

# 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

*Matthew 28:18-20: Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.'*

On 20 July, we celebrated the feast of Saint Margaret of Antioch, the patron saint of Alderton church. She was born in 289 and died in 304; very little is known about her life. Her mother died soon after she was born, and she was nursed by a Christian woman in her early years. Her father was a pagan priest. When she converted to Christianity, her father disowned her. We are told that she was a beautiful girl who, around the age of 15, caught the eye of Governor Olybrius, who asked her to marry him, but in doing so, she would have to renounce her belief in Christ. When she refused to do this, she was thrown into prison, where she encountered a dragon (devil) that swallowed her alive while she was holding the cross of Christ in her hand; this irritated the dragon's throat, making him let go of her. Margaret still went through many trials but stuck very closely with her faith in Christ; no matter what was thrown at her, she never once doubted him; in the end, out of frustration, they murdered her at the age of 15.

In this country, it is doubtful that we would experience the opposition that confronted Saint Margaret; this is not the case with many Christians in other countries who are persecuted, imprisoned, and tortured because of their faith. We might receive unsavoury comments from our family or friends, or at most, we may be mocked occasionally. Maybe because of the society in which we live, we become complacent and take our faith-beliefs for granted.

I have come across people who describe themselves as spiritual; some seem to have a mental block when it comes to Christianity, with ideas they have from the past about the Church or its teachings. Once unpacked, these have nothing to do with the actual teachings of Jesus.

When I visit the two church schools within the benefice, sitting beside young children and listening to them is a pleasure as they talk about their faith and belief in Jesus. It is so simple, it is not complicated for them; they're not caught up in the creeds or politics of the Church or society, but just a relationship with Jesus. This is the same way Margaret would have experienced her Christian faith in a relationship with Jesus. When we become adults, we put barriers in our way that can make our faith and teachings of Jesus too difficult, so we stop trying, and our lives are poorer for it.

Last month, I mentioned that we are running a course in September for people who would like to come along and explore their spirituality by looking at the teachings of Jesus which are not wrapped up in any dogma but just His teaching in Mark's gospel. I would like to encourage you to consider joining us for eight weeks on Wednesday evenings. Light refreshments will be provided. Each session is just 90 minutes long, where you can explore who Jesus is to you.

Richard

### Useful Telephone Numbers for the United Benefice of Blisworth and Stoke Bruerne with Grafton Regis, Alderton and Milton Malsor

**Rector:** Canon Rev'd Richard Stainer, The Rectory, 37 High Street, Blisworth NN7 3BJ, tel 01604 857619.

**Churchwardens of Blisworth:** Mrs Fiona McKenzie, tel 01604 859541 and Mrs Angela Cheesbrough, tel 01604 858059.

**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 August 2023

#### Sunday 6 August, Trinity 9

9.30 a m: Milton Malsor, Family Eucharist

11.00 a m: Blisworth, Family Eucharist

#### Sunday 13 August, Trinity 10

9.30 a m: Stoke Bruerne, Family Eucharist

9.30 a m: Milton Malsor, Family service

11.00 a m: Blisworth, Family Eucharist

#### Thursday 17 August

9.30 a m: Shutlanger, Morning prayer

#### Sunday 20 August, Trinity 11

9.30 a m: Milton Malsor, Family Eucharist

11.00 a m: Blisworth, Family service

2.30 p m: Alderton, St Filbert and Harvest Festival, followed by meal

#### Sunday 27 August, Trinity 12

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

#### The Stoke Bruerne Village Clock

The Stoke Bruerne village clock, which is housed in the church of St Mary the Virgin in Stoke Bruerne is the responsibility of the Parish Council (not to be confused with the Parochial Church Council). For quite some time now, the clock has not worked and the Parish Council has not been very happy with the company who has been looking after it since it was electrified in 1999/2000 under the auspices of the late Roy Sears.

Your Parish Council had budgeted for a new speed indicator device (SID) for Rookery Lane, which was kindly sponsored by SEGRO who own the new buildings at Junction 5 of the M1. The Parish Council decided to obtain a quote from Smith of Derby who are the 'gold standard' of church and village clocks and have a strong association with the village through Richard Cox and his family.

Richard came and looked at the clock in January, following which Smith of Derby provided a quotation which was almost identical to the cost of the SID which SEGRO had kindly sponsored so it was unanimously agreed to allocate that money to repairing the village clock in the church.

The planning process we had to go through to obtain a Church of England faculty to repair the clock has to be experienced to be believed - it's taken 6 months. The good news is that the old electrical works have now gone to Derby and the electricians are scheduled to alter the electrics to fit on 24 July. Shortly after that we expect Smith of Derby to commission the new clock.

Is that the end of it? No, there is more, and expensive work that we should consider but, in the meantime, we will wait for other work that needs be undertaken on the church and will work with the Parochial Church Council.

Kathryn Dodington

#### Fundraising Event

In the advert, the details of the event are key, but also the QR code and go fund me page address at the bottom so, even if people can't/don't want to come on the day, they can donate. Also, we're seeing if anyone has anything they wish to donate for the raffle (please feel free to use my email [b.a.wilcox@hotmail.com](mailto:b.a.wilcox@hotmail.com) if people want to get in contact). The details are:

Saturday 26 August at 4.00 p m (raffle at 5.00 p m)  
Tickets available from collection from 1.00 p m at The Navigation, £1 for 1 ticket  
Show proof of donation on the day and receive your ticket at The Navigation (look out for the maroon beret!)

Prizes include:

- £30 off at Spice of Bruerne Indian Restaurant
- Free family trip on Boat Trips Aboard Charlie
- £50 voucher for The Navigation
- 1 adult and 1 child free admission to Rookery Open Farm (use before 29 October 2023)

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

Coffee morning: our summer coffee morning will be held in church on Saturday 12 August from 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon. There will be a raffle on this occasion. We look forward to welcoming you.

Working party: Saturday 26 August is the date for the next working party in the churchyard. We would be grateful for any time you can spare between 9.30 a m and 12.00 noon. Refreshments will be available during the morning.

#### Summer Fair

There will be a summer fair in Stoke Bruerne village hall on Saturday 19 August from 1.00 p m. There will be refreshments, raffle, spinning jenny, tombola, some craft tables etc.

This is in aid of Stoke Bruerne village hall.

If you need a table to sell from, we charge just £5.

Please phone Judy on 01604 862825 or Pam on 01604 864275.



Donate and buy  
raffle tickets  
here!

13 days. 3 kayaks. 350 miles.  
Manchester to London. Coming to  
Stoke Bruerne on 26 Aug 23. Come,  
show your support and meet the  
team!



## FUNDRAISING EVENT

AT THE NAVIGATION, SAT 26 AUG 23  
STOKE BRUERNE

LIVE MUSIC BY LIQUID COOLED 4-7PM

RAFFLE DRAW 5PM

Ed Mackenzie, following 24 years in the Army, is determined to erect a memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum to remember his fellow brothers and sisters lost to suicide after they have finished their service for their country. No such tribute exists. We want to raise further awareness of the struggle of veterans suffering from mental health issues.

A special thank you to our raffle prize sponsors:

NAVIGATION AT STOKE BRUERNE

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**CHARLIE**  
Stoke Bruerne Boat Company Ltd.

Rookery  
Open Farm  
Stoke Bruerne

Spice of  
Bruerne

<https://www.elysiummemorial.co.uk>

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/b-wilcox-1689496331004>

Charity Number: 1195307



## SHUTLANGER

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 July from 10.00 a m until 12.00 noon. The coffee morning was preceded by a short prayer service. The next coffee morning will be on Thursday 17 August. 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.

### Tote Draw

The latest draw was, as always, during the coffee morning. Congratulations to this month's winner. The tote has raised over £3,500 towards keeping our hall as a centre for community and celebration. Thank you. It's easy to join the tote, it costs just £5 a month; half the money goes to help the village hall and the other half to one lucky prize winner. The odds are much better than the national lottery! There are application forms in the hall; you can call 01327 640547 or email [secretary@shutlangervillagehall.org.uk](mailto:secretary@shutlangervillagehall.org.uk) - any of these make it easy for you to join our ever-growing band of supporters.

### Plant and Crop Swap

The plant swap is up and running again after the success of the plant stall at the open gardens. There are lots of spare pots now - please feel free to help yourself to some. More plants are arriving regularly; either swap a plant or leave a donation if something catches your eye.

### Recent Events



A village quiz was held on Saturday 15 July. Seven teams took part; we enjoyed chilli with jacket potatoes or rice and all the usual accompaniments. The winning team was awarded with six bottles of wine and the hall profited by nearly £500!

The hall is a great place to book for all your family occasions; the details are easily found on our website: [www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk](http://www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk)

### Forthcoming Events:

Saturday 16 September will see the village hall hosting its second annual dog show. Save the date!

### 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

### Grafton Regis Historical Walk Features Overseas Visitors

On the afternoon of Wednesday 12 July, the ranks of Grafton actors were swelled by visitors Mike, Alice and Stephanie from the United States. We don't normally put on walks midweek because many of our regular performers are at work or at school. Wednesday's event was at the request of a group from Northampton U3A, who provided an enthusiastic audience.

Our American visitors played characters with a major role in Grafton's history - Stephanie as Elizabeth Woodville, Alice as Anne Boleyn, and Mike as Ludovic Stuart, Earl of Lennox, a Jacobean tenant of Grafton House whose own tenants were moved from Scotland to Ireland in the Plantation movement. Kathy Harry led the walk as usual, and it was good to see Geoff Pucci as the argumentative French-speaking Abbot of Grestain, Debbie Colvill as Elizabeth of York, mother of Henry VIII who was played by Charlie Reece, Samantha Howkins as Katharine Parr, Kathy Finnegan as the Victorian rector's daughter Isabella Sams, and Jean Glanville as Ada Brayfield, the schoolmistress. It didn't rain and the cakes were excellent!



The final Grafton walk of 2023 takes place on Saturday 23 September. There are just a few places remaining. For booking details see our website at [www.grafton-regis.co.uk](http://www.grafton-regis.co.uk).



## **BLISWORTH**

### **Hunsbury & Blisworth Choir**

Hunsbury and Blisworth Community Choir will be meeting after the summer break on Monday, 4 September at 7.30 p m at the Abbey Centre chapel to practise for the Christmas concerts.

We particularly need more basses and altos. No auditions, just come along if you love a good sing.

### **Blisworth Monthly Coffee Mornings**

Our Friday coffee mornings continue to be a success with lots of lively chat. There is always a good selection of sweet and savoury goodies with gluten free and a few vegan options as well as marmalade, jams and pickles. At this time of year, there is often produce that people have grown surplus to requirement.

We have lots of help setting up and clearing away and we are very grateful to our wonderful neighbours who help and also who allow us to use their gardens and drives for more convenient parking.

June was colder than we would have liked with a strong breeze, but it stayed dry, so we were thankful. The next coffee morning will be on Friday 28 July, and all are most welcome. 7 Pond Bank 10.00 a m until 12.00 noon.

### **Blisworth Garage Sale**

Note for your diary – Saturday 2 September, 10.00 a m to 4.00 p m – Blisworth Garage Sale. Over 30 houses taking part. Maps will be available on the day.

### **Open Garden/Garden Party**

A huge thank you to all who supported the open garden/garden party in aid of Ukraine on Saturday 15 July. Despite frequent heavy showers it was a very sociable event with everyone enjoying the amazing food which Alina, Olena and Hilary had prepared. Alina and Olena made it all look beautiful as well as tasty!

Ihor manned the BBQ and there was also a plant stall full of an array of good value and vigorous plants. A display of photos showing Trostyanets, Ihor, Alina and Olena's hometown, before, during and after occupation by Russia, served as a poignant reminder of the impact of war across Ukraine.

Just over £1,000 was raised to help Ukraine and particularly Trostyanets.

Hilary Spurrier



## **ALDERTON**

### **Church Cleaning Rota**

### **Churchyard Rota**

August

August – first half

August - second half

Mel Gavan and Maureen Patton

Martyn Mann

Graham Welch (Doris)

### **Alderton Art Festival – 2 and 3 September 2023**

The 46th annual Alderton Art Festival takes place on Saturday and Sunday, 2 and 3 September. Proceeds go to Saint Margaret's Church.

Inside Saint Margaret's Church there will be an exhibition and sale of over 200 paintings by more than 25 local artists, plus many more unframed original paintings and prints. Following on from last year's success, there will be a people's choice award for the favourite picture. Admission £1.

Outside there will be live entertainment, craft stalls, grand raffle, home produce, plant stall, and many other attractions. There is an all-day barbecue and excellent refreshments including home-made cakes and draught beer from the famous Towcester Mill Brewery.

Opening times: Saturday 10.30 a m to 5.00 p m, and Sunday 10.30 a m to 4.00 p m. Free parking.

Visit [www.aldertonartfestival.co.uk](http://www.aldertonartfestival.co.uk) or follow Alderton Art Festival on Facebook or Twitter (@AldertonArt).

Artists, crafters and stallholders: some places are still available. The Art Festival welcomes advertisers and sponsors for both the catalogue and website. If you wish to sponsor, advertise, or book a stall, contact Henny Cameron email [henny.cameron@outlook.com](mailto:henny.cameron@outlook.com).

### Update on the Knight

We are still waiting for the papers that allow us to ask the Chancellor for a faculty to complete the knight project in St. Margaret's Church. The DAC gave us permission to go to the final stages of this journey at a DAC meeting on 25 April. Adrian Ringrose, architect and DAC member, gave us this news the next day. The DAC secretary told us formally of this permission a month later and we are still waiting for the papers that we have to fill in to arrive. It is now almost the end of July. We are getting increasingly frustrated, as we desperately need to get on to the toilet and servery project.

We are still fundraising as the constant delays keep increasing the costs of everything. We have paid the architect for our second set of plans as required by the DAC. This means that we are back to the basic amount that we have saved to pay Hugh Harrison for the knight's tomb chest. We still have to find the funds to pay our mason to lay a new floor under the new tomb chest. Neill Taylor and Cuttle Mill have very kindly said that they will cover the cost of the York stone and aggregates needed for this job. Our fund currently sits at £12,988.

Our next knight sale will be in the church on 26 August with its usual offer of lovely edibles and beautiful items. We will also be part of the Art Festival with even more lovely things to offer. Thank you all for your support so far. We really are nearing the end of this journey but it is an agonizingly slow one. Please keep faith with us – we will get there! Linda and Margaret

### St Margaret's Day Service, 20 July 2023

34 people attended the St. Margaret's Day service in St. Margaret's Church, Alderton on Thursday 20 July at 6.00 p.m. Although St. Margaret was, in the medieval mind, the Patron Saint of childbirth, the theme of this service was based on our relationship with the living creatures with whom we share the planet and the 'health' this relationship gives us.

Cannon Richard Stainer took the service and David Wortley read from Genesis, the story of the Creation. This was followed by music and contributions from 5 brave villagers.

Although the Creation story says that God created everything for the benefit of human kind, the feeling that emerged from the deeply personal stories was one of mutual benefit and certainly one that we have to think about now in this time of climate change and global awareness.

The stories began with music in the form of the Saint-Saens vivid musical description of a cockerel and hens from his 'Carnival of the Animals'. Carol Weston who spoke about her chickens then followed this delightful piece of music. What emerged was a lovely humorous picture of a relationship between Carol, the protector and feeder, and several individual feathery characters who were determined to live life and hide eggs in their own way. The relationship obviously offered a range of feelings on Carol's part from frustration, through laughter, and love, all accompanied by eggs!

Lulu followed, disadvantaged by husband Richard, farmer and hunter, who was going to speak about his relationship with the animals both in his care and those he hunted. However, he backed out at the last minute and went fishing. Lulu spoke about her relationship with the dogs that she inherited when she married Richard. They were his dogs and although she looked after them, she didn't really bond with them. However, after a close bereavement during the pandemic she chose to walk the local equivalent of the 500-mile Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage over a period of weeks, taking the dogs with her. This decision became a major turning point for her and now one of them, a fully-grown black Labrador, insists on sitting on her lap. Love!

Daryl followed with delightful stories of featherless chickens rescued by her and Bob when their two boys were young, leading to a menagerie of disadvantaged animals and the production of a very accomplished young vet and his brother who is keeping up the collecting tradition.

Jacqui and wonderful Havoc, her beautiful and incredibly loving Lurcher, followed. Havoc, who is very much a villager, checks on everyone and has an eternal smile on her lovely face; her only sin is to polish off the occasional pot of cat food that has been carelessly left out. Jacqui spoke very movingly about her close friendship with this wonderful dog who has been by her side through recent, very close bereavement, and is always there for her.

Lastly there were no words but music, offered by Sarah who, with Jo, has moved recently into The Round House. Sarah played Saint-Saens' 'The Swan' on her cello. This beautiful piece of music transfixed everyone. A piece of artistry inspired by, in this case, a bird, took everyone to a place that sometimes words won't go. What a gift the relationship between us all has given.



# ALDERTON ART FESTIVAL

St Margaret's Church, Alderton NN12 7LP

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



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**2nd and 3rd September 2023**  
[www.aldertonartfestival.co.uk](http://www.aldertonartfestival.co.uk)

Photo: James Hudd Photography

The social event that followed, with bubbles and nibbles, as advertised, was electric. Lots of people stayed on after the service, and Sarah played again for us. Linda and I finally locked up the church at about 10.30 p m! A wonderful service, full of warmth, love and laughter. Half of the collection has been sent to the Milton Keynes branch of the RSPCA. Margaret

### Harvest Festival and St. Filbert

Our Harvest Festival service will now take place on Sunday 20 August at 2.30 p m and will be followed by a Harvest meal. We hope to incorporate some filbert nuts (hazelnuts) in the meal somehow. More details will be published in due course once final arrangements have been made. The meal will be in a tent in the churchyard. Everyone is welcome; if you are planning to join us, it would be great if you could let us know so we know how many we are catering for. What we can be certain of is that the food will be plentiful and delicious. Margaret and Linda



### MILTON MALSOR

Please note that there will be no coffee morning or Monday Club in August at Milton Malsor. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 2 September and Monday club starts again in Milton church on Monday 4 September.

### Friends of Milton School

Back to back SIAMS and Ofsted inspections have left us feeling extremely happy and proud of our pupils, staff and learning environment at Milton Parochial Primary School. Our SIAMS report gave us a grading of 'good' and complimented us on our implementation and demonstration of key values, the community feel and support system and our nurturing environment. We are eagerly awaiting our official Ofsted report, but have been very pleased with the feedback received to date.

The rain stayed away for sports day, which allowed our families to enjoy another opportunity to watch the children and to join in with the parent races too!

Our year 5s and 6s have put on a spectacular end of year production of Matilda, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We are beyond proud of their performances.

To round off the school year, the pupils have enjoyed exploring Irchester Country Park and taking part in activities appropriate for their age and curriculum, with ice lollies to celebrate the end of summer term.

The Friends of Milton School were pleased to have been able to fund the whole school trip and ice lollies. Having raised more than £8,000 this year through fundraising events, generous donations and community support, we're also delighted to show you our brand new outdoor classroom funded by FOMS, which both the pupils and staff are over the moon with! A big thank you to everyone for your continued support and we wish you all an enjoyable summer.



## GENERAL NEWS

### 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](http://www.northants.police.uk/crimeprevention)

For approved security companies and products, visit Secured by Design - [www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com)

Sold Secure - [www.soldsecure.com](http://www.soldsecure.com)

Security Systems Alarms Inspectors Board - [www.ssaib.org](http://www.ssaib.org)

National Security Inspectorate - [www.nsi.org.uk](http://www.nsi.org.uk)

Register your property on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

**Charlotte Morris**  
**Police Community Support Officer PCSO 7029**

Neighbourhood Policing Team – Towcester

Northamptonshire Police

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(03000 111222 if outside Northamptonshire)

Mobile: 07557776333

Address: Towcester Police Station Watling Street Towcester

Northamptonshire NN12 6DE



### **Silverstone Weekend and The Towcester and Roade Community Larders**

At the beginning of July, 480,000 people, a sell-out crowd, descended on Silverstone Circuit for the F1 Amaco British Grand Prix. Inevitably, when catering for such large numbers, there will be food surplus. But rather than it go to waste, our volunteer teams from Towcester and Roade Community Larders work closely with the sustainability and catering teams at the circuit to save as much as possible.

This year, just over 11.2 tonnes (this is approximately 11 transit vans FULL of food) was rescued and distributed by over 40 volunteers from the Larders. Several pop up sessions, open to the entire community, were held throughout the week and over 650 people attended.

With many people struggling at the moment it was great to get some fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs, bread and other delicious food that would have otherwise gone to waste, distributed.

A massive thank you to all the volunteers at Towcester and Roade for making this happen and for their tireless efforts every week working at the Larders. For more information about the SNVB Community Larders, please see [www.towfood.org.uk](http://www.towfood.org.uk).

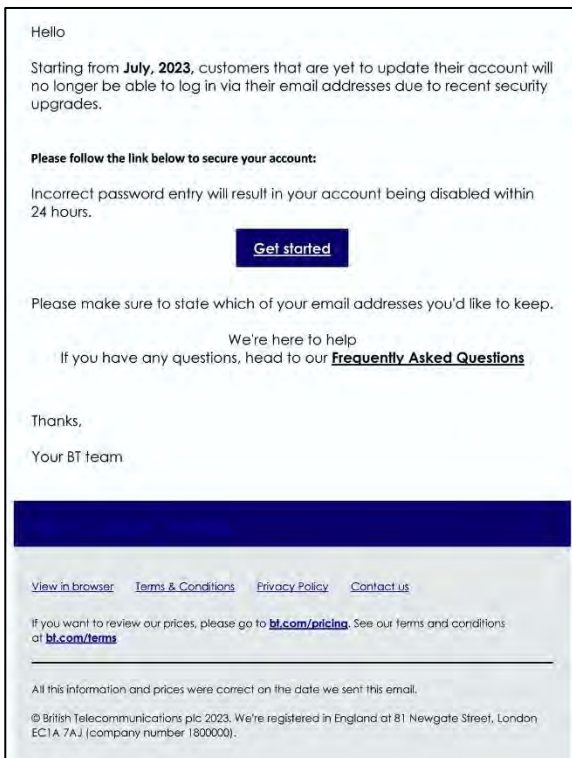
Katie Steele (Towcester Larder Coordinator)



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

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

### **Beware of Spoof Emails Appearing to Come from BT. It is Easy to Fall for it.**



Have you received an email from BT recently with regard to improvements in security?

It could be a scam for the villains to get hold of your personal details like logon email addresses and passwords, so beware.

There has been an increase in the example email to the left which appears to be genuine until you put your mouse pointer on the “Get started” link which reveals where the link will take you to. In this case it is [https://express.adobe.com/page/74mk\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*Z/](https://express.adobe.com/page/74mk*****Z/). This website has nothing to do with BT and is being used by villains. I have replaced some of the characters with “\*” in order to stay safe. **Do not click on this link or ones like it!**

It is important to be suspicious of any email that asks you to confirm your details. You should never give this information.

If you need any advice about this or any other potential scams or computer matters, please contact me, Paul Dards 01327 811265, I won’t charge you for advice or telephone technical support.

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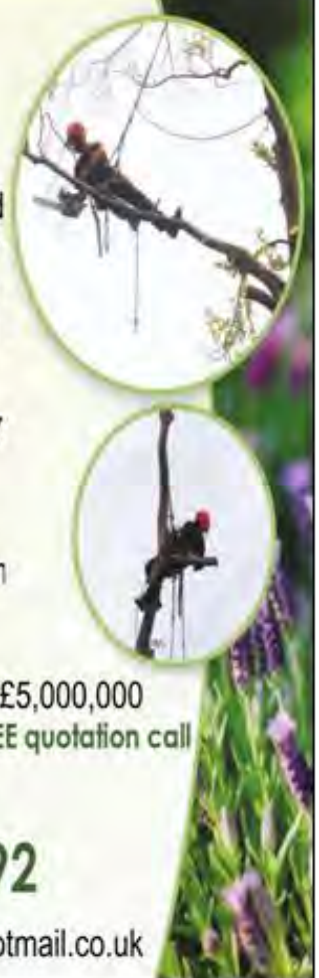
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## United Benefice Calendar for 2023

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

### August

- 7 Blisworth Parish Council meeting, village hall, 7.30 p m
- 10 WI meeting, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m, local trip – watch this space
- 11 Farmers' market, Towcester, 9.00 a m to 1.00 p m
- 12 Coffee morning, St Mary the Virgin Church, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon, raffle
- 17 Coffee morning, Shutlanger, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon
- 19 Summer fair, Stoke Bruerne village hall, 1.00 p m
- 20 Harvest Festival and Harvest meal, Alderton church, 2.30 p m
- 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
- 26 Sale for the knight, St Margaret's Church, Alderton, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon
- 26 Fundraising event, The Navigation, Stoke Bruerne, 4.00 p m to 7.00 p m

### September

- 2 Coffee morning, Milton Malsor, 10.00 a m
- 2 Alderton Art Festival, 10.30 a m – 5.00 p m
- 3 Alderton Art Festival, 10.30 a m to 4.30 p m
- 2 Blisworth Garage Sale, 10.00 a m to 4.00 p m
- 4 Monday Club, Milton Malsor, 2.00 p m
- 4 Hunsbury & Blisworth Choir meeting, 7.30 p m, Abbey Centre chapel
- 4 Blisworth Parish Council meeting, village hall, 7.30 p m
- 12 Parish Council meeting, Stoke Bruerne
- 14 WI meeting, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m, 'A taste of the Camino de Santiago'
- 16 Dog show - Shutlanger
- 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

- 2 Blisworth Parish Council meeting, village hall, 7.30 p m
- 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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