

Round and About

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

Parish Council Vacancy

For personal reasons Maria McKeown has resigned from the Parish Council. On behalf of all the PC, I would like to thank Maria for the work she has done for us during her time on the PC and wish her all the best for the future. Therefore a vacancy has arisen. If you love our village and feel you would like to have some input into village matters, please apply to join. You need to live in the parish and have internet access. These are trying times and the village needs all the support we can get. Contact our clerk Viv Harley for details.

Planning

Rail Central

Members of your PC attended 4 meetings in the last month on this subject. A liaison meeting organized by Ashfields, a meeting with other Parish Councils and Bernadette Owens the SNC Planning Officer dealing with the application. A meeting with our MP Andrea Leadsom organized by Stop Rail Central and finally a South Northants Council committee meeting at which SNC agreed to a fighting fund of £100,000 to oppose the application. **We are pleased at SNC's support of our objections to the development**

Ashfield Land have organized 9 Public Consultation events, dates and venues are in the flyer from Stop Rail Central. **Please try to attend at least one and voice your opinion.**

Other than a few minor planning applications there was only one other application of particular interest. **An application by BT for two high speed broadband boxes!!**

Neighbourhood Watch

I'm pleased to announce a new neighbourhood watch co-ordinator, Sarah Sharp on blisworthnw@hotmail.com if you would like to be kept informed of any suspicious activities in the village please contact Sarah to get on her mailing list.

Finally a reminder that the Annual Parish assembly will take place in the Village hall at 7.30pm on Monday the 23rd. At this fairly informal meeting, your PC along with other organizations in the village report their achievements during the past year. It is also your chance to have a say about local planning issues.

If your Club or organization have not been contacted to give a report and you wish to do so, please contact our clerk Viv Hartley on 858360 or at blisworthparishcouncil@gmail.com Complimentary tea and coffee will be served during the evening.

Charlie Jeffery, Chairman Blisworth Parish Council.
07778-001780



Rail Central commence their "community consultation" on the 28th April at the Walnut Tree Inn followed by 7 subsequent presentations at local venues (for full details see our attachment).

Stop Rail Central will be collecting petition signatures at all these events and also asking for your comments and views on the proposal. Strong public opposition is key to defeating this development and so we urge everyone to attend and register their views and concerns with us. It is essential that these concerns are also communicated to our local MP so please, individually, write to / email Andrea Leadsom (andrea.leadsom.mp@parliament.uk) stating your opposition to the proposal and the reasons for your opposition.

If you would like to do more then please contact Stop Rail Central on info@norailinterchange.co.uk and offer your services. If we work together as a community we can defeat this. **If we stay silent the consequences will be with us for the rest of our lives.**



Coffee House

Please join us for the **10th Birthday of the Coffee House on Tuesday May 10th.**

We will be opening from **10am till 3pm** and are hoping the School Choir will be there after 2pm for this special day. Jenny from the Carers Support will be there as well as her usual visit on 17th.

We look forward to seeing friends old and new to make this another great event in Blisworth.

Friends of Blisworth School

Blisworth School's Summer Fete on **Saturday 25th June, 2pm-5pm.** The afternoon will start with the crowning of the King and Queen and there will be a wide variety of stalls and games, as well as a bouncy castle, refreshments and a bar.

Blisworth Women's Institute

Our February meeting was 'Let's be social', members were asked to bring along a board game to share with other members. It proved to be a fun evening and some members showed their competitive side! It also I'm sure brought back happy memories for lots of us.

March meeting was a video accompanied by a speaker from the charity Medical Detection Dogs. It was very informative and amazing what these dogs can do, from warning adults and children when their sugar level is low and they need to inject insulin, to work in laboratories where they can detect the odour of cancers.

Our April meeting was a complete contrast with a visit from MKLELE a 13 strong ukulele band!

As you can see our meeting are varied and enjoyable so why not come along and join us you will be most welcome. Meetings every second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Tina Alexandrou



Blisworth Film Club

May 26th 'Brooklyn' Historical period drama set in 1950's Brooklyn. The Oscar nominated film about a young Irish immigrant's arrival in New York. This profoundly moving story stars Julie Walters and has very good reviews.

June 30th 'The Dressmaker' A bitter-sweet comedy drama set in early 1950's Australia, starring Kate Winslet as the talented Parisian based dressmaker who returns to her 'back of beyond' town to right some historic wrongs. Another film with several nominations in this year's Oscars.

July 29th 'Spectre' Like them or loathe them, James Bond films are always stylish and entertaining! This is no exception, with Daniel Craig up to his usual amazing stunts, an action packed drama.

August 25th The film is yet to be decided, a choice between The Martian, Dads' Army, The Danish Girl or an old film like 'Casablanca' which has proved popular in some villages. Watch this space!

Blisworth Village Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Admission £5. Bring your own drinks and cushion. All welcome.

Margaret Holiday 858590



Blisworth Heritage Society



13 May Northampton Castle
by Ruth Thomas
7:30pm in the Village Hall

10 June 2016
Afternoon Summer Outing to
St Peter's Church, Northampton

Here we will discover more about Medieval Northampton and the Castle and see an extensive display based on the results of the Archaeological Excavations which unearthed a lot about the early history of the town.

Lifts/ bus arrangements will be finalised nearer the date. Please contact Hilary Spurrier on 859181 if you would like to come.

See our webpage www.blisworthheritage.org.uk

Wootton Road Runners Blisworth 5 Mile Road Race Friday 20th May - 7.45pm

We'd like to thank the residents of Blisworth for their continued support of our annual 5 mile road race. This year it takes place on Friday 20th May at 7.45pm. Race Headquarters is based at the Football Club and the start/finish are at Hill Farm on Gayton Road.

As usual, we'll be putting up race signage in advance of the event to pre-warn those who are affected by the route. We would welcome any local residents to join the race - instructions for race entry can be found at www.woottonroadrunners.co.uk. Entry is £9.00 in advance or £12.00 on the night for unaffiliated runners.

We look forward to hosting another successful event and are grateful for the patience and understanding that residents show at this time.

Hannah Groves WRR Race Director



Stitchery Do



Summer Programme 2016

At Blisworth Scout Community Hall from 10am until 3pm

Enjoy meeting new friends at our monthly sewing group. Every First Thursday of the month. Only £4 per workshop includes advice on your sewing projects plus Tea/Coffee, biscuits.

5th May - Magical Mandalas with Sandra Deacon and Diana Turner

Simple embroidery stitches, a design loosely based on floral motifs within a mandala format. Kits and materials will be available but bring along 6" embroidery hoop.

2nd June - Trip to The Manor House Hemingford Grey Cambridge

Classic children's "Green Knowe" books author Lucy Boston - we visit her home to see her exquisite collection of patchworks. Plus a tour of the house and 4 acre garden. (This trip is now full)

7th July - Learn Free Motion Embroidery on your sewing machine

With the ladies from Northampton Embroiderers Guild.

Bring along a packed lunch for Workshops in May and July.

Membership Enquiries phone Carol Arnall on 858776

Blisworth Baptist Church

Mathew 11 v28 - 30

Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Put My yoke upon your shoulders—it might appear heavy at first, but it is perfectly fitted to your curves. Learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. When you are yoked to Me, your weary souls will find rest. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

Family Service every Sunday at 10.45 am

Communion every First and Third Sunday

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

Coffee House 10th Birthday Celebration

Tuesday May 10th from 10:00 until 3:00pm

Come and Join the Party

CAMEO

Thursday 19th May at 10:30

“Tax, Care & Toy Boys”

Refreshments

Lunch Provided for £3

Coffee House Open

Tuesday's from 10.00am until 12.30pm

Support and Advice for Carers every 3rd Tuesday

Men's Breakfast

Every last Saturday of the month at 8.30am in the Coffee House. Next Breakfast: **April 30th at 08:30am**

Next after that **Saturday May 28th at 8:30am**

Pastor: Keith Barker – 01327 352972

Secretary: Diane Atkinson - 01604 859590

Room bookings: Jacques Haines - 01604 859705

Blisworth Parish Church

“God's purpose is not to protect His people from adversity, but in it”. Quotation, unknown source.

Last year we were delighted to welcome Sue Cooper to serve as Curate in the Grand Union Benefice. It has been a delight to get to know her over the last few months as she has become involved in so many aspects of each church. She will be ordained as Priest in Peterborough Cathedral on June 25th, which means that she will be able to carry out the full range of priestly duties.

There will be a benefice service on June 26th at Grafton Regis at 10.30 am, so no other services will be held that day.

Our APCM (annual meeting) was held after morning service on April 10th when the PCC's members and officers were elected for the following year.

Hilary Spurrier stood down after several years on the PCC, and Church Warden Angela Cheesbrough stood down after 12 years of service. Both were warmly thanked for all they have done. Mrs. Cheesbrough was elected as a PCC member, and Mrs. Sandra Bunker has also joined the PCC.

Details of services and other notable dates will be found in the notice boards.

Rector The Revd. Andrea Watkins 857619

Warden Fiona McKenzie 859541

1st Blisworth Scout Group

Do you enjoy gardening, DIY or admin and have an hour to spare sometimes – then you could be just the person we are looking for. There are many, varied jobs that need to be done in order to keep the scout group running, such as tidying the outside of the hall and camp fire area, checking and doing simple repairs, helping the Leaders to provide exciting and challenging programmes or helping the Committee with the admin or fund raising for the group. Scouting promotes flexible volunteering and as many hands make light work, could you give us an hour or two and ease the pressure for our long standing team.

Talking of fund raising the group has been given a **fantastic package** which we will be auctioning at our AGM on June 9th. However if you are interested in bidding we will accept sealed bids before that date. The package is: a two night stay for 2 people at the the Kinmel Hotel and Spa, in Abergele, North Wales to include Welsh breakfast and 3 course a la carte dinner. **A 60 minute spa treatment each** plus full use of leisure facilities and a **half Day 4 x4 off road driving experience** with 4 x 4 Events UK by courtesy of JEEP. To be taken before 15.3.17.

Please contact me if you can either help by volunteering or if you wish to bid for this fantastic package.

Sandra O'Connor 858764

BVHPFA 250 Club

Winning Numbers are:

	March	April
£30	188	23
£20	99	250
£20	6	107
£10	27	138
£10	5	208

Thank you to all our supporters. There are still a few numbers spare, just £10 per year and 60 chances to win a small prize.

Please contact **Estelle Rose 858482**



Neighbourhood Watch

I would like to introduce myself as the new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for Blisworth, after Mark Redding has stepped down to work incredibly hard to protect our village from the Rail Interchange.

I have set up a Twitter account @blisworthnw and also a Facebook page which is used for general notices in Blisworth (Blisworth Notice Board) but I will also post NHW updates. If you would like to be on the distribution list please let me know at blisworthnw@hotmail.com.

I am also aware that there may be people in the village without Internet access. If this applies to you and you would like to receive information another way please let me know on 07809 261936 and based on the uptake on this I will look at the best way of achieving it.

Sarah Sharp.

**British Cycling Ride Leaders course comes to
Northamptonshire**

Do you love cycling for fun? Are you passionate about getting your local community on a bike?

We're looking for confident recreational cyclists to train as British Cycling Ride Leaders to lead a programme of Sky Ride Local rides across Northamptonshire. You don't need to be a cycling expert or competitive racer, just be confident riding in a group and have a good level of cycling fitness. We welcome all kinds of cyclists as long as you have heaps of enthusiasm and you're happy to support beginner bike riders and families.

The assessed one-day course qualifies you to deliver guided bike rides for groups of beginner and intermediate level adults and accompanied children on roads and cycle paths. British Cycling will provide you with branded kit, a British Cycling Ride membership and payment for leading and assisting on rides.

We are running a course on **Saturday 21st May at Caroline Chisholm School, Wootton**. For more information contact will.heckford@firstforwellbeing.co.uk or 01604 366122.

Courteenhall Road Allotment Site

In spite of the changeable weather, the site is looking good at the moment. The soil has warmed up and seeds of hardy vegetables can be sown. Potatoes have been planted and, in some cases, are already poking through the soil. Now is the time of year to be vigilant, however, and to keep your eye on the weather forecasts, in case of frost. A good way to protect potatoes is to use fleece, stretched over hoops. Even if potatoes do get frosted and the leaves appear dead, the plants will recover, although yields may be slightly lower.

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

Blisworth Play Reading Group

The Group meets first Wednesday morning in each month. Our next meeting will be **Wed 4 May** (when we shall finish reading "Mystery at Greenfingers" by J B Priestley). Then on **Wed 1 June**, we shall commence a new Play. Over the year we will be reading a bit of everything: classics, pantomime, farce, One Act Plays, 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 Heritage Society



Advance note of a date for your diary.

**July 8 at 7:30pm
in St John the Baptist Church, Blisworth**

The Heritage Society meeting in July is
an **Evening of Medieval Music**.

This meeting is open to everyone - £3 members, £5
visitors including refreshments.

See our webpage www.blisworthheritage.org.uk

OUR QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 11th June, 3pm, outside 28 Windmill Avenue

As usual please bring one plate of FINGER food per adult to share plus your own drinks and glasses, and if possible something to sit on (we have chairs and cushions, but never know if we'll have enough).

Why not dress up in 1926 style to add to the atmosphere, youngsters can join in some games of the day. Everyone is more than welcome. **Estelle Rose**

Parish Plan Progress Group

CPRE sponsored Litter Pick – Clean for the Queen

The children from Blisworth School were very keen to take part in the Litter Pick and were assisted by the staff and residents. All the litter has been taken to the School ready for pick-up and 'photos were taken with the children for entry into the competition. We thank everyone involved for their participation. The standard of posters produced by the children was very good and the winners received prizes.

Churchyard Conservation Award

Blisworth has entered the competition for a Gold Award this time and we are waiting for the judges visit.

Best Village Competition 2016

The judges are due to visit the Village on 24th May and a programme has been arranged so that they can see as much of the village and its activities as possible, meeting representatives of organisations at various venues.

Visit of Snyb Information Bus.

The March visit of the bus was very well attended particularly at the Park where residents found the wide variety of information most helpful. There was another opportunity in April when the bus returned and we hope to arrange another visit on a Saturday morning for those people not around during the week. **Ann North**

Northamptonshire Team Powers to the Title!

Northamptonshire Powerchair Football Club won the East Midlands Championship Wheelchair Football League this season. Other teams in the league are MK Dons, Leicester Foxes, Nottingham and St George's Knights from Burton.

Northamptonshire's players are Daniel Lyman (captain), Jacob Mander, Sophie Baylis, Sam Ardley, Will Cleary and Sam Swinger. The players vary in age from 8 to 22, Powerchair Football is one of very few team sports in which young people and adults can play together. Games are played 4 a-side plus 2 substitutes and are played using specially designed powerchairs.

The club trains in the John Ashby Sports Hall at Moulton College. For more information contact Kim Mander at kim.mander@aol.co.uk, or phone 07976 875388.

Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Tuesday 21st 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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