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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

### Introducing Graham Brack



We are pleased to announce that Graham Brack will be serving his curacy in the Grand Union Benefice after his ordination as Deacon in summer 2023.

Graham was licensed as a Reader in Truro in October 1991, and was licensed by Bishop Donald for the Diocese of Peterborough in January 2019 after Gillian and Graham sold their pharmacies in Cornwall and relocated to Yardley Gobion. Gillian and Graham have been very active in the South Cleley Benefice, particularly during the vacancy after the previous Rector left. Gillian will continue to assist primarily in South Cleley.

Graham is rather traditional in outlook and is a member of the Prayer Book Society, the Rural Theology Association and the Ecclesiastical Law Society. He has been training with the Eastern Region Ministry Course and has served placements at All Saints, Northampton and St Andrew's Hospital, Northampton.

Gillian and Graham have two children. Andrew is a librarian working in the USA, where he lives with his wife Rebecca and their daughter Miranda (aged 8), while Hannah is an NHS emergency planning manager who lives in Yardley Gobion with her husband Sam and their daughters Sophie (5) and Olivia (2).

In his spare time Graham writes crime novels and has had twelve published so far.

Richard Stainer

### 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**

### Service Schedule for May 2023

#### *Sunday 7 May, Easter 5*

9.30 a.m: Milton Malsor, Family Eucharist

11.am: Blisworth, Family Eucharist

#### *Sunday 14 May, Easter 6*

9.30 a.m: Stoke Bruerne, Family Eucharist

9.30 a.m: Milton Malsor, Family service

11.00 a.m: Blisworth, Family Eucharist

#### *Sunday 21 May, Easter 7*

9.30 a.m: Milton Malsor, Family Eucharist

11.00 a.m: Blisworth, Family service

#### *Sunday 28 May, Pentecost*

9.30 a.m: Milton Malsor, Family service

9.30 a.m: Stoke Bruerne, Family service

11.00 a.m: Blisworth, Family Eucharist

## VILLAGE NEWS



### STOKE BRUERNE

St Mary the Virgin Church for Stoke Bruerne and Shutlanger

#### Church Events in May

*Musical evening* - on Friday 19 May, St Mary the Virgin Church will be the venue for an evening of the finest quality original music. Local award-winning duo Tu-Kay and Ryan will be performing at the church and have invited other exciting singers to join them in what promises to be a very entertaining evening. Tickets are £10 each and are available from AUDIOVENDOR.COM. The doors open at 7.00 p m.

*Church Coffee Morning* - our next coffee morning will be on Saturday 27 May between 10.00 a m. and 12.00 noon. when we will be holding our popular plant stall. Liz Hargreaves would be very grateful for any contributions you can make to the stall. As the introduction of bacon rolls was so well received at the last coffee morning, we will be providing them again, as well as the usual selection of delicious cakes and beverages.

*Churchyard Tidy* - we meet again on Saturday 20 May. If you can spare some time between 9.30 a m and 12.00 noon, you would be very welcome to join us. Refreshments will be available during the morning

### SHUTLANGER AND STOKE BRUERNE (Combined)

#### Garden Party in Memory of Suzi Dimmock

A garden party in memory of Suzi Dimmock will be held on 11 June 2023 from 1.00 p m to 3.30 p m at Grange Farmhouse, Water Lane, Shutlanger; all are welcome.

We shall spread her ashes under the oak tree, in keeping with her wishes. There will be drinks and nibbles (please let me know if anyone has dietary needs by 11 May). Peter Colak



### SHUTLANGER

#### 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 20 April from 10.00 a m until 12.00 noon. This month the coffee morning was held at 15 Showsley Road again, because work is continuing replacing the roof.

We have free wi-fi and contactless payments. We serve excellent coffee and delicious homemade cakes. The bacon rolls 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. There was no service before the coffee morning.

#### *Tote Draw*

The latest draw was, as always, during the coffee morning.

The tote has raised over £3,000 towards keeping our hall as a centre for community and celebration.

It's easy to join the tote and 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.

#### *Recent Events*

The children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt around Shutlanger playing field on Easter Saturday, 8 April. Lots of treats and Easter eggs were collected by the children.

#### *Forthcoming Events*

We will celebrate the King's Coronation on Sunday 7 May from 2.00 p m with a garden party in the village hall garden. Bring your own picnic, rugs and chairs. There will be a cash bar, a bouncy castle, a toast to our new King, and we will be serving cream teas too.

The village open gardens will be held on 4 June from 10.30 a m. There will be a plant stall and local art sale. Bacon rolls, coffee, cake and ice cream will be available in the hall.

#### *Renovations*

Work has started on replacing the hall roof and clock tower. 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.

AUDIO VENDOR PRESENTS  
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TICKETS: £10 For more information & tickets visit [AUDIOVENDOR.COM](http://AUDIOVENDOR.COM) DOORS: 19:00



### 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.

Don't forget to join the tote too! Thank you for all your support.

Your help matters to us. EVERY penny counts!

Barbara Stanbridge, Secretary Shutlanger Village Hall Management Committee



### GRAFTON REGIS

#### Palm Sunday

For the second year, the Palm Sunday service was held at St. Mary's and for the second year, we followed the reading 'the Passion according to Matthew'. This reading requires audience participation with 17 speaking parts. Helen and Sorcha took the main roles of the narrator and Jesus; both did a great job, particularly as Helen was suffering from a heavy cold. A very willing congregation took on all the other roles; it really brings the power of the reading to life with everyone contributing to the story.

#### There's a Coronation, get the Bunting out

On Saturday 6 May, many of us will be glued to our televisions watching the spectacle of the Coronation of Charles III, but on the afternoon of Monday 8 May, we will be at the village hall having a party. In the next few days, we will be checking how many miles of bunting, how many flags and balloons, how many paper plates etc. we will need to purchase before all the supplies have gone. We will send out more details of the event in the next week.

#### Church Bazaar

Our spring bazaar will be held on Saturday 20 May from 2.00 p m to 4.30 p m; along with the usual mix of plants, cake stall, nearly new and craft stalls we will have a 'finds' stand. Ben, curator from ARC at Chester Farm, will be bringing along some of the finds from the dig at the Hermitage site in the 1970s.

Jean



### BLISWORTH

#### Hunsbury and Blisworth Community Choir

The choir will be performing two concerts this summer. The first at St. John's Church Blisworth at 7.00 p m on Friday, 16 June and the second is at the Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury at 7.00 p m on Saturday, 24 June.

With a full and varied programme, there will be something for everyone. Entry is free but there will be a collection in aid of local charities, so please come along for a musical treat.

#### Jubilee Scrapbook

I lent out my copy of the Jubilee scrapbook 2012 in which I contributed a few articles, but have never managed to get it back, and I can't even remember who I gave it to, it's been so long now 😞.

"Never a lender or a borrower be" is a very true statement, I guess! Maybe someone will have a copy lying around they don't want? I am happy to pay whatever to get one back as, try as I might, they seem to be like hen's teeth. I can be contacted on 07519 554116. Andy Newbery

#### Blisworth Monthly Coffee Morning & Cake Sale

Although we got off to a shaky start this year and had to cancel the February coffee, cakes and cheerful chat, the last Friday of the month has become a permanent fixture in the calendar for many people. We all enjoy a jolly chat and meeting friends old and new, whilst tasting the delicious variety of homemade cakes.

There is always a selection of gluten free and dairy free things, and some savoury items if you have had enough sweets over Easter! The marmalade is also very popular, and you have to arrive early or pre-order to make sure you get some! There is usually a selection of jams and sometimes pickles as well.

Please join us on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 a m till 12.00 noon at 7 Pond Bank**  
Everyone is very welcome as we enjoy the sunshine outside. You don't want to miss it!  
If the weather is unkind, we always have a sunny atmosphere indoors!

#### Dave & Hilary Bull



A couple of weeks ago we all enjoyed the last service in St John's with Hilary Bull playing as our resident organist, a role she has carried out with distinction for almost 30 years. Hilary and husband, Dave on clarinet, have been instrumental in leading the musical contributions in church, with help from many other musicians over the period.

Both have also been part of the Blisworth handbell group with Hilary conducting, and Dave wielding the largest of the handbells alongside other players for a number of years, playing in numerous concerts in the Benefice. We will all miss their regular Sunday service support in matters musical, as well as their great friendship and musical contributions to weddings, funerals, and other services in the church over the years.

The Bulls are moving to Somerset to enjoy the next phase of their lives but will be returning occasionally to Northamptonshire to visit family.

We all wish them both well in their new lives in the West Country and look forward to catching up with them in future.

#### Ukrainian Easter Party

Thanks to everyone who supported the Ukrainian Easter party in Blisworth on 16 April. Fine weather and delicious Ukrainian food ensured that we all had a great time. An amazing sum of £1,700 was raised to support people in the Sumy region of Eastern Ukraine. More detail next month!

Hilary Spurrier



## ALDERTON

Church Cleaning Rota

May

Ruth Barry and Jacqui Vaughan

Churchyard Rota

May, first half

Hempenstall family

May, second half

Brian and Maureen Patton

Dawn Service for Easter

The service at dawn on Easter Sunday was once again a magical event; we were up in the churchyard by 5.00 a.m. to light the firepit and start preparing for the service to the sound of owls hooting. Very shortly after, the birds were singing. A good congregation watched as the Paschal candles were lit and the first part of the service took place in the churchyard; we were incredibly lucky that the weather was calm, still and relatively warm.

The second half of the service took place inside and this was followed by rolls filled with bacon and sausage with mushrooms, followed by croissants and jam, washed down with tea and coffee. It was so lovely to see so many people at the service. Margaret and Linda

Plant Sale

Our plant sale will be held on Saturday 29 April from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. in the churchyard. As well as a nice variety of plants, there will be a stall of wonderful bits and bobs that you have always wanted, cakes, Doris's homemade soup with bread, Anna's pizzas, which will be available all morning as well as tea and coffee. We really hope you can come and join us. Everything will be at very reasonable prices, as usual, and the proceeds go to our church. If you have any spare plants that you have grown or have divided up, we would be very grateful for them. We really look forward to seeing you. Alderton PCC

Coronation Meal

We will be holding a meal to celebrate the Coronation on Sunday 7 May from 3.30 p.m. onwards for residents and friends of Alderton. There will be a glass of bubbly to welcome you at 3.30 p.m., and at around 4.00 p.m. a three-course meal will be served. We ask that you bring your own crockery, cutlery and glassware (bowls for soup and dessert as well as a plate for the main course) and also any liquid refreshment that you will need. That way, we are not left with a load of washing up at the end of the evening. If you haven't done so already, please let us know if you will be coming – for catering purposes. We are asking for a donation for the meal – proceeds to the much-needed toilet and servery project.

Alderton PCC

Knight Report April 16, 2023

Our last Knight sale on 25 March was a lovely social event. Visitors who were unable to come to the February sale arrived and new visitors who had never visited us before came, which was really nice. Coffee flowed and cake flew off the table, as did some of the jewellery and 'desirable' objects. The atmosphere was warm and friendly and visitors stayed after they had made their purchases to chat with each other and us. We took the grand total of £363.10 towards the fund for the relocation of the Knight. I had previously sold some scrap gold that had come in with the jewellery and because gold prices are so high, this brought us another £150, bringing our total currently in the fund up to £13,732.53.

We are still waiting at this time for movement from the DAC to allow a faculty to be applied for from the Chancellor. Hope, however, is on the horizon as finally, after a wait of 5 months, the church architects have visited the proposed new site for the Knight's tomb chest in the chancel and a new set of plans has been sent to the meeting of the DAC which was held on Tuesday 18 April 2023. The DAC has already agreed that the Knight should be moved to the north side of the chancel and wood from the choir stall that currently resides there would be reused to make panelling along the wall at the back of the tomb chest, offering both protection and presentation.

We still have to find additional funds to pay for the new stone floor to go under the chest and this will cost in the region of £2,500, as we need to pay a mason to install the floor and aggregates and repurposed stone to complete it. We also have an additional bill from the church architects for £1,700 to pay for a new set of plans. Hugh Harrison Conservation has already sent plans and images of the proposed tomb chest but the DAC has requested that the church architects draw additional plans. There are no changes in the design.

Let us hope that the next report will bring major movement and a new beginning for Sir William!

Linda & Margaret

A Swarm of Bees

I was weeding my front garden recently when Graham Welch commented on the large number of flying insects that were around. Within seconds, the numbers dramatically increased and he realised that the insects were bees. I moved away from the area and within 15 minutes, noticed that a swarm had formed on our laurel bush – thousands of them! I looked on the internet and phoned a local beekeeper, Rachel Wilson from Stony Stratford, who drove up to Alderton almost immediately and trussed up in her bee suit.



She had a special box with her with some honeycomb in it which she placed near to the laurel bush; she then snipped the branch which the bees were on off and gently placed it into the box, hoping that the queen bee was amongst those that went into the box. She left the box in situ for 4 hours or so and then returned, by which time virtually all the bees had followed their queen into the box – the queen obviously was in there. Rachel had a smoker which she used to mask the pheromones in the laurel bush



so that the bees would go into the box. It was absolutely fascinating to watch the process.

Rachel tells us that there is a bee-related show in Stony Stratford on 24 September in York House and as well as being able to see some bees, there will be candles and other bee-related items for sale. It will be an opportunity to see bees up close in a safe environment and to learn about bee keeping and how to look after them. Entry is free.

Linda Dards

Welcome to the Village

We would like to say a big welcome to Jo and Sarah, who have come to live in The Round House. We look forward in getting to know them both and hope they will be very happy in our lovely village. LD

### Defibrillator

This is a reminder to residents, and to inform new residents, that the village defibrillator has recently been serviced and is once again sited in one of the open garages of The Old Barn in Alderton. For the time being, the defibrillator is in an accessible site and in an emergency could save someone's life. Clear instructions on use are printed on the defibrillator.

### Professor David Vaughan OBE

A number of villagers were privileged to be able to attend the memorial service for the late David Vaughan in Churchill College, Cambridge on 20 April; David was clearly extremely well thought of both in his professional life and his private life. It was very touching that Havoc, Jacque and David's dog, welcomed everybody to the event, and then sat quietly with Jacque throughout the afternoon.

### Easyfundraising

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for St. Margaret's Church, Alderton with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 7,400 brands will donate to us when you use Easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up and share today.

Copy this link to gain access to the St. Margaret fund raising account:-

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmargaretsalderton/?invite=1FS5LG%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm\\_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm\\_content=srt](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmargaretsalderton/?invite=1FS5LG%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt)

For those of you that have regular deliveries from grocery stores, Tesco, Morrisons, Waitrose, Sainsbury's and Aldi you can simply search for the company and open up your normal account and add it to your favourites.

Other companies that are in the scheme: Amazon, M&S, Argos, John Lewis, H&M, Boots, Asos, Ebay, Booking.com, TUI, Currys, Admiral, Direct Line, Screwfix and many more. Brian Patton



### MILTON MALSOR

#### Milton Parochial Primary School

The children recently enjoyed a pyjama day at school in exchange for a donation of long life food, in aid of Comic Relief. This option was voted for by the pupil representatives of our School Council, which we thought was a lovely idea, and the local food bank was delighted to receive the generous donations as pictured



To celebrate science week at the end of March, the children were invited to take part in a science themed poster competition, exploring the topic of 'connections'. We were so pleased with the standard of entries with a wide variety of themes involving connections. This made it very difficult to shortlist the entries to progress to the next round; a great effort by all children who took part and a big thank you to our families for supporting their learning at home.

We really enjoyed our Easter Service at the beautiful Holy Cross Church. Each class delivered their presentations really well and the singing was a delight to listen to. Thank you to Canon Rev. Richard Stainer for having us and to our families who were able to join us.

Fresh from our Easter break, we're excited to explore our new topics for each class.

Together with the imminent King's Coronation celebrations and our annual May Day tradition of maypole dancing and celebrations with families, we have lots to look forward to this month!

The Friends of Milton School (FOMS) were delighted with the turnout for their Easter egg hunt and the children seemed equally thrilled with their treats, which included Cadburys Easter eggs, kindly donated to them through FOMS. The little smiles make it so worthwhile.

### Milton and Collingtree WI

Milton and Collingtree WI will meet on Thursday 11 May in Milton village hall when we will vote on this year's Resolution and also welcome Belinda Brown to tell the story of Stonyfield Vineyard. Visitors are always welcome.

### GENERAL NEWS

#### Yardley Gobion Garage Sale, Saturday 13 May 10.00 a m to 1.30 p m

Up to 40 driveways and the village hall be will open (One man's junk is another man's treasure)

Maps, tea and coffee, bacon butties, at St. Leonard's Church. Proceeds to the Church.

#### Advance Notice – Honey Show in Stony Stratford

The honey show is run by NBBKA (North Bucks Beekeeping Association). It will be on 24 September, a Sunday.

This year we will be at York House in Stony Stratford.

It will be free for the public to attend; judging will start from 10.30 a m and public entry will be from 1.00 p m.

It will be an open show so people from other beekeeping associations are welcome to enter. More information in due course.

<https://www.nbbka.org/>



### News from The Old Mail

For events and happenings in the nearby villages: Cosgrove, Potterspurty and Yardley Gobion, see the newsletter, The Old Mail, which is available online at various websites: [www.cosgrovevillage.co.uk](http://www.cosgrovevillage.co.uk); [www.potterspurty.org.uk](http://www.potterspurty.org.uk); [www.yardleygobionpc.wordpress.com](http://www.yardleygobionpc.wordpress.com)

### A Midsummer Night's Dream

'Love looks not with the eyes but with the mind'. says Helena, suspecting Demetrius has been swayed by Hermia's beauty. Whether this is true or not is another matter! But Leighton Buzzard Drama Group is delighted to have director, Sue Sachon, bring it all to life in what she describes as a 'joyful' production 'essentially about love and hope'.

You can fall under its romantic, hilarious and magical spell at Leighton Buzzard Library Theatre on 29, 30 June and 1 July 2023, at 7.45 p m.

Tickets £15, (concessions £13), including booking fee. See poster on page 7. Ben, who played Algernon in last year's 'The Importance of Being Earnest' in Alderton is playing Bottom. Buy tickets here: [https://bit.ly/LBDG\\_Midsummer](https://bit.ly/LBDG_Midsummer)

# Police Drop In Surgeries

Come and speak to Officer/s from Towcester Neighbourhood Policing Team

**Beat Bus:** A mobile Police station where you can approach the local Policing team for info, chat about any concerns and pick up crime prevention advice.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
 10:00-12:00 Towcester – Forum  
 13:30- 15:00 Towcester - Islington Rd  
 15:30 –16:30 Roade- outside the library

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June**  
 10:00-12:00 Stoke Bruerne – Canal carpark  
 13:30- 15:00 Tiffield – The Reading Room  
 15:30 –16:30 Roade- Village Hall

Opportunity to meet members of the local policing team for your area and discuss any local issues and to find out about work the team are involved in.

Towcester Team Email: [NT-SouthNorthantsTowcester@northants.police.uk](mailto:NT-SouthNorthantsTowcester@northants.police.uk)

**Facebook:** Daventry and South Northants Neighbourhood Policing Team

**Twitter:** @SthNorthantsNPT

**Neighbourhood Alert** register at [www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk](http://www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk)

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11 <sup>th</sup> May 14pm-16pm Towcester Forum	8 <sup>th</sup> June 10am-12pm Towcester Forum
12 <sup>th</sup> May 14pm-16pm Roade Library	9 <sup>th</sup> June 14pm-16pm Roade Library

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 For non emergencies call **101**



[www.northants.police.uk](http://www.northants.police.uk)



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Northamptonshire NN12 6DE

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Your Neighbourhood team is made of a Sergeant, Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers.

The below officers are your point of contact for the area of... **TOWCESTER, ROADE, STOKE BRUERNE, SHUTLANGER, HULCOTE, SHOWSLEY, CALDECOTE, TIFFIELD, EASTON NESTON AND WOOD BURCOTE**



SGT GREG TAYLOR PC JOSH ELLARD PC JIM KING PCSO CHARLOTTE MORRIS PCSO NICOLE DEGG MORRIS

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

Reporting an issue or crime to the Police can be made in a number of ways. This includes ringing 101 or online. Northants Police's new website also offers a reporting system.

Your Neighbourhood Team is based within the Community at Towcester and are often the first port of call for an emergency as the closest Police resource. The teams also have a wealth of other responsibilities in respect of safeguarding vulnerable people, working with educational establishments, crime investigation and intelligence gathering. PCSO have become known in local schools in order to efficiently capture the ear of 1000's of primary age children within South Northants. We can deliver a huge range of key messages and safety presentations. These include drugs & county lines, knife crime, road safety, online safety, Crime Stoppers and Fearless.

**Useful Links**

Northamptonshire Police Website: <http://www.northants.police.uk/>



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## R. Wilson Garden & Tree Maintenance

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

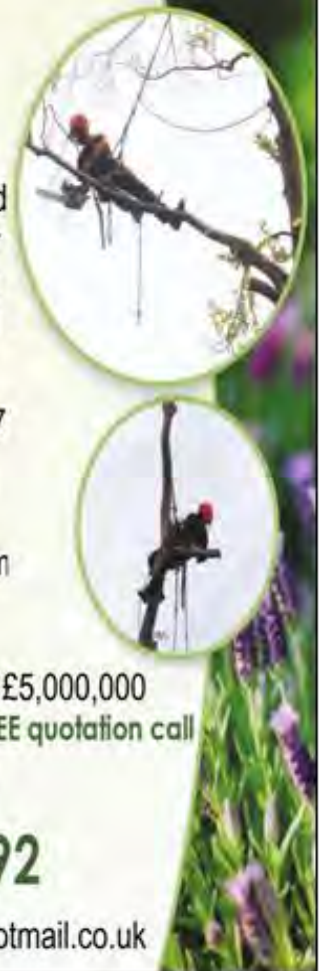
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**A**  
**MIDSUMMER**  
**NIGHT'S**  
**DREAM**

BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE  
DIRECTED BY SUE SACHON

June 29, 30 and July 1  
Leighton Buzzard  
Library Theatre

### SNIPPETS:

*Don't wait for things to get better. Life will always be complicated. Learn to be happy right now otherwise you'll run out of time.*

*Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.*

## United Benefice Calendar for 2023

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

29 Plant sale, Alderton, 10.00 a m to 2.00 p m

### May

6 Coronation of the King  
7 Garden party, Shutlanger village hall, 2.00 p m  
7 Coronation party, Alderton, 3.30 p m, churchyard  
8 Coronation party, Grafton Regis  
10 Police drop-in surgeries, Towcester and Roade  
11 WI meeting, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m, Resolutions and refreshments  
11 Milton Malsor & Collingtree WI meeting, Milton Malsor village hall  
12 Farmers' Market, Towcester, 9.00 a m – 1.00 p m  
13 Yardley Gobion garage sale, 10.00 a m – 1.30 p m  
13 1,000 years in 100 minutes – walk and talk in Grafton Regis, 2.30 p m  
18 Coffee morning, Shutlanger, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon  
19 Concert, St Mary the Virgin Church, Stoke Bruerne, 7.00 p m  
20 Stoke Bruerne churchyard working party, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon  
20 Spring bazaar, Grafton Regis, 2.00 p m to 4.00 p m  
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

4 Open gardens, Shutlanger, 10.30 a m  
7 Police drop-in surgeries, Stoke Bruerne, Tiffield & Roade  
8 WI meeting, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m, Northamptonshire walks – open meeting  
11 Garden party in memory of Suzi Dimmock, Shutlanger, 11.00 a m – 3.30 p m  
16 Hunsbury & Blisworth Community Choir concert, St John's Church, Blisworth, 7.00 p m  
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  
24 Hunsbury & Blisworth Community Choir concert, Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury, 7.00 p m  
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, 'Women in the 'R.N.L.I.'  
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  
24 Honey show, York House, Stony Stratford, 1.00 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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