



Community News

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New Website for Grafton Parish

Grafton Parish Council has created a new website for the community - but still in the same place - www.graftonparish.com

Whether you want to find out more about the wonderful place that we live in, make a booking for the Coronation Hall, see what's on the agenda at the next Parish Council Meeting, or when the meetings are - it's all there at your fingertips.

And you can follow the Parish Council's development of the Neighbourhood Plan, as well as reading the latest (and all previous) editions of the Community News. There's information on St Nicholas' Church, local clubs and our local Youth Activities group.

Who to contact and other helpful information can be found here as well as a calendar of community events and activities.

Go and have a look now - www.graftonparish.com

We hope you like it and enjoy the content. If you have any feedback or questions please email news@graftonparish.com.



Tree Fund

After the removal of many ash trees in and around the Parish due to ash dieback, some community-spirited folk have decided to help restore the landscape through tree replanting.

There will be a meeting on Sunday 25 September at 6pm at The Swan in Wilton for a presentation and to discuss the fundraising possibilities - with nibbles and a glass of wine.

All welcome.

Justine Thompson, Di Wilson and David Lindsay

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 me know if you have any dietary requirements.

Grafton Parish Survey

Don't forget to have your say on the future of Grafton Parish. This survey is really important in helping the Parish Council understand people's priorities.

By taking part in the survey you will be entered into our prize draw - two lucky winners will each win £25!

The Parish Council and other volunteers are creating a Neighbourhood Plan for Grafton Parish, thinking about changes that we can make together over the next 5 to 10 years. The work on the Neighbourhood Plan will identify the priorities and create a blueprint for the Parish Council, working with other local community groups and organisations.

We want to hear from you!

We are asking everyone in the community to complete the Community Survey - which will directly feed into the Neighbourhood Plan. So please find 10 minutes... make yourself a cup of tea... and tell us what you think.

Copy or click on this Google Survey link -
<https://forms.gle/TCX3i2cWqqPi7F8D8>

Or if you would prefer a paper copy please drop a note into the Coronation Hall letter box or email news@graftonparish.com

Closing date Tuesday 20 September



WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

Coronation Hall, 10.30am to 12pm. Coffee, cake, catching up with friends and neighbours and raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

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

Hats Off (or on) to Her Majesty the Queen!

As part of the Jubilee celebrations, you could get yourself photographed with Her Majesty whilst wearing an amazing designer hat! Thank you to Victoria Frost of West Grafton who provided the hats and Annie Whitcher who managed to get the Queen to pose for us for the day!

A large number of local residents and friends enthusiastically took advantage of a photo opportunity with Her Majesty. The photographer was ably assisted by Lily Banting of East Grafton, who encouraged people to get over their shyness in the royal presence. She also helped with styling and choices of hats so everyone looked at their Jubilee best.

Go to www.graftonparish.com to see pictures of yourselves or indeed many notables from the villages. You will find the photos in the Community News page - under 'Features'.



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Our Doctor Writes

Two people recently asked me to write about the illnesses associated with dog poop.

Roundworms, hookworms, and whipworms are gut parasites that shed eggs into dog poop. When infected dog poop is left on the ground, the eggs can linger in the soil for years. As a result, anyone who comes in contact with the soil also comes in contact with the infected eggs. Children are at greatest risk of infection because they play on the grass and in the sand pit at the park and then put their hands in their mouths or rub their eyes with their hands. Parasitic infections can make humans extremely sick, and for pregnant women, can pose a serious harm to their unborn child.

Toxocariasis is caught from soil or sand that has been contaminated by worm eggs. It is not caught from fresh poop. Fortunately, most people who swallow worm eggs do not become unwell. However, the worms which develop from the eggs can spread to the lungs, liver, skin and eyes causing symptoms such as high fever, abdominal pain, cough, wheeze, difficulty breathing, rash and eye symptoms such pain, altered vision and even blindness.

The parasite causing Toxoplasmosis can also be found in dog poop although it is more commonly found in cat poop and infected raw meat. It is usually a mild flu-like illness, but in a pregnant woman, especially if caught early in the pregnancy, serious complications can occur.

In addition, dog poop contains organic matter and nutrients, notably nitrogen and phosphorous. If dog poop enters water ways it degrades the water quality because the process of breaking down the organic matter uses up dissolved oxygen and releases ammonia. Low oxygen levels, increased ammonia and warm summer water temperatures can kill fish. Excess phosphorous and nitrogen added to surface waters can lead to cloudy, green water from accelerated algae and weed growth. So flicking poop into the canal is not good!

Cows eating grass contaminated by another parasite found in dog poop can cause pregnant cows to miscarry.

So pick up your dog's poop immediately. Worm your dog (and cat) regularly and wash hands.

Wiltshire Council / Grafton Parish Planning Applications

Address: 238A East Grafton, Marlborough, SN8 3DF
Application No: PL/2022/05922
Closing Date: 06 September 2022
Proposal: Single storey side extension and single storey rear extension

Address: Wexcombe Manor, Wexcombe, Wilts, SN8 3SQ
Application No: PL/2022/05654
Closing Date: 08 September 2022
Proposal: Proposed additional dormer windows to house, renovation and restoration of a barn and the installation of a ground mounted solar array

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Harvest Celebrations

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

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

If you have any fresh or tinned/dried produce that you would like to bring it will be given to the local food bank.

Harvest Supper and Race Night
 Friday 14 October 7pm for 7.30pm
 at the Coronation Hall, 7.00/7.30pm

For more information and to reserve tickets please contact Martin and Sally Butt 07880 552154 or Millie Lemon 07803 032273

This event is always extremely popular, so we advise booking early!

Could you help?

The team at St Nicholas' is looking for help. The Church cannot function without people to assist with flower arranging, light gardening, cleaning and organising fundraising events and it really needs more help in these areas.

There is also an opening for someone who may like to take over as Church Warden - Martin Butt had to stand down 3 years' ago but a replacement has not been found so far!

If you think you could help with any of these activities, then please contact Martin on 01672 810743.

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An Amazing Effort!

The Family Fun Day at Wilton Windmill on 30 July raised an amazing £5730!

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, effort and cakes.

The Windmill will be open as usual on Sundays until the end of September from 2pm to 5pm for guided tours and refreshments.

On Sunday 11 September, it's Heritage Open Days weekend when the Windmill will be open from 2pm to 5.30pm with the last tour at 4pm. For this special day, the tours will be free of charge!

Dates for your diary

September

04	11:00	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Church
05	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Coronation Hall
11	14:00	Heritage Open Day	Wilton Windmill
20		Parish Neighbourhood Plan	Survey Closing Date
24	10:00	Steaming Weekend	Crofton Beam Engines
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30	10:30	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Coronation Hall

October

02	11:00	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Church
10	18:00	Parish Planning Meeting	Manor Farm, Wilton
14	19:00	Harvest Supper & Race Night	Coronation Hall
16	16:00	Harvest Festival	St Nicholas' Church

Local Clubs

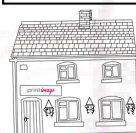
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Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig
Crofton Beam Engines	crofton@katrust.org.uk
Grafton Goslings Baby & Toddler Group	graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk
Dance classes	07746 479345 Charlotte Stevens
Yoga	07747 780898 Tim Brew
Zumba	07710 115324 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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