

Round and About

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Notes from the Council.....

As many of you will know by now, the Secretary of State for Transport, Grant Shapps, has approved the issuing of a Development Consent Order, to developers Roxhill, for Northampton Gateway Strategic Rail Freight Interchange. His reasoning in accepting the recommendation of the Planning Inspectorate committee is laid out in a decision letter, which is available on the Planning Inspectorate website. The only challenge to this decision would be by a judicial review.

What this means for the Rail Central proposal is anybody's guess!

Speedwatch

Graham Juffs and his volunteers have carried out further Speedwatch sessions during September, with 147 letters being sent to offenders. The highest recorded speeds were 49mph in Stoke Road, 47mph in Courteenhall Road, and 42mph through the High Street! Many thanks to Graham and his team. Recommendations will follow.

Moored canal boats engine running

For some time now residents, whose garden's back onto the canal in the village, have had problems from some boaters who leave their boat's diesel engines running during the evenings, causing air pollution and noise nuisance.

The Parish Council have contacted Canal & River Trust who have responsibility for dealing with these issues. We tried to get the time allowed for visitor mooring reduced from its current 14-day period to 48 hours, but this was rejected by CRT. Apparently, it is illegal under the Health & Clean Air Act to run an engine adjacent to development. The PC are currently looking to explore other avenues for action.

Highways

The PC has received various requests on highways issues, notably, extending the 30mph limit along several of the approach roads and outer roads in the village, as well as safety issues from cars parking on pavements and grass verges particularly in the Pond Bank and Candle Bridge area.

The PC has gathered information on how to apply to extend the 30mph limits as well as the application process for restricting parking in selected areas.

These are important issues, where balances need to be struck between the various competing interests, but rest assured it is on the PC agenda.

Royal Oak

South Northants Council has formally accepted the PC's renewal application for the Royal Oak to be registered as an Asset of Community Value. We wait to hear their decision.

Parish Council Vacancies

The P C welcomed David Wilson as a co-opted member at the last PC meeting on 7th October. However, vacancies still exist for councillors. If you are interested please contact the clerk of the PC, Viv Hartley, on 01604 858360, or e-mail blisworthparishcouncil@gmail.com

Tony Hillier - Parish Councillor



Northampton Gateway at junction 15 has been granted development consent in spite of the fact that there is very little certainty as to whether there will ever be sufficient rail capacity to transfer more than a handful of containers off the road and onto the rail. We are likely to see vast increases in traffic with very little freight being moved by rail.

Those that have convinced themselves that the consenting of Northampton Gateway will prevent Rail Central coming forward should take a look at the decision letter on the Planning inspectorate web site. In a world that made sense Rail Central would be a complete non-starter. However, from what we have witnessed over the last four years, our world does not make sense and we are all going to have to fight to make sure Rail Central does not happen. Please do not leave it to others. If you want to save what is left of your rural environment then please engage with the process. If you do not, and it goes ahead, there is no-one else to blame. At the time of writing we do not know if or when the Rail Central examination will start so please continue to follow us on Facebook for more information.



FOBS Famous Christmas Bazaar



Friends of Blisworth School

Friday 29th 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



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



Festival 2020

After many years of operating the Blisworth Festival under a Temporary Events Notice the South Northants Council this year have decided to move it to a Market Traders License, with the requirement for a Premises License.

Without going into too much detail this effectively means that, in its current form, the festival committee will need someone who is a personal license holder (as in a pub license) and a dedicated premises supervisor who will have overall responsibility for the events in the Festival Field.

This change to the license is also financial because with a market traders license, every 10 traders in the festival costs in the region of £112, as well as some extra administration.

I held the Premises License for this year but I am aware of the increased level of responsibility and choose not to accept this going forward and so I will be resigning as both Chairman and a Director of the BCP. Andrea will also resign as she prefers to work with me. Other members resignations are based on their personal work life being much more demanding than before and they feel they cannot dedicate the time required although will continue to assist in other ways. We all remain fervent supporters of the event and will produce a detailed handover of all documents including the Website, Facebook, planning tools, checklists and e mail accounts.

Jack King is staying on in to provide some continuity and of course a vast amount of knowledge.

In order to continue having our fabulous festival new members are needed as soon as possible. The recent village meeting had several suggestions and ideas for how to tackle the changes which we feel the new committee along with Jack can decide how to take this forward. There are already 2 new members who have agreed to take on the administration of the festival – Shanice Curtis and Jennie Wharton - and we are very grateful for their support.

With the aim of attracting new volunteers we are holding an open meeting on **Friday 1st November at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall, where more information can be found and hopefully will result in some volunteers coming forward to take on the festival for next year. In the meantime if anyone has any questions about what's involved then please E mail info@blisworthfestival.org and we will do our best to answer.

Kind regards

Mike Holton On behalf of Blisworth Canal Partnership

Blisworth Community Choir (Musical Director Helen Thorman)

Christmas is fast approaching and we are practicing for our Christmas Concerts:

Saturday 14th December, 7 pm at The Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury

Thursday 19th December, 7pm at Blisworth Church.

Come along and join us for an evening of Christmas carols and songs. Entrance is free. As usual we will have a raffle and a retiring collection for charity (yet to be arranged). We'll see you there. Till then keep on singing!

Winnie Bateman winnie@greenside1940.plus.com

Blisworth Parish Church

"Every perfect gift is from God" James 1: 17 "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift" 2 Corinthians 9:15

This is the last R& A before Christmas when traditional services will take place across the Grand Union Benefice. Here in Blisworth our carol service will be held at 3 pm on Sunday December 15th. On that day there will be the usual BCP Communion at 8 am, but no 11 am service.

Refreshments will be served from 2.30, prior to the carols.

On Christmas Eve there will be a family service at 4.30 pm. No details yet, but as usual it will be an opportunity for all ages to step aside from the busyness of the day, and join together in a celebration of the true meaning of the season. A collection at that service will be divided between Helen House Hospice and the Children's Society, to remember youngsters so much less fortunate than our own. The traditional Midnight Communion follows at 11.30 pm.

On Saturday November 23rd St John's annual Christmas coffee morning and bazaar takes place in church 10 – 12.30. Gifts, books, cakes, Christmas items, tombola, and time to socialise whilst enjoying a hot drink and mince pie.

The Community Choir will give a concert here on December 19th.

Our normal service pattern is 1st Sundays 11 am. Morning Worship 2nd Sundays 11 am. Communion 3rd Sundays 8 am. BCP Communion and 11 am. Morning Worship 4th Sundays 11 am. Communion 5th Sundays 10.30 am. Communion at one of the Benefice churches.

This time last year I gave a quote from Vanity Fair, "the whole world is going after what is not worth having". I make no apology for repeating this, for it is so very apt: but there is still time to reconsider our approach to Christmas, and give due thought and reverence to the true and timeless meaning to be found in the birth of Christ, the gift of God's Son to a hurting world.

Rector	Rev. Canon Richard Stainer	857619
	<u>from September 10th</u>	
Wardens	Fiona McKenzie	859541
	Angela Cheesbrough	858059

The Art & Craft Groups

Members were shocked to hear the sad news of the sudden death of Walter Forsythe. Having been a member of the afternoon group for three years, Walter always wore a smile that brightened up Monday afternoons. Despite his immobility Walter participated in the group's activities when he could, he enjoyed attending the Gallery at the Village Festival this year and will be remembered for the 'pheasant' drawings he produced for the mural for Rothersthorpe Primary School. Walter will be sadly missed. Our condolences go to his family.

The Groups are now working towards Christmas. We would like to thank all the Villagers who have supported us throughout the year and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. **Maggie Turton** on 858594

Happy Gathering

Thank you to the lovely people who gathered in our home and garden on 15th September to help us celebrate 50 years in this splendid village. Their presence, cards, gifts and good wishes and a beautiful day made the day special.

Phil and Jenny Cahill

St John the Baptist Christmas Bazaar and Coffee Morning

This popular event will take place again on Saturday November 23rd from 10 to 12.30 in St John's Church. The many stalls will include Christmas goods, gifts and toiletries, tombola, cakes, books. Do come to enjoy tea, coffee, mince pies, as you browse, buy, relax and chat.

Blisworth Film Club

Thursday 28th November 'Wild Rose'

A troubled young Glaswegian woman dreams of becoming a Nashville Country Music star. Very good reviews for the strong acting and cast (including Julie Walters) and a great ending.

No film in December

Thursday 23rd January 2020 'Rocketman'

An epic musical fantasy about the uncensored human story of Sir Elton John's breakthrough years. Great cast and great music!

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

1st Blisworth Scout Group

Bonfire Night

We would love you to join us for a fun filled evening. Monday 4th November from 18:00 at Blisworth Scout hall. Entrance is free, and the usual hotdogs, cakes and drinks will be available to purchase.

As we return from the summer and into the darker nights, our young people are not being held back from their adventures. The Scouts are having a 'big sleepover', with their very own version of 'I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here'. The Cubs had a sleepover mission based on Baden Powell's time in the Boer War, in which they had to transport urgently required medication back to the emergency hospital (Scout Hall). Thank you to all involved in bringing these adventures to life for our young people. This term we welcomed two new Beavers to our group, we look forward to them joining us on our adventures in the years to come.

We rely on the amazing dedication of all our volunteers, this term we gratefully welcome Liz Tilley who has started her training as an Assistant Scout Leader. Thank you.

Scouts – Mondays from 19:15- 20:45
Cubs – Thursdays from 18:25 – 19:55
Beavers – Wednesdays 18:00 - 19:00

Katie Mynard, Group Contact

Blisworth Play Reading Group

The Play Reading Group will meet on Wednesday 13th Nov at 10am when we will commence a new Play (*perhaps a Panto for Christmas?*), so come along and join in the fun, no dramatic skills required! We will then continue this on Wed Dec 11th. Please note we have now moved our regular meeting date from the first to the second Wednesday in the month. Further details from Dick on 858602.

The Parks Medical Practice



We have received flu vaccine for all our patients over 65. Please telephone the surgery on 87800 to book your appointment.

Delivery of vaccine for our at risk child and adult patients under 65 is expected soon. Appointments will be made available as deliveries are received.

Blisworth Women's Institute



At our AGM in October our President for the last three years, Janet Steeper stood down. Janet worked so hard during her time, encouraging both committee members and members to enjoy all the WI has to offer. She leaves us with our love and thanks and we hope we see her at our meetings in the future where she can just relax and enjoy without all the hard work!

Denise Ingram has agreed to stand as President for the next year, Tina Alexandrou (Secretary), Marian Hancock (Treasurer) along with Jane Underwood and Jennie Wharton are staying on and we were pleased to welcome Jaki Bench and Geraldine Jackson onto the committee.

We are now looking forward and planning our Christmas party evening which will be Thursday 12th December at the village hall at 7.30pm, a good time to come along as a guest and see what we are all about - a warm welcome is guaranteed!

Tina Alexandrou - Secretary

Play with Clay

A Blisworth Community Charity

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

Our Autumn Term finishes on 13th November.

Good News! We are delighted to announce that "Play with Clay" has received funding from The Compton Funding - Northamptonshire Community Foundation to finance a new kiln and potter's wheel, plus £1000 for pottery tutors. We are all very excited to gain this award and look forward to new horizons in the ceramic world!

Contact: Anne Marie Newton on 858549



Blisworth Bookworms

The last session of the year is on the 25th November 1.30 to 3.30pm at 7 Westbrook when we will be taking stock of our 2019 reads. Happy reading, everyone, over the Christmas break. Maggie Turton on 858594.

Blisworth Baptist Church

Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life

Worship 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

Family Service 2nd Sunday at 4 pm until 5 pm

Especially geared for Families
 Refreshments available as part of the service
 Services are held in the Coffee House

Carol by Candlelight Service on 8th December at 6.00

With children from Blisworth Community Primary School
 Followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies
 Other refreshments available

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
 Breakfasts: November 30th @ 8.15, none in December

All men are very welcome

Pastor: Keith Barker 01327 352972
Assistant Pastor: Lee Hillyard 01604 857654
Secretary: Ray Payne 01604 877442
Room Bookings: Call the office on 01604 857654

Website www.blisworthbaptistchurch.org.uk

PARISH COUNCIL PROGRESS GROUP REPORT

Dropped kerbs

The Group have identified some priority dropped kerbs needed in the village and Helen Howard of Highways has agreed to meet with us in order to progress the matter.

Pavements

We will take the opportunity of discussing with Helen Howard the state of the pavements in particular how we can get the leaves and weeds removed. The timetable for the repairs to Connegar Leys and Buttmead has slipped, mainly due to the weather.

Ann North Secretary Progress Group

Staff Family

Margaret Staff and family would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their cards and sympathy at the loss of **Lawrence**. I know we will all miss him very much.

Total donations to the Dogs Trust came to £326.50. Once again, thank you all for being our friends.

Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Friday 20th December for the January/February Issue.

Please email items you wish to include to:

Email: blisworthranda@gmail.com

or send to the Editor: Alan North

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Stitchery Do

Creating with fabric and thread



Workshops

VENUE: Blisworth Baptist Chapel Coffee House. 10am until 2pm

7th November - Scandi Christmas Decorations

5th December - Scandi Christmas Decorations continued

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 **Angela** on **858137**

Art Trail

Art Trail 2019 was a resounding success. In Blisworth our Church looked radiant and warm, much commented upon by visitors, some of whom were visiting for the first time.

Varied and vibrant art work produced by the eleven artists who worked hard to create exciting presentations resulted in a number of sales.

Footfall was 650, artists' demonstrations were well supported although it would have been good to welcome more children for the 'Fun with Colour' workshops.

Our grateful thanks go to Canon Richard for permitting us to use the Church again and for his support throughout the nine days. We were grateful to Church Warden Fiona McKenzie for keeping the Church so warm. Special thanks also to our visitor's who viewed/bought our work and ate cake, it was a very happy time. **Maggie Turton**



Blisworth Heritage Society



Friday Nov 8 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall
Some Lost Country Houses of Northamptonshire
by Douglas Goddard

Friday Dec 13 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall
A Medieval Christmas
by Michael Brown

Apologies for the change of programme during the last two months; this was due to the unavailability of a speaker. We are now back on the published programme again.

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/>

BVHPFA 250 Club Results

	September	October
£30	100	237
£20	33	31
£20	82	202
£10	224	45
£10	17	22

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

Top Class Jazz Every Sunday at the Walnut Tree
 12 Noon Contact Tad Newton on 858549