

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



On 16 May, with fine drizzle in the air, I set out to meet up with the Archdeacon of Oakham, Alison Booker, and the Dean of Peterborough Cathedral, Chris Dalliston, at Salcey Forest. I walked with them for the day as Alison continued her pilgrimage across the diocese, and on this particular day, she was walking through the beautiful countryside of Towcester Deanery. When we arrived in Hartwell, the children from the local Church of England school greeted us with great cheers. We then made our way to St Mary the Virgin Grafton Regis, where we stopped for a beautiful and much-needed lunch (Thank you, Jean and Judy) before making our way along the canal to Cosgrove. Leaving the canal behind us, we headed to Old Stratford, then through to Deanshanger and ending at Wicken. Once at Wicken, we were greeted by Bishop John and The Venerable David Painter for a short time of prayer before being driven to Potterspurty, where we enjoyed an excellent service and listened to

Archdeacon Alison and Bishop John talk about their faith journey - the theme for this particular day was 'the God who saves.' God is always with us on our pilgrimage through this life; He saves us in times of trial, He also saves us for a particular purpose in life, to be His presence in this world.

Patronal Service

Mark your calendars for the 2nd of this month, as we eagerly anticipate the Patronal service of St Mary the Virgin in Grafton Regis. This service holds a profound place in our hearts, commemorating the feast of the Visitation, a pivotal event in our faith. It's a time to reflect on the visit of Mary, our Lord's mother, to her cousin, Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist. This celebration, which originated in 1263 at a Franciscan Order General Chapter, swiftly spread across Europe, symbolising the unity of our faith. St Luke informs us that John the Baptist is the final prophet of the Old Testament, and here he is depicted in the Visitation account as leaping in his mother's womb in the presence of our Lord's mother, establishing a connection between the Old and New Testaments. St John the Baptist heralds the presence, the advent of the long-anticipated Messiah, a monumental event in our faith.

We are truly privileged to have Bishop John joining us on this wonderful occasion. His presence adds a special significance to our celebration. Many dedicated members from across the benefice have been diligently rehearsing as a choir each Wednesday to contribute to the service, infusing their voices into the jubilant atmosphere. We will use the 1662 prayer book, a cherished part of our tradition. After the service, there will be refreshments and time to relax in the afternoon sun. It's a unique opportunity to spend time with one of our Bishops and friends from across the benefice.

Blessings, 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 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 Gill Franklin, tel 01604 706545.

Service Schedule for June 2024

Sunday 2 June, Trinity 1

9.30 a m: Milton Malsor, Family Eucharist

11.00 a m: Blisworth, Family Eucharist

4.00 p m: Grafton Regis, Evensong, Patronal service

Sunday 9 June, Trinity 2

9.30 a m: Stoke Bruerne, Family Eucharist

9.30 a m: Milton Malsor, Family service

11.00 a m: Blisworth, Family Eucharist

Sunday 16 June, Trinity 3

8.00 a m: Alderton, Fathers' Day breakfast

9.30 a m: Milton Malsor, Family Eucharist

11.00 a m: Blisworth, Family service

Thursday 20 June

9.30 a m: St Anne's Chapel, Shutlanger, Celtic Morning Prayer

Sunday 23 June, Trinity 4

9.30 a m: Milton Malsor, Family service

9.30 a m: Stoke Bruerne, Family service

11.00 a m: Blisworth, Family Eucharist

Sunday 30 June, Trinity 5

10.00 a m: Alderton, Benefice service, Alderton



STOKE BRUERNE

Exciting Job Opportunity at Stoke Bruerne School

Stoke Bruerne Primary School is looking for a lunchtime supervisor to join the friendly team. Monday to Friday 11.30 a m to 1.00 p m.

Please email: bursar@stokebruerne.northants-ecl.gov.uk for more information, or telephone the school on 01604 862872.

SHUTLANGER AND STOKE BRUERNE (Combined)

War Memorial

As you will all probably know Thursday 6 June is the 80th anniversary of D-Day; a time when we remember those who gave their lives for the freedom we enjoy today. For Stoke Bruerne and Shutlanger residents, those who gave their lives in the two great wars are remembered on the war memorial in the churchyard of St Mary's Stoke Bruerne. This war memorial is in need of some tender love and care after years of exposure to the elements.

We wish to restore the war memorial and what better year than the 80th anniversary of D-Day? We have approached the Parish Councils of Stoke Bruerne and Shutlanger, together with the combined charities of the two villages (The Charity of Thomas Bosenhoe and The New Charity Estate) to help with the costs (around £4,400 before VAT). We are awaiting a decision from Shutlanger Parish Council but in the interim, the two charities and Stoke Bruerne Parish Council have indicated a willingness to contribute to the costs.

We also feel that residents of the two parishes may wish to contribute individually so for those who have GRASS delivered in Stoke Bruerne and Shutlanger, we have included an envelope in the hope you may wish to contribute to the cost of restoring the war memorial. For other ways to pay, please contact Kathryn Dodington - 07768 770070.

If you would like to contribute please see the envelope delivered with your copy of Grass or contact Kathryn.

Lest we forget.

Kathryn Dodington



SHUTLANGER

Shutlanger Village Hall

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Coffee Morning

Our monthly coffee, cake and chat morning was on Thursday 16 May, 10.00 a m until 12.00 noon. The coffee morning was preceded by a short prayer service which started at 9.30 a m.

The next coffee morning will be on Thursday 20 June; there will be bacon rolls and homemade cake too. 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 £100. As part of our 140th celebration, we gave out two extra £50 prizes. Congratulations to all the winners. The tote has raised over £5,000 towards keeping our hall as a centre for community; we have given out the same 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 garden party on 12 May was a great success with over 50 villagers enjoying cream teas, a special cake and toasting the hall with a glass of Prosecco. Music from the era was playing in the hall and short video showed how the hall has been enhanced over the last few years. The lovely weather was a great addition too. Thanks to the Parish Council for their financial support for this event.



Open Gardens

We have more than 10 gardens open on 9 June between 10.30 a m and 2.30 p m and offer bacon rolls and cream teas at the hall. There will be a plant sale and creche for your plants. Either buy your tickets at the hall on the day or online at www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk/opengardens.

Dog Show

We will be holding another dog show on Sunday 8 September. More details to follow.

The Angels' Share

The band are set to perform for us again on 21 September. Put the date in your diary tickets will sell fast.

Plant and Crop Swap

The plant and crop swap is back. Either bring some surplus plants from your garden and take home something new or pick up a plant you like the look of a leave a donation in the post box at the hall. All the proceeds from the plant swap go towards buying new plants for our lovely hall garden.



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

Shutlanger Parish Council

Website: www.shutlangerparishcouncil.org.uk email: clerk@shutlangerparishcouncil.org.uk

The annual village meeting was held in the village hall on Thursday 9 May. Seven parishioners attended and raised several questions; more than one attendee mentioned the poor state of the roads and pavements. The Council were able to advise the most effective way to achieve improvements to our roads is by reporting problems to fixmystreet.com. There is a simple form to fill in which alerts the appropriate authority.



The financial reports for the Council were shared and these are available to view at the website above. All the meeting minutes from the council are available on the website.

The village meeting was followed by the usual council meeting. Councillor Peter Newson was elected as Chair and Councillor Barbara Stanbridge as Vice-Chair. The next council meeting will be held in July; members of the public are welcome to attend.



BLISWORTH

Short Bowls

After 35 years associated with Blisworth short mat bowls, 28 years as chairman, Stan Tyrrell has, with a heavy heart decided to stand down as chairman. Over those years Stan worked tirelessly for the good of the club, and members enjoyed meals out and fish suppers as well as playing bowls! The club survived the Covid years and is still going strong, thanks to Stan.

He was presented with an engraved tankard to show our appreciation for his hard work and dedication over this time. Tina Alexandrou

Open The Book

A small team of volunteers regularly bring bible stories to life in Stoke Bruerne, Milton Malsor and Blisworth primary schools. We would love to recruit some more volunteers from across the benefice. Please contact Hilary Spurrier on 01604 859182 if you are interested.



Angela Cheesbrough



A few months ago, we were sorry to learn that Angela and John were making plans to leave Blisworth. It is difficult to contemplate St John’s without Angela as warden – a post she has held for over 20 years. As fellow warden I will miss her enormously, not only as colleague, but as a much-loved nearby friend. It is impossible to list the range of things she has done for us all over the years, including overseeing the installation of our servery and toilet, participation in Open the Book and so on. To attempt a comprehensive list would inevitably be to omit some.



So, on a lighter note I will say that in her last week here, she and John oiled and stained the church’s huge front door – and I am afraid, Angela, that the chairs will never again be so well arranged!

And so we came to saying our farewells on Sunday 12 May. Angela goes to her new home in Dunchurch with our thanks, our good wishes and our prayers, not only for her move, but for her hip operation taking place the day after her move! With her usual resilience and faith, I am certain she will cope with the upheavals, and forge a new and rewarding life. She knows that she will always be welcome and has promised to visit in the future.
Fiona McKenzie

Dr Derek Bull RIP

We were saddened to learn of the death of Dr Derek Bull; he was a lovely man and I am sure he will be very much missed. We hope to print a full obituary next month.



ALDERTON

- Church Cleaning Rota Doris & Dawn
- Churchyard Rota Bob Halsey (first half of month)
Matthew Hall-Townley (second half of month)
- Sale for the Knight

We held a sale for the knight on Saturday 4 May and although not so many people visited us as usual, it was a really lovely event as some of those that did come along stayed and had a cup of coffee and a chat, so it was a very social morning. We raised £257, which was brilliant. Our next knight sale will be on 27 July and we will be having a stall at the art festival on 31 August and 1 September.

Margaret and Linda

Evening of Readings by Graham Brack

For those of you who thought you might come to author/Curate, Graham Brack’s, story evening at Linda’s house on 27 April but didn’t, you missed an absolute treat! What an unusual and magical evening it was. Fourteen people sat in Linda’s very comfortable sitting room listening to Graham read some of his short stories. Not a sound was heard from anyone during the actual reading. There were no microphones, phones or any contemporary devices to intrude on the flow of the stories. We were transported back to the comfort of childhood and the tradition of story-telling that most of us have forgotten. The atmosphere was magical.

Graham read two detective stories before the break and one beautiful story that he described as being ‘a Christmas story’ but was actually much more than that. His kind perception of human nature and gentle sense of humour completely mesmerised everyone. His detectives were humorous and surprising and his ‘murders’ turned out not to be the centre of the story. It was the ingenious plot; the perceptive description of the characters and places (illustrating that he had actually been to them), and the grasp of different languages that captivated us all.

Thanks go to Linda and Paul for allowing the invasion of their home for this event and for helping to create such a wonderful atmosphere. Food and wine were consumed in surprisingly large quantities for such a relatively small group of people. The atmosphere and good humour were contagious. People were very generous and, as this was a fundraising event, the amount of funds created by the ticket price and the raffle were an astounding £247. This money will go towards the installation of the toilet and servery in church

We will be holding another reading by Graham; this time at Christmas and the story will be ‘A Christmas Carol’ by Charles Dickens. This will take place on Saturday 14 December; make sure you put this in your diary, as I am sure the limited places will go very quickly.

Margaret

Fathers’ Day Breakfast

We very much hope that you will be able to join us on Sunday 16 June, Fathers’ Day, for breakfast in the churchyard at 8.00 a m, which will leave the rest of the day free for whatever it is you do on Fathers’ Day. This event has proved very popular in the past; we will be serving a delicious breakfast and are asking for donations towards the toilet and servery project. There will be more details later, but in the meantime, put the date in your diary – we would love to see you there, whether you usually come to church or not. Margaret and Linda



MILTON MALSOR

Holy Cross Church

The Holy Cross church looked stunningly beautiful to celebrate Our Lord's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Thanks to all those talented ladies that work magic with the flowers. Also, a thank you to those that donated money/flowers for this special occasion. On Easter Sunday, all the congregation received an egg that had been attractively decorated by our incredibly talented Sorcha.

The monthly church coffee mornings go from strength to strength, thanks to Sue Bell and her team of excellent bakers, who make the delicious cakes for this successful event. Thanks goes to those who also help and support running the raffle and sales. Starting this month, we will be holding a plant and seed sale. It is a very chatty and a social event, where we all catch up with good friends.

On Monday 8 April, Sue Bell organised an outing to Boughton on the Water for those across the Benefice who are members of the of the Monday afternoon club. It was a wonderful day out and we all had an enjoyable time. We all paired up and took a gentle stroll around the beautiful village. There were not too many visitors and luckily it did not rain, which in all made for a very pleasant day out.

Do you have pieces of needlework or craft of which you are extremely proud? Why not exhibit them during our planned exhibition of craft work? This is being planned for the weekend of 14 and 15 September. For more information contact Gill Franklin on 01604 706545



Short Bowls

Come and play short mat bowls in the village hall on a Tuesday afternoon. From 2.00 p m until 4.00 p m. We are competitive and at the same time have loads of fun. None of us want to be on the losing side! At half time we have a welcome cup of tea or coffee with biscuits. To have a good afternoon helping us all to keep fit and at a reasonable price, at the cost of £2.50 per session. The first three sessions are free. Bring soft shoes; the rest of the equipment is provided. Contact Gill Franklin on 01604 706545 for further information.

1st Collingtree & Milton Malsor St George's Day Celebrations

The St. George's Day celebration held on Sunday 28 April at St Columba Church Collingtree was a resounding success, filled with festivity, and community spirit. The event brought together members of the church, scouts, and local residents to commemorate the patron saint of England.

The afternoon began with a church service, where attendees gathered to honour St. George's legacy and reflect on his values. During the service all members of the Scout association renewed their promises; the Scout promise and law emphasizes principles such as loyalty, bravery, and service to others. These values align closely with the legendary deeds of St. George, who is revered for his bravery in slaying the dragon to protect his community.

After the service and short parade, the festivities continued with all members of the three sections (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) enacting the legendary tale of St. George and the dragon. The afternoon then concluded with afternoon tea which was enjoyed by many.



Scout Leader Honoured at Westminster Abbey with Silver Acorn Award

Westminster Abbey is not just a place of worship; last month it was also the distinguished venue for a momentous occasion in the Scouting community. Micheal Ladd, a devoted and exemplary Scout leader, was awarded the prestigious Silver Acorn Award in recognition of his outstanding service and dedication to Scouting.

The Silver Acorn is a distinguished honour within the Scouting movement, presented to individuals who have made significant contributions at the local level. It symbolises years of commitment, leadership, and selfless devotion to the Scouting ethos. Recipients of this award exemplify the highest standards of Scouting, inspiring others through their actions and embodying the principles of the Scouting promise and law.

Micheal has been a pillar of the Scouting community for over 25 years, serving with unwavering dedication and passion. As a Scout leader, he has mentored countless young people, imparting invaluable skills, values, and life lessons along the way. His commitment to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment has touched the lives of many, instilling confidence, resilience, and a sense of belonging in his Scouts. Micheal's receipt of the Silver Acorn Award is not just a recognition of his past accomplishments but also a testament to his ongoing commitment to the Scouting movement. He continues to inspire and empower young people, shaping the leaders of tomorrow and leaving an indelible mark on the Scouting community. Well done and thank you!



Milton Malsor Open Gardens

Milton Malsor open gardens will be on 29 June from 12.00 noon to 5.00 p m. Tickets and refreshments available from the church. Sue Bell's garden will be open on Sunday 30 June from 12.00 noon to 5.00 p m; your ticket from the 29th will gain you entry, or you can pay on the day. Bronte House, Eastcote Road, Tiffield, NN128AF.

Monday Club

The Monday Club will be meeting at Sue Bells house, Bronte House, Eastcote Road Tiffield NN128AF On 1 July.

Milton Parochial Primary School

We started this term with a wonderful visit from Preacher the Storyteller, who captured the imaginations of all our children and staff alike; what a treat it was! We can't wait for him to visit us again next year.

This term, Delapre class have enjoyed learning about how plants grow, exploring pond life and have set up their very own garden centre too.

Stanwick class have been learning all about India and have been tackling fractions.

Brixworth class had a fun trip to Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre to gather data for their river topic and have learnt all about London during the Second World War.

Our Year 6s have also worked incredibly hard during SATs week and made us immensely proud. To end SATs week, they've enjoyed receiving their leavers' hoodies as a treat from FOMS, eating ice creams kindly bought by the Governors and enjoying a well-deserved visit from the pizza van too. Well done everyone!



Friends of Milton School

We are so pleased to have been able to fund Preacher the Storyteller's fantastic visit and to have been able to gift our lovely Year 6s with leavers' hoodies again this year. The personalised hoodies look fantastic with the children's signatures and their own colour choices and we look forward to seeing them wear them for the remainder of their time with us.

We are currently busy planning our May Day sales, Father's Day and summer fete events as well as spending our funds on more activities and equipment for the children to enjoy.

GENERAL NEWS

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We are planning one of our film nights in June, and another jazz event in the autumn, so look out for more details on Facebook, or email the library.

Opening times

Wednesday: 10.00 a m – 2.00 p m, Thursday: 2.00 p m – 5.00 p m, Friday: 2.00 p m – 6.00 p m, Saturday: 10.30 a m – 1.00 p m.

Contact details: Roade Community Library, High Street, Roade NN7 2NW

Email: roadecml1@gmail.com We reply to emails as quickly as we can, usually during opening hours. Tel: 01604 419316 during opening hours

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

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United Benefice Calendar for 2024

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

June

- 1 Coffee morning and Messy Church, Milton Malsor, 10.00 a m
- 1 Art exhibition, Stoke Bruerne village hall, 10.00 a m to 4.00 p m
- 3 Monday Club outing to Raysnford House
- 9 Open gardens, Shutlanger, 10.30 a m to 2.30 p m
- 13 Blisworth WI meeting, gold work, 7.30 p m, Blisworth village hall
- 14 Farmers' market, Towcester
- 15 Stoke Bruerne churchyard working party, 9.30 a m to 12. 00 noon
- 16 Fathers' Day breakfast in the churchyard, St Margaret's Church, Alderton
- 18 Parish Council meeting, Stoke Bruerne village hall, 7.30 p m
- 19 Beat Bus, Royal Oak car park, Blisworth, 3.00 p m
- 20 Coffee morning, Shutlanger, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon
- 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
- 28 Stoke Bruerne school fete, 3.00 p m to 5.00 p m
- 29 Milton Malsor open gardens, 12.00 noon to 5.00 p m
- 30 Sue Bell's garden open, 12.00 noon to 5.00 p m

July

- 1 Monday Club meeting at Bronte House, Tiffield
- 6 Coffee morning and Messy Church, Milton Malsor, 10.00 a m
- 11 Blisworth WI meeting, I'm a Poet but not as you know it, 7.30 p m, Blisworth village hall
- 13 Garden party, Pear Tree Cottage, Alderton, 3.00 p m to 5.00 p m
- 16 Parish Council meeting, Stoke Bruerne village hall, 7.30 p m
- 20 Barn dance, Shutlanger
- 20 Hunsbury & Blisworth Community Choir concert, St John the Baptist Church, Blisworth, 7.00 p m
- 26 Blisworth coffee and cakes, 7 Pond Bank, 10.00 a m to 12. 00 noon
- 27 Sale for the knight, Alderton church, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon
- 27 Stoke Bruerne churchyard working party, 9.30 a m to 12. 00 noon

August

- 3 Coffee morning and Messy Church, Milton Malsor, 10.00 a m
- 8 Blisworth WI meeting, outing
- 10 Stoke Bruerne churchyard working party, 9.30 a m to 12. 00 noon
- 17 Stoke Bruerne coffee morning – raffle
- 20 Parish Council meeting, Stoke Bruerne village hall, 7.30 p m
- 30 Blisworth coffee and cakes, 7 Pond Bank, 10.00 a m to 12. 00 noon
- 31 Alderton Art Festival

September

- 1 Alderton Art Festival
- 7 Coffee morning and Messy Church, Milton Malsor, 10.00 a m
- 8 Dog show, Shutlanger
- 11 Beat Bus, Royal Oak car park, Blisworth, 3.00 p m
- 11 Shutlanger and Stoke Bruerne Flower Club, Roade village hall, 7.30 p m
- 12 Blisworth WI meeting, 'Our Fifth Sense', 7.30 p m, Blisworth village hall
- 14 Stoke Bruerne churchyard working party, 9.30 a m to 12. 00 noon
- 14/15 Exhibition of craft work, Milton Malsor
- 17 Parish Council meeting, Stoke Bruerne village hall, 7.30 p m
- 21 Grafton Regis, 1,000 Years in 100 Minutes, 2.30 p m
- 21 The Angels' Share performance, Shutlanger
- 27 Blisworth coffee and cakes, 7 Pond Bank, 10.00 a m to 12. 00 noon

October

- 5 Coffee morning and Messy Church, Milton Malsor, 10.00 a m
- 10 Blisworth WI meeting, Mata Hari – a spy or a scapegoat, 7.30 p m, Blisworth village hall
- 15 Parish Council meeting, Stoke Bruerne village hall, 7.30 p m
- 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
 26 Hallowe'en trail, Shutlanger

November

- 2 Coffee morning and Messy Church, Milton Malsor, 10.00 a m
 9 Stoke Bruerne coffee morning – bacon butties
 13 Shutlanger and Stoke Bruerne Flower Club, Roade village hall, 7.30 p m
 14 Blisworth WI meeting, Northampton theatres, 7.30 p m, Blisworth village hall
 16 Bingo evening, Shutlanger
 19 Parish Council meeting, Stoke Bruerne village hall, 7.30 p m
 29 Wreath workshop, Shutlanger

December

- 4 Beat Bus, Royal Oak car park, Blisworth, 3.00 p m
 7 Coffee morning and Messy Church, Milton Malsor, 10.00 a m
 12 Blisworth WI meeting, Christmas celebration, 7.30 p m, Blisworth village hall
 14 A 'Christmas Carol' read by Rev'd Graham Brack, Moorend, Alderton
 21 Tree dressing, Alderton, 6.30 p m
 21 Tea and carols, Shutlanger

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 2.00 p m until 4.00 p m

SNIPPETS:

Everyone wants to be the sun to lighten up someone's life, but why not be the moon, to shine in someone's darkest hour?

If you keep cutting corners, you'll end up going round in circles.

It's OK to make a fool of yourself, but not other people.



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