

# Round and About

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**Blisworth Parish Council Newsletter**

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## Notes from the Council.....

### Our Parish Council Clerk

Our new Clerk, Gillian Greaves joined us at the beginning of January. This is great news for the Parish Council and Blisworth residents. Gill is an experienced Councillor and Parish Clerk. She works part time for us and works as a Clerk at two other Parish Councils. She has made a great start updating our documentation, improving our processes and following up on enquiries from residents. The best contact method for reaching the Council is to email, [blisworthparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:blisworthparishcouncil@gmail.com).

### New Councillors

After our new Councillor, Chris Read joined last month, the Council now has 2 vacancies. The role of a Parish Councillor is explained on the Blisworth Parish Council website: <http://parish.blisworthvillage.org/about-us/general-information/>. Please let the Parish Council Clerk or any other Councillor know if you have an interest.

### Planning Applications

We have received a planning application for an inert waste recycling facility at the edge of our village towards Milton Malsor. The planning authority has previously examined an application for storage and transfer not recycling at the location and granted permission with 22 conditions. The present application will mean 24 HGV deliveries per day from 7am to 7pm. The Council has strongly objected to the application on 23 grounds with detailed supporting information across 5 areas, access and highway safety, protection of trees, permitted operations, noise and air pollution, dust, flood risk and other general concerns.

Our Council looks at all opportunities for planning applications and treats all on their individual merits. Each time, we consider what is the application, where is it and what does it bring to the village or how does it affect the amenity of the village. We believe that this is one of the worst we have seen in recent years as it is an intrusive industrial complex at the edge of the village. To make our points stronger, we co-ordinated with Milton Malsor Parish Council to ensure we covered all points of concern. The decision on the application rests with other local authorities as your Parish Council can only make comments.

Some neighbours to the site may not have received normal notification from South Northants Council. We have been advised by South Northants Council, that in respect of neighbour notifications, these are sent via post so during the current pandemic we have been unable to carry them out as the Council office has had only skeleton staffing in place.

Instead, all applications are being advertised only by site notice (<https://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/info/173/planning>) and, where applicable, press advert. This is the

statutory minimum required for publicising applications. This situation is presently being reviewed so it's possible neighbour notifications will start again in the near future.

### Street Lighting

After the Council's proposed improvement to our street lighting was approved in December, we have installed the new lights across the village. You will certainly notice the difference and the new LED lamps save a significant amount of Parish money by reducing energy bills. Contact Councillor Simon Bunker [brackleybunkers@btinternet.com](mailto:brackleybunkers@btinternet.com), if you have any questions or comments.

### The Bridge Near the Mill

The Council has supported resident's concerns about the damage caused by a number of unknown vehicles in December 2020. We have urged the Highways Department to bring forward repairs and coordinated with them to improve temporary barriers/lights that caused further problems. Work to repair the bridge and remove the traffic installations started on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and should be completed by the time you read this newsletter.

One of the factors that Highways take into account when making decisions about road changes is the number of incidents that have taken place at a particular location and, with this in mind, it is important that any such incidence are reported to the relevant authorities and the Parish Council.

### Westbrook Fencing

The Council are working to repair the fencing, renew paint marks on the steps and provide a new noticeboard at this location. We have engaged contractors and more information will be provided soon.

### Stay Safe

COVID-19 restrictions remain in place over the next few months as the Government has announced the roadmap out of the restrictions out of our third lockdown. Although news sites and the media report on corona virus 24/7 and each hour, it is still valuable to continue to refer to the Government website, [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus), for all the latest law, guidance and support, plus recent and upcoming changes. You can even sign up to receive emails when information is changed on the [gov.uk](https://gov.uk) website.

**David Wilson Chair of the Parish Council**

### Changed Month Of Issue

You may have noticed that this Issue of Round and About covers 3 months, this is to move the regular issue dates forward one month. This will allow the Christmas issue to come out around the 1st of December much closer to Xmas, all New Year events will also be covered in the same issue.

It also make production easier as the old January/February issue had to be prepared and printed during the holidays.



## Blisworth Heritage Society



Like many organisations in the Village, we begin to see just a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel and begin to dust off our meeting plans that were suddenly cut short a year ago. Last year we had planned a visit to Canons Ashby gardens as our summer outing. We are now hopeful that this may be possible this summer, members will be contacted as soon as there is further news, or see the June issue of Round & About.

Whilst we wait for the opportunity to socialise again, we continue with some admin and maintenance work. Many of you will have noticed the smart reprinted "Info Board" outside the Royal Oak. We now intend to move on and replace the boards at Elm Tree Corner, outside the School and opposite the Sun, Moon and Stars. If you can see any errors or feel we need to add additional information on any of these boards, please let us know so that we can amend them before the reprint. For more information, see our website at [www.blisworthheritage.org.uk](http://www.blisworthheritage.org.uk)

## Blisworth Women's Institute

Our monthly meetings have been continuing via Zoom with a 'musical evening' in January where members discussed their favourite song/singer or music and told us why they are special to them.



In February Pat Masterman from our village was our speaker and she gave us very interesting and inspirational talk on 'Living with deafness. She had a personal insight into this as her grandson was born profoundly deaf.

We continue to keep in touch with our members with phone calls, quizzes and small gifts, the latest being a Valentines gift of a heart shape homemade biscuit and chocolate hearts.

As Zoom meetings seem to be the way to go for a few more months we will continue to try and get interesting speakers, in March we have a speaker on 'Women disguising themselves as men to join up in WW1'.

**Tina Alexandrou - Secretary**

## Coronavirus Issue Six

That makes it an Unhappy Birthday. So many village clubs, groups etc still 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. Play with Clay

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

## Blisworth Parish Church

*"I At dawn on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came from heaven and rolled back the stone. His appearance was like lightning and his clothes white as snow. The guards were so afraid that they shook and became as dead men. The angel said to the women "do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, he has risen just as he said. Come see the place where he lay." Matthew 28 vv 1-6 NIV*

This account of the resurrection, and similar accounts in the other Gospels, Mark, Luke and John, take us straight to the heart of the Easter story. But for now we are in the season of Lent. Traditionally people give up something, often chocolate or wine, but the tradition of Lenten fasting runs deep, and is spiritually sustaining for many people. In the church, Lent is the period of 40 days when we prepare hearts and minds to reach Holy Week, and travel with Christ as he entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, joined with his disciples in the last supper, understood betrayal, fear and grief in the garden of Gethsemane, faced his accusers, and suffered death on the cross. It is hard not to be able to be in church, and it looks as if for the second year we will not join together to celebrate Easter Sunday. Even so, nothing changes the fact that Jesus' resurrection assures us that our sins can be forgiven, and death, the final enemy, has been conquered. Many people feel that at the moment we have all given up massive chunks of our normal lives, so perhaps instead of giving something up we might take something up. There are lots of books written to be read during Lent, ranging from in-depth studies to much less taxing reads. (Google "books for Lent"). And of course, the Bible is not just for Lent, but a constant companion for every season of life.

There is now a three-month gap till the next R&A and who knows what we will be doing by then. If there is any change in what we can do as regards opening the church, be assured that everyone will hear about it! In the meantime, we thank God, for the hope that we begin to see, for the roll out of the vaccine, and for all who serve in whatever capacity. We may feel insignificant, but the reality is very different – we can share our deepest fears with God, in the certainty that he will hear us.

The Benefice offers two acts of worship each week, on Sunday and Wednesday at 9.30 am. Please contact [grandunionbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:grandunionbenefice@gmail.com) and you will be sent a link to either of these.

May God's blessing rest on this village, and bring us safely to more normal times.

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

## Found

A pair of blue Specsavers spectacles on the road between Gayton Road and Station Road on Tuesday 23rd. If they are yours please call 858482.

Also Les Carter said he'd found a pair up the playing field ages ago.

**Estelle**

# WANTED



## Do you care about Blisworth

Do you want to do something  
positive for your community?

Can you think, listen and act  
locally?

Elections to Blisworth Parish  
Council will be held  
on 6 May 2021\*

**Why not consider  
becoming a Councillor?**

To find out more please visit

<https://parish.blisworthvillage.org/>

\*Applications must be submitted by  
8th April

## BVHPFA 250 Club Results

	January	February
£30	186	12
£20	224	250
£20	149	28
£10	37	87
£10	208	185

Thank you so much to everyone who has brought their £10's down to me. Don't worry if your collector hasn't been to you yet, they will do at some point. But if you could possibly drop it off at my house, that would be very helpful; 28 Windmill Ave. Alternatively if you'd like to transfer it directly into bank, please ring me for details.

Estelle Rose 858482

### Stephen Glover

Local handyman who can assist you with tasks around your home and garden. 07584415058

## Blisworth Baptist Church

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.  
Heb. 13 v8.*

Here we are nearly a year on, sadly the Church Buildings remain closed. As I write this 3 month Round and About piece, we have a hope that by the end of the duration of this newsletter, that is the end of May, we will be back or just about to go back, into the buildings, being able to serve the community that we love, cherish and miss very much.

We so look forward to seeing you all again soon.

**Worship Service every Sunday at 10.00am over Zoom**  
**Virtual Communion every First Sunday**  
**Easter Services**

*(Virtual, unless restrictions lifted dramatically)*

Palm Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10:00

Maundy Thursday Service, 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7:30

Easter Sunday Celebration, 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 10:00

Pentecost Celebration 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 10:00

Everyone is most welcome to join us.

*Please ring the Pastor / Secretary for Zoom Codes.*

### Other Virtual Events

Quiz Night on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30

*Don't forget your drinks and nibbles.*

*Again please ring the Pastor / Secretary for Zoom Codes at the numbers below.*

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

### Local businesses offering continuing support

**Janine & Paul at The Royal Oak** invite you to order their high quality Take Aways Thurs to Sun 10am—2pm, all-day breakfast, plus 'specials', cream teas (recommended Ed) Sun 12-3 Carvery, Fri-Sat 6-8pm fish (etc) and chips  
**Booking essential call 858723.**

**Sam Lee's 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](http://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.

**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/raisas.sons> **07835 034496**

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

**Perkins Northampton (2 days to door) Fruit & Veg** <https://www.facebook.com/perkinsfresh> **01604 218486**



## FOBS

Friends of Blisworth School



Thank you to everyone who has continued to support FOBS over the last year, we are still running the following:

- If you are having a clear out of clothes, the bins are still there just in the top car park now
- 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

We are also hoping to have an Easter Trail around the village, please watch out for further information on Facebook and the notice boards.

Please email [blisworthpta@gmail.com](mailto:blisworthpta@gmail.com) for more details on any of the above.



Blisworth Community Primary School is very excited to have our children returning to school after closure. Children have worked very hard on their remote learning and the children of critical workers in school have done us proud.

The school has now got six values, chosen by the school community to underpin our motto 'Be the best you can be.' They are - community, perseverance, integrity, courage, collaboration and curiosity. We have had remote competitions for both courage and perseverance.

The children were able to interpret courage in any way that they wished. We had art work, videos, powerpoints, creation of video game platforms, written work and much more. Some of our children shared some amazing personal stories of courage.



Normally children have to save up eighteen stickers to be awarded a gold pin badge in a given value. One of our pupils, Alfie, shared such an amazing personal story of courage that he was immediately awarded a gold

pin badge for courage and is the first ever pupil at our school to gain a badge.

The perseverance competition found many children (and parents) becoming origami experts. We look forward to our children returning and being able to continue building our values in our school community face-to face. We are so proud of all our children and have missed them so much during closure.

**Miss L Jenkins    Headteacher**

### Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Friday 21st May for the June/July Issue.

Please email items you wish to include to:

**Email: [blisworthranda@gmail.com](mailto:blisworthranda@gmail.com)**

or send to the Editor: Alan North  
89 Buttmead, Blisworth, Northants

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## Blisworth Bring or Bag

Blisworth Bring or Bag would like to thank villagers for their support of the community shelter, which is located next to the Royal Oak Pub.

This project was set up to both share resources between each other and reduce waste in our local community. We have established a small network of suppliers who donate food to the project, which saves it going to waste. In addition the community give their support, donating food, books, toiletries, DVDs and stationery.

If you would like to support the project or are in need of support, please contact Laura 07522 529699 or Sarah on 07599 053320.

## Ajay

Ajay has always been a community person and always wanted to live in a village, so when the opportunity arose in 2003, he moved to Blisworth with Bhavna and the family and never looked back. He loved the village, made it his and the family's home, loved being part of the community and always went out of his way to help anyone, whether it was to find a house or to fit a SIM card. He worked hard each day, always smiling, spreading joy and played a key role as a member of the Blisworth community, supporting all whose life he touched.

Ajay was also very much a family man, fulfilling every role he was called in to fulfil, as a son, sibling, parent, grandparent, friend, neighbour. He was always there for everybody, most often in the background, helping out, with little personal ambitions, with unwavering conviction and fairness and very often, beyond the call of duty.

He was a keen businessman and a keen bridge player with the nickname of "double diamond" in the local bridge community; he loved music, theatre and being out and about, he was never one to sit at home.

He was lucky to have moved to Blisworth. The family have been humbled by the support from the community and would like to thank everyone for all the lovely messages, the stories and for coming out together to see him off on Saturday – thank you.

Viral (Ajay's son)

Sentiments and thoughts added by request from villagers.  
Editor:

Notice on the shop:

"Proud to Serve Blisworth"

Comments heard around the village:

"Donated the 5p per plastic bag to the Village Hall"

"A lovely man who will be missed within the community."

"Very helpful kind man always going the extra mile to help people."

"A gentle special man. A great loss to the village."

"The village has lost a good friend."

"A lovely gentle man and a great boss."

"Always had time for a chat."

"Lovely man, generous to the community and always so helpful."