

# Round and About

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**Blisworth Parish Council Newsletter**

**March/April 2020 No 132**



## Notes from the Council.....

### Chapel Lane Development-Eastco Homes

Preparatory works in Chapel and Little Lanes are progressing. The widened entrance to Little Lane from the High Street has been completed. The Parish Council have written to Eastco Homes advising them that the temporary arrangement for parking in the Royal Oak car park during the times of restricted parking (TTRO) in Little and Chapel Lanes is inadequate. Deliveries to the site cannot begin until the TTRO is in place, which is dependent on satisfactory alternative parking. Watch this space.

### Parish and Local Council Elections May 2020

Nominations for election to parish and town councils close at 4pm on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020. As a result of the changes in local government structure all councillors will need to be elected in May. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor for Blisworth please contact the clerk of the PC, Viv Hartley on 858360 or e-mail [blisworthparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:blisworthparishcouncil@gmail.com)

### Highways

Members of the PC and Progress Group have met once again with the Highways Dept to discuss the issues of lack of dropped kerbs, poor state of the remaining roads and pavements, and traffic slowing measures on the roads into the village. One small success is their agreement to move the 30mph sign from Chapel Lane, to the other side of the canal bridge! We intend to keep up the pressure regarding the other issues until funding becomes available.

**Tony Hillier Parish Councillor**

## Battle for Blisworth

We know the 'Battle for Blisworth' continues against the horrendous plans for the Rail Freight Interchange. However we are aware of the vast amount of time, effort and commitment being put into the fight against this happening. So to all those who undertook this onerous task we say a big **thank you**. Especial appreciation to **Mark Redding**, and **John Exley** who are at the forefront of the campaign.

We are sure we express the gratitude that many in the Village are feeling. Keep up the good work.

**Tom and Frances Andrews** (hear hear Ed)

## Housing Needs Survey

The Progress Group, a working group of the Parish Council, has formulated on the PC's behalf a survey to assess the future housing needs of the village. It will be used to inform any future development and to give evidence to support or refuse proposals.

If possible we would prefer you to complete the Survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DNVHCLS>

however paper copies can be requested from the Parish Clerk, [blisworthparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:blisworthparishcouncil@gmail.com) or pick up a copy from AJ's shop, the surgery, Baptist Church coffee house, St John's Church and the Royal Oak.

Please do complete it as we want the maximum coverage to reflect all the residents of Blisworth, interested parties, ages and groups in our village. You do not need to be a current resident of Blisworth to take part.



## Blisworth Heritage Society



**Friday Mar 13 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall**

A must for all Rugby Union and Saints fans

**Mobbs Own – The Truth behind the Legend**

*by Julia Wallace*

**Friday Apr 3 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall**

*(please note the date, a week earlier than normal because of Easter)*

**A County A-Z**

*by Derek Blunt*

The Archives are available by arrangement, if there is something of particular interest in the records, please contact any committee member and we will try to make it available for you.

Last year's Committee was re-elected at the AGM in February, but there is still one vacancy, please speak to Hilary if you would like to join the committee.

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

## PARISH COUNCIL PROGRESS GROUP REPORT

### Highways Matters

After my putting large areas of the pavements on the Fix My Street website, Highways suggested a site meeting and have asked us to prioritise pavement problems. Please let me or any of the Progress Group know of any really bad areas – giving street name and location e.g. outside no 7. There is of course a lack of funding but we may be able to get the worst areas repaired.

Anyone can report problems on Fix My Street and much more than potholes can be reported. Please have a look yourself and spread the word.

**Ann North Secretary Progress Group**

[ann.north@homecall.co.uk](mailto:ann.north@homecall.co.uk)

Huge congratulations to Mick Wreford and family whose Christmas lights raised over £3,000 for Help for Heroes. They lead the way in making Blisworth the most popular festive lights village in Northamptonshire.

## Blisworth Film Club

**Thursday 26th March 'Judy'** Led by Oscar winner Renee Zeilweger, this film captures Judy Garland's declining career as she tours Britain in 1968. Recommended for its great songs. Also stars Jessie Buckley (Wild Rose star).

**April 30th 'Yesterday'** Another British Rom-com from directors Danny Boyle and Richard Curtis. Struggling musician Jack finds himself the only person who remembers The Beatles and becomes famous for re-introducing their songs as his own. Praised for its performance and music. **(Note later date.)**

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**

## Stoke Road's Allotment Association.

**The Spring Meeting will be on Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup>  
7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Some new beginnings will be revealed as well as the usual complimentary refreshments, raffle and the free Seed Swap. The stalwart Support Group has recruited some more participants who will be able to compliment the already successful society's team.

With more help the Association will be able to set up a social media group, improve communication and site maintenance as well as perhaps being able to organise garden visits and social events that would complement the whole village. It is free, all leisure gardeners as well as allotment plot holders and their families and friends are invited.

## Blisworth Easter Egg Hunt

**Sunday 5th April, 2 - 4 pm  
Blisworth Village Hall**

Our very popular Easter Egg Hunt is back! Run by Friends of Blisworth School and Blisworth Pre-School, the hunt will start at the village hall and take place around the village. Games and refreshments will also be available at the hall. For further details please email [blisworthpta@gmail.com](mailto:blisworthpta@gmail.com) or look out for our posts on Facebook.

## Blisworth Women's Institute

Our 2020 programme kicked off in January with a speaker from the Towcester foodbank which is part of The Trussell Trust. As a WI we have for the last few years collected and sent over several boxes of food at Christmas time. Going forward we have asked our members to bring an item to each meeting and when we have a box full we will deliver it to the foodbank. It was good to hear that our donations are welcome although at the moment they are very well stocked and have asked for specific items at the present of – instant coffee, tin steamed puddings and toiletries.

Our next speaker in March will be author Graham Sloper "Telling Tales" then in April National Trust Gardens, as always we endeavour to make each meeting different and interesting.

New members always welcome on the second Thursday of every month at the village hall.

**Tina Alexandrou - Secretary**



## Blisworth Baptist Church

*No one is really willing to die for an honest person, though someone might be willing to die for a truly good person. But God showed how much he loved us by having Christ die for us, even though we were sinful. But there is more! Now that God has accepted us because Christ sacrificed his life's blood, we will also be kept safe from God's anger.*

Romans 5 7-9 CEV

Easter is at the very heart of the Christian gospel, it is Jesus's death and resurrection that gives us such hope in this uncertain world. Because of Christ's sacrifice, we now have the opportunity to have and know a relationship with God, the father, The Creator of all things, who loves us. This is amazing grace.

**Easter Services are: Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30pm on 9<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Easter Sunday Celebration Service at 10:45 on 12<sup>th</sup> April**

**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

### Coffee House Opening

Fridays from 10.00 until 12.00 Especially geared for Mums and tots but all welcome

### Coffee House Open Tuesdays

10.00 to 12.30 every 3rd Tuesday is 'Carers Support Day'

### Men's Breakfast

Last Saturday of the Month at 8.30am in the Coffee House

Breakfasts: March 28<sup>th</sup> then April 25<sup>th</sup>

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

**Latest information is on the Website**



## Blisworth Football Supporters Club

The football club have been successful in securing a £150,000 grant from the London Marathon Charitable Trust. This is a major milestone in the project to rebuild the club house and will mean that the project can really gather pace in 2020.

Exciting plans have already been drawn up to build a clubhouse and changing rooms from which the whole community can benefit greatly.

The club will now take the plans through for planning permission and continue with conversations with the FA, who will be the majority funding partner for the project.

**Matthew Goude**

### Blisworth Friendship Group

We are meeting again on Wednesday 26th February, then alternate Wednesdays after that, from 2-4pm in the Chapel rooms. We enjoy a cuppa, cake and conversation, with a light hearted quiz or activity.

We hope to have trips out, and entertainers as well. It is £3. If you, or you know of someone, who would enjoy this, please come along. If you need a lift, we have a lovely bunch of volunteers who will pick you up and take you home. Please contact **Estelle Rose** on **858482**.

### Blisworth Parish Church

"Bidden or unbidden, God is present

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life". St John ch. 3:16*

The Church is now in the season of Lent, the six weeks leading from Ash Wednesday to Easter. You might notice that our church looks somewhat unadorned – the altar frontals of sombre blue, and no banner or flowers. However that will change on Easter morning, when we celebrate and rejoice in our Lord's Resurrection. Many people like to give up something for Lent – the favourites being chocolates or wine. However, it is also a good time to take up something, perhaps to commit to voluntary work, or to explore faith or spirituality more deeply. During Lent, in church and across the benefice, we will be reading and discussing a slim book called "Being a Disciple" by Rowan Williams, a former Archbishop of Canterbury. However, there are many fairly short books which explore the themes of Lent and Easter in an accessible way. These, and Williams' book, are easily obtainable: I do recommend three by Stephen Cottrell - "The Things He Did", "The Things He Carried" and "The Things He Said". Or perhaps drop in to church and explore the story of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection as told towards the ends of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. There are bibles on most of the pews.

In Holy Week, that is the week leading up to Easter Sunday, there will be short prayer and meditation meetings in one or other of the Benefice churches on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. On the 9<sup>th</sup>, Maundy Thursday, there will be a service including foot washing and communion at Alderton. All these are at 7 p.m. On Good Friday we will meet together at Milton Malsor church from 2-3 p.m. St. John's Easter Morning service will be at 11 a.m., a service of communion and joyful celebration.

Our regular service pattern is 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays 11 am Communion. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays 11 am Communion. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 8 am Communion from the Book of Common Prayer and 11 am Morning Worship, Lay led. 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 11 am Communion and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10.30 am a Communion Service at one of the Benefice churches. (March 29<sup>th</sup> will be at Stoke Bruerne). All these times are displayed on the Church door and the notice board by the gate.

Rector	Revd. Canon Richard Stainer	857619
Wardens	Fiona McKenzie	859541
	Angela Cheesbrough	858059

**Top Class Jazz Every Sunday at the Walnut Tree**  
12 Noon to 2.30, Admission £10  
Contact Tad Newton on 858549

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

**Spring Concert.**  
**At The Abbey Centre East Hunsbury**  
**Saturday May 2nd 7pm**

We will be joined by Hunsbury Voices, Hunsbury Harmonettes and Rechoired.

Entrance is FREE. There will be a Raffle and a Retiring Collection on behalf of The Cynthia Spencer Hospice. We would love to see you there! Until then, 'Keep on Singing'

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

### Stitchery Do

Creating with fabric and thread



#### Stitchery Do Programme for Spring 2020

10.15am - 1.45pm at the Blisworth Chapel Coffee House

#### 5th March "Creative Buttons Embroidery"

with Angela Cadd. Bring along your sewing kits and assorted buttons/embroidery hoop and threads.

#### 2nd April "Sew & Create Easter Cards"

Bring along your sewing kits and cards. Materials will be available to purchase on the day.

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**, **Angela** on **858137** or **Margaret** on **858590**

#### Blisworth Prescription Collection 2020

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

Denise Ingram	(whole village) 858489
Chris Lea	(whole village) 857659
Fiona McKenzie	(whole village) 859541
Margaret Murphy	(whole village) 858303
Estelle Rose	(whole village) 858482
Jane Percival	(Stoke Road, Greenside, Church Lane) 858478
Ann Chapman	(Greenaway Close, Courteenhall Road) 858286
Anne Goss	(Greenaway Close, Courteenhall Road) 858001
Mason Masterman	(Pond Bank) 858985
Janet Steeper	(The Park) 879629

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**

#### Blisworth Play Reading Group

The Group now meets on the second Wednesday in each month, so we shall meet at 10am on Wed Mar 11th and then again on Apr 8th. We are scheduled to start a new Play in March so come along and find out what we do. More details from Dick on 858602.





## Play with Clay Blisworth Community Group



Northamptonshire  
Community Foundation  
Giving back to Northamptonshire

Venue: Baptist Chapel Leisure Hall

### Welcome

That's our message to all our potters! Our *Spring* term workshops are being well supported by members with a very creative programme which finishes on 18th March. We have been making our own pottery clocks and learning how to use our new pottery wheel with the help of our new tutor. It's been really exciting to see our enthusiastic new recruits grow in confidence and produce an incredibly high standard of work, like learning textures and surface treatments with hand building. There's so much to learn about pottery and we need to "Keep on Practising".

### Our next is Wednesday 22nd April until 24th June.

Our Saturday Masterclass on 18th January was a new venture and was well supported by a mix of 9 new and established members. The day's workshop consisted of making a plate using sgraffito (a form of decoration made by scratching through a surface to reveal a lower layer of contrasting colour). Making a vase using a plastic tube as a mould, plus learning basic throwing techniques on the wheel and making small pots to glaze.

As this Masterclass has been so positive we will be continuing these sessions three times a year. Our next Saturday Workshop will be on 23rd May 2020 from 10am until 3pm.

If you are interested in any of these workshops please contact: **Anne Marie Newton** on **858549** or Mobile: **07833 150126** or email on: **23anewton@gmail.com**

### Blisworth Pre School

We have been chosen for the Towcester Waitrose community matters scheme in March. We would really appreciate your support in gaining as many green tokens as possible. Thank you.

We currently have some spaces available in our setting, if you wish to come along and have a visit with your child please give us a call on 07803662433 or email us at: **managersblisworthpreschool@yahoo.com**

### BVHPFA 250 Club Results

	Jan	Feb
£30	106	43
£20	187	183
£20	192	149
£10	130	242
£10	97	234

Estelle Rose 858482

### Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Tuesday 21st April for the May/June 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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ANY OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS NEWSLETTER.**

### The Afternoon & Evening Art & Craft Groups

#### Advanced Notice

### THE ANNUAL BLISWORTH ART SHOW

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY - 11am to 5pm

#### VILLAGE HALL

Our traditional 'open' Exhibition will be welcoming new work from members of all local Art Groups, Northampton & Milton Keynes and will include exciting textiles, glass, pottery, photography and greeting cards – FREE entry – catalogue £1.00.

Home made cakes & hot drinks available.

*There is something for everyone to enjoy!*

Do come along and help make this another happy occasion for the Village.

**Maggie Turton** on 858594



### Blisworth Bookworms

Last month we welcomed a new member to the Group who enjoyed the meeting and is looking forward to the next two: **March 23<sup>rd</sup> & April 27<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm to 3.30pm at 7 Westbrook**. Historical novels seem to be flavour of the month! **Maggie Turton** 858594

### 1st Blisworth Scout Group

The weather is not holding our Scout unit back, come rain or shine they have all been having lots of fun! For our Beavers, this term has been all about creativity, as they've busied themselves working towards their badges. They've let their imagination go wild with creativity in their junkyard challenge and created some amazing construction designs with pasta and marshmallows! They also joined their friends from across the District for their Annual District Party.

Our Cubs have been busy exploring our local area, they've learnt about road safety and how to keep themselves safe. They've been creative (and competitive!) making paper planes and spinners and even had a go at some of the games Baden Powell played, as founder of the Scouting movement over a hundred years ago! The kids (and leaders) are all getting excited about the Science Sleepover they have planned.

We wish our Scouts luck in this years backwoods challenge - 'Brass Monkey Camp 2020'. They'll be one of 25 teams taking part, in which our five Scouts will be competing in the outdoors; making shelters, cooking over open fires etc. Chilly times ahead - good luck all.

Thank you to all involved in bringing these experiences to life for our group, with special thanks to our Leaders.

**Katie Mynard, Group Contact**

### Northamptonshire Carers

We are a registered charity that supports unpaid family carers in the county.

We attend the Coffee Morning at the Baptist Church on the third Tuesday of the month between 10.30 and 11.30. The aim is for unpaid/family carers to drop in for information, support and any guidance they may need to help with their everyday situations.