

# 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

### Platinum Jubilee

This month Queen Elizabeth II makes history in celebrating her Platinum Jubilee, a remarkable achievement and an example to us all. 70 years ago, she made a promise to serve the British people with all her mind, heart and spirit, a promise that she has kept in a remarkable way. The Queen has lived out her Christian faith setting an example to us all of dedication to Our Lord and His people in the way she has carried out her discipleship. Because of her love for Our Lord, we can see that He has honoured and helped her in the role she was asked to hold.

Across the benefice, and I am sure across the nation, there is an excitement in planning for the June bank holiday with different activities taking place; we have numerous events in the benefice planned to mark this event which none of will witness again in our lifetime. There will be many opportunities to join in with the churches in our communities through worship, flower festivals and coffee mornings, through to street parties and gatherings in homes and parks.

During the same weekend, on Sunday 5 June, we celebrate the festival of Pentecost - fifty days after Easter when we gather to celebrate and give thanks to Our Lord for sending His holy Spirit upon the early Church; that same spirit that leads and encourages our Queen also leads and encourages us all.

Blessings, Richard

### 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:**

**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.

### Service Schedule for June 2022

#### Sunday 5 June – Day of Pentecost

9.30 a m, Milton Malsor, Family Eucharist

11.00 a m, Blisworth, Family Eucharist

#### Sunday 12 June, Trinity Sunday

9.30 a m, Milton Malsor, Family service

9.30 a m, Stoke Bruerne, Family Eucharist

11.00 a m, Blisworth, Family Eucharist

#### Thursday 16 June

9.30 a m, Shutlanger, Celtic morning prayer followed by coffee and fellowship

#### Sunday 19 June

8.00 a m, Alderton, breakfast in the churchyard

9.30 a m, Milton Malsor, Family Eucharist

11.00 a m, Blisworth, Family service

11.00 a m, Grafton Regis, Family Eucharist

#### Sunday 26 June, Trinity 2

9.30 a m, Milton Malsor, Family service – Sorcha Startin

9.30 a m, Stoke Bruerne, Family service – Helen Halson

11.00 a m, Blisworth, Family Eucharist, Rev'd Anne Slater

### Grass Funds - Reminder

Despite GRASS being compiled, printed, proof read, stapled and distributed completely free of charge, the cost of materials, like everything else, continues to rise and it has now been two years since we last made an appeal for funds.

We realise a number of you view GRASS online but for many, this is still not an option and others prefer a hard copy rather than to read from a screen.

A number of you, individuals, Parish Councils and other organisations, have sent donations in the last two years, (our thanks to them), but it is now necessary to ask once again, please, to make a donation towards the production of GRASS each month. Please put what you can into the envelope which was sent round last month. Donations may be handed to your distributor, sent to Joy Wilson (Treasurer), 18, Windsor Close, Towcester NN12 6JB, or to Linda Dards, Moorend, Spring Lane, Alderton NN12 7LW.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT EVERY LITTLE REALLY DOES HELP. Thank you very much to all those who have already donated.

Joy Wilson

## VILLAGE NEWS

### STOKE BRUERNE

#### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The church will be open from 10.00 a m until 4.00 p m on Thursday 2 June as part of the celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee. People are invited to help us fill the church with flower arrangements in vases, jam jars or bottles, no matter what size. We want to celebrate our beautiful surrounding countryside and gardens by displaying all sorts of flowers and foliage. Refreshments will be available. Please come along, bring your friends and join in the festivities.



### Church Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be held on Saturday 11 June from 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon. On this occasion, there will be an opportunity to purchase a variety of specimens from our plant stall, which is usually well stocked thanks to the friends of the church who always support this event. If you can spare some cuttings or have unwanted plants, please contact Liz Hargreaves on 01604 863432. Many thanks.

### Churchyard Tidy

Thank you to all those who came to support the last working party on 7 May. Your efforts made a huge difference to the state of the churchyard. Each month we can see an improvement and we are very grateful for all your hard work. The next working party will be held on Saturday 18 June between 9.30 a m and 12.00 noon. If you can spare an hour or two, we would really appreciate it. It is helpful if you bring your own tools - strimmers, rakes, spades, tree saws and trugs seem to be the most useful. As usual refreshments will be on offer!

### Family Service

We invite families with young children to join us on Sunday 26 June for this new monthly service. There is no Eucharist and it is planned with families in mind. The service starts at 9.30 a m and will be led by Helen Halson. We would be delighted if you have time to stay for coffee and a chat after the service. All are welcome!

### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Long Weekend

The itinerary is as follows:

*Thursday 2 June - Let's Fill the Church with Flowers. 10.00 a m – 4.00 p m – St. Mary the Virgin*

It would be wonderful if everyone from Stoke Bruerne and Shutlanger could bring along some flowers to decorate our beautiful church. It doesn't have to be a formal arrangement, even some wild flowers in a jam jar would be great. The church will be open from 10.00 a m. to 4.00 p m on Thursday for residents to drop flowers in and anyone bringing a contribution will be offered free tea, coffee and cake! If you want your vase/jar/ container returned, please put your name on it and we will let you know where to collect it when you drop it off.

*Friday 3 June - Village Family Party at the Cricket Club 4.00 p m. – 10.00 p m.*

Free admission and barbecue food to residents wearing wristbands which are now being distributed to residents in Stoke Bruerne and Stoke Park who have requested them. This event is sponsored by the Parish Council and the David Blagrove Community Trust. Planned activities (subject to confirmation) include music stage headlining our local band, The Offcuts, plus open mic by arrangement. There will be activities for the children and a pay bar in the Cricket Club.

*Saturday 4 June - Choir Concert at the Church, 2.00 p m. – 3.00 p m - St. Mary the Virgin:*

The Village Vocals Choir will perform a selection of traditional songs from each of the four countries of the UK, including some folk and canal songs. There will also be a singalong for the audience to participate in some well-known songs (words will be provided). Entry is free but any donations are most welcome.

*Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall 2.00 p m – 6.00 pm*

Indulge in strawberry cream teas and cake provided by the Village Hall Committee. Again, this is free to those wearing wristbands but a donation is very welcome. We are delighted that so many of you have confirmed that you will be coming to celebrate with a cream tea and as the choir is performing from 2.00 p m to 3.00 p m, we are expecting a large number of residents to join us immediately after the performance. Could we therefore ask anyone not attending the concert but who will be stopping by for delicacies either to come at 2.00 p m or after 4.00 p m to avoid the busiest time. There will still be plenty left for you! A takeaway option will also be available.

The village hall car park will be closed to all vehicles from 6.00 p m on Thursday 2 June to 6.00 p m. on Sunday 5 June to allow for the celebrations, and a notice will be displayed on the forecourt for anyone arriving from outside the village and/or those who do not received a copy of GRASS. Your co-operation with this is much appreciated.

*Sunday 5th June - Village Street Parties*

Bunting, food and fun! We would encourage everyone to join the rest of the nation by having family and neighbours' get togethers with your own street parties.

We are looking for volunteers to help with putting up the marquee and to man the church so we can leave it open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings. If you feel you would like to help, please contact Colin. Any help from residents will be greatly appreciated.

If you need any further information, please contact Colin Tomkinson on colin@stokebruerne.co.uk or Christine Sears on christinedbct@gmail.com



### **SHUTLANGER**

#### Shutlanger Village Hall

(Website: [www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk](http://www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk), Twitter: @ShutlangerVHall, Facebook: Shutlanger Village Hall, Instagram: shutlangervillagehall)

#### *Coffee Morning*

Our monthly coffee, cake and chat morning was on Thursday 19 May 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 16 June 2022.

#### *Tote Draw*

The latest draw was on 19 May at 11.00 a m as usual; it was during the coffee morning. The winning numbers were: 4 and 11 and the prize was £145.00. The tote has raised over £1,500 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 post box.

#### *Renovations*

The hall is looking very lovely now but, there is still plenty to do. The flat roof over the kitchen and men's toilets has been replaced and we would like to thank the Parish Council for their kind donation of £5,000 towards the cost of the repair. 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.

We now have a 'donation station' in the hall, you can put a cash donation in the box in the entrance hall or use your phone to scan the QR code. You can also recycle your ink cartridges in the hall. Your help matters to us. EVERY penny counts!

## Upcoming Events

### Open Gardens

At the time of writing, we are busy getting our gardens ready to open on Sunday 22 May. I will report back on the event in next month's GRASS.

### Jubilee Celebrations

Shutlanger's Jubilee celebrations will be on Saturday 4 June. The hall will be open between 2.00 p m and 10.00 p m. Bring your picnic (or order one from the pub), and join us to celebrate the Queen's 70- year reign.

More information at [www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk/events](http://www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk/events). There will be a village photograph at 4.30 p m, a bar and snacks available for you to purchase too.

### Quiz Night

We are planning another of our popular quiz nights on Saturday 2 July; tickets are £12 and include a curry meal and we will also have a bar.

Teams of 4 or 6 - get your ticket at [www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk/events](http://www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk/events). Grab your tickets soon as they sell quickly.

### 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!

Thank you for all your support.

Shutlanger Village Hall Management Committee

### Shutlanger Parish Council

We started our meeting on 19 May with the annual village meeting, which sadly this year was not attended by any members of the public. The chair gave her report on the parish council's business for the year gone. We then moved onto the parish council meeting itself. This was a brief meeting with relatively little business to discuss. We reappointed the chair, vice chair and internal verifier to the parish council along with our internal auditor, NCALE. We also adopted updated versions of our risk assessment policy and standing orders as well as reviewing our insurance policy and our annual accountability statements.

As with everyone else, we are expecting a very large increase in the costs of running the village street lights (this has since been confirmed at a 127% increase). Members of the public have raised issues with the state of the village footpaths and the parish clerk will report these to Highways. The parish council decided to adopt as official business the open gardens event on 22 May and the Jubilee commemoration on 4 June.

For the remainder of this year, we will meet on 14 July 2022 and then 8 September 2022 and 10 November 2022. For 2023, the parish council has decided to meet on a new slot every other month, the third Tuesday, starting on 12 January 2023 and then 9 March 2023.



## GRAFTON REGIS

### Ukrainian Visitors

A family in Grafton Regis has successfully welcomed a family of four refugees from Ukraine. Already a son is in college and a daughter at a local school. All are working very hard to learn English, and to like British food and beer!

They expect to make England their forever home as they find this country and the people very welcoming. Conditions in their own country are dire and it will take many years to rebuild schools, hospitals etc. Equally, the parents fear for their children's safety in Ukraine. There are several other Ukrainian families arriving in our area and they are building a friendship community to help each other.

### Grafton Regis: 1,000 Years in 1,000 Minutes



Our first historical walk of 2022 took place in glorious sunshine on Saturday 14 May. The number of visitors was restricted post-pandemic, so 33 people assembled in the village hall to meet the Abbot of Grestain, the village's former Norman owner, members of the Woodville family, and King Richard III.

En route to the church, Elizabeth Woodville's grandson, Henry VIII, and great-granddaughter, Elizabeth I, addressed their subjects, and Henry's final meeting with Cardinal Thomas Wolsey was re-enacted. In the church, Lady Crane, last tenant of the original Grafton House, told the dramatic story of the final destruction of the house during the Civil War, and the history of the Grafton portrait of Shakespeare was recounted.

During the walk back to the hall, our visitors met Isabella Sams, daughter of the Victorian Rector of Grafton. Ada Brafield talked about her experience as schoolmistress, and finally tea and cakes were served.

The next walk takes place at 2.30 p m on Saturday 18 June. Further information is at [www.grafton-regis.co.uk](http://www.grafton-regis.co.uk). Booking is essential. Tickets are still available, so book now to avoid disappointment!

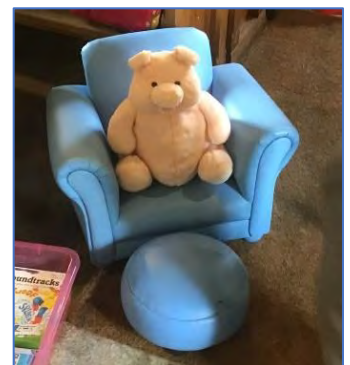
Phone Kathy on 0791 009 2132 or email [keith.harry@btinternet.com](mailto:keith.harry@btinternet.com).

Keith Harry

### May Church Bazaar

For the first time in recent years, we held the bazaar at the church. We usually take over the village hall as it has all the facilities; however now we have the outside toilet, running water, more flexible seating and more space, we decided to see how well we would cope.

Thankfully for us, the sun shone and we had a lovely afternoon - lots of visitors, lots of goods sold and cake eaten. The following weekend more goods were sold at a garage sale and we managed to raise over £800. We were a very tired but happy group of PCC members at the end of the day.





### Soup and Pudding Lunch

Our second soup and pudding lunch took place this month; it has worked very well particularly as we are in the warmer months and our bodies are not urging us to stock up with calories to get us through the cold winter months. We are now having our summer break and 'normal service' should resume in September. Enjoy the warmer weather and your holidays.

### Platinum Jubilee celebrations

The programme for the events over the weekend has been posted through villagers' letter boxes.

Thursday 2 June – afternoon tea in the pub garden. Please advise Alan as soon as possible if you are attending

Friday 3 June – cheese and wine at the village hall

Sunday 5 June – a buffet lunch at the village hall

For the events on 3 and 5 June, please advise me on 01908 543463 or by e mail: [barryglanville@btinternet.com](mailto:barryglanville@btinternet.com) if you are attending – again, as soon as possible, so that we can ensure everyone is catered for and we can all have a good time. Jean



### **BLISWORTH**

#### Platinum Jubilee Flower Festival, St John's Church, Blisworth

The church will be open to the public on Friday 3 and Saturday 4 June 2022 from 10.00 a m until 5.00 p m.

The church will be closed after the morning service on Sunday 5 June. Refreshments will be available.

Contacts: Fiona McKenzie on 859541 or via email at [Fiona.mckenzie38@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:Fiona.mckenzie38@tiscali.co.uk), Maureen Smith on 859361.

### Blisworth Handbells



Looking for something different and a fun way to meet new people? BLISWORTH HANDBELLS meet in the village on alternate Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings.

Musical knowledge or expertise is not essential. We are a friendly group of males and females of varying ages and abilities.

Contact Jenny on 01604 858111

### Blisworth WI

This year seems to be rushing along and we are already looking forward to our June and July meetings. On 9 June, we have Derek Harris with his topic 'Up the cut' and on 14 July, Lucy Swales will be giving us an insight into the beginnings of Madam Tussauds and how the wax models are created.

Join us on the second Thursday of each month at the village hall at 7.30 p m for interesting speakers and friendly companionship.

Tina Alexandrou, Secretary



### **ALDERTON**

Church Cleaning Rota June Dawn & Doris

Churchyard Rota early to mid June – Hempenstall family

mid June – end – Brian and Maureen Patton

**Breakfast in Churchyard 19 June**

### Breakfast in the Churchyard

Following the success of last year's breakfast, we will be holding another one on Sunday 19 June, Fathers' Day, at 8.00 a m. More details will follow in due course, but there will be the usual delights of bacon, eggs, sausages, black pudding, beans etc, together with vegetarian options.

### Sale for the Knight

We had another of our sales for the knight on beautifully sunny Saturday 14 May. We had placed the tables near to the church which, on reflection, was a mistake as we were in brilliant sunshine and had to protect the icing on the cakes from melting by putting things inside the church to keep cool. It was good to see so many people, and thanks, as always, to Val for her wonderful carrot cakes and to Jane and Anna for their generous donations to our stall. We made in excess of £300, which was a really good amount.

### Triangle at the Top of Church Lane

The Parish meeting decided to enhance the good work by some of the ladies in the village by making the triangle at the top of Church Lane more attractive. It was agreed to replace the existing fencing with chain link which would prevent motorists damaging the area whilst allowing access for the events that take place. A new noticeboard has also been erected at the top of Spring Lane.

Mike Steele

### A Date for your Diary

We are hoping to be able to have a harvest meal in the churchyard on Saturday 24 September, following a Harvest Festival service. We are still, thank goodness, surrounded by farmland and so are very aware of the seasons, and this is an opportunity for a little 'thank you' for the harvest bounty. This will probably be at about 4.00 p m – more details in due course.



## MILTON MALSOR

### Milton Malsor and Collingtree WI

Thursday 9 June, 7.30 p m, Milton Malsor village hall. Visitors £4. Everyone welcome. The speaker is Dave Askew and his subject is, 'All I did was go for a walk'. Dave, from East Hunsbury, has a Facebook page, 'Northamptonshire Walks' and has had so much positive feedback from his followers that there were over half a million visitors in 2020 and over 15,000 followers. He has had mental health struggles and now the page and walks are helping others with their mental health. Walking isn't just about exercise but also about improving your mental wellbeing. Come and listen to Dave and be inspired.

#### *Future event –*

Boat trip on River Nene from Becket's Park aboard Community Spirit, the new boat belonging to Crusader Community Boating, a local (Blisworth) based charity, supporting disabled groups from Northamptonshire as well as elderly people in care homes. This trip will cost £10 for adults and £5 for children for. 5 hours with crew. Picnic or pub stop at Britannia.

For more details contact [paula@crusadercommunityboating.org.uk](mailto:paula@crusadercommunityboating.org.uk)

Paula Neal, tel 01604 510656, Secretary of Milton Malsor and Collingtree WI, Crew member of Crusader Community Boating



#### Dates for Events:-

4 June: Jubilee coffee morning in the Church. 10-12.00 noon with bring and buy stall, book stall, gift stall etc

6 June: The Monday Club, visit to Canon's Ashby, meet at 2.00 p m at Cannons Ashby.

2 July: Church coffee morning, 10.00 a m -12.00 noon

4 July: The Monday Club meet in Tiffield at 2.00 p m, at the home of Sue Bell

1 August: The Monday Club, meet in the church at 2.00 p m

6 August: Church coffee morning, 10.00 a m -12.00 noon

#### Monday Club

We hold the Monday Club on the first Monday in the month, in the Church. This was the idea of Rev. Andrea Watkins in 2016, as a meeting for people who had lost loved ones. Sometimes grief/loneliness can be helped with a cup of tea and company.

Since those early days, the club has expanded with visiting speakers, lively debates and trips out - the next one is on 6 June to Canons Ashby (2.00 p m at Canons Ashby). New members are always welcome - contact Sue Bell on 01327351046.

## 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@northants.police.uk](mailto:NT-SouthNorthantsTowcester@northants.police.uk)

We have new local identified priorities for the area these are for the next three months:

1.Road safety and road traffic offences including speeding, driving uninsured, tax, using mobile phone no seatbelt whilst driving or drink/drug driving (40.3%, 208 people)

2.Burglary (40.1%, 207 people)

3.Drug dealing/misuse (33.3%, 172 people)

And Force Matters of Priority have changed for the year they are now

- Violence against women and girls
- Drugs harm
- Serious and organised crime
- Serious violence

We use social media (Twitter: [@SthNorthantsNPT](https://twitter.com/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](https://twitter.com/hutch472) & [@NorPolRural](https://twitter.com/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)

C7029 Charlotte Morris, Neighbourhood Police Community Support Officer, Daventry & South Northants | Northamptonshire Police.

Tel: 101 or 03000 111222 ext: 346089/ Mobile: 07557 776333 |

Address: Towcester Police Station, Watling Street, Towcester, Northants NN12 6DE

Twitter: [@SthNorthantsNPT](https://twitter.com/SthNorthantsNPT) | [@DaventryPolice](https://twitter.com/DaventryPolice) | [@NorthantsPolice](https://twitter.com/NorthantsPolice)

Facebook: Daventry and South Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Policing Team

Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert <https://www.northants.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/wsi/watch-schemes-initiatives/as/northants/neighbourhood-alert/>. Crimestoppers 0800 555111 - a non-police organisation you can contact anonymously about crime.

UNDERTAKE OUR LOCALLY IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES SURVEY FOR YOUR AREA:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NorthamptonshireLocallyIdentifiedPriorities>



## **Hunsbury and Blisworth Community Choir**

(Musical Director Helen Thorman)

Join us for an evening of light entertainment at one of the following venues:

Lady Bridge Park, West Hunsbury, Jubilee concert, Friday 3 June, 3.30 p m

The Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury, summer concert, Saturday 16 July 7.00 p m

Stoke Bruerne Church, Summer concert, Friday 23 July, 7.00 p m

Entrance is free there will be a raffle and a retiring collection for charity. We hope to see you there.

### **Notes from a Local Farmer**

Hi everyone.

At the time of writing, we are well into May and crops are looking well despite a very dry period. Forward prices for corn at harvest are still rising followed by ever increasing costs largely due to the war in Ukraine. Lambs are doing well largely due to the good weather. We are expecting to be shearing next week as well as worming the lambs and spraying them for maggot fly so there is plenty of work to do. Crop spraying is also being done, which does seem a never-ending job even though we can do 200 acres a day. So enjoy the jubilee and I will speak to you next month

Robert Davy

### **News from The Old Mail**

For events and happenings in the nearby villages: Cosgrove, Potterspurty 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.potterspurty.org.uk](http://www.potterspurty.org.uk); [www.yardleygobionpc.wordpress.com](http://www.yardleygobionpc.wordpress.com)

#### **SNIPPETS:**

*We always work for a better tomorrow. But when tomorrow comes, instead of enjoying it, we again think of a better tomorrow. Let's have a better today.*

*Be like a tree. Stay grounded, connect with your roots, turn over a new leaf and bend before you break. Enjoy your unique natural beauty and keep growing.*

#### **Portal window cleaning services**

*If your windows are in desperate need of a year-round happy, reliable window cleaning service, please get in touch; specify how big your house is and Portal will give you a quote. Portal cleans old cottages too so don't feel left out because you have small windows.*

*I am a traditional window cleaner who is very particular on smears and streaks; windows polished, frames and sills cleaned too so if you are tired of waiting to hear from your old window cleaner or just don't like the brush and water type cleaner, get in touch today.*

**Contact:- Adam Kennedy**

**Email address :- jonkennedy74@gmail.com**

**Tel number :- 07379 977442**

#### **R. Wilson Garden & Tree Maintenance**

Robert Wilson is a qualified tree surgeon and gardener based in Hartwell covering the Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire area.

NPTC Qualified since 1997

Over 15 years gardening experience, including tree surgery at Buckingham Palace gardens

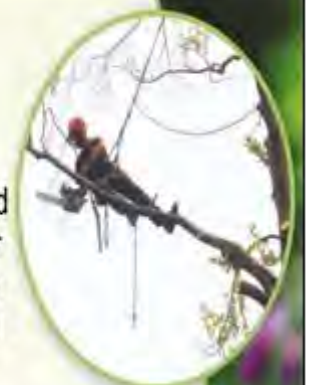
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For more information or a FREE quotation call

**01604 862034**

**or 07854 218992**

Email: [bobtreesurgeon@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bobtreesurgeon@hotmail.co.uk)







# PAULERSPURY, PURY END & HEATHENCOTE QEII PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Lots of events planned for the weekend for everyone to enjoy – so please come along and bring your family & friends

**FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE**

**SINGING IN  
THE "REIGN"**



Variety Show by  
**THE PAULERSPURY PLAYERS**

In  
**THE VILLAGE HALL**  
7.30pm

Tickets £5.00 including Food or  
£1.00 for entrance only  
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**SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

**The CHURCH FETE**

In  
Spinalls Field  
Starts 12pm

BBQ  
TEA/CAKES

STALLS

AXE  
THROWING

TEAM GAMES

ICE CREAMS

7 METRE  
CLIMBING WALL

JUBILEE THEMED  
DOG SHOW

**BONFIRE & FIREWORKS from 9pm**

**HOT DOGS & HOT DRINKS from 8.30pm**

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

**THE BIG JUBILEE LUNCH**

In  
Spinalls Field  
Starts 12pm

Display of Vintage  
Rolls Royce & Bentleys



BBQ

7 METRE  
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BRING YOUR OWN  
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FAMILY

**SEGWAYS**

MUSIC

ICE CREAMS

**Activities and some stalls will be CASH only - So start saving your £1 and 50p coins!!!**

**All proceeds to Village Charities**

'Paulerspury is pulling out all the stops to provide three days of activities for our Jubilee Celebration. Everyone is welcome to join us and make their own memories of this momentous occasion.'

**Paulerspury  
Great British Dog Show**

Come along for a royally fabulous afternoon of fun with your canine companions.  
**Saturday 4th June**

Entries from 12pm with classes starting at 12.30pm.  
Rosettes 1st to 5th place and a special prize for the best in show. £2 per entry (three entries for £5).

**Classes**

- 'Exquisite' Expression
- Most Regal Rescue
- A Right Royal Wag Off
- Perfect Prince or Princess
- Treat Catcher to the Throne
- Judges Jewel in the Crown

All 1st place entries from the above classes can enter for 'Best in Show'

**THE BEST OF BRITISH**

QUEEN ELIZABETH II  
PLATINUM JUBILEE

## Grafton Regis - 1,000 years in 100 minutes!



Henry VIII



Elizabeth Woodville



Shakespeare?

Experience the dramatic history of Grafton Regis brought to life on a leisurely walk through our beautiful village. Meet, in authentic costume, some of our most famous and infamous inhabitants.

**Our remaining 2022 historical walks will take place on  
Saturday June 18th and Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>.**

The walks begin at 2.30pm at the Village Hall. We then visit the Church of St Mary the Virgin and its new heritage centre, and finish back at the Hall, where tea and cake is served. The cost is £9.50 for adults, under 16s £1.00, and under 5s free.

All profits are divided between the funds for the maintenance of the Village Hall and of the Church of St Mary the Virgin.

**Booking is essential.** For further information and to book, please phone Kathy on 0791 009 2132 or email [keith.harry@btinternet.com](mailto:keith.harry@btinternet.com)

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## United Benefice Calendar for 2022

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

### June

- 2 Stoke Bruerne Jubilee Church Flower Festival, 10.00 a m to 4.00 p m
- 3 Stoke Bruerne Jubilee family party at the cricket club, 4.00 p m – 10.00 p m
- 3 Hunsbury and Blisworth Community Choir, Platinum Jubilee Concert Ladybridge Park, WEST Hunsbury, 3.30 p m
- 4 Jubilee coffee morning, Milton Malsor, 10.00 a m – 12.00 noon
- 4 Stoke Bruerne Jubilee church concert, 2.00 p m
- 4 Stoke Bruerne Jubilee village hall afternoon teas, 2.00 p m – 6.00 p m
- 6 Monday Club visit to Canons Ashby, 2.00 p m
- 9 WI meeting, 'Up the Cut', Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m
- 9 Milton Malsor & Collingtree WI meeting, 7.30 p m
- 10 Farmers' market, Towcester, 9.00 a m to 1.00 p m
- 11 Coffee morning, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon, with plant stall
- 16 Coffee morning, Shutlanger, 10.00 a m – 12.00 noon
- 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
- 19 Breakfast in the churchyard, Alderton, 8.00 a m
- 24 Coffee morning, 7 Pond Bank, Blisworth, 10.00 a m

### July

- 2 Coffee morning, Milton Malsor church, 10.00 a m – 12.00 noon
- 2 Quiz night, Shutlanger
- 4 Monday Club meet at Sue Bell's house, 2.00 p m
- 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
- 14 Shutlanger Parish Council meeting
- 16 Hunsbury and Blisworth Community Choir, Summer Concert, the Abbey Centre East Hunsbury, 7.00 p m
- 18 1,000 years in 1,000 minutes, Grafton Regis
- 23 Hunsbury and Blisworth Community Choir, Summer Concert, Stoke Bruerne Church 7.00 p m
- 29 Coffee morning, 7 Pond Bank, Blisworth, 10.00 a m

### August

- 1 Monday Club meet in Milton Malsor Church, 2.00 p m
- 6 Coffee morning, Milton Malsor Church, 10.00 a m – 12.00 noon
- 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

- 3 & 4 Alderton Art Festival
- 8 WI meeting, the story behind the story, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m
- 8 Shutlanger Parish Council meeting
- 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
- 24 Harvest meal in churchyard, Alderton, time tbc
- 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
- 10 Shutlanger Parish Council meeting
- 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 17 June**

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