to join and you can use your membership card in any Wiltshire Library or online to access free eBooks and eMagazines.

Blooming lovely local enterprise based in East Grafton

Into the Blooms is a new flower growing and floristry business started at the beginning of the first lockdown, by Gill Campbell in East Grafton.

Gill is growing flowers, and supplying bouquets, flower buckets (for those who prefer to arrange their own) and weddings and events too. Flowers are delivered locally and Gill will have flowers available from late May and all summer long into the Autumn.

Today 90% of the flowers sold through UK florists, supermarkets and wholesalers are imported not just from Holland but flown from as far afield as Ecuador, Colombia, Kenya and even Ethiopia, however over recent years there has been an increasing interest in British flowers, as flowers grown locally with limited road miles and zero air miles appeal to many. Gill's bouquets, buckets and arrangements will be a reflection of what is in season and at its best at the time of picking, flowers that you often won't find in shops. If you like to see more of what Gill is doing and her beautiful flowers, head over to her website or have a look at her Instagram or Facebook page, where you will also see all the behind the scenes, the seeds, the sowing, the planting out and all that comes with growing British flowers.

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Young entrepreneurs

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Grafton Parish Council response teams

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East Grafton	Kevin Burke	07713 067113
Marten	Mike Hyslop	07799 760417
West Grafton	Annie Whitcher	07802 923344
Wexcombe	George Hosier	07786 332950
Wilton	David Lemon	07974 400224

For help and information

Link Scheme	0771 7006787	
Police emergency	999 or 112 - information 101	
Member of Parliament	Danny Kruger	01380 729358
County Councillor	Stuart Wheeler	01672 810285

Community Contacts

Church flowers/cleaning	Liz Hosier 01264 731242
Vicar, M. McHugh	01672 870779
Community News	news@griftonparish.com
Coronation Hall	07479 281809 hall@griftonparish.com
Junior Cricket	pdewinton@savills.com
Parish Council	clerk@griftonparish.com
PCC Secretary	Millie Lemon 01672 870266
St Nicholas' services	www.savernaketeam.org.uk
Winter Warmers	01264 731242 liz@wexcombefarm.co.uk
Youth Activities	Text Annie 07802923344

Local Clubs

Windmill Society	secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
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