

Round and About

Blisworth Parish Council Newsletter
November/December 2015 No 106



Notes from the Chairman.....

Planning

The Solar Farm

The proposed Solar Farm on Knock Lane was supported by your Parish Council, however it has been turned down by SNC! This was a great disappointment to us, as well as supporting environmentally friendly energy we had obtained from the developer a £50,000 benefit to the village. This money would have been split between the school and various organizations in the village. However all is not yet lost as the developers may appeal. We will keep you informed!

Willow House

The planning application for a five house development adjacent to the canal came before your PC in October. There had already been considerable discussion about the scheme. We recommended rejection, the main reasons being: we felt that 5 houses would overcrowd the site, we already have considerable development agreed or being implemented in the village and that we should support all the neighbours and the Canal Partnership who opposed the scheme.

The Chapel Hill Development

At the time of writing your PC has just been informed that Orbit intend to apply for a section 73 to amend the planning conditions as follows. To reduce the number of affordable houses from 11 to 5, to alter the specification and build some houses in brick not stone and finally to have condition 17 "That no construction traffic should use Chapel Lane for access" removed. Your PC intend to have an open meeting with Orbit at 7.30pm on Monday 26th October to discuss these changes, again we will keep you informed.

Stoke Road

At last your PC has some success improving road safety up to the Tunnel car park. After appealing against the highways decision we had an on-site meeting with Helen Howard "Highways Officer" at a peak traffic time. We managed to get the 30mph signs moved out to just past the car park.

Winter is Coming

Your PC will again be providing Salt bins on Church Lane, the Wellspring/Windmill corner and on the footpath between Westbrook and Little Lane, these bins are supplied and filled by your PC, for your safety. However if you are aware of any other dangerous spots in icy weather please let a member of the Parish Council know and we will endeavour to help.

**Charlie Jeffery, Chairman Blisworth Parish Council.
07778-001780**



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

Blisworth Baptist Church

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. Isaiah 9 v6&7 NIV.UK"

A big thank you to all of you who came and made Harvest Supper such a great evening, bless you all.

Communion every First and Third Sunday

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 6th December 2:30pm – WI Carol Service

Sunday 13th December 6:00pm – Carols by Candlelight
With the Children from the Community Primary School
Followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Sunday 20th December 10:45am Family Carol Service

Friday 25th December 10:00am Christmas Morning Service—Joint Service with St Johns at the Chapel

Sunday 27th December 11:00 Joint Service at St Johns
No Service at the Chapel

Sunday 3rd January 2016 10:45 New Year Service

Coffee House Open

Tuesday's from 10.00am until 12.30pm
Support and Advice for Carers every 3rd Tuesday

Interactive Prayer and Bible Study

Tuesdays at 7.30pm

Men's Breakfast

Every fourth Saturday at 8.30am in the Coffee House
Next breakfast **November 28th** all men are welcome

Pastor: Keith Barker – 01327 352972

Secretary: Diane Atkinson - 01604 859590

Room bookings: Jacques Haines - 01604 859705

The Art & Craft Group

We were delighted to be invited to join a project at Delapre Abbey where artists suggest subjects for painting/drawing, print making and photography. Our work along with that of other Groups will form a travelling exhibition to promote the restoration of the Abbey. What fun and inspiration!

The Artists who exhibited in our wonderful Parish Church as part of the South Northants Art Trail would like to thank family, friends and the many visitors who supported them throughout the ten days. Special thanks to the Rev'd Andrea and Church Warden Fiona McKenzie for their warm welcome and immeasurable help.

Maggie Turton

Blisworth Parish Church

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full". John Ch. 10 v 10

This is the last R&A before Christmas, so there is a lot to fit in. Full details will be in Church or on our new notice boards. We have long needed a better vehicle for publicity, thanks to a generous donation boards are now in place.

Two groups are going to run for seven weeks following the E100 Essential Jesus reading plan, thinking about the life and meaning of Jesus' ministry. Venues are Stoke Bruerne Church on Tuesday afternoons from 2-3 from October 27th, and Milton Malsor Church on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 from October 28th. One can attend afternoon or evening, or mix and match as desired: the same readings will be discussed in both places each week. Please pick up a leaflet in church. This will have started before publication date, but it is fine to join in at any time.

Thanksgiving for life: our annual service of thanksgiving for the lives of our loved ones who have died will this year be held at Stoke Bruerne church at 3 pm on Sunday November 1st – all are welcome.

On Saturday November 7th there will be a churchyard tidy up from 9.30 to 12. It would be appreciated if volunteers bring gardening tools. Hot drinks available all morning.

Saturday November 28th all are welcome to our now traditional Christmas Bazaar in Church from 10.30 – 1.

The Julian Group for silent prayer will meet on the third Tuesday of the month between 8-9 at 2 Towcester Road.

Community Choir. This group meets every Thursday night from 7.30 – 9 pm in the Church. Weekly subscriptions are £2 per person, all are welcome to join in a variety of songs. There will be a concert on Tuesday December 22nd – full details around the village later.

On Christmas Eve there will be a short informal family service in Church at 4.30 pm, followed at 11.30 pm by the Midnight Communion. Again, fuller details will come later.

St. John's carol service will be at 4 pm on Sunday December 27th. Last year for the first time we held our carol service later in the month when despite Christmas Day having passed it is still the season of Christmastide. With so much busyness earlier in December this later date was appreciated, so we have decided on a repeat this year.

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

Blisworth Film Club

The film for **November 26th** is 'A Little Chaos', a period drama starring Kate Winslet and Matthias Schoenaerts, it is set in the beautiful gardens of Louis XIV's Versailles.

There is no film in December, on January 28th 2016 we hope to screen 'Suite Francaise', another film starring Matthias Schoenaerts in a recommended drama/romance/war film set in France 1940, also starring Kristen Scott Thomas and Michelle Williams. We hope to screen 'Suffragette' in February 2016, depending on release dates.

Usual admission times, 7.00 for 7.30 start, in Blisworth Village Hall, bring your own cushion and drinks.

Margaret Holiday 858590

BLISWORTH SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

We meet three times a week, Monday and Wednesday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. We are a friendly group who enjoy a game of bowls, a laugh and a chat over a cup of tea and a biscuit at half time, and at the same time having a bit of gentle exercise.

If you are interested in having a 'go' we can provide the bowls, so all you need is a pair of heel-less slippers!!! You can be guaranteed a pleasant couple of hours, no-one needs to feel embarrassed as we all had to start sometime.

We (the Club) was formed in 1969, so we are a well established part of village life. If anyone is interested in joining us we offer the first three sessions free and should you decide to join, we ask a yearly subscription of £6.00 and a fee of £1.00 each time you play. Where else can you get that amount of enjoyment for such a small amount? For more information give me a call on 07775522012. You will be sure of a warm welcome. **Stan Tyrell (Sec/Chair)**



Blisworth Bookworms

The renowned 'The Girl in the Train' has been an enjoyable read along with several other thrillers. Last month a new member joined us who described the meeting as "brilliant". He brought along Daphne de Maurier's novel 'Rebecca' for us to share. The next meeting will be held on **23rd November - 1.30pm - 3.30pm** at **7 Westbrook**. Do come along. **Maggie Turton**

Courteenhall Road Allotment Site

After what has been a challenging year for gardeners, the early autumn rains, followed by warm sunshine, have done wonders for our crops. Potential disasters were turned into triumphs almost overnight. It goes to show that we are very much in the hands of nature when it comes to veg growing. By growing organically and looking after your soil you can give nature a helping hand.

If you would like to take on a plot on this friendly site, contact Jane Hill on 858656.

Blisworth Play Reading Group

We meet on the first Wednesday morning each month, the next time is Wed 4th Nov followed by Wed 2nd Dec, our project for these meetings is "Under Milk Wood" by Dylan Thomas. Over the year we will read 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**.

ARE YOU A CARER?

Northants Carers

Will be at the

Blisworth Baptist Chapel Coffee House
On the 24th November and the 15th December
To help anyone with benefits problems
or need someone to sit in whilst they have a break

Also on the 24th November

The Happy at Home Partnership will attend
And on the 15th December **Age UK**



Blisworth Community School Remembrance Assembly

Last year we held our Remembrance Assembly outside where the poppies were planted, and lots of people in the community joined us. Weather permitting, we plan to do the same again. (If it rains, we'll move indoors.) Please come and join together with the village school in Remembrance at **10.45am on Wednesday 11 November**.

Grand Opening of the Big Build - Friday 27 November at 10am and Open Day all day

You have probably seen the building work taking place at the school over the last few months. This is a massive project really improving the facilities the school has to offer. Work is nearing completion so we would like to invite family, friends and people in the local community to come and see the fabulous changes. The opening ceremony will be at 10am and the school will be open all day and into the evening for visitors. Refreshments will be available.

School dates to look out for this term:

Remembrance Assembly - Wed. 11th November 10.45
Open Day - Friday 27 November all day
Christmas Bazaar - Friday 4 Dec 5pm
Choir singing at the Coffee House - Tues 8 Dec 10.30am
Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch - Thurs 10 Dec 12.15
Candlit Carols at the Baptist Church - Sun 13 December
Carol Service at St Johns - Mon 14 December

Celia Irwin Head Teacher

Blisworth Women's Institute

On a wet and windy August evening our 'summer' evening outing was to Philadelphus Jeyes in Earls Barton. We were shown round this quaint building by descendants of the Jeyes family which dates back to 1635. The family is most famous for inventing Jeyes Fluid in 1870 which is still in production today. The talk and tour was most interesting, the building is an 'Aladdin's Cave' not only housing a pharmacy but a wonderful gift shop, a separate room full of dolls' houses and furniture plus another room of local memorabilia. The evening ended in the award winning coffee shop where we also enjoyed delicious homemade cakes. If you haven't been to this 'little gem' it is well worth a visit!

We were much luckier with the weather in September for our 'Centenary Celebration' evening. Held in a member's garden, we were treated to a beautifully decorated gazebo with tables, chairs and even comfy sofas! An out-building was used for refreshments supplied by our members and we also had a delicious celebration cake again made by a member. After the usual business we gave a rousing rendition of Jerusalem and toasted Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth on being our longest reigning monarch. As well as socialising and eating, board games had been supplied and much fun was had by all. As the evening became a little cool a brazier was lit providing warmth and light as well as adding to the overall ambience of the evening.

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



The Parks Medical Practice

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SEASONAL FLU

Flu vaccinations are available for anyone over 65 and all those in "at risk" categories. Clinics start early October.

Don't miss out!

Phone the surgery today to book an appointment.

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Janet Steeper's MacMillian Coffee Morning

A big thank you to all that supported Janet's coffee morning

We raised £500

Brilliant, amazing, fantastic

Thanks to all the people who helped and supported me, made cakes, sold raffle tickets. Plus those who donated money of course. (Great to hear from the Park. Ed)



Blisworth Canal Partnership

The Partnership team are all now well rested after this year's amazing festival. Once again thanks to everyone who joined in and helped. The cash raised on our stalls and donations from the WI and Art Club, means we can go ahead with our project to install **4 benches between Candle Bridge and the 2nd bridge on Blisworth Arm**. The sites for them have been chosen with the agreement of Canal and River Trust and we will should commission their construction. We'll publicise the installation dates so that anybody who wants to can come along and help us celebrate.

More good news – we have been able to ring fence enough revenue from this year's festival to do it all over again next year! Dates for your diary:

BLISWORTH CANAL FESTIVAL 2016
Saturday August 13th & Sunday August 14th
11 am – 5 pm both days

We always look for a variety of traders and attractions for the event, if you have any ideas, please contact us, details below. Organising Festival 2016 is already well underway.

The **towpath noticeboards** have been up for a while now and nobody has pointed out any errors. If you do happen to pass them, have a quick read, if we need to change anything we will do it before we order final copies in non-fade ink.

Plans are taking shape for work parties to extend **Tunnel Spinney path**. It will go from the end of the current path on through the trees before descending to the towpath by the 18 mile marker. Before then we'll be advertising for help to clear up the Spinney, watch the website, the village column in the Chronicle & Echo and village noticeboards.

At the moment we have 3 students working towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award by undertaking work in the Spinney and keeping the towpath clear of litter. They are really making a difference. We are also lucky to have formed a partnership with **Costa Coffee Northampton South**. They turned up in force for a thorough litter pick and tidy up of the towpath from the tunnel to Candle Bridge. They sent a team to help man the Festival Car Park this year and have promised to do the same next year.

Jan Andrews 07597 053062
blisworthcanalpartnership@hotmail.co.uk

Parish Plan Progress Group

We would like to thank Paulette Kennedy for all her work in organising work at the Old Cemetery and the planters.

The Old Cemetery

All summer long **Andy Newbury** has been tirelessly mowing and tidying the entrance and the circular path, thanks for his generous time and effort. Also the **WI ladies** and **others** who clean and maintain memorials. The Dunkley family attended a Heritage Society meeting about their ancestor, Richard and were very complimentary about the whole of the area. If you have not visited recently please take a look; perhaps you could take on a memorial yourself.

The High Street Planters

These have been replanted for Autumn by **Valerie Hayward** contributing plants and compost as well as tending to them all summer. Watering has been done by **Christine Pinfold** much thanks to her too.

The large planters at the start and end of the village - plants provided by **Matthew Gamble, GLN Landscapes** - we are so grateful for his generosity and support for the village. **Bernice Hennessy** has been tidying and watering the planter at Towcester Road end for many years; thank you so much. Can anyone take on the planter at the Northampton end of the village?
If so please contact Paulette Kennedy 858717.

St. John's Christmas Bazaar

This event, now a regular fixture, will be in St. John's Church on Saturday November 28th from 10.30-1. Christmas decorations and gifts, produce, books, guess the weight of the cake, tombola and more. There will be lots of Christmas bargains to choose in the relaxed environment of St. John's. Enjoy tea or coffee, mince pies etc. and seasonal music. Something for everyone. See you there!

Stoke Road Allotment

A small clean plot has come available. Now would be a good time to take it up as broad beans, early onions and garlic could be planted. Please contact **07956 111074** for more information. **Jane Percival**.



Blisworth Heritage Society



20 Nov 2015

Blisworth Men who fought in WWI by **Hilary Spurrier**. We shall also be entertained by WWI songs from Group Eight Theatre Company of Hackleton

11 Dec 2015 Christmas Social and talk by **Chris Clayson** on **1960's Northampton**.

Please note the dates above as they are not on our traditional "last Friday of the month".

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

1st Blisworth Scout Group

Scouting in Blisworth is enjoyed by over 70 young people and adults on a weekly basis and growing. Girls and Boys from the age of 6 can join in the excitement and adventure of trying out new activities, making new friends and being part of the largest youth movement in the UK.

With no upper age limit, adults are urged to join, enjoy themselves, helping young people develop and grow whilst learning new things. Full support and training is available.

If you have a son or daughter that would like to try scouting or come along yourself and support the Group please email GSL@1stblisworth.org.uk.

The Scout Hall, on the village playing field is available for hire for regular activities, parties or events. Email as above

BVHPFA 250 Club

Winners for September and October were:

£30	38	170		
£20	7	246	50	48
£10	26	101	43	130

Village coordinator **Fiona McKenzie 859 541**



Neighbourhood Watch

Shed alarms are still available on a first come first served basis. Retailing for £20, Neighbourhood Watch is offering them for £2. Please contact Mark Redding on 85909.

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 from January, please contact **Pam** on **07803662433**

Where is Your Copy?

A great deal has been achieved from the 2011 – 2016 Parish Plan, it is now time for a review to address the changes in the village over the past 5 years. If you would like to help in planning for the future of Blisworth please get in touch with Pat – 858985, Ann – 858579, Bridie – 858523, Estelle – 858482 or any Parish Councillor.

Parish Plan Progress Group

Dave Wakeling

Winnie and family would like to thank all the kind messages of sympathy given to us on Dave's passing. We are truly deeply touched by your thoughtfulness.

God bless you all.

Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Monday 14th December for the January/February issue.

Please email items you wish to include to:

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or send to the Editor: Alan North
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