

Round and About

Blisworth Parish Council Newsletter

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Notes from the Chairman.....

Planning: Howden's

The good news is that Howden's have pulled out of the Planning application, however Roxhill "The Developers" probably still have an option on the land therefore we may yet see another application submitted for the site. Despite Howden's decision we decided to continue with the walk on Sunday 7th June and about 40 people from Blisworth joined around another 120 from Milton, Collingtree and Roade to view the potential site and to get an idea of the scale of the area in case a different scheme is submitted.

Willow House

In view of the two confidential meetings concerning the above proposal that your PC had been requested to attend with Robert Fallon "SNC Development Services Manager" the PC felt that some transparency was needed. Therefore it was decided to allow SNC to give a short presentation of the outline planning application to allow public viewing of the proposal prior to the May PC meeting.

We have received some comments that the presentation was not publicized enough and not enough time allowed. That was not the PC's aim "if the developers want a full public consultation it is up to them to arrange it". The PC had always been informed that all planning discussions should be held in the public domain. Therefore we had felt we were in a very difficult position and wanted the plans we had seen to be viewed by interested parties as soon as possible.

Red Wheel Presentation

Saturday the 6th June was an excellent day organized by Alan & Jan Andrews to mark the presentation of this commutative plaque, more details inside the R&A. However on behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank Alan & Jan for all they do for the canal and the village.

Village Planters

On behalf of the village I would like to thank Valerie Hayward for donating and planting the new plants in the planters next to the seat in the high street, "they look excellent" and also to thank the mystery person who is watering them?!

We would also like to thank Matt Gamble of GLN Landscapes for planting the larger planters on the main road at the village entrances, they are also looking excellent. **It is the generosity of people like Valerie and Matt that make Blisworth such a great village to live in.**

**Charlie Jeffery Chairman Blisworth Parish Council
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Blisworth Canal Partnership CANAL FESTIVAL 2015

**Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th August
11 am – 5 pm both days**

Ferret Racing, Circus Workshops, Art Show, Parrots, Atlantic Row...we'd need this whole page to list what we've booked for this year's event! We are constantly encouraged by the enthusiasm voiced by villagers for the Festival, kind words keep us going through the long hours of preparation.

Our fundraising stall just needs some more **tombola prizes** and a **couple more volunteers** to spend an hour manning it for us. Our team would be really grateful for either, just get in touch, contact details below.

The **2 hour evening boat trip** will be running again, tickets are now available from Beryl Payler, 858476 or Jan Andrews. They always go fast, so don't delay.

THE RED WHEEL DAY

The Red Wheel is now proudly installed alongside the towpath opposite the Mill. It was awarded by the Transport Trust in recognition of **Blisworth's prestigious canal heritage**.

What a day of celebration we had for its unveiling! The **bellringers** opened up the day with a peel on the Church bells. The **Scout Band** serenaded the crowd, heritage boat trips were enjoyed, the **WI** entered into the spirit with their splendid costumes, the **Art Club** and **Heritage Society** put up displays in the Chapel alongside some images from the **Jim Payler Collection**. The celebratory cakes were cut (thank you to Eileen, Beryl and Sarah for making and decorating them) and a toast raised by the Chairman of The Transport Trust, Stuart Wilkinson.

Blisworth Tunnel Hut welcomed visitors to see the canal mural and the day was rounded off by a brilliant evening performance by **Mikron Theatre**. The audience of 300+ who gathered to enjoy Mikron in the Old Rectory garden enjoyed picnics, laughter and the beautiful setting. The atmosphere was wonderful.

Although **Blisworth Canal Partnership** organised and funded the celebrations, the day belonged to **Blisworth**. All of the guests of honour went away full of praise for the way the **community** came together, the **village should feel proud** of the heartfelt compliments it received. Everybody took away lovely memories of **our beautiful village**, and more importantly of the people who make it a wonderful place to live.

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Village Picnic in aid of Macmillan Nurses

As the last Village Picnic was so enjoyable we have decided to do it again, but this time with a collection for Macmillan nurses. I don't think there can be anyone whose life hasn't been affected by cancer, and I'm sure would like to give a little back. So, same venue as last year, outside 28 Windmill Avenue. **Sunday July 19th, 2.30pm onwards.**

Please bring a plate of finger food per adult to share, and your own drinks and glasses. We have some seats, but not enough for everyone, so if possible bring your own, we do have loads of cushions if you don't mind sitting on the ground.

And of course please bring some money for the collection. Everyone is welcome, so please come and join us. Put this date in your diary today.

Estelle and Bud Rose and Annie James.



Exciting news for Blisworth School! This time of year brings lots of changes. The children are preparing to move on to new classes and some to their new secondary school, but this year there are even more things in the pipeline. The school is having a major refurbishment that will massively improve the facilities we have. Once the work is complete there will be a Grand Opening and we hope lots of people from the village will join us in our celebration.

Celia Irwin Head Teacher

Blisworth Film Club

Forthcoming films:

July 30th 'My Old Woman' starring Maggie Smith. A poignant and funny film set in Paris. Recommended!

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

September 24th 'The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' the sequel to the very popular film, with the same wonderful characters and cast.

All films are shown at the Village Hall, doors opening at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Admission £4.00. Raffle. Bring your own drinks and cushion. Full blackout facilities now in place.

Margaret Holiday 858590

Courteenhall Road Allotment Site

The June allotment plot is a thing of beauty. The weather has warmed up and with enough rainfall, everything should be growing well. Of course, this includes the weeds. It is a good idea to try to spend some time every week on your plot, so that your newly emerging vegetables are not crowded out by unwelcome interlopers. However, I try to have a relaxed attitude to weeds and to leave some parts of my plot unweeded until I am ready to sow or plant. A lot of weeds have flowers that attract beneficial insects and these in turn help to keep down the number of pests on your plot.

There are a couple of vacant plots so if you are interested, please contact **Jane Hill** on **858656**.

CARERS

Do you look after a relative or neighbour? Then you are a carer.

If you have any problems, **Jenny** from **Northants Carers** will be at the **Chapel Coffee House** on **July 21st** and **Aug 18th** 10am to noon. All advice is free, whether about benefits, if you need someone to sit with your loved one, or a week's respite care.

Rosie from **Healthwatch** Northants will also be there on **18th Aug**. They seek the community's views about the current provision of health care locally. Whilst they cannot deal with complaints they can put you in touch with someone who can help.

Blisworth Women's Institute



Once again our members have been enjoying lots of interesting monthly meetings as well as other outings. In April seven members, drawn by ballot, attended the County Lunch at Little Houghton. The speaker for the day was a police artist who has been used in many high profile criminal cases both in England and also for the FBI in America. She was extremely interesting and has seen her artist impressions used to help convict many criminals over the years. We were also treated to a super three course lunch with a raffle ending the afternoon.

Later on in the month eight members entered the County Quiz held at Wickstead Park and although neither team got into the top three it was still a very enjoyable evening.

At the April meeting the guest speaker with 'Life in the Diplomatic Lane' was Merrick Baker-Bates. His talk was very interesting and great fun with many amusing anecdotes of incidents over his long career, he also brought along photographs of many foreign dignitaries he had met over the years as well as Royal visits he had overseen. Tea biscuits and our monthly raffle ended the evening.

As part of the Centenary Year of the WI, we are passing round a glass 'baton', the idea being to pass it over in a fun and interesting way. Our members have come up with lots of novel ideas, the baton being passed whilst dressed as a scuba diver, a take on 'Calendar Girls', high teas, lunch using an WW1 cook book, in an F1 garage at Silverstone and sitting astride Harley Davidsons to name just a few!

Our meetings are the second Thursday of every month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall so why not come along as a guest, you can be assured of a very warm welcome.

Tina Alexandrou

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. A few places available for September, please contact **Pam** on **07803662433**

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SAVE BLISWORTH'S HEDGEHOGS

There could be no hedgehogs left in ten years time! Can we do anything to prevent this? YES

1. Make a hole in your fence so that hedgehogs can roam between gardens
2. Plant a hedge instead of a fence
3. Make sure a hedgehog can climb out of your pond
4. Create a wild corner in your garden.
5. Check long grass for hedgehogs before cutting.
6. Keep drains covered
7. Check compost heaps for hedgehogs before digging
8. Create a woodpile for them to hide in
9. Provide food such as meat-based cat or dog food, chopped apples or unsalted peanut sand meal worms. Also provide a dish of water and ensure food is removed before it attracts rats.

If you want to know more contact **Di Burgoyne** on **858406**

Blisworth Play Reading Group

The Group meets first Wednesday in each month. Our next meeting will be Wed 1st July when we will begin reading a new play, this will probably be followed by another meeting Wed 5th Aug. (Please contact Dick to confirm the August meeting). 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**.

Blisworth Baptist Church

1 Corinthians 13 v4 - 8 (The Voice) says:

Love is patient; love is kind. Love isn't envious, doesn't boast, brag, or strut about. There's no arrogance in love; it's never rude, crude, or indecent—it's not self-absorbed. Love isn't easily upset. Love doesn't tally wrongs or celebrate injustice; but truth—yes, truth—is love's delight! Love puts up with anything and everything that comes along; it trusts, hopes, and endures no matter what. Love will never become obsolete.

Love should be the character and the motivation for all Christians everywhere.

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

Canal Festival August 8th & 9th

Breakfasts: Saturday 8:00 to 10:30

Sunday 8:00 to 10:00

Lunches: 12:00 to 14:30 both days

Refreshments: Saturday 11:00 to 16:30

Sunday 12:00 to 16:30

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 breakfast July 25th

Pastor: Keith Barker - 01327 352972

Secretary: Diane Atkinson - 01604 859590

Room bookings: Jacques Haines - 01604 859705



Stitchery Do



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Workshops, Visits, Shows, Talks 2015

We meet every first Thursday of the month and during the summer months we are getting out and about. Last month we took 14 members to Lady Sew & Sew, a delightful Fabric Shop in Henley on Thames using the SNVB Mini Bus.

2nd July we are visiting the Bramblepatch at Weedon. Britain's premier destination for patchwork, quilting and fabric arts. We leave by cars from Blisworth Village Hall car park at 10.30 am with Lunch booked at Darlington's Tea Room. If anyone wishes to join us please book in advance. Contact below.

6th August We will be at the Festival of Quilts Show at the NEC. Our mini bus is now full, but there are 4 tickets available at a discount price of £11 each. If anyone would like to travel by car or rail. Contact below.

3rd September - Easy Sewing Workshop 10 am - 3pm at the Blisworth Scout Hall. Bring along your sewing projects. £4 per workshop

1st October - Workshop and Tapestry Talk - 10 am - 3pm at the Blisworth Chapel Coffee House. £4 for Workshop and Talk "Why did a thousand stitchers in 36 countries volunteer to embroider for a quarter of a million hours? - The true tale of the Prestonpans and Scottish Diaspora Tapestries by Gordon Prestongrange. Talk starts at 11.00 am prompt.

Contact: Carol Arnall on 858776



Blisworth Heritage Society



Summer Outing to IRCHESTER COUNTRY PARK 24 July 2015

We shall have the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful countryside as well as a visit to the museum which contains some samples of track from the original Blisworth- Stoke Bruerne Tramway

If you need a lift, please contact any member of the committee

August there will be no meeting, but we shall be back in the Village Hall at the end of Sept to learn all about Richard Dunkley

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

BVHPFA 250 Club

The numbers drawn for May and June were

£30 162 28

£20 98, 135, 193, 215

£10 158, 26, 228, 220

Village coordinator **Fiona McKenzie 859 541**



Blisworth Bookworms

The next meeting will be on **27th July** at **7 Westbrook** from **1.30pm - 3.30pm**. There are so many good books circulating at the moment that we would like to share with you.....so please do come along.

Maggie Turton

The Art & Craft Group

Members were delighted at the positive comments regarding their small exhibition at the Coffee House during the Red Wheel Launch recently and they now look forward to exhibiting their work in the **Gallery** during the Canal Festival weekend, we will also be running **'Picasso Pantry'** alongside in the Village Hall. This was such a success last year that we are pleased to do it all over again.

So do come along during the weekend of the Canal Festival (**8th/9th Aug**) and enjoy a Ploughman's lunch or a cream or savoury tea and browse the art work too. Most artwork will be for sale. We will be open 11am -5pm both days. All the members look forward to seeing you.

Maggie Turton



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Blisworth Parish Church

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Jeremiah 15:20

Exciting news for the Grand Union Benefice, of which St. John's is part – in July we will welcome a curate, Sue Cooper, who will work and train with us for three years. She will be ordained at Peterborough Cathedral on June 28th. Then on Sunday 5th July there will be a service at 10.30 at Holy Cross, Milton Malsor to welcome Sue to the benefice. There will be no other services in the benefice on that day. We look forward to welcoming Sue and her husband into our church family.

On the last Friday of each month there is a coffee morning from 10 am to 12 pm at "Candlebridge", Little Lane, a good opportunity for a chat and a drink with a produce and fancy goods table. Proceeds to Church funds.

St. John's service schedule:-

1st Sundays 11 a.m. Word and Worship – an innovative type of service which may be new to many, and is gaining in popularity. There may be video clips, simple dramatisation of bible stories, new songs, opportunity for participation and group discussions.

2nd Sundays 11 a.m. Holy Communion

3rd Sundays 8 a.m. Holy communion using the Book of Common Prayer, 11 a.m. Morning Worship, Lay led.

4th Sundays 11a.m. Holy Communion

5th Sundays 10.30 a Benefice service which rotates round the benefice churches.

Details of the month's schedule is posted on the church door.

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

Parish Plan Progress Team Report

With the help of grants from the Parish Council and South Northants, we are pleased to see the progress of the project to improve the entrance to the Old Cemetery. This ensures that everyone has a safe access to the area, including those in wheelchairs, mobility scooters and pushchairs. It will also be good to see the gates restored to their former glory.

Ann North

Mina Warren

Lesley and family wish to thank friends of Mina for all the kind words that we had about our mum after her death on the 17th April 2015 and the donations to the British Heart Foundation and Diabetes UK and for attending her cremation on the 8th May. I am sure she would have been so touched to see everybody there .

Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Friday 14th August for the September/October issue.

Please email items you wish to include to:

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