

# GRASS

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

## ALDERTON ART FESTIVAL

St Margaret's Church, Alderton NN12 7LP

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Open: Saturday 10.30 am - 5pm, Sunday 10.30 am - 4.30 pm. Entry £1

**Over 200** paintings  
by more than 25 local artists

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## 3rd & 4th September 2022

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## Rector's Letter

August was a beautiful month this year, with her long warm days. One Thursday afternoon, I was kindly invited to join the WI on their outing on the canal in Stoke Bruerne. Mike took us to the tunnel and back on his narrowboat; it was a pleasant trip that we all enjoyed, and I would recommend it to everyone. Sadly, on this occasion we didn't see any dolphins, but maybe next time. Once we were sitting in the mouth of the tunnel and darkness was all around us; the only light to be seen was the light at the end of the tunnel. This brought home to me that when we feel that we are in the dark and that nothing is going our way, if we keep our eyes fixed on the light of the world (Jesus) and keep moving forward then there is nothing we cannot overcome with Him by our side.

Once back on dry land, I walked along the towpath spending time with the boaters who had moored up for the night. I came across one person whose name escapes me, but not the time we spent chatting. He was over from Canada on holiday with his family, on a hire boat for a week. He described how for many years he was head Pastor of a large church, but now he helped lead other churches into growth. It never fails to amaze me when I meet other Christians from around the world involved in the same work that we are called to, that our loving God is at work globally trying to bring healing and meaning to everyone in the world. He was amazed that I covered six places of worship; he is not the only Christian minister that I have spoken to from the other side of the Atlantic about the different styles of ministry. I always explain that we have many dedicated disciples within our churches that keep the ministry of Our Lord active and alive in each village. I couldn't do my work without them. Our church buildings remind us of the presences of our loving God living in our communities. When we feel that there is darkness around us and times are difficult for one reason or other; we must remember that we are not alone, the Church can help you to move into the light at the end of the tunnel.

Richard

## Services for September 2022

### 1st Sunday. 4 September Trinity 12 (Green)

9.30 a m, Milton Malsor: Family Eucharist.

11.00 a m, Blisworth: Family Eucharist.

### 2nd Sunday. 11 September Trinity 13 (Green)

9.30 a m, Milton Malsor: Family Service.

9.30 a m, Stoke Bruerne: Family Eucharist.

11.00 a m, Blisworth: Family Eucharist.

### Thursday 19 May

9.30 a m, St Anne's Shutlanger: Celtic morning prayer, followed by coffee and fellowship

### 3rd Sunday 18 September Trinity 14 (Green)

9.30 a m, Milton Malsor: Family Eucharist.

11.00 a m, Blisworth: Family Service.

11.00 a m, Grafton: Family Eucharist, Harvest Festival

### Saturday 24 September Harvest

4.00 p m, Alderton: Harvest Festival followed by Harvest supper

### 4th Sunday 25 September Trinity 15 (Green)

9.30 a m, Stoke Bruerne: Family Service.

11.00 a m, Milton Malsor: Family Service, Harvest Festival.

11.00 a m, Blisworth: Family Eucharist.

### 1st Sunday 2 October Trinity 16 (Green)

9.30 a m, Milton Malsor: Family Eucharist.

11.00 a m, Blisworth: Family Eucharist.

### 2nd Sunday 9 October Trinity 17 (Green)

9.30 a m, Milton Malsor: Family Service.

9.30 a m, Stoke Bruerne: Family Eucharist

11.00 a m, Blisworth: Family Eucharist.

### Thursday 21 September

9.30 a m, St Anne's Shutlanger: Celtic morning prayer, followed by coffee and fellowship

### 3rd Sunday 16 September Trinity 18 (Green)

9.30 a m, Milton Malsor: Family Eucharist.

11.00 a m, Blisworth: Family Service, Harvest Festival

11.00 a m, Grafton: Family Eucharist

### 4th Sunday 23 September Bible Sunday (Green)

9.30 a m, Milton Malsor: Family Service.

9.30 a m, Stoke Bruerne: Family Service.

11.00 a m, Blisworth: Family Eucharist.

### 5th Sunday 30 October All Souls (White)

10.00 a m, Family Eucharist: Alderton

## 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.

**Churchwardens of Stoke Bruerne:** Mrs Christine Frost, tel 01604 862561 and Mr John Brough, tel 01604 862646/07768 181598

**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.



## STOKE BRUERNE

### Race For Life

I took part in this year's event at the end of July at Abington Park. It seems to come round quicker every year. Unfortunately I picked up a back injury and sciatica earlier on which restricted me to doing 5k this time, but with encouragement and help from my family, had an enjoyable day. I am always grateful for the support and donations from friends which enable me to send on to Cancer Research UK.

Betty Richardson

### Hunsbury And Blisworth Community Choir

(Musical Director Helen Thorman)

We had a lovely evening on Friday 22 July at Stoke Bruerne Church. We sang a mixture of popular songs, old and new.

## VILLAGE NEWS



Solos were sung beautifully by Jacqui Ford and Jacqui Wood, and a duet was given by Nasher and Dave; John Brough amused the audience with his comic song, 'Don't put your daughter on the stage, Mrs Worthington'.

Thanks to Ted for compering the concerts, and most of all, thank you to Helen for all the hard work she puts in preparing us for concerts.

We raised a magnificent £409.37 at Stoke Bruerne so thank you so much for your generosity.

Collectively, together with the Abbey Centre, we raised £752 - a very encouraging amount; this will go to two local charities and each will receive £376.

We hope to see you again at our Christmas Concerts. Until then keep singing!!

Winnie



### St Mary the Virgin Church for Stoke Bruerne and Shutlanger

#### *Church Coffee Morning*

Our next coffee morning will be held at St Mary's on Saturday 10 September between 10.00 a m and 12.00 noon. We look forward to welcoming you.

#### *St Mary's Churchyard*

The aim this year has been to clear and tidy the churchyard and get it to a point where it would be easier to maintain. A considerable amount of work has been carried out in the churchyard since March and it has been said it has never looked better. The 4 huge trees in the entrance to church have had their canopies lifted, a few graves have been adopted and tidied, the 'stumpery' is now quite well established and the wildflower meadow has been full of colour during its first season, so we are delighted with the progress being made. The PCC is extremely grateful to all those hardworking people who have given a great deal of their time and energy to improve the state of the graveyard. In particular we owe Robert Frost and Roger Cooper our thanks for the many extra hours they have spent there. Their efforts have made a huge difference! Our next working party will be on 17 September starting at 9.00 a m, if you fancy some exercise! Refreshments will be available during the morning.



*Church Services* We have been asked to inform people about the church services being held at St Mary the Virgin each month. We now have two services. The first one is on the 2nd Sunday of each month which includes the Eucharist. The second one is held on the 4th Sunday in the month and has no Eucharist. Our church services for September are on Sunday 11 September and Sunday 25 September; both start at 9.30 a m. Everyone is welcome!

### SHUTLANGER



#### Shutlanger and Stoke Bruerne Flower Club

Were you inspired by the wonderful 'fill the church with flowers' display over the jubilee weekend? Garden flowers simply displayed in many jam jars, vases and other unusual types of containers were a real feast for the eyes.

Perhaps you might want to consider becoming a member? The flower club has many social events and outings as well as workshops and demonstrations. In fact, club members spent a delightful evening in July visiting a number of gardens in Shutlanger, followed by Pimms and light refreshments in the peaceful setting of the village hall garden. Our thanks to all the hosts who opened their gardens for us. In August, the club spent an amazing day at the longest running flower show in the UK - 133 years - the Shrewsbury Flower Show, once home of Charles Darwin and the late Percy Thrower.

In the meantime, the club's autumn season begins on 14 September with Fiona Harrison, a NAFAS demonstrator, coming along to show us her amazing designs under the theme 'Flower of Scotland'. Do come along as a guest. The meeting starts 7.30 p m at Roade village hall and the guest fee is £5 at the door.

For more details contact Jackie Evans on 01604 862473 (Shutlanger) or Christine Sears 01604 863563 (Stoke Bruerne)

#### Shutlanger Village Hall

(Website: [www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk](http://www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk), phone number: 01327640547, Twitter: @ShutlangerVHall, Facebook: Shutlanger Village Hall, Instagram: shutlangervillagehall)

#### *Coffee Morning*

Our monthly coffee, cake and chat morning was on Thursday 18 August from 10.00 a m until 12.00 noon. We have free wi-fi and contactless payments. We serve excellent coffee and delicious homemade cakes and the bacon rolls are very popular. 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 15 September 2022.

#### *Tote Draw*

The latest draw was on 18 August at 11.00 a m; as usual it was during the coffee morning. The winning numbers were: 8 and 14 the prize was £150.00. The tote has raised nearly £2,000 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 of supporters.

#### *Events*

Jubilee - the Jubilee coins have arrived and are being distributed to each child in the village. The Jubilee photograph is available to purchase; it is £2.50 for an 8" x 6" print. Pick one up at any of our events, order it through the website or contact [secretary@shutlangervillagehall.org.uk](mailto:secretary@shutlangervillagehall.org.uk).

### Quiz Night

We held another of our popular quiz nights on Saturday 2 July and as always it was well supported with the winning team, 'The Jam Sandwiches', winning and receiving a case of wine. A very tasty curry meal was served with the quiz. Thank you to Joe Hoggins, our quiz master. Look out for the next one coming soon!

### Fantastic News!!-Renovations

The Lottery Community fund has awarded us £48,000 towards our roof project. The total cost will be about £80,000. This is a huge boost to our fund-raising efforts and puts us well on the path to securing the future of the hall.

You can donate to the restoration fund through our website [www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk](http://www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk) or use the QR code available at all hall events. The 'donation station' in the lobby at the entrance to the hall, lets you put a cash donation in the box or use your phone to scan the QR code. You can also recycle your old ink cartridges in the hall. Your help matters to us. EVERY penny counts!

### Upcoming events

History Walk - The history walk was on 28 August. I will report back next month about the event.

Dog Show - The Hall will host its first family dog show on Saturday 24 September between 11.00 a m and 2.00 p m. Entry is £5 per dog. You will have the opportunity to have a photo taken with your doggy and refreshments will be available. There will be the chance to buy paintings by local artists and other local craft items. Make a note in your diary.

### Fundraising

As ever, we continue to raise funds 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 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, there is a handy donation reminder too. Both sites are free, easy to use, and the hall gets a donation.

Thank you for all your support.

Shutlanger Village Hall Management Committee



### GRAFTON REGIS

#### Grafton Regis: 1,000 Years in 100 Minutes

The last Grafton historical walk of 2022 will take place on Saturday 24 September; hopefully the sun will shine on our twenty or so costumed characters from our village's history and on our visitors on the day! Why not plan to spend a leisurely afternoon strolling round our beautiful and historic village? You'll learn about Grafton's colourful past from some of its famous and infamous characters and finish up with tea and cakes!

We have a pretty good record for choosing sunny days, although 18 June was an exception - but the show went on regardless, and some of the outdoor encounters happened in the church instead. In the picture, Cardinal Wolsey, Elizabeth I, Anne Boleyn and Katherine Parr are waiting their turn to replay their parts in Grafton's history.

We start at 2.30 p m in the village hall, where you meet characters from the early history of the village, all in authentic costume - the Abbot of Grestain, members of the Woodville family, and Richard III. Henry VIII and Elizabeth I are just two of the eminent figures encountered en route to the church of St Mary the Virgin.

In the church, Lady Crane, the last tenant of Grafton House, tells the tragic story of the destruction of the house during the Civil War, and there's an account of the history of the mysterious Grafton portrait of Shakespeare. There's also an opportunity to see the impressive new heritage centre which has been created with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Then, back to the hall to meet a couple of more recent residents and for refreshments.

The cost, including tea and cakes, is £9.50 per head, under 16s £1.00, under 5s free, with all profits being shared between the funds for maintenance of the village hall and of the church.

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



### St. Mary HLF Tower Repair Project

Friday 2 September should see this project finally come to its conclusion; by then we will have fulfilled all the requirements of the project and hopefully I will be able to commit all my files to the filing cabinet at the church, and have some space at home.

This was phase one of the church refurbishment programme; we will now start on phase two, which is the relocation and refurbishment of the two medieval tombs relocated to the very damp west wall in 1899 by our Victorian ancestors.

It has been a long-drawn-out process not only to put the project plan together, get DAC approval, work through the Covid pandemic but to raise the funds to carry out the work. As churches are classified as religious buildings, there are very few agencies that fund church projects and because their funds are restricted the grants given are small. When you have a project with a costing of £130k, it takes a lot of grants of £4.5k to meet your target. Now we are in the age where many of the buildings are not only of historical importance but also operating as community centres etc, there needs to be a major rethink by the funding agencies in how church buildings are classified.

St. Mary's is open every day and our latest addition is a model of the Siege of Grafton Manor by Cromwellian troops. We have tried to put together a display that reflects its setting, a country church; we have many positive comments from our visitors so we hope that we have achieved this.

My thanks to all the members of the PCC and villagers for the work they put in in bringing this project to its conclusion.

Jean Glanville



**BLISWORTH**  
**Harvest Celebrations**

Our harvest celebration and thanksgiving this year will be at 11.00 a m on Sunday 16 October. The service will be followed by a bring-and-share lunch.

**Ride and Stride**

The church will be open for participants in Ride and Stride on Saturday 10 September. Peter Banks is taking part on behalf of St John's and any donations you would like to make can be made in the church at any time.



**Art Trail**

This will be held in St John the Baptist Church Blisworth. Daily opening times: 1 – 9 October, Monday to Saturday 11.00 a m - 4.00 p m and Sunday, 12.30 p m to 4.00 p m. Exhibiting local artists' work, demonstrations, refreshments, and children's workshops.

**Blisworth Bell Tower**

Many of us have seen the ringers in the ringing chamber and heard the joyful sound of the bells. We've seen the ropes going up and coming down, but do we know what is happening in the actual bell tower?

In an attempt to show this, Blisworth ringers have installed a camera in the tower that can be linked to a laptop which is placed in a safe position for anyone who is interested to see how the bells move in relation to the ropes.

At the moment it is a very simple, fixed focus camera so the view is limited but this could be improved if enough interest is shown.

If you would like to know more about bell ringing and possibly like to learn, contact any of the ringers or Chris Lea: 07801 596824 or Mason Masterman: 07707 034247.

**Stop press**

We have a visiting band of ringers coming from Canterbury on Wednesday, 7 September, at 1.00 p m. If anyone would like to hear these experienced ringers, you are most welcome to come along to St John's to listen and possibly watch.

**Garden Party**

All are welcome to a garden party at 2, Towcester Road Blisworth on Sunday 4 September from 2.00 p m onwards. Donations in aid of the work being done by the charity World Vision to help Ukrainian Refugees. Hilary Spurrier



**ALDERTON**

**Church Cleaning Rota**

September

Maureen and Mel

October

Katie and Marie

**Churchyard Rota**

September

First half – Anthony Barry

Second half – Skippen family

**Art Festival: 3 and 4 September**  
**Service and Harvest supper: 24 September**  
**Benefice service: 30 October**

**Harvest Festival**

We are celebrating Harvest Festival this year with a service in church on Saturday 24 September at 4.00 p m, followed by a harvest supper in the churchyard. We are fortunate to still be surrounded by the sound and smells of farmers harvesting their crops, and some of us will be harvesting those things that we have grown in our gardens and which have survived despite the drought. The Harvest Festival service is such a traditional one and so relevant and we really hope that you will join us for it. We will be decorating the church prior to the service, so if you have anything that we could use, we would be most grateful; it would be even nicer if you joined us with the decorating – probably on the morning of 24 September.

Everyone is welcome to come to the service, even if you don't usually come to church; gifts of produce would be welcome and you are also invited to bring gifts up to the altar during the service should you wish to – whatever you have (fruit, vegetables, tinned goods, etc.). This is something that, as children, we just loved to do in the past, and it would be wonderful if some of the village children could join in with this service. These items will then be sold off during the supper. We will be singing the lovely, traditional hymns which everybody loves to hear.

The supper itself will be in a tent in the churchyard and it would be really helpful if you could let us know if you will be coming along, so we know how many we are catering for. We are not charging for this meal but donations would be very much appreciated. There will be vegetarian/vegan options. Please come and join us. It is important that we use our church!

Margaret and Linda

**Naming Ceremony – Rosie Elizabeth Moy**

On Saturday 6 August, in St Margaret's Church Alderton, James and I arranged a naming ceremony for our baby daughter, Rosie Elizabeth Moy. Cannon Richard created a wonderful service that was loved by all who attended. Rosie was very well behaved and managed to sleep through the majority of it!

We then invited our friends and family back for an afternoon of cake and prosecco in the garden at Horton House. A big thank you to my mum, Anna, and also Linda, Margaret and Richard. It was a truly special day for us. James and Emily



**Ride and Stride**

Why not take part in this year's Ride and Stride event on 10 September? You can choose to ride (bike, horse, scooter) between churches in the vicinity and hopefully be sponsored for each church you visit. Half the money raised goes to the Northampton Historic Churches Trust and half to your local church (St Margaret's in this case). There will be a welcome at all the churches; some will be open but if not, there will be a drink and hopefully a biscuit to refresh you at each church.

It's a great opportunity to get out in our local countryside and see some really interesting churches. I have sponsor forms which I can let you have – [linda@dards.net](mailto:linda@dards.net) tel: 01327 811265/07932 693726.

We will be welcoming riders and striders to our church with refreshments and there will also be a small stall selling things to raise money for the tomb chest for our knight. Even if you are not taking part in the event, why not come up and see what we have to offer on the stall? There will also be the usual jams and pickles to purchase. Linda



### **MILTON MALSOR**

There will be coffee mornings in church on 3 September and 1 October from 10.00 a.m.

### **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 converter 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

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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

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

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

As of 18 August, we have finished harvest with only the spring beans to do when they are ripe. It was a very early harvest due to hot weather and drought; yields were good surprisingly although beans may suffer. With a shower of rain on the 15th we have drilled 110 acres of stubble turnips for the breeding sheep this winter. No corn has needed drying this year which is a plus for us, saving a lot of time and fuel so now we reflect on plans for cropping next year.

On the sheep enterprise, we have been selling fat lambs but the price has been lower due to the hot weather, school holidays and lack of demand from France. It will soon be time to go to the sheep sales to replenish stock for the autumn. I am hoping we may have some grass growth by then. We are feeding the lambs at the moment as there is very little grass and we need to get them fat for market; they tend to take the grass away from your breeding sheep if you have to many about.

So there is plenty going on even if you don't see us in the Feldman. Talk to you all again 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.potterspury.org.uk](http://www.potterspury.org.uk); [www.yardleygobionpc.wordpress.com](http://www.yardleygobionpc.wordpress.com)

**PDC**  
Computer Solutions



Windows 7 has reached end of life, and it will no longer receive security updates; it is time to change.

I can upgrade it to Windows 10, but still keep the look of Windows 7; all your documents, pictures and programs will transfer as well.

Looking for a laptop? I have a number of refurbished laptops, prices starting from £150.

I repair laptops down to component level; ask for a free quote.

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## SHUTLANGER & STOKE BRUERNE FLOWER CLUB

are holding an  
*Open Evening Demonstration*  
by the talented

**Fiona Harrison (NAFAS)**  
titled

*'Flower of Scotland'*

at The Village Hall, Baileys Brook Road, in Roade

**WEDNESDAY 14 September 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!**

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**3rd & 4th September 2022**

Saturday: 10.30am - 5pm, Sunday 10.30am - 4pm

Less than 2 weeks until our amazing 46th annual Alderton Art Festival - we have 37 artists all displaying their incredible art, lots of talented crafters, a beer tent, tea stall, barbeque, pre-loved clothing, plant stand and so much more!

## United Benefice Calendar for 2022

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

### September

- 3 Coffee morning, Milton Malsor, 10.00 a m  
3 Alderton Art Festival, 10.30 a m to 5.00 p m  
4 Alderton Art Festival, 10.30 a m to 4.30 p m  
4 Garden party, 2.00 p m, Blisworth  
7 Bellringers to visit Blisworth church, 1.00 p m  
8 WI meeting, the story behind the story, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m  
8 Shutlanger Parish Council meeting, 7.30 p m  
8 Farmers' market, Towcester, 9.00 a m to 1.00 p m  
10 Coffee morning, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon, sale of cards  
10 Ride and Stride event  
14 Shutlanger & Stoke Bruerne Flower Club, demonstration, Roade village hall, 7.30 p m  
15 Coffee morning, St Anne's Chapel, Shutlanger  
16 Harvest Festival service followed by bring and share lunch, 11.00 a m, Blisworth  
17 Working party in Stoke Bruerne churchyard, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon  
24 Dog show, Shutlanger, 11.00 a m to 2.00 p m  
24 1,000 years in 100 minutes, Grafton Regis, 2.30 p m  
24 Harvest Festival service followed by Harvest meal in churchyard, Alderton, 4.00 p m  
30 Coffee morning, 7 Pond Bank, Blisworth, 10.00 a m

### October

- 1 Coffee morning, Milton Malsor, 10.00 a m  
1-9 Art trail, Blisworth church, 10.00 a m – 4.00 p m (Sunday 12.30 to 4.00 p m)  
8 Working party in Stoke Bruerne churchyard, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon  
13 WI meeting, AGM and supper, Blisworth village hall  
14 Farmers' market, Towcester, 9.00 a m to 1.00 p m  
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  
10 Blisworth & Hunsbury Christmas Concert Saturday 2.30 p m Milton Malsor church.

#### **SNIPPETS:**

*Keep your face always towards the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you.*

*You don't always need a plan. Sometimes you just need to breathe, trust, let go and see what happens.*

*Luck is preparation meeting opportunity.*

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