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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

ALDERTON ART FESTIVAL

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2nd and 3rd September 2023

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Rector's letter - St Aidan of Lindisfarne, 590-651

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!' Isaiah 6:8

This verse is used at morning prayer for the feast of St Aidan (31 August), who lived between 590 and 651. Aidan was a young Celtic monk from the island of Iona, just off the west coast of Scotland. King Oswald, king of Northumbria, requested that missionaries be sent from Iona to preach the gospel in his kingdom. Oswald turned to the Celtic in the north rather than the Roman church in the south.

The first monk to be sent was Cormac, who was hard on the people and returned unsuccessful, saying that the people who inhabited Northumbria were stubborn and unreachable. Aidan quickly volunteered to take the gospel to Northumbria when he heard this. This came at a great price; he had to leave his beloved island and his companions in Christ. Once in Northumbria, Aidan worked closely with Oswald, who interpreted for him. He chose the isle of Lindisfarne to build his monastery, which grew, then began to help found churches throughout the area. It also became well known as a centre for education, training many for the priesthood to help teach the Gospel of Christ. He became the first Bishop of Lindisfarne.

He is one of the most successful evangelists of these islands. The Celtic church was thriving and spread throughout Europe. You might be asking why I wrote about St Aidan; one reason is that he is an inspiration to us all. He lived at a time of political unrest and fear of invasion. Against all opposition, he brought hope for a better future by preaching a world of peace where all are equal and valued without exception. We live in a time not too dissimilar to Aidan.

He found that the best way to help others was to teach the teachings of a young rabbi that brought healing and focus to the people around him. These teachings brought solace to all who heard and understood him. Like our ancestors (Aidan), we, in the Grand Union Benefice, are carrying on the work that started hundreds of years ago in helping others to know and understand the life-changing teachings of Jesus.

Over the coming year, there will be opportunities for all to explore the teachings Aidan shared with the people of his time - starting on 6 September in Holy Cross Church, Milton Malsor.

We have a Facebook page with more information on what is happening in the benefice. GRAND UNION BENEFICE: Please follow this page to learn more about what is happening in the benefice. We are thankful for the example of Aidan and the many others who followed in his footsteps in spreading the teaching of Jesus through the centuries; we have fine buildings in our communities because of them, it is now our turn to carry the responsibility for the life-changing teaching to be passed on to our children. (One of my favourite churches is in Bamburgh dedicated to Aidan.)

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.

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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.

Service Schedule for September 2023

Sunday 3 September, Trinity 13

9.30 a.m.: Family Eucharist, Milton Malsor

11.00 a.m.: Family Eucharist, Blisworth

Sunday 10 September, Trinity 14

9.30 a.m.: Family Eucharist, Stoke Bruerne

9.30 a.m.: Family service, Milton Malsor

11.00 a.m.: Family Eucharist, Blisworth

Sunday 17 September, Trinity 15

9.30 a.m.: Family Eucharist, Milton Malsor

11.00 a.m.: Family service, Blisworth

11.00 a.m.: Harvest Festival, Grafton Regis

Thursday 21 September, St Matthew

9.30 a.m.: Morning Prayer, Shutlanger

Sunday 24 September, Trinity 16

9.30 a.m.: Family service, Milton Malsor

9.30 a.m.: Family service, Stoke Bruerne

11.00 a.m.: Family Eucharist, Blisworth

VILLAGE NEWS

GRAFTON REGIS

Harvest Festival Service Sunday 17 September

We will be holding the Harvest Festival service at St. Mary's on Sunday 17 September; rather than ask for donations of seasonal fruit and vegetables we are asking for donations towards a local Food Bank. We will put out details of items required in due course.

We are intending to follow the service with a lunch for all; again, we will publish more information nearer the event. The church will be decorated on Saturday 16 September; all volunteers to help out are welcome. More details to follow.



Lunch Club

The Lunch Club will start again on Thursday 22 September; we may be down on numbers in the catering staff so it will be a case of everyone giving a helping hand and sharing the workload.

Jean Glanville

Discover Grafton's Amazing History on our 2024 Historical Walks - 1,000 Years in 100 Minutes

Our final walk of 2023 is already fully booked, so why not plan to spend a leisurely May afternoon next year in our beautiful and historic village? Our first historical walk of 2024 is scheduled for Saturday 11 May, starting at 2.30 p.m. Hear the story of Grafton's colourful past from some of its most famous and infamous characters, and finish up with tea and cakes!

In the village hall, you'll meet characters from the early history of the village, all in authentic costume - the Norman Abbot of Grestain, several members of the Woodville family, and Richard III, anxious to restore his reputation. En route to the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Henry VIII and several of his queens, Cardinal Wolsey and Elizabeth I are just some of the eminent figures to be encountered.

In the church, Lady Crane, the last tenant of Grafton House, recalls its destruction during the Civil War siege, and there are stories of the FitzRoy family, Dukes of Grafton, and of the Grafton portrait of Shakespeare. There's also a chance to see our impressive heritage centre, created with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Then, back to the hall to meet a couple of more recent residents and for refreshments.

Next year we're planning three historical walks, all on Saturday afternoons and starting at 2.30 p.m. The dates are 11 May, 22 June and 21 September. The cost for adults, including refreshments, is £9.50 per head, under 16s £1.00, under 5s free, with all profits being shared between the funds for maintenance of the village hall and of the church.

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



STOKE BRUERNE

Race for Life

Sunday 30 July saw me complete the Race for Life in aid of Cancer Research UK at Abington Park. This year was my 20th year supporting Cancer Research UK. The Race for Life was originally organised for research into breast cancer and only women took part. In recent years the scope has widened and more and more men have joined in this worthy cause, dressed in their pink outfits.

I would like to thank everybody who have sponsored me in raising £200 this year. I hope to take part again next year. Thank you so much.
Betty Richardson.



SHUTLANGER

Website: www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk, phone number: 01327640547

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Facebook: Shutlanger Village Hall, Instagram: shutlangervillagehall

Coffee Morning

Our monthly coffee, cake and chat morning was on Thursday 17 August 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 21 September

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. This month's prize was £180.00. Congratulations to this month's winner. The tote has raised over £4,000 towards keeping our hall as a centre for community and celebration; we have given out a similar amount in prizes. Thank you for your continued support, it is making a real difference. 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.

Plant and Crop Swap

Keep an eye out for new plants on the swap; we try to update the stock regularly. You can either swap plants, or if you see a plant you like, leave a small donation in the post box. Information about the plants is on the new noticeboard on the hall wall. There are lots of spare pots for you to take too.

Forthcoming Events

The second Shutlanger village dog show will be held on Saturday 16 September from 2.00 pm. £5 per dog. More details can be found on the website.

The Angels Share will be performing in the hall again on Saturday 28 October. Doors open at 7.00 p.m. Tickets are £15 and include hot food. There will be a licensed bar too.

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

**SHUTLANGER & STOKE
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is holding an
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& Paint**
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Please pay £5 on the door
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Do join us!



BLISWORTH

Coffee, Cakes and so Much More!

Everyone is welcome to join us on the last Friday of the month. It is a lovely social occasion, and the weather is usually kind to us so we enjoy the sunshine and fresh air.

You need to get here early for Edith's marmalade and there are usually jams and pickles and always a good selection of cakes and savouries to eat here or take home for later.

Please join us on Friday 29 September, 10.00 a m – 12.00 noon - 7 Pond Bank, Blisworth.

Harvest Festival

St John's Harvest Festival will be on Sunday, 17 September. This will include our usual bring and share lunch. Please bring your own crockery and cutlery.

Art Trail

The Art Trail, a week earlier than previous years, will run in church from Saturday, 23 September to Sunday 1 October. I think everyone looks forward to this annual display of local talent.

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BLISWORTH HERITAGE SOCIETY



ALDERTON

Church Cleaning Rota

Churchyard Rota

Sale for the Knight

September

September (first half)

September (second half)

Tom & Julie Chaplin

Roger & Mel Gavan

John & Lisa

The latest sale for the knight raised just under £400, which is an amazing result. People started arriving at about 9.30 a m and the cakes flew off the table – well, like hot cakes! We had a huge selection available and very few left by the end of the morning, and some of those have since been sold. Margaret sold a lot of jewellery and other treasures from her stall and the jams and pickles sold well too; there was a lovely atmosphere, with many people stopping to have a cup of coffee and a chat. We are always so grateful to those who support us, many from outside the village. We will be having a stall for the knight at the art festival on 2 and 3 September so do come and say hello.

Service for St Filbert and Harvest Festival

20 August is the Feast Day of St. Filbert or Philibert, as he is known in France. We know him in England because he shares his name with the hazel nut. It was the English who changed his name to Filbert as his Feast Day falls at the beginning of the Kentish hazelnut harvest. However, as the calendar has been changed over the centuries, this really no longer applies and the hazelnut harvest begins about 10 days later at the beginning of September.

This year we chose to hold our Harvest Festival on Saint Filbert's Feast Day as the date we had originally set, 26 September, became unworkable and there were no other dates in September or October that were available. Unfortunately, most of the village was away on holiday but friends and the few villagers who were at home came along, making the Harvest service and Harvest supper a really lovely event. As always, Cannon Richard had found beautiful readings and references to the wholeness of nature and the old favourite hymns were sung. The produce which had been donated was sold off to the congregation – thanks to Martyn for being the auctioneer – some proceeds from the event will be sent to a local charity. Supper followed the service and an evening meal consisting of a range of delicious hot and cold meat and vegetable dishes were offered, followed by some yummy desserts. Everyone sat in the afternoon sun (one shower fell between courses) and talked and laughed. It was a gentle, lovely Harvest supper.



Blisworth Garage Sale
Saturday 2nd September
10am – 4pm

Over 30 Sales across the village.
Courteenhall Rd. Connegar Leys, Buttmead, Home Close,
Windmill Ave, Stoke Rd, High Street,
Chapel Lane, Pond Bank, Gayton Rd

Maps available at several locations £1 each
includes raffle ticket for meal for 2 at The Royal Oak

Proceeds from maps for
Blisworth Community Projects Group
to improve village amenities.

CASH SALES ONLY

One man's junk is another man's treasure!

Christmas Bazaar

Book the date: our annual Christmas bazaar/coffee morning will be held on Saturday, 25 November. Setting up will be early afternoon of the 24th.

Stitch in Time Open Day

Come along and view the splendid 20 ft Blisworth Heritage Tapestry on 16 September, 10.00 a m to 4.00 p m at the Baptist church. Enjoy talks, quiz, video and children's activities and the chance to create a work of art celebrating the village in 2023.

We were questioned about the date as the grain harvest had not been gathered in and as we have had so much rain, it looks as if that harvest will not be so safely gathered. Global warming is changing the traditional harvest and the increase in vegetarianism and other food-related questioning might require us to rethink 'harvest'. Hazel nuts provide a good source of secondary protein and there are other fruits and berries that we now collect that would not have been available to us before. Perhaps our early Harvest Festival was not so out of place as was first thought. Saint Philibert lived between 608 and 684. He was abbot and monastic founder of Jumieges Abbey in Normandy and later, after a period of trouble, founded Noirmoutier on the Island of Her under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Poitiers. Here he instigated land reclamation for agriculture, salt extraction, irrigation, communication routes and monastic buildings. He was not martyred; he died and his reliquary were moved to Tournus and remained there until it was broken into in 1998 and his skull and two bones were stolen. He obviously still has something to say.

Ride and Stride

The Ride and Stride event is taking place this year on Saturday 9 September; people travel from one church to another in the area, hopefully being sponsored for each church that they visit; you can walk or cycle or travel by other means other than by car/motorbike etc. At each church, there will be refreshments waiting for you. This year, Steve Hempenstall has agreed to be in charge of sponsorship so if you are interested in taking part, please contact him, tel 01327 810197 or email: srhempenstall@gmail.com

Our church in Alderton will be manned; if you could spare an hour or so on that day to sit in church, sign the sponsorship forms of any visiting participants and hand out drinks/cakes, that would be very much appreciated – contact Margaret or Linda if you can help. Half of the money raised from this event goes to the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust and the other half goes to our church. It's a great way to see our local churches and countryside and to meet some interesting people.

Race for Life in Memory of June Scott

On Sunday 30 July, I completed the 5K Race for Life in memory of one of the people who have lived in Alderton the longest, June Scott. As a result of taking part in so many cancer research trials she lived a longer life beyond the 6 months original diagnosis, and enjoyed a further 25 years. Many of those trial drugs and procedures she took part in are now in everyday use, giving thousands of people hope for a long and healthy future. None of this would be possible without the money raised for Cancer Research.

I am close to getting my target of £350.00 (£10 for each year June lived longer than originally expected and, as she would say, one for luck). If you can donate, please see my Justgiving page <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/suzannes-race-for-life-327469095> or pop over to me at 2 Pury Hill Cottages. Alderton. Suzanne Ambidge



Easyfundraising

We received an email from Easyfundraising to say that they have just paid £18.45 into our bank account. This relates to purchases that several villagers have made recently, having signed up for Easyfundraising. For each relevant purchase, Easyfundraising sends a percentage to St Margaret's Church. As you know, we urgently need to get on with fundraising for our toilet and servery project and everyone who signs up for Easyfundraising can help with this at no cost to you. You will not be bombarded with junk mail as a result of signing up. So far, £265 has been raised by villagers using Easyfundraising.

You can sign up by visiting www.easyfundraising.org.uk – every little bit raised helps towards our total.



MILTON MALSOR

Holy Cross Church

We had the meeting for fund raising ideas - many are in progress and need more investigation. We continue with our monthly coffee mornings to meet fellow villagers and enjoy homemade cake and the company and we have a raffle and a bring and buy sale – it's the first Saturday in the month 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon.

Monday Club

What is The Monday Club? This is held at 2.00 p m. on the first Monday of the month in the church. It is for those that have lost a partner or loved one. There are refreshments, usually a speaker, company and new friendships to make. This is open to all in The Grand Union Benefice. See you there, folks.

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 15 October at 11.00 a m, followed by a bring and share lunch. All are welcome - not just regular church goers. All people are welcome to join a series of 7 Wednesday evenings entitled 'Christianity EXPLORED'. This starts on 6 September and goes on until 25 October at Holy Cross Church at 7.00 p m. There will be refreshments on arrival. You will not be asked to sing or pray; just explore what the meaning of life is all about.

Our annual Remembrance service will take place on 12 November at the church and then down to the Green for 11.00 a m, followed by refreshments in the village hall with donations to The British Legion.

We have the return of the Christmas Tree Festival on the weekend of 2 and 3 December. All local organisations to be asked if they would like to participate and if room, individual families too. Participants may have a table to fund raise at £5 and bring own small table to do so. There will not be a lot of space but we shall do what we can. Refreshments will be available throughout the weekend.

Christmas celebrations have yet to be finalised and will be displayed in the church notice board and around the village. All are welcome to join us and even participate if you wish to do so. Any questions, phone. 07729 311988. Jane Trehane

GENERAL NEWS

A Pilates Class with a Difference

Have you been recommended to do Pilates but are tentative as you've had pain or you have a condition that needs a little more care? BACK at EASE Pilates classes in Hardington village hall may be just what you're looking for.

Instructed by an experienced osteopath, we are a little different to fitness-based Pilates classes because we teach Clinical Pilates. This means the traditional Pilates movements have been analysed and combined with the best current evidence in exercise rehabilitation medicine research of what's helpful and safe to help our participants to get stronger safely. All of the Pilates movements in our classes have levels of them and we can tailor the movements and exercises to each individual in the class, so you always have options on how to move for how you're feeling that day or what is appropriate to your previous injury, long standing medical condition, joint replacement or arthritis.

Before being an osteopath, I was a professional dancer and fitness Pilates instructor prior to doing the Clinical Pilates training in 2010, and I set up these specialist BACK at EASE Pilates classes to provide a more clinically-informed option for people who have had pain in their body or have ongoing medical issues who would benefit from Pilates – but who also needed a little more supervision and support with someone who has clinical understanding of their issues.

Our BACK at EASE classes are all about giving options and adaptations to each individual so you can learn how to move well for your current situation and build from there safely and progressively. We also aim to empower our participants with knowledge about how to work their bodies best and keep any longstanding issues to a minimum - so we do lots of talking and education in the classes, to put the movements into context of how they can benefit day to day tasks so the classes help you learn about your body and how to help yourself. I'm also super proud of the supportive atmosphere in all of our Pilates classes from fellow participants, which I think comes from the commonality of sharing the class with people in a similar situation. There's no judgement about what levels people do (and no leotards and legwarmers required); it's a fabulous collective of people who need a little more support, want to learn about their body and get stronger, and who support one another.

Our classes are usually full, with waiting lists, but I'm pleased to say we've got a brand new class starting from September at 10.30 a.m. on a Wednesday morning in Hardingsstone village hall so we currently have some spaces available. If you think this might be helpful for you, please get in touch to register a place as soon as possible. If you'd like to come along for a trial before signing up, we're always happy for participants to join us for a week, free of charge, to see for themselves what makes us so different - so if you think you'd like to give it a try, please email me at backateasepilates@gmail.com or leave me a message on 07880 750 258 and I'd love to help. We are planning an introductory class on 6 September - places will need to be booked for this as spaces are limited.

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

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News from The Old Mail

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

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United Benefice Calendar for 2023

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

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
- 6 Christianity Explored series starts, each Wednesday for 6 weeks, 7.00 p m, Milton Malsor church
- 8 Farmers' market, 9.00 a m to 1.00 p m
- 9 Annual Ride and Stride event
- 12 Parish Council meeting, Stoke Bruerne
- 13 Shutlanger & Stoke Bruerne Flower Club meeting, Roade Village Hall 7.30 p m
- 14 WI meeting, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m, 'A taste of the Camino de Santiago'
- 15 Harvest Festival service followed by bring and share lunch, Milton Malsor
- 16 Dog show – Shutlanger, 2.00 p m
- 16 Family Fun Day – A Stitch in Time Open Day, 10.00 a m to 4.00 p m
- 17 Harvest Festival, Grafton Regis
- 17 Harvest Festival and bring and share lunch, Blisworth
- 21 Coffee morning, Shutlanger village hall, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon
- 21 Lunch club, Grafton Regis village hall, 12.30 p m
- 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
- 23 Art Trail starts today, Blisworth, 10.00 a m to 4.00 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

- 1 Art Trail ends today, Blisworth, 10.00 a m to 4.00 p m
- 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'
- 15 Harvest Festival followed by bring and share lunch, Milton Malsor
- 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
- 28 Angels Share performing at Shutlanger village hall, 7.00 p m

November

- 8 Shutlanger & Stoke Bruerne Flower Club meeting, Roade Village Hall 7.30 p m
- 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
- 12 Remembrance Day
- 25 Christmas bazaar, Blisworth

December

- 2/3 Christmas tree festival, Milton Malsor
- 14 WI meeting, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m, - Christmas party

SNIPPETS:

It's during the heaviest of storms where you find out who's really there for you.

Give a man a fish, he eats for a day. Teach a woman to garden, and the whole neighbourhood gets courgettes.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF GRASS is 21 September

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