

GRASS

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

Message from Sandra Bunker, Who is Studying to Become a Licenced Lay Reader

Dear Reader,

A year ago, I began the first year of my study to become a Licensed Lay Reader. It was a huge leap of faith. The first time I had totally trusted and obeyed our Lord, with no "ifs, or buts?" I felt empowered, but extremely vulnerable too.

Preaching to congregations before you have been taught "how" was extremely challenging, but faith played a great part. Thank you to the congregations - you've been fabulously accepting.

My deal with God was "yes, I would study to become a reader, but He would have to help me out with some of the understanding." I hadn't really taxed my brain for years, and then I found myself studying alongside some extremely clever professionals - some, with very young, agile brains and then there was me! Thankfully, my fellow students proved to be very supportive and understanding of everyone.

I've enjoyed pulling apart the New Testament, getting to know Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and the relationship they each had with Jesus. We compared one Gospel with another and researched the Old Testament verses they referred to.

I've learnt about pastoral care in Ministry, completed the practical module "How to plan an Act of Worship" (what must be included and what may be omitted). The most memorable part of the course so far, would have to be the weekend I spent with my fellow students and Bishop Donald in Ely. We learned about the different traditions of Christian faith, and how to listen to God. We were able to visit the cathedral and joined in with the Saturday Evensong.

With the research of every essay or sermon, I find out more. I have tried to take you with me on my journey of learning, through my sermons, by sharing new things I've learned, or bits I just found amazing.

In my second year, I will be tackling ethics, The Mission of God, and We Believe: Doctrine.

I feel very blessed to have experienced all this. I look forward to the next year and sharing with you my journey with God. May he continue to bless us all.

Sandra Bunker

Streetchurch

The Benefice team is next on duty on Sunday, 5 November. This will be our last date of the year, so if you have any clothes, toiletries etc, they will be very much appreciated; also, of course, your usual generous contributions of cakes, sandwiches, fruit, crisps etc. Many thanks in anticipation of your generous support.

Doris Knights

Service Schedule for 2017

Sunday 1 October

9.30 a m: Holy Communion, CW, Shutlanger
9.30 a m: Holy Communion by extension, BCP, Milton Malsor
11.00 a m: Word and Worship, Blisworth

Sunday 8 October

9.30 a m: Holy Communion, CW, & Harvest Festival, Stoke Bruerne
9.30 a m: Morning Worship, Milton Malsor
11.00 a m: Holy Communion, CW, Blisworth

Sunday 15 October

8.00 a m: Holy Communion, BCP, Blisworth
9.30 a m: Holy Communion, CW, Milton Malsor
11.00 a m: Holy Communion, CW, Grafton Regis
11.00 a m: Morning Worship, Blisworth

Sunday 22 October

9.30 a m: Holy Communion, CW, Alderton
9.30 a m: Morning Worship, Milton Malsor
11.00 a m: Holy Communion, CW, Blisworth

Sunday 29 October – Bible Sunday

10.30 a m: Benefice service, Milton Malsor

Every Wednesday: 9.30 a m, Morning Prayer, Blisworth and Milton Malsor

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

Rector: Revd Andrea Watkins, tel 01604 857619

Curate: Rev'd Sue Cooper, tel 01604 764243

Churchwarden of Blisworth: Mrs Fiona McKenzie, tel 01604 859541

Churchwardens of Stoke Bruerne: Mrs Christine Frost, tel 01604-862561 and Mr Lee Arnfield, tel 01604 864553

Churchwardens of Grafton Regis: Mrs Jean Glanville, tel 01908 543463 and Mrs Judy Kendrick-Simonsen, tel 01908 542535

Churchwarden of Alderton: Mrs Amanda Selvey, tel 01327 811380.

Churchwardens of Milton Malsor: Mrs Jane Treharne, tel 01604 858323 and Mrs Sue Bell, tel 01327 351043

The Julian Group for Silent Prayer

The Julian Group for Silent Prayer – making space for God. The group meets on the second Monday of the month (9 October) from 5.00 p m to 6.00 pm, usually at 2 Towcester Road, Blisworth. You are welcome to join us to 'taste and see' or on a regular basis. Contact Sue Cutts or Hilary Spurrier for more information.



VILLAGE NEWS

STOKE BRUERNE

Freda Gardner's Birthday

Freda Gardner of Iris Cottage would like to thank everyone who kindly remembered her birthday (92nd) by phoning or popping in to see her; she was very touched. Linda Eleini, Freda's daughter

SHUTLANGER AND STOKE BRUERNE (Combined)

Stoke Bruerne St Mary the Virgin Parish Church

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest festival will be held on Sunday 8 October at 9.30 am. There will be a collection for the Towcester Food Bank at this service, which will be passed on to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Decorating the Church for Harvest

We would be grateful if all our talented flower arrangers could spare time to help decorate the church, ready for Harvest, on Thursday 5 October, between 9.30 a m and 12.00 noon. We would appreciate any autumnal flowers and foliage you may have and also any pairs of wellington boots!! Refreshments will be provided during the morning.

Autumn Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning at church will be held on Saturday 14 October between 10.00 a m and 12.00 noon. Hand-made poppies will be on sale ready for Remembrance Sunday, as well as greetings cards and books. We do hope you will come and join us!

Autumn Tidy

It is that time of year when we need to give our church a thorough clean again, inside and out. Now all the work on our magnificent kitchen area and toilet has been completed, we hope to put the sparkle back into the interior. The churchyard also needs to be cleared and tidied, so please bring along necessary equipment for this. The date is Saturday 28 October, between 9.30 a m and 12.00 noon. As usual, refreshments will be on offer to sustain the workers!



SHUTLANGER

Shutlanger Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 22 August, an additional meeting to consider the purchase of a playing field for the village. We'd hoped to be further forward on the purchase by now but we are still looking at options. We think the extra time is worth it as the decision is something that should benefit the village for generations to come.

Earlier this year we decided to reduce the number of notice boards in the village to two by removing the board on Main Road. After our meeting we posted a notice on this board signalling that we intended to remove it and the board has now gone. We apologise to those residents who valued the now removed board. Most villages have only one notice board and with two boards we will still be able to publicise properly the Parish Council's work as well as allow residents and others to post notices of interest. We also put all our work on the Shutlanger Parish Council website, so please have a look.

Many of you will notice the old battery-powered vehicle activated sign is still in place near the chicane. We have looked at the very complex process for relocating this sign to the Stoke Bruerne end of Main Road. The sign is now old and it will be expensive to install a post with a suitable electricity supply for this battery-powered device and have the sign erected on the new post. We are looking at buying a new sign instead, to help moderate vehicles' speed entering the village from that direction.

The well-publicised fundraising for a village defibrillator is underway. In support of this invaluable proposal, the Parish Council will apply to an SNC fund ring fenced for purposes such as this. We also intend to adopt the public payphone box on Baker's Lane, now that BT has removed the phone from this box. BT is offering us the box for a nominal sum and will kindly supply power to the box for a minimum of seven years. We hope that the box will be a suitable home for the new defibrillator. Shutlanger Parish Council

Dear Shutlanger Residents – a Note from Helen Goaté

Many of you already know me and know that I am frequently to be seen riding in and around the village on one of my rather large, dark-coloured horses. I always sport a high visibility tabard or jacket and, quite often, one with flashing lights too! The point is: I do not believe that I am invisible! Most of you are extremely thoughtful and courteous when it comes to passing me in either direction and slow down sufficiently and give me a wide berth. Alas, there are a couple of residents who persistently pass too fast and too close. Please, give me a wide berth - a horse is a living creature and a bird flying out of the hedge or a carelessly discarded plastic bag may make them step sideways. The British Horse Society recommends that horses be passed at 10-15 mph and with a berth of 2-3 metres. Honestly, I could bend down and shake hands with some drivers who get too close! Also, when we ride two abreast there is a reason for it and it's not just that we want to chat - again, the BHS recommends you to ride two abreast if the inside horse is young and/or inexperienced. There are an increasing number of accidents on the roads involving horses invariably because of drivers travelling too fast and/or close. Please don't add me to the statistics!

I have just come across the following, which explains what penalties drivers can face if they don't behave properly around horses (and cyclists):

Drivers can be prosecuted for careless driving if they tailgate other vehicles, but the same rules also apply to other road users, including motorcyclists, cyclists and horse riders. The Highway Code states that drivers should give these road users at least as much room as they would give a car, which means that if you get too close to Seabiscuit you run the risk of being prosecuted for driving without due care and attention.

If you're nicked for it, you'll be on the receiving end of between three and nine penalty points, along with a fine of up to £5,000 depending on how serious the incident was.

Also, please will whoever puts dog mess in my bins please desist - it's especially disgusting to do so in the recycling bin!

With hopeful thanks, Helen Goaté

Tea for Tom

Well, what can I say? With the brilliant weather and amazing turn out of people, I am proud to say that we raised a staggering amount of £1,050! We initially set our target at £350 but I think it's fair to say we smashed that.



I would just like to say a massive thank you to everyone that helped make the day happen - to Poppy Lefroy Brooks, Leon Sloanes Ford, Will Luntz, Alfie Moon, Tom Owen and Harry Coyne and of course Tabitha and Annie Luntz who helped me organise the event. Our parents were also a great help.



But of course none of this would have been possible without all those who came together to support such a fantastic cause,

whether it was donating money, or baking a cake. I am truly overwhelmed by the sense of community shown. We have now purchased a bench which is in the garden of the Shutlanger village hall, and the remaining £550 will be sent to the Brain Tumour Trust. The left over items from the table top sale were donated to a local charity shop, so nothing was wasted. Many thanks. Ellie Sloanes



GRAFTON REGIS

The Openings of Grafton's New Conservatory

With the help of grants including one from South Northants Council, we raised the money to have a conservatory built on to our village hall. We have called the new building The Glanville Room in recognition of all the work Barry and Jean Glanville have put in to the maintenance of the hall.



Our main fund-raising activities have been our historical dinners and our walks through the history of Grafton, which are now called: 1,000 years in 100 minutes.

As we were unable to find an opening date which all our actors could attend, we had to have two opening parties! At the first on 26 August, Margaret Colgrove, the villager with the longest residence in Grafton, cut the ribbon to allow access to the new building. The second, on 10 September, was attended by our vicar, our curate and the chair of South Northants Council.



Both parties were well attended by villagers, former villagers and friends who enjoyed a glass of fizz followed by tea and cake.

A New Arrival in The Village

Aman and Ben D' Ambrosio are the proud parents of Jake Ellis D'Ambrosio, born on Tuesday 15 August, nearly 5 weeks old now. Welcome to the village, Jake.



Harvest Festival



Another year, another Harvest Festival, the displays of fruit and vegetables were really colourful and plentiful this year. I think this reflects the excellent harvest we have seen of everything in our gardens and the allotments, even the Chinese lanterns seemed to take over the churchyard garden.

The bullice trees in the churchyard are groaning under the weight of the fruit on them, so please collect what you need for your bullice jelly or gin. The medlar tree, given to us last year by Helen and Iain, has also produced fruit in its first year. Some small figs have appeared on the fig trees but it will probably a year or two before we have mature figs. Jean and Judy

Village Hall Lunch

The first lunch of the winter season was held on 21 September – the date of the autumn equinox. It was good to see so many familiar faces again and a most enjoyable afternoon was had by all. We enjoyed home-made soup and bread, followed by a chicken casserole and then array of desserts, tea/coffee and the ever-popular basket of sweets, which the Alderton contingent always fight over and misbehave disgracefully. Many thanks to Kathy Colgrove, who prepared the main course and some of the desserts, and Barry and Jean Glanville. Also thanks go to all those people who work behind the scenes to make these lunches such a success. It was good to see Margaret and Mick Boon, who joined us for the dessert course.



New Oven

Yes, I know it is not that exciting to most people; however, to the ladies that do all the cooking at the monthly lunches (all are invited, you do not have to live in Grafton), tea and cakes at the historic walk and talk events and Medieval meals events, it is the best thing since sliced bread.

We have managed with domestic cooking facilities for the last 4 years but have worn out the oven and hot plate and have struggled recently with these facilities.

We also now have a new option to offer our customers; bring your dinner party to Grafton village hall. We have up to date cooking facilities (dirty our cooker, not yours, and a commercial dish washer) next door to the kitchen and we have a new conservatory for you to entertain your guests in with lovely views and a garden to enjoy if the weather is fine, and our toilets are always clean. You do not have to bother about rushing around tidying up your house, cleaning the loos etc before a dinner party - it is all done for you - just order the taxi. Jean, Hall Manager, tel: 07528 607839



BLISWORTH

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival was held on 16 September as part of the 11.00 a.m. service and was well attended in preparation for the traditional "bring and share" lunch. Items were collected to be donated to the food bank in Towcester and a very pleasant meal was enjoyed by everyone.



Hand Bells Ringers

Good news about hand bells. We are back in earnest from our summer break and looking forward to performing at various venues in the next few weeks. In October, we will move from the Church to warmer climes at 20 Home Close, Blisworth.

Dates for your diary are:

Tues 3 October at 2.00 p m, Wednesday 11 October at 7.30 p m, Tuesday 17 October at 2.00 p m, Wednesday 25 October at 7.30 p m, and Tuesday 31 October at 2.00 p m. Do come and join us!

Church Exterior Works Project:

Jonathon Smith of JM Landscaping Services has recommenced work on the churchyard, clearing away the vegetation designated as a nature area and removing all nettles and weeds around the church walls. More work will be done tidying the old boiler house area as well as doing preparation work for a future project of fixing the dry-stone wall which leads on to the High Street.

A team of roofing experts will also be commencing work soon repairing the damaged sections of the lead roof identified in our last Quinquennial report. The work is expected to take between 3 and 4 weeks and will eventually secure the places where water has managed to find its way through the roof, preparing the church for the winter weather.



ALDERTON

Church Cleaning Rota

October

Val Kliene & Joy Wilson

Churchyard Rota

2-8 October

Volunteers needed

9-15 October

Thomas & Judy Chaplin

This is normally regarded as the final mow of the year but if the weather is mild it may need one more cut

History of Alderton Art Festival

Tom and I had many great times in Alderton with so many good friends and it is wonderful to be involved with you all again. We came to Alderton in 1965 and after some years, the nursery evolved very slowly until Tom and I were running it full time, with the help of Peter and his wife.

Doreen Allen reminds me that the first Art Festival was in 1973 in Jim Fountaine's Old Barn, where it ran for two years. 1977 saw the first Flower Festival with Art in the church, which we ran jointly with Patsy and Tony Ellis. It was mostly flowers in those days with just a few paintings; Chris Fiddes, Len Goff and David Hyde were among the now well-known artists who supported us in those early times. Doreen, Patsy and I decorated the church with flowers every year thereafter, which we very much enjoyed doing. Jim Fountaine was heard to say that the Festival had exceeded his wildest dreams.



One of my favourite early exhibits was Tom's beautiful pen and ink picture of the old Cow Byre, which is now, of course, part of Manor Court, and this was purchased by my brother in law, 'J' Branson, from South Africa, but now hangs at my son's house in Northampton

Early on, the only stalls were a tea stall in The Round House garage, and a small bric a brac stall, also in the garage. Over the years, the event as a whole has grown into a much larger festival with many more stalls including a very successful tea stall and 'Alderton Antiques', ably run by Jackie Grundon and Linda Dards respectively, together with two amazing teams of helpers. The home produce stall, the all-day barbecue and various other stalls are also very popular and successful, as well as the raffle.

From a personal point of view I have greatly appreciated the love and the warmth that I have received since I returned from South Africa. I had a fantastic weekend, and like everybody else, I was totally exhausted by the end of it all. Pam Hutchinson

A Message from Charlie - Alderton Art Festival

The Alderton Art Festival remains the quintessential English village event 41 years after it was first held. How lovely to see former villagers attend, especially Pam Hutchinson, whose late husband Tom ran the first art festival held in the church in 1977 along with the late Patsy and Tony Ellis. It was also good to see the Barlows, who are on a trip from their new home in New Zealand. More people attended the art exhibition than in the previous 5 years, so we must be doing something worthwhile. It is hard work but at the same time great fun. Can I thank all who helped with this year's festival and I hope we can count on you again next year. Charlie Reece Alderton Art Festival Chairman



Art Festival Results

This year's Art Festival was one of the best ever in terms of feel-good factor. The weather was absolutely perfect on the Saturday especially and the crowds just poured in. It was so good to see so many ex villagers back in the village and for current residents to get together. So many people worked incredibly hard to make the event such a success and special thanks must go to Charlie Reece who oversaw the whole event. The event raised £3,829.11. The PCC is incredibly grateful to everybody who was involved in the festival.

Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival service was held on 24 September; the church looked absolutely lovely, having been decorated mostly using flowers and goods from village gardens. Amanda gave a talk about the work of the Send a Cow charity, which was very interesting and made all the congregation realise how very lucky we are to live here and enjoy all the things that make our lives so comfortable. There was a sale of goods after the service, and this raised over £121.20 which will be sent to the charity.



MILTON MALSOR

Mums and Tots

This takes place every Friday morning through term time at Milton Malsor Village Hall from 9.30 a.m. until 11.30 a.m. All mums and tots welcome.

Visit of the Archdeacon

Sunday 17 September was a special day at Holy Cross when our Archdeacon, the Ven. Richard Ormston, (former Rector of Milton Malsor) dedicated a whole range of improvements made at the church over recent years. The church's blacksmiths (George James & Sons of Cransley) made a huge effort to get the new gates and handrail to the chancel steps fitted ready for the service. The Archdeacon thanked all the folk who have worked so hard to make the church such a warm welcoming place with such fine facilities. Not only is there a modern toilet and servery, and many other improvements, but the new tapestries on the Creation are being greatly admired.



The new gates and chancel handrail at Holy Cross will be finally fixed within a few weeks as they are temporarily removed to be specially powder-coated and painted. They were placed in position ready for the dedication on 17 September.

The gates are in memory of Miss Margaret Montgomery Alexander, a generous benefactor to the church, who died in July 2015. A suitable memorial plaque will be fixed in the south porch.



Ride and Stride

Bob and Lesley Pyke joined many other bike riders and walkers who were out and about in the county for the annual Ride and Stride in aid of the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust. We rode for Holy Cross Church in particular appreciation for the help the Trust gave us when we suffered theft of lead from the roof. We visited a number of beautiful village churches and dodged the storms on the way to receive a warm welcome from those who kindly manned the open churches. To hear about their communities and of the pleasure and pride they have in their fellowship and their ancient buildings, was truly inspirational. Thank you to our sponsors and to the team that manned our own church. We raised £230 for the Trust.

Milton Malsor Historical Society

The society met on Thursday 21 September for an excellent talk entitled, "Sheep that eat men" by Mr Martin Sirot-Smith. The talk was more like a theatrical act with Martin dressed as Lawrence Washington of Sulgrave, who told us about his life. In so doing he brought in massive loads of information about life in Tudor times, the depopulation caused by wholesale sheep grazing and story of the Washington family which produced the first President of the United States.

The Society's next meeting will be Thursday 16 November, when the talk will be about firemarks and insurances.

The Christmas buffet and drinks party will be on Friday 15 December at 7.30 p.m. at the village hall. All members and their guests are welcome. Please contact Kathy Sargeant on 01604 858591 to book your place. Tickets will cost £5.

Thank You, Pam

The Parochial Church Council sent their good wishes and thanks to Pam Wright, who has been our verger in recent years. Pam has been indefatigable in supporting the church in so many practical ways. Recent ill health has made her decide to give up the role of verger, and the PCC sent her a lovely card and some flowers in appreciation. Veronica Drummond, who has been acting as deputy verger, is now our official verger at Holy Cross.

Local History Day

Malcolm Deacon is presenting another Local History Day at the Village Hall on Saturday 17th February from 10am to about 4pm. There will be a buffet lunch. The theme is going to be the Jurassic Way and the Romans in Northamptonshire. Last year it was sold out, so if you want to get in before the advertising starts, ring Malcolm on 01604 858363 to pre-book a place.

GENERAL NEWS

Yardley Gobion Craft Club Sale

The Yardley Gobion craft club sale will take place in St Leonard's Church on Saturday 14 October from 10.00 a m to 4.00 p m and on Sunday 15 October from 12.00 noon to 4.00 p m. Items for sale include cards, needlework, patchwork, knitted items etc. There will be a raffle and refreshments (lunch and tea) will be available. Admission is free.

Fitness Classes in Paulerspury (No class school half term)

Monday Pilates: October 2nd; 9th; 16th & 30th

Tuesday Yoga: October: 3rd; 10th; 17th; 31st

Wednesday Pilates classes: October: 4th; 11th; 18th; November 1st

Advance notice of yoga morning on 18 November in the village hall from 10.00 a m to 1.00 p m; the cost is just £10. Suitable for all levels from beginners to advanced. All the profit will be donated to the village hall.

Contact: Sue on 01327 811 596

New Evening Pilates Class starting Monday 30 October, contact Lisa on 07729 608 960.

Sue Durran

How to Contact the Police

999 – for a crime or incident in progress or 101 – you will be asked with which police station you would like to be connected
03000 111 222 – direct dial Northamptonshire police

Email for Towcester: SCT-SouthNorthantsTowcester@northants.police.uk.

Your local officers are as follows:

Alderton: PCSO 7018, Peter Firth, tel 101 ext 343971

Stoke Bruerne: PCSO 7018, Peter Firth, tel 101 ext 343971

Shutlanger: PCSO 7018, Peter Firth, tel 101 ext 343971

For more local SCT information, visit the local policing pages at www.northants.police.uk

Grafton Regis: PCSO 7018, Peter Firth, tel 101 ext 343971

Blisworth: PCSO 7012 Tara Cooksammy

Milton Malsor: PCSO 7012 Tara Cooksammy

ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION

of the art & craft works
created by the recent
Scripture Inspired Art Course.



at Holy Cross Church.

The exhibition will run from
Saturday 7th October

Opening at the Coffee Morning on that
day until the end of November.

SNIPPETS:

I do not fear death. I had been dead for billions of years before I was born, and had not suffered the slightest inconvenience from it.

(Mark Twain 1835-1910)

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LOOKING AHEAD TO WINTER

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United Benefice Calendar for 2017

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

<u>October</u>	6-15	Blisworth art festival – Blisworth Church
	7	Friends of St Columba Church trip to the Imperial War Museum
	7	Grafton Regis walk and talk, 2.30 p m
	7	Milton Malsor display of arts and crafts opens – running through to November
	12	Blisworth WI meeting, 7.30 p m, Blisworth village hall – annual meeting & light bites
	14	Coffee morning, Stoke Bruerne church, 10.00 a m to 12.00 noon
	14	Yardley Gobion craft club sale, 10.00 a m – 4.00 p m, St Leonard's Church
	15	Yardley Gobion craft club sale, 12.00 noon – 4.00 p m, St Leonard's Church
	19	Lunch club, Grafton Regis, 12.30 p m
	26	Film showing, Blisworth Village Hall, 7.30 p m, the Viceroy's House
	26	Cinema in the Barn, Stoke Bruerne, 8.00 p m, Their Finest
	28	Autumn tidy, Stoke Bruerne Church, 9.30 a m to 12.00 noon
	29	Quiz night at The Plough, Shutlanger, 8.00 p m
<u>November</u>	5	Benefice team on duty at Streetchurch
	8	Shutlanger & Stoke Bruerne Flower Club, 7.30 p m, Roade village hall
	9	Blisworth WI meeting, 7.30 p m, Blisworth village hall – over to the members
	11	Milton Malsor flower workshop, 10.00 a m to 12.30 p m
	14	Stoke Bruerne Parish Council Meeting
	16	Lunch club, Grafton Regis, 12.30 p m
	16	Milton Malsor Historical Society meeting
	26	Alderton Christmas trail
	28	Quiz night at The Plough, Shutlanger, 8.00 p m
	30	Film showing, Blisworth Village Hall, 7.30 p m, film tba
	30	Cinema in the Barn, Stoke Bruerne, 8.00 p m, Churchill
<u>December</u>	12	Stoke Bruerne Parish Council Meeting
	14	Blisworth WI meeting, 7.30 p m, Blisworth village hall – Christmas party
	15	Milton Malsor Historical Society Christmas buffet and drinks party, 7.30 p m
	17	Quiz night at The Plough, Shutlanger, 8.00 p m
	21	Lunch club, Grafton Regis, 12.30 p m
	21	Film showing, Blisworth Village Hall, 7.30 p m, film tba – family film, children welcome
<u>January</u>	18	Lunch club, Grafton Regis, 12.30 p m
<u>February</u>	15	Lunch club, Grafton Regis, 12.30 p m
	17	Local History Day, Milton Malsor, 10.00 a m to 4.00 p m
<u>March</u>	15	Lunch club, Grafton Regis, 12.30 p m
<u>April</u>	19	Lunch club, Grafton Regis, 12.30 p m

Community choir: Come along and join the community choir who are meeting every Thursday night from 7.30 p m till 9.00 p m in Blisworth Church. All are welcome to swell the ranks and subscriptions are only £2 per person.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF GRASS is 15 October

thanks to Jackie Grundon for proof reading

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

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