

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

It was great to see so many old and new friends in church over the Christmas celebrations and I would like to thank everyone who helped with preparing the churches across the benefice for the Christmas celebrations. As we begin a New Year, we all pray/hope for better times ahead, not only for ourselves but for the world too. If we want a world full of peace and equality, we must start with ourselves. On Christmas day we celebrated/welcome the Prince of Peace into our lives/world; we do this year after year but what different does it make in your life? If we want the world to change, we must start that change in our own lives first. We all want peace, but what price are you willing to pay?

As a Christian, we put our trust-confidence in Christ knowing that no matter what lies ahead - good times or bad, we will be by His side. St Paul shares with us in the second letter to the Corinthians 5:17, 'When someone becomes a Christian, s/he becomes a brand-new person inside. S/he is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!'

It is a tradition for many of us to make New Year's resolutions; let one of them be to change our lives by learning more about the teachings of Christ and becoming a new person in Him, an adversary of peace, for a world where all lives are valued and respected.

Lego

If you have any small pieces of Lego lying around your house that you don't know what to do with and would like to get rid of them, I'll be very happy to receive them on behalf of the Church to use.

Lent

The Lent course we will be following this year is based on Martha, Mary and Lazarus. There will be more information in next month's GRASS. Ash Wednesday is on 14 February and there will be a service at 7.00 p m in St John the Baptist Blisworth.

Happy New Year.

Richard

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

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Churchwardens of Alderton: Mrs Margaret Hall-Townley, tel 01327 811307 and Mrs Linda Dards, tel 01327 811265.

Churchwarden of Milton Malsor

Service Schedule for January 2024

Sunday 7 January, Epiphany

9.30 a m: Family Eucharist, Milton Malsor

11.00 a m: Family Eucharist, Blisworth

Sunday 14 January, Epiphany 2

9.30 a m: Family service, Milton Malsor

9.30 a m: Family Eucharist, Stoke Bruerne

11.00 a m: Family Eucharist, Blisworth

Sunday 21 January, Epiphany 3

9.30 a m: Family Eucharist, Milton Malsor

11.00 a m: Family service, Blisworth

Sunday 28 January, The Presentation/Candlemass

9.30 a m: Family service, Milton Malsor

9.30 a m: Family service, Stoke Bruerne

11.00 a m: Family Eucharist, Blisworth



STOKE BRUERNE

Inland Waterways Association

The local branch of the Inland Waterways Association is continuing its winter talks at The Boat Inn on Tuesday 9 January at 2.30 p m with a video afternoon. Bring your waterways clips, or memories of Stoke Bruerne if you have any - preferably on a USB stick or DVD. All are welcome. You don't have to be a member! Lynda Payton



SHUTLANGER

Shutlanger Village Hall

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Coffee Morning

Our monthly coffee, cake and chat morning was on Thursday 21 December 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 18 January. We have free wi-fi and contactless payments.

We serve excellent coffee and delicious homemade cakes there was a Christmas theme to this month's coffee morning with the addition of warm mince pies. 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

Our traditional wreath making event was on Thursday 30 November when 20 of us set to and made our own unique wreaths. Each and every one of them was truly beautiful.

The Christmas brunch for the village was held between 10.30 a m and 12.30 p m on Saturday 16 December. We welcomed about 40 villagers with buck's fizz and served hot and cold platters for everyone to enjoy. There was a video display of how the hall has been updated over the last three years. It was a lovely, friendly event celebrating the joy of Christmas.


Your Waterway Videos
Hosted by Bernard Morton

Bring along your film memories of interesting boating trips, or historic footage of the waterways in Northamptonshire

Only DVD's, CDRom's, USB sticks or any media capable of being played on a laptop please

Tuesday 9th January @ 14.30pm
The Conference Room, The Boat Inn, Stoke Bruerne, NN12 7SB

All are welcome. You don't have to be a member. Full bar service and food available. A small donation of £2 would be appreciated to help cover expenses.




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

Watch this space for events in the New Year when we will be celebrating the hall's 140th birthday.

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 peaceful New Year to you all.

Barbara Stanbridge, Secretary Shutlanger Village Hall Management Committee



GRAFTON REGIS

Our Grafton Year

Here we are nearly at the end of 2023 and it's been both a good year and a not so good year. There have been lots of village events with our historic walks, which are still popular, social gatherings, celebrations for the coronation of King Charles III, the Church bazaar with the attendance of ACRE to display items recovered from the Hermitage dig, monthly lunches and the Christmas lights event to mention a few.

Thanks

As a village of only 43 residences, an amazing amount of work is carried out by the village volunteers and they deserve a vote of thanks. However, without the support of villagers we would all be wasting our time, therefore we have to thank you all for your support.

Christmas Lights Trail

The walk started with mulled wine and mince pies at the village hall, a walk around the village to view the lights, chocolates and carols at the church with a little tree decorating, finally a walk back to the pub. And a good time was had by all.



No Thanks

No thanks go to Seagro, Winvic WNC, Highways and the Government planning department. After omitting Grafton Regis from the consultation regarding the rail terminal, Northampton Gateway, at Junction 15 we have suffered 6 months of construction works directly outside our houses with a totally useless traffic management system that just caused more frustration to motorists caught up in the works. Our bus stop was moved outside of the village confines with absolutely no concern for the elderly residents who rely on this service. Why is it that these organisations have no respect for the residents in the areas where they carry out their operations?
Jean Glanville

Stop 3000 Trucks Campaign

Donation to Furtho Development Opposition Group/Stop 3000 Trucks

Representatives of FDOG came to the Annual General Meeting of the Grafton Regis Parish Meeting on 28 November. They described the proposal to build a series of huge warehouses close to the A508/A5 roundabout. If carried through, the enormous volume of additional heavy goods traffic will inevitably have a serious impact on Grafton and surrounding villages. The meeting was also able to see a model of the proposed development.

Following this presentation, it was unanimously decided at the Grafton Millennium Fund AGM held later in the evening that the sum of £2,000 should be donated from the fund to support the work of FDOG. It was also agreed that individuals should be encouraged to send objections. Further donations are also urgently needed. To donate, to submit an objection and to find further information, see www.stop3000trucks.org

Keith Harry, Chair, Grafton Regis Millennium Fund



Christmas Lunch in Grafton

Well, we could hardly move after we had eaten all our Christmas lunch! There was an amazing array of food, prepared by various people but especially by Kathy Colgrove so thanks to all those who cooked. Turkey with all the trimmings was the order of the day followed by various delicious desserts, lovely cheese and biscuits, chocolates and then mince pies. No more food was required for the rest of the day!



There was a really good atmosphere, as always, at the lunch and everybody who attended had a good time. Thanks, as always, to those who organise, set the village hall up, cook, wash up and clear away. These are lovely events and a highlight to the winter months. The next lunch will be on 18 January.



BLISWORTH

Short Mat Bowls Club

The Blisworth short mat bowls club meets each Monday and Wednesday afternoon from 1.45 p m until 4.00 p m every week. Stanley Tyrrell



ALDERTON

Church Cleaning Rota

January

Lisa and Anita

Sale for the Knight

We joined up with Milton Malsor church's Christmas Tree Festival and held our December stall for the knight there. The church looked wonderful with lots of Christmas trees all decorated in very varied ways. There was a lovely atmosphere and we met lots of nice people. Jane produced soup with bread and cheese each lunchtime, which was more than welcome and people came in and out all the time. One of the highlights was the performance by the Cubs and Beavers; their rendition of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' with arm movements was hilarious. We understand that they had only had one real practice so their performance was amazing. On the Sunday, Re-Choirers came and performed for us and that was really nice too. We sold a lot of Christmas items and, as usual, a lot of cake.

The next sale for the knight will be on Saturday 20 January in St Margaret's Church, Alderton, from 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon. Do come and have a cup of coffee and buy something – we are definitely on the home straight now with regard to the knight but still need your support. Margaret and Linda

Lighting up of the Church

We would like to thank Roger Gavan for once again lighting up the church over the festive period – it has looked absolutely lovely. It's not too late to make a small donation towards the extra electricity used during the festive season – please give to the Treasurer, Brian Patton, and many thanks to those who have already made a donation. Alderton PCC

Henny

A long-standing police support volunteer has been recognised for her service by the High Sheriff of Northamptonshire. Henny Cameron from Alderton has been volunteering with Northamptonshire Police for more than 10 years. She was presented with her award by the High Sheriff, Milan Shah MBE, who each year makes a number of personal awards in the field of law and order, to recognise and celebrate the work of individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the communities in which they live or work.

Henny's volunteering career for the Force began in January 2012, following her retirement from a police staff role in the IT department. As a volunteer with the Northamptonshire Safer Roads Alliance, she contributes to improving road safety by helping to organise the successful Mature Driver Roadshows that aim to keep this vulnerable age group driving safely for longer. Henny has also been involved in a diverse range of community and schools' engagement events. In particular, she plays an integral role in the organisation of the annual County Schools' Challenge, a partnership project that has been running for 15 years across secondary schools in Northamptonshire, which helps thousands of pupils learn about important social issues while teaching them invaluable skills.

Prevention Manager Sara Postlethwaite praised Henny's contribution to community safety and her support for young people. She said: "Henny is the backbone of the County Schools Challenge. Thousands of children have benefitted from engaging in this programme which is a joint effort between the police and fire services, supported by funding from the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. Henny creates the packages for schools, liaises with key partners and co-ordinates all the significant programme events, trophies and fun activities for the children. In addition, she supports the learning and development of our officers

by acting as a role player for training scenarios. Her abilities and willingness to support others are an inspiration worthy of high praise, and this recognition from the High Sheriff is extremely well deserved."

High Sheriff Milan Shah said: "As so often, the motivation to set up a schools' challenge was born of tragedy in the local community, but it did not take long for the initiative of a few schools in Wellingborough to scale to countywide participation, and it is that momentum that Henny is so expert at keeping going. In over a decade of dedicated service to our county, Henny's efforts have contributed to whole generations reaching adulthood with a better understanding of safety issues and social challenges. A most worthy recipient of the High Sheriff's award."

Henny is pictured receiving her award from High Sheriff Milan Shah at a presentation ceremony at in the Old Court Room, Sessions House, in November. Photo credit: Stu Vincent

The Force's Citizens in Policing Manager, Ann-Marie Lawson, added: "We are very fortunate to have Henny give her time and expertise freely to our Citizens in Policing programme. She is a well-respected volunteer who inspires everyone she comes into contact with to be the best that they can be. Becoming a police support volunteer is an excellent way to become involved with and gain experience of different aspects of policing, whether you simply want to help your community or are interested in pursuing a career within the police service. By volunteering with us you could play a vital role in helping us deliver and improve the service we provide to our communities and, like Henny, help us make Northamptonshire a safer place to live, work and play in.

Henny received her award at a presentation in the old Court Room in Sessions House, Northampton. She told us more about the work she gets involved in and why she enjoys volunteering so much. Henny said: "I love being a volunteer with Northamptonshire Police. On the County Schools Challenge, I am always amazed at the energy and enthusiasm the students, who range from 11 to 14 years old, put into doing the Challenge – whatever the theme is, they just get it and work with it. I am always blown away by the innovative ideas they come with. I am passionate about road safety, so really enjoy being an active part of the Northants Safer Roads Alliance. To help plan and organise an event, then to have a room of over 70 mature drivers learning about how to stay safe on the roads is really satisfying. I am lucky as I can pick what I want to do – and that's how I have got involved in role playing for our training department. I saw an advert on our intranet for role players which I thought looked interesting, and it is! It's great fun! I am overwhelmed but very honoured to receive the High Sheriff's Award.



Photo credit: Stu Vincent

To find out more about volunteering with Northamptonshire Police visit www.northants.police.uk/careers.

A Floor for the Knight

December, before Christmas, was very busy in St. Margaret's. First, Hugh Harrison's specialist carpenters came up to Alderton from Devon to remove the choir stall from the north side of the chancel in the church and take some of the wood back to Hugh's workshops on Exmoor to be altered into panelling to go behind the new tomb chest. Cameron and Dan, father and son, arrived mid-afternoon on 13 December, worked to carefully demolish the choir stall on the 14th and left with the wood to return to Devon at 8.30 a m on Friday 15th. They stayed in my house and I went on holiday to Towcester to stay with my daughter, Tabitha, and grandson, Oscar, for two nights. We had a lovely time and Cameron and Dan said that they were very comfortable and extremely well fed thanks to contributions from Linda and Maureen. I don't know how we are going to match this when they come up to fit the tomb chest in the summer.

The second phase happened almost immediately - removal of the wooden choir stall floor revealed earth, and the new chest has to rest on stone. The next job was to bring in the stonemasons; Mark and Don Cronin from Buckingham, again, father and son, responded almost immediately. I had thought we would have to wait for the floor to be put in until after Christmas and we would have to cordon off the area at the next service. However, I emailed Mark on Friday 15th and he responded and said that they would be in to do the job on Monday 18th and could I order the repurposed York stone, kindly donated by Neill Taylor and Watling Reclamation at Cuttle Mill, and they would be in to choose the pieces on Monday morning? Would I also get a ton of sharp sand and 6 bags of cement? Plus a length of plastic to cover the floor in church while they worked. I thought this would be a huge problem but everyone responded immediately and on Tuesday morning the sand and cement arrived, the stone having arrived the day before. My faith in the workforce of today was completely restored and our old 'can do' attitude is back! I have Mark and Don's details should anybody need a mason at any time.

The York stone slabs are incredibly heavy and the stone very thick. The slabs were cut to size by Don at the Round House gate and were carried into church and laid by Mark. The cutting creates a lot of dust so the patch at the Round House gate looks a bit 'white' at the moment but it will disperse. The floor of the chancel, even though it looks level, is not, and the masons had a huge job trying to level it as much as they could. Hugh Harrison, when asked, said that they are quite used to this situation and they would adjust the tomb chest accordingly.

We have been very lucky in our craftsmen and they have made a superb job of the floor and I am sure will do with the panelling. There are still jobs to do but these will be attended to in the New Year. In the meantime, it looks as if nothing has been done to the chancel - just the choir stall is missing! Happy New Year to you all. Margaret

Tree Dressing

The tree dressing took place, as usual, on 21 December under the tree at the top of Church Lane. Due to a lack of apples and our inability to purchase peanuts in their shells, we resorted to decorating the tree and its surrounding support (which had been erected by Graham and Brian Welch), with ivy and the few apples that we did have. In actual fact, it looked absolutely lovely. Later on, the lanterns were added and the effect was quite magical. A good crowd joined the event, sung two carols and enjoyed mulled wine and various bits to nibble and in this way we celebrated the winter solstice, which this year took place in the early hours of 22 December. We were grateful that so many people braved the evening, as it was incredibly windy.

Thanks to all those who helped, but especially to Margaret, who oversaw the event and whose idea it was in the first place to resurrect this ancient tradition.



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

Christmas Tree Festival

What a wonderful start we had to December here at Milton Malsor and I wish to thank the many people that helped put together the Christmas Tree Festival, especially the young scouts, cubs, beavers and their leaders and musical director who entertained us Saturday afternoon. Then, on Sunday, we were entertained by Re-Choired and Helen, their musical director, with a seasonal repertoire.



I hope all who visited us enjoyed the time spent with us and perhaps met old friends or made new ones along the way. See you next year, same place - the first weekend in December 2024. Perhaps you would like to bring a tree, entertain us or have a stall. There is plenty of time to put it all together.

Sky Dive Update

Estelle would like to thank all who supported her on her sky diving adventure. We are very pleased to say she has to date raised over £3,105. What a lady! There is still time to sponsor her if you wish to do so.

Keep safe & warm until the sunshine comes again. Jane

Milton Parochial Primary School

What an exciting end to 2023 we've had!

We're delighted to have been able to continue the tradition of holding our Living Nativity, where the school children were in procession around the village, re-enacting the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem. This lovely tradition started 21 years ago and has been held every 7 years since, allowing every child the opportunity to take part in their time at Milton Parochial Primary School. We all thoroughly enjoyed this special event as well as our numerous sports events, Christingle service and school trips for each class this term!

Please contact Mrs Jack Dowdells on 01604 858816 or office@milton.pdet.org.uk for any enquiries or to arrange a school tour.



Friends of Milton School

We'd like to say a big thank you to all those who supported our recent events, which include the wreath making, auction and Christmas fete.

We anticipate that between our various Christmas fundraising events and generous matched funding, we have raised a huge £4,000 for the school. We cannot wait to put this to good use to provide new resources and to enhance the pupils' primary school experience even further at Milton Parochial Primary School.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



GENERAL NEWS

A Panto – Alice in Wonderland

In January, I will be in the band for the local panto in Leighton Buzzard. It's always fantastically enjoyable and a great way to lift the gloom of January (December is always too busy to fit in going to a panto anyway). Check out previous NODA reviews if you have any doubts about the quality.

Over the course of the run, around 2,000 people will see the show. This is not an intimate show that might intimidate someone who's never been before. It's big and brash enough for you to sit back and enjoy the spectacle. However, it's also small enough for you to feel like you're part of a special community. Perfectly sized.

There are big theatres in the towns nearby. I'm sure their productions will also be brilliant but for half the price, you will get just as many laughs, but without having to Google mid-show to work out which soap some character was occasionally in.

You would also get to see me giggling along to the jokes, leading the cheers and boos, and doing my utmost to play some of your favourite tunes for the cast to sing and dance to. What's not to like?

This year, the show is Alice in Wonderland. Expect lots of nonsense! It would be lovely if you came along.

Maybe see you there?

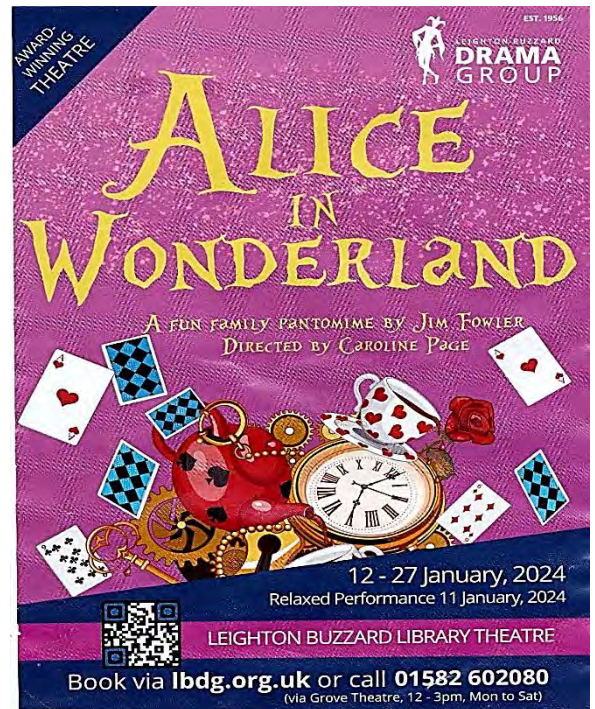
Pete Bellamy

When Alice pops into the local wood for a cosy snooze, she finds herself confronted with a pesky white rabbit, who leads her into a completely bizarre world - a world with a very unpleasant Queen, a completely Mad Hatter enjoying a tea party, and Nursie who has been ordered to prepare the queen's dinner!

To make matters worse, the white rabbit is being pursued by an evil rabbit hunter, and then when the queen's jam tarts go missing, Alice becomes the prime suspect! Will she get a fair trial and find her way home?

Big Alice, small Alice; Who indeed is Alice? Hopefully we'll all find out in Leighton Buzzard Drama Group's version of Alice in Wonderland, penned by Jim Fowler (Robin Hood, Red Riding Hood).

For tickets, go to <https://www.lbdg.org.uk/>



Notes from a Local Farmer

This is a time to look back on last year and let you all know the highs and lows of the farming seasons.

We experienced a lot more rain from the spring through to December. The grass grew in great abundance compared to the previous year but with the rain, it was difficult to make good hay until early September. The wheat harvest was good but spring barley took a long while to ripen so was difficult to harvest in September because the days were shorter. Maize did well with good yields due the wet weather compared to the previous season when it was so dry. Sheep have had a mixed year as the dry autumn previous resulted in low conception rates so the number of lambs sold was lower than usual. This time around, rates are back to normal.

You can see from my comments how reliant we still are on good weather; the threat of climate change must be given more consideration but it's difficult to see much change in the immediate future. So maybe it's best to enjoy life and not worry too much. I wish all readers a great new year. Speak to you all again soon.

Robert Davy

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.potterspurtypc.wordpress.com;

www.yardleygobionparishcouncil.gov.uk

Police Information

Data Breaches

One of your online accounts may have been involved in a data breach where your passwords and other personal details have been leaked. This information could then be used by fraudsters and cyber criminals to carry out cyber-attacks or to scam and exploit you and others.

A good way to help protect your personal data is by closing dormant or rarely used online accounts. Always ensure you use a strong separate password (see Cyber Safety Guide) for each online account and enable a second layer of protection using two-step verification if available. This also applies to old accounts that may no longer be secure or that can't easily be closed. See nsc.gov.uk/guidance/data-breaches for further details and reporting information.

How can you find out if your data has been included in a Data Breach?

Use a data breach search tool such as [haveibeenpwned](https://haveibeenpwned.com) to find if any known data breaches include online accounts you use or were set-up using your email address.

- Visit haveibeenpwned.com
- Enter your email address or phone number to search for any linked data breaches (do not enter passwords).
- Visit each website mentioned in any data breach results to close or secure your account.
- If you are concerned about identity theft as a result of a data breach or other data leak visit cifas.org.uk for relevant advice.

Data Protection

See enforcementtracker.com and informationisbeautiful.net/search/data+breach for an overview of recent breaches and DPA/GDPR related fines. Visit ico.org.uk for UK data protection legislation and details of the related complaints process.

Copycat Websites and Online Services

Copycat websites that appear to be legitimate government services and departments are regularly set-up by cyber criminals. They are designed to steal your personal data and payment details or charge extensive handling fees for tasks that are normally free or can otherwise be easily completed online using the actual relevant government website.

Cyber criminals often post fake links on social media or use sponsored ads and other techniques to get their sites to appear in your Google or other search results when looking for an official site covering: driving licences, passports, business grants, blue badges, etc.

Always use the gov.uk website portal to find the genuine HMG (UK) government service, department or information you need.



Other Phishing Sites

Similar techniques are used by cyber criminals to get you to visit fake but realistic logon pages or phishing sites to obtain your passwords, personal information and payment details. These may look identical to the genuine online store, social media site, payment service, customer support page or account logon you would expect to see.

Avoid clicking links received via email, text message or social media unless you have verified the source. Fake competitions, quizzes, surveys, discount vouchers and offers are also popular methods used by criminals to get you to click on a link to a phishing site.

- Enable your browser (safebrowsing.google.com) or security software web-safe (eg. Microsoft Edge SmartScreen) feature to help avoid known untrusted sites.
- A rudimentary but useful check using a domain/web address can be carried out on: check.getsafeonline.org
- Report suspicious websites so they can be checked and removed: nsc.gov.uk/section/about-this-website/report-scam-website

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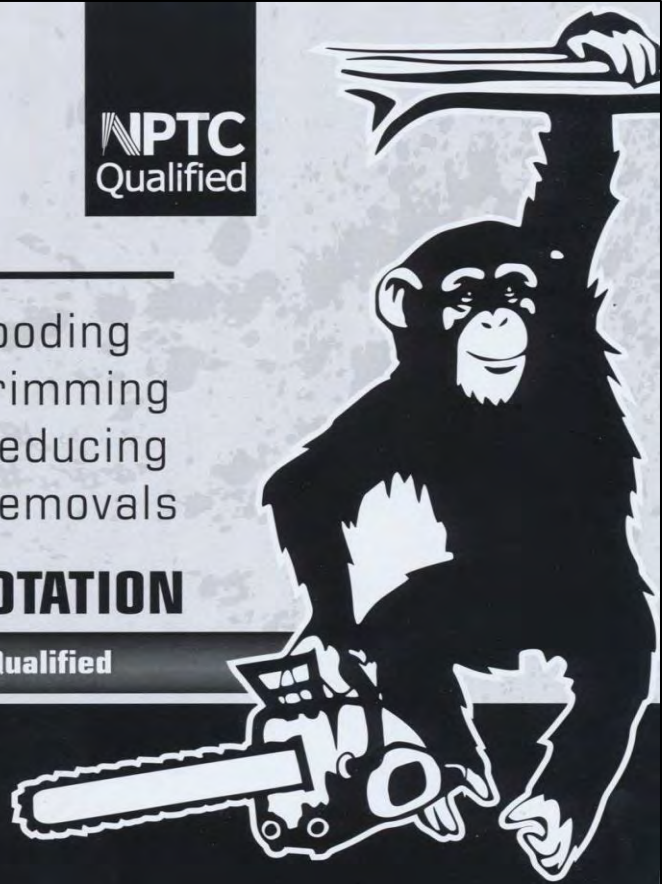
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United Benefice Calendar for 2024

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

January

- 1 Morris dancers at Stoke Bruerne, 12.00 noon
- 6 Coffee morning, Milton Malsor church, 10.00 a m
- 8 Monday Club, Milton Malsor, 2.00 p m
- 9 Inland Waterways Association meeting, 2.30 p m, The Boat Inn, your Waterway videos
- 12 Towcester Farmers' market, 9.00 a m – 1.00 p m
- 18 Coffee morning, Shutlanger, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon
- 18 Lunch at Grafton Regis village hall, 12.30 p m
- 20 Sale for the knight, St Margaret's Church, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon

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

March

- 12 Inland Waterways AGM & waterway quiz with John Pomfret, 7.30 p m, The Boat Inn

April

- 9 Inland Waterways Association – Three Men on the Birmingham Canal Navigations, 7.30, the Boat Inn
- 20 Plant sale, Alderton Churchyard, 10.00 a m

May

- 11 Grafton Regis, 1,000 Years in 100 Minutes, 2.30 p m
- 14 Inland Waterways Association – A heritage walk around Stoke & afternoon tea, 2.30, canal museum

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

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SNIPPETS:

Slow progress is better than no progress. Stay positive and don't give up.

Take risks – if you win, you will be happy; if you lose, you will be wise.

Hard work keeps the wrinkles out of the mind and spirit.

A smart person knows what to say; a wise person knows whether or not to say it.

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