

Round and About

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Blisworth Parish Council Newsletter

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Notes from the Chairman.....

This will be my last Report as Chairman of Blisworth Parish Council. Thanks to all who have supported me throughout the past two years. I will remain on the PC committee and the Progress Group.

Please consider joining the PC. A new Chairman and Vice Chairman will need to be appointed at the May meeting. Also the PC needs several new Councillors to join the Committee. Please contact Viv Hartley on 858360 or Email Blisworthparishcouncil@gmail.com

Another Council vacancy is for a new Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, again please contact the Clerk if you can help.

Speed Watch

Speed-watch training will commence on the 4th of May at the Caroline Chisholm School. Thanks to those who are coordinating it and those who are taking part. This is vital for Blisworth as speeding through the Village is a big problem.

Web Sites

Ian Tack has kindly agreed to be the new editor and administrator of both websites under the auspices of the Parish Council. He will also be advising the Clerk about the PC website. Thank you Ian for kindly offering this service, it is much appreciated. Many thanks go to Tricia White for the brilliant job she has done with the initial set up of the sites.

Highways

Helen Howard visited Blisworth to look at the Highways issues and Cllr Adam Brown has taken on the initiative to help with the poor state of Blisworth's road surfaces.

The PC has sent a letter to SNC Heritage Department in regard to the state of the Sun Moon and Stars. Please read the minutes placed on the web site for further information.

Thank you Mark and your team for all of your input regarding the Rail Freight Terminals - Gateway and Rail Central. It is good to know that SNC and NCC have both written letters of objection!

Being Chairman of Blisworth Parish Council at this difficult but interesting time has been rewarding in many aspects. I have enjoyed working with members of the PC. I wish the new Chairman every success in continuing to unite and guide Blisworth Parish Council into the future.

June Hawkins

Retiring chair of Blisworth Parish Council



STOP RAIL CENTRAL

Rail Central and Northampton Gateway Update

By the time you read this latest issue we will know whether or not the Planning Inspectorate have agreed to Rail Central's application for a deferment. If they have then the examination process will not start until later in the year. If they have not then you will be able to find the details and the timings of examination process on our web site www.stoprailcentral.co.uk and regular updates by following us on Facebook.

Whatever happens we need to show that nothing has changed and that we are all as opposed to Rail Central as when we first heard about the diabolical proposal.

Active participation in the process and a good attendance at the hearings will help demonstrate the strength of feeling. If you have any questions please email us at info@norailinterchange.co.uk

Blisworth Village Open Day

Sunday 30th June 11.00 am to 4.00 pm

Open to All

Garage Sale, Open Gardens, Craft Sale at the newly reopened Royal Oak and Village Hall Afternoon Tea Room. Car Boot at the Football Club.

Buy a £5 programme including a detailed map and then visit all the attractions.

The whole event organised by local groups for local causes.

Blisworth Canal Partnership, Blisworth WI, Sallie, the new landlady at the Royal Oak, BMC (Blisworth Mothers Club) working together in partnership with other local groups.

If you want to register for a garage sale, open gardens or for any other information please ring Janet on 879629 or Andrea on 07415211290.

Blisworth Women's Institute



We have as usual a busy and interesting schedule of meetings coming up, May is our Resolutions evening, which this year we are proposing 'Save our local Buses' and 'don't fear the smear'. Over the years the resolutions chosen have made a massive difference too many varied subjects, most recently the plastic in our oceans which is now a worldwide campaign.

In June we have a fashion show provided by The Edinburgh Woollen Mill Company, this is an OPEN EVENING so why not come along as a guest, bring a friend and see what they have to offer and maybe choose part of your summer wardrobe! This is on Thursday 13th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The annual village festival is in our thoughts, we are busy thinking and working on ideas for our stall, we hope to do even better than last year!

Tina Alexandrou - Secretary

Blisworth Film Club

May 30th Stan and Ollie

A touching and heart-warming film that pays tribute to these two comedy legends as they approach the end of their career. Superb performances by Steve Coogan and John C. Reilly. Highly recommended

June 27th Mary Poppins Returns

Decades after her original visit, the magical nanny returns to help the Banks family through a difficult time in their lives. An all star cast, including Emily Blunt, Dick Van Dyke, Angela Lansbury and Meryl Streep.

25th July The Fishermen's Friends

The true story of ten Cornish fishermen who achieve a top ten hit after being signed by Universal Records. Great folk singing!

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

**Margaret Holiday 858590 or
Beryl Payler 858476**

BVHPFA 250 Club Results

| | March | April |
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| £30 | 169 | 68 |
| £20 | 228 | 110 |
| £20 | 202 | 64 |
| £10 | 200 | 190 |
| £10 | 193 | 135 |

Congratulations to all our winners and a BIG thank you to all our members. We certainly wouldn't have such a well maintained Village Hall without you.

Estelle Rose 858482

Wootton Road Runners Blisworth 5 Mile Road Race Friday 17th May - 7.45pm

We'd like to thank the residents of Blisworth for their continued support of our annual 5 mile road race. This year it takes place on Friday 17th May at 7.45pm. Race Headquarters is based at the Football Club and the start/finish are at Hill Farm on Gayton Road.

As usual, we'll be putting up race signage in advance of the event to pre-warn those who are affected by the route.

We would welcome any local residents to join the race - instructions for race entry are at www.woottonroadrunners.co.uk or you can enter via the Run Britain website (www.runbritain.com) Entry is £10.00 in advance or £13.00 on the night for unaffiliated runners.

We look forward to hosting another successful event and are grateful for the patience and understanding that residents show at this time.

Hannah Groves WRR Race Director

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

SPECIAL ANNOUCEMENT

We at Blisworth Baptist Church wish to thank Rev Andrea Watkins for her ministry in Blisworth and for the privilege we have had working with her, for the blessing and good of the village. We wish her God's richest blessing and anointing for her new ministry at the Bringtons. May she know and experience God's strength and guidance in the task that lays ahead.

We will miss you.

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: March 30th and April 27th

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



Blisworth Bookworms

To avoid the second May Bank Holiday the next session will be held earlier on **20th May** followed by **June 24th 1.30pm – 3.30pm** at **7 Westbrook**. For further details contact **Maggie Turton** on 858594.

The Art & Craft Groups

Blisworth Art Show

4th & 5th May

Village Hall Free entry Catalogue still only 50p

Delicious Refreshments.

All welcome to view original

Paintings, Infused glassware, Pottery, Photography & Cards

Produced by Artists representing 11 local art groups,

Northampton and Buckingham.

Most work will be for sale.

Along with other village organisations who have contributed, the **Art & Craft Groups** are delighted to make a donation towards the cost of more litter bins for the village, instigated by the **Litter Campaign Group**. Our Painters and Crafters will put aside canvases and easels for a while to concentrate on decorating four of the new bins. Attractive bins for rubbish - a worthy cause - that will keep the Artists busy. **Maggie Turton** on 858594

Blisworth Community Choir (Musical Director Helen Thorman)

Our summer concert this year will be at Blisworth Church on **Saturday 8th June at 7pm**. Entrance is free. there will be a retiring collection for MND (Motor Neurone Disease)

On **Friday 26th July at 7pm** we are having 'Last Night Of The Proms' where you will be invited to join in all the patriotic songs. Hope to see you there.

Just reminding choir members, we are rehearsing back at Blisworth Church from Thursday April 25th. Till then Keep on Singing.

Winnie Bateman winnie@greenside1940.plus.com

New Blisworth Jogging Group Starting

A new beginners jogging group is coming to Blisworth! The new group will meet at the Village Hall Car Park, every Tuesday at 6:30pm.

The first session is on Tuesday 25th June and will help and support you to begin running, using a walk/run programme over 10 weeks. This builds up at a slow and achievable rate so that by the end of the programme you will be able to run for 30 minutes continuously, approximately 5k. So if you don't currently take part in any or much physical activity and would like help getting fit – this group is for you.

Pre-registration for the group is essential as places are limited, and will cost £30 for 10 weeks which includes a t-shirt or alternatively, £20 for 10 weeks without a t-shirt. To book onto the course or for more information, please contact Susan: susan@running-mate.co.uk, 07988 799182.

Mikron Theatre

The ever popular Mikron Theatre will return to Blisworth

on 15th June

They will perform

All Hands on Deck

a Tale of Two Wrens

in the Field Garden of the Old Rectory at 1.00 pm.

The performance will be In the Village Hall if wet.

Blisworth Parish Church

“Bidden or Unbidden, God is present”

“Since Jesus died and broke loose from the grave, God will most certainly bring back to life those who die in Jesus” 1 Thessalonians 4:14

Joyfully on Easter morning the priest affirms “Christ is risen” and the people respond, “He is risen indeed”. This is the belief and faith that sustains Christians everywhere, and Christ is the one we turn to in sorrowful or uncertain times.

Sadly, we are approaching the end of Revd. Andrea’s tenure with the Grand Union Benefice. Her last service will be on May 5th when all the five parishes will join together in St John’s. As we recall the impact that she has had in the last eight years on our congregations and on the wider communities, we wish her well in her new post in the Spencer benefice.

It has been Andrea’s vision to use the church building for community events. Once again, after Easter, the Community Choir will be rehearsing on Thursday evenings, and the Heritage Society will be running their popular “open the archives” afternoons.

We now enter a period known as an interregnum as we prayerfully search for, and appoint, a priest to lead us forward. In the meantime most services will be conducted by retired priests and members of our congregations.

At our recent Annual Parochial Church Meeting the appointments made were: Secretary Jenny Cahill, Treasurer Jon Murray, Wardens Fiona McKenzie and Angela Cheesbrough, PCC members – Pat Masterman, Hilary Spurrier, Helen Mander, Marion Paton, Marian Hancock, Peter Banks.

Our service schedule continues as usual. This is: 1st Sundays 11 am Morning Worship. 2nd Sundays 11 am Holy Communion. 3rd Sundays 8 am Book of Common Prayer Communion and 11 am Morning Worship. 4th Sundays 11 am Holy Communion. 5th Sundays 10.30 am a Benefice service, rotating round the churches.

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| Rector | Revd. Andrea Watkins | 857619 |
| Wardens | Fiona McKenzie | 859541 |
| | Angela Cheesbrough | 858059 |

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 Play Reading Group

The Play Reading Group will meet on Wednesday 1st May at 10am when we will finish “A Friend Indeed” by William Douglas Home, so come along and join in the fun, no dramatic skills required! If you would like to borrow a copy of the play to read beforehand and get up to date, please get in contact. We will then meet again on Wed June 5th when we will commence a new Play. Further details from **Dick** on **858602**.

Towcester Produce Show

This year the Towcester Produce Show has opened up to include NN7 post codes as well as NN12, that means Blisworth.

The show is being held on August Bank Holiday Monday the 26th in Towcester Town Hall. Categories include: flowers, vegetables, home produce, home crafts and children's classes.

Information can be found on Towcester Produce Show web-site, towcestershow.org.uk

Stitchery Do

Creating with fabric and thread



Venue:

Blisworth Community Scout Hall
From 10am until 2pm

Workshops

2nd May

Zentangles & Designs
for Free Motion Embroidery

6th June

Fun Craft Challenge

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**



Blisworth Heritage Society



Friday May 10 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall
The Royal Ordnance Depot Weedon
by Museum Staff from the Depot

Friday June 14 Afternoon Visit to Weedon Depot
Please let us know if you are coming as we need numbers in advance

If you would like a lift, please contact Hilary

As Easter was very late this year, we postponed regular "Open Archives" sessions in the Church until after Easter, but we will be open again on Thursday afternoons 16 May and 20 June from 2:30 to 4:30pm. If there is something in the records of particular interest, please ask any committee member and we will try to make it available for you.

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

'Thank You'

I would like to express my thanks to all the friends who attended my birthday celebration and who generously donated to Blisworth Scouts. It was a great evening.

Mick Turton

Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Wednesday 19th June for the July/August Issue.

Please email items you wish to include to:

Email: blisworthranda@gmail.com

or send to the Editor: Alan North

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PARISH COUNCIL PROGRESS GROUP REPORT

Community Resilience and Response Plan (Emergency Procedures)

Many thanks to Ian Tack for setting up the website <https://www.blisworthcrrg.co.uk/> and to the 25 volunteers who have agreed to be involved. More information to follow.

100th Anniversary of the End of WW1 Book

This interesting book will be on sale at forthcoming village events. If you have not seen it - do take a look.

Litter Campaign

Following donations from various village organisations, the Group have purchased 8 new litter bins. Some are already in place, opposite the Walnut Tree in Station Road, Candlebridge in Chapel Lane on the site of old grit bin, Connegar Leys/Buttmead green area (smaller of the two) and Northampton Road bus stop lay-by opposite Station Road.

It is also hoped that the Canal and River Trust will provide a bin for the canal tunnel car park. SNC have indicated that they will empty the bins as part of their weekly round. Very useful information for our entry to the 2019 CPRE Litter Heroes competition.

Blisworth Life Website

Ian Tack is looking to update the website, in particular with a view to an interactive calendar of events. This should help Groups and organisations to plan without clashes. He is also happy to help with the PC website.

Defibrillator for the Park

It is hoped that a defibrillator can be purchased to cover that end of the village.

Reporting potholes and other pavement and road problems

Street Doctor has been updated and is now called 'FixmyStreet'. Please use the system and take photos of all the problems and attach them to your report. Holes full of rain water show up better on the photo! The system will tell you if the problem has already been reported and its status. If everyone reports a few we should be able to cover all the village.

Ann North Secretary Progress Group

Best Village Competition

We have submitted our application for the Best Village competition. The judges will confirm when they will visit the village which will be by May/June.

If you are at all interested in getting involved please email info@blisworthfestival.org

Notice of Application under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Blisworth Canal Partnership of 'The Festival Field' propose to Licence these premises to hold Blisworth Festival. Representations can be made in writing by end May to The Licensing Authority, Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, Tel: 01295 753744, E-Mail: licensing@cherwell-dc.gov.uk, Web: www.cherwell.gov.uk. Full details of the application can be inspected by appointment at the address above. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction of the offence is not exceeding £5,000.