

Round and About

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**Blisworth Parish Council Newsletter
November/December 2018 No 124**



Circa 1800

Notes from the Chairman.....

Autumn is upon us, with it comes Halloween and the display of Pumpkins followed by bonfire night, a time of fun for all!

The development at Chapel Lane is still very much on the Parish Council Agenda. Eastco Homes are the new developers replacing Orbit. Mr Scotney and Chris Hall, Eastcote Homes Project Manager attended, the October 1st PC Meeting which was very informative. Details are available on PC's website, along with the meeting's minutes.

Rail Central: The application was formally submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINs) on 21st September more information is on the PINs website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/East-midlands/Rail-Central-rail-freight-interchange/>. Residents need to register their objections **when notified. This is essential.**

The Survey Group held an open weekend to establish ideas on what to submit as questions for the Village Survey. Lots of ideas with subjects ranging from housing, traffic, parking, transport, litter and many other suggestions! All very helpful.

You will find a list of the responsibilities of both the Parish Council and the current District and County Councils in the next column. Your PC will be pleased to hear of any problems you cannot get resolved and will try to help you.

Local artists exhibited in the Church as part of the SNC Art Trail. The event was well attended and everyone enjoyed the exhibits. Blisworth is fortunate to have so many fine artists. The event included workshops with artists demonstrating specialist mediums. The children enjoyed Fun with Paint.

November 11th is Remembrance Day, the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1. Poppies are being displayed throughout the Village (a Progress Group initiative). The WI will create a display by the village sign. Thank you to the residents and organisations who have made poppies for this special year. Both the Church and Chapel will hold services to commemorate the occasion. The PC and the VHPFA will lay additional wreaths during the service at the Church.

Blisworth continues to be a very lively and active village, it is to be congratulated on its Community spirit!

June Hawkins Chair of Blisworth Parish Council



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

DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES OF BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Street lighting (other than main roads) - Problems to be reported to blisworthparishcouncil@gmail.com, the Parish Clerk, Viv Hartley with the lamp post number.

Play area behind the Village Hall - At above email

Grass cutting contract – verges, weed killing and some overhanging branches (within 30 mph limit) – as above

Footpath Warden

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Planning Applications – recommendations to the District Council

The Village Hall and Playing Fields Association (VHPFA) is a separate charity and responsible for the Village Hall and the Playing Fields including the Multi Use Games Area and play equipment on the field and is landlord to the Football Club and the Scout Hall.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS

SOUTH NORTHANTS DISTRICT COUNCIL - 01327 322322 pending change to the Unitary Authority

Planning and Housing, Council Tax, Waste Collection and recycling, Licensing and Business Rates

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL 0300 126 1000 pending change to Unitary Authority

Adult and Social Care, Schools and Education, Libraries, Fire and Public Safety, Trading Standards, Waste Disposal Buses and Transport, Highways includes Street Doctor, road and pavement repair

Blisworth Canal Partnership and Blisworth WI Working together for a Special Festive Weekend Saturday 8th December and Sunday 9th

Saturday 10.00 to 5. Table top 'good as new' sale with a Christmas theme. Refreshments, something for the children, Hamper Raffle and Christmas tombola. Entry £1.00

Sunday 12.00 to 5.00 Something different: the Village Hall will be transformed into an elegant drawing room with soft music and lighting creating a really relaxing environment to celebrate the start of the Christmas season. Pre-book a table for two or twenty, the choice is yours with a festive afternoon tea (with or without Prosecco).

Also an opportunity to buy china or glass Christmas gifts. Will it be an early Christmas present or a chill-out Sunday?

Pre-book a table for either event (early booking highly recommended) or more details info@Blisworthfestival.org



FOBS Famous Christmas Bazaar



Friends of Blisworth School

Friday 30th November, 5-8pm

Everyone is welcome to join us for a festive evening.

Entry: Adults 50p, Children Free.

A selection of stalls for you to buy Christmas gifts, games and activities for all the family, hot and cold refreshments, and of course, Father Christmas will be in his grotto.

We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information please email: blisworthpta@gmail.com

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

Special Remembrance Day Service

11th November at 10.45

Blisworth School Choir singing for Christmas

Coffee House Tuesday December 12th at 10:30

Carols by Candlelight Service

16th December at 6:00pm

Followed by Refreshments

Family Carol Service

23rd December at 10:45

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

At 10:00

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: November 24th none in December

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

Play with Clay

Blisworth Pottery Group

Come and enjoy our friendly informal group. We meet in the Leisure Hall of the Baptist Church Wednesdays 7.30 to 9.00pm. Beginners and experienced potters welcome.

Blisworth Play Reading Group

The Play Reading Group have a meeting on Wednesday 7th Nov at 10am when we will complete a farce by Derek Benfield, all are welcome to come along and join in. We then meet again on Wed Dec 5th with a seasonal theme. Further details from **Dick** on **858602**.

Blisworth Film Club

November 22nd 'On Chesil Beach' Film sensitively adapted from the book by Ian McEwan. A naive young couple start their marriage in a horribly conventional seaside hotel on Chesil Beach. Set in the duffle - coated era of the 1960s, this tender film shows how very different life is today.

No film show in December but a date for your diary....

January 24th 2019 The film we've all been waiting for... 'Mamma Mia. Here we go again'.

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

Margaret Holiday 858590 or Beryl Payler 858476

Blisworth Parish Church

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." Micah 5:2

In the Old Testament are many passages which clearly foretell the coming of Jesus Christ the Messiah, though written hundreds of years earlier. The above passage is one such, fulfilled in the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

This is the last R&A before Christmas, so it is time to think of what is going on in the Church during Advent. In the Church calendar this is the period in December up to Christmas. During December we are again presenting "Advent Windows" which was so popular two or three years ago. Each evening one home will display a window decorated with an Advent theme. The idea is that all are welcome to congregate at that house, at 7 pm, sing a carol and just think for a moment about the true meaning of the Christmas season. Details of the addresses will be advertised on posters and leaflets in good time. The organiser of this celebration is Norma Bull 858589, and there may be some dates still free. The final "window" will be revealed on Christmas Eve during the traditional family service at 4.30 pm. Again, everyone is invited to leave aside all the preparations for a short time. A collection is taken at that service to be divided between the Children's Society and Helen House Children's Hospice to remember children less fortunate than our own.

The traditional Midnight Communion follows at 11.30 pm.

Other diary dates – **Saturday November 24th** a warm welcome awaits at the Christmas Bazaar and Coffee morning, in Church 10 – 12.30. **Wednesday December 19th**, the Community Choir Concert, in Church at 7.30. **Sunday 16th December** 3 pm; Top Ten Carols.

Did you watch the TV adaptation of Vanity Fair? I was so struck by the opening of each episode: we saw a chaotic kaleidoscopic fairground, full of light and noise and the MC knowingly says, "Vanity Fair, where the whole world is going after what is not worth having". Isn't it easy for the next few weeks to become just like that – a frantic rush to grasp what is transitory and impermanent? I would ask you to turn aside from the world and ask Jesus Christ to show you the true meaning of Christmas, now and forever.

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

Blisworth Women's Institute

Another year is drawing to an end and we have enjoyed many fun and interesting speakers and outings over the year.



Our next meeting in November is a musical evening, shared with our friends of Milton Malsor WI at their meeting place - one to look forward to. Lastly on 13th December we have our Christmas party back in our village hall, this is always a good evening full of fun and food so why not make this the evening to come along as a guest and see if it is something you would like to join next year.

It has been decided that instead of a 'Secret Santa' we would ask all members to bring along a food item to be donated to a local food bank.

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a happy and healthy new year 2019. **Tina Alexandrou**



Blisworth Bookworms

The reading of some thought provoking novels will be shared at our next meeting on 26th Nov when we will also discuss a possible date for a December get together. We meet at 7 Westbrook, 1.30 to 3.30pm
Maggie Turton 858594

Stitchery Do

Creating with fabric and thread



Workshops

1st November & 6th December - 1) Creating a 14 inch Felt Santa Kits available to purchase.

2) Xmas Patchwork Decorations Bring along your Christmas fabrics and sewing kits.

Venue the Chapel Coffee House

Volunteers needed to help clean the Blisworth Tapestries. New printing of 'A Stitch in Time' the story of how the tapestries were created in 2006/7, £3.50.

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**

Dance and Exercise at the Baptist Chapel

Monday evenings: 6:05-6:55pm Fitness class, 7-8pm Contemporary Dance class. Both classes are adaptable to suit all levels - no previous dance experience is necessary. Classes are £6 each or £10 for both classes but your first class is totally free of charge! For more information please contact Sophie on 07964463136,

Jazz at the Walnut Tree

Sunday 11th November, 12.00 Tad Newton's Jazz Friends with sensational USA saxophonist Greg Abate

Report from Blisworth Progress Group

Survey Group

Attendance at the Open Weekend was disappointing but those who attended filled in lots of Post-It notes with plenty of ideas for inclusion in our survey. Thank you to WI and BMC for the refreshments which included some wonderful cakes. If you were unable to attend and would like to comment please send your thoughts to blissurv@gmail.com

100th anniversary of the end of WW1

The number of villagers making poppies to decorate the village is increasing and the production of the booklet with details of those from the village who died in WW1 is going ahead in association with the Heritage Society. The WI are planning a display of poppies under the Blisworth sign.

Litter Campaign

The group are listing all the bins in the village and finding out who owns which and who looks after them. A meeting has been arranged with SNDC to consider the locations.

Community Reliance and Support Group

The advert in R&A asking for volunteers to look at Emergency Procedures for the Village has resulted in an offer from a resident of the Mill, Ian Tack. We are very grateful to Ian who is highly qualified to draft the procedures using the NCC guidance.

Ann North - Secretary

Prescription Collection 2018 / 19

MANY THANKS to the following volunteers who have kindly agreed to continue collecting and delivering repeat prescriptions for anyone unable to get to the surgery.

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

Please telephone your selected volunteer when you order your prescription and don't forget to give your name, address and phone number. If an Answerphone message is not confirmed within 24 hours please try another choice.

Any problems? Please phone Beryl Andrews 858252

BMC Fashion Show

Village Hall November 23rd at 7.30

Blisworth Mothers Club is putting on a Fashion Show with Rock Those Frocks

Tickets £5 including refreshments

Contact Chris Lea 857659 or Beryl Payler 858476

1st Blisworth Scout Group

Where has the time gone, it seems only last week I was saying the Scout Group was going back after the summer and here we are thinking of Autumn events and Christmas.

Bonfire Night – We are holding this on 5th November with a bonfire lit at 6.00pm, fireworks and the usual hot dogs and drinks on sale. A warm welcome to the whole village.

The darker nights don't stop us going out and about, it can add to the adventure especially for the younger ones. There are sleepovers, bowling, activity days and craft sessions connected to Remembrance Day and Christmas in the pipeline, a programme full of interesting and varied events.

We have been talking about leader recruitment, currently there are 130 young people on waiting lists in the Grafton District. The Groups are there but we do not have enough adults, so if you visit our Bonfire night or see us at Remembrance Day or out and about on activities please consider finding an hour or so in your busy schedule to volunteer and join the fun. I step back from the Group this half term in order to focus on my other scouting roles, the group has fantastic Leaders, long standing, dedicated and we have had enormous fun, they deserve your support.

Sandra, Group Contact 858764

Blisworth Afternoon & Evening Art & Craft Groups

Realising a footfall of just short of 700 the **Blisworth Art Trail** must be deemed a resounding success. As one of the thirteen venues supporting the **SNA Art Trail** our Church received many accolades as a popular and atmospheric venue. Ten Blisworth Artists received much praise and encouragement for exhibiting such varied expressions of the visual artstheir cakes were enjoyed too. Children had 'Fun with Colour' workshops and watercolour workshops were well supported. Much thought and hard work by the Artists made the nine days so worthwhile.

It just remains to say 'Thank you' to all the visitors who supported us, to the Blisworth hand bell ringers who played so joyfully on Sunday, to our Church Warden who was always on hand should anything have gone wrong.....it didn't, to the numerous supporters who helped us in many ways, and finally, the Artists, who look forward to doing it all again next year.

Another positive outcome of the recent Canal Festival publicity is that **The Evening Art & Craft Group** have welcomed five new members who are now busily working in acrylic and pen & ink. If anyone else would like to join, please just come along to the Baptist Church Coffee House at 7.30pm on Monday evenings until 10th December when we will break for Christmas. You can be sure of a warm welcome.

Maggie Turton 858594

BVHPFA 250 Club Results

	September	October
£30	141	15
£20	135	113
£20	83	247
£10	209	155
£10	55	183

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

Blisworth Community Choir (Musical Director Helen Thorman)

We gave our Autumn Concert at St Mary's Church Stoke Bruerne, where we raised nearly £400 for 'Torch' (a Christian Organization for the Blind). Well done and thank you for your support.

We are now busy rehearsing for our Christmas Concerts:

At the Abbey Centre East Hunsbury, **Saturday 15th December 7 pm.**

A joint effort between our Community Choir and Hunsbury Voices to raise funds for the Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

BCC Christmas Concert at Blisworth Church **Wednesday 19th December 7pm.**

We are raising funds for Mind (Mental illness).

Both Concerts will have inspiring Christmas music, come and join us for one or both of these Christmas Concerts, you will be given the chance to join in!

If you would like to join the choir we meet at Blisworth Church every Thursday evening at 7pm for 7.30 pm. you'll be more than welcome.

Winnie Bateman winnie@greenside1940.plus.com

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 details please contact Pam on 07803 662433



Blisworth Heritage Society



Friday Nov 9 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall
THE STORY OF A BLISWORTH BOY WHO WENT TO WAR IN WWI

Brian Stewart talks about his grandfather

Friday DEC 7 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall
"YULE BE SURPRISED"

Seasonal Entertainment by **Steve Dimmer**

With the colder weather arriving, we will not be running any more "Open Archives" sessions in the Church until next spring. But, if there is something in the records of particular interest, please contact any committee member and we will try to make it available for you to consult.

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

Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Monday 17th December for the January/February Issue.

Please email items you wish to include to:

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