

# GRASS

## THE NEWSLETTER AT THE ROOTS OF THE UNITED BENEFICE OF BLISWORTH AND STOKE BRUERNE/ SHUTLANGER, WITH GRAFTON REGIS AND ALDERTON

### Christus Victor!

Christus Victor is the title of a famous book first published in 1931 by a Swedish theologian, one Gustav Aulen. The main purpose of the book was to explore the three main understandings of the reasons why Jesus died and rose again. Jesus paid the price of our freedom, bore the punishment which was ours to bear for sin, ours! Jesus led by example too – how to live and die sacrificially. Gustav Aulen's own strong preference was to emphasise the "Victor" status of Christ – the One who triumphed over sin, the devil and death and in his risen glory reigns triumphant. That victory was a cosmic victory against all the powers of evil. Easter is a time to celebrate that victory. Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

It still comes as a shock to many people that we Christians actually do believe that "on the third day" Jesus rose from the dead. Even more mind blowing is the assertion we make yet again that just as Jesus came back to life so will all those who place their faith in Christ. We do not and never have believed in re-incarnation, we do not believe that the resurrection state is vague and nebulous. Rather just as Jesus was given a resurrection body as God raised him from the dead so will all be given a resurrection body which is real.

If we find this all too much to take, we should remember what Paul said: "If Christ is not been raised your faith is futile: you are still in your sins" (1 Cor 15. 17). But the truth is: Christ is alive and is we can know his risen life in ours disempowering sin. The difference between a Christian and a non-Christian is simply this: a Christian knows this all to be true both in history and in day by day experience. The non-Christian is puzzled and can't quite see what all the excitement is about. Even when that earthly "day by day" life is about to end the Christian looks forward to being with Christ which is "better by far". Dietrich Bonhoeffer was one of the great Christian martyrs of the 20th Century. The Gestapo hanged him on the 9th April 1945 for his part in trying to end Hitler's tyranny. As he went to the gallows his final words were "this is the end, for me the beginning of life". He lived every moment in Resurrection Hope. The non-Christian looks on as an outsider and cannot really be excited about it all, in fact it's all rather difficult to believe. Sadly death will appear stronger than Jesus. But as Paul triumphantly put it "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where O death, is your victory? Where O death, is your sting? ... But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ". ( 1 Cor. 15. 54f) . A really happy Easter to you all. Roy Mellor

### Service Schedule for April 2007

#### Maundy Thursday 5th April

Blisworth Parish Church: 7.30 p m – joint service with the Baptists: Communion with Foot washing

#### Good Friday 6th

Sunday Club service, Alderton at TIME TO BE CONFIRMED

Stoke Bruerne – 12.00 noon: Good Friday Meditation

Blisworth – 2.00 p m: Joint Service with the Baptists at the Blisworth Baptist Church

#### Sunday 8th Easter Day

Stoke Bruerne - 9.30 a m: Holy Communion, including Sunday Club

Alderton – informal lay-led service, 10.30 a m

Blisworth – 11 a m: Easter Communion

#### Sunday 15th

Blisworth - 8.00 a m: Holy Communion, 11.00 a m: Morning Worship,

Stoke Bruerne - 10.00 a m: Sunday Club

Grafton Regis - 9.30 a m: Holy Communion

#### Sunday 22nd

Blisworth - 11.00 a m: All age Worship with Communion

Alderton - 9.30 a m: Holy Communion

#### Sunday 29th

6.00 p m: Benefice Traditional Evensong at Alderton - **This is the only Service today**

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

**Rector:** The Revd Roy Mellor, tel 01604 879112

**Churchwardens of Blisworth:** Mrs Angela Cheesbrough, tel 01604 859839 and Mrs Fiona McKenzie, tel 01604 859541

**Churchwardens of Stoke Bruerne:** Mrs Jackie Evans, tel 01604 862473 and Mr Brian Lewthwaite, tel 01604 863500

**Churchwardens of Grafton Regis:** Lord Charles Fitzroy, tel 01908 542908 and Mr John Gallimore, tel 01908 542898

**Churchwardens of Alderton:** Mrs Amanda Selvey, tel 01327 811380 and Mrs Daryl Halsey, tel 01327 811040

## VILLAGE NEWS



### STOKE BRUERNE

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#### New Health Walks in Salcey Forest

Free health walks in Salcey Forest, 2.00 p m start time, and meet at the cafe. Walking boots or similar recommended. These walks will take place from April to September this year - see calendar for dates.

#### Health Walks - Stoke Bruerne

Health Walks are fun, FREE, and no need to book. Just turn up a few minutes earlier than the start time (10.00 a m). Please dress according to weather and wear reasonable footwear. Walks will take from 30 - 45 minutes and will re-start on 11 April and are fortnightly. Meet at Navigation Car Park – see calendar for details. John Smith 01604 863223

#### St Mary the Virgin – Stoke Bruerne

The PCC would like to thank the following who attended our Church Cleaning Morning on Saturday 11 March: Richard and Sue Acres, Bob Frost, Philip Chown, Jane, Rhona and Alistair Grant, and their cousins Rosanna, James and Patrick, David and Margaret Fitzhugh, Roger and Jackie Evans, and Wendy and Martin Storey.

A considerable amount of work was done inside the Church, leaving it smelling of polish and looking bright and clean including the Altar being moved out and the screen behind being cleaned and oiled - a great improvement.

At the same time a small group from the above was clearing undergrowth from around the Church and cutting down unwanted elders (small trees not the senior church members) and removing a dead tree. The four cedar trees originally planted by Bill Green in the 1970s and topped out by Gerald Kingston and Brian Lewthwaite some five or so years ago were pruned with all the lower branches trimmed off up to approximately 9 feet off the ground and all the undergrowth cleared. This has resulted in a great deal more light being let onto the path.

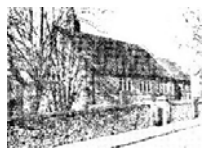
Not all the outstanding tasks were completed so there will be further opportunities for those who were unable to attend on that particular day but would like to help in the future. Thank you again Stoke Bruerne PCC

#### Stoke Bruerne and Shutlanger Women's Institute

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 April at 2.00 p m in Stoke Bruerne Village Hall. Daniella Shaw will talk to us about 'becoming an author'. The competition is a small item in fuchsia pink, eg scarf, flower etc.

On Tuesday 24 April at 7.00 p m in Stoke Bruerne Village Hall there will be a Group Meeting hosted by Stoke Bruerne and Shutlanger Women's Institute. Members from several other W.I.s are invited and we also welcome anyone who wishes to come and join us to hear Sally Kettle talk about 'Rowing the Atlantic'. Admission is £2.00 per person. There will be a raffle and refreshments will be served.

The evening promises to be very interesting and enjoyable. Do join us if you can.



### SHUTLANGER

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#### Shutlanger Annual Village Meeting

This will be held on Monday 30 April at 8pm at the Reading Room. The Annual Village Meeting is your opportunity as a parishioner to come along and hear about what the Council has been doing on your behalf over the past year. There will be reports from the District and County Councillors in addition to those from members of the Parish Council. More importantly this is your chance TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON VILLAGE MATTERS THAT CONCERN YOU. It may be the state of the roads and footpaths, speed of traffic through the village, the playing field, Neighbourhood Watch concerns or anything else. Please come along and have your say.

#### Community Speedwatch

The Parish Council has registered for the Community Speedwatch programme and at some time in the future you will see parishioners on the side of the road at certain times of the day brandishing speed guns. This is the first step required to try and get some form of traffic calming, particularly on the Main Road through the village. Support has been gained from members of the parish to allow the Council to apply to join this scheme and it is hoped that there will be a satisfactory outcome at the end of the day.



### BLISWORTH

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#### Ash Wednesday

Lent began – as it always does – on Ash Wednesday, when we had a service of Holy Communion in the evening. During this service, there was the 'imposition of ashes'. Many churches here had the tradition of doing this during their Ash Wednesday service for many years but it is only these last three years that we have done so at St John's. In fact, many of us (myself included) had never heard of this custom until our present

Rector told us about it. Traditionally, the ash is obtained by burning palm crosses from Palm Sunday the previous year. So, at the appropriate moment in the service, we went, one by one, to the Rector who was standing on the steps to the chancel, and marked a cross on each of our foreheads. I think that everyone felt it to be a moving service.

#### Lenten Wednesday Evening Meetings

These meetings, studying the Apostles' Creed, have continued through Lent, roughly every two weeks. They have been led by the Rector and Geoff Moore. The meetings have been joint ones, for Church and Chapel, and roughly equal numbers from each congregation have been attending. It has been enjoyable to have some new ideas raised and discussed.

#### Memorial Service for Nell Rivett

The memorial service for Nell Rivett and thanksgiving for her life was held in Church on Thursday morning, 1 March. It was a lovely March day, with a strong and cold wind certainly, but there was a clear blue sky and a bright sun lighting (and warming) up the Church. The Rector welcomed the large congregation, which included Jane and Bob, Tricia and Chris and many more of Nell's family. We had two favourite hymns – 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' and 'Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise' – and a reading of St Francis's prayer, beginning, 'Lord, make me an instrument of your peace', and several prayers. Derek Bull had been asked to pay a tribute to Nell. He spoke of her long life, of her many years living in Blisworth (from 1939 to 2002), and of her many contributions to the village and to village activities.

Jane and Tricia and their husbands had brought with them, from Cornwall, a flower pedestal which they wished to donate to the Church in memory of their mother, Nell, who died in 2006, and of their father, Ray, who died in 1968. During the service, the Rector dedicated the pedestal for its use in our Church, and on the pedestal was a lovely arrangement of white flowers. It is, of course, the season of Lent and it is customary not to have flowers in Church during Lent, but the Rector felt that an exception should be made for this very special occasion. At the conclusion of the memorial service, the family accompanied the Rector into the Churchyard for the interment of Nell's ashes.

Afterwards, we were invited to join the family for a buffet lunch in the Royal Oak and many of us did so. There was a lively atmosphere and a lot of chatter – but this seemed entirely appropriate – Nell herself was always so bright and enthusiastic and so very ready to chatter. I think that we were all very aware of how much our own lives were enriched by our friendship with Nell.

#### Lent Lunches

The first of our Lent lunches this year was held on Thursday 8 March at Candlebridge in Little Lane. It was a simple meal of two courses – soup (either leek and potato or tomato and lentil) with French bread, followed by cheese and biscuits. The preparation and the serving of the soup were in the very capable hands of three ladies – Shirley Bull, Jill Charles and Marjorie Walker. However, the care of the guests and the serving of the food were in the hands of a team of male waiters. Why so? Well, whenever we have a Church activity, our ladies are called upon to provide refreshments and we decided that it was time we had an activity where the ladies were guests and could relax and enjoy it without having any work to do. An extremely capable team of waiters had been assembled, but one stood out, dressed for the part. The 'Maitre d'Hotel' had to be Monsieur Joseph Pyke, who, somewhat reluctantly, agreed to a photograph.

There were about 50 lunchers, apart from the staff, and there was just about enough seating in the sitting room, in the old consulting room and in the old waiting room. Everyone seemed to enjoy the occasion; most of the lunchers were from Blisworth but having said that, there were a good number of friends from further afield. Donations were invited for the charity, Mercy Ships, and the total amount donated came to the marvellous sum of exactly £300.

A very big thank you to all the lunchers and to all the helpers for making this such a happy occasion.



Maitre d'Hotel



A full table in the sitting room



Win Pyke and her party.

#### Mercy Ships

What is Mercy Ships? It is a charity, led by Christian faith, which provides health care and promotes community services to the very poor in some of the world's poorest countries. It is free and helps people of every race and faith, the only requirement being their desperate need. At present there are three ships in action. The Carribean Mercy operates along the coast of Central America, while the Anastasic and the African Mercy sail down the coast of Africa. There are hopes for a fourth ship to be equipped, which would visit ports in Asia. Since 1978, Mercy Ships have visited 223 ports in 54 of the poorest developing countries. The doctors and nurses have performed more than 18,000 major operations – for hare lip and cleft palate, cataract removal, correction of squints, limb deformities due to birth deformities, polio or leprosy, and removal of tumours, sometimes tumours causing dreadful deformities of the face. Many of the surgeons and nurses spend time on the ships during their holidays from the hospitals in which they work normally. The crews who sail the ships are partly regular seamen and partly volunteers, who give anything from two weeks' to a year's service. These volunteers are not paid, and frequently pay for their keep and accommodation themselves.

How effective are Mercy Ships? Well, in every country where the ships have visited and brought their deeds of mercy, they have been asked to return to help again.

*Sadly, Blisworth has said goodbye to two old friends recently:*

#### Bill Tollitt

Bill Tollitt died towards the end of February and the service at the crematorium was on 1 March, at about the same time as Nell Rivett's memorial service. Bill and Jean lived for many years in a bungalow on the Towcester Road hill. Jean was an enthusiastic member of the WI April 2007

and Bill was an enthusiastic painter of local scenes, often exhibiting his work at local shows. The bungalow had a very large garden, so some years ago, they moved to retirement accommodation in Towcester. Whilst sorting out some of Bill's paintings, Jean came across a view of St John's Church, which Jean wishes to send to us as a gift for Church funds. It is on its way to us via Mary Bosworth, so many thanks, Jean.

Mabel Billing

Mabel Billing died on 14 March at the age of 92. May and Bill lived in Connegar Leys for many years. Bill died in November 2002 and since then, May has coped, living alone, despite being very frail, because she has had so much help from her friends and carers. However, in January of this year, it became necessary for May to be cared for in Bethany Homestead in Northampton. Our sympathy goes to her two daughters, Barbara and Rosemary.

*This poem was written for us by Pearl Etherington and its message seems so right as we come near to Easter:*

Man's Choice

When the world was created man walked with God  
 A union direct where Adam trod  
 The yeast was part of the dough we read  
 A relationship that filled each need  
 Till a voice Adam heard one day  
 'You have a choice, you don't have to obey'  
 And Adam chose the right to himself  
 An apple – forbidden – to wisdom for self

Separate – alone – shame and fear.  
 I'll blame someone else and put me in the clear  
 Where is God's light to cancel darkness away  
 Forgiveness is the only way  
 God's heart is broken, He knows the cost  
 To regain forever what Adam lost  
 Jesus must come to become sin and die  
 A total sacrifice for you and I.

Text

Then, to conclude, this month's favourite text is contributed for us by Sue Mellor. It is from Isaiah, Chapter 43, verses 1 and 2:  
 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you: I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze'.

When Jesus calls us by name and makes us his own, he gives this promise to be with us whatever the circumstances. Over the years, I have known this to be true. God fulfils his promise to us.



**GRAFTON REGIS**

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Lunch Club

The Grafton Regis lunch club enjoyed authentic Chinese food, cooked by Paul Lock at the lunch which was held on 19 March – it was absolutely delicious. There was an alternative for those who preferred good old English food. This was followed by a choice of three desserts – all of them looked wonderful. The meal was followed by a talk about Chinese customs and other things Chinese. Many thanks for all the hard work that goes into all these lunches – they are a great opportunity to talk to people whilst enjoying wonderful food and a glass of wine at an extremely reasonable cost.



Sheila Gallimore and Jean Farrow

Having failed to submit get-well messages early enough for the March GRASS I am pleased to give the following convalescence reports ; Sheila Gallimore, who recently underwent quite serious surgery amazed us all by attending the village luncheon just ten days later. Though she still has a way to go for her health to be fully restored she is making steady progress.

Jean Farrow suffered a stroke in February which landed her in hospital for several weeks but, being a fighter, she has made good progress and should be home by the time you read this.

Our best wishes to them both. Keep it up girls!

Joy Wilson



**ALDERTON**

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Church Cleaning Rota

Churchyard Rota

April  
 31 March – 13 April  
 14 – 27 April  
 28 April – 11 May

Doreen Allen & Chris Ambidge  
 Doris Knights & Graham Welch  
 Graham & Jackie Grundon  
 Don & Doreen Allen

Service dates: 22 and 29 April

Alderton Village Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Alderton will be held on Tuesday 10 April 2007 in St Margaret's Church starting at 8.00 p.m. Details will be sent round the village by way of a separate note.

### St Margaret's Church, Alderton - Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Please note that the Annual Meeting for St Margaret's Church, Alderton, will take place on Wednesday 25 April 2007 at St Margaret's Church, Alderton at 8.00 p.m. All villagers are welcome and encouraged to attend – it's an opportunity to find out what is going on with the Church.

### Benefice Service – Evensong – 29 April

When there are five Sundays in a month, on the fifth Sunday there is a Benefice service and the villages take it in turns to hold this. In April, it is Alderton's turn and this service will take the form of traditional Evensong. Colin Hutchings will be officiating at this service and Roy will preach. The service will start at 6.00 p.m. – do come along and join us. The PCC

### Reminder Of Forthcoming Events

#### Easter Day Celebrations

At 10.30 a.m. on Easter Sunday, 8 April, there will be a short, lay-led service at St Margaret's Church, Alderton. We would love to see as many people as possible in Church (especially the children who can bring along their favourite cuddly toy) to start off our now traditional Easter Festivities.

There will be time after the service for you to meet at the bottom of Spring Lane with your eggs & spoons, hopefully attired in your Easter bonnets. We will then return to the Church for our egg hunt and refreshments. All are welcome.

#### St. George's Day – 23 April

We shall be making arrangements soon for St George's Day at Stoke Bruerne. Could you please let a member of the Social Committee know whether you are interested in joining us for a meal in the evening so that this can be booked.

#### May Day Bonfire (Please Note Change of Date)

This will now be held on Sunday 6 May starting at 6.00 p.m. in the village field. Please bring along your own drink and either a picnic or food for the Barbecue. There will be a raffle and plant stall with all proceeds going to the upkeep of the field.

#### Church Spring-Clean

The PCC would like to thank all those hardy souls who turned up on 10 March for the first of our spring cleans. A huge amount of wood was removed from the hedging surrounding the Churchyard and this was moved to the field for the bonfire to celebrate May Day, and the Churchyard now looks much better. The heap of mowings and leaves etc which had accumulated behind the shed had turned into wonderful compost, which was an added bonus, and a new composting area will be made in a less prominent position – please use this when it's your turn on the mowing rota.

The inside of the Church and porch had a good clean also, particularly those more difficult to reach areas which are not tackled during the monthly cleaning sessions, and the brass now looks lovely and shiny. The troops were sustained with refreshments during the day.

We are very grateful for all the help.

The PCC



#### Ladies' Dinner

17 ladies from Alderton descended on The White Hart at Grafton Regis for their annual ladies' dinner. We had met for champagne and nibbles at The Old Barn (thank you, Jackie and Graham for that) and were then shipped over to Grafton.

The company was excellent and the food delicious and judging by the level of noise in the restaurant, everybody seemed to enjoy themselves – not too sure about the other diners though! It was odd how the tables divided – one table of 'oldies' and the other of the younger ladies – it was not planned in this way but seemed to work very well.



#### AboutMyArea - NN12

Local resident James Rudd has launched [www.AboutMyArea.co.uk/NN12](http://www.AboutMyArea.co.uk/NN12) - a community website covering the NN12 postcode that covers Towcester and the surrounding villages.

James explained, "The site is essentially a local daily newspaper on the web. The idea is to cover all aspects of the area, village information, useful numbers, what's on and to promote even the smallest events including coffee mornings, charity auctions, sports and fund raisers." The site was launched in March 07 and is already gathering momentum.

James continued, "I think the internet is becoming more and more important to local people and a very large proportion of internet searches are for local suppliers and events – I intend to introduce video clips of local events too." The site will be paid for by advertising, the rates are deliberately low to provide an effective platform for local businesses.

James can be contacted by email on [jamesrudd@aboutmyarea.co.uk](mailto:jamesrudd@aboutmyarea.co.uk) or by telephone on 0871 384 9936.

#### Community Speedwatch

As you are probably aware, the village has been taking part in the Community Speedwatch Scheme. Once this has been complete we shall update you on the results from the scheme, together with any further steps that we can take to ensure that speeding through the village is eradicated.

### GENERAL NEWS

#### Horse Manure for Sale

Horse manure, off the pasture, 50p per bag. (PYO. free!)

Proceeds to Brooke Horse Charity. Phone Mercia Cooper on 01604 863397, 8 Rookery Lane, Stoke Bruerne

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ No 76

1. What metal is the famous London statue of Eros made of?
2. What is the only breed of dog that can't bark?
3. Where is the smallest Police station in Britain?
4. What was the name of Marilyn Monroe's last unfinished film?
5. What year did the wearing of rear seatbelts become compulsory?
6. In which year was slavery abolished in America?
7. In the 19 <sup>th</sup> century what was known as a 'Penny Dreadful'?
8. What are Aries, Barr, Oakland and Teal all types of?
9. How many stations are there on the London Underground?
10. Whose motto was 'Deeds, not words'?
11. What is the Southern Cross?
12. In India, who would live in a 'Zenana'?
13. What is a demijohn?
14. What does an "Oologist" study?
15. What British Order is limited to 65 members?
16. What is the plural of magus?
17. Which acid is found in yoghurt?
18. What does a "canophillis" like?
19. Zephyr is the poetic name for what?
20. What is the largest species of toad?

### SNIPPETS:

*The good pray on their knees, the bad prey on each other.*

*Anyone can steer the ship when the sea is calm.*

*Even a wise man can gain knowledge from the mistakes of fools.*

*You won't put weight on eating humble pie.*

*Banks don't give you the debt, they simply profit from it.*

Quizzy comments: Thanks again for all your answers and it's good to see June Scott and Cornwell junior, the Invincible (his term) back on line again. With so many great answers Quizzy had to be strict and mark hard. In first place was Lesley Woodward with 19 and The Invincible Cornwell, Judy Cave and June Scott all scored 18, so Lesley gets the bird feeder. This month I hope to see you all back again and with a prize of a bottle of wine - something to get paper and pen out for. Good luck to you all. Quizzy

### Answers to last month's Quiz

1. What is the standard boiling point of water on the Fahrenheit scale?	212
2. What kind of bird is a 'jabiru'?	Stork
3. In 1986 which European space probe investigated Halley's Comet?	Giotto
4. Who flew in the Puss Moth 'Jason'?	Amy Johnson
5. When was the first Severn Bridge opened?	September 1966
6. Between which two cities does the Antonine Wall run?	Glasgow and Edinburgh
7. 'Night of the Hunter' was the only film directed by which actor?	Charles Laughton
8. Which magazine was founded by the American Dewitt Wallace?	Reader's Digest
9. What is the study of communication known as?	Semiotics
10. In Greek mythology, who is the god of the north wind?	Boreas
11. In which year did the Pilgrim Fathers set sail for the Americas?	1620
12. What is the international car index mark of the Vatican City?	V
13. Bodrum in Turkey is on the site of which ancient city?	Halicarnassus
14. In which country is the Kakadu National Park?	Australia
15. Which is the only coin still issued in sterling silver?	The Queen's Maundy money
16. Who was Britain's first cosmonaut?	Helen Sharman
17. In which ocean is the area known as Polynesia?	Pacific
18. Which of the seven wonders of the Ancient World stood at Ephesus?	The Temple of Artemis
19. What would a person suffering from sitophobia fear?	Food
20. What sort of letter is an 'encyclical'?	A papal letter

### Pilates classes at Grafton Regis Village Hall

#### Pilates Classes

The popularity of the Pilates classes held locally at Grafton Regis village continues and the classes have become well established, there are however a number of places available in both classes for anyone interested.

The class times are:

Thursday evenings: 6.00 p m to 7.00 p m  
7.15 p m to 8.15 p m



The classes are run with numbers being kept strictly to a maximum of 9 or 10 to ensure personal attention, and last 1 hour including a therapeutic relaxation session at the end.

Please contact Jane Aldred-Lock on 01908-543267

We look forward very much to hearing from you.

N.B. Grafton Regis Village Hall is a registered charity and any profits made by the Activity Zone go towards the upkeep of the hall.

April 2007

## Pilates

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The support that is offered by Victim Support will vary from person to person. Sometimes it will be a listening ear, other times practical support, advice and information.

We can provide information on the police and court procedures.

We can liaise with other organisations such as the Housing Authority.

We can provide information on criminal injury compensation and insurance matters and can arrange for workers to accompany people to the police station and courts. We will help people access other forms of help if we cannot provide the service they need.

Our services are free and totally confidential and accessible to all.

Our workers are trained to deal with all types of crime from criminal damage, harassment, burglary, robbery, theft and assaults. Specially trained workers will also support male and female victims of domestic abuse, rape, sexual assault and people bereaved by homicide.

We also have workers that support victims of Hate Crimes, (racist, homophobic and disabilist crimes)

Hopefully you will never have needed the services of Victim Support, but if you do or know someone who might benefit from contact from us, don't hesitate to get in touch.

We will not contact a victim directly, unless we have their consent.

We can be contacted by telephone on 01604 603477, at our offices at Angel Street, Northampton or by e-mail to [admin@vsnorthants.co.uk](mailto:admin@vsnorthants.co.uk) Bob Dunn Support / Outreach worker



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## United Benefice Calendar for 2007

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

### April

- 3 Grafton Regis Annual Parish Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30 p m
- 8 Easter Day – lay-led service in Church at 10.30 a m, followed by Easter bonnet parade and egg hunt, Alderton
- 10 Stoke Bruerne & Shutlanger WI, SB V.Hall, 2.00 p m. Speaker: Daniella Shaw (becoming an author). Competition: small item in fuchsia pink (scarf, flower etc)
- 10 Mobile library to Alderton, 2.45 p m to 3.00 p m
- 11 Health walk, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m
- 13 Farmers' market, Richmond Road car park, Towcester
- 17 Ordinary Parish Council meeting, 7.45 p m, SB Village Hall
- 18 Blisworth Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 7.30 p m, St John's Church, Blisworth
- 19 Health walk in Salcey Forest, meet 2.00 p m at the café
- 19 Mobile library to Navigation car park, Stoke Bruerne, 3.10 p m to 3.30 p m
- 21 Grafton Regis Church and Churchyard spring clean, 10.00 a m
- 23 St George's Day
- 23 Grafton Regis – St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30 p m
- 24 Stoke Bruerne & Shutlanger WI Group meeting, SB Village Hall, 7.00 p m
- 25 Health walk, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m
- 25 Alderton Annual Parochial Church Meeting, St Margaret's Church, Alderton, 8.00 p m
- 27 Farmers' market, Market Square, Stony Stratford
- 28 Grafton Regis walk and talk, 2.30 p m

### May

- 1 Mobile library to Alderton, 2.45 p m to 3.00 p m
- 3 Health walk in Salcey Forest, meet 2.00 p m at the cafe
- 6 May Day celebrations in the field, Alderton
- 8 Stoke Bruerne & Shutlanger WI, SB V.Hall, 2.00 p m. Resolutions meeting, competition to be arranged
- 9 Health walk, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m
- 10 Mobile library to Navigation car park, Stoke Bruerne, 3.10 p m to 3.30 p m
- 11 Farmers' market, Richmond Road car park, Towcester
- 12 Grafton Regis walk and talk, 2.00 p m
- 14 Grafton Regis walk and talk, 6.30 p m
- 17 Health walk in Salcey Forest, meet 2.00 p m at the cafe
- 22 Mobile library to Alderton, 2.45 p m to 3.00 p m
- 23 Grafton Regis walk and talk, 2.30 p m
- 23 Health walk, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m
- 25 Farmers' market, Market Square, Stony Stratford
- 31 Health walk in Salcey Forest, meet 2.00 p m at the café
- 31 Mobile library to Navigation car park, Stoke Bruerne, 3.10 p m to 3.30 p m

### June

- 2 Grafton Regis walk and talk, 2.30 p m
- 6 Health walk, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m
- 8 Farmers' market, Richmond Road car park, Towcester
- 12 Grafton Regis walk and talk, p m
- 12 Stoke Bruerne & Shutlanger WI, SB V.Hall, 2.00 p m. Speaker: Kate Willis, subject: life and times from 1914. Competition: picture of grandparents.
- 13 Grafton Regis walk and talk, 7.00 p m
- 14 Health walk in Salcey Forest, meet 2.00 p m at the café
- 20 Health walk, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m
- 21 Mobile library to Navigation car park, Stoke Bruerne, 3.10 p m to 3.30 p m
- 26 Grafton Regis walk and talk, 7.00 p m
- 28 Health walk in Salcey Forest, meet 2.00 p m at the cafe
- 29 Grafton Regis walk and talk, 7.00 p m
- 29 Farmers' market, Market Square, Stony Stratford
- 30 Grafton Regis walk and talk, 2.30 p m

### July

- 4 Health walk, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m
- 10 Grafton Regis walk and talk, 7.00 p m
- 10 Stoke Bruerne & Shutlanger WI, SB V.Hall, 2.00 p m. Chat and cup of tea afternoon. Competition: a picture 3" x 3" made from beads and buttons
- 12 Health walk in Salcey Forest, meet 2.00 p m at the café
- 12 Mobile library to Navigation car park, Stoke Bruerne, 3.10 p m to 3.30 p m
- 15 Health walk, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m
- 18 Health walk, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m
- 26 Health walk in Salcey Forest, meet 2.00 p m at the café
- 28 Grafton Regis walk and talk, 2.30 p m
- 29 Health walk, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m

### August

- Stoke Bruerne & Shutlanger WI, no meeting
- 1 Health walk, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m
- 2 Mobile library to Navigation car park, Stoke Bruerne, 3.10 p m to 3.30 p m
- 9 Health walk in Salcey Forest, meet 2.00 p m at the cafe
- 11 Shakespeare on The Mount, Alderton – Twelfth Night
- 11 Grafton Regis walk and talk, 2.30 p m
- 12 Grafton Regis walk and talk, 2.30 p m
- 12 Shakespeare on The Mount, Alderton – Twelfth Night
- 23 Health walk in Salcey Forest, meet 2.00 p m at the café
- 23 Mobile library to Navigation car park, Stoke Bruerne, 3.10 p m to 3.30 p m

### September

- 6 Health walk in Salcey Forest, meet 2.00 p m at the cafe
- 11 Stoke Bruerne & Shutlanger WI, SB V.Hall, 2.00 p m. Speaker: Trisha Bailey, subject: what the post lady saw, competition: an old postage stamp
- 12 Health walk, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m
- 13 Mobile library to Navigation car park, Stoke Bruerne, 3.10 p m to 3.30 p m
- 26 Health walk, Stoke Bruerne, 10.00 a m

### October

- 9 Stoke Bruerne & Shutlanger WI, SB V.Hall, 2.00 p m, Annual General Meeting. Competition: a pig made from a vegetable.
- 27 Hallowe'en celebrations, Alderton

### November

- 3 Bonfire night celebrations in the field, Alderton

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