

Round and About

Blisworth Parish Council Newsletter
November/December 2014 No 100



Notes from the Chairman.....

Planning The last couple of months have been fairly quiet apart from plans for various extensions. The only major application is to convert Grafton barns "Adjacent to Grafton House" into three dwellings. Your Parish Council approved this application.

Highway Footpaths In the last issue I stated to contact our clerk if there is an issue, when in fact Anne Goss is our highways contact, sorry Anne! Anne's contact details are 01604-858001 or e-mail Anne at annegoss47@gmail.com

The Village Sign At last it is fully installed! We thank South Northants Council for carrying out the installation free of charge plus our District Councillor Stephen Clarke and to two Parish Councillors, Pat Masterman and June Hawkins for pushing the project to completion. Thanks also to talented artists Ivan Chester and Alan Baillie.

Village Seats Mick Wreford put our name forward to the Hollowell Steam and Heavy Horse Charity for a donation of £2000 to install two seats in the village. It has been decided to install one adjacent to the Bus stop by the Royal Oak and the other at the top end of Connegar Leys. Our grateful thanks to Mick for nominating us and to the HSHHS for the donation.

A43 Junction Tiffield Parish Council are pushing the Highway's Authority for improvements to both our junctions and to this end myself and some of our councillors will have attended a joint meeting with Tiffield Council and David Allen "SNC's Transport Officer" on the 20th October, details in due course. **Charlie Jeffery, 07778 001780**

Parish Plan Progress Team Report

We are delighted that at last our beautiful Village Sign is in place. We are especially pleased that finally our promised Best Village 2012 sign is there too! Our thanks go to South Northants District Council for their assistance.

Work is continuing to improve the entrance to the Cemetery, many thanks to all the volunteers who are maintaining the graves and surrounding areas. **Ann North**



Stitchery Do

Creating with fabric and threads. Join us at the Blisworth Chapel Coffee House at 10am, Bring a packed lunch.

Thursday 6th Nov - "Working with Colour" A talk and demonstration by Linden Boothby

Thursday 4th Dec - "Creating Christmas Decorations" by the Stitchery Do Team

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



Prescription Collection 2014

Many thanks are due to the following volunteers who have kindly agreed to continue collecting and delivering repeat prescriptions if you are unable to get to the surgery.

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
Ann Chapman	Courteenhall Road, Greenaway Close) 858286
Jane Percival	Stoke Road, Greenside 858478
Mason Masterman	Pond Bank 858985
Les Tebbutt	Pond Bank 858858
Janet Steeper	The Park 879629
Jenny Wakelin	Blisworth + Gayton 858288

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

Any problems? Please phone Beryl Andrews 858252

Blisworth Community Primary School Christmas Bazaar

On Friday 5th December 5-8pm

50p admission, lots of fun stalls for Christmas shopping, raffle prizes, visit Santa's Grotto, listen to festive singing by the School choir and help raise funds for the school.

Email: senco@blisworth.northants-ecl.gov.uk for details.

St. John's Christmas Coffee Morning

In St. John's Church on Saturday December 6th from 10 – 12.30. Christmas decorations and gifts, produce, books, guess the weight of the cake – and more. There will be lots of Christmas bargains to buy in the relaxed environment of St. John's. Enjoy tea or coffee with cakes and seasonal music. Fun for all the family.

Young's: Visit Blisworth's very own **Christmas Wonderland**, Young's Christmas Shop for trees, lights, decorations, food hampers, stocking fillers and of course Poinsettias, Hyacinths and much, much more.



In this issue you will find an orange Pumpkin picture. If you are happy for youngsters to call at your home on Halloween, **Friday October 31st, please display it in your window or on your door.** Thanks for joining in the fun.

FREE!

FREE!

Lisa Shepherd from
"Imaginary Ordinary"

will be demonstrating
Puppet making
from recycled materials

Saturday 1st November

10am to 1pm Village Hall

Please bring CLEAN recycled items to use

Winners of the Litter Poster Competition will be
announced!

All Welcome!

(children under 5 should be accompanied by a
responsible adult)

FREE!

Macmillan Charity

A big thank you to all the people who supported me on
Friday for my Macmillan open day; we raised £230.00.

It was nice for the Park and the Village to get together
to support this worthy charity. **Thank You All.**

Janet Steeper Blisworth Park

Blisworth Parish Church

*"They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their
spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword
against nation, nor will they train for war anymore"*
Micah 4 V.3

We have just celebrated harvest, the service led by Peter
Heffron of Milton Malzor and followed by the traditional
bring-and-share lunch. Harvest gifts were donated to the
Northampton Hope Centre. When we see the deprivation in
so many parts of the world, our hearts should be ever more
thankful to the Lord for all that we have, and we should,
and must, seek every way we can to share our riches not
just personally but nationally and internationally.

On Sunday November 2nd there will be a service of
Thanksgiving for Life in Church at 3 p.m. Everyone is
welcome to think about, and give thanks for, the lives of
loved ones. Refreshments will follow the service.

Remembrance Sunday is November 9th starting in the
churchyard at 10.45 and moving into church after the 2
minute silence. As conflicts continue, despite the passage of
100 years since the start of hostilities in the Great War,
remembrance services lose none of their impact, and all are
welcome to take part.

We soon move into Advent, a time to reflect on our faith
and remember that the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ eclipses
all material gifts. Full details of all services will be
advertised.

All at the Parish Church wish everyone all the blessings of
the Christmas season.

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

Blisworth Baptist Church

Isaiah 9 v6 & 7 *For a child is born to us, a son is given to
us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will
be called: Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace
will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from
the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The
passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven's Armies
will make this happen!*

Family Service every Sunday at 10.45am
Communion every First and Third Sunday

There is a warm welcome to everyone to join with us for
our **Christmas Services**

Carols By Candlelight

With the children of Blisworth Community School singing
on **December 14th at 6.00**

Followed by refreshments, mulled wine and mince pies

Family Carol Service December 21st at 10.45

Come and celebrate the birth of Our Lord
Christmas morning at 10.00

Mens' Breakfast

Every fourth Saturday at 8.30am in the Coffee House
Next breakfast November 22nd

Pastor: Keith Barker – 01327 352972

Secretary: Diane Atkinson - 01604 859590

Room bookings: Jacques Haines - 01604 859705

Cemetery Management

A big thank you to those who have taken on the
upkeep of graves in the Old Cemetery in the High
Street. The WI have taken on three which is excellent.
Four members of the Blisworth Gardeners maintain a
memorial each. The important WW1 grave of Robert
Mallish Birch who died 4.1.18 will be maintained in the
future by a new volunteer I am delighted to report.

The ivy has been trimmed back on the High Street
wall also by the kind efforts of people in the village.
We hope the path entrance will not flood too much this
winter. Plans are in hand to improve this permanently,
however, funding will have to be obtained, The
Autumn is upon us and the lime trees will have to be
trimmed again. **My usual plea - "Can you help"?**
Ring me Paulette on 858717.

Blisworth Film Club

Dates for your diaries:

November 27th 'Jersey Boys' the story of the 'Four
Seasons' group, based on the musical of the same name.

No film in December, but next year we plan to screen
'Pride', '100 foot Journey', 'Before I Go to Bed' and 'Night
Train to Lisbon' as soon as they are released for showing by
Centre Screen.

As usual, admission is £4, in the Hougemont Barn, where
we have been made very welcome by the new tenants, with
raffle and bar available. Doors open at 7.00pm, with the
film starting at 7.30pm. All welcome

Margaret Holiday 858590



Blisworth Canal Partnership
www.blisworthcanalpartnership.org

Dates for your diary!

BLISWORTH CANAL FESTIVAL 2015
Saturday August 8th & Sunday August 9th
11 am – 5 pm both days

Pitch bookings are already pouring in from all over the country, which shows how popular the event has become. We are already working hard to ensure an array of different things will be going on. We'd really like to support rural crafts, so if you have any contacts or have seen some great exhibits/demonstrators at other shows, please let us know.

Set up costs for the festival run into several thousand pounds, all of which is paid out of the Canal Partnership's pocket. It is becoming harder for us to ensure that we raise enough for the follow on festival, with some spare to fund planned canal side projects. We are so appreciative of local organisations such as the Art Club, Stoke Rd Allotments, WI & Stitchery Do who work hard to add to the event and also give generous donations; the Open Gardeners are absolute treasures. Some local businesses happily sponsor us or advertise in the brochure; both NCC & SNC give vital grants. The village owes a debt of gratitude to them all.

Sorry to moan but unfortunately some people are now taking advantage of all of this hard work and generosity and using the festival as a way to make a lot of money for themselves, without even a simple 'thank you' to the organisers for all of their year-long hard work and financial risk. Some members of our team were absolutely defeated by their attitude and have struggled to find the enthusiasm to dedicate to Festival 2015. Hopefully next year these folk will have a change of heart and a repeat of this year won't bring about the demise of these much enjoyed events.

We are just planning our work party schedule. Watch out for these advertised in the village, the Chron and on our website. These are great, sociable sessions that make a huge difference to our local canal environment. Come and join in!

Jan Andrews 07597 053062
blisworthcanalpartnership@hotmail.co.uk

Blisworth Women's Institute

After our October AGM members were served with a ploughman's supper on tables beautifully decorated with an autumnal theme. On this note, someone offered to launder two of our WI yellow tablecloths but has forgotten to return them; please let us have them back at your convenience.



We are looking forward to a tour of BBC Broadcasting House. There is an Autumn Supper at Kislingbury Village Hall to commemorate and honour in words and music the sacrifices people made in the 1914-18 war. Birmingham is the venue for a Christmas Market trip this year and again we will be joining other branches of the WI on this outing.

A working party of members especially set up to attend to three graves in the local cemetery will again be busy tidying the graves before the winter weather sets in.

At our November meeting we will learn all about the Can-Can, very entertaining especially if there's a demonstration. If you would like to join the fun please to come to the Village Hall on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm, you will find a warm welcome. **Margaret Morbey**

1st Blisworth Scout Group

The new school year sees changes as young people move from Section to Section, and we welcome new entrants, particularly to the Beaver Colony. Beavers have been to Pets at Home, planning prayers for the Remembrance Day parade and are looking forward to a Christmas sleepover. The Troop won the final of the County backwoods cooking competition, a great achievement by everyone involved, both behind the scenes and on the night. In October the Troop held a bowling sleepover – starting at Sixfields with ten-pin bowling then hiking to the Hall for supper and bed.

The number of Explorers also increased over the summer, there are now 35 Tunnel Rats, a great achievement. The same weekend as the Scouts went bowling 15 Explorers went to north Wales to climb a small mountain, good training and experience for everyone.

Don't forget we will be celebrating Bonfire Night on Monday 3 November and would like to welcome you all to the Hall. It is a "bring a firework" party and we truly appreciate all the contributions we receive, but due to the size of the field some family fireworks get a bit lost, so may I suggest that you bring just one firework, a big one! Thank you. We will also be running the "Guy in a Box" competition, offering snacks from the barbecue and a variety of drinks in return for loose change!

The 50th anniversary of the of the Group will be celebrated in 2016. Some photographs and memorabilia have emerged already, but we need more please!

A reminder that Hall bookings are managed by Jackie Manderfield on 859 823. As ever, I'd be delighted to hear from you, gsl@1stblisworth.org.uk or 07501 059 566 if you'd like to join the adventure. **Jonathan Hazell**

Courteenhall Road Allotment Site

I would be delighted to hear from anybody who would like a plot on this friendly site; autumn is an excellent time to do so. The light soil is very workable at this time of year, many annual weeds will have died down and the weather should be good enough to spend time on the plot. A good stint of digging keeps you warm, if the weather turns a little chilly.

The plots are quite small so, even if you are new to growing vegetables, they are easily managed. You will be surprised to see how much you can harvest from a small plot. The annual rent of £5 makes a plot very affordable. If you are interested, or would like to have a look at the site, please contact Jane Hill on 858656.



Blisworth Bookworms

'The Miniaturist' by Jessie Burton and 'Mister Pip' by Lloyd Jones are just two of the good reads up for discussion. Our next meeting is **Nov 24th - 1.30pm** at 7 Westbrook when arrangements will be made for December. If you enjoy a good read please do come along. **Maggie Turton**

Urgent

We urgently need newspaper delivery boys and girls. If you would like your child to deliver papers (minimum age 13) please contact the shop.



Blisworth Heritage Society



**A Northamptonshire Hero – William Rhodes
Moorhouse VC**

Enid Jarvis
21 Nov 2014

Members Evening with a Festive Theme

We hope to provide Live Music
12 Dec 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

The Art & Craft Group

Members have participated in several exciting and successful exhibitions this year. We now look forward to artist demonstrations/workshops and a possible London trip this term to revitalise inspiration ready for next year.

The artists who exhibited at the Royal Oak as part of the South Northants Arts - 'Art Trail' were very pleased with the outcome and thank all those who supported; over 260 were welcomed. It was a pleasure for the artists to talk to so many interested folk about their work. Special thanks to Landlords Bola, Shad and Maxine for allowing the use of the Barn and for their patience and help. **Maggie Turton**

Highways Warden

Since I started as Warden in February I have reported nearly 70 potholes/sunken drains most of which have been repaired or are in the pipeline. Not so lucky with footpaths reports, most come back 'no action needed'. As we approach winter the roads will again deteriorate further, please report all problems on 858001 or email annegoss47@gmail.com

Blisworth Play Reading Group

The Group meets first Wednesday in each month. Our next meeting is on the 5th Nov followed by the 3rd Dec when we will be reading something with a Festive theme. Over the year we will be reading a bit of everything: classics, pantomime, farce, even 60's Radio Comedy Scripts. Come along and join us, you would be most welcome. For further details, please phone Dick Hennessy on 858602.

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. Due to demand we are now taking bookings for places from September 2015, please call in to see us or call **Pam** on **07803662433**

BVHPFA 250 Club

Winning numbers for September and October were:

£30	8	157		
£20	248	183	187	155
£10	139	128	195	95

It's nice to have a win – and there are five chances every month, but whether you win or not, your contribution is helping to maintain the village hall. Collectors will be coming round during December/January, and continued support will be appreciated. Fiona McKenzie 859541

David Young

Obituary

I'm sure you are all aware that David passed away peacefully at home on Saturday 4th October.

David was very much a Blisworth person, his grandfather owned the Village store and his father Frank built the house at 33 Northampton Road where David grew up, unfortunately David's father died when David was only 15. David's mother was a member of the Burbidge family that owned the garage where the JBJ Business Park is now.

Upon leaving school David trained as an inspector for the Meat and Livestock Commission and was the inspector for Northamptonshire, spending a lot of time at Buswell's slaughter house 'adjacent to his present home'. However David's true love was horticulture and he started growing tomatoes for sale in the field next to his home, with his mother managing the shop. Eventually the business grew to the size that David was able to give up his job at the MLC and concentrate on the Nursery. Over the years the business grew into the thriving concern it is now, with his sister Carolyn leaving her employment in the banking sector to join him as a partner in 1991.

David and Carolyn has given a lot to the village over the years, from supplying plants for our planters to many other gifts and donations that are too numerous to mention. plus of course their fantastic Christmas displays. They have also provided employment for many people from the village. Visiting Young's was always fun, from teasing David about looking worried to Carolyn's smiling face as she rang up your bill on the cash register.

David fought his cancer with great dignity and strength, he was always open about his treatment and even when he knew the end was coming he was still positive about organizing things, Even meeting with the undertakers!! David you are terribly missed.

On behalf of the Parish Council and all the village, our condolences and very best thoughts go out to Carolyn, and thank you David for all the help and fun Young's Nursery have given to the village over the years.

Charlie Jeffery "Chairman Blisworth Parish Council"

Carolyn would like to express her most grateful thanks to everyone for the overwhelming amount of cards letters and messages of sympathy received in the loss of her dear brother David, Special thanks to Dr and Mrs Hillier and to all our many friends and colleagues who attended the funeral service.

Jazz at the Walnut Tree

Every Sunday at 12 noon, top national and international bands. Phone **Tad Newton** on **858549** for details.

Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Thursday 18th December for the January/February 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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