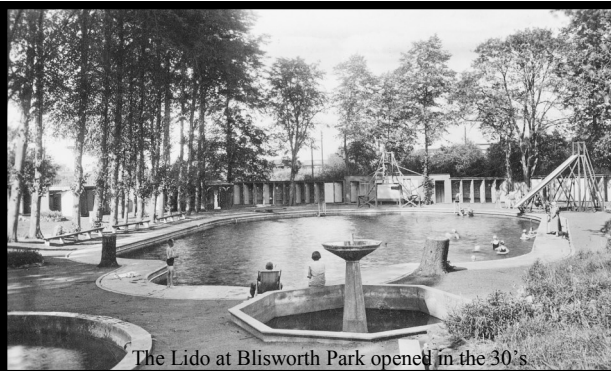


Round and About

**Blisworth Parish Council Newsletter
November/December 2016 No 112**



Notes from the Vice Chairman.....

I would like to welcome Linda Lee as a new member of the Parish Council also Dr Tony Hillier who has joined the Progress Group.

Chapel Lane

The SNC planning committee considered the application on Thursday 20th October following concerns about site access via the steep and narrow Little Lane and Chapel Lane. The planning committee decided they needed further information and another site inspection so the decision was deferred. Councillor Steve Clarke, Blisworth PC representative June Hawkins and Tricia White parishioner made representations to the meeting. If anyone has any further comments, please contact our clerk Viv Hartley.

Sun Moon and Stars

SNC finally approved a planning application to renovate the SMS but with the addition of a detached house in the grounds and no provision for adequate onsite parking (both matters about which the Parish Council objected). It remains to be seen if this now results in a contract to carry out the work.

Stop Rail Central

I should like to thank all the people who attended the public meeting, 89% objected to the plans. The first phase of the consultation is now finished.

I would also like to thank Mark Redding and his team for all of the dedicated work they do on behalf of Blisworth. The village should be proud to be represented by this team and should continue to assist them in any way that they can by giving their help and support, as Stop Rail Central moves on to challenge the next phase of the Campaign.

Autumn

With the clocks going back and the dark evenings we approach Halloween, Guy Fawkes, Remembrance Services and Christmas! As this will be the last newsletter before the New Year I would like to wish everyone very happy seasonal greetings.

**June Hawkins Vice Chairman Blisworth
Parish Council 859494**

St John The Baptist Christmas Bazaar and Coffee Morning

Yes, it's time for this popular event again. It will take place on SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26th from 10 am – 1 pm in St. John's Church. Stalls will include Christmas goods, gifts and toiletries, books, tombola, mince pies, cakes and produce. Refreshments will be available all morning. Come to browse, buy, relax and chat.



The closing date for telling Rail Central what you think of their community consultation so far (phase 1) might have passed but the opportunity to tell our MP what you think of Rail Central remains and will do so for at least the next 6 months.

On the 17th October 2016 The Rt Hon. Andrea Leadsom MP wrote to Stop Rail Central stating the following: "I should first like to take this opportunity to recognise the herculean efforts by Stop Rail Central in organising residents through your local action group. As I mentioned in a previous letter I have been most impressed by the way that you have undertaken your engagement with the developers and villagers, and I am of the opinion that SRC is one of the best coordinated groups I have worked with. I have received over a hundred individual pieces of correspondence on this development, and I am very aware of the strength of feeling at a local level".

SRC would like to extend a massive thank you to all those that have, so far, participated in the process and fed their thoughts to Andrea Leadsom and SRC. As I have stated all along, strength of opposition is paramount and if you have not already written please take a little time out of your day to write to our MP with your own personal views on the development and please copy in both South Northants District Council and Stop Rail Central Ltd. The email addresses that you require are as follows:

andrea.leadsom.mp@parliament.uk;
Denis.Winterbottom@Southnorthants.gov.uk;
info@norailinterchange.co.uk

Please keep following us on Facebook and Twitter and sign up for email alerts on the website:
www.StopRailCentral.co.uk



Blisworth Bookworms

The next meeting is **Monday November 28th**. There will be no meeting during December. Further details from Maggie Turton 858594



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

1st Blisworth Scout Group

All sections are back in the swing of things with really exciting programmes in place. Camps and sleepovers and activities giving the young people the opportunity to achieve badges.

We have welcomed two new leaders to the Scout section, they may not be able to attend every week so are in effect job sharing, but it makes the running of the section so much easier. The other sections would also appreciate some extra help please call and see the Leaders if you could offer some time.

If you would like to help but perhaps not so keen to work directly with the young people we are also looking for a Group Scout Leader, someone with managerial experience would be ideal, full support is given to all our volunteers.

The group will as usual be attending and taking part in the Remembrance Day service at the Church, and are hoping for a good turnout.

If you have ever wondered why our Leaders give up their time to be part of the world's largest youth organisation it's all about the youngsters, to see their achievements however big or small is simply wonderful and you could be part of that.

Sandra O'Connor 858764



Blisworth Heritage Society



Nov 10 from 2 to 4pm in the Parish Church
Our Archives available to Explore

Nov 11 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall
Percy Pilcher – Local Aviator by Mr Smart

Dec 9 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall
Christmas Food/ Feasts through the Ages
A Christmas Celebration with members of the Society

See our webpage www.blisworthheritage.org.uk

Stitchery Do

Creating with fabric and thread



Christmas Gifts and Decorations Workshops

from 10am until 2.30pm
At the Chapel Coffee House—£4 per session

3rd November
1st December

Sharpen up your sewing skills, workshops include advice on your own projects plus Tea/ Coffee, biscuits. Bring along a packed lunch.

Any enquiries phone Carol Arnall on 858776 or

Jazz at the Walnut Tree

Every Sunday at 12 noon. Top international performer Greg Abate from the USA on Nov 13th. Phone **Tad Newton** on **858549** for details.

Blisworth Parish Church

"Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God". Isaiah 50 v.10

This is the last R&A before Christmas, a time when it is often difficult to stop long enough in the many preparations to remember that Christ is the reason for the season.

In the church calendar, December is called Advent, a season of preparation and contemplation. Advent Sunday this year is on November 27th. At 4 pm that day there will be an Advent Carol Service incorporating a "Tree of Love". In church you will find a large Christmas tree, and there is an invitation on that day, and in the following weeks, to decorate the tree with baubles and messages to remember or think of those who are on our hearts particularly at this time of year. All are welcome to this service.

Fuller details of Christmas services will be advertised, but we do know that on Christmas eve at 4.30 pm there will be a short informal family service, a good time to get away from all the preparations and relax with family members of all ages. The traditional Midnight Communion follows at 11.30 pm.

On Christmas morning, services will be held at 9.30 am at Milton Malsor, and at 10 am at both Grafton Regis and Alderton.

On Saturday November 27th all are welcome to the Christmas bazaar and coffee morning, in the church, from 10 am to 1 pm.

The choir will give a concert on December 20th at 7.30 pm.

Rector	The Revd. Andrea Watkins	857619
Warden	Fiona McKenzie	859541

Old Cemetery Upkeep / High Street Planters

A big thank you to all those who have helped maintain the Old Cemetery, particularly Andy Newbury whose tireless work on the circular path has provided a firm and safe place to visit. To all those who tend the memorials I just wish you could hear the positive comments, thank you. The summer wildflowers donated by David Snapes of Blisworth Wildflowers have taken and have been an excellent addition.

High Street Planters – Valerie Hayward has given us a long lasting colourful display and thanks to Christine Pinfold and Bernice Hennessy for the watering. GLN Landscapes have again kindly planted and maintained the four large planters through our village. The volunteering and donations from all really enhance our lovely village. **Paulette Kennedy**

Blisworth Community Choir (Musical director Helen Thorman)

We are busy rehearsing for our Christmas concerts which will be held at: The Abbey Centre East Hunsbury on Saturday 10th Dec 7.30 pm, Holy Cross Church Milton Malsor Thursday 15th Dec 7.30 pm and St. Johns Church Blisworth Tuesday 20th 7.30 pm.

Get into the spirit of Christmas by joining us in one or more of these venues.

The choir meet every Thursday evening 7 for 7.30 new members are always welcome.

Winnie Bateman.

Blisworth Women's Institute

Our September meeting was a talk by Derek Blunt entitled 'Squires & Spires' - he gave an amusing and interesting talk incorporating a quiz which was enjoyed by all members present.

The October meeting was our AGM where a ploughman's lunch was provided by the committee.

Apart from our monthly meetings which cover a variety of subjects, once a member you could also enjoy many other varied outings. Examples this year have included visits to The Houses of Parliament, Coventry Cathedral and the Wedgwood Factory.

Why not come along and join us at one of our monthly meetings held at 7.30pm at the Village Hall on the second Thursday of each month. A warm welcome is assured.

Tina Alexandrou



Courteenhall Road Allotment Site

We are well into Autumn now and the nights are drawing in, but we can still expect some warm, sunny days to work on our plots. The soil on the site is very light so I do not bother with Autumn digging, instead sowing green manure wherever possible to be dug in next Spring. The roots of the green manure (and even of weeds left to overwinter) help to hold the soil together until you are ready to prepare the ground for sowing in the new year.

Autumn is also a great time for browsing seed catalogues and deciding what you want to grow next season.

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

South Northants Art Trail

The nine of us, who exhibited work in the wonderful setting of Blisworth Parish Church recently, agree that this was our happiest and most successful Art Trail yet. The Church just buzzed with arty conversation much of the time, the hand bell ringers played for us and we realised a footfall that capped 600 for the week. Visitors participated in workshop/demos, particularly three little Blisworth girls who designed glass infused hearts, we hope they will treasure them always.

Our thanks to Rev'd Andrea for her support and encouragement, to Church warden Fiona McKenzie for her constant help and advice, to the Congregation who patiently accepted disrupted seating two Sundays running and to all the visitors for their generosity and interest, without all of you there would be no need for all of us - you make our art-making worthwhile. **Thank you!**

If you would like to paint or work at some craft why not join the newly formed **Evening Art Group** at the Baptist Church Coffee House 7.30pm - 9.30pm on Mondays.

Details from Beryl Payler 858476 Maggie Turton 858594

BVHPFA 250 Club

	Sep	Oct	
£30	119	225	Thank you to all members
£20	45	182	for their support. If you
£20	129	80	would like to join, please
£10	55	99	give me a ring on 858482
£10	66	103	Estelle Rose

Blisworth Baptist Church

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

Remembrance Sunday
 13th November at 10.45 am

Children from Blisworth School
Singing in the Coffee Shop
 6th December at 10.30 am
 A Christmas Celebration

Carols by Candlelight Service
 Sunday 11th December at 6 pm
 With the Children from Blisworth School Singing
 Followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies
 Teas, Coffees and Juices available

Christmas Day Service at 10 am
 A short service of celebration

New Years Day Service at 11 am
 A short service to welcome in the New Year

Eduphant Play
Eduphant Play at Blisworth Baptist Chapel on various Thursdays during term time commencing at 10:30 - 11:30. Refreshments are included.: 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 November 26th**
All men are most welcome

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

Blisworth Prescription Collection

A reminder that the following volunteers have kindly agreed to continue collecting and delivering repeat prescriptions if you are unable to get to the surgery.

Janet Fall	(whole village)	859566
Denise Ingram	(whole village)	858489
Chris Lea	(whole village)	857659
Fiona McKenzie	(whole village)	859541
Margaret Murphy	(whole village)	858303
Ann Chapman	(Courteenhall Road, Greenaway Close)	858286
Jane Percival	(Stoke Road, Greenside, Church Lane)	858478
Mason Masterman	(Pond Bank)	858985
Les Tebbutt	(Pond Bank)	858858
Janet Steeper	(The Park)	879629
Jenny Wakelin	(Blisworth + Gayton)	858288

Please telephone your selected volunteer with your name, address and date when you order your prescription. If an Answerphone message is not confirmed within 24 hours please try another choice.

Any problems? Please phone Beryl Andrews 858252

ARE YOU A CARER?

Northants Carers care about you

Jenny will be at the Coffee House on
Tuesday 15th November and Tuesday 20th December
10.00 until 11.30am

To help you with benefit queries
to arrange for someone to sit with your
loved one whilst you shop or have a break
We are here to help, so please come along.



Blisworth Community School

The term leading up to Christmas is always exciting in primary school and this year will be no exception! These are some dates for the diary.

Friday 11 November at 11.45am - Remembrance Service (Outside if weather permits, if not in the School Hall.)

Tuesday 15 November 1.30 - 4.30 - Open Afternoon - The Big Birthday Party! It's one year since we opened the new extension and we are celebrating. Please join us for birthday cake and a cup of tea. The children will be singing, and visitors are welcome to look round.

Friday 25th November - Traditional School Christmas Bazaar 5-8pm.

Thursday 8 December - Senior Citizens Christmas lunch (bookings must be in by 1st December)

Sunday 11 December - The School Choir will be singing at the Candlelit Carol Service at the Baptist Church

Monday 12 December 6pm - School Carol Service at St Johns

Tuesday 13 December 10.30am - The School Choir will be making a guest appearance at the Coffee Shop
Please come and join us for any or all of these events.
We would be most glad to see you!

Celia Irwin - Head Teacher

Blisworth Film Club

November 24th 'Florence Foster Jenkins' a comedy/drama about the true story of the American heiress who pursues her dream of becoming the World's greatest singer, despite having a dreadful voice. Starring Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant. Great reviews. 7.00pm for 7.30 pm start, admission £5.

December 22nd, Christmas Special! We have decided to start 'The Season of Goodwill' by screening **'The BFG'** on the Thursday before Christmas, when accompanied (and well behaved!) children are welcome. The usual £5 admission charge for adults, with children under 10 free, over 10 years £2. This film has received wonderful reviews and is closely based on the much loved book by Roald Dahl. **Doors open at 6.30pm**, the film starts at 7.00pm.

Bring your own drinks and cushions. All welcome.

Margaret Holiday 858590



Blisworth Canal Partnership Tunnel Spinney

A whole team of volunteers gathered in the Tunnel Car Park on 23rd October and were soon hard at work. You will have no doubt noticed what they achieved. The hedge and what remained of an old rickety fence

between the Tunnel Car Park and Stoke Road have both been removed, the Spinney looks a lot clearer and the broken picnic bench has been fixed. It was important to open up the Car Park as the level of anti-social behaviour increases with the height of the hedge. No more hiding behind it.

Blisworth Scouts have also been busy in the Spinney. Even a recent damp evening didn't quash the enthusiasm of the group as they set to work **planting the 500 bluebell bulbs** that we purchased for them. The bulbs have been buried in small patches throughout the Spinney and should start sprouting in the Spring. Hopefully in a few years Blisworth will have its very own Bluebell wood.

FESTIVAL 2017

Almost 30 villagers met in the Village Hall on September 17th to reflect on this year's festival and put forward ideas and offers of help for Festival 2017. We've already set the dates – **Saturday August 12th and Sunday August 13th**. Time flies and so we already need to be busy. We'll be collecting in cuddly toys and bric-a-brac again, so get in touch if you have any. If you can spare an hour then we have Pluck a Duck prizes to wrap and number. Just get in touch with Jan (below) and she'll explain. Watch out for the dates of the next village meeting. Please come along, all welcome, every idea and bit of help is needed to roll out this great event.

Jan Andrews 07919 003704
blisworthcanalpartnership@hotmail.co.uk

Blisworth Play Reading Group

The Group meets first Wednesday morning in each month. Our next meeting will be Wed 2 Nov followed by Wed 7 Dec. We begin a new play in November, so if you are still 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 further details, please phone **Dick Hennessy on 858602**.

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 spaces now available. Please contact Pam on 07803662433 to arrange a visit.

Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Friday 16th December for the January/February 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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