

Round and About

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Blisworth Parish Council Newsletter
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Notes from the Chairman.....

Chairman's Review for the last year 2017-2018

Blisworth has achieved a great deal in many areas during 2017 and 2018.

Blisworth was voted Best Village in Northamptonshire. A great achievement by the Village. Congratulations to all.

The Village Sign has been updated and restored. The grass area around it tidied and planted with Spring Bulbs. The prize money of £1,000 from winning the Best Village competition, has been donated to funds for the restoration of the Football Club.

Other item of good news was that a new grant - The Blisworth Community Grant Scheme - has been set up by SNC. This is the remit from the Solar Farm. The Fund contains £25,000. There have been some applications for funding already!

The Vaz (speed display) Machine has been positioned in two areas. The data it produces has been collected and processed for future use. This information is vital to help with traffic difficulties. Many thanks to all of those involved in this project.

The Progress Group have proved a vital asset to the PC, their help and support when developing projects is essential. Thank you for this. They organised the Litter picking campaign entry into the CPRE competition - their winnings have been appropriated to the New Litter Campaign now being actioned in the Village.

2018-2019 will be a challenge in many aspects for the Village. Planning issues still remain a difficulty in many areas. Pot holes have been discussed with highways! We are still waiting for our requests to be dealt with.

Rail Central and Gateway are a threat to the life style of the village of Blisworth. I am sure that you are all aware of the implications.

Blisworth is fortunate to have the support of Stop Rail Central who are an exceptional team. The Village must try to support them in any way that we can!

June Hawkins, Chairman—Blisworth Parish Council



Rail Central and Northampton Gateway Update

Over the next 12 to 18 months the future of South Northamptonshire will hang in the balance. Two private developers are seeking to build two separate and massive warehouse parks and two independent rail freight interchanges on currently rural land to the south of Northampton.

Should either or both of these speculative developments succeed the environment would suffer an irreversible change from rural to heavy industrial with the arrival of 30 metre high gantry cranes, 12.5 million square feet of 20 metre high warehousing, container depots and lorry parks.

The area destroyed will amount to over 500 hectares (bigger than Gatwick airport) and will inevitably lead to further pressures on surrounding land for housing, amenities and additional infrastructure. Inward migration will add to the predicted additional 40,000 daily traffic movements (including over 10,000 HGV transits) on, over and around the already congested M1 between junctions 15 and 15A.

A significant number of local residents will be severely affected by the artificial light generated by the 24 hour operation, noise generated by the predominately night time rail operations and air pollution caused by the vast increases in diesel HGV and passenger vehicle movements. The worst affected residents will have their properties compulsorily purchased and a significant number will end up with views of 20 metre high metal walls rather than green fields and natural habitats.

Both Developers are likely to submit formal planning applications mid-2018 which will initiate an examination process that could take anywhere up to 18 months to conclude. If you care about your local area and you wish to have your views heard you can register as an interested party at <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>. You can only register once the application has been accepted and you will need to register separately against the two development proposals.

Both these developments by-pass the local planning process and go straight to central Government for determination, this makes local participation essential. Please also email your views to info@norailinterchange.co.uk

Blisworth Art Show

Blisworth Art Show
5th & 6th May
Village Hall
11am – 5pm both days
Free Entry
Catalogues remain 50p!
Delicious Refreshments
All very welcome

Over 50 Artists representing local Art Groups, Northampton & Milton Keynes will be exhibiting their work at the Blisworth Art Show ensuring a vibrant and varied display of work covering all media. We hope you will all visit and see for yourselves.

Maggie Turton 858594

Blisworth Film Club

May 24th 'Paddington 2' Starring Hugh Bonneville, Imelda Staunton, Julie Walters and Hugh Grant in a great cast. Amazing reviews for this film, suitable for all ages, accompanied children are welcome, cost of admission £2.

June 28th 'The Greatest Showman' Hugh Jackman and Zac Efron star in this film that celebrates the birth of show business, the story of P.T. Barnum, who rose from nothing to create a worldwide spectacle. Great reviews.

As usual, doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start, in the Village Hall, admission £5. Drink your own drinks and bring your own cushions.

Margaret Holiday 858590



Thursday 7 June 7pm - Joules Sale in the school hall.

Friday 8 June - Kidshoot Black & White Photographer - come along to school and have your photo taken - please ring to book a time.

Friday 15 June 7pm - DUGS Evening (Dads, Uncles and Granddads) join us in a game of darts or football or one of the many other activities.

Saturday 23 June - School Summer Fete 2 - 5 pm

Celia Irwin, Head Teacher — 858414

Stitchery Do

Creating with fabric and thread



3rd May - Free Motion Embroidery

Demonstrated by Trish White
Venue Blisworth Scout Community Hall
Bring along your sewing machine and darning foot (dropping feed dogs)

7th June April - Trip to Reading Museum

Private tour of the Bayeux Tapestry

Leaving Blisworth at 8am

£4.00 per session, Complimentary Teas and Coffees, Bring your own packed lunch

We welcome all new members to our friendly craft and sewing group. Sessions are held on the first Thursday of each month, from 10.00 until 3.00pm. More details from **Carol on 858776 or Margaret on 858590**

Blisworth Parish Church

Bidden or unbidden, God is present

"When he (Jesus) had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God." Luke 24. 50-53

The day of ascension falls 40 days after Easter, a period during which Jesus appeared to many people – his disciples and followers, and as Paul wrote to the Corinthians, to 500 people at one time. The resurrection could never be in any doubt! This year, ascension day is May 10th. As we see in the quotation, the disciples spent the next days in praise) and doubtless prayer) at the Temple. 10 days later, the day of Pentecost, the promised gift of the Holy Spirit fell on all the disciples, appearing as a rushing wind and tongues of fire. And so the Church was born, as the disciples, with supernatural inspiration, went out fearlessly to spread the good news (which is what the word Gospel means).

Two years ago, the Archbishop asked churches everywhere to celebrate this period, under the banner of "Thy Kingdom Come". So between the days of Ascension and Pentecost, May 10th to 20th, you will find in St. John's a number of simple displays to invite prayer or contemplation. There will be nobody present to direct or suggest: just use the time as you wish.

The Benefice Men's Group met in the Royal Oak in March and April, and proved to be an enjoyable get-together. This is not just a church group, everyone is welcome to come along for an evening in good company. For future dates, call James Halson on 07909044717, or the contacts below.

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| Rector | The Revd. Andrea Watkins | 857619 |
| Curate | The Revd. Sue Cooper | 764243 |
| Warden | Fiona McKenzie | 859541 |

Royal Wedding

You are cordially invited to the wedding reception of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on Saturday 19th May 2018.

Just bring a plate of finger food per adult to share and your own drinks and glasses and if possible a chair to Windmill Avenue, when the wedding is finished on the telly.

Hopefully we'll have a Campfire and singsong in the evening. Prize for best Bride and Best Groom.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Further details from Estelle on 858482.

BVHPFA 250 Club Results

| | March | April |
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| £30 | 174 | 105 |
| £20 | 144 | 198 |
| £20 | 217 | 141 |
| £10 | 188 | 65 |
| £10 | 15 | 188 |

I am so pleased to say that after my appeal for new members on Facebook, Blisworth Notice Board I had a fantastic response and now can support the BVHPFA even better. Thank you to all Members. Estelle on 858482.

Blisworth Women's Institute

We have all enjoyed our meetings so far this year and are looking forward to the ones to come.



Women's
Institute

May is our annual Resolutions and Social Evening, where a speaker explains this year's Resolution and we cast our vote, followed by a social supper. One of last year's Resolutions was 'Plastic Soup' a campaign to make people aware of the damage being done to our oceans by plastic waste. It shows how relevant and up to date the WI is, as this became a worldwide message from many other sources.

The topic for our June meeting is 'Story of the Tiller Girls' which should bring back many memories of their high kicking routines!

Come along and join us as a guest and enjoy good company and interesting speakers on the second Thursday of every month in the village hall at 7.30pm.

Tina Alexandrou



Blisworth Heritage Society



Friday May 11 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall
"A Intro to the National Leather Collection"
by Staff from the Collection

Friday Jun 8 an afternoon outing
Visit to the National Leather Collection
in the upper floors of the Grosvenor Centre

"Open Records" sessions in the church at 2:30pm on 17 May and 21 June, the May session will include a **Historical Guided Walk** around the village commencing at 2:30 and returning to the church by 4pm (in time for a cup of tea and a piece of cake). If there is something in the records of particular interest, please contact any committee member and we will try to make it available for you to consult.

A future date for your diaries: **7:30 on 13 July**, in the church, a talk by **Richard York** on **17th/18th century music** with demonstrations, all washed down with a glass of fizz and some strawberries to nibble. The church has wonderful acoustics and on a summer's evening the atmosphere can be magical, so make sure not to miss it.

More details on www.blisworthheritage.org.uk

Blisworth Play Reading Group

In April we read Act 1 of "Alphabetical Order" by Michael Frayn all about life in a Provincial Newspaper Office. Intrigued? Then contact Dick and borrow a copy of the script to read Act 1, then join us at 10am on May 3 for a group read of Act 2. To follow this, on June 6 we should be commencing a new play. If you would like to know more, contact **Dick Hennessy** on **858602**.

1st Blisworth Scout Group

As I write this the scout group is preparing to return after the Easter holidays and like everyone else hoping for dryer, warmer, weather so we can get out and about.

The section's programmes will of course include activities that are out and about with one or two sleepovers, bivvies' and camps too. First time on camp is a big learning curve for our young people, sometimes the first experience of being without their family and / or the first time sleeping on a sleeping mat or in a bivvi. Cooking on open fires and sitting round a campfire are fun activities but let's not forget the learning that surround the activities. Our Leaders do so much to enhance the challenges and learning experiences for the Scouts of all ages.

Scouting has so much to offer, yes, I know I am biased, I've been involved in scouting a long time but it never ceases to amaze me how much the young people and adults get out of scouting. I am also involved in training our Young Leaders, those scouts aged between 14 – 18 who help at section meetings and what strikes me the most, at these sessions, is how mature, understanding and caring they are, they really want to help the younger scouts get as much from scouting as they do. It really is wonderful to see, youngsters often get bad press but those I meet are fantastic and we should be applauding them.

I wish I could persuade more adults to join us, there are so many children on waiting lists who would like to join scouting, but we do not have enough adult volunteers come forward to become Leaders. This often results in sections closing or restricting numbers and even when new sections are opened it is a struggle to get adults to help and more pressure is put on existing Leaders. We are very fortunate in Blisworth that we have such dedicated, long serving Leaders but that doesn't mean we don't need extra help. How about it?

Sandra, Group Contact 858764

Churches Together

St Johns Church & Blisworth Chapel

Summer Toddler Group

For Ages 0-5 Cost- £ FREE child/adult

We meet at Blisworth Baptist Church (Leisure hall) Chapel Lane. A warm welcome awaits babies and children with their parent carer.

The hall is spacious and welcoming. We have a wide range of toys, including ride ons, slide, home corner and baby equipment. A range of craft activities are provided. Each session ends with story, singing and making music.

Come along and give us a try! You will be made very welcome.

Includes hot/cold drink & cake for adults, **plus** snack & squash for children

6 Fridays (over summer hols)

27th July - 31st August - 9.30-11am

Further details from: Assistant Pastor Lee Hillyard: 07434 962276, Facebook/Instagram/Twitter @ BlisworthBC

Report from Blisworth Progress Group

Litter Campaign

More volunteers have come forward and are picking litter on a regular basis – thank you. If you would still like to volunteer and have not done so yet please contact Tony Hillier (858215) tony.hillier@aol.co.uk

Blisworth is again taking part in CPRE Northants Litter Heroes initiative. In conjunction with this we are launching our own Litter Citizens Awards. The launch takes place on 22nd May 2018. An 9am assembly will be held at Blisworth Community Primary School with a large group litter pick by volunteers, staff and children at 1.15 pm. Certificates and badges will be presented on the day. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

The Old Cemetery

The area is looking delightful with spring flowers, a lot of brambles and weeds have been tidied up in the summer bedding area. A new resident in the village has kindly volunteered to help with a few overgrown graves but more help is urgently needed to assist in this lovely wildlife area.

Chapel churchyards

The old graveyard at the back of the church has had the most amazing display of primroses this year and now the weather has improved there are plans to lay a base for a new shed. The grass in the new graveyard was too wet to be mowed so it was strimmed.

Flowering bulbs under the Blisworth sign

Many thanks to the Parish Council for organising them, Matthew Gamble of GLM Landscapes for donating them and Les Carter for planting them. A welcome addition to the area around the sign.

Village Survey

A small group will be looking at the format of a new village survey following on from the Parish Plan. If you would like to join us or have any ideas for inclusion please contact me ann.north@homecall.co.uk

THE New General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

The new regulations come into force on 25th May 2018 and if your club, organisation keeps any information, contact details, email addresses, etc. it will apply to you.

If you are not aware of the new regulations, the link below GDPR 'help' gives guidance and a toolkit for organisations. <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/>

Ann North - Secretary

Blisworth Pre School

We are now offering "Early Start" opening from 8.00am every morning. Lunch Club 3 days a week until 1.00pm, Thursday opening 8.00 until 3.00pm
For further information on these exciting changes contact Pam on 07803662433.



Blisworth Bookworms

The next two sessions will be held on:
4th June (to avoid the Bank Holiday Monday)
25th June at 7 Westbrook.
Further details **Maggie Turton** on 858594.

Blisworth Baptist Church

Family Service every Sunday at 10.45 am
Communion every First and Third Sunday
Children are most welcome, Crèche and Breakout Room for the Children.

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

Forthcoming Events

Cafe Church – 24th June 10.45am
(relaxed service held in the coffee house)

Coffee House Open

Tuesdays at 10.00am until 12.30pm
Every 3rd Tuesday is "Carers Support Day"

Men's Breakfast

Last Saturday of the Month at 8.30am in the Coffee House
Next Breakfasts: May 26th and June 30th

All men are very welcome

Pastor: Keith Barker 01327 352972
or 07912478227
Assistant Pastor: Lee Hillyard 07434 962276
Secretary: Diane Atkinson 01604 859590
Room Bookings: Church Office 01604 857654

Website www.blisworthbaptistchurch.org.uk

Latest information is on the Website

Blisworth Festival 2018

Firstly, just in case anyone hasn't heard yet, this year's Festival takes place over the weekend of 18/19th August.

Plans are progressing and we've been busy working on some exciting new plans to encourage visitors to explore ALL that the Festival has to offer, including those areas away from the canalside and festival field. We're aware that some venues, including the Chapel, were relatively quiet last year and this was a concern raised at the Village Open Meeting. Well, we think we've found a great solution and, once we've ironed out a few of the details, we'll let you know what we plan.

We're still signing up traders and advertisers and are on the look out for more. If anyone knows of someone who may be interested, please spread the word and get them to contact us for more details: info@blisworthfestival.org

ARE YOU A CARER?

Northants Carers care for you
Carers needing help and support will find Jenny at The Coffee House Blisworth Baptist Church on May 15th and June 19th from 10.00am-11.30

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Please email items you wish to include to:

New email blisworthranda@gmail.com New email
or send to the Editor: Alan North
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