

APRIL 2023

A Right Royal Celebration

Grafton Parish plans for the King's Coronation - an event to involve everyone from the Parish and make it a weekend to remember!

Programme of Events

Friday 5 May from 3.30pm:

Creating a Parish Mural to decorate the Hall recording images of the community and the coronation.

Saturday 6 May:

King Charles III Coronation Day

Sunday 7 May from 12.30pm:

The Big Lunch at the Coronation Hall for Parish residents, followed by rounders on the green (weather permitting!) at 2.30pm

The Parish Mural



Everyone in the Parish, whatever age, is invited to participate in creating a huge mural on the floor of the Coronation Hall.

Alex and Merlin, two practising artists from Ruskin College Oxford, will guide, support and encourage us to create crowns to place on illustrations of our pets, family members and friends which will be stencilled, painted, or glued onto the canvas mural. The completed mural will be hung in the hall for The Big Lunch.

So, just come along, let your creative flair flow, and make your mark. Merlin is an illustrative artist and captures live events, he will record this event through watercolour painting. Drinks and snacks will be provided!

The Big Lunch in the Coronation Hall

Drop in for a lunch of bangers, mash and peas, including fabulous sausages from Gardiners of Ludgershall and catering for all allergies and dietary preferences. The lunch will be funded by the Parish Council and Coronation Hall.

Afterwards cakes will be available. Let Jan know on jjwemarlow@aol.com if you can help by making your favourite cake, cupcakes or traybake to share.

Soft drinks will be provided and there'll be a cash bar for beers and wines - at very friendly prices. Please note it's a **cash** bar. During the event our resident band 'Swan Folk' will be providing music for the occasion.

If you have additional friends and family with you on the day, please bring them along too - just let Annie know, text or WhatsApp 07802 923344, so we can cater for them. If you need transport, then contact Annie and we can pick you up.

Rounders on the Green

Nothing like rounders for getting the inter village competitive juices flowing so let's hope the weather will be kind!

Keep up to date with the Coronation Plans!

As we get nearer to the weekend, there will be updates and reminders via village WhatsApp groups.

In the meantime, if you have questions or can volunteer to help with setting up, peeling potatoes, clearing up, etc, please contact Annie on 07802 923344.

Let's make it a fun weekend and one that everyone will remember!

Special Coronation Winter Warmers' Lunch

There will be a special Coronation Winter Warmers' lunch on Tuesday 2 May at 12.30pm in Coronation Hall and it is the last one until the Winter.

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.

The menu for the Coronation lunch hasn't been finalised yet, but will be something fit for a king no doubt!

If you need more information please ring Liz on **07831 545772**. Also, please let Liz know if you have any dietary requirements.

We look forward to seeing you.

Brighter Futures Radiotherapy Appeal Update

Brighter Futures is Great Western Hospital's registered charity. Back in 2015 the charity launched a fundraising appeal to help equip a new Radiotherapy Centre in Swindon.

Grafton Parishioners supported the appeal with huge enthusiasm; generously devoting time, energy and money to the cause.

Thank you to everyone who got behind some amazing fundraisers including the Grafton Calendar, the Grafton Parish Boundary Walk, the Spring Coffee Morning and the Stella & Dot Jewellery Sale. And thank you to everyone who made craft items, undertook challenges and donated. I do think people in Grafton Parish are the absolute best!

Thanks to your efforts, and the wider community, over £3 million was raised and the new OUH Radiotherapy Centre @ Swindon finally opened in October 2022!

The new service means that most cancer patients diagnosed at Great Western Hospital can now receive daily radiotherapy treatment on the Great Western Hospital site, instead of facing a long tiring journey to Oxford, Bath or Cheltenham.

226 patients have already received 2,404 treatments closer to home and the newly installed CT scanner has benefitted 216 patients. The difference this makes to patients and their loved ones when they are already dealing with a cancer diagnosis is enormous.

Thank you so so much! Your kindness will always be remembered.

Jane Leighton



Our Burbage Doctors Write

Spring Covid Booster Campaign

Those eligible for boosters are only those aged 75 and over (including those who turn 75 by 30 June 2023), as well as our immunosuppressed patients. *Please note that there must be a six month gap since your last vaccine.*

We will be running clinics here at the Surgery in April and May, hopefully starting on the 17th April, and will be in touch with those eligible as soon as we know more to get you all booked in.

Please wait until we invite you and can book you in here. You will probably receive a text/email invite from the NHS/Government, but please use us as your vaccine centre of choice.

We have no say in which vaccine we will get. This will either be the Pfizer one or the new Sanofi one. There will be no alternatives available.

GP Update

Dr Carpenter is now on Maternity leave and we all wish her all the best in her exciting new adventure! Dr Kate Bailey will be covering her sessions on Mondays, Dr Jonathan Glover on Wednesdays and Thursdays and we are in discussion with 2 other lovely local GPs who we hope will be able to help out at busy times while she is off.

Physiotherapy

The East Kennet PCN, which Burbage Surgery is a member of, has recruited a new First Contact Physiotherapist called Aizaz. He offers assessment appointments at Ramsbury Surgery or Marlborough Surgery. Please contact reception if you would like us to book you in.

Local Ladies Riding the Night

On 29th April, local ladies - Tamara Reay, Jane Goldstein, Natalie Neal and Susie Brew - together with a couple of other friends, will be Riding the Night - a 100km overnight bike ride to raise money for women's cancer charities. The ride starts at Kempton Park, goes into central London and back to Kempton Park.

The group did the challenge last year, but it wasn't without incident! Hopefully this year Jane's pannier won't explode, Alison won't fall off and (due to Susie's bike breaking down in Belgrave Square) Jane and Susie won't be the last two people over the finishing line!

They are raising funds as a team - Belgrave Bikers - and if you would like to help them raise money for these worthy causes, this is the donation page -

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Storage / Lockup	David Lemon	01672 870266
Sunflowers at Grafton	Julie McLernon	01672 810478
Swan Inn	Bill Clemence	01672 870274
Pinckneys Farm	Wendy	07989 228864
Yoga	Tim Brew	07747 780898

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting, which is also the AGM, will be held at Coronation Hall on Monday 15 May at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Local groups and organisations provide updates at the AGM, so do go along if you'd like to find out more.

Coronation Hall

To enquire on booking the Coronation Hall or to find out details on how to hire trestle tables or gazebos, go to: www.graftonparish.com or contact as follows:

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The website enables you to find a library near you and includes information on mobile library stops, dates and times as well as physical library buildings.

April

09	14:00	First Open Day for 2023	Wilton Windmill
09	10:30	First Open Day for 2023	Crofton Beam Engines
09	11:00	Easter Sunday Service	St Nicholas' Church

May

02	12:30	Winter Warmers' Coronation Lunch	Coronation Hall
15	19:30	Grafton Parish Council AGM	Coronation Hall

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
Yoga	07747 780898 Tim Brew
Zumba	07710 115324 Joanna Bury

Coronation Hall Regular Dates

Monday (weekly in term-time)	Charlotte Price	16:45
Tuesday (weekly in term-time)	Zumba	09:30
Tuesday (weekly in term-time)	Charlotte Price	16:15
Tuesday	TimmyB Yoga	19:00
Wednesday	TimmyB Yoga	09:30
Wednesday (weekly in term-time)	Charlotte Price	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)	Charlotte Price	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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Marten: Richard **07795 636767**

West Grafton: Annie **07802 923344**

Wilton: Tara **07833 320951**

Wexcombe: George **07786 332950**



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