

Round and About

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Notes from the Chairman.....

The sun shone on the Canal Festival, making it an enjoyable experience for all! Lots of interesting events and stalls, from Dog Shows to Art Exhibits, Allotments, Artisan Market, the Festival Field, the Church, the Chapel, Canal boats trading their wares, to name but a few participants and attractions. The PC would like to thank the organisers for all their hard work in creating and running such a successful event.

On behalf of the PC I would like to thank Mrs Celia Irwin for all her input as Head of Blisworth Primary School over the years and to wish her well in her retirement. We would also like to welcome the new Head, Jo Reed, who will take on the challenge of Blisworth Primary School in the Autumn Term. We wish her every success for the future.

The PC continues to try to negotiate with the various authorities regarding the use of Little Lane and Chapel Lane for construction traffic during the building of the new homes. Parking is a big issue. Please be assured that the PC is doing everything possible to resolve the issue. Please read the minutes of the PC meetings for further information.

Note: The Green Area at the Junction of Conneger Leys and Buttmead. This is NCC Land, not a parking area! The PC therefore understand that this green area can be used by children to play games. Please read the minutes of the last PC meeting where the situation was put before the PC.

A date has been set for consultation on an update to the Village Survey. This is being organised by the Progress Group Survey Team and will take place in the Village Hall on the weekend of Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd September from 10 – 4. The PC hope that you will all come along and put forward your ideas for the future of Blisworth.

Blisworth continues to be a very busy village. The Stop Rail Central team are to be thanked for all of their constructive input in the fight against the Rail Freight Terminal which will, if built, affect all aspects of Blisworth Village life. Please support them as much as you can.

As Autumn approaches, in the evening light, it is good to see the Church Clock lit up again and showing the correct time! It's an excellent Village historical focal point.

June Hawkins Chair of Blisworth Parish Council

Blisworth Play Reading Group

The Play Reading Group begin their autumn season with a meeting on Wednesday 5th Sept at 10am so if you would like to come along and see if you enjoy it, this is an excellent time to do so. We then meet again on Wed Oct 3rd and continue meeting on the first Wednesday morning in the month for the rest of the season. Further details from **Dick on 858602**.



Well the dust has settled on a fabulous week end as the 2018 Blisworth festival passes into the village history books.

We estimate around 35 to 38,000 visitors came to Blisworth over the weekend to enjoy all we as a village have to offer and the feedback from both the visitors and the traders has

been staggering. Our wonderful Scout group carried out a survey on both visitors and traders and comments like “the best yet” and “such a friendly festival” make all the hard work and hard knocks worth it for all the committee members. We will learn from these going forward.

We have had some outstanding and unwavering support from villagers this year as well as volunteers who worked like Trojans! Without that help there is no way the festival would have been the success it has. I won't embarrass individuals here!

Special thanks must go to Cathie and John who provide the festival field, advice and a positive outlook.

The Wakelin family who provided the car park field. and just managed to get the crop off in time!

Bob and Marilyn at Blisworth House for allowing us to use their garden once again.

Janet and the WI for replenishing the bunting around the village and all those who helped put it up.

Michael Wreford for helping with traffic cones and transporting equipment around the village.

Everyone who came to our rescue with gazebos at the last minute!

The Clarke family for opening up the wharf, great to have you back!

Tony Perrett for providing skips.

If I have missed anyone its because there have been so many stars this year please accept our deep gratitude.

And of course the rest of the committee Jack King, Colin Neal, Duncan Price, Jim McQueen and my wife Andrea who have put in hours of work, kept me on the straight and narrow and made each other laugh along the way.

Last but not least to everyone in the village. Thank you for your patience, understanding and support which enables the event to showcase the village.

We will hold an open meeting in the near future to get some of your feedback and let you know more detailed results of the weekend.

Mike Holton - Blisworth Canal Partnership

Blisworth Baptist Church

Family Service every Sunday at 10.45 am
Communion every First and Third Sunday
Children are most welcome, Crèche and Children's activities provided.

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

Advanced Notices
Harvest Festival Service
Sunday September 30th at 10.45

Baptismal Service
Date to be confirmed

Coffee House Open
 Tuesdays 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: September 29th and October 27th
All men are very welcome

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

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

Blisworth Afternoon & Evening Art & Craft Groups

A big *thank you* to all members and friends who contributed so much time and effort into making the Picasso Pantry/Art Gallery so successful during the Canal Festival. Paintings/pottery sold and many compliments were received regarding the well presented lunches/cream teas and delicious homemade cakes. We are sure the village must be proud of our Festival team for the organisation of such a large event and thinking outside the box to solve a disappointment when it arose. Very well done!

Some members will be participating again in the **South Northants Art Trail from 6th to 14th October in the Parish Church**. This is always an exciting time for the artists and visitors alike and this year made extra special by **Saturday workshops** for the children and **adult watercolour sessions** during the week. So why not come along and have a paint. Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. All details will appear in the brochures that will soon be distributed around the village. So please make sure you pick up a copy. **Maggie Turton 858594**



STOP RAIL CENTRAL

Our display at the Blisworth Festival had many visitors and caused quite a stir. The new map again was very effective.

This, together with the volunteers supporting the display resulted in many additional signatures on our petition. The wide catchment area of the festival was ideal for spreading the word throughout the huge area that will be effected in one way or another by the blight. (Ed)

Blisworth Parish Church

"Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46. V 10

The village has just hosted another Festival weekend. A week later than in previous years, but that did not seem to deter the numbers of visitors. As in previous years, St. John's was open to provide refreshments, including literally dozens of homemade cakes. These were offered free of set charge, but donations to the upkeep of the church were welcome. We also provided a "gifts" table, and books, and have been much blessed by the generosity of all who provided goods for this, and made the dozens of cakes. By Sunday afternoon not a scrap was left, and we had served over 700 drinks. A good number of people were interested to follow up local family connections, helped by Sally Edwards with her collection of so many records. The Heritage Society put on interesting displays of Village history. During the weekend the bell ringers rang for the start of the Festival on Saturday and again on Sunday for our service of Holy Communion at 9.30. Later they rang a quarter peal. There is always a lot of interest when they ring, and hopefully some people may be interested to learn to ring – a fascinating hobby. So, many thanks to all who baked, served, put on displays, and in many ways helped to make the church a vibrant location throughout the weekend. And on a wider note, so very much appreciation for the organisers.

Another of our Benefice churches, Alderton, will be putting on their annual Arts Festival on September 1st and 2nd – well worth a visit.

The Northamptonshire Art Trail runs from October 6th to 14th and talented artists will be displaying their paintings in St. John's. We hope that many visitors will come to admire (and possibly buy) their work. Sunday services will take place as usual during this time.

Our Rector, Revd. Andrea Watkins is now on a three month sabbatical. She has a lot planned (including some work for the Diocese!) we look forward to hearing all about it when she returns to us in December. Meanwhile, our Curate Revd. Sue Cooper will be the first port of call.

Although our beautiful church building is used for many events, and we welcome the busyness, nevertheless for the majority of time this holy place is one that offers peace and regeneration for any who visit to bring fears and worries and thanks in private to the God who will always hear our prayers.

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

Save the Date

Light Party

Saturday October 27th 5.30 to 7.30 pm

A positive alternative to Halloween for 5 to 10 year olds

Look out for more details in October

Blisworth Baptist Church

The Parks Medical Practice



Flu Clinics

Blisworth Surgery

Saturday 27th October 8.30am to 12.30pm

Our lovely nurses will be waiting to provide the following services for eligible* patients:

**Flu vaccine Injection
Flu Vaccine Nasal Spray
Pneumonia vaccine**

Recent studies by NHS England has found that the flu vaccine is more effective when administered at a later date, so our flu vaccines will be arriving later in the year.

There are now vaccines tailored for specific age groups, so when booking please tell Reception your age.

**PLEASE TELEPHONE THE SURGERY ON
878000 TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT**

*If you are unsure of your eligibility please telephone reception or check our website
www.theparksmedicalpractice.co.uk

A Real Festival Bonus

The allotments in Stoke Road were last fully opened to the public in 2010 at a time when the field had no vacancies; in 2018 there were six plots that were not tended. This year's event to support the Blisworth Canal Festival was a real plus as now all six plots have been taken by gardeners visiting the festival.

All who came to the field were enthusiastic and appreciative, cake was eaten, produce purchased and books were taken for a small donation. The allotment holders who gave their time to help enjoyed talking to everyone and it was a really happy weekend. I take this opportunity to thank them, they helped to set it all up and clear away afterwards. Thanks also go to those who donated produce, cakes and books. Much was achieved by a few.

Jane Percival

Blisworth Pre School

Now offering extended opening hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8am- 1pm

Tuesday and Thursday 8am - 3pm

Children accepted from 2 years

Funding available

Ofsted Registered and approved

Experienced, nurturing, longstanding staff

Warm friendly village location

For more information please contact Pam on
0780366243

BVHPFA 250 Club Results

	July	August
£30	181	238
£20	28	158
£20	39	250
£10	210	76
£10	117	194

Thank you all for your support. Estelle Rose on 858482.

Blisworth Community Choir (Musical Director Helen Thorman)

What a wonderful Summer Concert we had on a very warm July evening. What a delightful audience you were enjoying every minute of it and generously giving over £600 for the Alzheimer's Society –Thank you very much.

Special thanks to Helen who puts us through our paces to make sure it was 'All right on the night!' Thanks also to our soloists Mazzy and Jane, Andy and John, not forgetting Sue on the saxophone. Well done all of you.

Our next concert is at:

St, Mary's Church Stoke Bruerne

Friday 14th September 7 pm

Do come along, admission is free. There will be a collection and a raffle for charity as yet to be arranged.

Till then keep on singing!

Winnie Bateman winnie@greenside1940.plus.com

1st Blisworth Scout Group

Half of our summer break has already passed and I'm sure our youngsters are enjoying the holidays, but what of our Leaders. Well I'm sure they too are enjoying the break but I also know they are spending time programme planning for the Autumn term and researching various challenging activities they would like to introduce. Some based on previous activities and some that they may have seen or learnt about on camps, in scouting publications, or even on their own holidays. All based around our theme of Skills for Life at the same time giving our young people the opportunity to take the lead.

For the last three years I have been Group Contact for the group, this isn't ideal as I have other District and County responsibilities mainly in delivering training courses to Leaders and Young Leaders as well as being Chair of the District Appointments committee. What the group needs is a Group Scout Leader that only has responsibility for the group so they, in conjunction with both the Leaders and the committee can ensure that the Group continues to provide excellent scouting for our members as well as keeping the profile of the group high. For this reason, I am stepping back from Blisworth Group at the Autumn half term, now the hunt is on for a Group Scout Leader – are you good with people? appreciate working with volunteers? believe in the value of scouting? Then you could be just who we are looking for. You don't have to have a scouting background, yes it helps, but if you are prepared to listen to our members and understand the issues that face both Leaders and Committee you could do it. There is training and support given, if you are interested why not give me a ring for an informal chat with no obligation.

By the time you read this our new term will be starting and the fun begins again!!

Sandra, Group Contact 858764



Blisworth Bookworms

The next two meetings will be held on
September 24th & October 22nd, 1.30pm –
3.30pm at 7 Westbrook, Blisworth. Further
details **Maggie Turton** on 858594.

Blisworth Film Club

September 27th: The Phantom Thread A cantankerous and perfection-obsessed 1950s fashion designer falls for a shy waitress.... Daniel Day Lewis' final farewell to his screen career. Recommended.

October 25th: The Guernsey Literacy and Potato Peel Pie Society A beautiful adaptation of the best selling novel about wartime experiences in Nazi occupied Guernsey, with a cast of well known actors and starring Lily James.

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

Margaret Holiday 858590

Stitchery Do

Creating with fabric and thread



Workshops

6th September - Bags of Inspiration Bring along your recycled materials and sewing machine. Venue the Scout Community Hall

4th October - Embroidered Tress and Ferns Bring along your embroidery threads and sewing kits. Venue the Chapel Coffee House

Sessions are held on the first Thursday of each month, from 10.00 until 3.00pm. Complimentary Teas and Coffees, bring your own packed lunch. We welcome new members to our friendly craft and sewing group. More details from **Carol on 858776** or **Margaret on 858590**

Report from Blisworth Progress Group

Litter Campaign

The Campaign's next project is to look at the location of all the litter bins in the village, who supplied them and who empties them and where more are required. It is hoped to provide more using the Litter Heroes 2018 award prize money and volunteers to empty them. If any organisation in the village would care to sponsor a bin the money would go further and more bins can be provided. 'Please take your litter home with you' posters will be sited in the village.

Survey Group

The flier in this edition gives details of the Open Weekend on 22nd and 23rd September in the Village Hall. We wish to canvas ideas on areas to be covered in the proposed Village Survey. It is your chance to shape our village for the future.

End of WW1 Commemoration

It is hoped that village organisations will make poppies, knitted, crocheted or material, to be hung on the street name signs around the village. Also a wreath to be provided with the names of those from Blisworth killed in WW1. If you need a pattern for knitting or crochet please contact me ann.north@homecall.co.uk.

Community Resilience and Response Group

Volunteers are required to look into Emergency Procedures in place for the village. These will cover most eventualities and more information can be found on the NCC website under Emergency and Flood Plan Guidance. If you would like to help, please contact me.

Ann North - Secretary Progress Group



Blisworth Heritage Society



Friday Sept 14 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall
"180 YEARS OF LONDON TO BIRMINGHAM RAILWAY"
by Dick Hennessy & Andy Newbery

Friday OCT 12 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall
"GREAT FIRE OF NORTHAMPTON"
by Ruth Thomas

We have "Open Records" sessions in the church at 2:30pm on Thurs 20 Sept and 18 Oct, if there is any record of particular interest, please contact any committee member and we will try to make it available for you.

Did you know that?: It is now 180 years since the railway embankment was built separating Blisworth from Milton. Our September talk will tell the story and Roade History Society have a related exhibition on 8/9 Sept telling the story of digging the vast Blisworth Cutting.

See our website <http://www.blisworthheritage.org.uk>

Blisworth Women's Institute



Our members recently enjoyed two great trips out, an evening of croquet at St. Andrews Hospital and a visit to the newly renovated Delapre Abbey.

We had our usual stall at the Canal Festival and it was a great success with nearly everything sold out. The two cakes that we raffled were also a great success and won by local people. President Janet Steeper would like to thank everyone who helped to make it such a success.

In September we will be having a speaker on the 'Women's Land Army' which should be very interesting and in October it will be our AGM. If anyone is interested in joining the committee this is the month to step forward! We (the committee) are always looking for new ideas and often a new face can come up with something we hadn't thought about, so why not give it a go. Just speak to any committee member at the meetings or call our President - Janet Steeper on 879629.

New members welcome at our monthly meetings in the Village Hall on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm.

Tina Alexandrou

Jazz at the Walnut Tree

Sunday 2nd September, 12.00—6.30, Jazz Day celebrating 35 years of Sunday Lunchtime Jazz. Regular Sunday sessions recommence on October 7th.

Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Monday 22nd October for the November/December Issue.

Please email items you wish to include to:

New email blisworthranda@gmail.com **New email**
or send to the Editor: Alan North
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