

Round and About

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Notes from the Chairman.....

What a transformation to the village during our annual festival! Church, Chapel, Village Hall, fields, gardens and of course the towpath crammed with stalls and entertainment galore! So many happy smiling faces enjoying all the great things on show. Many weeks of hard work by a small band of dedicated people benefitting village organisations and of course the local canalscape. Huge congratulations for another magnificent event!

Many thanks and Well Done! too to those anonymous villagers who do the extra bit of weeding or pruning and litter picking to help show the village at its best! We have a wonderful community to be proud of and as we were unable to enter the *Best Village* competition again this year wouldn't it be great to have a go next year!

Thanks also to Mark Redding, our new Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) co-ordinator, and the street representatives helping to keep Blisworth a safe place to live. All your efforts are much appreciated.

Those of you who read the minutes of the Parish Council meetings (available on the website following approval one month after the meeting) will learn that we are closely monitoring developments with the Chapel Lane houses. It is always going to be a difficult site but we are determined that planning permission obligations are adhered to. Let us hope our concerns are noted and we are supported by SNC.

I hope you have all enjoyed the glorious summer and look forward in the next R & A to news of our new village sign which should be completed by the autumn.

Pat Masterman 858985



Blisworth Canal Partnership Blisworth Canal Festival 2013

WOW!! What a weekend!!

As the days ticked away to the festival weekend so the frenzy of activity in the village seemed to grow. There was a real buzz of anticipation with people chatting to neighbours, gardening, tidying and making Blisworth look its best. And didn't it!!

Finally all of the effort was rewarded, the sun came out and the village was a sea of smiley faces throughout the event weekend.

Blisworth is now well and truly on the festival map with estimates suggesting around 25,000 visitors! The number of lovely e-mails and messages to the Canal Partnership has been almost overwhelming. We even made Sunday's Anglia News!

A great, big thank you to all of the villagers, organisations, boaters, landowners, open gardeners and local businesses who helped the Canal Partnership make the festival such a success in so many different ways.

We surpassed the £3200 needed to put on Festival 2013 so have some excess to continue our canal-side projects.

**And YES we will be doing it all again next year!!
Festival 2014 dates coming soon!**

For further information contact: Jan Andrews 858023,
07919 003704, blisworthcanalpartnership@hotmail.co.uk

Photo Tony Marsh



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Sam Cherry

I would like to thank all the wonderful people who sent cards, flowers and tributes for my Sam when he passed away.

Special thanks to Dr Hillier and all at the Surgery, to my friend Jenn Clarke, Jane Percival for the wreath, all Sam's friends on the allotment without whom Sam would not have had so many cabbages ha! ha!

Most of all to my marvellous family, Sam, Jane, Paula, James, Lauren, Ben, Jade, Jan and Chris.

Many thanks to you all.

Jenny Cherry

VHPFA 250 Club

I am not sure how long the Village Hall and Playing Field 250 club has been in operation, but certainly for many years - possibly from the 70s. Anyway, it's a long time and the subscription has never varied; it has remained at just £6 per year.

I discussed this with our accountant, who strongly recommended an increase, I then took the matter to the Village Hall Committee. At their last meeting, after discussion, it was unanimously agreed that from January the price will increase to £10 p.a. At the same time, prizes will increase as follows: 1 x £30, 2 x £20, 2 x £10. I hope that everyone will stay on board because a lot is planned for the Village Hall and the 250 club can make a significant contribution.

Village co-ordinator **Fiona McKenzie 859 541**



Blisworth Women's Institute

The glorious weather we have been experiencing recently facilitated a super croquet evening for some of our members, played in the grounds of St. Andrews Hospital. Members night, our July meeting, took the form of a garden party held in the lovely garden of one of our members. Wonderful refreshments were served, the weather was again kind to us and a good time was had by all!

Our August meeting in contrast was back under cover and members enjoyed a fish and chip supper, the evening being rounded off with a visual quiz.

The day visit to Helmingham Hall Gardens and Bury St. Edmunds took place also in August, the gardens looked as magnificent as we had been led to believe.

We would like to thank everyone, particularly the local community who supported our Plant stall during the summer and our Hats and Handbags stall manned by our members for the two day Canal Festival this year.

Once again we would take this opportunity to invite all ladies who have one evening to spare each month to join the Blisworth WI. You will not regret it!

Margaret Morbey

Young's: Don't forget autumn and early spring plants are now ready at our own Garden Centre.

Blisworth Film Club

On **September 26th** we are screening the acclaimed 'Silver Linings-the Playbook' (2012), an amusing, quirky film dealing with mental illness and a young man's struggle to regain his life and marriage.

On **October 24th** we are showing 'Summer in February', set in Lamorna Cove artists' colony at the beginning of 20th century, this visually beautiful British film has received very good reviews.

November 28th we have 'Behind the Candelabra', starring Michael Douglas as Liberace, highly acclaimed for his performance as the bizarre entertainer.

It has been pointed out that several recommended films have contained adult language and scenes of a sexual nature that some have found offensive. It is not our intention to knowingly select such films, as we try to show a variety of films to entertain everyone.

The philosophy behind the film club has always been to direct any profits to Village organisations. So far it has been possible to provide a seat placed in front of Blisworth Chapel, we have also made a donation towards the cost of materials for the Murals in the Hut by the tunnel, other requests are being considered.

As usual, admission is £4, in the Hougemont Barn of the Royal Oak, with bar and raffle available. Doors open at 7.00pm, with film starting at 7.30pm.

Margaret Holiday 858590

Courteenhall Road Allotment Site

There are still some vacant plots on the site. Autumn is a good time of year to make a start on a plot, whether you are new to gardening or have years of experience. Weeds will have died down and you would have plenty of time to prepare your plot for the next growing season. It's not too late to sow green manure to lock in goodness over the winter.

The site is friendly, there is a water supply and the soil is very light, making it easy to cultivate. It is possible to grow most vegetables, although a good application of well rotted manure helps to give the soil some body for the more greedy plants, in particular those in the cabbage family.

If you would like to have a look at the vacant plots, please contact **Jane Hill** on **858656**. I would be happy to show you round the site and answer any questions you might have.

Blisworth Play Reading Group

The group meets informally once a month on Wednesday mornings to read a variety of plays in a sociable and friendly atmosphere. Following our summer break in August, our next meeting is Wed 4 Sept at 10am, when we will commence reading another play which will hopefully be both challenging and entertaining.

This will be followed by another meeting on 2 Oct. If you would like to come along and join us, you would be most welcome. For further details, please phone **Dick Hennessy** on **858602**.

Blisworth Parish Church

"Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other" Deut. 4 v39

Another Canal Festival has come and gone, the anticipation was building for days as boats arrived and the bunting went up. Were there more people than ever? It seemed like it. In St. John's the Village scrap book pages were on display, and Sally Edwards again showed her extensive family history research. Some people spent hours at these displays.

Again the Church provided teas including home made cakes and scones, and as before there was no set charge but contributions to the work of the church were invited; we are truly grateful for the generosity of visitors. At times the queue was almost out of the door, and many people said they had been to us in previous years.

All this took place around the normal life of the church, so displays and teas were not available on Sunday until the end of our celebration of Holy Communion. Then we closed down the refreshments at 4 o'clock and took the piano and chairs outside for a session of "Songs of Praise". The musicians played requests, the joyful noise we made could be heard up and down the High Street. We owe many people grateful thanks: all who supplied tea, coffee, milk, etc.. and the wonderful bakers. The cakes just kept on coming, and the empty plates by the end of the day showed how appreciated they were. Then there were all who put out the tables beforehand, served for long and frenetic hours, and cleared away afterwards. Thank you all.

A year ago we started the practice of mentioning a couple of village roads each week in prayers of intercession. This is continuing and all roads will have been mentioned three or four times. The full list with dates can be seen on the prayer board in church. There is now a short prayer meeting on Wednesday mornings from 9.30 to 10 a.m. This is open to absolutely everyone, to find out more please contact the Rector or one of the Wardens.

Rector:	The Revd. Andrea Watkins	857619
Wardens:	Angela Cheesbrough	858839
	Fiona McKenzie	859541

Northamptonshire Open Studios

For the third consecutive year eight Blisworth artists will be exhibiting their work as part of the County's annual Open Studios Festival of Art. Many thanks to Lisa for allowing us to use the Barn at the 'Royal Oak' again. The Exhibition will be from the 14th to 22nd September - 11am - 5pm and is an exciting and diverse display of photographic works, paintings and sculpture. We are always encouraged by your support so please do come and see us, entry is free.

Brochures are freely available from Young's nursery, the shop, the Coffee House and local libraries, so you and your friends could plan a trip and visit up to seven different venues in close range of Blisworth and just enjoy. We look forward to seeing you. **Maggie Turton**



Prescription Collection

Positive feedback has been received from users of this new service. Please keep a list of the volunteers handy.

Janet Fall	(whole village)	859566
Denise Ingram	(whole village)	858489
Chris Lea	(whole village)	857659
Fiona McKenzie	(whole village)	859541
Margaret Murphy	(whole village)	858303
Carol Arnall	(Home Close area)	858776
Ann Chapman	(Courteenhall Road, Greenaway Close)	858286
Jane Percival	(Stoke Road, Greenside)	858478
Mason Masterman	(Pond Bank)	858985
Les Tebbutt	(Pond Bank)	858858

Please telephone your selected volunteer with your name, address and date when you order your prescriptions. If an Answerphone message is not confirmed **within 24 hours** please try another choice.

Any problems? Please phone Beryl Andrews 858252



Blisworth Heritage Society



Painting on Canal Boats

Sue Woodward
27 Sept 2013

History of Newspapers in Northants

Bob Shaw
25 Oct 2013

The Village Hall at 7:30

Admission £1 for Members £2.50 Guests

CDs and memory sticks containing a copy of the **Scrapbook** will be available for sale at the meetings or from any committee member

Stitchery Do

Blisworth Tapestry Charity—Creating with fabric and thread

We meet the First Thursday of every month at the **Blisworth Scout Community Hall** from 10.00 am to 3.00pm. Just £3.50 per session, tea and coffee included, bring your own packed lunch.

If you fancy being creative or are looking for a new project, we are happy to help with ideas, give practical advice and provide a range of materials and resources. Interested in joining our very friendly and sociable group contact:

Margaret Holiday	858590	Sandra O'Connor	858764
Carol Arnall	858776	Ros Bedford	858423

Painting in Progress

For the past five weeks twelve artists have been plying their skills and creativity on a mural depicting local Canal Scenes in the shelter at the tunnel mouth. The camaraderie between artists, villagers and visitors has been brilliant. The project is very much work in progressbut we're getting there. **Maggie Turton**

Blisworth Baptist Church

Family Service every Sunday at 10.45am
Crèche available and Junior Church
Communion every First and Third Sunday

Coffee and tea are served before the service from 10.00am
and afterwards in the Coffee House

Interactive Prayer and Bible Study
Tuesdays at 7.30pm

Coffee House Open
Tuesdays at 10.00am

Mens' Breakfast
Every Fourth Saturday at 8.30am

Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Sunday 29th September at 10.45am

Harvest Supper and Film – 'Bruce Almighty'
Saturday 5th October at 7.00pm

Pastor: Keith Barker – 01327 352972
Room bookings: Ted Ashworth – 01327 352812
Secretary: Peter Burton - 01604 858980

The Arts & Crafts Group

The Canal FestivalA resounding success. The 'Gallery' held in the village hall as part of the Canal Festival was very well attended. Special thanks to Group members Rita, Sue and Cheryl who organised a White Elephant stall to raise funds for materials to make exhibition display boards. Until now we have had to hire boards that is proving costly but thanks to the VHPFA we have been allocated some storage space so we have the motivation to make our own for village shows and exhibitions.

This, together with charging exhibitors a small fee for hanging their pictures, raised £160. Well done everybody and thank you. **Maggie Turton**

Reminder - New Directory For 2114

A new version of the very useful 'Little Blue Book' is being prepared, only this time it will be yellow.

Some of the information will remain the same but some changes are required. If the secretary of your group or organisation has changed during the past two years, or if you are a local tradesperson who would either like to be in the book or would like to be taken out of it please contact **Jane Percival** who is collating the changes. Information is needed by the end of October for publication in January, but the sooner it is in the more likely it will be included. Space is limited but all entries are free. Call **858478** or email janepetsplants@onweb.co.uk.

Jazz at the Walnut Tree

Jazz every Sunday at 12.00. 20th October, 30th anniversary all day party details from Tad Newton 858549



Blisworth Bookworms

Bookworms will meet **23rd September** and **28th October**. Further details from Maggie Turton 858594

Blisworth's Hidden Gem Needs You!

The aim is to make the Cemetery opposite the Parish Church a place of peace and beauty filled with wildlife and flowers for villagers to pause and walk through. Something of which we can all be proud.

Can you spare some time and energy to assist with the upkeep of a couple of graves or trees/shrubs. Contact Paulette Kennedy (now working with the Parish Plan Progress Team on this project) on 858717, 07810 177181 or kennedy.363@zen.co.uk for more details.

We also send grateful thanks to Colin Gardner and Colin Adams for erecting the donated bird boxes.

The Parks Medical Practice



Protect yourself from flu this year

If you are:
65 or over

Pregnant Asthmatic

Diabetic Immunosuppressed

Caring for an elderly or disabled person

Or you have:

Chronic Heart, Kidney, Liver,
Respiratory or Neurological Disease

You are entitled to entitles to a
Free Flu Vaccination.

**Please call the surgery during September to
book an appointment. Clinics will begin in
October.**

Cookery Do — Book of Village Recipes

Recipe donations wanted for a new Blisworth Cookery Book. Recipes can be your own creation, from a family member or friend in the area. Ideally with a garden or heritage theme.

Send via email to carol_arnall@btinternet.com or by post to 19 Home Close, Blisworth, Northampton, NN7 3DJ.

If possible add quips and tips, a storyline to your recipe plus photos of the author and the recipe.

Any profit from the sales of the 'Cookery Do' Recipe Book will go towards funding a Blisworth Community Mini Bus. **Carol Arnall**

Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Friday 18th October for the November/December issue.

Please email items you wish to include to:
ra@blisworthparishcouncil.org.uk

or send to the Editor: Alan North, 89 Buttmead,
Blisworth, Northants NN7 3DQ

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