

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

I'd like to remind you all that on 1 March, we start our Lent course, Christianity Explored, at Holy Cross Milton Malsor at 7.00 p.m. It's still not too late to join in; please drop me a line and come along and discover what Mark has to tell us about Jesus.

Lent is a sacred time in the Christian calendar where we set aside 40 days to examine our lives, focus, on what needs to change to improve it, and deepen our spiritual relationship with the divine. For some, this is done by giving up something they enjoy or taking on a commitment. It is a time of being with Jesus fasting in the desert; you might spend more time in prayer, spiritual reading, and joining the Lent course. Over the 40 days, there is always a temptation to give in, maybe thinking it's not worth the hassle. If we can resist breaking our Lenten observance and keep to what we have set out before us, this will make us stronger to resist bigger temptations in the future. During Lent, we reflect on the events that led up to the death of Jesus on the cross. It's a time to prepare ourselves to celebrate Easter.

A few years ago, I set out to walk a 360-mile trek across the heart of England. I spent months planning what essentials I needed to carry in my rucksack. It was full of the necessities that I would need for that journey. A week into my walk, I was met by Monique for the weekend. During the next couple of days, I went through my rucksack once again, this time with a fine-tooth comb. I soon realised that a fifth of what I had was unnecessary, so I gave it to Monique to take home. This made my backpack much lighter, and I could move more freely. We do this in life; as we travel through each day, we collect what we believe is a necessity. This could be material things, or habits that are not healthy for us, maybe too much time in front of the TV or electronic devices, alcohol, or preconceived ideas, where we have become stuck in a certain way of thinking, we are no longer open to new ideas, etc. Like my rucksack, what we collect through our everyday lives can begin to weigh us down and hold us back from full filling our full potential in life. It's a time to let go and be with Christ.

Over the next five weeks, as we gently move towards Easter, it would be a good time to do our own personal internal spring clean. To search closer within our hearts and be honest, what needs to change within me to have a healthier physical, mental and spiritual life. Every moment of our lives is a precious gift from the divine. Let us not waste it by being weighed down. Easter is about the resurrection, a new way of being a different person. Let us all celebrate Lent in the right manner so that when we arrive on Easter day, we can be a new person with Christ. Richard

Service Schedule for March 2023

Sunday 5 March, Lent 2

9.30 a.m.: Family Eucharist, Milton Malsor

11.00 a.m.: Family Eucharist, Blisworth

Sunday 12 March, Lent 3

9.30 a.m.: Family Eucharist, Stoke Bruerne

9.30 a.m.: Family service, Milton Malsor

11.00 a.m.: Family Eucharist, Blisworth

3.00 p.m.: Almost Mothering Sunday service, Alderton, followed by afternoon tea

Thursday 16 March

9.30 a.m.: Morning prayer followed by coffee, St Anne's, Shutlanger

Sunday 19 March, Mothering Sunday, Lent 4

9.30 a.m.: Family Eucharist, Milton Malsor

11.00 a.m.: Family service, Blisworth

11.00 a.m.: Family Eucharist Grafton Regis

Sunday 26 March, Lent 5

9.30 a.m.: Family service, Milton Malsor

9.30 a.m.: Family service, Stoke Bruerne

11.00 a.m.: Family Eucharist, Blisworth

Sunday 2 April, Palm Sunday

10.00 a.m., Family Eucharist, Grafton Regis

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.

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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

St Mary the Virgin Church for Stoke Bruerne and Shutlanger

Dates for March

Our first church coffee morning for 2023 will be held on Saturday March 18th between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon. We look forward to welcoming everyone back. There will be a raffle at this event and we hope you will be able to join us.

Our churchyard conservation working parties start up again on Saturday 25 March between 9.30 a.m. and 12.00 noon. The churchyard has been transformed thanks to the all the work carried out since 2021 and so much has already been achieved. As a result, on 3 March, we are submitting our application to the Northamptonshire Churchyard Conservation Award Scheme in the hope of achieving a bronze award. We still need to improve and maintain the graveyard throughout the spring and summer months. We are always very grateful to those who give up their time to assist us. It is a very worthwhile way to spend a couple of hours and it's a good workout!! Can you spare some time to help us with this project?

Advance Notice for April

There will be a service at St Mary the Virgin Church on Easter Sunday, 9 April, starting at 9.30 a.m.



SHUTLANGER

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 16 February from 10.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon. It was lovely to see so many people there, enjoying a friendly community time in a warm welcoming environment. We have free wi-fi and contactless payments.

Paintings by local artists are displayed in the hall for you to browse and buy. We serve excellent coffee and delicious homemade cakes. The bacon rolls or sausages in a bun are very popular too. Our coffee mornings are always on the third Thursday of the month, put a note in your diary so you don't miss it.

Prayer Service in St. Anne's Chapel

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. It would be great to see you there.

Tote draw

The latest draw was, as always, during the coffee morning. The winning numbers were: 5 and 10 the prize was £175.00. The tote has raised nearly £3,000 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.

Upcoming Events

Our next event will be another village quiz on Saturday 11 March at 7.00 p.m. There will be hot food, a raffle and a bar. Tickets are £12 each with teams of up to six people. Buy your tickets at www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk/events.

There will be an Easter wreath making and craft evening on Friday 31 March at 7.00 p.m. Tickets are £30 to include all the materials you need with a glass of prosecco and nibbles. Tickets available at www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk/events. Numbers are limited so book your place in plenty of time.

The children can go on an easter egg hunt around the village on Easter Saturday 8 April, more detail will follow.

Renovations

Scaffolding will be erected around the hall on 13 March. We are looking forward to seeing a beautiful new roof and clock tower repairs to the hall. The committee is not stopping there though! We have more projects planned.

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:

Direct donations via the website homepage and by using QR codes in the hall and at 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. We are members of JustGiving and Easyfundraising where you can easily make donations.

Amazon Smile has closed but please think about joining Easyfundraising, where your purchases can help us raise funds. Chose Shutlanger village hall, search for retailers, the site will redirect you to the retailer's website, there is a handy donation reminder too.

The site is free, easy to use, and the hall gets a donation.

Thank you for all your support. Your help matters to us. EVERY penny counts!

Shutlanger Village Hall Management Committee

SHUTLANGER & STOKE BRUERNE FLOWER CLUB

Fun, Flowers and Friendship

is holding an

Evening Demonstration

by the fascinating

Rekha Naidoo (NAFAS)

titled

'Inspirations of India'

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

WEDNESDAY 8 March 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!



GRAFTON REGIS

Reg Holman's 100th Birthday

Reg married Rene at Grafton Regis in 1951 and they went on to live happily in the same house in Grafton Regis for nearly 60 years.

On 27 January 2023, Reg, now residing in Crescent House Nursing Home in Northampton, woke up to find that while he was asleep, his former neighbour had arranged with staff to decorate his room with all the appropriate things to celebrate the special day, his one hundredth birthday.

He had lots of cards on display from old friends and well-wishers, including the one he proudly holds from King Charles 111 and Queen Consort, Camilla.

Now confined to bed as his legs no longer work, Reg is otherwise in very good health with a great memory and sense of humour. As he said, 'I might make 150 – who knows?'.
Don Allen



Grafton Lunch Club

It was another really lovely lunch in Grafton Regis village hall on 16 February when about 24 of us gathered for soup with homemade bread, roast pork with all the trimmings, a variety of desserts, cheese and biscuits, coffee or tea and, as if we hadn't already eaten enough, dishes of Quality Street, which we fought over to ensure that we managed to get to our favourites.

Thanks as ever to all those who made the lunch possible. The first photo shows Cathy carving up the meat, using one of her razor-sharp knives. The second photo shows Debbie, Mick Boon's daughter, whose birthday it was and to whom we sang 'Happy Birthday'. The lunches are a rare opportunity to sit and chat; the tables were cleared around us and when the chairs started to be moved, we thought it was about time we left. The next lunch will be on 16 March.



Peter Robert Holloway 11 March 1952 – 11 January 2023, RIP

Peter was born in Northampton; the family then moved to Ashton before settling in Grafton Regis.

Peter passed away on 11 January 2023 following a lengthy illness. The funeral service was held at the Counties Crematorium on 14 February. The wake was held at the White Hart, Grafton Regis where a delicious buffet had been prepared by Alan and the staff.

After Peter left school, he took up an apprenticeship with Pianoforte at Roade, He then set up his own business for plant machinery hire and then building works.

Peter was a home boy but liked to be busy; not only did he run his businesses but also ran a small market garden on the land behind the family home. He liked to control the number of rabbits running amok through his vegetables and, as neighbours, we would often hear a gunshot shortly followed by our front door bell ringing, on the door step would be Jackie with an offering of fresh rabbit for our dog's tea.

The family would like to express their thanks and appreciation to all for the kind words and expressions' of sympathy received during their sad loss.



BLISWORTH

World Vision

I have heard from World Vision about how the funds raised at the recent events at my home have been used. Three children's centres for Ukrainian refugee children have been established, and 125 children's activity packs have been distributed. It is likely that the funds from the recent Christmas party will fund another children's centre and some more activity packs. Ihor and Alina, my Ukrainian guests, are keen to help families in their hometown which is close to the border with Russia. We are planning to hold an early summer garden party with a Ukrainian theme. The date will be in the next issue of GRASS.
Hilary Spurrier



ALDERTON

Church Cleaning Rota Churchyard Rota

March Jayne Wallace & Val Kleine
March to be confirmed

Sale for the Knight

The sale for the knight on 11 February was another really lovely occasion; friends from Alderton and other villages, including Potterspurty and Paulerspury came along and there was something for everyone to buy. There was a huge number of cakes, including Val's delicious carrot cakes, together with cut priced jams and new season's marmalade, and a wide variety of jewellery, glassware etc. People stayed and enjoyed a coffee and a chat and the proceeds from the morning were £210. The next sale will be on 25 March at 10.00 a m. Do come along – you never know what treasures you might find.

Almost Mothering Sunday

It will be Mothering Sunday on 19 March, but we found last year that holding a service on that day proved to be very unsuccessful as everybody was busy, so this year we have decided that we will hold an 'Almost Mothering Sunday' service at 3.00 p m on Sunday 12 March in the hope that more people might be able to attend. The theme will be women and mothers. Posies will be given to the ladies in the congregation and after the service, we will serve afternoon tea.

We would be so pleased to welcome everybody to come along to this service, which will be fairly informal. We all have a mother or mother figure, whether they be related to you or not. It's not an easy job so it's nice to be able to say thank you. Everyone is welcome to the service, whether you are a mother or not. Please come and support us.

Margaret and Linda

June Scott, RIP

June Scott, wife to Lawrence, mother to Sharon and Kevin, nanny to her beloved 5 grandchildren, and a much loved great-nanny to her great-granddaughter (she didn't like the term grandmother - she always said she wasn't old enough to be a granny), passed away in Danetree Hospital on 2 February with her family at her side; she had suffered various bouts of illness for the past 30 years or so and always overcame her problems with a smile. She was born in Whittlebury and spent the entirety of her married life in Alderton. She was a very versatile lady and held down various jobs during her life, including working in the Dards Electronics business in Milton Keynes where she learned how to operate a computer system in her middle age, never having been taught about computers; she was considered to be the 'mother' figure at one place of work and got on well with a wide variety of staff. One, who when told about her passing, wrote "sad indeed, always had happy memories of June and her infectious smile in the mornings." She was a much-loved wife, mother, nanny and friend, and will be sorely missed.



Professor David Glyn Vaughan OBE - 23.10.62 to 9.02.23 RIP



My amazing husband finally succumbed to his cancer on Thursday 9 February. David was a world-renowned glaciologist and worked for the British Antarctic Survey for nearly 40 years. He came to Alderton when we bought The Nook in 2003; we married in 2005. He spent most of this time living in Cambridge during the week, returning home to Alderton on a Friday night and going back to Cambridge on Monday morning; his Alderton time was very important to him.

When lockdown happened, David found himself in the village full time, which was one of the very few plusses about covid. David was diagnosed with stomach cancer in August of 2020. David used his time to really get involved in the village and became quite an expert on marquee erection.

Over the years, the villagers got used to seeing David running, cycling, riding Ziggy or walking Havoc round the village; I think he gave some of our younger neighbours a run for their money on the cycling front.

David had many friends in the village and was always keen to scythe the wild flower meadow in the village field; he also helped Margaret Hall Townley create proposals for funding for the knight. Leatherwork was a new hobby for David, which he went about with his usual energy; we were lucky enough to have a leather workshop in the garden where he created some lovely objects like handbags, bowls, boxes, and doorstops. One of the last objects he made was a brandy barrel for Bernie, the St Bernard. (see photo)



Many of the villagers attended J Fest in July 22; this was a party with a festival theme to celebrate both his and my 60th birthdays, and also a celebration of life in general. David did most of the organisation and it was the most wonderful party that actually went on for several days; people attended from far and wide and it was lovely that his friends can remember him from that.

David was a truly inspirational man who helped some of the village young people make decisions on their future science pathways; he was always happy to talk to anyone who was interested in what he did.

The last few weeks were really hard but David had worked with his cancer and the medical teams to get the most of the time he had left. I know everyone who knew him is so sad it wasn't longer. David, you will be sorely missed R.I.P. Jacqui Vaughan

Please find the link to BAS obituary and Last Word (Radio 4)

<https://www.bas.ac.uk/media-post/professor-david-g-vaughan-obe/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001j4k6>

APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Saturday 15 April at 10.00 a.m. All villagers are welcome to attend to find out what has been going on with the church in the past year and to view the accounts for the year to 31 December 2022. This will be a very short meeting and everyone is welcome to come along.

Dawn Service in the Churchyard to Celebrate Easter Day

Following the success of last year's dawn service, we are going to repeat the service this year. We will light the fire pit in readiness for welcoming the dawn on Easter morning, 9 April, at 6.00 a.m. in Alderton churchyard. The service will start in the churchyard and we will then go into church for the second part of the service. Last year, people thought we had completely lost our minds to organise a service for 6.00 a.m., but those people who attended thoroughly enjoyed the service and felt it was worthwhile getting up so early. It was quite magical! The service will be followed by breakfast. Do come along and join us - we would be delighted to welcome you whether you usually attend services or not. Nearer the time, we would be grateful if you could let us know if you will be coming, so we know how many to cater for - it's not essential but would be helpful, especially if you are coming from a village other than Alderton.

Alderton PCC

Advance Notice: Plant Sale

There will be a plant sale in Alderton on Saturday 29 April - there will be a variety of plants for sale, lovingly grown by Pam, and in addition, there will be Doris's homemade delicious soup with bread and Anna will be there with her pizza oven, making and serving pizzas to order. There will be a cake stall and a selection of ornaments/jewellery/other lovely things as well as tea and coffee for sale. All proceeds will go directly towards our toilet and servery project which we are keen to get underway with. Do come along and pick up a bargain and enjoy something to eat and drink as well. We look forward to seeing you and keep our fingers crossed for good weather.

Alderton PCC



MILTON MALSOR

There will be a coffee morning in church on Saturday 4 March at 10.00 a.m. Later the same day there will be a concert at 7.00 p.m. – see poster on page 7.

GENERAL NEWS

Used Postage Stamps

Please could I thank all those, who for years have been keeping used stamps for The Leprosy Mission. Sadly, it has been decided that with the new stamps coming in, it is no longer viable to sell the stamps.

From the end of February, I shall not collect any more as The Leprosy Mission are not doing it after March. I need to get any from here to Peterborough. Many thanks
Geoffrey Goswell

Police Information

Burglary Prevention Advice

Our aim is to prevent Northamptonshire residents falling prey to criminals. We are taking a more scientific approach to repeat victimisation. Due to the location of recent burglaries, we know that your home is at heightened risk of being burgled. An opportunistic type of criminal is enticed into a situation as a result of an insecurity or easy opportunity. If we simply remove that temptation and make it difficult, then it is estimated that a staggering 90% of crime would be prevented. We have compiled a short home security checklist to help guide you through your security arrangements. Working through this checklist will help you ascertain whether you have any security weaknesses. Please remember to call 101 if you see any suspicious activity or 999 if you see a crime in progress. Alternatively, if you have any information about crime or criminals in your area, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Outside the property:

- Make thieves feel exposed when they approach the front of your property by using low hedges or low fencing. Keep any gates shut when you're out.
- Use garden lighting to deter trespassers. If the property is well overlooked, choose lights which come on automatically at dusk and stay on all night until dawn. Low wattage bulbs can cost less than 1p per night in electricity.
- You can reinforce your boundary by using prickly plants. Use of natural plants is exempt from the Occupiers' Liability Act 1984 - because it is natural.
- Don't leave tools and ladders lying around for burglars to use. Remember to keep the shed as secure as possible. Thieves often search for tools nearby to break into properties.
- Where possible, keep bins chained up away from the main house and out of sight. Criminals often use them as climbing aids or ways to transport stolen property.
- Thieves often look for subtle changes in the environment. Open gates, empty driveway, letters left in the mailbox are all invitations to a criminal.

Inside the property:

- Keep all doors and windows locked - even if you are in the house. If you leave a room, close and lock the doors and windows.
- If you have an alarm, use it! Most alarm systems can be 'zoned', which means parts of the house can be active at night time.
- Always remove the keys from locks to stop someone breaking a small pane of glass and entering using the key. Keep keys out of sight and in a safe place.
- Leave lights on in multiple rooms. Automatic timers can switch on lights and radios. Remember that in the winter it can get dark in the early afternoon.
- Make items traceable. Mark your property with your postcode using a UV pen or consider specialist liquid forensic coded solutions. Following the above measures will make you a less attractive target for thieves. People who are security conscious are less likely to be burgled than those who are not. For more crime prevention advice visit:

www.northants.police.uk/crimeprevention

For approved security companies and products, visit Secured by Design - www.securedbydesign.com

Sold Secure - www.soldsecure.com

Security Systems Alarms Inspectors Board - www.ssaib.org

National Security Inspectorate - www.nsi.org.uk

Register your property on www.immobilise.com

Charlotte Morris

Police Community Support Officer PCSO 7029

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Northamptonshire Police

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Subject: UKRAINE - URGENT SUPPLIES APPEAL

I must thank those of you who have contributed so magnificently to my latest appeal for warm clothing and medical supplies. The items donated started their long journey to Ukraine recently.

The news today from the ground in Ukraine is that Ukraine is losing more than 600 soldiers' lives each day with many more seriously injured, including innocent civilians. Russian casualty figures are very much higher; we understand that now female, long-term gaol prisoners are being recruited to fight on the Russian front line.

Many Ukrainian hospitals, clinics etc. have been rendered unable to provide a service because of constant Russian bombardment. In the coming 3-4 weeks, Russia is expected to launch a very large attack on two or more fronts. This will increase dramatically the number of military and civilian dead and injured. Hence, the urgent appeal for medical supplies continues apace. Some serious operations are being carried out in insanitary conditions. The need for supplies grows daily.

If you, or any of your friends, family and contacts are able to contribute supplies - bandages, Tenna pads, sanitary products, disposable nappies and even soap and other cleansing products such as creams, please let me know and I will collect them from you. Sadly, we cannot collect and despatch prescription only items. Also, there is a new and urgent appeal for medical aids such as walking sticks,



This 'Thank You' has recently arrived from soldiers in the front line!!

crutches, zimmer frames, neoprene joint supports and similar items. The numbers of injured Ukrainian soldiers and civilians continues to grow and an ambulance is being prepared to be driven to Ukraine to help rescue them: the walking wounded NEED support equipment.

Again, thank you for your responses, these are very much appreciated and WILL help to save lives. As always, I am very happy to collect everything. Thank you for your support. Derek Bird, tel 01908 543226, email: derekstanleybird@hotmail.com

Towcester Book Week – 2-12th March 2023

Please join Towcester Town Mayor for Towcester's first Book Week (TBW) which kicks off with World Book Day on Thursday 2 March. TBW celebrates reading, writing, creativity, and our local library service.

TBW includes a series of interesting talks and workshops with local and best-selling authors, on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th March. This includes an interview with Dame Andrea Leadsom on her recently published book, "Snakes and Ladders", and best-selling author, Louise Jensen, who will discuss how she plots her psychological thrillers and brings her characters to life (or death!).

On Saturday 4 March at Towcester Library, there will be two illustration workshops, including Manga, for young people, being run by professional illustrator and cartoonist, Irina Richards.

The full programme of events can be found on the website: www.towcesterbookweek.co.uk

Tickets are available from Humbugs of Towcester and Towcester Library at The Forum.

Save the date! Towcester Midsummer Music Festival – 16-19 June 2023

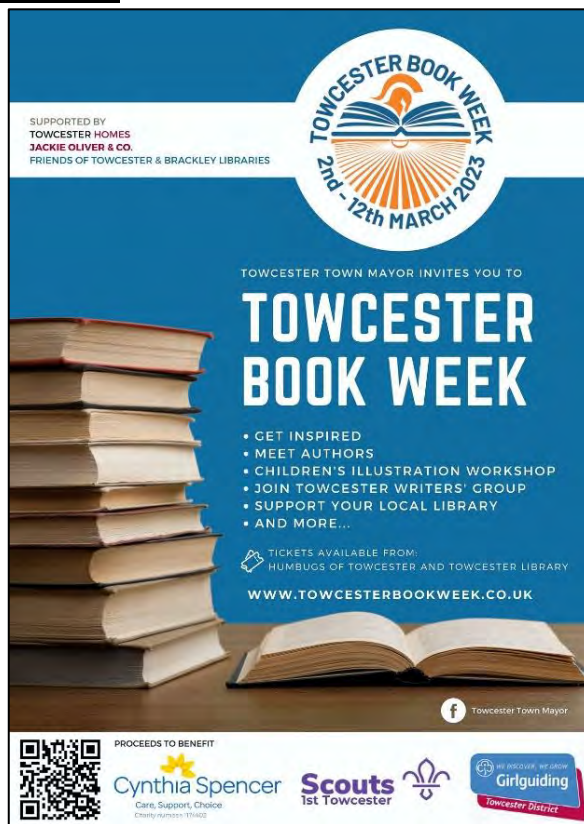
Established in 2003, this year will see the festival's 21st event take place in the heart of Towcester.

The festival, organised jointly by the Rotary Club of Towcester, Towcester and District Lions Club and Towcester Town Council, aims to showcase the musical talents of young people, community choirs and orchestras and up-and-coming bands. Local pubs also join in the festival atmosphere by putting on free rock and pop entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings. The festival climaxes with a firework display on The Watermeadows on Saturday night, best viewed from Bury Mount on Moat Lane. Sunday ends with 'Songs of Praise' hosted by Tove Benefice at St Lawrence Church.

The new website will advertise the full programme and tickets will go on sale soon for the community acts, starting from £2 per person.

Subscribe to get updates. www.towcestermidsummermusic.co.uk Towcester Midsummer Music Festival is a registered charity no.1174494

Any funds raised from these events will go to the Town Mayor's charities.



Lizzi Bucklow-Holt, Communications & Events Officer and Assistant to the Town Clerk. Towcester Town Council | Towcester Town Hall | 86 Watling Street | Towcester | Northants NN12 6BS tel: 01327 350995, www.towcester-tc.gov.uk

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.potterspury.org.uk; www.yardleygobionpc.wordpress.com

Pot Plants Needed

If you have any unwanted plant pots, we would be more than grateful to have them (all sizes), as we are currently preparing for our plant sale on 29 April and the art festival at the beginning of September. Pam and Linda (tel 07932 693726/linda@dards.net)

SNIPPETS:

Just one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.

Learn as if you will live forever, live like you will die tomorrow.

The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty.

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United Benefice Calendar for 2023

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

March

- 4 Coffee morning, Milton Malsor Church, 10.00 a m
- 4 Concert, Milton Malsor Church, 7.00 p m
- 8 Shutlanger and Stoke Bruerne Flower Club, demonstration "Inspirations of India", 7.30 p m, Roade village hall
- 9 WI meeting, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m, AGM and guest speaker
- 10 Farmers' market, Towcester, 9.00 a m – 1.00 p m
- 11 Quiz night, 7.00 p m, village hall, Shutlanger
- 14 Parish Council meeting, Stoke Bruerne
- 16 Coffee morning, Shutlanger, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon
- 16 Grafton Regis lunch club, 12.30, Grafton Regis village hall
- 18 Coffee morning, St Mary the Virgin Church, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon (raffle)
- 25 Sale for the Knight, Alderton Church, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon
- 25 Stoke Bruerne churchyard working party, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon
- 31 Coffee morning, Blisworth, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon, 7 Pondbank
- 31 Easter wreath making, 7.00 p m, village hall, Shutlanger

April

- 8 Easter egg hunt, Shutlanger, time tbc
- 13 WI meeting, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m, 'Kinky Boots'
- 22 Stoke Bruerne churchyard working party, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon
- 25 Parish Council meeting, Stoke Bruerne
- 28 Coffee morning, Blisworth, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon, 7 Pondbank
- 29 Plant sale, Alderton, time tbc

May

- 6 Coronation of the King
- 11 WI meeting, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m, Resolutions and refreshments
- 13 1,000 years in 100 minutes – walk and talk in Grafton Regis, 2.30 p m
- 20 Stoke Bruerne churchyard working party, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon
- 26 Coffee morning, Blisworth, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon, 7 Pondbank
- 27 Coffee morning, St Mary the Virgin Church, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon (plant stall)
- 30 Parish Council meeting, Stoke Bruerne

June

- 8 WI meeting, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m, Northamptonshire walks – open meeting
- 17 1,000 years in 100 minutes – walk and talk in Grafton Regis, 2.30 p m
- 24 Stoke Bruerne churchyard working party, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon
- 30 Coffee morning, Blisworth, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon, 7 Pondbank

July

- 13 WI meeting, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m, 'What Emily did'
- 18 Parish Council meeting, Stoke Bruerne
- 22 Stoke Bruerne churchyard working party, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon
- 28 Coffee morning, Blisworth, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon, 7 Pondbank

August

- 10 WI meeting, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m, local trip – watch this space
- 12 Coffee morning, St Mary the Virgin Church, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon, raffle
- 25 Coffee morning, Blisworth, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon, 7 Pondbank
- 26 Stoke Bruerne churchyard working party, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon

September

- 2/3 Alderton Art Festival
- 12 Parish Council meeting, Stoke Bruerne
- 14 WI meeting, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m, 'A taste of the Camino de Santiago'
- 23 Stoke Bruerne churchyard working party, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon
- 23 1,000 years in 100 minutes – walk and talk in Grafton Regis, 2.30 p m
- 29 Coffee morning, Blisworth, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon, 7 Pondbank

October

- 12 WI meeting, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m, 'Three in Accord Entertain'
- 27 Coffee morning, Blisworth, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon, 7 Pondbank
- 28 Stoke Bruerne churchyard working party, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon

November

- 9 WI meeting, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m, 'The Blisworth Tapestry'
- 11 Coffee morning, St Mary the Virgin Church, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon, Remembrance weekend

December

- 14 WI meeting, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m, - Christmas party

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