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THE NEWSLETTER AT THE ROOTS OF THE GRAND UNION BENEFICE  
OF BLISWORTH AND STOKE BRUERNE/ SHUTLANGER,  
WITH GRAFTON REGIS, ALDERTON AND MILTON MALSOR

## Rector's Letter

*"I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'" St John 1v23*

The voice calling in the wilderness is none other than the patron Saint of Blisworth, John. John is clearly asking us to prepare the way for our Lord to come into our lives. On 14 February, we step out into the wilderness of Lent, a significant part of the Christian year. It is a period when we try to lessen our intake by fasting and giving up things so that we can focus more clearly on God. At 7.00 p m, we begin our journey through this season with the liturgy of Ash Wednesday, and receive the ashes upon our forehead which are made from Palm crosses from last year. Lent is when we travel the forty days and forty nights with Our Lord in the wilderness, as we begin with preparation and self-examination to prepare ourselves to experience the resurrection and transformation in our lives.

In one of the corners of my garden there is a beautiful rambling rosebush; over the last couple of years, she has grown out of control and was strangling all other life in that part of the garden. I pruned back those dead parts and then untangled those branches which had reached out; she didn't go down without a fight, biting me on several occasions! But I persevered, cutting her right back, and by doing this, in the coming spring, I'm sure she will benefit and contribute to that part of the garden instead of causing damage.

During this season of Lent, we do the same; we prune back the bad habits. We set aside time for prayer and holy reading. For some, Lent can be a long time, so giving up something we enjoy for that period can be difficult. Still, if we can do it, it will make us stronger in being able to resist more considerable temptations that become thorns in our lives; if doing this for the whole six weeks is difficult, then make it a priority to be in Church for one hour every Sunday morning for the entire period of Lent, to meet with others and to meet with Our Lord as He has commanded us to do. It's very easy to get out of the habit of coming to Church, allowing thorns to grow into our lines and choke out our Christian faith.

Lent is a time when we prioritise our Christian faith and restore our relationship with our Lord. It is a time to prune what is holding us back so that we can become the beautiful rose that Christ has called us to be.

During Lent, there are three opportunities during the week to meet for study.  
Tuesday 10.00 a m in The Boat in Stoke Bruerne.

Wednesday 7.00 p m in Holy Cross Milton Malsor

Thursday at 2.00 p m in Blisworth; this will be held in different homes, so if you are interested, please let Helen Helson know.

Blessings, Richard

### **4 February (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent)**

9.30 a m: Family Eucharist, Milton Malsor

11.00 a m: Family Eucharist, Blisworth

4.00 p m: Family service – Candlemas - Alderton

### **11 February (Sunday before Lent)**

9.30 a m: Family service, Milton Malsor

9.30 a m: Family Eucharist, Stoke Bruerne

11.00 a m: Family Eucharist, Blisworth

### **14 February (Ash Wednesday)**

7.00 p m, Blisworth



### **Martha, Mary & Lazarus**

Our Lent course this year centres on the biblical stories of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Each course will consist of 5 x 1 hour sessions as follows:

Blisworth Thursday afternoons 15, 22, 29 February, 7 and 14 March at 2 p.m.

Stoke Bruerne Tuesday mornings 20 and 27 February, 5, 12 and 19 March at 10 a.m.

Milton Malsor Wednesday evenings 21 and 28 February, 6, 13 and 20 March at 7 p.m.

You will be very welcome at these sessions. It would help us to prepare the supporting materials if we knew how many people were coming, so please let any of the ministry team know if you plan to attend. Each session is standalone so not being able to attend one week is not a problem - and you'd be welcome at one of the other venues.



## Services for February 2024

### **18 February (Lent 1)**

9.30 a m: Family Eucharist, Milton Malsor

11.00 a m: Family service, Blisworth

### **25 February (Lent 2)**

9.30 a m: Family service, Milton Malsor

9.30 a m: Family service, Stoke Bruerne

9.30 a m: Said Eucharist, BCP, Grafton Regis

11.00 a m: Family Eucharist, Blisworth

3.00 p m: Almost Mothering Sunday afternoon tea, 3.00 p m with short address

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

**Rector:** Rev'd Canon 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**

**VILLAGE NEWS**

**STOKE BRUERNE**

**Parish Council Meeting**

The next Stoke Bruerne Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 20 February at 7.30 p m in the village hall.

**Jill Cornwell, RIP**

We are sad to report the death of Jill Cornwell, who passed away on 31 December. There will be a funeral service at St Mary's, Stoke Bruerne on Thursday 1 February at 12.00 noon.

Jill Cornwell moved to a sheltered home in Stoke on Trent a while ago. The Cornwell family



moved to Stoke Bruerne in 1978, when Derek was given a position with Commercial Union (Now Aviva Insurance Co). Jill and Derek, with Neil and Claire, lived in Mill Lane from that time. Jill had decided that she would move to Stoke to be closer to Claire. Derek was an occasional player at the Cricket Club along with Neil. On retirement he became a volunteer driver for TADD, Towcester & District Door-to-Door and sat on the Parish Council. Jill worked part time at the school for many years. And she was a wonderful neighbour in Mill Lane. At the time of her move, Jill wrote: "My good wishes to all my friends in the village, and I have such happy memories to take with me. I hope to keep up with village news of all the people I know."

**Stoke Bruerne CE Primary School**

We have a position available for a HLTA at the school. If anyone is interested in applying for this position, they can either telephone school on 01604 862872, email the school office: [bursar@stokebruerne.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:bursar@stokebruerne.northants-ecl.gov.uk) or visit the school website for an application form [www.forestfederation.co.uk](http://www.forestfederation.co.uk)

**St Mary the Virgin Church**

*Dates for 2024:* Coffee mornings 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon. Saturday 24 February – bacon butties and raffle  
Saturday 25 May – plant stall  
Saturday 17 August – raffle  
Saturday 9 November - Remembrance weekend – bacon butties  
Churchyard working parties: 9.30 a m–12.00 noon.

Saturday 16 March, Saturday 20 April, Saturday 18 May, Saturday 15 June,  
Saturday 27 July, Saturday 10 August, Saturday 14 September & Saturday 19 October.

**SHUTLANGER**

Website: [www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk](http://www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk), phone number: 01327640547, Twitter: @ShutlangerVHall  
Facebook: Shutlanger Village Hall, Instagram: shutlangervillagehall, What3words: confetti.freely.exacts

**Coffee Morning**

Our monthly coffee, cake and chat morning was on Thursday 18 January 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 15 February.

We have free wi-fi and contactless payments. 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 £102.50. Congratulations to this month's winners. The tote has raised over £5,000 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](mailto:secretary@shutlangervillagehall.org.uk) any of these make it easy for you to join our ever-growing band of supporters.

**Events**

We are holding one of our popular quizzes on Saturday 24 February. Follow the following link here to book your tickets: [www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk/events](http://www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk/events).



**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!

Barbara Stanbridge, Secretary Shutlanger Village Hall Management Committee



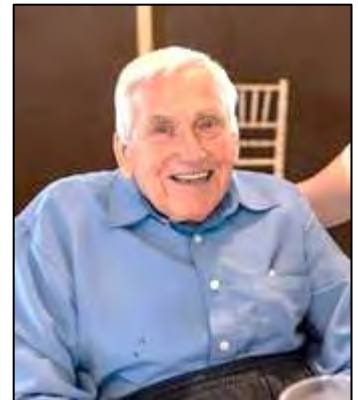
**GRAFTON REGIS**

**Harry Tuckey RIP, 10.7.29 – 12.1.24**

We are saddened to share the news that Harry died at the beginning of this year at the great age of 94. Harry's health had been deteriorating for some time, and after a brief stay in Northampton hospital over the Christmas period, he was cared for at home in his final days by his family with the support from the amazing Hospice at Home team and Marie-Curie.

Harry was a well-known local figure and many people will remember him as the owner of the sports shop in Wolverton, as the chairman of the North Bucks football league or as lifetime president of the Tennis and Cricket club in Wolverton.

Harry moved to Grafton Regis in 2013 and until recently enjoyed chatting to people on his walks round the village and was a regular at the village lunches and other events. He had celebrated his diamond wedding anniversary with his wife Joan last year and had been well enough to join in the village Christmas light trail in December. He will be sadly missed.



**Lunch Club**



The lunch on 18 January celebrated Burns' night prematurely; there was leek and potato soup followed by haggis (and a nip of whisky), tatties and neaps and red cabbage.

For the less adventurous there was a delicious chicken crumble. This was followed by a variety of desserts, cheese and biscuits, tea and coffee and the sweets that we all fight over.

These lunches are absolutely lovely; this time, we were so busy chatting that we hadn't realised that the tables behind us had already been dismantled and stashed away. Thanks as always to the cooks and to all those who help to make these events such fun. The next lunch will be on 15 February.

**1,000 Years in 100 Minutes, 2024**

Grafton's historical walks will be returning in May, hopefully coinciding with warm summer weather!

There's a chance to meet the eccentric Norman Abbot of Grestain – the Abbey owned Grafton for 200 years after the Norman Conquest. Members of the Woodville family, including Elizabeth, who married Edward IV in Grafton in 1464, and Elizabeth of York, who married Henry VII in 1486, tell their stories. Richard III will also explain the disappearance of two of Elizabeth and Edward's sons, the uncrowned Edward V and his brother Richard, the Princes in the Tower.

Henry VIII, the man who put the Regis in Grafton Regis and upgraded Grafton House into a palace, will be addressing his subjects, along with Anne Boleyn, who spent time in the village when Henry was trying to persuade the Pope to annul his marriage to Katherine of Aragon, who was living at Greenwich. The final meeting between Henry and Cardinal Wolsey, the second most powerful man in England, also took place in Grafton, along with the Pope's representative, Cardinal Campeggio. Shortly afterwards, Henry broke away from Rome and the Church of



England was established. Henry's daughter, Elizabeth I, will relate her experience of visiting Grafton, and

Lady Crane, the last tenant of the original Grafton House, describes the siege and destruction of the house in 1643. Is the Grafton portrait really the earliest likeness of William Shakespeare, and why are so many members of the FitzRoy family, Dukes of Grafton, commemorated in the church?



Before tea and cakes are served in the village hall, Isabella Sams tells her story. She was the daughter of a Victorian Rector of Grafton and was involved in the local revival of the lacemaking industry as well as painting watercolour scenes of Grafton in the 1870s and 1880s. And Ada Brafield, long-serving village schoolmistress, describes life in Grafton's school, which is now the village hall, 100 years ago.

The walks start at 2.30 p m on the following Saturdays – 11 May, 22 June and 21 September.

Tickets are already selling, so please book soon to avoid disappointment! We have resisted the pressures of inflation, so the cost is still £9.50 per head including refreshments for adults, £1.00 for under 16s, and under 5s free. All profits are divided between funds for the maintenance of the village hall and of the church.

To book and for further information, please ring Kathy on 0791 009 2132 or email keith.harry@btinternet.com.



## BLISWORTH

### Short Mat Bowls Club

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

### The Beat Bus

The Beat Bus will be visiting Blisworth as follows in the Royal Oak car park:

27 March, 3.00 p m, 19 June, 3.00 p m, 11 September, 3.00 p m and 4 December, 3.00 p m

### Christingle Dec 2023

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christingle and Nativity service on Christmas Eve afternoon in Blisworth Church. We were blessed with a full church of all ages from the very young to the not quite so young! I'm not sure who was more excited, the kids or the grown-ups. 100 Christingles were prepared the day before – thank you to everyone who helped on the assembly line.

Our fabulous costume department dressed a multitude of budding actors who enjoyed acting out the nativity story. Special thanks to our young gentlemen shepherds who helped keep the little ones safe and bore the description “smelly shepherds” remarkably well. As usual we lit our Christingles and sang our last carol by candlelight. It was great fun and your kind donations raised £200 for the Childrens Society.

See you next year 😊

Helen

### Easter Services

Easter is early this year, so Ash Wednesday is on 14 February. The traditional Ash Wednesday service will be held in St. John's at 7.00 p m. This short, but meaningful service, marks the beginning of Lent, and our journey to Easter. Do join us - all are welcome.

### 2024 Monthly Coffee and Cakes, Last Friday of the Month, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon at 7 Pond Bank Blisworth

The last Friday of the month is looked forward to by many people as a lovely social event. January coffee and cakes is especially anticipated as it is a long month and some time since our previous one in October. The coffee morning is usually held with the Christmas bazaar in November, and we have a break in December with all the other festivities taking place.

23 February and 29 March will be indoors, but we have been very lucky with the weather previously with April, May, June, July, August and sometimes September being held ‘al-fresco’ on the drive. If you haven't been able to join us before it is a really friendly, chatty atmosphere where everyone is most welcome. There is usually a tasty variety of sweet and savoury with gluten free and vegan options. There are homemade jams, marmalades and chutneys with Edith's marmalade often pre-ordered before it arrives!

Many, many thanks to all who baked, donated and came during 2023. We look forward to seeing you.

Dates for the year are: 23 February, 29 March, 26 April 31 May, 28 June, 26 July, 30 August, 27 September and 25 October. The November event depends on the date of the Christmas bazaar and we have a break in December.  
Pat and Mason



## ALDERTON

### Church Cleaning Rota

February: Katie and Jo

(service and afternoon tea 25 February)

### Sale for the Knight

Despite the freezing temperatures, we were delighted that so many people came along to our sale for the knight on 20 January – it was just lovely to see everybody. Numerous cups of tea and coffee were consumed and many people stayed to have a chat. There was a wide variety of goods to buy and a huge number of cakes and biscuits were sold – and many jars of Margaret's famous marmalade. She will be off to the shops soon to buy more Seville oranges! We took almost £400, which is amazing. Thanks to everyone who came and also to Val, who made some of her amazing cakes for us.  
Margaret and Linda

### Litter Pick

Some of the lovely people of Alderton came together on 7 January to have a tidy up of our village. What with overflowing bins after Christmas and strong winds, our little village needed a bit of TLC and a clean-up. A small group of us collected 4 bags of rubbish! Thank you to Jo, Mike and Lulu for helping me keep our beautiful village clean and tidy.  
Gemma Ferguson

### Almost Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday is on 10 March this year. In the past, understandably, people have been busy with family commitments and have been unable to make a Mothering Sunday service in church. Last year, we held an ‘Almost Mothering Sunday’ short service and afternoon tea in church, and this proved to be very popular so we are going to do the same thing again this year. This will be on 25 February at 3.00 p m and we really hope that you will be able to come along. We managed to seat everybody at tables last year – it was a bit of a squeeze and highlights the need to get on and install our toilet and servery facilities and to make the church a more accessible and flexible place, being the only public building in the village. The catering team will ensure that there are delicious home-made goodies to eat.

More details will be circulated in due course but in the meantime, put the date in your diary. Everyone is welcome, adults and children alike – we all have or had a mother and they need to be celebrated!  
Margaet and Linda



## 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

### Milton Parochial Primary School

Happy New Year! After a lovely Christmas break, we're back and have been enjoying our new class topics for the next term. Delapre class are learning about dinosaurs and have their very own museum. Stanwick class are learning about the Roman times and are exploring mystery novels. Brixworth class are tackling the atlas and identifying world rivers and their manmade features.

On our first Friday back, we had the pleasure of celebrating our pupils' success in a wide range of amazing activities that they take part in out of school. We also recognised their achievements



in key topics at school, as well as class swimming lessons and the overall stars of the week, at our first of many achievers' assemblies in 2024. A big well done to all of our pupils.



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Friends of Milton School

After a very successful winter of fundraising, we are excited to be funding further resources and educational treats for the children to benefit from this school year. In the meantime, we are busy arranging a disco for the pupils and making plans ahead of Mothering Sunday and Easter.

Save the Date

Friday 21 June: Proms and Prosecco starting 7.00 p.m. at Holy Cross Church, Milton Malsor. More details next month.

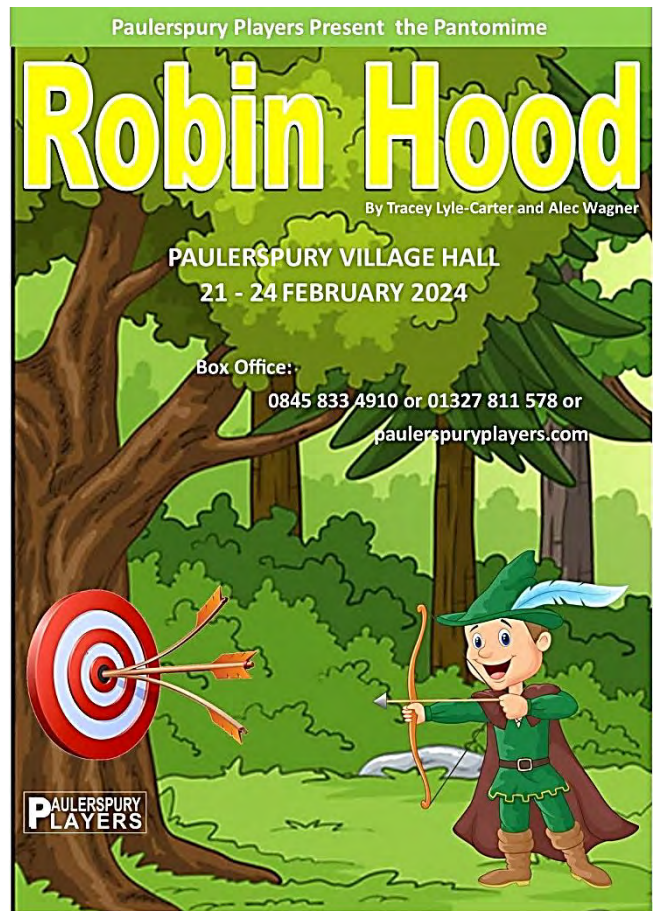
GENERAL NEWS

News from The Old Mail

For events and happenings in the nearby villages: Cosgrove, Potterspurpy 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.potterspurpy.wordpress.com](http://www.potterspurpy.wordpress.com); [www.yardleygobionparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.yardleygobionparishcouncil.gov.uk)

A Pantomime in Paulerspury

Paulerspury Players are performing their 34th annual pantomime,



Paulerspury Players Present the Pantomime

**Robin Hood**

By Tracey Lyle-Carter and Alec Wagner

PAULERSPURY VILLAGE HALL  
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Box Office:  
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PAULERSPURY PLAYERS

“Robin Hood”, in Paulerspury village hall, NN12 7NA from Wednesday 21 February to Saturday 24 February 2024. Tickets are available through our website, [paulerspuryplayers.com](http://paulerspuryplayers.com) or our box office, 0845 833 4910.

Robin Hood is a traditional pantomime full of songs, jokes, slapstick and the odd inflatable palm tree. Robin, our hero, and his friends, Lady Marian, Dame Freya Tuck and Will and Scarlett, are just some of the characters you will meet in this comic adventure. The story is one that everyone knows but with some twists and turns along the way. Come along and boo the Sheriff, King John and Hilda, our baddie trio or who knows what might happen? But is panto just for kids... oh no it isn't, panto is for everyone! There is something for all ages, an enjoyable evening of fun is guaranteed and not to be missed!

*About the Paulerspury Players*

Paulerspury Players is a well-known local amateur dramatics group that raises money for local good causes. Formed in 1988 we were almost exclusively drawn from Paulerspury Parish with one or two from neighbouring villages. Over time our membership became drawn from far and wide, such was the attraction of our shows and our reputation for 'having fun raising funds'. There are still many cast and chorus from Paulerspury in current productions, with the rest coming from miles around! It is a testament to our sustainability and the hard work and enthusiasm put in by our members. It is rare that an amateur dramatics group survives this long, let alone produces successful shows and profits as we have. Our shows have benefited so many young people and adults since our beginnings in 1988, not only from money raised but the experiences of taking part in community shows. We now see some of our early child actors grown up, married and with children of their own. Long may The Players flourish and maintain our well-established traditions!

*About our Fundraising*

In 2023 we made financial contributions to both Harry's Rainbow and The Lewis Foundation. Harry's Rainbow ([harrysrainbow.co.uk](http://harrysrainbow.co.uk)) supports children and young people in the Milton Keynes and surrounding areas, who have been bereaved of a parent or sibling. As well as providing information and guidance on our website and social networking sites, we provide various bereavement support services. These include regular support groups, activities and trips, and individual tailored support, as appropriate.

The Lewis Foundation ([thelewisfoundation.co.uk](http://thelewisfoundation.co.uk)) source, package and hand deliver free gifts and support packs to adult cancer patients in hospital every week – items they might find difficult to buy themselves or simply cannot afford. It can be a sad, frightening and lonely experience for individuals undergoing cancer treatment, and for many people in hospital, The Lewis Foundation volunteers are their only regular visitors.

Ian Taylor, tel 07889 539814



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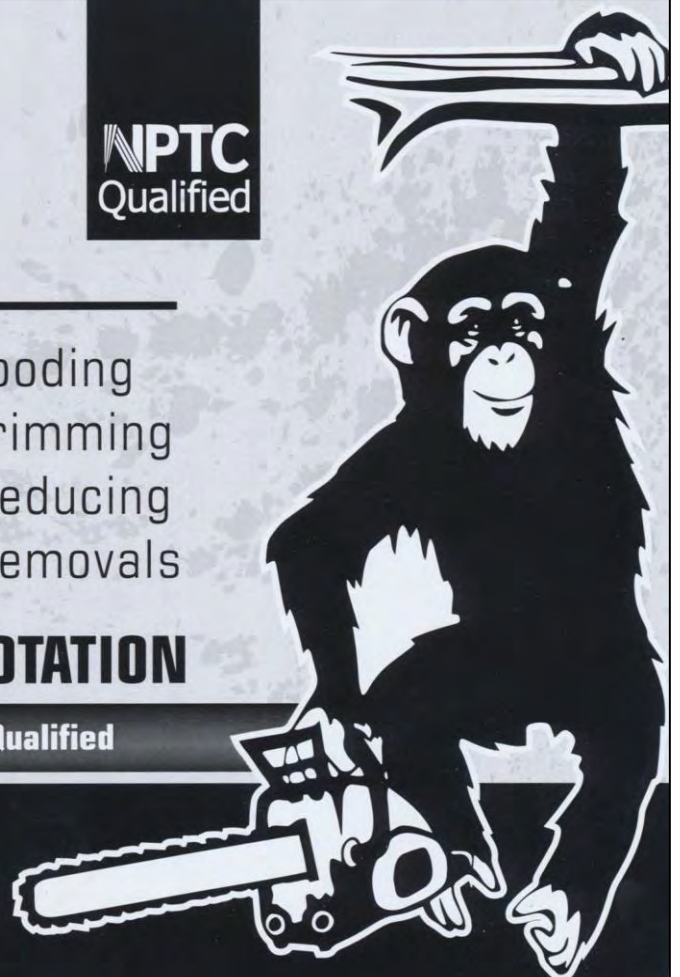
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Do you use WhatsApp?



It has been identified that criminals are now targeting churchgoers and faith or community groups who use WhatsApp, to hack into and take over their accounts.

This prevents the legitimate owner from using or accessing their account. Criminals then send messages that appear to be from the owner, containing scams, investment frauds and links to malicious websites or fake logon pages. Any personal information, photos, contacts, etc. obtained are then used to enable further criminal activity.

Criminals also impersonate the account owner to request onscreen authentication codes from others in the same WhatsApp group. If successful, this then allows the criminals to takeover these additional accounts too.

**Never share onscreen or account access (OTP) codes with anybody, even if the person calling or messaging you appears to be genuine.**

**Turn on two step verification (2SV) in your WhatsApp and Email accounts (in security settings) to add an extra layer of protection.**

If you are a victim of an account hack or any other cybercrime or fraud, report it to: **Action Fraud** via [actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk) or **0300 123 2040**.

If possible, forward suspicious emails to: [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

Forward scam text message to: **7726**

For further cyber safety resources and advice contact:

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**SNIPPETS:**

*Don't use your energy to worry, use your energy to believe.*

*The best teachers are those who show you where to look but don't tell you what to see.*

**Charlotte Morris**

**Police Community Support Officer PCSO 7029**

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## United Benefice Calendar for 2024

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

### February

- 3 Coffee morning, Milton Malsor church, 10.00 a m
- 5 Monday club, 2.00 p m
- 9 Farmers' market, Towcester, 9.00 a m to 12.00 noon
- 13 Inland Waterways Association meeting, 2.30 p m, The Boat Inn – Phil Clayton – Curious cuts
- 15 Shutlanger coffee morning, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon
- 15 Grafton lunch club, 12.30 p m
- 20 Stoke Bruerne Parish Council meeting, 7.30 p m, village hall
- 23 Blisworth coffee and cakes, 7 Pond Bank, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon
- 24 Coffee morning, Stoke Bruerne Church, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon, bacon butties and raffle
- 24 Quiz night, Shutlanger village hall, 7.00 p m
- 25 Afternoon tea in Alderton, 3.00 p m

### March

- 9 Make a bunny workshop, Milton Malsor church, 10.00 a m to 1.00 p m
- 12 Inland Waterways AGM & waterway quiz with John Pomfret, 7.30 p m, The Boat Inn
- 16 Stoke Bruerne churchyard working party, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon
- 27 Beat Bus, Royal Oak car park, Blisworth, 3.00 p m
- 29 Blisworth coffee and cakes, 7 Pond Bank, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon

### 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
- 20 Stoke Bruerne churchyard working party, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon
- 26 Blisworth coffee and cakes, 7 Pond Bank, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon

### 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
- 18 Stoke Bruerne churchyard working party, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon
- 25 Stoke Bruerne coffee morning – plant stall
- 31 Blisworth coffee and cakes, 7 Pond Bank, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon

### June

- 15 Stoke Bruerne churchyard working party, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon
- 19 Beat Bus, Royal Oak car park, Blisworth, 3.00 p m#
- 21 Proms and Prosecco, Milton Malsor Church, 7.00 p m
- 22 Grafton Regis, 1,000 Years in 100 Minutes, 2.30 p m
- 28 Blisworth coffee and cakes, 7 Pond Bank, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon

### July

- 26 Blisworth coffee and cakes, 7 Pond Bank, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon
- 27 Stoke Bruerne churchyard working party, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon

### August

- 10 Stoke Bruerne churchyard working party, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon
- 17 Stoke Bruerne coffee morning - raffle
- 30 Blisworth coffee and cakes, 7 Pond Bank, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon

### September

- 11 Beat Bus, Royal Oak car park, Blisworth, 3.00 p m
- 14 Stoke Bruerne churchyard working party, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon
- 21 Grafton Regis, 1,000 Years in 100 Minutes, 2.30 p m
- 27 Blisworth coffee and cakes, 7 Pond Bank, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon

### October

- 19 Stoke Bruerne churchyard working party, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon
- 25 Blisworth coffee and cakes, 7 Pond Bank, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon

### November

- 9 Stoke Bruerne coffee morning – bacon butties

### December

- 4 Beat Bus, Royal Oak car park, Blisworth, 3.00 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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