

# Round and About

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**Blisworth Parish Council Newsletter**

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## Notes from the Chairman.....

Time has passed incredibly quickly and we find ourselves enjoying the delights of Summer.

### Roads and Potholes

Our thanks to the PC's Past Chairman, Charlie Jeffery, who organised a petition to complain about the state of Blisworth's Roads some time ago. At the PC's request Charlie attended the NCC Scrutiny Committee meeting at short notice. This was regarding the petition and the lack of a response from the Council. As expected the Committee found in favour of the Council in that the potholes are within acceptable limits due to the underlying concrete.

However the pot holes in Buttmead and Connegar Leys have been filled in and we now wait to see if those areas will have the same new asphalt as the very nice surface in Courteenhall Road. Let's hope that the High Street will be the subject of the same treatment?

The CPRE Litter Campaign was launched at the Primary School on 22nd of May with the pupils taking part in the Litter Citizen Awards scheme. The pupils responded enthusiastically to the challenge. We have just heard that Blisworth has won first prize! Thanks to all of those involved, especially to those who started the project, Tony Hillier and his team.

The Survey Group is about to launch an invite to the village to attend an Open Weekend to help collate your ideas to be covered in the Village Survey.

After enjoying the Bulbs planted in the triangle containing the Village Sign. Les Carter has kindly mown and tidied the area! Many thanks from the PC.

Blisworth PC continues to be busy with the planning applications more information can be viewed along with:

The minutes of the PC meeting on the PC web site.

A new Councillor has been elected, Simon Bunker, we are pleased to welcome him.

There is still a vacancy if anyone is interested? Please contact the Clerk Viv Hartley tel (858360)

Stop Rail Central continues to support the village in its fight against both Rail Central and the Gateway proposals, please support them in any way that you can! All of the up to date information can be found on the web site.

**June Hawkins, Chairman—Blisworth Parish Council**



Have you seen the new map at the entrance to the Village Hall? Quite frightening! (Ed)

## Blisworth Parish Church

***Bidden or unbidden, God is present***

*"The Lord is my pace setter, I shall not rush. He makes me stop for quiet intervals, He provides me with images of stillness which restore my serenity. He leads me in ways of efficiency through calmness of mind. Though I have many things to accomplish each day, I will not fret, for His presence is here; His timelessness will keep me in balance. He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of activity. He anoints my mind with oils of tranquillity. My cup of joyous energy overflows. Truly harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours, for I shall walk in the pace of my Lord, and dwell in His house for ever". A modern version of psalm 23 from Japan.*

I wonder how many people have noticed that the church clock is again working? A new mechanism has been fitted, the hands adjusted, and the face painted. We are grateful for the grant that allowed this village amenity to be restored.

We are looking forward to a visit from the Bishop at the end of June. Two chairs, known as the Bishop's chairs, have been restored by the Blisworth Tapestry Group, and the Bishop will bless the chairs and the work that has been done on them.

This is the last R&A before the Canal Festival, on August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, a week later than previous years. Sunday services will be a morning service at 9.30 am and Songs of Praise at 4 pm (outside if fine). Beverages and delicious cakes will be served both days free of charge, but donations to church funds are welcome. Gifts and books will be on sale, and there will be displays of local heritage and family history information by the Blisworth Heritage Society – always a favourite.

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

## **A5 Closure Through Towcester - A43 Blisworth Turn**

As you may already know, the A5 through Towcester is to be closed to through traffic for up to 18 weeks on or about July 23rd. The main diversions are via the A508 (from A5 roundabout) M1 and A43. Because of the extra traffic the Blisworth turn right off the A43 will be closed for safety. So, coming from Towcester you will have to go on to Junction 15A and come back, the left turn off the A43 and the left turn onto it will function normally. Similarly, the Hulcot junction will be left turns only.

Limited access to the shops in Towcester will be possible with all parking on the main road suspended. Buses will still run with routes modified where necessary. Good luck to us all. (Ed)

## Blisworth Film Club

**July 26th 'Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool'** A stranger than fiction love story. Annette Bening has the best role of her long career as Gloria Grahame, an aging screen star of the 1950s. A classic weepie with warmth and tenderness. Also starring Jamie Bell.

**August 23rd 'Finding Your Feet'** A great British Film about growing older and learning to enjoy it. Starring many of our favourite actors, including Celia Imrie, Imelda Staunton, Joanna Lumley and Timothy Spall. Funny, moving and lots of fun.

As usual, doors open at 7.00p for 7.30pm start, in the Village Hall. Admission £5. Bring your own drinks and cushions.

**Margaret Holiday 858590**

## FUNDRAISING FOR THE AIR AMBULANCE

Thank you to all those Blisworth people who made donations to the local Air Ambulance in response to my ride from Blisworth to Edinburgh and back on my 1982 Honda motorcycle.

The round trip was 720 miles and I completed it in a little under 20 ½ hours. Further donations can be made by visiting [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/trevor-pinfold](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/trevor-pinfold) or at 18, High Street. Thank you for your support.

**Trevor Pinfold**

## Blisworth Community Choir (Musical Director Helen Thorman) Come and join us for our Summer Concert At St. Johns Church Blisworth Thursday July 19th at 7 pm

We will be singing songs from Oliver and Les Miserables together with many other well known classics.

Have a fun evening of light entertainment. Admission is free. We will be having a raffle and a collection on behalf of the ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY. Please give generously.  
**Winnie Bateman**

## Blisworth Afternoon & Evening Art & Craft Groups

The May Annual Art Show was not so well attended as past years but there was positive visitor feedback on the well presented and varied work exhibited and the percentage of sales was higher. It was good to welcome 'new' exhibitors and there were several enquiries regarding next year's show. On this basis the Art Show was deemed a success and we look forward to next year.

A big 'thank you' to all the Members who gave their time to install and dismantle the Exhibition, make cakes and steward, all the hard work was much appreciated.

The **Gallery & Picasso Pantry** during the August Festival weekend has proved a popular event in the Art & Craft Groups' calendar and we look forward again to welcoming the many visitors who will browse the art work and enjoy a **Ploughman's lunch** or **Cream tea**. See you there!!

**Maggie Turton 858594**

## Jazz at the Walnut Tree

Wednesday July 18th at 8pm Tad Newtons Jazz Friends and special US star Greg Abate. Wednesday August 1st at 8pm, Dart Valley Stompers.

## Girlguiding in Showsley District Grange Park, Milton Malsor, Roade, Blisworth

We desperately need more Adult Volunteer Helpers (over 18) to work with the units in the Showsley District. Do you, or anyone you know, have an interest in helping to run meetings for Rainbows (5 - 7 years), Brownies (7 - 10 years), or Guides (10 - 14 years). This could be to train as a Leader, Assistant Leader or Unit helper. We need people able to attend meetings on a weekly basis during term time only and help out at meetings. Full support will be given.

Girlguiding takes safeguarding seriously and works to strict ratios of adults to children and we urgently need more adult help to accommodate the large number of girls from our waiting lists and keep all our units open. At present we are looking for help with Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. It would be great to be able to open another unit so that the girls can have the opportunity to be involved in Guiding.

Adult Leaders in Guiding is a fun, rewarding experience, it isn't just about campfires and helping the girls get their next badge, although these are all special moments we share. It's about empowering girls and giving them new experiences. It's being a role model and helping girls to realise their full potential. It's sharing and developing skills, it can also be a useful addition to a CV when applying for employment.

- Meet new friends near you
- Take a refreshing break from your everyday routine
- Share a skill or specialism
- Make a difference to the lives of girls in your community
- Spend time laughing, playing, and being inspired by incredible girls and young women
- Get valuable experience working with young people
- Being part of a dynamic family.

To give you an idea of the sort of activities the groups have been involved with: Trips to Cadbury World, Pantomime, Hulabaloo, Safari Park, Trampolines at Boost, Ice Skating, Sleepover, Pirate Day, Tesco Farm to Fork experience, Ice Cream Parlor, Circus Skill Badge.

Work with young people; develop skills from first aid to fundraising. It's time to get involved. Register your interest at: [go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-as-volunteer/](http://go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-as-volunteer/)

If you would like more information or just a friendly chat, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at: Tel. Mob. 07515 282112 Email [roberts.jane16@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:roberts.jane16@yahoo.co.uk)

## BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

have a vacancy for a  
PARISH COUNCILLOR  
meeting once a month

Financial and management experience  
would be welcome but not vital.

Contact the Parish Clerk on 858360



## Blisworth Bookworms

The next session to exchange books and opinions will be 1.30pm – 3.30pm on **23<sup>rd</sup> July** – this is the **fourth** Monday in the month. There will be **NO** meeting during August. Venue: 7 Westbrook, Blisworth. Further details **Maggie Turton** on 858594.

## Blisworth Women's Institute

This June is a special year celebrated along with many other WI's in the County, with a Centenary 'Picnic in The Park' at Althorp.



As usual we have a full calendar of interesting speakers at our meetings, in July we have a talk on Tai Chi and Self Defence and in August we are going to Delapre Abbey.

As an extra trip in July we will also be playing a game of Croquet at St. Andrews Hospital, always great fun!

Along with many other groups in the village our thoughts are turning to this year's Festival on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> August. We will again be at Blisworth House and are busy thinking of fresh ideas for our stall as well as the usual homemade cakes, jams and chutneys.

New members always welcome at our monthly meetings in the Village Hall on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm.

**Tina Alexandrou**

### BVHPFA 250 Club Results

	May	June
£30	105	209
£20	198	46
£20	141	29
£10	65	115
£10	188	195

Thank you all for your support. This year we donated £1,300 to the VHPFA which will benefit us all.  
Estelle Rose on 858482.

## 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 a 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

## Blisworth Festival 2018

This year's Festival (18-19 August) is getting closer and the organising committee are looking for more volunteers to help make this another great event for the village. As well as helping during the Saturday and Sunday, we need help in the set-up and tear-down too. No matter how much time you're able to spare, we'd love to hear from you.

Many thanks to those who put their names down on our Volunteer Register at the Open Meeting earlier in the year.

We'll be holding a meeting for all those offering to help nearer the time to agree individual roles and time slots.

In the meanwhile, if you feel able to help in any way, please drop us an email with your name, availability, contact details, and whether there's any particular role(s) you'd prefer to help with. Send to [info@blisworthfestival.org](mailto:info@blisworthfestival.org) and put 'Volunteering' in the Subject field.

## 1st Blisworth Scout Group

Each time I write behalf of the Scout Group I say how much the group needs more Leaders, with little success. This time it is more important than ever, **two of the Leaders are leaving**. **Stuart Lack**, left after helping at the Scouts Backwoods Camp and **Mick Turton** has decided to retire from his weekly commitment with cubs and scouts at the end of term. Mick has already agreed to help out on request, for which we are very grateful.

Many villagers, like myself, have gone through the movement knowing both Stuart and Mick. Stuart was a Leader at the first camp my elder son went to and Mick was my mentor when I began scouting nearly 30 years ago. This news will leave a hole in the Leader team, if you sometimes wonder "could I do that" why not take the four-week challenge and come and help the Leaders without committing to anything to see if it could be something you could do, just speak to any of the Leader team. Working directly with the young people not for you, then why not volunteer to come on the committee - we need your help.

The second request is for dog owners, we are finding pooch bags left around outside the hall. I know there is no dog bin nearby but there is one by the football club car park please use it. The Leaders have to check around the area before they can use the BBQ or allow the youngsters outside.

Meanwhile the sections are enjoying the fine weather and taking the youngsters out whenever they can, pond dipping, sailing on the canal (the parents helping out that night enjoyed it as much as the youngsters!!) or going on camp building bivis and cooking on open fires. We provide exciting programmes helping the young people to have fun as well as taking part in skills for life. Scouting in Blisworth is going places, let's keep it that way.

**Sandra, Group Contact 858764**

## Blisworth Play Reading Group

The Play Reading Group will meet on Wednesdays 4 July and 1 Aug. In July we will be completing a Farce by Derek Benfield and in Aug a new play. New Members are always welcome, so come along to a meeting and try it, no skill or experience required. For more information contact **Dick Hennessy** on 858602.





Blisworth Heritage Society



## MUSIC IN THE CHURCH ON A SUMMER EVENING

Richard York presents

17 & 18 c. music played on Authentic Instruments

On a warm summer evening with music played like this, the atmosphere is magical, so do come along. To round off the evening we offer you a glass of sparkling wine and fresh strawberries.

Members £3, Visitors £5

**13 July at 7:30pm**

Our usual "Open Archives" are available:  
Thurs 19 July and 16 Aug 2:30 – 4:30pm  
and during the Canal Festival

## Stitchery Do

Creating with fabric and thread



Workshops: Venue Blisworth Scout Community Hall

**5th July - Paverpol Sculptures** With Anne Marie and Trish. £30 for sculpture materials

**2nd August - Wet Felting** With Lesley. Felting materials will be available to purchase on the day

**11th August - Trip to Festival of Quilts at the NEC**

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**

## Report from Blisworth Progress Group

### Litter Campaign

Well done to the Campaign Group, a great achievement to win the first prize in the Litter Heroes 2018 award.

### Survey Group

We intend to hold an Open Weekend on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September in the Village Hall to canvas ideas on areas to be covered by the proposed Village Survey. (more details in the next edition of R&A and on Blisworth Noticeboard on Facebook nearer the time.

### Planters

The Planters on Towcester Road paid for by the Parish Council will shortly be filled.

### Old Cemetery

Paulette's team are still looking for more volunteers to help clear the graves and maintain the area. Thanks to Andy Newbury for his continuing support.

### Chapel Graveyards

The ivy has been sprayed to prepare the base for the new shed. Now the strimmer has been fixed the grass in both graveyards will be cut.

**Ann North - Secretary**

## 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

**Tots Holiday Club, Fridays during August, see separate notice for details**

**Blisworth Festival August 18th and 19th**

**Boaters Breakfast both days from 8.00**

**All welcome, not just Boaters**

**Refreshments and afternoon teas both days**

### Coffee House Open

Tuesdays at 10.00am until 12.30pm

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday is "Carers Support Day"

### Men's Breakfast

Last Saturday of the Month at 8.30am in the Coffee House

**Next Breakfast: July 28<sup>th</sup>, none August**

**All men are very welcome**

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

**Website [www.blisworthbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.blisworthbaptistchurch.org.uk)**

Latest information is on the Website



## Blisworth Football Supporters Club

Courteenhall Road

The weekend of 16th and 17th June saw the football club hold their second annual youth football tournament. We welcomed more than 40 teams over the two days, and once again the event was a fantastic success.

### \*\*New players required\*\*

The football club is now looking to get its next crop of young footballers playing at the club. If your child is currently in reception year at school and would like to play for a team where the primary focus is on enjoying learning and playing the game, we'd love to hear from you. We already have a fantastic coach in place to lead the group.

We also have our ongoing girls football training sessions being held at the club for girls aged 5 to 11 on Wednesday nights from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

**Matthew Goude**

## Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Monday 20th August for the September/October Issue.

Please email items you wish to include to:

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or send to the Editor: Alan North  
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