

Round and About

**Blisworth Parish Council Newsletter
September/October 2016 No 111**



Notes from the Chairman.....

Parish Council Vacancy

I'm pleased to inform you that we have now have two excellent candidates.

However, unfortunately due to our Clerk Viv being called away to a tragic family accident, it was decided to cancel the August PC meeting, therefore the formal co-option will now be taking place at the September meeting.

I'm sure you will all join with me in offering our very best wishes to Viv and her family.

Planning

A quiet month at last, various minor applications but nothing major has come in. All the larger schemes have also gone quiet "must be the holiday season". A reminder though, **the Phase One Consultation Feedback on the Rail Central Scheme, comments need to be lodged before the 30th September.**

De-Fribulator

The De-fribulator is now installed at the school and the first training session will have taken place on the 1st September, I believe another session is to be offered later in the year.

VAS Speed Warning Signs

After chasing Mr Barber for two months for info on the sign options! I have now been inundated with information from about 8 manufacturers! I hope to get these co-ordinated and sent out to councillors for their comments this month. We can then make our decision on the type to choose.

Canal Festival

Another excellent, well attended event and our thanks go to Alan, Jan and all the helpers for the tremendous amount of work and effort they put into making the festival such a great success.

Best Village Competition

This year Blisworth was awarded the Runner Up position in the Large Village category, again our thanks go to Pat Masterman and her team of helpers for completing the application forms and showing the judges around the village.

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



The fight against Ashfield Land's Rail Central proposal continues unabated with much good work being done by the committed members of the action group. The stand at the Blisworth Canal Festival was a massive success with 1656 signatures collected and the awareness of the surrounding community significantly raised.

It is currently a quiet time in the planning process but be in no doubt that Ashfield Land are working hard on their plans to destroy our village so it is vitally important that we do not become complacent. It is essential that everyone writes to our MP stating their views and objections to the Rail Central proposal (andrea.leadson.mp@parliament.uk). Please copy SRC in on any correspondence at (info@norailinterchange.co.uk) so that we can submit all local objections collectively at the appropriate time in the planning process. If you have any views or ideas on what we else could do to fight this development please write to us at the aforementioned email address.

We plan to hold a public meeting in the not too distant future so keep an eye out for further information on www.stoprailcentral.co.uk (where you can also find all the latest news).

Blisworth Film Club

September 29th 'Eddie the Eagle', the story of the unlikely and courageous dare-devil Michael 'Eddie' Edwards in his quest to become Britain's first Ski Jumping champion. A heart warming comedy.

October 27th 'Eye in the Sky' a different genre of film this month, a suspense story starring Helen Mirren in a powerfully acted British film which tackles an ethical dilemma in a thought provoking way.

Advance notice for **November 24th** 'Florence Foster Jenkins' a comedy/drama about the true story of an American heiress who obsessively pursues her dream of becoming a great singer, despite having a dreadful voice! Starring Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant.

There will not be a film in December, but we hope to be able to screen 'The BFG' in January '17.

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

Margaret Holiday 858590

ARE YOU A CARER?

Northants Carers care about you

Do you care for a neighbour and are you going on holiday?

Northants Carers can cover for you whilst you are away. Jenny will be at the Coffee House on Tuesday Sept 20th and Tuesday 18th Oct. 10.00 until 12.00am.

Blisworth Baptist Church

Luke 18 v16 -17 The Voice

Jesus: Let the little children come to Me. Never hinder them! Don't you realize—the kingdom of God belongs to those who are like children? ¹⁷ You can depend on this: if you don't receive the Kingdom as a child would, you won't enter it at all.

Family Service every Sunday at 10.45 am
Communion every First and Third Sunday
Crèche available

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

Harvest Festival Service

2nd October at 10.45 am

Harvest Supper

8th October at 6.30 pm

Fish and Chip Supper and Entertainment

Eduphant Play

Eduphant Play is coming to **Blisworth Baptist Chapel** every Thursday, during term time commencing September 8th 2016 at 10:30 – 11:30. The sessions are designed and run by a qualified teacher, Shelagh Chapman. Activities offer educational play opportunities for toddlers with their parents/carers, for example, sensory/messy play and are linked to the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. Refreshments are included.

The sessions cost £5 for 1 adult and baby/toddler and £6 for 1 adult and up to three children. Additional adults cost £1.50. Contact: shelagh@eduphantplay.co.uk

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: **Saturday September 24th**

All men are welcome

Pastor: Keith Barker – 01327 352972

Secretary: Diane Atkinson - 01604 859590

Blisworth Women's Institute

Our July meeting was 'A taste of India' by a lady called Indu, who talked about her way of cooking and brought along lots of lovely tasters for us to try, and enjoy. The food was unlike local Indian takeaways but homemade with fresh ingredients which Indu cooks daily for her family.

The meeting in August was 'How well do you know Blisworth', a fun evening causing much discussion.

Many thanks to all our many helpers at another very successful Canal Festival.

September's meeting 'Squires and Spires' a talk on Northamptonshire. Meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall **Tina Alexandrou**



BVHPFA 250 Club

	July	August	
£30	36	70	Thank you to all members
£20	199	229	for their support. If you
£20	134	112	would like to join, please
£10	61	114	give me ring on 858482
			Estelle Rose

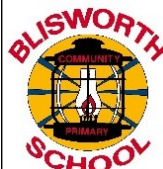
Progress Group Report

The Group are pleased to report that with the support of the whole village including the Head, pupils and staff of Blisworth School, we were awarded Runner Up Large Village in the Best Village 2016 competition. The organisation have asked for our views on the process and we are awaiting feedback on our entry in the hope of improving our position next year. Thanks to everyone.

We have been informed that we have been successful in the Clean for the Queen/Litter pick but are not yet sure which prize we have won. The awards will be announced on September 12th or perhaps earlier in the CPRE newsletter.

In the evening of the September 12th we have been invited to the launch of the **Countryside Design Guide - Sept 2016**. It is hoped that this publication will serve as a Design Guide for Parish Councils, Planning Committee Members, Architects, Planning Officers, Developers and individual householders who are working to maintain and enhance the character of the countryside and villages of Northamptonshire.

Ann North - Secretary



Blisworth Community School

Some Dates for the Diary from Blisworth Primary School. Everyone is welcome to attend these events and it would be great to see people from the village coming in to school.

Friday 30th September from 9am in the school staffroom - MacMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 7th October 6pm - Family Bingo at school - Tickets available from the school office or online at www.pta-events.co.uk/blisworth from Monday 19th September

Tuesday 11 October 10.30am - Choir singing Harvest Songs at the Chapel

Friday 11 November 10.45am - Remembrance Service (Outside weather permitting)

Lots of information about the school can be found on the website - www.blisworthprimary.org.uk or keep an eye on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/BlisworthPTA

Celia Irwin - Head Teacher

South Northants Art Trail

8th - 16th October - 11am - 5pm (12.30pm - 5pm Sunday)
 Over 40 artists will be exhibiting their work in various venues across S Northants. With the kind permission of the Rev. Andrea ten of us will be exhibiting in the Parish Church as we did last year which visitors said they found pleasurable. We will also be doing painting, embroidery and photography workshops/demonstrations throughout the week that are sure to be interesting. Refreshments will be available and you are guaranteed a warm welcome.

Brochures listing the artists together with a map indicating the venues will be available in Blisworth Stores, 'Royal Oak' and the Churches from September. So plan your route around the Trail and enjoy! **Maggie Turton**

The Parks Medical Practice

Winter Clinic

Saturday 19th November 8.30am to 12.30pm

Our lovely nurses will be waiting to provide the following services;

Flu vaccine Injection
Flu Vaccine Nasal Spray
Pneumonia vaccine
Blood pressure checks
Height and Weight checks
Smoking and lifestyle advice

PLEASE TELEPHONE THE SURGERY ON 01604 878000 TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT – OR JUST TURN UP!!



Blisworth Heritage Society



Sept 9 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall
50 years of Medical Practice in Blisworth
by Dr Tony Hillier

Oct 14 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall
King John and the Barons by Mike Ingram

During the Canal Festival, you may have seen our new display cabinet in the Parish Church. Now that the cabinet is in place, we will be arranging open afternoons so that people can see original documents, the first of these will be Thursday 22 Sept 2:30pm – 4:30pm (in the church) followed by another on 13 Oct, again 2:30pm to 4:30.

See our webpage www.blisworthheritage.org.uk



Blisworth Canal Partnership WHAT A FESTIVAL WEEKEND!

Only Blisworth could pull off such a brilliant event!

Thank you to everybody who helped our group by donating toys and bric-a-brac, selling brochures, opening their gardens, letting us use their land either as a venue or for parking, both churches for getting so involved, the art group for once again setting up a stunning gallery, to John and Cathie who managed the successful 'dog zone' and let us create mayhem on their field, to Bob and Marilyn for allowing us to use their garden at Blisworth House and to the Clarke family for making the Wharf a must go (and stay) place. Thanks to Tony Perret for his amazing traction engine, Maxine and her team at the Royal Oak who are probably still recovering, to Donald and his team at The Walnut Tree for adding to the event with the beer festival and sending the great group Palmerstone our way to play on the stage on Sunday.

Not forgetting the villagers who manned the fundraising stalls, the car park and sold brochures.

And last but not least the amazing stewards who worked their socks off all weekend to keep the festival running smoothly. Louise, Chris, Luke, Jack, Kate, Matt, Karen and Jodie - we couldn't have managed without you.

Has everybody been mentioned, like all great Oscar speeches, somebody will have been forgotten, apologies. You'll know how important you were.

Now for the money we managed to raise, which given that parking and entry is free is pretty amazing! We've already donated thousands to a range of charities including C.R.Y., Great Ormond Street and Scotty's Little Heroes.

The good news is – we also made enough to do it all over again next year!

Jan Andrews 07919 003704
blisworthcanalpartnership@hotmail.co.uk

Alderton Arts Festival and Plays on The Mount 3 and 4 September

The annual Alderton Arts Festival, incorporating outdoor plays on The Mount, takes place Saturday and Sunday, 3 and 4 September. All proceeds will be split between Saint Margaret's Church and Motor Neurone Disease association.

Blisworth Parish Church

"Shout to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever, his faithfulness through all generations." Psalm 100 vv 1-5

We have just had another stunning Canal Festival weekend with a wonderful atmosphere of enjoyment through the village. As usual St. John's served teas with no set charge, but donations to the upkeep of this historic building were welcome. We are grateful to those who contributed, and also of course the bakers who supplied a seemingly endless supply of delicious cakes etc. and those who spent much of their weekend serving the crowds. Again Sally Edwards presented her Family History documents, the Heritage Society had many exhibits, and also showed off their new permanent display cabinet.

Two items were left behind by visitors on Saturday: a woman's grey cardigan and a child's blue fleece. Contact the numbers below to arrange to collect these.

On Tuesday 6th September a 6 week course will begin, on the subject of Old Testament Women. Please contact the numbers below for further details.

On Saturday September 24th there will be a visit to the shrine at Walsingham in Norfolk. Please contact Revd. Andrea to enquire if there are coach places left.

Rector	The Revd. Andrea Watkins	857619
Warden	Fiona McKenzie	859541

Art & Craft Group

Congratulations to the Canal Partnership Team they have done it again! Members of the Art & Craft Groups appreciated the opportunity to raise funds by running the Gallery and the Picasso Pantry in such a sociable way – "thank you".

It was good to see members from the newly formed Evening Group exhibiting too. They would welcome others to join them on Mondays during term time 7.30 to 9.30pm in the Coffee House starting again on 12th Sept. If you enjoy drawing, painting or crafting then come along and while away a couple of hours.

For further details about joining any group please contact Maggie Turton on 858594)

1st Blisworth Scout Group

The summer holidays are a welcome respite for our Leaders, time to recharge the batteries following a hectic few weeks organising and running sleepovers and camps and end of term fun evenings for our young people. Now they are thinking of programmes for the coming academic year to engage, excite and challenge our scouts in all sections. Perhaps now is the ideal time to remind everyone that all our Leaders are volunteers, giving up their family time to provide these terrific programmes for others.

The Beaver sleepover at Cosgrove, the Cub "Get me out of camp" weekend, the Scout Dorset adventure, and the Explorer New Forest weekend were highlights of last term. Why not come and join us and be part of an amazing organisation and have FUN.

Sandra 858764

The **Chapel Coffee House** is looking for volunteers to help on a Tuesday morning. Either washing up (we have a dishwasher) or serving on the counter. It comes around about once a month. If you feel you could help, contact Christine Pinfold on 859215.

Blisworth Play Reading Group

The Group meets first Wednesday morning in each month. Our next meeting will be Wed 7 Sept followed by Wed 5 Oct. We begin the autumn season in Sept with a new play, so if you are wondering about coming along, now would be good time to try. 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 details, please phone **Dick Hennessy** on **858602**.

Blisworth Community Choir (Musical director Helen Thorman)

What wonderful evenings we had for our Concerts at St. John's and St. Mary's Stoke Bruerne. What lovely audiences you were.

We sang songs in medley form, with the vocal group performing a selection of songs from Westside Story, where John Brough and Andy Newbury took the leading parts.

There was a beautiful solo performance of All Things Bright And Beautiful by Marianne Bartley. A trio of Julie Lacy, her daughter and a friend Jossie gave us Somewhere Out There, well done you three.

We had great fun when Helen asked the audience to perform a round of 3 Blind Mice and Frere Jacques.

We are taking a break through August, we start practicing again on Sept 8th.

If you would like to join us we meet at St. John's every Thurs at 7 for 7.30, coffee and biscuits are served beforehand. There is an initial payment of £10 to cover the cost of the music and then subs of £2 weekly. Come and join us we have loads of fun.

Winnie Bateman.



Blisworth Bookworms

The next meetings will be held September 26th & October 24th when we will share our summer reads. Do come and join us. Further details from **Maggie Turton 858594**

Stitchery Do

Creating with fabric and thread



Sewing Made Easy Workshops from 10am until 3pm

1st September "Patchwork Cushions" with Margaret Holiday - Bring along your remnants! At the Scout Community Hall—£4

6th October "Christmas Gift Making" At the Chapel Coffee House—£4

3rd November - 10 am - 4pm "Creating Sculptures" with Trisha White—£30 per person - Equipment supplied - Reservation required Also Regular Stitch or Knitting Workshops—£4

Workshops include advice on your sewing projects plus Tea/Coffee, biscuits. Bring along a packed lunch.

Any enquiries phone Carol Arnall on 858776

Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning

I am taking part in the worlds biggest coffee morning for Macmillan on the **30th September**.

It will be open house from 10am to 4pm. There will be cakes, competitions, book stall, craft stall, good as new rail, raffle etc. We would love to beat last years total of £500. So all please support me at 96 Hillcrest Blisworth Park, Station Road. Thanks **Janet Steeper**

Courteenhall Road Allotment Site

After the recent rain, plots are looking lush and should be very productive. However, may I remind present and future plot holders how important it is to conserve water. If you have a shed or greenhouse on your plot, this can be fitted with gutters and a downpipe connected to a water butt, so that rainwater can be collected. The soil on the site is sandy and dries out very quickly, even when enriched with organic matter. Any water you can save lessens the need to simply turn on a tap. Please also remember that, if you do use the water supply provided, you need to make sure that you do not waste water unnecessarily. Water early in the morning or in the evening and give plants a good soaking. It is important to turn off the tap when you leave your plot.

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

Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Friday 21st October for the November/December 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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