



Community News

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AUGUST 2026

2026 Harvest is the Earliest Yet!

The persistent hot weather has made this year's harvest one of the earliest anyone in the Parish can remember. While the lack of rain allowed the work to push forward without interruption, the dry conditions resulted in much lighter grain weights - leading to a drop in revenue for growers. A farmer's lot is never straightforward!

It is always exciting to see the machines and skilled workforce out in the Parish working all hours to feed the nation. Well done and thank you!



The Sails are Coming Back!

Perfectly timed to be ready for the Family Fun Day on 30 August, the new sails on Wilton Windmill are being installed on Tuesday 18 August. Viewing will only be allowed from an adjoining field for safety reasons.

Parish Rounders

The annual Inter-Village Parish Rounders will be on Friday 18 September starting at the slightly earlier time of 5pm.

If you would like to help out with setting up, taking down or helping with the bar or food service, then please let Andy Pack know - call or WhatsApp Andy on 07724 305678.

Grafton Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

The referendum on the Neighbourhood Development Plan took place on 16 July. The turnout was 170 people, with 110 people voting in favour.

The Plan now comes into effect. Grafton Parish Council would like to thank everyone for taking the time to consider the proposals and for their feedback over the last few years as the plans were drawn up.

Parish Litter Picking Activity is Being Regenerated ...

Rather than Sunflowers at Grafton holding all the kit and organising one date per year, the kit will be kept in each Parish Village. Dates and places will be organised to suit those who take part.

Each Village sorts out the when and where of their litter pick via the village WhatsApp group. Whenever and however your Village litter pick takes place is all determined by those on the ground rather than a national date.

**Community Cleanup Captain?
Chief Womble? Litter Boss?**



This is not an onerous task ... but an important one. Will you take the lead for your Village? Message news@graftonparish.com to step forward.

Late Summer at Crofton Beam Engines

Sunday 9 August - 10:00 to 16:30 - Ride It Day

Motorbike enthusiasts are invited to Crofton's Ride-It-Day to celebrate the motorbike. Visit the pumping station and the Smithy Tea Room will be open for tea, coffee, cake, cold drinks and more. Entry to the car parks and grounds is free, entry to the pumping station is £7.00.

Sunday 30 and Monday 31 August - 10:00 to 16:30

August Bank Holiday Steaming

Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Kennet and Avon Canal, there will be lots to see and do, including a special exhibition about the Kennet & Avon Canal Trust and plenty of children's activities. The Smithy Tea Room will be open and you are welcome to take a picnic.

Every Tuesday (not 22 & 29 December) - 10:00 to 14:00

Tuesday Work Days

Volunteers will be on hand to guide you round the site. Free entry to the Beam Engines, suggested donations of £5 per head would be welcome!

For more information visit: www.croftonbeamengines.org/

Planning Applications

No Applications Received

Join Our Julian Meeting!



Along the lines of the successful Still Waters services in Lent, here is something new for anyone looking for a dedicated time to pause, reflect and pray.

Julian Meetings are named after Julian of Norwich who was a fourteenth century female mystic.

The meetings are an opportunity to sit with others to practise contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition. The meetings begin with music and a short reading followed by uninterrupted silence. The quiet stillness helps us to be aware of God's presence. A reading and music concludes the meeting.

The half hour meetings take place at 19:00 on the first Monday of each month in St Nicholas' Church, East Grafton, with the next one being on Monday 7 September. Everyone is welcome.

Wilton Windmill Family Fun Day - Call for Volunteers!

The Wilton Windmill Family Fun Day will be on Sunday 30 August from 12 noon to 5pm. If you would like to help with the event or bake a cake for the tea tent, please call or WhatsApp:

David Lindsay 07525 742035 or Peter Wilson 07366 418484

Can You Help?

St Nicholas' Church is setting up a new cleaning rota and would love your support. If you can spare a little time to help keep the Church looking its best, please get in touch with Caroline caroline@thornacre.co.uk or Whatsapp **07974 400228**

Coronation Hall: Your Parish Venue

The Hall Committee is pleased to offer a special discounted rate for Parish residents - more information at

<https://graftonparish.com/coronation-hall/>

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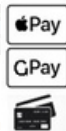
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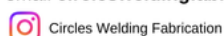
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August

09	10:00	Ride-It Day	Crofton Beam Engines
16	11:00	Family Service & Refreshments	St Nicholas' Church
18	All Day	New Sails Installation	Wilton Windmill
19	11:40	Mobile Library	Coronation Hall
29	10:00	Artisan Farmers' Market	The Cattle Shed
30	12:00	Family Fun Day	Wilton Windmill
30 & 31	10:00	Steaming & Exhibition	Crofton Beam Engines

September

07	19:00	Julian Meeting	St Nicholas' Church
16	11:40	Mobile Library	Coronation Hall
18	18:00	Parish Rounders	The Green, East Grafton
26	10:00	Artisan Farmers' Market	The Cattle Shed

Local Clubs

Windmill Society	info@wiltonwindmill.co.uk
Horticultural Society	07725 655230 Marijke Craig
Crofton Beam Engines	crofton@katrust.org.uk
Baby & Toddler Group	graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk
Dance classes	07746 479345 Charlotte Price
Yoga	07747 780898 Tim Brew
Zumba	07710 115324 Joanna Bury
Pilates	07749 980744 Grace Dobie

Coronation Hall Regular Dates

Tuesday (weekly in term-time)	Zumba	09:30
Tuesday	Timmy B Yoga	19:00
Wednesday	Timmy B Yoga	09:30
Wednesday (weekly in term-time)	Charlotte Price	15:30
Thursday (weekly in term-time)	Grafton Goslings	10:00
Thursday	Pilates	12:00
Thursday (weekly in term-time)	Charlotte Price	16:45
Monday (1st & 3rd week in month)	Alzheimer's Cafe	13:15



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