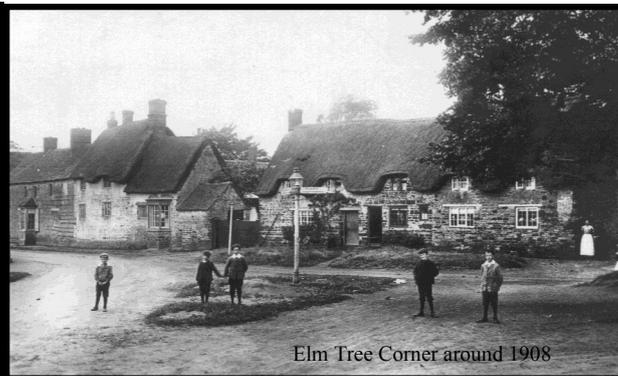


Round and About

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**Blisworth Parish Council Newsletter
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Elm Tree Corner around 1908

Notes from the Chairman.....

On the 5th of June 2017 I chaired my first meeting as Chairman of Blisworth Parish Council and I would like to thank the members of the PC for electing me and for their support. There have been a few changes to the team with Paulette Kennedy taking on the role of Vice Chairman. Bud Rose has resigned and I would like to thank him for his contribution to the Parish Council and with pleasure welcome Dr Tony Hillier who has agreed to join us.

Blisworth is known for its community spirit, I and my fellow Councillors will aim to support the Parish wherever possible.

The wet and warm weather has caused everything to grow at a pace so if you have branches from shrubs etc overhanging adjacent paths, please check that they are not hindering the people using the footpaths.

Mikron again visited Blisworth but unfortunately the changeable weather caused the venue to be moved to the Village Hall. The play based on the work of the RNLI was brilliantly performed, and enjoyed by all who attended.

I do hope you will all support the excellent work of the Stop Rail Central team by joining in the walk on 5th August and getting more signatures on the petition.

For information: Planning Applications can be viewed on the SNC website.

The New Village Website www.blisworthvillage.org contains a section on Blisworth Parish Council with information including minutes and agendas of the meetings. The other area is Village Life with information about the many clubs and organisations and What's On.

Let's hope that The Summer weather continues well into August, when the Canal Festival takes place so that it can be enjoyed by all.

June Hawkins. Chairman Blisworth Parish Council



Over the coming months Ashfield Land (Rail Central) will be preparing to submit their planning application for their monstrous warehouse park and rail terminal. SRC have been working tirelessly over the past 18 months to fight this proposal but will not be able to continue to do so effectively without the full support of the local community.

We already have an impressive number of petition signatures but to achieve our ultimate goal we need more. There will be a few events, such as the next round of public exhibitions (possibly in September) and the canal festival (12th and 13th August), where we will need volunteers to help collect signatures. If you are willing to offer just an hour or two of your time at some stage in the next few months then please contact us at:

info@norailinterchange.co.uk
or phone Mark Redding on 859098

Please do not assume someone else is doing this otherwise it will not happen - we need the involvement of the whole community. If we collectively do nothing then we will get what we deserve.

Blisworth Pre School

Pre school is open Monday - Friday term time.

A few spaces remaining for this school year. **Book now** to ensure a place for your child for 2017/2018. Contact Pam on 07803662433 for further information or to arrange a visit. We look forward to seeing you.



Blisworth Community Choir
(Musical director Helen Thorman)

Presents an evening of Summer Music

7.30pm July 20th

St John the Baptist Church Blisworth

Free admission. A raffle and donations in aid of the renovation of the floor tiles in the church.

See you there. **Winnie Bateman**

Courteenhall Road Allotment Site

Not only does an allotment provide you with plenty of fresh vegetables, it also teaches you about nature. You will soon realise that your plot needs to be viewed holistically. There is no need to get hung up on the fact that it is a bit weedy at times. These weeds could be a food source for beneficial insects such as hoverflies or bees. Don't be too quick to use chemicals on what you perceive to be a pest either. Lady-bird larvae look pretty fearsome but in fact do a great job of eating aphids, just like their parents. Insects also provide food for birds, which in turn help in slug control.

If you are interested in taking on a plot, please contact Jane Hill on 858656.

Progress Group Report

The Group is responding to residents' concerns about litter in the village by some of the members starting a Blisworth Litter Campaign. If you have any ideas or comments please contact Tony Hillier (Tony.hillier@aol.co.uk).

We are pleased to support the Football Club in their efforts to replace the Clubhouse and that they are looking for assistance from many sources including the Football Association. They have agreed that we can use the event on 5th August to launch the Litter Campaign.

Ann North — Secretary

Fly Tipping

There have been some incidences of fly tipping on the Playing Fields recently. If you know anything about this please contact the Chairman of the Village Hall and Playing Fields Association, Colin Gardner on 07816302490.



Blisworth Football Supporters Club
Courteenhall Road

Fully Licensed Bar with Regular Social Events

****Sunday 6th August Fun day - 11am to 5pm****

The football club is hosting a fun day on 6th August aimed at raising funds and awareness of the project to replace the current clubhouse with a building that can more readily be used by the whole community.

On the day there will be many stalls, fun and games for both kids and adults, BBQ and the bar will be open from noon.

Please come along and support us on what should be an excellent day.

Matthew Goude

Blisworth Women's Institute

Our next two meetings should be very enjoyable, in July we are having a BBQ 'on the park' (fingers crossed for good weather!), in August we have a guided tour of Northampton's Guildhall.



Women's Institute

As well as our own programme of events there is always lots of interesting trips/events in the County newsletter i.e. Visit to British Legion Poppy factory/ Scrabble competition/visit to Belton House & Grantham. Our members also have access to courses at Denman College, and every year we give £250.00 towards a course of choice and recently a member attended a History & Heritage course, which she told us all about at our last meeting. She found it very interesting with excellent tutors, it included trips to Blenheim Palace and Waddeson Manor along with a packed lunch. The food and accommodation are excellent. Another member won a bursary towards a lace making course and we look forward to hearing all about it on her return.

Meetings are every second Thursday of the month in the Village Hall, why not join us for interesting speakers, friendship and tea & cake!

Tina Alexandrou

1st Blisworth Scout Group

The first thing to say on this glorious sunny afternoon is how proud I am to be associated with Blisworth Scout Group. I have written in the past how amazing our young people are which of course they are, but today I can tell you of the amazing nature of the Leaders.

Steve Smith Scout Leader, along with Pete Rock, ADC Beavers took on the Three Peaks Challenge to climb the highest mountains in Scotland, England and Wales in 24 hours and this on what turned out to be the hottest weekend of the year so far. The Support vehicle was driven by Michelle Watkins Cub Leader and Steve Watkins Explorer Leader. The great news is they did it. Why did Steve and Pete do it - well it was an adventurous challenge they wanted to take and in doing so have raised money for their scout groups. Times and monies raised I will let you know next time.

All the Leaders volunteer and then give their time to plan, organise and deliver fantastic programmes for the youngsters on a weekly basis. The Three Peaks Challenge done in the Leaders own time is inspirational for all Scouts both young and old. Taking on challenges and doing your best, just one of scouting's many values.

Sandra, Group Contact 858764

Blisworth Play Reading Group

The Group meets first Wednesday morning in each month. Our next meeting will be Wed 5th July, we haven't yet decided whether to meet in Aug but we will certainly be back again in Sept.

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 Art and Craft Group

'Thank you so much'....to all of you who rushed to deliver the last issue of 'Round & About' in time for the Art Show. It is this sort of people action that makes our Village great.

Following on from this successful Show the **Art Groups** are preparing work to exhibit as part of the **Canal Festival**. So popular has the ' **Gallery & Picasso Pantry**' been over the past two years that we are doing it all again. The Village Hall is the place to be if you enjoy a 'Ploughman's lunch or a cream tea with the backdrop of the Artists' work. Open 11am – 5pm both days please put it on your list to visit and enjoy.

Maggie Turton



Blisworth Canal Partnership

The Canal Partnership team are now counting down the days to the festival weekend. 150 pitch spaces have been filled with a mix of old favourites and newcomers, venues are being mapped out and publicity planned.

Fundraising is vital in order to keep the festival going. Tesco are going to run a **Tombola stall**, donating the proceeds to the festival set up costs which are about £8,000. We just need to provide some **additional prizes** for them, so if you have anything suitable, get in touch with Jan Andrews (details below). **We are also still collecting in bric-a-brac and cuddly toys.**

The **volunteer rotas** are now ready to be filled in. **We really need people to offer just an hour over the weekend to help on the Festival Field fundraising stall or sell festival brochures in the Car Park.** You'll be part of a team and your help makes all of the difference to the success of the weekend. Again contact Jan (details below) if you can help out.

The Saturday night evening boat trip (August 12th) aboard Elizabeth of Glamis is always popular. **Tickets are now on sale**, £8 per adult or £20 family (2 adults & 2 children). The trip lasts about 2 hours, has a licensed bar and we put free nibbles out for the passengers. Tickets always go quickly, so don't wait too long to book your seat (s) and risk being disappointed.

Contact Jan Andrews 858023 / 07919 003704
blisworthcanalpartnership@hotmail.co.uk



Blisworth Heritage Society



14 July an afternoon visit to Delapre Abbey

Our annual Summer Outing, please book in advance and contact any committee member if you would like a lift

20 July 2:30 – 4:30 pm "Open Archives" in the Church

Canal Festival Aug 12/13

The Society will have a display in the Church, please visit us over the weekend

Many of you will have seen our new display cabinet in the Parish Church, this can be viewed any time that the church is open.

See our website www.blisworthheritage.org.uk

Canal Festival Open Gardens

On the second day, Sunday August 13- when you have enjoyed all the exciting events on the canal side and the other venues all around the village on the Saturday **there will be eight or nine gardens** open to the public.

They will be open from 12 noon to 5pm. Entrance to **all** of them will be covered by a £4 Garden Guide (with map) available at any of the gardens or at the Allotment stand on the water front at the bottom of Chapel Lane (children are free). New gardens are included this year; some are open by popular request while others have a year off. All are charming and well worth a visit.

Proceeds will be for the Blisworth Canal Partnership to continue to help with improvements to the canal side in our village. Extra money may be raised at some gardens with stalls or teas, for the gardener's chosen charity.

Information on where dogs on leads will be allowed and wheelchair access availability will all be in the guide leaflet.

Jane Percival 858478

Blisworth Film Club

Forthcoming films to be shown in the Village Hall are:

July 27th 'La La Land'.

August 31st 'I Daniel Blake'.

Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Admission £5, bring your own drinks and cushions.

Margaret Holiday on 858590 or Beryl Payler on 858476.

Blisworth Baptist Church

Children are such a blessing, their presence in a gathering can change the dynamic and ethos of the whole. Children have brought a whole new dimension and feel to Sunday worship at the Chapel and made many of us feel younger in spirit if not quite physically.

Family Service every Sunday at 10.45 am
Communion every First and Third Sunday
Children are welcome

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

Canal Festival August 12th and 13th
"Boaters Breakfast" From 8:00 both days
All welcome (not just boaters)

Lunches and Afternoon Teas on Saturday 12:00 til 4:30
Sunday Lunches Start at 1:00pm

Coffee House Open
Tuesday's 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: July 29th none in August
All men are welcome

Pastor: Keith Barker – 01327 352972
Secretary: Diane Atkinson - 01604 859590
Room Bookings: Jacques Haines - 01604 859705

Website www.blisworthbaptistchurch.org.uk
Latest information is on the Website

Village walk

A village protest walk is planned for Saturday 5th August across both the Ashfield and Roxhill development sites. See the enclosed leaflet for details

Blisworth Parish Church

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the house where they were. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them". Acts ch. 2 vv 1-4

In the Church year, we have just celebrated Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples, and gave these frightened and unlearned men the power and the courage to speak of what they knew to be true – the resurrection of Jesus. And so the early Church was born. However this is not "old stuff" that happened in the far past. No, God's transforming power through the Holy Spirit, is available to everyone today – just ask! The Archbishop of Canterbury called the Church to a time of prayer for the nation, and so for 10 days St. John's hosted 'Experience Pentecost'. Prayer stations were arranged around the church, each one both visual and interactive. It was an inspiring way to focus our prayers, and remind visitors that the Church is not a closed club, but is outward looking and concerned. Many prayers were said for our nation and the world, in the firm knowledge that they matter and they are heard.

Village churches should be a focal point in communities, and to keep St. John's open and welcoming we have embarked on a programme of tidying and restoration. First the windows were cleaned, probably for the first time ever, by people qualified in architectural restoration. Work in the churchyard includes clearing ivy from walls and monuments, and clear gullies and gutters. Lots of things have been done inside as well, mostly carpentry.

Now the major work is restoration of the floor tiles, many of which are cracked and broken. Again a qualified expert is required. When the repairs are finished the tiles will be polished, this is not just a mop and a bottle of cleaner, but an expert job to remove years of use and grime and reveal the original colours. As ever money is required, we have donations to start work, but to make sure it is completed we are offering a chance to "buy a tile" for £10 each. Please ring John Smith on 859361.

During the Canal Festival, the church is open all weekend serving teas. The Heritage Society will be displaying family histories in their new records cabinet. Our morning service on the Sunday will be at 9.30 and Songs of Praise will be at 4 p.m. Please join us in either of these services.

On July 20th the Community Choir will give another of their delightful concerts in St. John's, at 7.30 p.m. There is no ticket charge, but a raffle and retiring collection will be held to raise funds for the work on the floor.

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



Blisworth Bookworms

Many good books are circulating at the moment that will be discussed at the next meeting on 24th July. We will have a break during August and recommence on 25th Sept. at 7 Westbrook 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Maggie Turton

Public Consultation on Changes to the Governance of the Fire and Rescue Service

The Northants Police and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold has launched a public consultation regarding proposals for the governance of Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service to transfer from the Fire Authority to the Police and Crime Commissioner, who would therefore become the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. There is a short animated film and leaflet to explain the proposal - at www.northantsfireproposals.co.uk

Stephen Mold said: "Northamptonshire has led the way in demonstrating how emergency service collaboration can help increase efficiency and effectiveness, I'm determined that we build on this to continue to create a safer county."

"I'm confident that a change in governance is in the best interests of everyone in Northamptonshire. However, we want to hear the views of as many people as possible."

To find out more and complete the online survey please visit www.northantsfireproposals.co.uk. The consultation will run until Tuesday 1st August 2017 and is open to all residents of the county. A postal survey is available by

Stitchery Do

Creating with fabric and thread



On **Thursday 6th July**, Workshop 'Storyline Cushions' Bring along your materials and memorabilia bric-a-brac. Bring along your sewing kits and sewing machines.

On **Thursday 3rd August**, Workshop 'Learning Felting' with Lesley Underwood.

On **Thursday 7th September** There is no Workshop today but a visit to Peterborough 'Threads Thought Revelation' exhibition. Limited spaces in Mini Bus are available, contact Carol on 858776.

During July and August, there is opportunity for taking on larger scale projects and using sewing machines in the spacious surroundings of the Scout Hall and for finishing incomplete activities, with guidance from our local experts!

Workshops run from 10.00 until 2.30pm, on the first Thursday of each month, costing just £4 per day, bring your own lunch. New members are always welcome. Please contact Carol on 858776 or Margaret on 858590.

Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Tuesday 22nd August for the September/October Issue.

Please email items you wish to include to:

ra@blisworthparishcouncil.org.uk

or send to the Editor: Alan North
89 Buttmead, Blisworth, Northants

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