

Round and About

Blisworth Parish Council Newsletter
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Our new sign. Artist Alan Baillie, Designer Ian Chester,
Photo Tony Marsh

Notes from the Chairman.....

Planning

The Chapel Hill Development The Parish Council has received an application to build approximately 30 houses between the existing proposed site and Northampton Road. With the permission already granted for 27 houses off Chapel Hill this extra application 'if granted' would bring the total of new houses in this area to almost 60!

We convened a special meeting about this application, after considerable discussion with members of the public taking part but not voting it was decided to object to the application.

Howden's Joinery Another matter that may affect the village is a proposal by Howden's for a 2 million sq ft distribution centre off the A508 just south of junction 15, the application is only at the initial discussion stage. The PC has several objections to the development, the two main one's being:

The development is on a greenfield site south of the natural barrier to Northampton's expansion the M1, there is already commercial development land near Harpole, north of the M1.

Junction 15 is already overloaded at peak traffic times, resulting in traffic through Blisworth to avoid the congestion.

Footpath Warden The PC is pleased to announce that we had a volunteer for the position, Tim Noble 858321. Any problems with the footpaths and bridleways please let Tim know. **Tim is not the contact for highway footpaths**, please report these to our clerk, Viv Harley.

Parking on Footpaths We have received a letter from the carer of a disabled resident about footpaths being restricted by parked cars and the disabled person being unable to pass.

We know there are problems with lack of parking space and that to keep roads clear, residents need to park partially on the path, however please bear in mind the needs of others and leave room for a pushchair or wheelchair to get past.

The Village Sign I don't know what to say, we have even had the unveiling! Unfortunately for reasons beyond our control, we are still waiting for the permanent frame. By the time you read this it may be erected?

Canal Festival What a fantastic turn out, I have never seen so many people in the village! The number of stalls and events was amazing. A great shame about Sunday's weather, but it was good to see that stalls remained open and quite a few people about. The festival will be covered in detail elsewhere; however on behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank, Alan & Jan for all their hard work, (Alan was even sweeping the mud of the road on Sunday afternoon) also all the village stall holders and the large band of helpers that make this event so important to the village.

Charlie Jeffery, 07778 001780



Blisworth Canal Partnership
www.blisworthcanalpartnership.org

What a Festival! Despite the deluge on Sunday, the village still attracted thousands and thousands of visitors over the weekend.

The messages and feedback to the Partnership have all been absolutely wonderful and make the 1000's of hours and the £1000's it takes to stage the festival all worth it. The CEO of Canal and River Trust, Richard Parry, summed it up well, he told us we had 'created something very, very special'.

The Canal Partnership has so many people to thank for making the festival weekend such a huge success. The landowners who welcome us to use their gardens as venues and the Wakelin family who allow the use of their field as a car park. The many local organisations, including the Church teams who put their heart and soul into supporting the festival. Colin and Sarah and their team who manage the car park so efficiently, the volunteers who sell programmes, man fundraising stalls and generally act as extra pairs of eyes for us. Finally the villagers that open their gardens to visitors and those that spend the week before the festival tidying up the village. The event creates a real sense of pride and the village always looks its best.

Will we do it all again next year? We are already being asked for the dates and people are queuing up to book. More volunteers have already come forward asking how they can help and local businesses are even keener to sponsor us and advertise on our website and in our programme. We really have created something very, very special!

This year's event raised enough funds to hold another festival, with some left over to once again donate to local organisations and continue our canal-side projects.

We've had lots of images sent to us of people enjoying sitting on the lock beams now installed outside the tunnel hut. The spot is very popular and the seating really appreciated. Our first project in the Autumn is to lower the hedge in the tunnel car park, reduce some of the other boundary vegetation and hopefully install the planned boundary knee rail. Come and join us, watch our website for the dates or contact us.

Jan Andrews 07597 053062
blisworthcanalpartnership@hotmail.co.uk



Blisworth Bookworms

Meetings **29th Sept** (please note this is the fifth Monday of the month) & **27th October**. We will be discussing our summer reads.
Maggie Turton

Blisworth Parish Church

“Taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man who takes refuge in him”. Psalm 34 V. 8

What a buzzing weekend the Canal Festival was; it was lovely to see so many visitors in the church. Again we welcomed the Heritage Society, and Sally Edwards with her family history on computer, books and other records; both provided a wealth of information and history. A new item at the Festival was the Carter electronic bell ringing machine which attracted a lot of interest. As usual the mini ring was here, our own and visiting ringers rang the church bells culminating in a quarter peal (45 minutes) on Sunday.

Homemade cakes and scones were available for visitors. As previously there was no charge for these, but donations to the upkeep of the church were welcome. Sunday's Songs of Praise ended the weekend for the church, it only remains to thank all who baked and served the teas.

Messy Church continued throughout the summer on the 1st Saturday of the month at Shutlanger village hall from 3 to 4.30 pm. There's lots to share, with themed crafts, stories, toys, games, and refreshments; sometimes there's cooking. This is for children of all ages and their families – in fact adults seem to have as good a time as the youngsters!

The 11 am slot on the first Sunday of each month is now a new-style innovative service. It's still in the experimental stage but can include videos, participation, dramatised presentations and so on, it may or may not include communion. Feedback is important in the development of anything new, so everyone is most welcome, as indeed to any of the other services. Times are posted on the door.

Rector	The Revd. Andrea Watkins	857619
Wardens	Angela Cheesbrough	859839
	Fiona McKenzie	859541



Blisworth Heritage Society



The Eleanor Crosses

Chris Rowe
26 Sept 2014

Canal Boat Families (with particular reference to Blisworth)

Lorna York
31 Oct 2014

The Village Hall at 7:30
Admission £1 for Members £2.50 Guests

CDs, memory sticks and A4 printed copies of the **Scrapbook** are available for sale at meetings or from any committee member

Details on our web site www.blisworthheritage.org.uk

Brian Petts

We would like to express our thanks to all our friends and neighbours for their best wishes and kind thoughts after hearing of the sudden death of our Brian on 5th June 2014. R.I.P. Chris and Derek Petts

Blisworth Services

Driving Tuition Your local Driving Instructor:
Colin Addams Driving Tel 859379 colinadamsdriving.co.uk

The Art & Craft Group

Members worked hard to make The Gallery & Picasso Pantry such a success at the Canal Festival. It was a pleasure to see so many people eating the 'continental' ploughman dishes and buying our art work. Many thanks to all.....we now look forward to our future.....

Following the closure of Northampton's Open Studios, Blisworth artists have become part of the newly formed **South Northamptonshire Arts** which involves 27 artists from Brackley to Blisworth and all villages in between. We aim to raise the profile of talented artists working in South Northants. This year's event is called the **Art Trail**, artists will be displaying work in their studios and various venues. In Blisworth we will be exhibiting in the 'Royal Oak' Barn as usual from **20th - 28th September** from 11am -5pm.

To launch **SNA** and the **Art Trail** we are holding a one day **Art Festival** in the courtyard of **Bell's Plantation Towcester** on **Sunday 7th September** from **10am - 4pm** where art will be displayed and live music played in the afternoon. Please come and enjoy. **Art Trail leaflets** will be available at the Festival and at Young's Nursery, the Post Office and the Coffee House or downloaded from www.arts-sn.org.uk so you can plan a route to visit venues in the coming weeks.

This is an adventure for us, we hope it will be for you too. Everyone will love to see you. **Maggie Turton**

Jazz at the Walnut Tree

New jazz season starts Sept 7th. Also great jazz and dine evening Friday October 24th with **Tad Newton's Jazz Friends and Karen Sharp**, phone **858549** for details.

Blisworth Play Reading Group

The group starts its winter season on Sept 3rd with a slightly challenging play, *Antigone* by Anouilh, premiered in occupied Paris in 1942 and based on the Greek Tragedy. Our next meeting will then be on Wed 1 Oct when we shall be reading something lighter as a contrast. Over the year we will be reading a bit of everything: classics, pantomime, farce, Agatha Christie and even 60's Radio Comedy Scripts. If you would like to come along and join us, you would be most welcome. For further details, please phone Dick Hennessy on 858602.

Cemetery Management

Grateful thanks to Caroline and David Young of Young's Garden Centre for their support and many contributions to the work being done in the Cemetery.

Also to David Snape and his son of Blisworth Wildflowers, for their continuing help and generosity.

Paulette Kennedy

BVHPFA 250 Club

July and August winners:

£30	17	28		
£20	88	198	177	189
£10	123	77	181	205

We have issued cheques to the above subscribers.

Village co-ordinator **Fiona McKenzie 859541** Please call if you would like to have a ticket and help the hall - £10 p.a.

Blisworth Film Club

On Thursday 25th September, the film to be shown is 'Love Punch', a light hearted British film starring Emma Thompson and Piers Brosnan.

On Thursday 23rd October, the film will be 'Jimmy's Hall'. Ken Loach's latest film set in 1930's Ireland. Reviewed as 'joyous and full of life'

On Thursday 27th November, the film is 'Jersey Boys', Clint Eastwood's adaptation of smash stage hit, the story of the four young men who became the iconic 1960's pop group 'The Four Seasons'

The film club continues to be held in The Royal Oak's Hougemont Barn (at 7.30—admission £4) until further notice. If it becomes necessary to change venues, it will be announced on our posters and in the local press. It is also our intention to continue screening films on the fourth/last Thursday of each month, but watch the notice boards.

In November, we will have been running the club for four years! How time flies. Thanks to all your support, we have made significant donations to a number of village organisations, to improve facilities and boost funds. This would not have been possible without the help and support from the team of loyal helpers and the many people who have made donations to our monthly raffles. All your efforts are really appreciated.

Margaret Holiday 858590



We would like to thank all those Jogger Raffle Ticket holders who helped raise a grand total of £1,724. The draw was made by Dr. Hillier at the

Blisworth Canal Festival on Sunday 10th August. For prize winners please contact Hilary Spurrier on 859181.

Look out for our next fundraising appeal for the Blisworth Community Transport Scheme.

Blisworth Tapestry Charity



Courteenhall Road Allotment Site

After this strange year most people will be harvesting crops earlier than usual and there are gluts of runner beans and courgettes. Early potatoes have done well, although main crop varieties have struggled to get enough moisture and there might not be many of baking size. If you grow a variety of crops, there will be some successes, some failures which tend to balance out in the long run; you should harvest something from your plot for a good part of the year.

If this has tempted you to have a go at growing your own and to experience the great taste of really fresh vegetables, please contact Jane Hill on 858656.

Blisworth Pre School

Pre-school is open Monday - Friday term time, 9.00 until 12.00. Lunch Club available until 1.00pm Tues/Wed/Thurs. Spaces are limited for places from September 2014 so please call in to see us or call

Pam on 07803662433



Neighbourhood Watch Alert

During National Neighbourhood Watch Week the focus was on fraud and cybercrime. With burglary decreasing incidents of fraud and cybercrime are increasing, you are now far more likely to suffer a serious crime that does not involve a forcible entry to your home or assault to your person. There are a number of simple measures that you can take to help avoid becoming a victim of such crime.

Make your passwords stronger – mix numbers, symbols, upper and lower case letters.

Never give out any personal information unless you are certain you can trust the person contacting you.

If an offer seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Banks and financial institutions never send you an email asking you to click a link and confirm your bank details.

Your bank will never contact you to ask for your PIN, password or other security information in full.

Anti-virus protects your computer – keep it up-to-date.

Make sure your computer has a firewall installed.

Software updates keep your computer safe – install them as soon as you get a reminder.

Emails can contain viruses – only open them if you know who they're from.

Computer firms do not make unsolicited phone calls to help you fix your computer.

Shred receipts with your card details on and correspondence with your name and address on.

To report incidents or to obtain up to date information on crime in our area please contact your neighbourhood watch coordinator **Mark Redding on 859098.**

Blisworth Baptist Church

Mathew 6 verse 34 *'So then, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Today has enough trouble of its own.'* The Bible has excellent advice for us in the world we live in. So many of us spend so much time worrying that we miss out on real peace in our lives.

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

Tuesday's 10.00am till 12.30

Mens' Breakfast

Every fourth Saturday at 8.30am in the Coffee House

Next breakfast Sep 27th

Pastor: Keith Barker – 01327 352972

Secretary: Diane Atkinson - 01604 859590

Room bookings: Ted Ashworth - 01327 352812

Young's

Don't forget to go to Young's your village Garden Centre for your autumn bulbs and bedding plants. A wide selection is available now.

Blisworth Women's Institute



Our busy summer continues! The July meeting was a resounding success an evening of 'fun' sports followed by fresh fruit refreshments. The sporting theme continued with an evening of croquet which again was very enjoyable.

The WI plant and 'Baubles Bangles and Beads' stalls in a member's garden in Stoke Road again proved successful although the weather on the Sunday was a disappointment.

Our August meeting was an outing to Delapre Abbey which included a guided tour of the house followed by tea and cake and a walk around the lovely grounds. Several members enjoyed a Literary Lunch at Flore accompanied by a talk on Richard III, a most popular subject at present. The visit to the Suffolk Punch Trust Stud also took place early in August; a wonderful outing for our members.

We are all looking forward to our September meeting, a talk about growing up in the 40's and 50's something most of us can identify with. If you would like to join in the fun please do not hesitate to come along to the Village Hall, second Thursday of the month. You are sure of a warm welcome.

Margaret Morbey

1st Blisworth Scout Group

We said goodbye to eight Beavers this year, seven to Cubs the eighth moved away, we wish you all every success!

The Cubs went to the New Forest for summer camp, as it was one of the hottest weekends we had, some activities had to be changed a little!

The Troop took part in Grizzly Paw, the County Camp, and had a very successful cooking competition which means they now take part in the County Final in September, well done to everyone involved behind the scenes and at camp.

The Explorers went to Nottingham to play Monopoly: our two teams came in the top 20 which is encouraging and gives everyone something to build on for next year.

We played a very small supporting role with the Canal Festival, well done as ever to all those people who put so much time and effort into making the event the deserved success that it has become.

All Sections are planning for next term. We will be celebrating Bonfire Night again, on Monday 3 November and we would like to welcome you all to the Hall; same deal as before, can you please bring a big firework or two, and also plenty of change for the barbecue!

The 50th anniversary of the Group is coming up and we still need your help to celebrate this great achievement. Some memorabilia has emerged from the woodwork but we need more! If you have found anything that may be of interest please let me know, thank you.

A reminder that Hall bookings are managed by Jackie Manderfield 859 823. As ever, I'd be delighted to hear from you, on 07501 059566 or gsl@1stblisworth.org.uk if you'd like to join the adventure.

Thanks for reading once again, **Jonathan Hazell**.

Stitchery Do



Creating with fabric and threads. Join us at the Blisworth Scout Community Hall, Bring a packed lunch.

Thursday 4th Sep 10am - 3pm, £4 per day 'Know your Janome' by Barbara Homer. Tips on machine sewing. Your opportunity to master your feet!

Saturday 27th Sep 10 am - 4pm, £7.50. 'Fabric Collage Workshop' by Carole Wood. An inspirational experience, using your sewing machine with feed dogs down.

Thursday 2nd Oct 10am - 3pm, £4. 'Your Unfinished Projects' by the Stitchery Do Team. We help you finish them.

Friday 17th Oct 6.30 - 9.30 pm, £4 per class, Introduction to Dressmaking, classes by Charlotte Raine. Learn pattern cutting and the best fabrics to use.

Thursday 6th Nov 10 am to 3pm, £4. 'Working with Colour' by Linden Boothby. An opportunity to learn colour matching skills. Helpful tips with sewing projects.

For details contact **Carol** on **858776**

Cemetery Management

Blisworth cemetery is being managed sympathetically for wildlife, while respecting that it is also a special place of remembrance. We have won a Conservation Churchyard Silver Award.

We urgently need volunteers. Could you clear and maintain just one grave in our wonderful old Cemetery?

We cannot do a great deal about the broken memorials but we can clear and tidy those graves that are not cared for but that belong to our village. If you can help contact:

Paulette Kennedy on **858717**.

Stoke Road Allotments

Plot holders, family and friends are welcome at a meeting of the Allotment Association on Monday 20th October. Rents, fees, seed and sundries orders can be handed in from 7pm.

The actual meeting begins at 7.30pm; there will be the usual refreshments and a raffle. Associate members fees are also due. All gardeners can become associate members and be welcome at the meeting. We hope to see you there.

Jane Percival 07956 111074

Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Friday 17th October for the November/December issue.

Please email items you wish to include to:

ra@blisworthparishcouncil.org.uk

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