

GRASS

THE NEWSLETTER AT THE ROOTS OF THE GRAND UNION BENEFICE OF BLISWORTH AND STOKE BRUERNE/ SHUTLANGER, WITH GRAFTON REGIS, ALDERTON AND MILTON MALSOR

Rector's Letter - Remember That You are Dust, and to Dust You Shall Return.

During January, I have had the privilege of being outside at dawn, that time of day when it is neither light nor dark. I watched the sun rise on many occasions as she took her place in a beautiful, clear blue sky, allowing her presence to reflect off the landscape, slowly revealing the beautiful world that God created for us to be part of. Dawn is a magical time of the day that many people miss. There are days when the light gradually appears, while the sun remains hidden behind a grey blanket of cloud. On those days when the sun is not visible to the naked eye, I remember the times that I have been on an aeroplane as it rises through the clouds on a cold damp and misty morning, finally to break free into an amazingly clear blue sky. While I walk, if I look closely, I can see new life beginning to appear, breaking through the sometimes bleak surroundings, small signs that spring, with her warm, sunny days, is not far away. The world is beginning to transform to reveal her glory once again. Over the last few weeks back at the Rectory, I have begun to clear leaves from the borders of the garden and the corners, where the wind encouraged them to gather over the dark days of winter. Monique has taught me well that hard work now in preparing for the approaching season is important if we want the garden to bloom and be at its best.

On 26 February, we enter the beginning of the season of Lent, Ash Wednesday marking the first day and being a day of obligation when all Christians are required to attend Communion. It is a day of penance and fasting as we begin to prepare ourselves to enter this most sacred time, a time that will continue until Easter Day when we will celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord. During Lent, the liturgical colour is purple to remind us physically during our worship that we are in a penitential season, but also it is the colour of royalty to remind us who is our King. On Ash Wednesday itself, we receive the mark of the cross on our head, made from the ashes from last year's blessed palm crosses, while the priest says, 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return' or 'Repent and believe in the Gospel'. This symbolic mark shows our grief in knowing that we have wandered from the path and have caused division within our relationship with God. It also reminds us that we are not separate from creation but part of it, and what happens in the world affects each of us. We all have a responsibility to each other and to creation.

The season of Lent is then a time of prayer and fasting. St Benedict, the sixth century monk, wrote in his simple rule for those under his care that they should always be "Lenten people"; this is the same for us too. But because it is hard for us to practise such discipline all year, St Benedict suggests that we should try harder during this most holy time. One of the practices during Lent is to give up food or something that means a lot to us for this period. The reason for this is to strengthen ourselves spiritually so that we can overcome bigger temptations that come our way during the year. It also helps us to keep focused on our relationship with our Lord. While we fast, we are invited to examine our conscience and our heart and the condition of our life; it is the season to clear away all that is wrong and takes us away from following the Christian path. When the clutter and darkness of our heart is cleared away, we will be better able to enter into the joy of the resurrection of Our Lord and our own resurrection and transformation on Easter Day.

It will be on Easter Day that we are set free from all that holds us back in the state of sin. On Easter Day, each shall be reborn, or transformed, into a new person so that we may have new growth. Lent is a serious time when we work hard on spring cleaning our spiritual life and prepare the soil within us for new growth and a new dawn. In the same way as the sun rises each morning, even when we cannot see her, and we can feel her warmth, so God's presence and love is always with us even if we cannot feel it in our life. Now is the time to walk closer with the Creator. Please join me at St John the Baptist Blisworth on Wednesday 26 February at 7.00 p m so that we can start this life-giving journey together.

This year, for our Lent course we will be looking at how we live out our own discipleship by following Rowan Williams' book, 'Being Disciples'. There will be a Tuesday (SB) or Thursday (MM) lunch class and a Sunday morning (B). You will need your own copy of the book so if you haven't got a copy and want to take part, please let me know.

Blessings, Richard

Service Schedule for February 2020

Sunday 2 February

9.30 a m: Morning Worship lay led, Shutlanger
9.30 a m: Holy Communion, BCP, Milton Malsor
11.00 a m: Holy Communion, CW, Blisworth

Sunday 9 February

9.30 a m: Morning Worship, Milton Malsor, lay-led
9.30 a m: Holy Communion, CW, Stoke Bruerne
11.00 a m: Holy Communion, CW, Blisworth

Sunday 16 February

8.00 a m: Holy Communion, BCP, Blisworth
9.30 a m: Holy Communion, CW, Milton Malsor
11.00 a m: Holy Communion, CW, Grafton Regis

Wednesday 26 February, Ash Wednesday

7.00 p m: Holy Communion, Blisworth

Sunday 23 February

9.30 a m: Morning Worship, Milton Malsor, lay led
9.30 a m: Holy Communion, CW, Alderton
11.00 a m: Holy Communion, CW, Blisworth

Every Wednesday: 9.30 a m, Morning Prayer, Blisworth and Milton Malsor

Useful Telephone Numbers for the United Benefice of Blisworth and Stoke Bruerne with Grafton Regis, Alderton and Milton Malsor

Rector: Canon Rev'd Richard Stainer, The Rectory, 37 High Street, Blisworth NN7 3B, tel 01604 857619

Churchwardens of Blisworth: Mrs Fiona McKenzie, tel 01604 859541 and Mrs Angela Cheesbrough, tel 01604 858059.

Churchwardens of Stoke Bruerne: Mrs Christine Frost, tel 01604 862561.

Churchwardens of Grafton Regis: Mrs Jean Glanville, tel 01908 543463 and Lord Charles Fitzroy, tel 01908 542908

Churchwarden of Alderton: Mrs Amanda Selvey, tel 01327 811380.

Churchwardens of Milton Malsor: Mrs Jane Treharne, tel 01604 858323 and Mrs Sue Bell, tel 01327 351043

The Julian Group for Silent Prayer

The Julian Group for Silent Prayer – making space for God. The group meets on the third Monday of the month (17 February) from 5.00 p m to 6.00 pm, usually at 2 Towcester Road, Blisworth. You are welcome to join us to ‘taste and see’ or on a regular basis. Contact Sue Cutts or Hilary Spurrier for more information.

VILLAGE NEWS

Monday Group

We are a group who have sadly lost someone we loved deeply, and if you also have suffered the same sadness, we would welcome you to join us. We meet in Milton Malsor church on the first Monday of each month from 2.00 p m to 3.30 p m. We have refreshments, chat and an occasional speaker. If you come along you will not find us a miserable group, but a friendly, welcoming group.

Geoffrey Goswell, tel 01604701572.

Concert in Milton Malsor – Advance Notice – Saturday 9 May

A concert, performed by the ReChoir and other performers, will be held in Holy Cross Church, Milton Malsor on Saturday 9 May at 7.00 p m as part of the commemorations for the anniversary of VE Day. Plans are still being put together and details will be available in due course. The cost of tickets will be £10 and this will include light refreshments. Weather dependent, guests are invited to picnic in the church grounds prior to the concert if they wish. There will be a plant stall, a raffle and perhaps other items for sale – more details later.

Garden Party in Milton Malsor – Advance Notice – Sunday 12 July

Sue Bell, churchwarden at Milton Malsor church has very kindly offered to hold an afternoon tea at her home, Bronte House, Eastcote Road, Tiffield NN12 8AF on Sunday 12 July from 3.00 p m to 5.00 p m and you are cordially invited to come along. Tickets will cost £5. In addition to the tea, there will be a raffle, a plant stall and hopefully a ‘fancy goods’ stall.

Both events are to raise money for the conservation and relocation of the wooden effigy in St Margaret’s Church, Alderton. More details will follow in due course, but in the meantime, please make a note in your diaries.

We are incredibly grateful to our friends in Milton Malsor for their generosity in helping us to raise much needed funds for our wooden effigy. The two of us have been raising money for the past three years with various sales and events and these two occasions will help us enormously to achieve our goal. It’s just wonderful and we really appreciate their generosity. Margaret and Linda



STOKE BRUERNE

St Mary the Virgin Church for Stoke Bruerne and Shutlanger

Coffee Morning

Our first coffee morning of 2020 will be on Saturday 8 February between 10.00 a m and 12.00 noon. A raffle will be held on this occasion. We look forward to welcoming you.



SHUTLANGER

Shutlanger Parish Council

The Parish Council met for its normal two monthly meeting on 9 January with all six councillors present. We discussed two issues that have been raised by residents with us outside the meeting.

The first of these is dog mess left on village pavements and verges where people walk. This horrible nuisance is despite now having three dog waste bins in the village. To even further encourage dog owners to clean up we will install another bin on the Showsley Road and equip all four bins with bag holders and a supply of bags. Please use them.

People are also concerned about litter around the village. Some of you already do a lot of work keeping the village tidy - thank you! We also have four litter picking kits available for anyone in the village who wants one - please ask John, our clerk. On top of that, we are holding a village litter picking day on 1 March at 10.00 to 11.00 a m. If you are concerned about litter around the village, please join us at Mulberry Cottage on the High Street and there will be tea and cakes afterwards.

Our meeting beyond these issues was longer than usual as we were considering what we want to do in the year from 1 April 2020. What we do drives the budget we set and the precept for next year. Our list for next year includes:

A village fete this summer to celebrate the rebirth of the Shutlanger village playing field and raise funds for the village hall, date to be arranged. This will probably be held on the playing field and at the village hall and all will be welcome, from the village and outside. Holding a fete is a lot of work and we would welcome volunteers to join a group to make the event a success. Please contact our clerk if you would like to help.

Planting ornamental and native species trees and a wildflower area in the playing field to further enhance our new facility. We will also support as appropriate villagers’ initiatives to plant more trees round the village as these plans take shape.

Redeveloping the bus shelter as a community mini-library, for people to donate books to and borrow books from.

Beyond that, we also considered the Parish Plan, dating from February 2014. The Parish Plan contained an action plan that was based entirely on what residents told us mattered to them six year ago. There were four action points:

1. Speeding in the village. Since 2014 we have, with Northamptonshire Highways’ generous support, installed a chicane at the south end of Main Road, and installed two vehicle activated signs at the north and south ends of Main Road. The total cost of these measures is around £30,000, a very significant investment to tackle this problem. We have also held Community Speedwatch sessions with the support of Northamptonshire Police. The next Speedwatch session begins on 15 February and lasts for 6 weeks. There is a training session on Saturday 8 February for those who would like to join in. Please let the clerk know and he will send you more details.

2. Tidying up the village. As above, we will hold a village litter pick soon and would welcome residents' support to make it a success. We have also installed dog waste bins to help deal with another sort of litter...
3. Redevelop the playing field. Since 2014 we have purchased the freehold of the playing field so that it belongs to the village forever, rather than being leased as in the past. During 2020 we will complete the redevelopment of the playing field with all the existing old equipment replaced with modern and much more extensive kit. We will also make the playing field into a mini-park for the village. The total investment with major financial support from other organisations will exceed £100,000.
4. Secure better broadband. Since the Parish Plan, BT Openworld has upgraded the village broadband to a decent level of service. As the Plan is now six years old, we will review it more thoroughly in 2020 to capture village priorities for the coming years. If you are interested in supporting us with this review, please let the clerk know.

Finally, potholes. We are all suffering from the dreadful potholes on local roads, made worse as usual by winter weather. People, including us, are understandably unhappy about this. The Parish boundaries cover our two through-routes, the Showsley Road as far as Showsley Belt; and Main Road to the crossroads at Stoke Road north of the village, and to Cappenham Bridge to the south. Beyond that, especially the awful potholes further along the Showsley Road beyond Showsley Grounds, is outside of the Parish boundaries. This matters as we cannot under any circumstance do anything about roads outside our boundaries, as we do not and cannot expect to have any legal powers over these roads.

In principle, we may be able to do something about the roads such as Baker's Lane within our boundaries. Several years ago Northamptonshire County Council offered us the power to take over maintenance of village roads. They did not offer us any money to do this maintenance even though you as council tax payers are already paying the County Council via Northamptonshire Highways to maintain the roads. We do not know if the County Council would renew this offer. However, assuming it did, for us to take on road maintenance would be very expensive, costing thousands or tens of thousands of pounds a year to do properly. This is a cost villagers would have to entirely pay through your precept, even though much of the damage to the roads is by through traffic rather than the people who live in Shutlanger. Because we are a very small Parish Council, we do not have the expertise or management resource to take on complex work such as this, and we would have to hire a highways manager part-time to handle this for us, at major extra cost. We would need this expertise to for example secure the County Council's agreement to necessary road closures, select a contractor to do the work and ensure the work was of sufficient quality etc. For these reasons we have not taken over maintenance of the villages' roads and we would need very clear evidence from right across a large majority of village residents that you want this before we could begin to consider it.

Happily there is another way to address potholes, and one in all of our grasp. Everyone who has to endure our roads should report problems on Streetdoctor, Northamptonshire Highways' means of finding out what the problems are. The more people who do this, the more we can expect action by a body we already pay to repair our roads. Again this is something where everyone can make a difference, as we have seen from the recent repairs along the Showsley Road, making it drivable again!

Shutlanger Parish Council



GRAFTON REGIS

Grafton Village Hall Lunch

Again, another really good number attended the first lunch of the New Year; there was lots of friendly chat and catching up on the news since Christmas.

We began with vegetable soup and, as it is January, we celebrated the life of that famous Scot, Robbie Burns; there was haggis, neeps and tatties or a tasty alternative for those who do not enjoy the haggis, along with roast potatoes and vegetables.

This followed by a delicious fresh fruit salad, meringues, ice cream or cream and followed by a selection of cheese and biscuits. As always, we finished with tea or coffee and celebration sweets.

A big thank you to the team of Jean, two Kathies and Keith who were all kept busy in the kitchen. It was appropriate on a Burns lunch that the vote of thanks was given by a Scot – Henry McKay.

We all so much appreciate the work which goes in to make these lunches such a success and thanks to all who clear up at the end – not just the dishes etc but also put away the tables and chairs to leave the lovely village hall looking ready for the next people who use it. DK



From Jean: Our January lunch was as usual our haggis lunch and was very well attended; it was so nice to see Bill and Betty back, after being unwell for the last two months. Linda was missed; however Kathy C stepped in and provided the meringues. No Christmas pudding or mince pies in sight.

St. Mary, Grafton Regis

The repairs are continuing at the church; the new Tower roof work is completed. Two new floors are in place in the tower, the bell stage shutters are being repaired and the lancet windows in the tower have been glazed. The local birds are perching on the window ledges looking bemused as they cannot now get into the tower. The old roof has been taken off the south porch and there is more damage to the roof timbers than we expected; however, the roof has been leaking for years so not really a surprise.

Over the Christmas period, we had 17 activations of the roof alarm, so members of the PCC were going out to the church two or three times an evening to check for criminals. The timing of the activations was so regular that the members of the PCC met at the church and shone their torches on the roof as the alarm went off, videoing the event as proof to the alarm company that they were not genuine intruder alerts as they insisted.

Snowdrops and Aconites in the Churchyard

The snowdrops and aconites have pushed up through the soil and are still in bud but should be opening up in the next 7 -10 days, so do come and have a look. Jean



BLISWORTH

Joe Pyke

Win Pyke and all her family would like to express their sincere thanks for all the support and kindness shown by so many people, following the sad death of her beloved husband, Joe. It was particularly comforting to see so many people in church to pay their respects. Thank you all.

Prayer, Cards, Pebbles and Candles

We are following on from January's piece about our prayer board and cards.

As small children, we are all taught to say "please" and who can resist, when a couple of extra vowels: pleeeeeease are added to any reasonable request? Later on, more is expected of us - we are taught to say, "thank you". "Please" and "thank you" are a convention that we employ all through our lives.

And so it is with prayer. It is so easy to say please, but how many of us remember to say thank you when our prayers are answered? Shortly after my husband, Philip, died in 2013, I asked Rev'd Andrea to choose something, which would be used as an aid to prayer, by anybody and everybody coming into our church. She chose a baptismal shell and "The Tree of Life" which were both dedicated to Philip's memory on what should have been his 75th birthday, Sunday, 23 November 2014.

The tree now stands behind the lectern, which is appropriate, as its candles celebrate life, hope and belief. Jill Charles



Lunch Party

A huge thankyou to everyone who came to the lunch party on 22 December, in aid of World Vision Armenia. The 40 or so who came enjoyed some Armenian dishes such as stuffed squash and spicy lentils as well as more conventional dishes such as lasagne and shepherds' pie. The donations from those who came and from those who sent donations have added up to £700. This sum will make a huge difference to the lives of those in a deprived region of Armenia. The next event will be a Lent lunch - date to be agreed. Hilary Spurrier



ALDERTON

Church Cleaning Rota January Amanda Selvey

Bird Feeder Missing

It is really disappointing to see that one of the bird feeders has gone missing from the tree at the top of Church Lane, Alderton. The feeders were put there at the tree dressing on 21 December and remain in situ during the really hard days of winter in order to feed our birds. This feeder was one of the more expensive ones - with a green ceramic top and bottom and a stainless steel central holder; it would have been full or partly full of nuts. If you see the feeder, please return it to me at 4 Church Lane. These feeders are put on the tree on trust that they will not be removed; they are my personal property. Margaret H-T



MILTON MALSOR

The Annual Scout Quiz and Chips Night

This will be held on Friday 20 March at Milton village Hall at 7.00 p m for a 7.30 p m prompt start - teams of 6 if possible but not essential. £10 a ticket for adults including fish and chip supper and £5 children, including sausage/fishcake and chips. Alternatives are available on request. A welcome drink is included in the ticket price.

Please contact Selina Smith, Group Secretary, on 01604 769439 to book your tickets for this popular event.

Milton Malsor Historical Society

The Annual general meeting and talk on Northamptonshire murders and mysteries will take place on Thursday 19 March at 7.30 p m.

Milton & Collingtree WI News

On Thursday 13 February at 7.30 p m in Milton village hall we look forward to a Pilates session (suitable for all ages and abilities) with Alexis. On Thursday 12 March we have a World War Two theme with Patricia Heed's talk 'From Ration to Fashion'. Please bring any relevant memorabilia to share.

Our summer coach outing is to Chatsworth House on Saturday 11 July. We will depart Milton village hall at 9.00 a m, and Collingtree crossroads at 9.05 a m. The cost will be approximately £30 per person as the group house and garden entrance is £16.50. Please ring 859133 or 764433 to book and secure your seat with a £10 deposit per person - cash or cheque written to Milton Malsor and Collingtree WI.

Mums and Tots

This takes place every Friday morning through term time at Milton Malsor Village Hall from 9.30 a m until 11.30 a m. All mums and tots welcome.

GENERAL NEWS

Bell Ringing

After a very busy December ringing for carol services as well as the normal Sunday services, the ringers had had a rest in January with Monday night practices suspended until 3 February. Unfortunately we could not ring for all services in December as there were not enough ringers available.

We appeal to any lapsed ringers and to anyone who is interested in finding out about this ancient art, or learning to ring, to contact Di Rogers on 07368294942 or come along to St Johns church in Blisworth on Mondays at 7.30 p m, when we will be pleased to see you. Ringing is good exercise both mentally and physically and provides the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. Di Rogers

Volunteers Wanted

Crusader Community Boating is a Northampton-based charity running free boat trips for people of all ages with physical or mental disability, disadvantaged people and elderly people from care homes. Our fully accessible widebeam boat is based at Blisworth Marina. Due to an increasing demand for our service, we will have a brand new, purpose-built, boat for the 2020 season starting in April.

We are now recruiting extra volunteers to crew our boats. This interesting and highly rewarding opportunity would be ideally suited to those who have recently retired, are reasonably active and in good health. If you feel this might suit you, or you'd like to find out more, why not come along to our next recruitment open day on Thursday, 6 February at Blisworth Marina. You'll have a chance to see our boats and chat to some of the crew. A further open day will be arranged for Tuesday, 10 March.

To book a place, please contact: Dave Garratt, Boat Manager, tel 07729 183232, boat-manager@crusadercommunityboating.org.uk www.crusadercommunityboating.org.uk



For Sale

A white 'Bosch Classixx' tabletop dishwasher for sale. Although approximately 5 years old, it has been very little used, has been tested and is clean and in excellent working order. It comes with some cleaning products. Price: £125 (£359 when new). Proceeds to Alderton's knight fund. Contact Margaret Hall-Townley: 01327 811307 or email: magshall-townley@hotmail.com

Paulerspury Picturedrome

Our next film will be ROCKET Man, which is the story of Elton John's rise to fame. It has received rave reviews, a Golden Globe award and is bound to set your feet a-tapping. Do come on Friday 7 February at 8.00 p.m. £5 at the door as usual. Derek Batten

Notes from a Local Farmer

Welcome to the new farming year. Since my last letter, we have scanned all the sheep and apparently, we are having 602 doubles, 144 singles and 85 threes, plus 19 barren sheep. This is a satisfactory scanning as we don't want to be overwhelmed by too many threes. The weather continues in a similar vein with rain most days and the ground waterlogged. Last year, we had a dry winter but on both occasions, it has been mild. We have now started grazing the stubble turnips up to lambing, moving electric fences when necessary. We have finally sold all our corn so barns are now free for lambing, and pens are being constructed. We always seem to be busy with maintenance and improvements top of the list at this time of year. In December, we replanted a small wood at Stoke Park with beech and pine – it should look good in a few years' time. I will keep you abreast of developments next month. Robert Davy

News from The Old Mail

For events and happenings in the nearby villages: Cosgrove, Potterspury and Yardley Gobion, see the newsletter, The Old Mail, is available online at various websites: www.cosgrovevillage.co.uk; www.potterspurypc.org.uk; www.yardleygobionpc.wordpress.com.

Fitness Classes in Paulerspury Village Hall

Monday pilates classes: 11.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon, 12.10 p.m. – 1.10 p.m., 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. & 7.10 p.m. – 8.10 p.m.

Wednesday pilates classes: 11.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon.

Contact: Elizabeth on 07547 618 987 for more information.

Tuesday yoga classes: 10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Contact Sue on 01327 811 596 or fitnessgroup@paulerspuryparish.org.uk.

Theatre Group

Please see: <http://paulerspuryparish.org.uk/local-groups/theatre-group/> then click the link new shows. Contact Sue, via the web site or phone, 01327 811 596 to reserve seats.

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Shutlanger: PCSO 7018, Peter Firth, tel 101 ext 343971

Grafton Regis: PCSO 7018, Peter Firth, tel 101 ext 343971

Blisworth: PCSO 7012 Tara Cooksammy

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SNIPPETS:

Don't ever save anything for a special occasion; being alive is the special occasion. Enjoy life today because yesterday is gone and tomorrow is never promised.

However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at.

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 7pm - 8:30pm

February 20th: Heart conditions v. World Record Challenges - an inspirational story to launch 2020!

March 19th: "Menu for Health" - nutrition and meal planning for a healthy heart

April 16th: Short AGM followed by social evening & quiz



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QUINTON HOUSE SCHOOL

United Benefice Calendar for 2020

All groups and organisations within the community are warmly invited to include events here.

<u>February</u>	1	Coffee morning, Milton Malsor
	6	Recruitment open day, Crusader Community Boating, Blisworth Marina
	7	Farmers' market, Towcester, 9.00 a m – 1.30 p m
	7	Showing of Rocket Man, Paulerspury village hall
	7	Milton Malsor Film Club, 7.30 p m – The Keeper
	8	Open morning, Quinton House School, 10.00 a m – 1.00 p m
	8	Coffee morning, Stoke Bruerne Church 10.00 a m – 12.00 noon
	13	Blisworth WI meeting, 'The History of Northants Police Force', 7.30 p m, village hall
	13	Milton Malsor & Collingtree WI meeting, 7.30 p m – pilates
	14	Farmers' market, Richmond Road, Towcester, 9.00 a m – 1.30 p m
	20	Grafton lunch club, 12.30 p m, Grafton Regis village hall
	20	Towcester HeartBeats social evening, 7.00 p m at The Forum Towcester, all welcome
	28	Coffee morning, Blisworth
	<u>March</u>	1
6		Milton Malsor Film Club, 7.30 p m – The Post
7		Coffee morning, Milton Malsor
8		Benefice team on duty at Streetchurch
10		Recruitment open day, Crusader Community Boating, Blisworth Marina
12		Blisworth WI meeting, 'Telling Tales', 7.30 p m, village hall
12		Milton Malsor & Collingtree WI meeting, 7.30 p m – World War II theme
19		Grafton lunch club, 12.30 p m, Grafton Regis village hall
19		Milton Malsor Historical Society AGM and talk, 7.30 p m
19		Towcester HeartBeats – menu for health with Donna Lowe, nutritionist, all welcome
20		Fish and chip quiz night, Milton Malsor, 7.00 p m
21		Road Community Orchestra concert, Northampton High School, 7.00 p m
27		Coffee morning, Blisworth
<u>April</u>	2	Blisworth WI meeting, 'National Trust Gardens', 7.30 p m, village hall
	3	Milton Malsor Film Club, 7.30 p m – Fishermen's Friends
	4	Coffee morning, Milton Malsor
	16	Grafton lunch club, 12.30 p m, Grafton Regis village hall
	16	Towcester HeartBeats – AGM, social evening and quiz, all welcome
	24	Coffee morning, Blisworth
<u>May</u>	1	Milton Malsor Film Club, 7.30 p m – Apollo 11
	2	Coffee morning, Milton Malsor
	9	Concert in Holy Cross Church, Milton Malsor, 7.00 p m, to commemorate VE Day
	14	Blisworth WI meeting, Resolutions and supper, 7.30 p m, village hall
	29	Coffee morning, Blisworth
<u>June</u>	20	Possible date for garden party, Stoke Bruerne
	6	Coffee morning, Milton Malsor
<u>July</u>	11	Blisworth WI meeting, 'Up the Cut', 7.30 p m, village hall
	26	Coffee morning, Blisworth
<u>August</u>	4	Coffee morning, Milton Malsor
	11	Milton Malsor & Collingtree outing to Chatsworth House
	12	Garden party, Bronte House, Tiffield, 3.00 p m – 5.00 p m
	9	Blisworth WI meeting, 'A Child's Life in the Gambia', 7.30 p m, village hall
	19	Benefice team on duty at Streetchurch
<u>September</u>	31	Coffee morning, Blisworth
	1	Coffee morning, Milton Malsor
<u>October</u>	28	Coffee morning, Blisworth
	5	Coffee morning, Milton Malsor
<u>November</u>	25	Coffee morning, Blisworth
	3	Coffee morning, Milton Malsor
<u>December</u>	11	Benefice team on duty at Streetchurch
	30	Coffee morning, Blisworth
	7	Coffee morning, Milton Malsor
	27	Coffee morning, Blisworth
	5	Coffee morning, Milton Malsor, incorporating Christmas tree festival

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