

# 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**

At the patronal service in Saint Margaret's in Alderton, a beautiful theme emerged as members of our community stepped forward to share their experiences from their business lives. Each of the five individuals who shared their stories echoed a common theme - the joy of serving others. This shared value, rooted in our faith, understanding of our heavenly father, and the gifts we can offer to the world, unites us as a community in our service. We are deeply grateful for the service of each member, which enriches our community and strengthens our faith.

The following day, we held our end-of-term service in Saint Mary the Virgin Stoke Bruerne and Holy Cross Milton Malsor; both schools came to celebrate and say goodbye to students leaving to move on to senior school. The leavers led most of the worship, describing how they have enjoyed and flourished at their church school. They also shared their aspirations for the future and the careers they would like to follow, echoing the adults' sentiments from the day before. Their descriptions of positions in society that would enhance and help others were truly inspiring.

It's a privilege to watch the children grow through the years as they embrace, quite naturally, the Christian faith and to see how it brings out the best in them and their friends. As adults we could learn the simplicity of faith from children, the teachings of Jesus, and His message of love and acceptance, not only of ourselves but also of our neighbours, and that it is a privilege to serve our communities. During the service, we prayed for them, wished them well, and reassured them that wherever they go and whatever they do, God is with them and is shaping them into the person He has called them to be.

As we approach harvest time, we turn our minds to the fruits of the earth and give thanks to God for them; it is also a time for us to stop and reflect upon the fruits that each one of us bears, to give thanks to God for all that He has given us; the privileges that we have that many of our brothers and sisters around the world do not. We can fulfil our lives and actively participate in the communities that shape this great nation, each of us playing a crucial role in its formation.

Blessings, Richard

# <u>Useful Telephone Numbers for the United Benefice of Blisworth and Stoke Bruerne with Grafton Regis, Alderton and Milton Malsor</u>

Rector: Rev'd Canon Richard Stainer, The Rectory, 37 High Street, Blisworth NN7 3BJ, tel 01604 857619.

Churchwarden of Blisworth: Mrs Fiona McKenzie, tel 01604 859541

Churchwardens of Stoke Bruerne: Mrs Christine Frost, tel 01604 862561 and Mr John Brough, tel 01604 862646/07768 181598

**Churchwardens of Grafton Regis:** Mrs Jean Glanville, tel 01908 543463 and Mr Nieldre Laubscher, tel 01908 542979. **Churchwardens of Alderton:** Mrs Margaret Hall-Townley, tel 01327 811307 and Mrs Linda Dards, tel 01327 811265.

Churchwarden of Milton Malsor: Mrs Gill Franklin, tel 01604 706545.

#### Sunday 4 August, Trinity 10

9.30 a m: Family Eucharist, Milton Malsor 11.00 a m: Family Eucharist, Blisworth

#### Sunday 11 August, Trinity 11

9.30 a m: Family Eucharist, Stoke Bruerne 9.30 a m: Family service, Milton Malsor 11.00 a m: Family Eucharist, Blisworth

Thursday 15 August

9.30 a m: Morning prayer, Shutlanger

#### **Service Schedule for August**

Sunday 18 August, Trinity 12

9.30 a m: Family Eucharist, Milton Malsor 11.00 a m: Family service, Blisworth

Sunday 25 August, Trinity 13

9.30 a m: Family service, Milton Malsor 9.30 a m: Family service, Stoke Bruerne 11.00 a m: Family Eucharist, Blisworth

August 2024 www.grassnews.co.uk - 1 - Volume 44, Issue 8

#### **Graham's Ordination**

On a bright and sunny Sunday 14 July, fifteen of us boarded an Ability mini bus, on private hire, thanks to Jane Trehane for organising.

We were heading for Peterborough Cathedral in support of our Deacon, Graham Brack, who was to be ordained Priest at the Diocesan Ordination Service.

Our very efficient driver had us parked outside the cathedral walls by 10.00 a m, giving us plenty of time for a coffee before this very special annual service. Graham was one of 13 Deacons across the Diocese to have reached this stage of their 6 years of training, a day of solemn undertaking and joyous celebration. The cathedral is huge but thanks to TV screens mounted on aisle pillars we were able to see and follow the procedure very clearly. Each Deacon received the laying-on of hands from both Bishops, Debbie and John, together with all who have been involved in their journey to priesthood.

We are delighted that Graham will continue to serve his curacy in our Grand Union Benefice for the next two years. Jackie Evans



#### VILLAGE NEWS

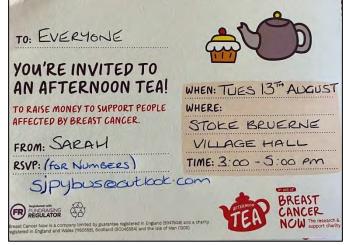


#### STOKE BRUERNE

Race For Life

Once again, Betty put her best foot forward, and took part in the Northampton Race for Life, which took place on Sunday 14 July at

Abington Park. The weather proved to be perfect for the event, with sunshine and a cool breeze.



Betty would like to thank those who donated and helped raise a considerable amount for Cancer Research UK.



## St Mary the Virgin Church for Stoke Bruerne and Shutlanger

Summer Coffee Morning

We hope you will join us at our next coffee morning on Saturday 17 August between 10.00 a m and 12.00 noon. As well as the usual amazing range of cakes, a limited number of scones, jam and cream will be available. We shall also be running a raffle on this occasion. We look forward to seeing

#### **SHUTLANGER AND STOKE BRUERNE (Combined)**

Stoke Bruerne and Shutlanger War Memorial

On behalf of Stoke Bruerne Parish Council, I am delighted and humbled to advise that we have almost reached the target for repairing the grade 2 listed

Stoke Bruerne and Shutlanger War Memorial which, for some reason lost in the mists of time, is the responsibility of Stoke Bruerne Parish Council.

We have a firm quotation for the repairs, and the permission of West Northants Council Heritage to proceed with repairs in line with the quotation. We will also look to cut the overhanging tree back to prevent any future deterioration. Stoke Bruerne Parish Council has resolved to ring fence in their accounts any donations not used, if there are any, for future maintenance of

The sincere thanks of the Parish Council are extended to all the individuals, clubs, organisations and groups who have donated so generously to such a worthwhile cause at a time when we are all only too aware of the cost of living. Lest we forget. Kathryn Doddington

August 2024 www.grassnews.co.uk - 2. -Volume 44, Issue 8

#### **SHUTLANGER**



Shutlanger Parish Council

Website: <a href="www.shutlangerparishcouncil.org.uk">www.shutlangerparishcouncil.org.uk</a>, email: <a href="mailto:clerk@shutlangerparishcouncil.org.uk">clerk@shutlangerparishcouncil.org.uk</a>,



The Parish Council met on Thursday 11 July at 7.30 p m in the village Hall. Seven members of the public attended. The minutes of the meeting are on the noticeboard near the village hall and can also be found online at: www.shutlangerparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/meeting-minutes-11-july-2024.pdf?v=1721301077

The Parish Council is now offering a drop-in surgery at the village hall on the third Thursday of the month during the coffee morning. Representatives of the Parish Council were available for you to bring your queries, concerns or ideas this month.

The next Council meeting is on Thursday 12 September at 7.30 p m; members of the public are welcome to attend.

Shutlanger Village Hall

Website: <a href="https://www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk">www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk</a>, phone number: 01327640547, Twitter: <a href="https://www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk">www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk</a>, phone number: 01327640547, Twitter: <a href="https://www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk">www.shutlangervillagehall.org.uk</a>, phone number: 01327640547, Twitter:

Facebook: Shutlanger Village Hall, Instagram: shutlangervillagehall, What3words:

confetti.freely.exacts

Coffee Morning

Our monthly coffee, cake and chat morning was on Thursday 18 July from 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 first Parish Council dropin surgery was also there. The next coffee morning will be on Thursday 15 August; 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 and we gave out two prizes of £102.50. Congratulations to all the winners. The tote has raised over £5,500 towards keeping our hall as a centre for our community and 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

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 as will sell fast.

Plant Swap

The plant and crop swap is in the hall gardens; either bring some surplus plants from your garden and take home something new or pick up a plant you like the look of and 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. Remember, you can help by:

Joining the tote, coming to the coffee mornings, donating plants, recycling your old ink cartridges in the hall, joining Easyfundraising where you can easily make donations. Your help matters to us and EVERY penny counts!

Barbara Stanbridge, Secretary Shutlanger Village Hall Management Committee



#### **GRAFTON REGIS**

#### Grafton CD Sets Available Free!

Grafton's CD set was produced in 2004 thanks to a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. It contains a treasure trove of information on the history of the

villages, much of it derived from documents held by the Northamptonshire Archives Service, formerly the Record Office. Many hundreds of copies of the set have been sold, but we have decided to make the remaining copies available free of charge to anyone who doesn't have a copy or would like to give one to friends or family. Copies are available to pick up from



the church, which is open every day from 9.00 a m until 5.00 p m, or you can contact me at keith.harry@btinternet.com to arrange to get a copy.

One disc is devoted to Grafton, the second to over 20 Grafton Estate villages. Features on the Grafton disc include a reconstruction of the Hermitage; a detailed illustrated guide to the church and churchyard; a Victorian village trail based on a series of 26 19th century paintings by Isabella Sams; house trees presenting the history of all the buildings, past and present,

August 2024 www.grassnews.co.uk - 3 - Volume 44, Issue 8

in the village; church records dating back to the 16th century; parish records providing information about centuries of local residents' daily lives; a history of the lords of the manor, including the Woodvilles, Henry VIII, the FitzRoy family and Sir Francis Crane; and admissions registers and log books of the school, which functioned from 1873 to 1934.

Keith Harry

#### Flowers Everywhere

What an amazing year it has been for flowers - the hollyhocks in Church Lane are looking better than ever and wild flowers, daisies and poppies spread around the bus shelter have been flowering for weeks.

We started the year with snowdrops and aconites, followed by daffodils, tulips and white and violet violets, every wild flower you can think of has put on a brilliant display. The lavatera at the churchyard has produced an excess of growth and flowers and here again the hollyhocks are reaching for the skies.

The birds are making the most of the crop in the field near the church and ears of corn litter the path. All in all, it's a feast for the insects and birds. Jean





#### **ALDERTON**

Church Cleaning Rota August
Churchyard Rota August (first half)
August (second half)

Mel and Maureen Martyn Doris (Graham)

#### Alderton Art Festival – 31 August/1 September 2024

The 48th annual Alderton Art Festival takes place on Saturday 31 August and Sunday, 1 September. Proceeds go to Saint Margaret's Church. Inside Saint Margaret's Church there will be an exhibition and sale of over 200 paintings by more than 25 local artists, plus many more unframed original paintings and prints. Following on from last year's success, there will be a People's Choice Award for the favourite picture. Admission £1.

Outside there will be live entertainment, craft stalls, grand raffle, home produce, treasures stalls, plants and many other attractions.

There is an all-day barbecue and excellent refreshments including home-made cakes and draught beer from the famous Towcester Mill Brewery

Opening times: Saturday 10.30 a m to 5.00 p m, and Sunday 10.30 a m to 4.00 p m. Free parking.

Visit www.aldertonartfestival.co.uk or follow Alderton Art Festival on Facebook or Twitter (@AldertonArt).

Artists, crafters and stallholders: some places are still available. The Art Festival welcomes advertisers and sponsors for both the catalogue and website. If you wish to sponsor, advertise, or book a stall, contact Henny Cameron, email: <a href="mailto:henny.cameron@outlook.com">henny.cameron@outlook.com</a>.

If you have any spare plants that you would like to donate to the plant stall, these would be most welcome – please contact Linda.

# ART FESTIVAL

St Margaret's Church, Alderton NN12 7LP

Open: Saturday 10.30 am - 5pm, Sunday 10.30 am - 4.30 pm. Entry £1



# Over 200 paintings

Raffle Home Produce Towcester Brewery Beer Pre-loved clothing

**Craft Stalls** 

Tea Stall Home Made Cakes All Day B-B-Q and much more

31 August & 1 September 2024

www.aldertonartfestival.co.uk

#### Are you Having a De-clutter?

Any good condition saleable items would be gratefully accepted for our treasure stall at Alderton art festival from 1.00 p m on Friday 30 August. No jumble please. Thanks in advance, Carol Weston

#### Cream Teas at Pear Tree Cottage, 13 July

Richard and I much enjoyed seeing around 40 friends and guests at the garden party on Saturday 13 July at Pear Tree Cottage. The weather stayed dry for us so we were able to sit in the garden, which was past its summer best but nevertheless offering a bit of colour! Margaret and Linda did a sterling job dispensing cake, scones and bubbles and Maureen was the perfect tea maker with Brian on hand doing anything we asked him to! Friends from Easton Neston, Yardley Gobion, Cosgrove and elsewhere mingled with Alderton folk. Thank you all so much for coming and helping us to raise £500 towards the servery

August 2024 www.grassnews.co.uk - 4 - Volume 44, Issue 8

and toilet at St. Margaret's (special thanks to the anonymous donor who generously topped up the amount raised). We look forward to next year! Lulu

#### St. Margaret's Day Service in Alderton, 21 July, 2024

The main theme of our St. Margaret's Day service in St. Margaret's Church, Alderton changes each year to include different aspects of our community. This year, as the country's economy is not as strong as we would like, we thought it was time that we looked at our business men and women. This included folk who had started a business and run it for many years and others who were employed by much larger concerns but were responsible for keeping the heart of the business alive and thriving, holding heavy responsibilities. This theme produced 5 wonderful speakers, each speaking for not more than 4 minutes.

We wanted to thank these hard-working people for their contribution to our society and for their contribution to our country's life. Each individual came from an entirely different discipline, Daryl looking after eyes, Mike making a tiny key piece of most machines, Nick distributing vast quantities of food, Katie trying to make sure there was very little food waste and David dealing with IT, communication and the 'mechanical mind'. We wondered just how the mix was going to work, but of all the services that we have produced so far for St. Margaret's, this was the most revealing. By the end of the short talks, it became apparent just how much we needed each other, no matter how we made our living. It was humbling to hear these speakers and at the same time encouraging to hear just how much we all belong. We all have something to contribute.

The only regret that we have is that there were so few of the villagers at the service to hear these stories. As usual we had produced bubbly, wine and nibbles for everyone and people stayed after the service for some time in an atmosphere of warmth, understanding and friendship. It was a good, if badly attended event. Come along next year. Don't miss out on the gems we have living in our communities. Linda & Margaret

#### Sale for the Knight

We haven't had a sale for the knight for quite a while so it was just lovely to see so many of our loyal friends and customers come to the one we held on 27 July. It's so lovely to see so many villagers and people from outside the village. Every piece of cake and biscuit was sold, together with some jams and preserves and nice bits and bobs from the sales table. We took over £350, which was amazing. Thank you to everyone who came along and to Brian, as always, for helping with loading and unloading the cars, and also to Sarah, who helped too. Thanks also to Jane Trehane for her delicious biscuits and pies and to Val who brought us some of her wonderful carrot cake; every one of them had been sold by the time she left the church and the muffins she brought us followed suit quite rapidly. It's a great team effort and a chance to sit and have a quick cup of coffee and a chat. We really appreciate everybody coming along. Margaret and Linda

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding our spring plant sale on 26 April 2025. It's not too early to start putting aside any excess plants you may have, or dividing some of your larger plants up. We are always grateful for any contributions towards the sale. Pam & Linda

#### Joy Edwards

We were sorry to hear that Joy from the Round House annexe was taken ill recently and is in hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her out and about in the village soon.



#### **MILTON MALSOR**

**Short Mat Bowls Club** The Milton Malsor Short Mat Bowls Club meets every

Tuesday from 2.00 p m until 4.00 p m every week.

#### Holy Cross Church

Holy Cross Church had an enormous success with the Proms and Prosecco evening, thanks to Jane and the Grand Union Benefice supporting such a wonderful event; we raised £888.00. Cheques are on the way to the Northampton British Legion branch together with British Legion headquarters. This will help with the continued excellent work they undertake. We were fortunate to have had six of their members with us, and a photograph was taken with them and the choir which will be going into the National magazine.

# Open Gardens



Thanks must go to Sue Bell as we had a great turnout for the open garden event, with the bonus of sunshine. We thank all who supported this event to raise money to support the church fabric.

#### **Graham's Ordination**

Some of the congregation will have been to Peterborough Cathedral to support our present curate Graham, in being Ordained by Bishop Debbie. We send our best wishes to him and his wife, Gill, especially in all the good work they do for us.

August 2024 - 5 -Volume 44, Issue 8 www.grassnews.co.uk

#### School Leavers

The school leavers service took place in church. We wish the school leavers our very best in the next journey of their education. We also hope they do not forget us here at Holy Cross. We will be welcoming all the new children starting our beautiful school in September. There will be times when they will be doing loads alongside the church.

#### Future Plans

We have more events planned at Milton Malsor in August and September. On 13 August we will be hosting afternoon tea with a display of the local art group work.

On 14 and 15 September, we will be displaying handicraft work from our local community and some from farther afield. We will be setting up the displays on Friday afternoon. Please bring along what you would like to display. On the Saturday there will be live music. Further information will be given out nearer the time. Watch for the flier that will be delivered to residents of Milton Malsor in due course which will also give further information.

#### Milton Parochial Primary School and Friends of Milton School

In the blink of an eye, we find ourselves at the end of the 2023/2024 year, and what a fantastic year it has been. It's seen exciting visits from Storytellers and from ITV Anglia to cover our story of speaking with Jude Bellingham and Alexander Trent-Arnold from the UEFA Euro 2024 England Team! We've created an amazing new mosaic for our school entrance, had various class trips and had a fun archery experience day ahead of the Olympics.

Friends of Milton School have raised a fabulous £7,000 this year which has funded lots of these activities whilst also creating lasting memories for the children at the various events. We'd like to say a huge thank you to all our school families and the local community whose support helps make our village school such a great environment for both the pupils and staff.



We're exceptionally proud of our amazing Year 6 leavers this year who have been lovely buddies to our younger pupils and who have given a heartwarming performance of 'Read All About It' for their last time on our primary school stage. We can't wait to welcome our new Reception starters this September.

#### Monday Club

Monday Club will not be meeting in August, but will be meeting at Raynsford House on Monday 2 September.



#### **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.

#### Open the Book

The Open the Book team has been taking bible stories into Stoke Bruerne, Milton Malsor and Blisworth primary schools. Our last assembly of the term was the story of the feeding of the 5,000, which was a huge success with the children actively involved finding the 5 loaves and 2 fishes.

We are keen to recruit more story tellers. It is fun and not too much of a time commitment. If you would like to join us do contact Hilary Spurrier on 01604 859181.

#### Northants Open Studios/Art Trail

Come and see the work of 11 artists in Blisworth Church from Saturday 14 to Sunday 22 September. Opening times are 10.30 a m to 4.30 p m Saturdays, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 2.00 p m to 8.00 p m on Wednesday and Friday, 12.30 p m to 4.30 p m on Sundays. The art will be amazing and the refreshments are legendary. Hillary Spurrier

#### **GENERAL NEWS**

#### Notes from a Local Farmer

Dear Readers, it's been another busy month as usual.

We have now finished our concreting project which I am pleased with. We have also weaned our lambs and took the fat ones to market; this gives the mothers time to recover and put on weight ready for breeding in September. Also, we have just finished harvesting; the winter barley straw is being baled then the land will be drilled with stubble turnips for winter feed to the in-lamb ewes. The wheat harvest is about two weeks away. The maize is growing well due to the wet weather. The same applies to the grass which remains green. We will talk again next month.

Robert Davy

August 2024 www.grassnews.co.uk - 6 - Volume 44, Issue 8

#### **News from The Old Mail**

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



# Bespoke Carpentry and Restoration Services

### Charlie Skippen

- Bespoke furniture
- Fine carpentry
- Skirtings/architraves Refinishing
- Cabinetry

- All furniture repairs
- All antique repairs
- French polishing
- Furniture refresh
- · Custom designs
- Upholstery
- Wood turning

Phone/WhatsApp: 07402244373 Email: charlie.skippen@outlook.com

# NO JOB TOO SMALL

Volume 44, Issue 8 August 2024 www.grassnews.co.uk





## Is your computer slow?

Windows 10 and 11 can slow down if updates are interrupted; this can happen if people become impatient and turn their computer off before the update is finished, or if there is an internet glitch. I can repair the damage, so if your computer is slow I can make it faster.

### Looking for a laptop?

I have a number of refurbished laptops, prices starting from £150.

Contact Paul Dards on 07540 000844 or 01327 811265 or paul@dards.co.uk

> PDC, Moorend, Spring Lane Alderton, NN12 7LW www.dards.co.uk



Tel: 07585 113271

mark.shettle1@btinternet.com

facebook: Mark.Shettle

"Based in Whittlebury, I am a trained internal and external painter & decorator, this includes hanging wallpaper - if you have a wall, a room, or rooms that need my attention, call or message me for a competitive quote."

Volume 44, Issue 8 August 2024 www.grassnews.co.uk

#### HAIR BY TABI

#### MOBILE HAIRDRESSING

Beautiful hair, tailored to you, from the comfort of your own home.

Hi, I'm Tabi. I am a mobile hair stylist with over 15 years' experience, both in salon and mobile.

I offer a full range of services, including:

**Cutting and styling** 

Restyling

Full head colours and regrowth touch ups

Highlighting and low lighting

Balayage and Foilyage

Bridal styling and special occasion 'up doo's'

All colour appointments require a patch test minimum of 48hrs prior to appointment this will be provided during your free consultation.

For any bookings or enquiries please contact me on

07734 466 446

#### **SNIPPETS:**

Your mobile phone has already replaced your watch, camera and alarm clock. Don't let it replace your friends and family.

Middle age is when a woman stops worrying about being pregnant and starts worrying about looking as if she is.

It's not how we make mistakes, but how we correct them that defines us.

If you can't be corrected without being offended, you will never grow in life.



Tel: 07798 897137

www.facebook.com/dancingfeet10

Email: <u>lucy.dancingfeet@icloud.com</u>



Lucy Westnidge S.A.C. Dip FHPT S.A.C. Dip FHPP



An established mobile service now in Roade and neighbouring Villages

#### **Foot Health Care**

Nail Cutting & Filling
Removal of Corns and Callus
Cracked Heels
In growing Toenails
Fungal Nail Infections
Athletes Foot
Verruca Management & Cryotherapy
Diabetic Foot Care

Reflexology Hopi Ear Candles

August 2024 www.grassnews.co.uk - 9 - Volume 44, Issue 8

#### **United Benefice Calendar for 2024**

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

_				
Δ		a		st
_	u	ч	u	Ðι

- 3 Coffee morning and Messy Church, Milton Malsor, 10.00 a m
- 8 Blisworth WI meeting, outing
- 9 Farmers' market, Towcester, 9.00 a m to 1.00 p m
- 10 Stoke Bruerne churchyard working party, 9.30 a m to 12. 00 noon
- 13 Afternoon tea and exhibition of art, Milton Malsor, 2.00 p m to 5.00 p m
- 13 Afternoon tea, Stoke Bruerne village hall, 3.00 p m to 5.00 p m
- 15 Coffee morning, Shutlanger village hall, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon
- 17 Stoke Bruerne coffee morning raffle, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon
- 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, 10.30 a m to 5.00 p m

#### September

- 1 Alderton Art Festival, 10.30 a m to 4.00 p m
- 2 Monday Club meeting at Raynsford House
- 7 Ride and Stride day
- 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
- 12 Shutlanger Parish Council meeting, 7.30 p m
- 14 Stoke Bruerne churchyard working party, 9.30 a m to 12. 00 noon
- 14/15 Exhibition of craft work, Milton Malsor
- 14-22 Northants Art Trail/Open Studio Event
- 17 Parish Council meeting, Stoke Bruerne village hall, 7.30 p m
- 21 The Angels' Share performance, Shutlanger
- 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
- 27 Pet service, Milton Malsor

#### **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**

- 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
- 7/8 Christmas Tree Festival, Milton Malsor church
- 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

#### 2025 April

- 6 Concert by Fiori Musicali, Alderton Church, 6.00 p m
- 26 Plant sale, Alderton

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  $4.00~\mathrm{p}~\mathrm{m}$ 

#### THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF GRASS is 18 August

thanks to Jackie Grundon for proof reading

#### If you can get any copy to us earlier than that it would be very much appreciated

Please send any copy to: Linda Dards, Moorend, Spring Lane, Alderton NN12 7LW tel 01327 811265, e-mail: linda@dards.net. Could you please include your name & phone number with entries in case we have any problems. If you would like to add photographs or drawings to your text these are welcome and can be supplied via email or as photos, and returned after scanning. Contributions by email are most welcome, we can accept most formats; please request a response from us on receipt – so you are sure that we have your submission.

Word (any version) is preferred.

August 2024 www.grassnews.co.uk - 10 - Volume 44, Issue 8