

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

In September we enjoyed the art festival in Saint Margaret's Alderton, and in October the art trail in Saint John's Blisworth. Both churches were a ray of colourful artwork, the creation of many talented artists. I always marvel at gifted people who can turn a blank canvas into a beautiful picture or sculpture; an image they can see before the first brush stroke. They were all individual pieces of work showing how different each artist is in their approach. Our creator started with a blank canvas when He created the universe, and each one of us as individuals.

I visited the two church schools within the benefice as they reopened after the summer break, to welcome everyone back to school and to meet and welcome those that had just began their educational journey. It reminded me of my first few weeks in primary school many years ago. I made an ash tray in pottery class, painting it bright colours of blues and reds. Even though this was not an exceptionally nice or attractive piece of artwork, my parents loved it. I can remember when I was given the clay, I knew exactly what I was going to make.

Looking at the new children I wonder what kind of people they will grow up to be, what will be their purpose in life, and what did our Heavenly Father have in store for them. This brings to mind Jeremiah 18. Jeremiah is in a potter's house, watching the craftsman at work. God speaks to Jeremiah and says, 'Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand.'

In the first book of the bible, it says "So God created mankind in His own image," if God is a creator and we are made in His image, we too are called to use our creative side, our imagination to create something of beauty. Each of us have that gift within us.

Our Heavenly Father sees inside each one of us, the beautiful gifted human being He has created. We need to bring out that person, allow His love and grace to flow over us, to look freshly at the teachings of Jesus, the apostles, and the Church. To some this sounds too difficult, but God is your creator and He's created each one of us for a purpose, and it is down to us to find that purpose for what we were created for and bring it to fruition.

An artist does not produce their work to keep for themselves or to make themselves wealthy, as we know most artists are not usually well off. They use their gifts to share with others, to bring joy and comfort into other lives. In the same way that Our Heavenly Father gives continually to us not for His own end but that we can be free and whole as the person we are called to be. When we use our gifts for others, the reward is far greater than if we had kept them to ourselves.

Each person has a creative side, and we should allow it blossom. During both art events, I was asked about my creative side. Even though I achieved an A in 'O' level art, producing a piece of work to hang on the wall or put on a pedestal is not one of my gifts, believe me. But what I do enjoy doing, with my creative mind, is to tell and write stories; at first, I wrote for my children and myself, but in the last few years, I have had two novels now published.

'Like clay in the hand of the Potter, so are you in my hand.'

God said to Jeremiah, what is God creating you to be, and what gift do you have to enhance others' lives.

Blessings, Richard

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday 6 November, 3rd before Advent

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

Sunday 13 November, Remembrance Sunday

9.30 a m, Stoke Bruerne
10.00 a m, Milton Malsor,
10.50 a m, Blisworth
10.50 a m, Grafton Regis
3.00 p m, Alderton

Thursday 17 November

Prayer service, 9.30 a m, St Anne's Chapel, Shutlanger

Sunday 20 November, Christ the King

Milton Malsor, 9.30 a m, Family Eucharist
Blisworth 11.00 a m, Family service
Grafton, 11.00 a m, Family Eucharist

Sunday 27 November, Advent 1

Milton Malsor 9.30 a m family Service
Stoke Bruerne 9.30 a m Family Service
Blisworth 11.00 a m, 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.

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.

VILLAGE NEWS



STOKE BRUERNE

Christmas Eve Service

I have had an email from Martyn Warsop asking for volunteers to join him in the choirstalls at Stoke Bruerne for the Christmas Eve service at 7.00 p m to sing heartily. Having had two services cancelled due to the virus, he would like his choir back! He says that he has played at Stoke Bruerne for nearly 30 Christmas Eves now.

St Mary the Virgin Parish Church for Stoke Bruerne and Shutlanger

Churchyard Tidy

Our last organised working party for this year took place on 8 October. Such a lot has been accomplished and the churchyard has never looked better; it has made such a big difference and I'm sure we will see even more improvements in 2023. I would like to thank all those who have given up hours of their time to help and support the church throughout the year. Lynne Wild

Church Coffee Morning

Please note, our autumn coffee morning has been brought forward to the weekend of Remembrance. It will be held in the church on Saturday 12 November between 10.00 a m and 12.00 noon. There will be a raffle and greetings cards will be on sale.

Remembering our Loved Ones

We will be filling the church with lilies alongside the customary poppies this year; if you would like your deceased loved ones to be remembered in church over the Remembrance weekend, please contact Lynne Wild on 07833694710 by 4 November and their names will be included on a scroll which will be displayed in the church. Some people like to make a donation towards the lilies. If you wish to do so, please contact Lynne.

Remembrance Service

A special service of Remembrance will be held at St Mary the Virgin Church on Sunday 13 November at 9.30 a m. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Village Hall Committee

Stoke Bruerne Village Hall Committee is holding the Christmas bazaar on 26 November at 1.00 p m; at the bazaar there will be a flower stall, tombola, raffle, and some craft and stationery stalls. There will be mulled wine, mince pies and cake, tea and coffee.

Come and join us and do some Christmas shopping.

To book a table please ring 01604 862825. The tables are £5 each.

Stoke Bruerne Village Hall Management Committee

Friends of The Canal Museum Update

The Trustees of the charity would like to thank volunteers Trevor Allum, Rob Westlake and Kathryn Dodington for their help with the removal of the shipping container from the Canal Museum car park to Stoke Bruerne Cricket Club.

The container, which has been a familiar sight in the car park for many years, was used to store all the infrastructure for the annual Village at War and Family Festival events which, following suspension due to Covid and lack of new volunteers coming forward, are no longer able to continue. Instead, the Friends will now be supporting smaller events organised by the Canal Museum itself.

We are pleased to say that almost all of the contents have been donated free to local good causes such as the Scouts, Cricket Club and other 40s re-enactment societies.

The shipping container, also given free of charge, is now enjoying a new lease

of life serving Stoke Bruerne Cricket Club where it will be storing their equipment. We thank Pat and Ian Stimson for all their help in making it happen and we are delighted to know that the container is already proving to be a useful asset.

Some of you will have noticed that the museum boat, NB Sculptor, has been absent from the canal side in Stoke Bruerne for almost a year. The boat has been away at a boatyard on the River Weaver and then at the National Waterways Museum at Ellesmere Port for much needed repairs to the back cabin, and a re-paint. We are pleased to announce that thanks to an army of volunteers who have brought her back from 'oop north in relays, a shiny resplendent Sculptor is back on her mooring outside the Museum.



The Inland Waterways Association

The local Northampton branch of the Inland Waterways Association has relocated their winter social meetings, which take place on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, to The Boat Inn, Stoke Bruerne. The November social meeting, which is on Tuesday 8 November at 7.30 p m, is Boat Horse, a theatre production by the Bonnet & Belt Theatre Company. All are welcome, not just members, and refreshments are available. A suggested donation of £2 to help cover costs would be appreciated, but is not obligatory. Please note: A film unit will be in attendance and your view may be obstructed at times.

SHUTLANGER AND STOKE BRUERNE (Combined)

Stoke Bruerne And Shutlanger Combined Charities – Notice

In view of the current economic climate, the combined charities trustees have taken the decision to suspend the £25 annual Christmas gift for 2022 and instead issue grants to those in need. This fund will be available until 1 March 2023. Please see more details about this below.

Stoke Bruerne And Shutlanger Hardship Fund

There are moments in life when we all need a helping hand, particularly now with the rising costs of food and fuel.

If you're struggling to keep up with household bills, or pay for everyday essentials, the Stoke Bruerne and Shutlanger Combined Charities may be able to help. The Charity exists to help and support the residents of the two villages who may, for one reason or another, be finding it difficult to cope financially. So, if you or someone you know from the two villages finds themselves in exceptional circumstances, then you can apply for a one-off shortfall grant to help tide you over, or a donation to help pay for a one-off expense.

To start the process, simply contact Rector Richard Stainer, one of the charity's trustees, at canon.stainer@gmail.com or by telephone at 01604 857619.

All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence and, where applicable, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

Kathryn Dodington



SHUTLANGER

Shutlanger Village Hall

Website: 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 20 October from 10.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon. Paintings by local artists and pottery by a local potter were available to buy too.

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. When you get this newsletter, the next coffee morning will be on Thursday 17 November. It would be great to see you then.

Plant Swap

We will shortly be closing the plant swap for the winter. It will be back bigger and better in the spring.

Tote draw

The latest draw was on 20 October at 11.00 a.m. - as usual it was during the coffee morning. The tote has raised over £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; any of these make it easy for you to join our ever-growing band of supporters.

Events

History Walk

On Sunday 28 August, 44 of us walked around the village for a light-hearted tour. People came from as far afield as Bedford and Rugby. We learnt about the arrival of the mains water supply (still a hot topic of conversation), thieves and murders in the village, along with some amazing family history. The afternoon finished with cream teas in the village hall. A booklet to accompany the walk was distributed soon after. There are a few booklets left over if anyone would like to purchase one for £3. Contact secretary@shutlangervillagehall.org.uk to arrange collection or delivery.

Dog Show

The first family dog show was on Saturday 24 September. It was a fun event that was well supported by the village, and we had plenty of visitors enjoying the good weather and lovely dogs. There were homemade cakes, doggy treats, local pottery and crafts for sale too. We look out for our next show in 2023.

Renovations

A lot of work is continuing behind the scenes to manage the roof project and we are close to choosing our contractor. We will continue to give you updates as the work progresses.

You can donate to the restoration fund through our website 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

Our next events will be	30 October	Children's Halloween Party
	19 November	Music from 'The Angels Share'
	26 November	Shutlanger Quiz Night
	3 December	Christmas wreaths and craft evening
	17 December	The Village Christmas party
	23 December	Christmas Carols at the village hall

Put a note in your diary so you don't miss out on these exciting events. Further details and links to buy tickets can be found at www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk/events

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 which will guide you through the donation process. To donate through Amazon, choose smile.amazon.co.uk, then Shutlanger village hall and pay for your shopping in the usual way. Sign up for Easyfundraising - chose Shutlanger village hall, search for retailers and 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

HLF Project Launch

On 2 September we held an end of project party at the church to celebrate the conclusion of the works. We had about 70 guests who were very complimentary of the new heritage display, and enjoyed the delicious buffet that had been laid on. Fortunately, the sun shone and we were not all crushed up in the church but could enjoy the refreshments outdoors. The churchyard was looking exceptionally neat and tidy thanks to all the work the volunteers have put in over the last couple of years.

Commemoration Service for Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

Our Harvest Festival service was put back until October and replaced with a commemoration service for her Majesty the Queen. Both the Church and the Council had supplied guidance on the protocol to be followed following the death of her majesty and the PCC and Parish Council worked together to set up a remembrance area in the church for people to visit and pay their condolences.

Remembrance Sunday

The annual Remembrance Sunday service will be held on Sunday 13 November. We will gather by the Tommy figure in the church at 10.50 a.m.

Christmas Lights Event

The Christmas lights event will be on Sunday 27 November starting at 4 p.m. at the village hall for mulled wine and mince pies, followed by a walk around the village to view the Christmas lights. More details to follow nearer to the day.

Carol service

The Carol service will be a week earlier this year and will be on Sunday 11 December at 6.00 p.m.

Mary Sargeant, RIP

Mary Sargeant sadly passed away on 5 October (2 days before her 93rd birthday) at Maids Moreton Care Home where she had been for the last two and a half years after initially breaking her hip at Grafton. Mary moved from Kings Heath in Northampton to Grafton Regis when she married Joseph in 1960; she leaves two children Jeff and Jane, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She was a very glamorous lady, always well turned out. Mary enjoyed a few years hunting with the Grafton hunt too. She loved animals and enjoyed her dog walks with Jean in the field with their dogs, Oscar and Honey. She was a much-loved mother and grandmother, loved and missed by all her family. She is now reunited with her husband Joseph.



Lunch Club

The first lunch club of the season took place on 20 October. There were about 20 of us there and we enjoyed a delicious meal of roast pork and all the trimmings followed by a variety of puddings, cheese and biscuits and then the inevitable tea and coffee, served with chocolates.

Many thanks to Kathy Colgrove and Jean for cooking and to all the helpers who set out the hall and put everything away afterwards. The next lunch will be on 17 November at 12.30 p.m.



BLISWORTH

Ride & Stride

Mary Griffin and Peter Banks took advantage of the good weather, clocking up a fair few miles, and raised more than £500 for the benefit of our church. Many thanks to all their sponsors and also to Jill Charles for welcoming several riders with tea and biscuits which was greatly appreciated.

Garden Party

Thanks to all who supported the garden party in aid of Ukrainian refugees. Just over £1,000 was raised; it will be sent to World Vision to help fund their work with refugees in camps in West Ukraine and East Poland.

An Armenian Experience



Earlier in the summer I spent a week in Armenia visiting Anahit, a student I have sponsored. During my visit, I attended the baptism/confirmation of her family and was honoured to be her Godmother. Armenia was the first country to adopt Christianity as the state religion and so Christian traditions go back a long way. Despite the long period of repression under Russian rule until 1991, the Armenian church is thriving with 97% of the population claiming to be Christians. Baptism and church attendance were discouraged during the Soviet era, hence the reason why Anahit, her two sisters and parents had not been baptised.

The baptism ceremony was in many ways similar to ours but also different in many ways. A key role for the Godparent was to wash and dry the face of the person being baptised. Fortunately, only the Godfather had to make any promises on behalf of those being baptised; I would have struggled as I do not speak Armenian!

Having received the sign of the cross, those being baptised had not to wash for 2 days. Quite a request in a hot country.

After the two days, there was another ceremony with more ritual washing and drying by the Godparents followed by a family party. In the evening the bath and shower were well used.

While I was there, I saw several very old churches dating back to the 6th century AD. They were well preserved, unlike the church in Anahit's village which had been destroyed during the soviet era. We

walked up the hill to a small chapel to light candles.

Armenia is a beautiful, mountainous country and the people are very friendly. Much is different from our own country; for example, breakfast is the main meal of the day and if one goes swimming (as I did), a standard British bathing costume is considered to be very skimpy!!!



One photo is of the baptism church and the other is a 6th century church in the north of the country.

Hilary Spurrier

Open Book

The Open the Book team start their assemblies in Stoke Bruerne and Milton Malsor Primary schools soon. We are always keen to welcome new members to the team. Please contact Hilary Spurrier on 01604 859181 if you are interested.

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 26 November is our Christmas fayre and coffee morning, in St John the Baptist Church, from 10.00 a m until 1.00 p m. There will be Christmas goods, gifts, books, produce and cakes, refreshments, and more. Everyone is welcome; come to browse, guess the weight of a cake, then sit down for a chat with a cuppa and mince pie.



South Northants Art Trail

South Northants October Art Trail was curated in St John the Baptist Church, Blisworth and was once again a great success. All nine exhibitors enjoyed meeting over 600 visitors that we had through the door in the week of the exhibition. Thanks to the kind donations we received from our visitors, we were able, as always, to give a donation to our Church. So, a big thank you to all who came and supported us.

Blisworth Monday Art/Craft Group

Blisworth Monday art/craft group is holding their annual exhibition in Blisworth village hall the weekend of 19/20 November. Come and see the work of our local artist and crafts. Refreshments available. Please watch out for further information. Maureen Smith



ALDERTON

Church Cleaning Rota

November

Emma H & Sarah R

Churchyard Rota (leaf clearing)

November

Martyn Mann

Remembrance Sunday

There will be a brief service of Remembrance in the church on Sunday 13 November at 3.00 p m. Please come and join us – it won't take long out of your day.

Defibrillator

Please be advised that the defibrillator located at The Old Barn, Alderton has been removed temporarily. A safety recall has been issued on our model. It was collected on 27 September and returned to the manufacturer for a service and upgrade. The signs have been covered up and The Circuit has been made aware so that it is no longer advertised on their site.

It will be at least a month before the defib is back in place so please everyone stay safe.

Jackie Grundon

Harvest Festival – Service and Supper



The Harvest Festival service was a real joy and was attended by some families who do not often come to church – complete with dogs! We sold the produce after the service and this raised £150, which was sent to The Rainbow Trust.

After the service, as Harvest supper was served in the churchyard; it was a lovely event and so nice to hear the chatter from inside the tent and also to see the children running around the churchyard, finding 'treasures'. We enjoyed a delicious three course meal and it was just so lovely to see so many people enjoying themselves. Margaret and Linda

Larder

We've had a fabulous week at the Larder with volunteers being recognised for the work they do in the local community. Simon Bunker and I received a Certificate of Appreciation from Towcester Town Mayor and later in the week, the Towcester Community Larder received the



2022 Weetabix Northamptonshire Food & Drink Local Hero Gold Award, recognising all the work that all the volunteers do to save food from waste and distribute to our community.

We have over 600 members between both Larders - an unbelievable growth rate since we started in January 2021, so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank ALL volunteers in Roade and Towcester for everything they do for the Larders. They are all fantastic, giving their time and energy selflessly to keep the Larders operating and getting the food out there. Katie Steele (Coordinator for Towcester Community Larder)



Lighting up the Church for the Christmas Period

Roger Gavan has once again volunteered to light up the church for the Christmas period, from 1 December until Twelfth Night, 6 January. With electricity costs rising, and as in previous years, we are asking for donations from the village towards the cost of this. If we all gave a small amount, it would cover the cost of making the church look so special over the festive period. Please pop your donation in an envelope and drop it in to Brian, Margaret or Linda. Thank you so much in advance. Alderton PCC

Art Festival

I have chaired the Art Festival since 2016, and 2022 presented by far the biggest challenges. Firstly, we needed to find a new organiser for the teas and cakes. Step forward Katie and her team of helpers who ran the teas and cakes stall perfectly. An even bigger challenge was that this was going to be the first year for many decades without Linda's Alderton Antiques stall. Better known as the white elephant stall, it regularly turned in a handsome profit of £1,000, but was now deemed to be just too much hard work. So could the village come up with an alternative, otherwise we were going to see a huge drop in festival profits? Step forward Carol, Anita, Linda, Pam, Margaret and their teams of helpers to fill the old

white elephant tents with FOUR new stalls which over the weekend brought in £2,000. So, we finished up making a record profit of £7,000 for St Margaret's Church, plus nearly £600 for the knight fund. Thanks to all that helped, worked so hard and made the whole event so enjoyable.

Charlie Reece

NB A huge thank you to Charlie for all the hard work he put in to making the event such a success.

Ride & Stride – 10 September 2022

As part of the annual Ride & Stride event to raise funds for historic church buildings across Northamptonshire, team Hempenstall set out from St Margaret's on a warm and sunny afternoon. We then cycled to churches in Paulerspury, Whittlebury, Silverstone, Abthorpe and Towcester, receiving a warm welcome (and biscuits!) at each open church. While the B team headed for home after a long first week back at school, Stephen carried on via Stoke Bruerne to more churches to a record-breaking 15 all told, and seeing our very own Don along the canal spurred Steve on to the finish! Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, we raised £210 which is split equally between the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust and St Margaret Alderton. It was a lovely afternoon and good to know that the money raised goes to a good cause.

Jo Hempenstall



Queen's Nursing Award

Many congratulations to Jayne Wallace who has been awarded a Queen's Nursing Award for her contribution, commitment and development of community nursing. Well done Jayne!

MILTON MALSOR



Coffee Morning

Holy Cross Church, Milton Malsor had a fantastic, bustling coffee morning with our very first Messy Church on 1 October. Delicious cakes, hot drinks and raffle raised over £150 for the church. The children were also able to take part in Messy Church by crafting their very own stained glass windows and following the treasure trail round the church to win a sweetie prize. This was well received by all and so another one will coincide with the December coffee morning.

The coffee mornings take place on the first Saturday of each month; the next one is on 5 November.



GENERAL NEWS

You may know that Jane and I have hosted a Ukrainian family of refugees. This family is now happily settled in Milton Keynes but I am staying in contact with current needs in their country. One third of their country's power generation sites have now been destroyed by Putin's bombing and there is a real and urgent need for winter clothing, and even for medicines such as Lemsip. If you are able to help, please let me know and I will happily collect items from you. If you are able to spread the word with your local friends, please do so. Derek Bird (Grafton Regis), email: derekstanleybird@hotmail.com, tel 01908 543226.

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.

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 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
- Serious and organised crime
- Drugs harm
- Serious violence

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 If you wish to have up-to-date crime statistics for your area then we recommend that you visit 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 | @DaventryPolice | @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>

News from The Old Mail

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

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Computer Solutions



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

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

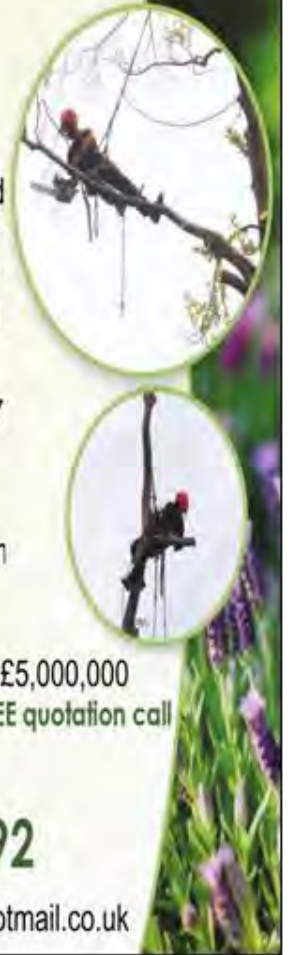
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Tai Chi & Chi Gong New classes coming soon!!!

Why not come along and enjoy the principles, beauty and style of Tai Chi and Chi Gong. Learn how the practice of Tai Chi and Chi Gong can help promote health and wellbeing and leave you feeling relaxed, energized and renewed.

This gentle form of exercise is also associated with improved muscle strength, coordination and flexibility, libido and endurance, pain and stiffness relief, improved balance and reduction of falls in older adults.

Tai Chi can be practiced by just about anyone regardless of ability or age. It is a safe form of exercise, however, anyone considering Tai Chi, or indeed any form of exercise, should always first check with their doctor for advice and guidance.

Classes start at Yardley Gobion Village Hall on Friday 4th November from 10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.
First class is free of charge.

For further information please contact
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United Benefice Calendar for 2022

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

November

- 5 Coffee morning, Milton Malsor, 10.00 a m
8 Boat Horse, 7.30 p m, Stoke Bruerne Canal Museum
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
11 Farmers' market, Towcester, 9.00 a m to 1.00 p m
12 Autumn coffee morning, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon
13 Remembrance Sunday
17 Lunch club, Grafton Regis village hall, 12.30 p m
17 Coffee morning, St Anne's Chapel, Shutlanger, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon
19 Music from 'The Angels Share', Shutlanger
19 Bradwell Silver Band concert, Yardley Gobion, 7.30 p m
19/20 Blisworth art/craft group exhibition, village hall
25 Coffee morning, 7 Pond Bank, Blisworth, 10.00 a m
26 Christmas bazaar, Stoke Bruerne village hall, 1.00 p m
26 Quiz night, Shutlanger village hall
26 Christmas fayre, St John the Baptist Church, Blisworth, 10.00 a m to 1.00 p m
27 Christmas lights event, Grafton Regis, 4.00 p m

December

- 3 Christmas wreaths and craft evening, Shutlanger village hall
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.
17 Shutlanger village Christmas party, village hall
23 Christmas carols at Shutlanger village hall

BRADWELL SILVER BAND IN CONCERT

Saturday 19th November at 7.30pm
St Leonard's Church, Yardley Gobion



Tickets: Adults £8, children free
(refreshments included)
from 07919 915335 / 07802 806440
or admin@southcleley-benefice.org.uk



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*Life and beer are very similar –
chill for best results.*

*If life is not going your way, rest
awhile – you're on the wrong page.*

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