

# 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



Like most of us, I do love this time of year, and the beautiful spring days. New life can be seen wherever we look. The garden here at the rectory is just awash with different bright colours appearing out of the bleak landscape that we grew accustomed to during the dark dreary days of the winter. In March, we enjoyed a beautiful spring equinox, a time when there is equal day and night, equal light, and equal dark. With our eyes, we can see all around us the resurrection of the light; the equinox is a signal that the light has overcome the darkness once again, bringing with it warmth and new life. As the world around us is waking up and moving into the light, we too move towards the light of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the one that can banish the darkness within us. Darkness can come in many forms, depression, anxiety etc. As Christians, we look to the light of the resurrection, to the teachings and healing of Christ.

Richard

## Service Schedule for April 2022

### Sunday 3 April. Lent 5

9.30 a m Milton Malsor, Family Eucharist.  
11.00 a m Blisworth, Family Eucharist.

### Palm Sunday 10 April. Benefice Service

10.00 a m Grafton Regis, Family Eucharist.

### Maundy Thursday 14 March

9.30 a m Shutlanger, St Anne's, Morning prayer.  
7.00 p m Stoke Bruerne, Last Supper

### Good Friday 15 April

2.00 p m Milton Malsor, Liturgy of the cross.

### Easter Sunday 17 April

6.00 a m Alderton, dawn service, first Eucharist of Easter

9.30 a m Milton Malsor, family Eucharist  
11.00 a m Blisworth, family service.

### Sunday 24 April, Easter 2

9.30 a m Milton Malsor, family service  
9.30 a m Stoke Bruerne, family service  
11.00 a m Blisworth, family Eucharist

## 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 3BJ, tel 01604 857619.

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

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

**Churchwardens of Grafton Regis:** Mrs Jean Glanville, tel 01908 543463 and Mr Nieldre Laubscher, tel 01908 542979.

**Churchwardens of Alderton:** Mrs Margaret Hall-Townley, tel 01327 811307 and Mrs Linda Dards, tel 01327 811265.

**Churchwarden of Milton Malsor:** Mrs Sue Bell, tel 01327 351043.

## VILLAGE NEWS

### STOKE BRUERNE

#### Susan Gardner RIP

Sue died peacefully on 4 March after a long and terrible illness; Nobody should have to suffer like that.

The funeral will be at Stoke Bruerne Church on 7 April at 11.00 a m.  
Alison Jones on behalf of Sarah and Holly, her daughters.



### Stoke Bruerne Church

Saturday 12 March saw the first coffee morning of 2022 at Stoke Bruerne church.

It was lovely to welcome the community and visitors into the church at the start of spring as the daffodils emerge. We successfully raised £237 for the church. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes, raffle prizes and their time volunteering. The next coffee morning is Saturday 11 June from 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon.

Spring has also meant the start of our successful working parties for the churchyard maintenance project and the wildlife project. This year, we plan to further develop the wild areas of the churchyard alongside the pupils of St Mary the Virgin school.

The next working party is Saturday 9 April from 9.30 a m to 12.30 p m. Any time you can give in that slot will be welcome. Refreshments are available.

For more details ring Lynne Wild 07833 694710 Or Deborah Mbofana on 07926 872791.



### Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend - Village Activities Update

A number of residents came together in February to start the ball rolling with discussing ideas for the Jubilee weekend. Provisional plans are looking like this:

A family party day at the cricket club, including children's games and activities, picnic, barbecue and live music in the evening.

Choir concert at the church, and village hall hosting refreshments, eg afternoon teas etc.

Other plans still in the early stage: Jubilee tree planting, church flower festival, open gardens, plant sales and a laser light on the church tower. The national directive is to organise your own street parties on the Sunday, and we would also encourage everyone to hang Jubilee bunting.

We would welcome anyone who would like to get involved in any aspect of the activities mentioned. Please contact Colin Tomkinson on [colin@stokebruerne.co.uk](mailto:colin@stokebruerne.co.uk) or Christine Sears on [christinedbct@gmail.com](mailto:christinedbct@gmail.com)

### Parish Asset Mapping Project

The Parish Council resolved to not formally engage with the Asset Mapping process. The Council, however, will be assessing and creating a list of the current services and asset in the parish provided by West Northants Council to ensure that these services are still be delivered and maintained.

### Jubilee

The Parish Council is showing support for the plans for the upcoming Jubilee particularly those involving tree planting. If members of the parish would like to volunteer to help with the Jubilee or have any questions, please contact Colin at [colin@stokebruerne.co.uk](mailto:colin@stokebruerne.co.uk)



### SHUTLANGER Shutlanger Village Hall *Coffee Morning*

Our monthly coffee, cake and chat morning was on Thursday 17 March from 10.00 a m until 12.00 noon.

We have free wi-fi and contactless payments and we serve excellent coffee and delicious homemade cakes.

Our coffee mornings are always on the third Thursday of the month; put a note in your diary so you don't miss it.

The coffee morning was preceded by a short prayer service in St. Anne's Chapel. We always have lots of support for this charming service, with time for quiet reflection. We love to see villagers come along and enjoy themselves. It would be great to see you at the next one on Thursday 21 April 2022.

### *Tote draw*

The latest draw was on 17 March at 11.00 a m; as usual it was during the coffee morning. The winning numbers were: 3 and 10 and the prize was £137.50. The tote has raised over £1,200 towards keeping our hall as a centre for community and celebration.

It's easy to join the tote - it costs just £5 a month; half the money goes to help the village hall and the other half to one lucky prize winner. The odds are much better than the national lottery!

There are application forms in the hall; you can call 01327 640547 or email [secretary@shutlangervillagehall.org.uk](mailto:secretary@shutlangervillagehall.org.uk) any of these make it easy for you to join our ever-growing band supporters.

### *Plant Swap*

The village plant swap is back. Bring a plant, take a plant or leave a donation in the hall postbox.

## SHUTLANGER & STOKE BRUERNE FLOWER CLUB

are holding an  
**Open Evening Demonstration**  
by the talented  
**Alison Suffolk (NAFAS)**  
titled

### **'You Never Know'**

at The Village Hall, Baileys Brook Road, in **Road**

**WEDNESDAY 13 April at 7.30pm**



**Guests are VERY WELCOME**

**Please pay £5 on the door**  
(Refreshments included)  
**All Flower Arrangements demonstrated will be raffled at the end of the evening**

**Do join us!**

### Renovations

The hall is looking very lovely now but, there is still plenty to do; the planned storage area in the hall is complete and has transformed the hall into a very smart space. The lighting has been upgraded and the new LED energy saving fixtures are dimmable, meaning we can alter the lighting atmosphere in the hall. Our thanks to Thrive Renewables for their grant.

The Management Committee has made the decision to renovate the flat roof on the men's toilets and kitchen after a leak caused a flood.

Our next major project is to re-roof the hall completely. The committee is exploring every avenue available to raise these huge funds. All our fund-raising events from now on will be to support our efforts to replace the roof. You can donate to the restoration fund through the website, [www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk](http://www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk), or use the QR code available at all hall events.

Your help matters to us. EVERY penny counts!

### Upcoming events

Easter egg trail - a village Easter egg trail will take place on Sunday 17 April, between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon - £3 for a child's ticket. Start at the village hall and follow the clues to make a word. When you have collected all the letters, go back to the hall and collect your prize. We will also be serving tea, coffee, soft drinks and hot-cross buns in the hall. A fun event for any local children, tickets are available by scanning the QR code.



Open Gardens - Some of Shutlanger's residents will be opening their gardens on Sunday 22 May. Entry tickets will be £5 for the gardens, and you will be able to order ploughman's lunches and cream teas which will be served in the village hall. The link for this event will be available soon.

Jubilee Celebrations - Shutlanger's Jubilee celebrations will be on Saturday 4 June. More details to follow.

Quiz Night - we are planning another of our popular quiz nights on Saturday 2 July - save the date. Tickets for these events sell quickly and a link will be published soon.

### Fundraising

As ever, we continue to fund raise to renovate the excellent facilities within our most important community asset. There are several opportunities to get involved:

For example, direct donations via the website homepage and by using QR codes in the hall and at events.

Joining the tote is another way of donating to this worthy cause; you could also be the winner of our monthly draw.

We are members of JustGiving, Smile and Easyfundraising where you can easily make donations.

There are links on our website [www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk](http://www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk) which will guide you through the donation process.

To donate through Amazon, choose [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk), then Shutlanger village hall and pay for your shopping in the usual way.

Sign up for Easyfundraising, then search for retailers, the site will redirect you to the retailer's website.

Both sites are free, easy to use, and the hall gets a donation; we recently received a payment of nearly £100 from Easyfundraising from our kind donors!

You can also help the hall by recycling your old ink cartridges; simply put them in the box in the hall or post them in the letterbox at the hall.

Thank you for all your support.

Shutlanger Village Hall Management Committee



### GRAFTON REGIS

#### Church Bazaar Saturday 7 May

A church bazaar will be held in the church to raise funds to get our new bells ropes hung and in use again.

Donations to the white elephant stalls are welcome; please contact Jean if you have anything to offer. If you would like a table to sell your own goods the fee is £15; we are hoping to be able to offer a good range of goods for sale.

More details next month.

### Village Hall

A new front door has been installed at the hall; our previous door could no longer cope with the strains put on it. The new door is of commercial standard and extremely heavy and we are just getting used to dealing with it. An automated opening and closing system should have been installed today, 16th, but at the last minute the contractor realised that the supplier had not delivered all of the parts ordered.

The contractors have also been installing a CCTV system at the hall in the pouring rain, so I was really pleased that it was them out in the weather and not me.

Once these two systems are up and running, we have to finish of the unexpected renovation of the drainage system with new drain covers; looking at them today it looked as though they may completely collapse with all the rain soaking the ground around them.

### Come and Have a Coffee and Chat

In April we will start some 'come and have a coffee and chat' social events at the village hall and church. During the pandemic, there have been quite a few new residents move into the village and we have not been able to run our usual social events to welcome them. We may even get some volunteers who will be willing to dress up and join the walk and talk events. Dates and times for the events are in the GRASS diary. Jean

### Grafton Lunch

We have decided to have a lunch on 21 April, but it will be a soup and pudding lunch. There are two reasons for this:

1. We can serve soup and pudding straight from the kitchen to the table and minimise the amount of cross contamination of people serving themselves from the self-service option that we usually have.
2. Kathy Colgrove is still busy with lambing in April so there will only be two of us to produce a 3-course lunch.
3. The time the people stay in the hall in close contact with people they do not know will be shorter.

Covid infection rates are still quite high; however, from feedback that we have had, people are ready to come out and mix.

Please let me know if you are planning to attend. Jean Glanville, email: [barryglanville@btinternet.com](mailto:barryglanville@btinternet.com)



## **BLISWORTH**

### The Queen's Jubilee

On the Queen's Jubilee weekend, 2 to 5 June,

we are planning a flower festival in church and will welcome displays from organisations and individuals. The theme is "celebration". Setting up will be on Thursday 2 June, and the display will open on Friday and Saturday from 10.00 a m to 5.00 p m. Refreshments will be available. On the Sunday afternoon, Blisworth's main events will be on the football field, so the church will not be open. Displays can be dismantled during the following week. Please apply initially to Fiona McKenzie: [fiona.mckenzie38@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:fiona.mckenzie38@tiscali.co.uk)

### Lent Lunch

I and others enjoyed Hilary Spurrier's Lent lunch at her home on this beautiful afternoon on the first day of spring. There was a menu of over a dozen different delicious soups, accompanied by rolls, cheese and fruit. The picture shows people looking over Hilary's beautiful home and magnificent garden of spring flowers - great for me, a photographer! I thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon; the proceeds of the event (£1,200) will go to World Vision's work with refugees in or from Ukraine at this sad and awful time, and hope for next year! To them and us, well done Hilary and to all who provided. I hope these superb Lent lunches will continue for the future. Thank you very much, Hilary. May God shower His many blessings over you. Linda Hack



## **ALDERTON**

Church Cleaning Rota April

Jane Wallace and Val Kleine

Churchyard Rota 1 – 14 April

Tom & Julie Chaplin

15 – 29 April

Dawn & Roy Cox

Service to Mark the Re-interment of Bones

Richard led a very short service to mark the fact that the bones, which had been disturbed during the installation of water pipes in the churchyard, had once more been laid to rest. We were delighted that so many people came along – it was a very moving event, partly taking place outside in the churchyard and we hope that these probable former residents of Alderton can now rest in peace.

### Dawn Service for Easter Sunday

This year, we are doing something completely different, and holding a dawn service on Easter Sunday, 17 April. This will start at 6.00 a m with a fire in the churchyard. A flame from the fire will then be taken into church and the Paschal candle will be lit. The service will then follow, and afterwards, breakfast will be served (croissants, sausages and bacon rolls etc) to the intrepid souls who have got up early enough to join us. We really hope that you will feel able to come along to this service and support us. Everyone is welcome, whether you usually come to church or not – and bring your guests if they will get up early! Margaret and Linda

### Plant Sale

We are planning a plant sale on Saturday 23 April in the churchyard of St Margaret's Church. This was a really successful event last year and we hope this year's will be just as good. There will be plants for sale, as well as cakes and preserves to buy, hot soup with homemade bread, tea and coffee and, towards lunchtime, freshly made pizzas.

This event is to raise much-needed money for our church and we really hope you will be able to come along and support us. If you have any spare plants that you would care to donate, these would be very gratefully received – either on the day or you can drop them down at Linda's house prior to the event.

### Update on the Knight

We have still heard nothing from the DAC secretary with regard to the approval of the new design for the tomb chest and the installation of the effigy of the knight into the chancel. The DAC has approved both of these issues but the external conservation bodies had to be consulted and this is where the hold-up seems to be at the moment. We have been waiting for a response from these bodies since November. The DAC meeting that approved the new chest and the new location was on 2 November 2021; the DAC secretary informed us that DAC approval had been given in December but since then we have heard nothing. Once all of the external approvals have been given, we can then go to the Chancellor to ask for his approval and the issue of a faculty (church planning permission). Our current faculty, which is specifically for the agreement of the new chest and location, runs out on 29 April. We can do nothing to hurry this along at this end other than continue to nag.

We now have the final estimate for the new tomb chest and its installation from Hugh Harrison. The final estimate is: £12,170. In addition to this we have to re-lay the floor under the current choir stall on the north side of the chancel with York stone. This has to be done before the tomb chest can be installed, and by an independent mason. The estimate for this was £1,900 but this was a year

## **PLEASE SUPPORT OUR GIFT DAY**

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH BLISWORTH**

**SATURDAY 9TH APRIL 10.00AM TILL 4.00PM**

Enjoy a welcome cup of tea/coffee and cake while learning something of the history of the church and plans for the future.

Ask what can the village Church do for you, and what can you do for the Church?

Your support is vital to ensure the Church can continue to serve the community.



ago and will now undoubtedly be more. Again, we are not allowed to do anything until all the final approvals have been met. Thanks to your incredible support our fund is just £200 short of £10,000, (the proceeds from the sale in February was £223) - altogether a huge achievement. Thank you all for your generosity and support. You have all absorbed a great deal of 'things you can't live without', preserves and cake! Not to mention the independent events and generous donations that we have received. What an amazing village and what amazing friends! Linda and I are looking forward to seeing you all at whatever celebration event we can come up with if – and hopefully when, we succeed in finally ending this very special project. We can then put all our efforts into the toilet and servery project and our services and events – all of which we love to do and are looking forward to holding in comfort.

Linda and Margaret

### Sale for the Knight

We held our latest sale for the knight on Saturday 19 March – this time in the churchyard as the triangle at the top of Church Lane is still slowly recovering from the work to install water pipes. It was a cold but beautiful morning and we were blessed with visitors from throughout the benefice, and many from Alderton. We sold a huge number of cakes, biscuits and preserves and would like to thank Val Kleine and Jane Trehane for helping to provide these. There were lots of interesting items for sale as well and all together we took £274. Thanks, as ever, to Brian for all his help with setting up and dismantling, and also to Charlie.

### Progress on the Kitchen/Servery Project

We are delighted to say that we now have water to the outside of the church – finally. Whilst we still have to raise quite a lot more money before we can start work on the inside of the church to install the kitchen and servery, having the water in the churchyard will make serving refreshments in church a lot easier as water will no longer have to be brought in in plastic containers, and it will make catering for the art festival easier. We are trying to go for funding bids to raise money for the project but we are open to ideas and help for fundraising.

### Church Field Tidy

We would just like to say a big thank you to all who gave their time up on Saturday 12 of March to help with the Alderton field tidy up. We managed to get a lot done and as usual it ended with a good old-fashioned bonfire.

Field Committee.

### Ride and Stride

The Ride and Stride event will be on Saturday 10 September this year; last year several villagers took part and raised money for both St Margaret's Church and the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust. You are invited to think about joining in – you can walk, cycle, ride, run etc to as many churches as you feel able to on the day and hopefully people will sponsor you to do so. This is a really nice event; there is usually a welcome drink and biscuit at each church and it's a good way to see other churches in the area and to meet some interesting people. There will be more details nearer the time but we thought we would give you the opportunity to 'save the date' and start getting fit! Margaret and Linda



### Small Baskets

If you are lucky enough to receive flowers which arrive in a basket this Mothering Sunday and have no need of the basket once the flowers have finished, could you please let us have them in readiness for the Alderton Art Festival? Could you please drop them in at Linda's house; Pam Hutchinson is in charge of flowers again this year for the festival and she finds it easier to arrange the flowers in baskets, and they are easier and nice to sell afterwards when they are nicely presented.



### MILTON MALSOR

On 17 April, after the Sunday Service at 9.30 a.m., we will be having an Easter egg hunt at Holy Cross Church, Milton Malsor.

All are welcome to join us and indulge in some fellowship and chocolate!

Debbie Jackson

### GENERAL NEWS

#### How to Contact the Police

Your Neighbourhood Policing team covers all South Northants villages and this ensures villages are covered across all shift patterns. TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OR CRIME PLEASE USE THE 101 NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER OR 999 IF AN EMERGENCY; do not contact the team direct. All reports must go via the Force control room. You can also use the online report form via the Northants Police website [www.northants.police.uk](http://www.northants.police.uk).

If you have any events or should you wish to discuss a particular issue or meet a member of the NPT, then please contact team via: [NT-SouthNorthantsTowcester@pnn.police.uk](mailto:NT-SouthNorthantsTowcester@pnn.police.uk)

Our current force focus, "A Matter of Priority" puts a spotlight on the four crime types which we will give special attention to in the next 12 months

- Serious and organised crime
- Knife crime
- Domestic abuse
- Anti-social behaviour.

We use social media (Twitter: @SthNorthantsNPT and Facebook: 'Daventry and South Northants Neighbourhood Policing Team') and Neighbourhood Alert in order to inform you about crime and incidents relevant to your area and some of the work that the team undertake – please see recent updates on catalytic convertor thefts and recovery of stolen property. Unfortunately, there are a lot of

aspects of our work that we cannot report on due to the vulnerabilities of the people involved. You can also follow the work of our Rural Crime Team via Twitter: @hutch472 & @NorPolRural

Neighbourhood Alert is an email messaging system that all schools, Parish Councils, Neighbourhood Watch and community members can sign up to. Register your email address to receive up to date information. Sign up to Neighbourhood Alert Messaging System at: [www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk](http://www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk)

If you wish to have up-to-date crime statistics for your area then we recommend that you visit [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)

### Notes from a Local Farmer

Hi Readers,

At the time of writing, we are in the middle of lambing so it's a very demanding time. Things are going well with the lambs being born strong with very few problems; the weather has been kind which helps when we move them outside. As we have some stubble turnips left, we have returned the ewes and lambs to them, which saves our grassland until April. On 1 April, we will cultivate the field and drill with spring barley. We have just sold the last of our lambs from 2021, the price being similar since January. Winter wheat has been top dressed with nitrogen, the price of which has escalated from £280 a tonne to over £800 recently. Roundup, which we use a lot of, has gone from £45 to £220 per drum – these are crazy times at the moment. Speak to you all 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](http://www.cosgrovevillage.co.uk); [www.potterspurypc.org.uk](http://www.potterspurypc.org.uk); [www.yardleygobionpc.wordpress.com](http://www.yardleygobionpc.wordpress.com)

### SNIPPETS:

*Kindness doesn't cost a thing, yet it's the richest gift you can give.*

*Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles; it takes away today's peace.*

*If you can't do great things, do small things in a great way.*

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## United Benefice Calendar for 2022

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

### April

- 2 Drop in for a coffee, tea, cake and chat at Grafton Church, 2.00 p m to 4.00 p m  
8 Farmers' market, Towcester, 9.00 a m to 1.00 p m  
9 Gift day, St John's Church, Blisworth, 10.00 a m to 4.00 p m  
9 Working party in Stoke Bruerne churchyard, 9.30 a m to 12.30 p m  
9 Memorial service for Malcolm Deacon, Holy Cross Church, Milton Malsor, 2.00 p m  
13 Shutlanger & Stoke Bruerne Flower Club, demonstration, Roade village hall, 7.30 p m  
14 WI meeting, The National Trust Gardens, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m  
16 Drop in for a coffee, tea, cake and chat at Grafton Church, 2.00 p m to 4.00 p m  
17 Easter egg hunts, Shutlanger and Blisworth  
21 Coffee morning, St Anne's Chapel, Shutlanger, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon  
21 Soup and pudding lunch, Grafton Regis village hall, 12.00 noon  
23 Plant sale, with refreshments, cakes for sale, hot pizzas etc. Alderton churchyard, from 10.30 a m  
29 Coffee morning, 7 Pond Bank, Blisworth, 10.00 a m

### May

- 7 Church bazaar, Grafton Regis  
7 Working party in Stoke Bruerne churchyard, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon  
11 Shutlanger & Stoke Bruerne Flower Club, demonstration, Roade village hall, 7.30 p m  
12 WI meeting, resolutions and supper, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m  
14 1,000 years in 100 minutes, Grafton Regis, 2.30 p m  
19 Soup and pudding lunch, Grafton Regis village hall, 12.00 noon  
22 Shutlanger open gardens event  
27 Coffee morning, 7 Pond Bank, Blisworth, 10.00 a m

### June

- 9 WI meeting, 'Up the Cut', Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m  
11 Coffee morning, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon, with plant stall  
18 Working party in Stoke Bruerne churchyard, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon  
18 1,000 years in 100 minutes, Grafton Regis, 2.30 p m  
24 Coffee morning, 7 Pond Bank, Blisworth, 10.00 a m

### July

- 2 Quiz night, Shutlanger  
9 Working party in Stoke Bruerne churchyard, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon  
14 WI meeting, Madam Tussauds, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m  
29 Coffee morning, 7 Pond Bank, Blisworth, 10.00 a m

### August

- 11 WI meeting, a local trip  
13 Working party in Stoke Bruerne churchyard, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon  
26 Coffee morning, 7 Pond Bank, Blisworth, 10.00 a m

### September

- 8 WI meeting, the story behind the story, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m  
10 Coffee morning, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon, sale of cards  
10 Ride and Stride weekend  
14 Shutlanger & Stoke Bruerne Flower Club, demonstration, Roade village hall, 7.30 p m  
17 Working party in Stoke Bruerne churchyard, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon  
24 1,000 years in 100 minutes, Grafton Regis, 2.30 p m  
30 Coffee morning, 7 Pond Bank, Blisworth, 10.00 a m

### October

- 8 Working party in Stoke Bruerne churchyard, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon  
13 WI meeting, AGM and supper, Blisworth village hall  
28 Coffee morning, 7 Pond Bank, Blisworth, 10.00 a m

### November

- 9 Shutlanger & Stoke Bruerne Flower Club, demonstration, Roade village hall, 7.30 p m  
10 WI meeting, a visit from Queen Victoria, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m  
25 Coffee morning, 7 Pond Bank, Blisworth, 10.00 a m

### December

- 8 WI meeting, celebrating Christmas, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m  
10 Coffee morning, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon, sale of cards

### **THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF GRASS is 19 April**

#### **If you can get any copy to us earlier than that it would be very much appreciated**

Please send any copy to: Linda Dards, Moorend, Spring Lane, Alderton NN12 7LW tel 01327 811265, e-mail: [linda@dards.net](mailto:linda@dards.net). **Could you please include your name & phone number with entries in case we have any problems.** If you would like to add photographs or drawings to your text these are welcome and can be supplied via email or as photos, and returned after scanning. Contributions by email are most welcome, we can accept most formats; please request a response from us on receipt – so you are sure that we have your submission. Word (any version) is preferred.



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