

Round and About

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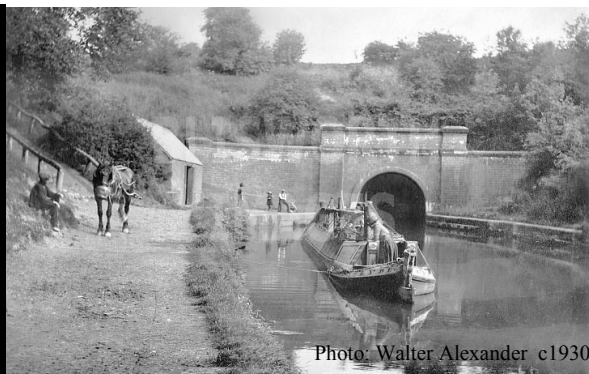


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Notes from the Chairman.....

Planning

Other than the on going Howden's application, there are no major planning apps. On the subject of the **Howden's Development**, one weekend during late May, Milton, Collingtree and Roade PCs are organizing a protest walk along the affected footpaths, timed to meet at a rendezvous point on the site "hopefully with the media present" to protest against the development. If anyone is interested in joining the walk, leaving from Blisworth, please contact me, as below.

Planters

It was felt that a pair of planters next to the new seat at the Oak would look nice. Councillor Paulette Kennedy approached Carolyn Young to see if we could purchase a couple, much to our pleasure Carolyn donated them to the village and in her words "In Memory of David" and also to thank the people of the village for all their support over the years especially during David's illness". A moving gesture!

Parish Council Elections

Your Council advertised the elections on the PC web site, on the notice board and in the Post Office with details for any candidates that wished stand for election. One person applied and as there were no other applicants and with a Councillor standing down, they are automatically elected to the PC. **Welcome to Bud Rose.** Two other councillors "who wished to remain on the Council" failed to submit their nomination papers on time and will have to be co-opted onto the council after the AGM. However if anyone else wishes to join the council they may also apply for co-option, in which case the existing council members would interview the candidates and select the persons they feel most suitable.

Young Heroes Awards

SNC are running an awards event to recognize achievements by young people during the past year, there are five categories, Young Apprentice, The Arts Award, Role model of the year, Project of the year and taking charge of your life award. If you would like to nominate a young person please visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/youthambition

Pat Masterman

For personal reasons Pat has decided to step down from the Parish Council, she will be greatly missed. During her time on the Council "besides taking on the Chairmanship" she has overseen the Village sign project, pushed us to enter "and win" the best village competition and organised the litter picking competition, which we also won! Thank you Pat for all you have done for both the Parish Council and the village.

Charlie Jeffery, Chairman Blisworth Parish Council.
07778-001780

Blisworth Baptist Church

John 5 v 24 The Voice Translation

24 I tell you the truth: eternal life belongs to those who hear My voice and believe in the One who sent Me. These people have no reason to fear judgment because they have already left death and entered life.

God's richest blessings to all the readers of Round and About.

Family Service every Sunday at 10.45am
Creche available during Service

Communion every First and Third Sunday

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

Coffee Shop Open

Tuesday's from 10.00am until 12.30pm

Interactive Prayer and Bible Study

Tuesdays at 7.30pm

Men's Breakfast

Every fourth Saturday at 8.30am in the Coffee House
Next breakfasts May 30th and June 27th

Pastor: Keith Barker – 01327 352972

Secretary: Diane Atkinson - 01604 859590

Room bookings: Jacques Haines - 01604 859705

The 39th Annual Blisworth Art Show

The Village Hall

2nd & 3rd May 11am -5pm

Original art from countywide artists

Free entry Catalogue 50p

Enjoy cake & a cuppa while you browse

We look forward to seeing you

Friends of Blisworth School

Blisworth School Summer fete, **Saturday 27th June**, 2 to 5pm. Lots of stalls, games and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy. Everyone very welcome.

Carolyn Young

Carolyn would very much like to thank everyone in the village for their support over many years and for the particular kindness shown to her over recent months.



Neighbourhood Watch Alert

Over a six week period in August and September Blisworth have committed to participating in the County Speedwatch scheme which has the objective of collecting data on the volume and speed of traffic flow through our village. Our end goal is to use this data to canvas the County Council for more effective traffic control measures in the village.

However, we are in need of volunteers and if you feel you are able to give a few days of your time to record motorists that might be speeding (often dangerously) through Blisworth could you please contact Mark Redding (mark723redding@btinternet.com or 859098) and register your interest. A morning of training will be provided on the 1st August and we will have use of the equipment on the following dates: 15th to 21st August; 29th August to 4th September; and 12th to 19th September. The safety of village residents is paramount and you have the opportunity to make a difference.

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 Heritage Society



Towcester Road Cemetery

by
Anne Garraway
29 May 2015

Ironstone Mining in Northamptonshire

by
Staff from Irchester Country Park
26 Jun 2015

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

Would you like to help steer the Society, keeping it vibrant and doing important work exploring Blisworth's rich Heritage? New enthusiasts are always welcome to join the committee. Come along to any meeting or contact the Chairman.

See our webpage www.blisworthheritage.org.uk

The Parks Medical Practice



Would you like support your Blisworth surgery and represent the village?

Why not join our patients participation group (PPG) and become an important communication link between the G P practice and its patients.

Currently meetings are scheduled every 6-8 weeks. We have representatives for our other group practices Roade, Hanslope and Grange Park and would very much like to have someone to speak for the residents of Blisworth

If you would like to learn more about getting involved please contact **Vivienne Rust** on **862320** or **James Buggy**, Practice Manager based at Blisworth.

Blisworth Film Club

Forthcoming films booked for showing are as follows:

April 30th 'The Imitation Game'

May 28th 'Mr Turner' the life of the painter as portrayed by Timothy Spall

June 25th 'Pride' The unlikely support for striking miners from a group of Gay-Lib activists, an all star British cast.

July 30th 'My Old Lady' set in Paris and starring Maggie Smith

August 27th 'The Theory of Everything' starring Eddie Redmayne as Stephen Hawking in this Oscar winning film.

September 24th 'The Second Marigold Hotel'. 67 people came to watch the First M H, will this be as popular? Same cast, similar storyline.

Important announcement!

From April 30th, the Film Club will be changing its venue. We have been very grateful to the tenants of the Royal Oak for their generosity over the past four years, but the plans for development of the Hougemont Barn mean that it is necessary for us to return to the ever popular Village Hall, with its excellent car park. Prices and arrangements remain the same, the only difference being that you will need to bring a cushion to soften the chairs and your own drinks, as we do not have a licence.

We will publicise the change of venue on the posters around the village and in the local press, but would be grateful if regular film-goers "Spread the word" to any friends out of the village.

Margaret Holiday 858590

Parish Plan Progress Team Report

We would like to extend a big thank you to Pat Masterman for putting together such a magnificent entry to the Best Village 2015 Competition.

Cemetery Entrance Project - we are very pleased that our grant applications to both South Northants Council and the Parish Council have been successful and we have also received approval from the Diocese for renovation of the gates. Highways have been consulted over the groundwork proposals, so we hope to commence the work soon.

As always we give our thanks to the many volunteers who give their time and assistance to the maintenance and improvement of the Cemetery which is looking particularly lovely with the spring flowers.

Ann North



The **Mobile Sight Centre** offering support, information and equipment is in Towcester at Waitrose car park, Wednesday May 6th 1:30-3:30, also visits Daventry and Northampton, for details 01604 719193, email helpline@nab.org.uk website www.nab.org.uk

Join the first ever Northampton Dogs Unite event on Sunday 28th June from 11am until 3pm at Abington Park.

Blisworth Women's Institute

At our February meeting the guest speaker was Michael Hill the current Mayor of Northampton who gave an interesting talk entitled 'One Amazing Year'. He explained the position and authority of a Mayor historically and what it entails in the 21st Century, he brought along his mayoral robes and a beautifully decorated badge which each mayor gets to keep for posterity. This talk was enjoyed by the members and for me personally as my grandfather was Mayor of Fulham in 1933 and I never really got the chance to speak to him about his year.



In March we had an open meeting and we were joined by many guests for a lively talk on 'The Life and Times of a Ship's Captain' delivered by Captain William Wells a master mariner and senior river pilot in the port of London. Captain Wells started with his other great love apart from the water – Cats! He is involved with The Cats Protection in Northampton and told us of all the hard work that he and many others provide in looking after and re-homing cats in our area. Resplendent in his uniform Captain Wells then gave an illustrated talk on life as a master mariner which was great fun and very interesting

Meetings are the second Thursday of every month at 7.30 in the village hall where we are usually entertained by an interesting speaker or an evening of our own entertainment. A raffle and light refreshments are served at the end of each meeting. Why not come along as a guest and see how our meetings go, you can be assured of a very warm welcome.

Tina Alexandrou

BVHPFA 250 Club

Numbers drawn for March and April

£30	177	74		
£20	15	200	137	4
£10	232	167	103	249

There are still numbers available.

Co-ordinator Fiona McKenzie 859 541

Services

Learn to drive this Spring with **Colin Adams your local Driving Instructor**. Tel. **859379**



Blisworth Bookworms

The characterful Cartimandua, the Celtic Warrior Queen provides an enthralling thriller, compare this to Victoria Hislop's 'The Sunrise' and you have just two examples of exciting reads. Come and join us. The next

session is a week later to avoid the Bank Holiday: **1st June** and **29th June** 7 Westbrook 1.30 - 3.30pm.

Maggie Turton

Courteenhall Road Allotment Site

The site is at present being given a makeover. New paths are being created and untenanted plots ploughed. Paths will be mowed regularly in the future. This work is not affecting existing plot holders but until it is completed, no vacant plots can be allocated. Watch this space for more news.

If you would like to take on an allotment in the future, please contact **Jane Hill** on **858656**. I would be happy to show you around the site or to put you on the waiting list.



Stitchery Do



Creating with fabric and threads. Come along and meet us at our sewing workshops first Thursday of every month 10 am until 3pm. **Only £4.00 per session** which includes Complimentary Tea/Coffee and biscuits.

“Sewing Made Easy” Workshops 2015 Summer Venue

Blisworth Community Scout Hall

7th May - Enjoy Curtain Making - Advice and Tips with Jeanne Abraham

9th May Saturday Special Workshop 10—4 pm £5. Restyle and update - Charity clothes challenge! with Charlotte Raine *Bring along at least 2 items to revamp!*

4th June - Day Out to Lady Sew & Sew - UK's Largest Fabric Warehouse - Henley on Thames
Bring a Packed lunch to your Workshops

Contact: Carol Arnall on 858776

Blisworth Parish Church

“The night has passed, and the day lies open before us. Morning prayer.”

During Lent, study groups covered the first six modules of a course entitled “Essential Jesus”. This proved most interesting, and raised a lot of discussion. It is planned to continue the course, dates will be advised when available.

Three events, the Mad March Sale, a Lent lunch and the Quiz Night were well supported, and raised funds for the Church, for World Vision and for new notice boards which will soon be seen in the churchyard.

Recently a group of volunteers from the Northamptonshire Family History Society visited St. John's. They came to record inscriptions in the churchyard and in the church. Although many of the headstones are badly worn, they were able to make out some words. They are also recording family details on all the kneelers, and will have to return to finish. Every Northamptonshire church is being recorded, so this is a mammoth task. Eventually a slim booklet will be provided for each church, and copies will be for sale.

Please check notices on the door for service details each month. Everyone is most welcome.

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

Blisworth Play Reading Group

The Group meets first Wednesday in each month. Our next meeting will be Wed 6th May when we will begin reading a new play, followed by another meeting Wed 3rd June. 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**.

Jazz at the Walnut Tree

Friday May 15th, Jazz and Dine, Tad Newton's Jazz Friends plus special guest Karen Sharp, £20 includes a superb meal. Sunday June 14th, 12 noon—10 pm, Jazz on a Summers Day, for details phone **Tad Newton** on **858549**.



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

Thank you to the people who came along to the Festival Open Meeting, volunteered their time and shared ideas. Keep the cuddly toys and tombola prizes coming in, every penny we raise on our stalls goes towards festival set up costs. Help is still needed on our fundraising stalls over the event weekend, just an hour would be really appreciated (Contact Jan - details below).

A Red Wheel for Blisworth

The Transport Trust has now confirmed that they have 'gifted' Blisworth a Red Wheel to celebrate its prestigious canal heritage. This is a real accolade. We are planning a day of celebration! Put the date we've chosen in your diary now – **Saturday 6th June** and watch the noticeboards, our website and Jane Percival's column in the Chronicle & Echo for updates on the programme for the day.

Mikron Theatre

These talented players will be making their annual visit to Blisworth on **Saturday 6th June**. They will be performing '**Raising Agents**', a play which celebrates the **100th anniversary of the WI at 7pm in the garden of the Old Rectory** (please use the towpath gate). Their performance will round off the village's Red Wheel day. Just bring something to sit on, a picnic and drink if you wish and relax and enjoy the atmosphere. We have sponsored the event, as have Brian and Rose from Westbrook. Entrance is therefore free, although expect the performers to pass around a donation bucket at the end. Their group relies totally on donations and grants.

Towpath Notice Boards

We installed two CRT noticeboards along the village towpath a while ago, one by Candle Bridge and one by Mill Bridge. Well-known local historian Tony Marsh recently agreed to use his considerable IT and creative skills to produce a village information poster for each. These include a map and opening times of village amenities such as the shop and GP surgery. This will inform all towpath users of what Blisworth has to offer and hopefully will encourage more people to take a detour up into the village. The posters will be in place asap.

Tunnel Spinney

Calling all foragers! We'd like to improve what is available in the Spinney in the way of 'free' food. We already have blackberries, nettles, wild gooseberries and 'jews ears' fungi (delicious apparently). We intend to plant some wild garlic. Any expert foragers in the village? Please get in touch.

Towpath Improvements

Discussions ongoing – hopefully we'll have more to report in the next issue.

Jan Andrews 07597 053062

blisworthcanalpartnership@hotmail.co.uk

The Art & Craft Group

Members are pleased to be invited by the Canal Partnership to display their work in the Baptist Church during the **Red Wheel Celebrations on 6th June**. We have a few busy months ahead.

Maggie Turton

1st Blisworth
Scout Group

Fun Day on Saturday 2 May starting at 12:30 with the Grafton District Scout Band. Ever fancied Zorbing or paintballing then come along! There will be a wide range of gentler pursuits to enjoy, plus a variety of craft stalls with local people selling goods. Parents will be manning the barbecue, there will be a home-made cake stall plus a raffle and tombola! Village organisations will be showcasing their work, I know that we clash with the weekend's Art Exhibition in the Village Hall but I suppose some sort of overlap is inevitable with such a busy village.

The sections have planned their programmes until the summer holidays including outdoor evenings now that the better weather is here. The Beavers and Cubs have camps planned as well. The Beavers will be in Spotley in June looking for the gingerbread house made famous in the story of Hansel and Gretel, and the Cubs will have a walking and camping weekend in the New Forest.

A number of our members and Leaders hope to meet our Chief Scout, Bear Grylls at Overstone on 16 May when he drops in to the Country Activity Day.

Our AGM is in early June, there is always room on our Executive Committee for volunteers to help run the non-uniform side of the Group, things like fund raising events for example. If you are interested to hear more about what might be involved then please contact me.

We still need material for our 50th anniversary in 2016, some has appeared but there's always room for more. If you were a member of the Group, or if you know someone who was, have a look around and see if you can find anything of interest and let me know, thank you?

Don't forget to book the Hall through 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. Thanks for reading once again,

Jonathan Hazell

An Update from Your Highways Warden

After a few months of problems concerning Windmill Ave., Buttmead, Connegar Leys and Eastfield, over whether potholes had been repaired, I had a walkabout with Helen from the Highways Dept and a discussion about the general state of the both the roads and foot paths in the area of Blisworth. Hopefully, funds allowing, there will be some improvement. I particularly brought to Helen's attention the stretch of road from outside King's works to the Farm entrance where I felt concern for the safety of cyclists.

Any faults or comments please contact me **Anne Goss** on 858001 or e-mail annegoss47@gmail.com

Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Friday 19th June for the July/August issue.

Please email items you wish to include to:

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or send to the Editor: Alan North

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