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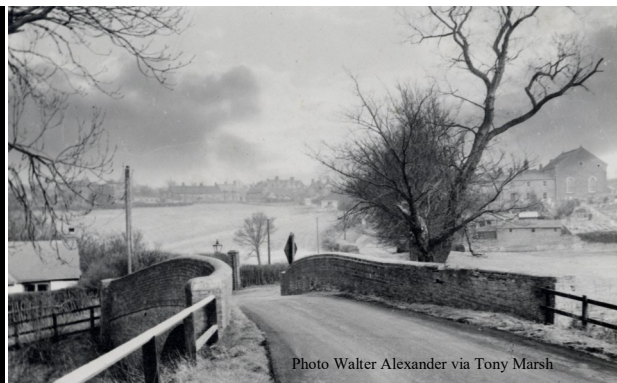


Photo Walter Alexander via Tony Marsh

Notes from the Council.....

Our Parish Council Clerk

Viv Hartley has resigned as Clerk to the Parish Council. She has been Clerk since late 2012 and will leave within the next 2 months. We wish her well for the future and thank her for her service over the past 8 years.

We are recruiting a replacement Clerk to start very soon if possible. If you or anyone you know is or could be interested, please contact David Wilson on 07899 996474 or by email blisworthparishwilson@gmail.com for more information.

New Councillors

The Council has 3 vacancies. The role of a Parish Councillor is explained on the PC website: above in the title block /about-us/general-information/. Please let the PC Clerk or any other Councillor know if you have an interest.

Ability

Ability is a not for profit Community Transport Group, Ability receives SNC funding and is expanding its services across Northants. It takes a minibus around the County in an effort to prevent isolation particularly important during the pandemic covering local towns and supermarkets. Individuals must register and can then pre-book a seat. Social distancing measures, masks and hand sanitiser guidelines are followed. Passengers can be picked up from their home. Concessionary bus passes can be used. Ability has provided initial information to the PC and would like to offer their services in Blisworth. If you are interested, please send feedback to any Councillor or to blisworthparishcouncil@gmail.com

Planning applications for housing

SNC has rejected an outline planning application for approximately 30 dwellings accessed from Station Road. There were a number of objections to this development including from the PC who made a pre-recorded 'virtual' submission' at the Planning Committee for this application. We still have another outline planning application for a similar number of dwellings accessed from Northampton Road, which is now in the SNC planning process to which the PC has also objected.

In addition, we have the approved development in Chapel Lane for 27 dwellings, the start of construction is on hold until 2021.

Play Area

Parts on some play items have been renewed including replacing the rubber floor under the swings and cleaning parts of the multi play unit. This will provide a safe and improved play experience with better quality items to enjoy.

Please report any misuse or problems to our Council Clerk, Viv Hartley, at blisworthparishcouncil@gmail.com or on 858360. For emergencies you can also call 111 or 999.

Speeding traffic through village

Speeding and traffic congestion are common complaints and concerns for many residents. The PC continues to work with SNC and Police to find ways to reduce speeding in the village, and to enhance signage to discourage heavy vehicles from using the narrow village streets. We also ask all residents to stick to the 30 mph limits across the village. We may believe that we know the local roads very well but someone could easily be killed or injured because of speed.

Candle Bridge

We continue to have reports and evidence of heavy vehicles regularly using Candle Bridge, which is subject to a 10-ton weight limit. Weak bridges are protected by weight limits to ensure no damage is caused to them. Please help us by reporting incidents to blisworthparishcouncil@gmail.com. We will need time/date, direction of travel, type of vehicle, registration number and any other identifiers such as company name and especially photos.

Village Hall

The Village Hall is now reopened and available for certain meetings and gatherings. These are subject to strict and careful measures in line with Government restrictions. When National Council guidelines permit the PC will return to our familiar public monthly meetings, we hope to improve the whole meeting process, increased participants, clarity of communication and even shorter meetings.

Remembrance Sunday

The flagpole has been repaired at the Church and should be in place to fly the flag for Remembrance Sunday.

Northampton Gateway Community Liaison Group

The PC is involved in this new Liaison Group to minimise disruption to us all during the warehouse development over the next 5 years, with traffic as a special focus area. We know of the frequent traffic problems in the village and we will work with the developers to help mitigate problems during this large-scale development.

Mikron Theatre

The Mikron theatre is planning to visit Blisworth in the summer next year, if coronavirus permits. The small theatre (Mikron is Greek for small) presents large and interesting topics and has been touring for more than 48 years. We will keep you updated on arrangements for the 2021 visit.

Stay safe, stay well.

David Wilson Chair of the Parish Council



No calling at homes this year.
Please complete the school's
Pumpkin Hunt instead.

Coronavirus Issue Four

Some village clubs, groups etc remain closed or have their activities curtailed until further notice, these include:

Mothers Club, Bowls Club, Art & Craft Groups,
Stitchery Do, Bookworms, Community Choir,
Play Reading Group, Fishing Club.

These organisations have cancelled all activities and will let you know when they are going to re-start.



Play with Clay Blisworth Community Pottery Group Charity

Our Workshops are Back

Every Wednesday Evening 7 until 9pm
New venue—Blisworth Village Hall

For details contact: Anne Marie Newton on 07833 150126



Blisworth Football Supporters Club

A planning application has been submitted for a new clubhouse and changing rooms. We are aware of parking issues and, with the relevant permission from the land owners, we are hoping to increase parking when funds have been raised to help alleviate any problems.

We are also happy to host The Blisworth Friendship Group again on Wednesday 11th November.

Gary Edwards

Local businesses offering continuing support

Janine & Paul the new managers of **The Royal Oak** invite you to the **Acorn Barn Eatery** Friday 5-9, Saturday 5-9 and Sunday Carvery 12-4. **Booking essential call 858723.**

Sam Lee has opened **New Tunnel Hill Farm Shop** (Stoke Road on the right, just past Knock Lane.) Free range eggs, veggies, meat, cheese, bread and much, much more, Saturday and Sunday 9 till 2. **07745 327430**

Collins Fresh Produce are offering **home deliveries** of fresh foods – visit their website www.collinsfresh.com or 'phone **01604 673724**

The Boat Inn at **Stoke Bruerne** are offering groceries and fresh fruit and veg, alongside ales and ready meals. Call **01604 862428** to order.

Jaspers Catering Milton Keynes - Basic Groceries <http://www.jaspersonline.co.uk/catering-milton-keynes-contact> **01908 569996**

Meat Factory Northampton (delivery) <https://www.facebook.com/FCMeatFactoryShop> **01604 761746**

CBC Meats Blisworth (delivery) <https://www.facebook.com/cbcmeats/> **01604 858115**

Raisa & Sons Roade (collection) <https://www.facebook.com/raisasons> **07835 034496**

The Plough Shutlanger collection of basic groceries, **plus delivery** of some hot meals <https://www.facebook.com/ploughshutlanger> **01604 864644** Closed Monday



FOBS

Friends of Blisworth School
**Pumpkin Hunt - Saturday 24th
to Saturday 31st October**



Find the Pumpkins round the village to claim your goody bag! Details of where to claim will be sent to you when you book, along with the trail sheet. Tickets on sale online until the 30th October. Email blisworthpta@gmail.com for more details on how to book.

The Hunt is designed to be COVID-friendly. In order to maintain this, it is important that you adhere to all government legislation and guidance including:

- Participate in groups of no more than six
- Maintain social distancing during the pumpkin hunt and when collecting your prize
- Do not touch any of the pumpkins

In addition our other fundraising activities are continuing:

- If you are having a clear out of clothes etc, the bins are waiting to be filled!
- If you shop with Amazon, the charity is registered with Amazon Smile
- If you shop online, we are registered with Easyfundraising - many retailers are on there.

www.pta-events.co.uk/blisworth to book tickets or email blisworthpta@gmail.com for further information.

Blisworth Baptist Church

The Church Family wish you all, the Blessings of Christ Child, this advent season. Our love and prayers go out to you at what will be a very different Christmas.
God Bless You all and Please Stay Safe.

Worship Service every Sunday at 10.00am over Zoom
Virtual Communion every First Sunday
Please ring the Pastor / Secretary for Zoom Codes.

Other Virtual Events

Film Night: Friday 13th November at 7.30pm:

Don't forget your drinks and nibbles.

Café Church: Sunday 6th December at 10:00am:

Very different form of Church.

Quiz Evening Friday 11th December at 7:30pm.

Come and test your general knowledge.

Carols by Candlelight Service:

Sunday 13th December at 6:30pm

Morning Carol Service: Sunday 20th December at 10:00am

Christmas Morning: Friday 25th December at 10:00 am

Pastor: Keith Barker 01327 352972

Assistant Pastor: Lee Hillyard 01604 857654

Secretary: Ray Payne 01604 877442

Room Bookings: Office closed during the Lockdown

Website www.blisworthbaptistchurch.org.uk

Travel Free - Travel Safe - Travel Ability

Ability is a not for profit social enterprise dedicated to connecting people with local places to reduce loneliness and isolation. Once you have registered your Bus Pass can provide you with FREE door to door service to shops, banks, clubs etc. For more information contact:

Anne Goss on 858001

Blisworth Parish Church

God is with us

"He will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing" Zephaniah 3 v 12

"I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety" Psalm 4 v 8

Rules of 6, of 15, of 10, of 30, isolation, lockdown, circuit breakers – surely life has never been more confusing and frightening as we try to make sense of mixed and changing messages. But the message of the Bible is sure and unchanging, it has stood the test of time. We can rely on the knowledge that God's love is for each and every one of us, and nothing can separate us from Him. Nevertheless it is all too easy for fearful thoughts to dominate sleepless hours, so the above two quotes sit well together – if we seek and accept God's peace we are more certain to enjoy unbroken and restorative sleep. [Shakespeare referred to "sleep that knits up the ravelled sleeve of care".]

When Easter services were cancelled, we never imagined that in the Autumn we would be planning for more reduced, or cancelled, celebrations. We have no idea how the nation will mark Remembrance Sunday, November 8th, but following guidelines, there will be no service in St. John's. At 10.55 a very pared down Act of Remembrance will be held at the War Memorial in the churchyard. This will involve only wreath laying by village representatives. At 11 am the two minute silence will be followed by the sounding of the Last Post. The public is asked not to gather, but if you wish you could join to observe the silence by standing outside your home.

The very limited Benefice services are distributed more widely on Sundays at 9.30 by Zoom, and anyone who would like to follow in this way should phone one of us to be included in the Zoom invitations. There is also a weekly short meditative service, based on Celtic worship, Wednesdays at 9.30. on Zoom, and again anyone is welcome to participate.

Be assured that the prayer work of the church does not stop and is not pared down. We pray for our nation and for the village, for our families and friends. We pray for the lonely, the worried, the unwell, the carers. We ask that God will bless us with His peace and sustain us with His love. Remember that truly, some things never change.

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

Parish Clerk Vacancy

Blisworth Parish Council has a vacancy for a parish clerk and responsible finance officer.

Applications are invited from experienced persons, although training will be given and enthusiasm to learn will be seen as an alternative to formal qualifications. The parish clerk is responsible for the management and administration of the business and finances of the council. The salary is in the range of £12.98 to £14.42 per hour for 50 hours per month.

Please contact David Wilson, Chairman of the PC:
email: blisworthparishwilson@gmail.com, 07899 996474 by 13 November 2020

Blisworth Women's Institute



It has still not possible to hold our meetings due not only to Covid but also by instructions from NFWI. Nevertheless, committee members have strived to keep in touch with members and recently we sent quizzes via email. Denise has been busy making masks for the committee with the WI logo on and also painted a WI stone for the village Covid snake.

In September the WI reached the 105th anniversary so we chose this day to deliver a 'Cream Tea' to all our members. We were pleased by the positive feedback - who doesn't love a cream tea!

The October meeting is always our AGM, where business is first, followed by supper. This year we held it via Zoom, 16 members joined us. Denise and the current committee were willing to stand again which was unanimously agreed.

We will continue to do all we can for the rest of the year and like all organisations hope to get back to normality as soon as possible. **Tina Alexandrou - Secretary**

Blisworth Film Club

The Covid epidemic has brought the monthly Film Club to an unexpected halt and given me the chance to rethink the direction it should take if and when it is possible to screen films in the Village hall.

After ten years at the helm I have decided that I no longer wish to take the lead in running the club and do not intend to restart it once restrictions are relaxed. However, I am very grateful to Beryl Payler who has been a great help over the years and who is happy to continue in her role as treasurer if it is decided that there is enough interest for the club to keep going.

What we need is for someone, or a small group of people, to take over from me. Duties entail the selection, booking and paying for films from the film provider Phoenix, posters and publicity, then setting out the chairs before the showing, following Covid guidelines as necessary.

I do hope there will be someone who is willing to take over from me. I have informed Phoenix of my decision but am willing to organise a film for January 28th 2021 in the expectation that it will be possible to continue, with Beryl taking the money! I am, of course, happy to offer my support during any changeover.

Margaret Holiday 858590

Blisworth Friendship Group

After a successful get together at the Football Club on September 9th, BFG are hoping to meet again on Wednesday November 11th, 11am-1pm. Groups such as ours are allowed to meet as long as we abide by the rules. The Football Club is spacious enough to allow us to do this, and is a lovely comfortable venue.

We have a lady from ABILITY (free transport for the elderly) coming to speak to us about it, plus a quiz if time allows. We will endeavour to get all our lovely members there before 11am, so we can observe 2 mins silence together and will have poppies for sale.

We are also in the process of organising our Christmas Party. To join in the fun, or volunteer to help, please contact **Estelle Rose** on **858482**.



Blisworth Allotments & Gardens Association - Stoke Road Autumn Update

On 17th August 2020 a Support Team meeting was called by Jane Percival (Retired Chairman) where "*A New Allotment Committee was appointed.*"

Pete & Gem Roberts - Joint Chairmen - Phone 859029

Arthur Ellis - Vice Chairman

Carol Arnall - Secretary/Admin - Phone 858776

Anne Marie Newton - Secretary/Admin

Beryl Payler - Treasurer

Dave Dalton - Site Supervisor

We would like to thank Jane Percival for all her hard work and dedication after 24 years as Chairman. An active and inspiring leader - always ready to assist those new allotment holders on how to manage their plot! - Jane is still an active member of our newly formed Support Committee of plot holder volunteers who will be helping us in ensuring the continued success of running our allotment site.

Pete & Gem Roberts - Looking forward to meeting you all on your Plot!

BLISWORTH VILLAGE HALL

You can now help our Village Hall whenever you use Amazon Smile. It is free to use and all your purchases can be eligible for a donation.

When first visiting smile.amazon.co.uk, customers are prompted to select a charitable organisation. Amazon will give 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT and other shipping fees) of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organisations selected. Please choose Village Hall Blisworth. If you have already chosen a charitable organisation for donations you can change to the Village Hall if you wish.

Any problems please let me know.

Ann North on 858579 or ann.north@homecall.co.uk

BVHPFA 250 Club Results

	Sept	Oct
£30	196	84
£20	19	139
£20	54	219
£10	113	7
£10	132	147

Thank you all for your support. Good luck next time.
Please keep well **Estelle Rose** 858482

Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Monday 21st 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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ANY OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS NEWSLETTER.**



Blisworth Heritage Society



The Heritage Society Committee continues to plan for meetings in the Village Hall as soon as it is feasible and safe. Currently we feel it is not yet possible. We will review the situation again in December and look forward to welcoming you all back as soon as it becomes safe.

At present we have a number of projects under way, these include: replacement of the Info Board outside the Royal Oak (in the same way as the boards at Candle Bridge and The Tunnel), so if you can suggest any improvements for this, please let us know as soon as possible.

Following the popularity of our Walks leaflet in the summer, we are now working on a new leaflet with several new walks. If you have a favourite walk that you would like to share, please let us know so that it can be included.

We also continue to work on a display incorporating the "wagon wheels" found in the allotments some years ago. Again, if you have any ideas or would like to get involved, do please contact us.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year and a return to normality in the not too distant future.

www.blisworthheritage.org.uk

Margaret (Maggie) Turton

Mick Turton and family would like to thank all our friends and neighbours for the tremendous support that we have received since Maggie passed away.

Maggie

Maggie Turton will be very much missed by Blisworth. A loveable mover and shaker she organised and ran so many clubs and events that it is difficult to number. Two art groups, the art trail, two annual exhibitions, Picasso's Pantry, bookworms. She helped her husband Mick when he ran the Cubs and Scouts, was a member of the community choir plus much, much more. The affection in which she was held could be judged by the many, many people who lined the High Street and Stoke Road to say their last farewell. Love and very deep sympathy to Mick and family.

Alan North (Editor) on behalf of very many villagers

Tony Marsh

We mourn the passing of Tony who in his quite way did so much for Blisworth. He carried out tremendous work in putting together and running the very first village website and was the custodian of a huge archive of Blisworth photographs, many of which have appeared in this publication. Goodbye Tony, you will be missed. Editor

Peter Burton

Another sad loss for Blisworth was the death of Peter Burton who had worshipped at Blisworth Chapel for over 60 years. As a skilled carpenter he contributed greatly to the fabric of the chapel and made innumerable items which are still used in most services. He and his family lived in Blisworth since the 1970s and he taught at St Johns school in Tiffield. Latterly he was a keen member of the Heritage Society, the play reading group and the community choir.