

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

Even though it is the darkest month, December is full of light with a rainbow of colours. Celebrations and parties are had and all this interwoven into the foundation of the season we celebrate, the birth of Christ. No other festival has the same amount of planning in the year. This month, we hear the incredible story that has been told and retold, acted out by children and adults in every country and language in the world—the story of Gabriel visiting Mary, Mary and Joseph journeying to Bethlehem, shepherds, and Magi travelling to see the Christ child. Now it's our time to journey and celebrate Christ the Prince on our altars and lives.

With wars in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, there is a great need for the Prince of Peace now more than ever. As we celebrate the birth of Christ into the world, it is our responsibility to share this peace with those around us and this can have a ripple effect across all communities the world over.

I look forward to welcoming you all to one, hopefully more, of the celebrations we are holding over the benefice in December.

From all the churchwardens and myself I wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Richard

Service Schedule for December 2023

Saturday 2 December

2.00 p m: Messy Church, Milton Malsor

Sunday 3 December, Advent Sunday

9.30 a m: Family Eucharist, Milton Malsor

11.00 a m, Family Eucharist, Blisworth

Sunday 10 December, Advent 2

9.30 a m: Family Eucharist, Stoke Bruerne

9.30 a m: Family service, Milton Malsor

11.00 a m: Family service, Blisworth

3.30 p m: Carol service, Alderton

5.15 p m: Carol service, Grafton Regis

Sunday 17 December, Advent 3

9.30 a m: Said Eucharist, BCP, Milton Malsor

11.00 a m: Carol service, Blisworth

4.00 p m: Carol service, Milton Malsor followed by mince pies and mulled wine

Thursday 21 December

9.30 a m: Morning prayer, Shutlanger

Sunday 24 December, Christmas Eve

10.00 a m: Grafton Regis, Family Eucharist

3.00 p m: Crib service, Milton Malsor

4.30 p m: Crib service, Blisworth

7.00 p m: Carols and Communion, Stoke Bruerne

11.30 p m: Midnight Communion, Blisworth

Monday 25 Decembr, Christmas Day

9.30 a m: Christmas family Eucharist, Milton Malsor

Sunday 31 December, Christmas I

10.00 a m: Benefice service, Alderton

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

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Churchwarden of Milton Malsor:



STOKE BRUERNE

A Victorian Whimsy

This article first appeared in GRASS in November 2018, but we thought it might interest some of the newer residents of Stoke Bruerne:

The late well-known local historian, Mr George Freeston of Blisworth, wrote a translation of what he termed, “this Victorian whimsy” which can be found at the entrance to the Stoke Bruerne churchyard from Wentworth Way.

He wrote that the owner of Stoke Park, Squire Vernon, walked on Sundays to Stoke Bruerne Church along a well-maintained footpath. He continued, “at the entrance to the churchyard is still to be seen the gateway through which he passed. This gate is flanked by two stone pillars, on one of which the following description is to be seen.”

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The translation of the Victorian whimsy is as follows:

Anno Domini 1893

ParsoN GavE (permission to erect)

WardeN DravE (carried the materials by horse and cart)

ClerK MadE (a typical job for the village sexton, who would have acted as clerk and handyman)

SquirE PaiD (the accepted thing for a good squire to do at that period)

God Save The Queen

To Our One God

John Grace R.I.P.

St Mary the Virgin Church for Stoke Bruerne and Shutlanger

Remembrance Coffee Morning



We welcomed a record number of visitors to our coffee morning on Saturday 11 November. At one point we were slightly overwhelmed and concerned that we may run out of milk and cakes, but all was well thanks to our resourceful team of helpers. At 11.00 a.m, we took the opportunity to come together in silence to remember lost loved ones and to pay tribute to those who have lost their lives in conflict, which was particularly meaningful at this time. ‘Random Notes’ then performed for us under the direction of Helen Thorman. We are grateful to them for giving up their time to entertain us. The highlight was when the audience joined the choir in the singing of Jerusalem! Thank you so much to all those who contributed to the event and to everyone who came to support us. It is much appreciated. Our first coffee morning of 2024 will be on Saturday 24 February from 10.00 a.m to 12.00 noon when bacon butties will be on offer. We hope you’ll skip breakfast and come and join us!



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Christmas Carol Service

We will be holding a service of Christmas carols in the church at 7.00 p.m on Christmas Eve. Mulled wine, nibbles and mince pies will be served after the service. We do hope you can join us.

Decorating the Church for Christmas

It is our intention to decorate the church on Friday 22 December between 9.30 a.m and 12.00 noon ready for our Christmas Eve service. This is a very satisfying activity which always gets us into the mood for Christmas, so feel free to come along. We shall take time out for refreshments and a chat over coffee. We would appreciate your help if you have some time to spare and welcome seasonal foliage if you have any. Many thanks.

SHUTTLANGER AND STOKE BRUERNE (Combined)

Stoke Bruerne and Shutlanger Combined Charities – Notice

In view of the continuing difficult economic climate, the combined charities trustees have taken the decision to again suspend the £25 annual Christmas gift for 2023 and instead issue grants to those in need. This fund will be available until 1 March 2024. Please see more details about this below.

Stoke Bruerne and Shutlanger Hardship Fund

There are moments in life when we all need a helping hand, particularly now with the rising costs of food and fuel. If you're struggling to keep up with household bills or pay for everyday essentials, the Stoke Bruerne and Shutlanger Combined Charities may be able to help.

The charity exists to help and support the residents of the two villages who may, for one reason or another, be finding it difficult to cope financially. So, if you or someone you know from the two villages finds themselves in exceptional circumstances then you can apply for a one-off shortfall grant to help tide you over, or a donation to help pay for a one-off expense.

To start the process simply contact Canon Richard Stainer, one of the charities' trustees, at canon.stainer@gmail.com or by telephone at 01604 857619. All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence and, where applicable, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

Kathryn Doddington



SHUTLANGER

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Coffee Morning

Our monthly coffee, cake and chat morning was on Thursday 16 November 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 December.

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. A very warm welcome awaits you.

Tote Draw

The latest draw was, as always, during the coffee morning. We gave out two prizes of £100. Congratulations to this month's winners. The tote has raised over £4,500 towards keeping our hall as a centre for community and celebration and 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 two lucky prize winners. The odds are much better than the national lottery! There are application forms in the hall, you can call 01327 640547 or email secretary@shutlangervillagehall.org.uk any of these make it easy for you to join our ever-growing band of supporters.

Events

The children's Hallowe'en trail was a great success with about 30 children enjoying a spooky quiz in the hall garden, followed by pizza, or hotdogs, chips and a film. The Angels' Share concert was great fun with 60 people enjoying Celtic music with a rock edge.

At the bingo night on 17 November, everyone had a lovely time particularly enjoying the grazing platters and chocolates as bingo prizes. Thank you, Doug, for being a brilliant 'caller'.



Our next events are:

Christmas brunch for the village 10.00 a m to 2.00 p m on Saturday 16 December with buck's fizz to welcome you, and great food - free for all villagers.

On 23 December, our traditional. "Carols in the garden" at 6.00 p m with mulled wine and Christmas snacks.

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 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!

A Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year to you all

Barbara Stanbridge, Secretary Shutlanger Village Hall Management Committee



GRAFTON REGIS

Looking Forward to Summer in Grafton - Grafton Regis: 1,000 Years in 100 Minutes

Our final historical walk of 2023 was fully booked, so this is a reminder to book early for next year! The date of the first walk is Saturday 11 May, starting at 2.30 p m. You'll hear the amazing story of Grafton's colourful past from some of its most famous and infamous characters, and finish up with tea and cakes.

We start in the village hall, meeting characters from the early history of the village, all in authentic costume - the Norman Abbot of Grestain, several notable members of the Woodville family, and Richard III, anxious to restore his reputation - did he kill the Princes in the Tower, sons of Elizabeth Woodville? Or was someone else responsible, or did they leave the Tower of London alive after all?

En route to the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Henry VIII (the man who added 'Regis' to Grafton's name) 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 final tenant of Grafton House, tells the dramatic story of the destruction of the house during the Civil War siege at Christmas 1643, and you will also learn of the exploits of the FitzRoy family, Dukes of Grafton, and about the mystery 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 unchanged from 2023 despite inflation! It's £9.50 per head, under 16s £1.00, under 5s free, with all profits being shared as always 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

Lunch Club

The lunch on 16 November was attended by about 25 people and was absolutely delicious – and such amazing value for the £7 that we pay. Soup and homemade bread followed by the most delicious chicken, bacon and leek crumble and vegetables, a selection of amazing desserts, cheese and biscuits and tea or coffee and chocolates to follow. Thanks as always to all those who make these events possible – not just with the cooking but also with the setting up of the hall, the washing up and putting stuff away and then the final clear up at the end. The next lunch will be the Christmas one and will be, by popular demand, on the second Thursday of the month rather than the third this month – so on 14 December. Please let Jean know in good time if you are going to be there so they know how many pigs in blankets etc to get organised.



A Busy Time at St. Mary's



As part of the design of the Heritage display at the church we stated that through the year we would also put-on one-off displays. Our first display was for All Hallows Tide where we looked at the connection between Pagan traditions and the celebrations All Hallows' Eve, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

On Remembrance Sunday we put on a display of the work carried out by the Royal British Legion. We held our usual Remembrance service in the churchyard by the Tommy figure, the size of the congregation seems to grow every year.

Village Hall Christmas Lunch

The lunch will be on the second Thursday of the month, 14 December, rather than the third Thursday when people are more likely to be busy with Christmas celebrations.

Jean Glanville



BLISWORTH

Short Mat Bowls Club

The Blisworth short mat bowls club meets every Monday and Wednesday afternoon at 1.45 p m until Stanley Tyrrell

4.00 p m every week.

Community Choir

Hunsbury and Blisworth Community Choir - Musical Director Helen Thorman

Don't miss our two Christmas concerts on Friday 15 December in the Acorn Barn of the Royal Oak, 7.00 p m and Saturday 16 December at St Benedict's Church, West Hunsbury, 7.00 p m.

We're always on the lookout for new members so if you're a budding alto, tenor or bass, why not come along to our first rehearsal next term in the Abbey Centre Chapel on 8 January at 7.00 p m? Jon Murray 07460 617817

Canon Andrea Watkins

On Thursday 9 November, a healthy crowd of past and present members of the congregations of our benefice and Brington, arrived at the Cathedral in Peterborough to witness the installation of Andrea as a Canon of the Diocese.

A service of choral Evensong led by Christopher Dalliston, the Dean of the Cathedral, was held to commemorate the installation of Andrea together with Helen Dearney as Honorary Canons, and Gavin Ralston as a new Lay Canon of the Cathedral.

Andrea was also supported on the night by her family and will take up stall number 16 as she continues her journey forward in the Diocese.

Remembrance Sunday

Despite the incessant rain on the day, a very healthy turnout by the uniformed organisations from the Grafton Group came to take part in the Remembrance Day service at St John's Church, Blisworth.

The church was full to capacity after a short service outdoors at the Memorial Cross in the churchyard, to lay wreaths and to observe the traditional silence honouring the servicemen and women who lost their lives in both World Wars.

The flags of the various groups were carried into church and held at the altar, before being returned to their flag bearers at the end of the service.

It was very pleasing to see so many young people taking part in the parade and leading the readings in the service.

Hollowell Steam and Heavy Horse Rally

On Thursday 2 November, we were privileged to be invited as representatives of St John's Church, to the annual rally presentation night as guests of Mike Wreford, of Wreford Transport and Blisworth Christmas lights fame, to receive a very much appreciated donation from the Rally Committee of £1,000. The funds are to be used for general repairs to the building and are most welcome. Mike also invited Estelle Rose in her capacity of organiser of the Blisworth Friendship Group, to receive a donation of £500 towards the costs of running the group, and funding excursions. This is a particularly worthy cause, as Estelle and her team of helpers organise food and drinks for around 40 members, who would suffer from loneliness and solitude if they didn't have this excellent village amenity to help them. The group started before covid struck us all, and the organising team kept in touch with their members throughout the pandemic, before they started meeting again every other Wednesday in the Football Club.

Both the Friendship Group and St John's are very grateful for Mike Wreford's support, and the generosity of the Hollowell Steam and Heavy Horse Rally committee,



ALDERTON

Church Cleaning Rota

December

Lulu and Sara

Carol service on 10 December

Sale for the Knight

We had done a lot of preparation for this sale in terms of setting up with lovely Christmas items and also cooking, but we were overwhelmed by the number of people who came along on Saturday 18 November. Could it have been the various WhatsApp messages and emails we sent around reminding people? Whatever the reason, we were absolutely delighted to see such a lot of friends and villagers.

We are very grateful to Sue Blake from Grafton who had been working so hard to make some delightful Christmas decorations and who joined us for the morning to sell them, and also to Jane Trehane, who, as always, is such a trouper. She brought along cake and pies to join with those that we had made and then helped with the selling of the Christmas items, and also washing up and helping to clear away.

By 11.30 a m all the cakes had been sold, just leaving a few biscuits behind, and everyone had left, so we sat down and had a cup of tea and a sandwich and counted the money – over £600, which is an incredible amount.

The good news is that we now have permission from the Chancellor to relocate the knight on his new tomb chest and we have given the go-ahead for this to be built. There undoubtedly will be unforeseen costs involved but this amount will certainly help us to complete the project before too long.



St John's Parish Church Blisworth

Christingle and Nativity

Family Service

4.30pm Sunday 24th December

This is a very relaxed informal service lasting around 45 minutes. We will be providing simple costumes for nativity characters. Please arrive for 4pm if your children would like to dress up and take part in the service (no acting required)



The Children's Society

Donations to the Children's Society will be gratefully received.

Everyone is very welcome

We will be at the Christmas Tree Festival at Milton Malsor on Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 December so we are now busily baking again. Do come along and see us. And thanks to everyone who came on Saturday and who have been so loyal in supporting us.

Margaret and Linda

Remembrance Day

A short but very moving service was held in St Margaret's Church, Alderton on Saturday 11 November, Remembrance Day and we were delighted that about 25 people came along. We are grateful to the bellringers who came along beforehand and stayed for the service, to Doris, who laid the wreath, to Don who read the Kohima Epitaph and to David who read a lovely Wilfred Owen poem. The collection was donated to the Royal British Legion. Refreshments were served afterwards. Margaret and Linda

Update on the Knight

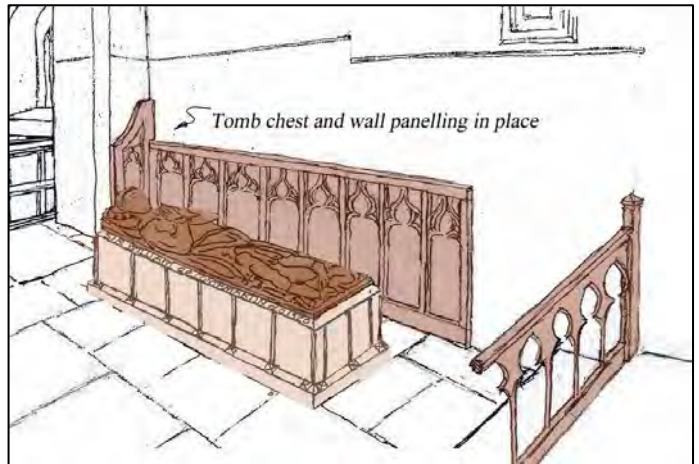
As you know, we now have our faculty, which allows us to proceed with the building of the new tomb chest for our wooden effigy of Sir William de Combmartyn. The existing choir stall on the north wall of the chancel at St. Margaret's Church will be removed and stored as it is being reused as panelling behind the new chest. The old wood of the choir stall will still be dark but the chest will be light in colour for the time being as it is being made from new English oak. It will darken in years to come. Here is the design presentation drawn by Hugh Harrison's architect, Peter Furguson. This will give you some idea of the finished work.

Hugh Harrison's specialist carpenters are coming up to remove the choir stall before Christmas and the wood will be stored safely until it is needed. The masons, who are replacing the existing wooden floor under the choir stall with repurposed cathedral grade stone kindly donated by Neill Taylor and Cuttle Mill Reclamation, will be doing so as soon as they are able to find a window in their current work schedule.

Cuttle Mill Reclamation have asked if they can produce an article about the project with special concentration on the stone floor that is being donated. We have agreed as their offer of the aggregates and repurposed stone is incredibly generous.

Thank you all for your support over the years. Every single donation has gone towards this final outcome. We are all excited to see the knight in his final resting place. It will still be some time before this happens but at some point next year, we will be in touch to announce a celebration!

Linda and Margaret



Tree Dressing

As always, the tree dressing will take place on Thursday 21 December at 6.30 p m to mark the winter solstice, which this year takes place on Friday 22 December at 3.27 a m. The winter solstice occurs in December, and in the northern hemisphere the date marks the 24-hour period with the fewest daylight hours of the year. That is why it is known as the shortest day of the year, or the longest night of the year.

Graham Welch and his brother, Brian, will make a structure around the tree at the top of Church Lane and we use this to hang bird seed, apples and peanuts which feed the birds during the darkest of nights, together with lanterns.

Do come and join us for a glass of mulled wine and something delicious to nibble. We will be singing a couple of carols and you will be able to write a thought or a wish on a cardboard 'leaf' and hang it around the tree.

This tradition has been going on for many years now, thanks to Margaret and it's a lovely short celebration. Everyone is welcome.

Lighting up of the Church over Christmas

Roger will be lighting up the church again this year throughout the month of December.

We are all experiencing high energy costs at the moment and we would be grateful for any donations towards the cost of the increased electricity usage over this December period; any amount would be appreciated.

You can donate by Bank transfer: account name: Alderton PCC, sort code: 30-18-83, account number: 00099371, or by putting your donation in an envelope, with your name on it, through my letterbox at Moat House, Church Lane. Thank you in advance.

Brian, on behalf of Alderton PCC



MILTON MALSOR

Short Mat Bowls Club

The Milton Malsor Short Mat Bowls Club meets every Tuesday from 1.45 p m until 4.00 p m every week. Stanley Tyrrell

Holy Cross Church, Milton Malsor

Firstly, it was wonderful to see so many people at the November coffee morning where there was also a craft workshop making a new fairy for the Christmas tree, plus a craft stall with items donated by a fellow crafter, which were quickly snapped up but there were still a few more for others. Other events will be coming in the New Year.

Secondly, it was so good to see the church full for the Remembrance service along with the uniforms of the Scouting movement, plus past military men of the village. And I am pleased to say we shall be sending a cheque to the British Legion for £311. Many thanks for your generosity.

Now, to have a happy start to Advent we will have our regular coffee morning on 2 December alongside the Christmas Tree Festival from 10.00 a m until 4.00 p m. There will be decorated trees, stalls, all day refreshments along with entertainment by the Scout singers on Saturday and Re-choired, our Benefice choir, on the Sunday. This will happen on both days will be at 2.30 p m. Come

and be there - listen, join in and see what it is all about. There are still spaces for trees if you have not already contacted me, but be quick (Jane, 07729311988). We are also pleased to say that the school children's living Nativity will finish in church on 15 December.

Services for December will be as per the front page.

Come and join in where you can at this busy sacred time of year. Meet people, enjoy good company, food and drink. See what our village has to offer. You may make new friends along the way.

Keep safe folks and a happy joyful Christmas to you all.

Jane Trehane



Jane Trehane

A Skydive

She did it! Is she mad or what? Estelle Lloyd-Thomas did her jump from an airplane, strapped to a handsome man on 15 November from a height of 13,000 feet.

This was done with her fear of heights, a good age and two knee replacements.

Would she do it again? Not likely!
Would I do it? NEVER!

So, we thank her for her experience on behalf of Holy Cross Church, Milton Malsor and for the generosity from all those who sponsored her. She raised over £1,500 for church funds, which is amazing.



GENERAL NEWS

Thank you to all our Distributors

We would just like to say a big thank you to those people who distribute GRASS around the villages month after month and to Maureen Paton who delivers them to the villages in the first place. This is a task that takes time and a thank you is well overdue.

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; www.potterspurty.com; www.yardleygobionparishcouncil.gov.uk

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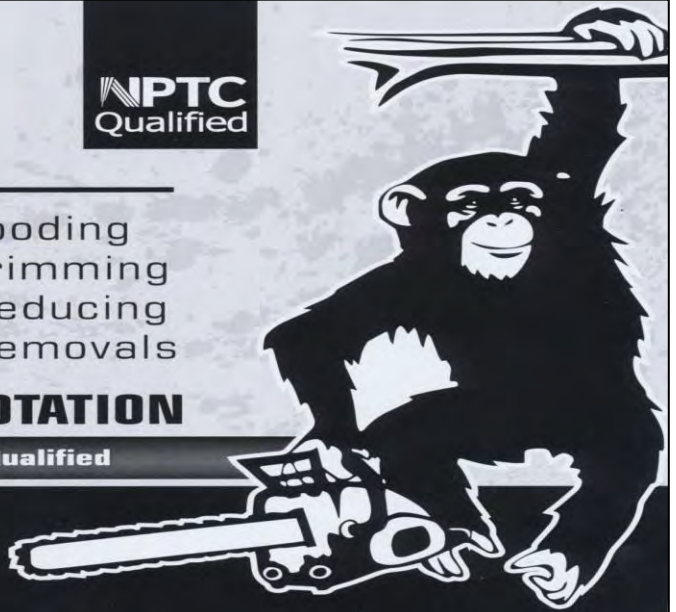
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BENEFICE CHOIR SINGING SUNDAY AT 2:30
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DAYS

United Benefice Calendar for 2023

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

December

- 2 Coffee morning and Christmas tree festival, Milton Malsor, 10.00 a m to 4.00 p m
- 3 Christmas tree festival, Milton Malsor, 10.30 a m to 4.00 p m
- 4 Monday Club, Milton Malsor, 2.00 p m
- 8 Towcester Farmers' Market, 9.00 a m to 1.00 p m
- 14 Grafton Christmas lunch, 12.30 p m, Grafton village hall
- 14 WI meeting, Blisworth village hall, 7.30 p m, - Christmas party
- 15 Community Choir concert, Acorn Barn, Royal Oak, Blisworth, 7.00 p m
- 16 Christmas brunch, village hall, 10.00 a m to 2.00 p m
- 16 Community Choir concert, St Benedict's Church, West Hunsbury, 7.00 p m
- 21 Tree dressing, Alderton, 6.30 p m
- 21 Coffee morning, Shutlanger, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon
- 22 Decorating Stoke Bruerne church, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon
- 23 Carols in the garden, Shutlanger village hall, 6.00 p m

January

- 1 New Year's Day walk, Alderton, meet at the bottom of Spring Lane, 10.30 a m
- 9 Inland Waterways Association meeting, 2.30 p m, The Boat Inn, your Waterway videos

February

- 13 Inland Waterways Association meeting, 2.30 p m, The Boat Inn – Phil Clayton – Curious cuts
- 24 Coffee morning, Stoke Bruerne church, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon

April

- 20 Plant sale, Alderton Churchyard, 10.00 a m

May

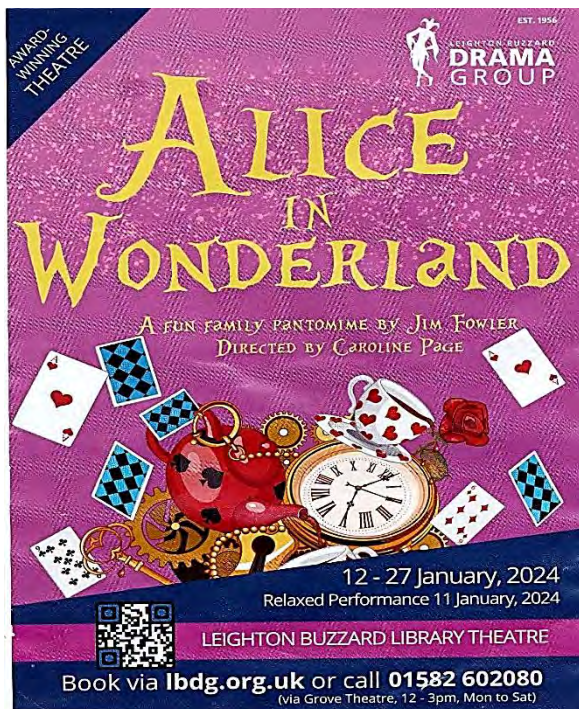
- 11 Grafton Regis, 1,000 Years in 100 Minutes, 2.30 p m

June

- 22 Grafton Regis, 1,000 Years in 100 Minutes, 2.30 p m

The Blisworth short mat bowls club meets every Monday and Wednesday afternoon at 1.45 p m until 4.00 p m

The Milton Malsor Short Mat Bowls Club meets every Tuesday from 1.45 p m until 4.00 p m



SNIPPETS:

Happiness is not having the best of everything, but making the best of everything you've got.

Don't get up onto your high horse until you are sure that you can get down from it.

Time and good friends are two things that become more valuable the older you get.

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