

# Round and About

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**Blisworth Parish Council Newsletter**

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## Notes from the Chairman.....

Snowdrops, aconites and daffodils appearing in our gardens prepare to welcome Spring to the village!

Viv Hartley clerk to the PC has recovered from her illness and returned to full time duties. Thanks again to Ann North for her splendid input and support during the past months. Also all members of the PC, particularly Paulette Kennedy.

After some thought I have decided to step down as chair of the PC in May. I hope to remain on the PC, and the Progress Group. The last two years have proved an interesting, challenging and rewarding experience. So much has happened and continues to happen in the Village.

My aim was to consolidate Unity within the village, I feel that in many ways this has been achieved. Now is the time for a new Chairman to move the aims and targets of the PC forward to meet future challenges.

My thanks go to the PC for their support, especially those who have given so much time and input during the past months. Also my thanks go to the Progress Group who have supported myself and the PC by achieving so much through positive action.

### Candle Bridge

Cllr Paulette Kennedy and myself attended the SNC Planning Committee, I objected to the plans on behalf of the PC, Cllr Di Burgoyne researched and wrote the presentation! I condensed it to the required 3mins (including stating that Blisworth would like starter homes but not at Candle Bridge). The Application was refused. Please view the meeting notes and presentation on SNC Planning site.

### Speed Watch

This will be activated under the guidance of police co-ordinator Garry Wright, Graham Juffs and Cllr Dave Dalton. Four sites have been identified, Courteenhall Road, Stoke Road, plus 2 in the High Street, training on the equipment will begin at Caroline Chisholm School on the 4th of May.

### Royal Oak

The PC have written to the owners re/ the closure of the Royal Oak asking for information regarding its future! It is an important part of Blisworth Village life having been in existence for over 200years! It was registered as a Community Asset by the PC in 2014

## Rail Freight Terminals

Meetings will be held in March at the Hilton re/ cumulative impact! Representatives from the PC are needed to speak.

There are vacancies on Blisworth Parish Council, Blisworth needs a new Footpath Warden and a new Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator. If you feel that you could help in any way please contact the clerk of the PC Viv Hartley on 858360 or, email:

[blisworthparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:blisworthparishcouncil@gmail.com)

Blisworth is a special village, very united and active, it has been a pleasure to Chair the Parish Council and I wish the next Chairman every success.

**June Hawkins Chair of Blisworth Parish Council**



## Rail Central and Northampton Gateway Update

SRC have been informed that the Examining Authority for Rail Central has been appointed and the matters to be examined have been decided.

By the time this newsletter reaches you it is likely that the examination agenda will have been published and we will know the deadlines and dates for public hearings. We will share this information via Facebook and the SRC web site.

It is highly likely that hearings will be held at the Hilton hotel in Collingtree and all members of the public are permitted to attend and also give their views. We strongly urge you to do this if you have anything to add to the debate. Follow us on <https://www.facebook.com/NoRailInterchange/>

The examination process will continue for the rest of the year and there will be multiple opportunities to engage in the process. Even if you have nothing to add please come along to the hearings to demonstrate the weight of local opposition.

Once again, huge congratulations to **Mick Wreford and his family**, their Christmas Lights raised over £3,200 for Help for Heroes. Truly Amazing.

## BLISWORTH CANAL PARTNERSHIP

### Mothers Day

We are holding a spring themed Mothers Day afternoon tea in the village hall when we will dress the hall so you don't recognise you are indoors....

All home made cakes including Mr H famous pork pies  
Treat your mum for £8 per person or £11 including a glass of Prosecco – bottomless tea/coffee either way.  
Email [info@blisworthfestival.org](mailto:info@blisworthfestival.org) for more details

### Open Gardens

Open Gardens are back – June 30th

Would you like to showcase your garden? Enthusiasts are encouraged to show their gardens and at the same time showcase our village – if you would like to know more email [info@blisworthfestival.org](mailto:info@blisworthfestival.org)

Also on the day – open garages for the WI and a tea shop in the village hall – email for more details

**Andrea Holton**



## Blisworth Heritage Society



**Friday Mar 8 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall**  
**Northamptonshire Victorian Inventors and Inventions**  
by **Jon-Paul Carr**

**Friday Apr 12 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall**  
**History and Founding of**  
**Northamptonshire Film Archive Trust**  
by **Peter Austin**

As Easter is very late this year, we will postpone regular "Open Archives" sessions in the Church until after Easter and begin in May. 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 now.

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

## Blisworth Film Club

**February 28th** 'Hidden Figures' celebrating 50 years since man first went to the moon, this film tells the story of three African-American women mathematicians who played a vital role in NASA during early years of space exploration.

**March 28th** 'Swimming with Men' starring Rob Bryden, Jane Horrocks and Jim Carter. Accountant Eric discovers a new purpose in life when he joins an all male synchronised swimming group. A gentle, low-key comedy that comes highly recommended by other film groups.

**April 25th** 'Bohemian Rhapsody' foot stomping celebration of 'Queen', their music and extraordinary singer Freddie Mercury, tracing the meteoric rise of the band from 1970 until their final Live Aid performance in 1985.

The film 'Peterloo', scheduled for March will be shown later in the year.

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**

## The Art & Craft Groups

Artists are busy preparing exciting work for the popular annual 'Art & Craft Show' to be held in the Village Hall over the weekend of **4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> May**. More details in the next issue but if there is anyone out there who would like to exhibit who didn't last year then please get in touch, you will be very welcome.

The Exhibition is open to all those who would like to have the opportunity to sell their original work whether it be paintings, photographic images, ceramics, sculpture, stitching, greeting cards or anything else crafty.

In keeping with past years we will be welcoming exhibitors from most of the local Art Groups, therefore the Exhibition will be vital and varied and will reach a wider audience. Interested? Please contact **Maggie Turton** on 858594 or [mturton858@hotmail.com](mailto:mturton858@hotmail.com)

## Blisworth Pre School

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8am- 1pm

Tuesday and Thursday 9am - 3pm

Children accepted from 2 years

Ofsted Registered and approved

Experienced, nurturing, longstanding staff

Warm friendly village location

For more details please contact Pam on 07803 662433

## Blisworth Baptist Church

*"Jesus said, I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14 v6 ESV.*

**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

#### Café Church

31st March at 10.45 in the Leisure Hall

#### Blisworth School Choir

Singing for Easter in the Coffee House

Tuesday 2nd April at 10.30

#### Maunday Thursday Communion Service

18th April at 7.30

#### Easter Sunday Service

21st April at 10.45

Come and worship the risen Lord Jesus Christ

#### 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 Breakfasts: March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup>

**All men are very welcome**

**Pastor:** Keith Barker 01327 352972

**Assistant Pastor:** Lee Hillyard 07434 962276

**Secretary:** Diane Atkinson 01604 859590

#### Room Bookings:

Call the office on 01604 857654

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

**Venue:**

Blisworth Chapel Coffee House  
From 10 am until 2.30 pm

**Workshops**

**7th March**

"The Big Knit" Wall Hangings skill share.  
Continuation of "Block Printing" updates

**4th April**

Hook & Rugs skill share - Bath Mats & Cushions

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**

**BVHPFA 250 Club Results**

	January	February
£30	210	59
£20	157	184
£20	46	199
£10	215	88
£10	13	14

Thank you all for your continued support. Due to some people moving away, I have a few spare numbers again. It is only £10 per year and you have 60 chances of winning a small prize. Plus you are also supporting your Village Hall. Please call me on 858482. **Estelle Rose**

**Village Fundraising**

I am fundraising for the crossing patrol at Blisworth School (via FOBS) and to improve the outdoor area at preschool. I am abseiling the Northampton lift tower on 6th April. This has been paid for so any donations (less *Just Giving* fees) will go directly to the two wonderful village charities at a ratio of 50/50 to each.

If you would like to sponsor me please use the link: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sarah-sharp-5>

Many thanks **Sarah Sharp**

**Blisworth Bookworms**



The next meeting will be held on **March 25<sup>th</sup>**. To avoid Easter the following month's meeting will be on **April 29<sup>th</sup>** (the 5th Monday). Times for both: 1.30 – 3.30pm at 7 Westbrook. These sessions promise to be exciting as we have a spate of really good

books doing the rounds at the moment. For further details contact **Maggie Turton** on 858594.

**BMC – Blisworth Mothers Club  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

The Committee would like to invite former and current members to join us for a Celebratory 60's style – 3 course – meal in Blisworth Village Hall on Tuesday 19 March, at 7.30 p.m. Cost £10 including wine.

Please contact Beryl Paylor on 858476 or Chris Lea on 857659 for more information and tickets, payable in advance please by 5 March.

**Blisworth Women's Institute**



I hope you all enjoyed the celebrations over Christmas and New Year. At the WI we enjoyed our Christmas Party with good food, friendly chat and a quiz. We were also treated to songs from musicals sang live by member Julie. This year instead of 'Secret Santa' we asked members to bring in items of food/small gifts/toys to be taken to the Food Bank in Towcester. We filled three large boxes and they were very well received by the food bank - thank you to everyone.

2019 looks to be another interesting year for all our members with many interesting speakers and trips out planned. Our March meeting is an open evening and is a First Aid demonstration by the Red Cross, so members can bring along their husband/partner or friend. If you are not a member you would be most welcome so why not come along and learn a skill that could save a life, the date is **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** in the village hall at 7.30pm.

**Tina Alexandrou - Secretary**

**1st Blisworth  
Scout Group**

Blisworth Scout Group does it again!! After a lot of hard work by Kevin the Chair of the Executive Committee the group has raised enough money to purchase a minibus.

"New 17-seater minibus available to hire to local Charities and Not for Profit Organisations. 1st Blisworth Scouts Group have done an amazing job in fundraising to enable them to purchase a minibus which can be used by other Scout/Brownie etc Groups and the local community. A special mention must go to Blisworth Tapestry Charity for their donation and generous grants from South Northants Council, the National Lottery and the Bernard Sunley Foundation. Contact Neil on 07874 827553 for details."

All the efforts of the Scout Group now means that not only is there a wonderful hall that can be hired by the local community but a minibus too, so it is surprising that they are still searching for Leaders and Committee members. Just think what else might be achieved if more people were involved to spread the load.

If you have managerial experience and knowledge of working in the volunteer sector then the post of Group Scout Leader could be just up your street? Perhaps you have organisational skills and prefer working on your own, could you become the group quartermaster? Every section could really do with help even if you can only spare a couple of hours a month it would make such a difference. Why not make 2019 the year you volunteer and join a group that gets things done, whilst helping our young people develop and reach their full potential. Want to know more, talk to any of the group's Leaders, Committee or give me a ring.

**Sandra, Group Contact 858764**

### Calling All Veg Growers

Whether you have an allotment or you grow vegetables in your garden you will be very welcome at the Blisworth Allotment Association's SPRING MEETING

It is on MONDAY the 25<sup>th</sup> of MARCH

In the VILLAGE HALL at 7.30pm.

*Michael Brown will be the speaker; his topic is 'Eat Your Greens' and is the story of vegetables in England, new exotics such as the now humble potato and how vegetables have been grown over the years.*

Attendance is free of charge and open to everyone with complimentary refreshments and a Raffle.

Make a note of the date and look out for posters.

### Blisworth Community Choir (Musical Director Helen Thorman)

We are busy rehearsing for our summer concerts:

Saturday 8th June at Blisworth Church

Last night of the Proms Friday 26th July at Milton Malsor Church

If you would like to join the choir we meet at Milton Malsor Church every Thursday evening 7 pm for 7.30 pm. You are more than welcome to come along. Till then Keep Singing.

**Winnie Bateman** winnie@greenside1940.plus.com

### PROGRESS GROUP REPORT

#### Community Resilience and Response Plan

The production of Emergency Procedures for the village is still at the fact finding stage. Looking at what equipment is available and provision of rescue centres should they be needed. It is time consuming work but necessary. If you would like to help please contact Ian Tack at [info@blisworthcrrg.co.uk](mailto:info@blisworthcrrg.co.uk) or view the Facebook page Blisworth CRRG.

#### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the End of WW1 - Book

Copies of this very interesting book are still available priced £8 with £1 going to the Royal British Legion. It gives details of those from Blisworth who lost their lives in WW1 and descriptions of life in the village at that time. Please contact Estelle Rose on 858482 if you are interested.

#### Litter Campaign

The Campaign Group are in the process of purchasing more litter bins for the village. They also intend to enter the CPRE Litter Heroes Competition and their liaison with Blisworth Community Primary School is an integral part of the campaign.

#### Outdoor exercise equipment

The Parish Council have asked the Progress Group to look into providing some equipment for the village. Once we have costings we will be able to apply for grants.

**Ann North**

**Secretary Progress Group**

### Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Wednesday 17th April for the May/June Issue.

Please email items you wish to include to:

**email** [blisworthranda@gmail.com](mailto:blisworthranda@gmail.com) **New email**

or send to the Editor: Alan North

89 Buttmead, Blisworth, Northants

### Blisworth Parish Church

*"For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord: plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" Jeremiah 29 v. 11*

In 2011 the Revd. Andrea Watkins was licensed as our Rector. As the years have flown past she has added so much to the life of the church and the village. An "ideas" person, her love and enthusiasm have never wavered, as she set up, and participated in, groups and activities which have brought churches and villages together. And we cannot know of all of her countless home visits, and her nurturing of those in need. So it was with dismay that we learnt that after Easter she is to leave us to move to the Spencer Benefice as Rector to Brington, Whilton, Norton, Church and Chapel Bramptons, Harlestone, East Haddon and Holdenbury. This move is at the request of our Bishop, and we do understand that our loss is their gain. However it is with great sadness that we contemplate her departure. She goes with our love, and our prayers that she and her family will be blessed in her new posting.

In 2015 we welcomed the Revd. Sue Cooper as our curate, and now at the end of her term here, she too is to move, leaving next month to become the Rector of the Astwick Vale Benefice, which she will lead from the rectory in Aynho. She has become a much loved priest as she has served our churches whilst learning what is involved in running a benefice. Again, we are sad to lose Sue, and our love and blessings go with her as she takes up the reins of her new posting.

As for Blisworth and the Grand Union Benefice, we are confident that the future is in God's hands, and that our prayers for a speedy end to the forthcoming interregnum will be answered.

Meanwhile our service schedule continues. This is: 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays 11 a.m. Morning Worship. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 8 a.m. Book of Common Prayer Communion and 11 a.m. Morning Worship. 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10.30 Benefice service rotating around the churches.

However, March 3<sup>rd</sup> will be a special Benefice service at 10.30 at Milton Malsor for Revd. Sue's last Sunday with us.

Rector	Revd. Andrea Watkins	857619
Warden	Fiona McKenzie	859541

### Blisworth Play Reading Group

We began the year with "Suddenly at Home" by Francis Durbridge: "a white-knuckle story of love and greed". Having enjoyed that, we move on to a new Play and meet again on Wednesday 6th Mar at 10am, followed by 3rd April. All are welcome to come along and join in. Further details from **Dick** on **858602**.

### The Bryan Family

The Bryan family would like to express their gratitude for all the sympathy shown for Rita and all the kind words, love and support during and after her illness.

She was loved by many. The collection for Symphony Nursing Home raised £274.

Thank you Vic Bryan