

# Round and About

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**Blisworth Parish Council Newsletter**

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## Notes from the Council.....

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### **A BIG THANK YOU**

To Di Burgoyne, June Hawkins and Paulette Kennedy for all they have done to help the PC and the village with their dedication and commitment. Di and Paulette have decided to stand down as Councillors after many years on the council. June has stepped down as Chair, although she will continue as a Councillor. A big thank you to you all.

### **CHAPEL LANE**

The Parish Council are pleased to see that, after numerous requests, the developers have eventually put up a fence so that the unsightly rubbish is no longer visible from the road.

### **POND BANK TOWPATH**

Some residents have expressed concern regarding the noise and fumes from narrow boats moored along this stretch of the canal. The Council have been in dialogue with the canal and rivers trust to find ways of reducing these concerns, and are hoping that a reduction in the maximum mooring period from two weeks to 48 hours (subject to CRT approval) will help.

### **YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU**

Could you spare a couple of hours a month to help your village? The PC currently has two vacancies, and would be more than happy to have an informal chat with anyone who might be willing to help.

A neighbourhood watch coordinator and footpath warden are required. A good excuse to walk some different routes?

For more information about the Council meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> June, draft minutes and information regarding meeting times, financial information and policies can be found at **<http://parish.blisworthvillage.org/>**.

The annual visit by Mikron Theatre was very successful. 80 people attended the performance in the Old Rectory garden despite the changeable weather.

The school fete was also very well attended. There was a lovely atmosphere with everyone enjoying themselves.

## **BVHPFA 250 Club Results**

	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
£30	39	32
£20	124	142
£20	2	110
£10	65	44
£10	119	42

Congratulations to all our winners.

**Estelle Rose 858482**



## **STOP RAIL CENTRAL**

### **Rail Central and Northampton Gateway Update**

Whether or not to grant planning permission to the Northampton Gateway is currently being considered by the Planning Inspectorate and a decision will be made by a Minister at the Department for Transport around October 2019.

Rail Central's application for a deferment of their examination was granted on the very spurious grounds that they had, after six years of planning, messed up their traffic modelling. Consequently their examination will probably not now start until early 2020 with the whole process taking another year.

SRC are continuing to lobby relevant Government officials and departments with the message that the whole thing is a strategic nonsense whilst awaiting the Developer's revised highways modelling which will then be scrutinised further.

Follow us on [www.facebook.com/NoRailInterchange/](https://www.facebook.com/NoRailInterchange/) for news and commentary. 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](mailto:info@norailinterchange.co.uk)

### **BLISWORTH CANAL PARTNERSHIP**

Blisworth Festival, canal side and village wide, has some very special additions this year including belly dancers, stilt walkers, children's magic show and a sensational Ukulele band!

Remember it is FREE to enter; FREE to park and FREE to moor.

11am to 5pm 10th and 11th August with FREE mini bus to assist between the venues. For more details contact [info@blisworthfestival.org](mailto:info@blisworthfestival.org) **Andrea Holton BCP**

### **Festival Bric – a – Brac**

As the festival gets nearer we are sure we will have the usual generous donations of bric-a-brac!

This year we have been offered a 'collection point' at **4 Stoke Road** preferably on Sunday mornings up until the festival. To arrange a drop-off time or if you have any questions please contact **Linda 858600** or leave a message.

## The Art & Craft Groups

**Painting four litter bins** for the Village has become quite a feature over recent weeks for both Groups. Designs range from the humorous to the thought – provoking with some village iconic images too. Once painted and varnished they will be placed round the Village for all to enjoy and hopefully use.

A few members have also been helping Yrs 5/6 children from **Rothersthorpe Primary School** to paint a mural of 'Nature' on a 70ft span of the M1 Bridge wall at Blisworth Arm. Over three cold and wet days the children (and us) showed great resilience and enthusiasm for painting foxes, badgers, butterflies, flowers and birds from drawings produced by Art & Craft Group Members.

The outcome is bright and beautiful and will be enjoyed by walkers and boaters alike. Perhaps you will go and see it sometime. It was a cultural arty activity for the children when so much art has been cut from the school curriculum.

The Art & Craft Groups will soon be preparing for the **Art Gallery & Picasso Pantry** for the August Festival. As usual this will be held in the Village Hall. Sale of Member's Art, Ploughman's lunches & Cream teas will be the order of the weekend. Hope to see you.

**Maggie Turton** on 858594

## PARISH COUNCIL PROGRESS GROUP REPORT

### Litter Campaign

- Art and Craft Group have started to decorate some of the bins.
- The CRT has agreed the sighting of a bin in the canal tunnel car park. The first decorated bin will then be installed in the car park.
- The Litter Campaign Day was a great success starting with school assembly and a short talk by Sue, followed by an adult litter pick of the whole village by Campaign Group members and some of the litter pick volunteers. In the afternoon there was a litter pick of the playing field with Year 5 pupils and various adult helpers. Photos were taken to send with our Litter Heroes entry. There is also a photo of the pre-school children holding up the litter message to keep Blisworth tidy.
- The entry to the CPRE competition has been sent and contains plenty of examples of the Group's progress.

**The Survey Group** are to start a Housing Needs Survey and are collecting ideas on how to proceed by studying surveys done by other villages. They will be consulting with ACRE for best practice. They hope to have the map showing where dropped kerbs are needed shortly.

**Extension of 30 mph limit to the Railway Arch and the Walnut Tree** It is hoped that there will be supporting data following the Speed Watch exercise.

### Volunteers

The Group are pursuing ideas on how to encourage more volunteers to help in the village.

**Ann North**  
**Secretary Progress Group**

## Blisworth Film Club

### July 25th

### The Fishermen's Friends

The true story of ten fishermen from Cornwall who achieve a top ten hit after their discovery by Universal Records. Great folk singing!

### August 22nd

### Mary Queen of Scots

Betrayal, rebellion and plots within the courts of two powerful women, Elizabeth 1 and her cousin Mary Queen of Scots. Great reviews for the acting and settings.

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

**Margaret Holiday 858590 or**  
**Beryl Payler 858476**

## 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

## Festival Bunting

We are planning to put up bunting for the festival 10days before it starts.

We hope to decorate Northampton Road from the planter to the top of the hill, both sides of the High Street, Towcester Road from the junction to the car park field, Church Lane, Stoke Road, Courteenhall Road (school end), Little Lane and Chapel Lane to the Festival Field.

If any residents intend to put up their own bunting this would be great. Could you let us know so that we can use the bunting we have elsewhere. If anyone would like help putting up bunting or would be able to help us on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> of August please get in touch.

Lets make a great start to a great festival!

**Pat - 07732 191778, Jenny - 07818 871298,**

**Janet - 07732 987087**



## Blisworth Heritage Society



**Friday July 12 at 7:30pm in the Parish Church**

**Music in the Church on a Summer Evening**

**by Richard & Elizabeth York**

**Members £3 Visitors £5**

*including a Glass of Bubbly and a bowl of Strawberries*

**Canal Festival 10/ 11 Aug**

**We will have an Archive Display**

**in the Parish Church on both days**

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 at a convenient time.

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

## Blisworth Women's Institute



The summer months are now with us along hopefully with some good weather! At our July meeting (Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>) we have someone coming along to show us how to 'arrange flowers like a professional'. If this is something you are interested in why not come along as a guest for the evening, 7.30pm at the Village Hall you would be most welcome.

Several of our members are joining Milton Malsor WI for a trip to Kew Gardens and I along with other members am looking forward to a trip to The Black Country Living Museum.

There are always trips to suit all tastes in the WI Northampton News once you are a member of the WI, for example Southwell Minister, Pershore and Spetchley Gardens or Abba Sensation, so why not consider joining us and you too could go on one or more of these trips.

Whatever you are doing let's hope for a good summer!

**Tina Alexandrou - Secretary**

## Blisworth Baptist Church

*Jesus said, 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and You will find rest for your souls. Mat. 11 v 28 & 29*

**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

### Blisworth Festival

The chapel will be open for Full English breakfasts (or Boater's) from 8:00 on both Saturday and Sunday. We will be serving refreshments with fresh cakes etc. from 11:00 until 16:00 on Saturday.

**Exciting News on Children's Work and Services**  
See other advert

### 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  
No Men's Breakfasts in August

**Pastor:** Keith Barker 01327 352972  
**Assistant Pastor:** Lee Hillyard 01604 857654  
**Secretary:** Ray Payne 01604 877442

**Please note new Church Secretary's name and number**  
For room bookings call the office on 01604 857654

## Blisworth Parish Church

**"Bidden or Unbidden, God is present"**

*"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel" Proverbs ch. 15 vv 1 & 18*

We are delighted to announce the appointment of a Rector to the Grand Union Benefice. The Reverend Canon Richard Stainer, currently Vicar of Higham Ferrers w Chelveston, has been offered, and has accepted, the invitation to become our Rector. After an initial meeting then a more formal interview, we are confident that God has blessed us with the right person to lead us forward. We therefore very much look forward to welcoming Revd. Richard, and his wife Monique. The date for Richard's Institution and Induction will be announced in due course. This date is set by the Diocese, and hopefully will not be many weeks away. People have noticed activity at the Rectory – some very necessary repairs and renovations are being carried out.

Meanwhile we are grateful to the retired clergy who have taken services. It is interesting to meet new people, and to hear different styles of preaching week by week. Some services have also been taken by lay members of the congregation.

On Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> we found that overnight one of the leaded windows had been broken. We don't think anyone actually got in, and the police are treating it as criminal damage. However, this is a great nuisance as it will need skilled repair, and as we have a large insurance excess, it will be costly.

Unbelievably it is almost Canal Festival time again. As in previous years, the church will be serving refreshments (tea, coffee, cakes etc.) for no fixed charge, but simply asking for a donation towards the upkeep of the church. On the Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a pre-festival communion service at 9.30 a.m., and songs of praise at 4p.m.

Our service schedule 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 a.m. a Benefice service rotating round the churches. **NB change for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in August, Canal Festival service at 9.30 a.m.**

Wardens	Fiona McKenzie	859541
	Angela Cheesbrough	858059

## Stitchery Do

*Creating with fabric and thread*



### Workshops

**Blisworth Community Scout Hall From 10am until 2pm**

**4th July**

Machine and hand appliqué

**1st August**

NEC Festival of Quilts Show

9 am leaving Blisworth Village Hall Car Park

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**



### Sarah's Lift Tower Absail

A big thank you to everyone who sponsored me for abseiling the lift tower. £450 was raised, which means The Crossing Patrol fund (via Friends of Blisworth School) and Blisworth Preschool each got £225. Thank you once again.  
**Sarah Sharp**



### Blisworth Bookworms

Many of us have been enjoying Lucinda Riley's 'Sisters' series of novels. Her fifth book has been published, so there is much to talk about.

The next session will be held on **fifth Monday of the month – 29<sup>th</sup> July – 1.30pm to 3.30pm at 7 Westbrook**. There will be no meeting during August. For details contact **Maggie Turton** on 858594.

### Play with Clay

#### Blisworth Community Group

#### Come along to our friendly Pottery Group!

We meet every Wednesday Evening 7.30 - 9 pm at the Chapel Leisure Hall.

Be inspired, learn new skills and make new friends. Bring along your aprons and your creative ideas. We have a few spaces left so don't delay.

**£35 per term**

Contact: Anne Marie Newton Tel: 858549

Mobile No: 07833 150126

email: 23anewton@gmail.com

### BMC – Blisworth Mothers Club

The Club had a most successful Treasure Hunt around Greens Norton despite the rain. We ended up at the Butcher's Arms for refreshments, answers and prizes.

On 14<sup>th</sup> June two of our members, Beryl Payler and Ann North, attended the Blisworth Community School Spelling Bee in the School Hall. We were delighted to present our first annual voucher to the winner, in memory of one of our founder members, Rita Bryan.

#### Future Events

Next month July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m will be Pate and Plonk at Victoria House, Stoke Road.

On August 20 we are having a Mystery Coach Trip followed by Meal at a Pub somewhere!!!! There are 36 Seats available - Deposit £5.

If you wish to join us, please contact Chris Lea 857659 or Beryl Payler 858476.

**Chris Lea**  
**Secretary**

### Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Monday 19th August for the September/October Issue.

Please email items you wish to include to:

**Email: blisworthranda@gmail.com**

or send to the Editor: Alan North

89 Buttmead, Blisworth, Northants

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### Blisworth Fishing Club

I would like to thank all the people that donated prizes for the raffle held in aid of Blisworth Surgery and also all those who sold tickets. Mr and Mrs G Cadd, Maureen King, Mick Wreford, Estelle Rose, Carol Arnall, Ant and Phil and the Surgery itself. Of course, many thanks also go to everyone who bought tickets. A special mention also to Rosemary and the late John Huckerby for donating the fish pond used on the day of the raffle.

So far we have raised over £1,000. A list of prizes and winners is displayed in the Surgery.

There will be an update of the final amount raised and what the money was spent on in the next Round and About.

**Les Carter (Ringo) 859584**

### Blisworth Baptist Church

#### Summer Toddler Group

for 0-5 yrs Cost- £ FREE child/adult

meet at 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 story, singing and making music.

Come along and give us a try! You will be very welcome

Hot drinks/cake for adults, snack/squash for children

Six Fridays (over summer holidays)

2<sup>nd</sup> August – 6<sup>th</sup> September - 9.30am-11am

Further details from: Lee Hillyard, Assistant Pastor: (mob: 07434 962276), facebook/instagram/twitter @ BlisworthBC  
**Churches together, St Johns Church & Blisworth Chapel**

### Blisworth Play Reading Group

The Play Reading Group will meet on Wednesday 3rd July at 10am when we will commence a new Play, so come along and join in the fun, no dramatic skills required! We will then hope to meet again on Wed Aug 7th, depending on members holiday arrangements. Further details from **Dick on 858602**.

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

On June 8th we sang to a packed audience at the church. Special thanks go to our soloists Sue and John, to Gary for comparing the concert and to Helen for putting us through our paces, without her none of this would happen. Most of all our appreciation to the audience who raised a magnificent £580.80 for Motor Neurone Disease. Thank you for your generosity.

Join us on Friday July 26th at 7p.m at Holy Cross Church Milton Malsor for Proms Prosecco and Pastries. You can join in all the good old British patriotic songs. Tickets £10 includes refreshments, in aid of the British Legion. Hope to see you there. Till then keep on singing.

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