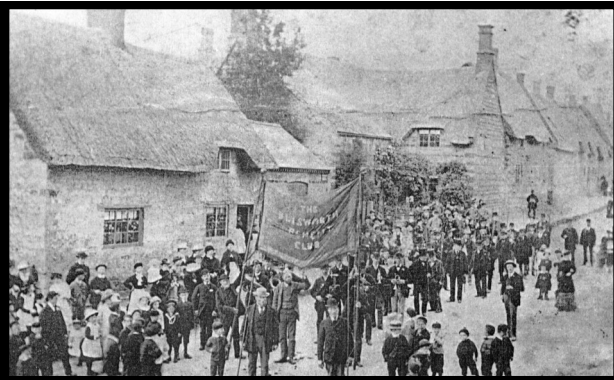


Round and About

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Blisworth Parish Council Newsletter

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Notes from the Council.....

Facebook

We are now live on Facebook and have a page where residents can contact the PC on @BlisworthParishCouncil. We share information on this page and keep residents updated on subjects such as Highways, Planning, Community Grants and West Northants official information that needs repeating on our local Facebook page.

Parish Council Clerk

As noted in the previous edition of Round and About, we have a new Clerk for our Parish Council. Her name is Angela Billing, she lives in Blisworth and can be contacted via our email address, blisworthparishcouncil@gmail.com

Parish Councillors

We have 4 x vacancies for Parish Councillors and you can contact a Parish Councillor for details. Information is also on our website and Facebook page. If anyone would like an informal chat about the role, we would be more than willing to help you understand what is involved.

Traffic Issues Update

Northants Police installed traffic monitoring devices across the village in response to concerns raised around traffic speed and volume through the village. We continue to press the West Northamptonshire Council on this matter particular in light of proposed developments in the Towcester area and south of Northampton which continue to put further traffic pressure on the village. Please report any traffic issues or dangers to our Clerk at her email address, see above,

New Mobile Speed Indicator Device

The Parish Council has purchased an additional Speed Indicator Device, and it has been, initially, installed in Stoke Road. It is recording data as well as speeds but traffic is much less in Stoke Road because of street closures until the fibre optic installations are completed. The device will be moved between Stoke Road, High Street and Courteenhall Road to build a case for traffic calming improvements. We have purchased a new pole for Courteenhall Road and are waiting for it to be installed by Highways.

Carriageway Near the Village Boundary on Stoke Road

The carriageway near the Blisworth Tunnel entrance and car park has deteriorated over recent years, partly because of the volume and weight of traffic using our village routes. The immediate result is a 3T weight limit signs, until work can commence, close to the location of carriageway cracking with advance warning signs of the 3T limit from the junction of Knock Lane and the High St in Blisworth. Our Facebook page has details of Northamptonshire Police's 'Operation Snap', an online reporting system that should be used to report overweight vehicles.

Dog Waste and Litter

The village Litter Group would like to remind residents to use the dog waste bins or take the waste home to discard. It costs £1,467 per year to clean and empty dog waste bins so please use them. We have public places in the village where some owners are not cleaning up after their pets. Dog waste is potentially a health hazard, the law says it is not a reasonable excuse that the owner does not have a suitable container or were not aware that their pet made a mess. WNC has had a recent open consultation about dog waste in South Northants. They are concerned that it is a frequently reported and costly problem for the County Council. One conclusion may be more on the spot fines and tougher enforcement for the few dog owners that don't clear up their dog's waste. We would like to say a big thank you to dog owners who always think about other villagers and their children and meticulously clean up after their dogs.

Play Area Improvements

Repairs have now been carried out in the play area and a new bench has been installed. New equipment will be installed in the coming months, primarily as a result of a National Lottery grant obtained by the PC to provide safe play to children under 12. The PC asked children at the primary school to vote on preferred equipment. We selected the option that received 60% of the vote. Unfortunately, although the order was placed in early February, the supplier has informed us that because of supply chain problems etc, the expected delivery date is June.

Gigaclear Installations

The PC Facebook page contains a letter from Gigaclear showing a schedule of planned road closures, with work ongoing during the first half of 2022. However, we have noted that although the contractors are working fast the schedule of work is not exactly followed, some start earlier and some later but the pace of work continues.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

National initiatives are underway to encourage local community participation during the Jubilee (2 to 5 June). It is open for all community groups and residents in Blisworth to suggest ideas and organise events, from parades, street parties, beacons, picnics, music events, big lunch, tea dance, best decorated street, to a scarecrow festival. The village has a group of volunteers preparing a range of events for the weekend, contact them to join in.

Blisworth Village Stores, Post Office, Shops and Pub

Please continue to support our wonderful local facilities. They provide a valuable amenity and service to our village and continue to need our support during uncertain times.

Best Wishes, and stay safe, everybody.

David Wilson Chair Blisworth Parish Council



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Brace yourselves for four action packed days to celebrate our wonderful Queen's magnificent achievement. 70 Glorious Years on the Throne. The Thursday and Friday are bank holidays, so let's get partying.

Thursday 2nd June which is her actual anniversary so Street Parties are the order of the day. It would be wonderful if every street in Blisworth hosted a street party. It doesn't have to be hard work, you don't particularly need chairs and tables all down the road and worrying about how many to cater for. Anyone could arrange it so please have a go. All you need is a space, either a cul de sac, a nearby green area, or even some kind person with a largish garden. Put a note through all your neighbours doors or better still knock on the doors to invite them. You should get enthusiastic offers of help to organise. Ask every adult to bring a plate of finger food to share, their own drinks and chairs. Organise a few games for the children (we do the old games like skipping, hopscotch, marbles etc.) and have a wonderful day with your neighbours and hopefully meet new friends.

Friday and Saturday, St. John's Church are holding a Flower Festival inviting groups, clubs and individuals to enter, the theme being "Celebration", so please visit the Church over the weekend, Saturday 4th June is Open Gardens and More celebrating The Queen's love of gardens. Several gardens will be open for you to visit around our village, so pick up a free map from the Village Hall from 12 o'clock, enjoy a lovely stroll around our beautiful village visiting gardens and other exciting venues and finishing back at the Village Hall for refreshments and other activities until 5pm. If anyone else is prepared to open their garden (you could always do a small fundraise) then please contact Janet on 07732 987087 as soon as possible as she has to get maps printed.

Sunday 5th June Our beautiful young Queen will lead a parade from Buckingham Palace (Village Hall car park) to Westminster Abbey (Playing Field) at 12.30pm. Followed (hopefully) by representatives from all our organisations and clubs, with a banner to say who they are and showcase what our wonderful village has to offer. Anyone else in fancy dress - depicting events, achievements or fashions over the last 70 years, can join the parade. Our Gracious older Queen will bring up the rear in a grand limousine.

Hopefully we will all line the streets, Buttmead, Connegar Leys and Courteenhall Rd wearing red, white and blue and waving our flags to cheer on your Queens and follow them up to the playing field. Here there will be side shows, a dog show and other events going on.

Of course this all depends on you and your participation. Let's make this a day our children will remember forever just like those of us old enough remember the Coronation and previous Jubilees.

We desperately need: Marshall's for the parade and help putting large tents up.

Anyone with large sturdy tents/gazebos who would be willing to loan them for the day.

Please contact **Estelle** on 858482/07964060369 with offers of help.

There will be food vans and refreshments served in the Scout Community Hall. Anyone willing to do an hours stint serving refreshments or would make a cake please contact **Anne Goss** on 858001

COME ON BLISWORTH, LET'S DO IT!

1st Blisworth Scout Group

Could working with young people be your thing?

We're desperate for adult helpers to join our Beaver group. You could be the difference that helps keep 1st Blisworth Beavers going!

If you'd like to learn more, we can arrange for you to meet the team, and see what support's on offer before you decide whether to be involved.

You'll learn career-friendly skills, boost your wellbeing, make new friends. Because volunteering at Scouts is a two-way street - good for young people, and good for you too.

Contact us today. We'd love to chat about how we can help each other (and most importantly how together we can continue to keep our Beaver group going for all our young people!).

Contact Lynne - 07779 958237

Blisworth Arts Society

The Art groups meet on Monday afternoon (2pm - 4pm) and 7pm - 9pm in the Chapel Coffee house. Anyone interested in Art or Craft is welcome. During the last year we have had a successful Art Show and recently members enjoyed a watercolour workshop. We are looking forward to more workshops/demonstrations as well as an afternoon of art in the Old Rectory Garden. Our next Art Show will be on the 19/20th November.

We are producing a banner for the Jubilee celebrations and holding a competition with the school to design and make a crown.

We are also, with the Heritage Society, holding a photography competition for the best images which capture the village Jubilee celebrations. Entries should be submitted by June 19th to 2, Towcester Road (hard copy) or by email to h.spurrier.123@btinternet.com

If you are interested in joining us please contact **Hilary Spurrier** on **859181**.

BLISWORTH FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We continue to meet on alternate Wednesdays in the Football Club. The last few meetings, we have enjoyed a Beetle Drive, Pancakes, a lovely talk by Carolyn Young on the History of Young's Nursery plus fun playing "Play Your Cards Right" with games master John Woodhouse.

Our next get together is on Wednesday 30th March 2-4pm at the football club. Transport can be arranged if needed. It's only £3 and we have a raffle and refreshments. Please contact Estelle on **858482**, Anne Goss on **858001** or Janet on **07732 987037**

Blisworth Parish Church

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you, I do not give you as the world gives. Let not your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" John 14:27

Easter Services for the Grand Union Benefice - a chance to remember Christ's death on the cross and glorious resurrection.

10th April - 10am Palm Sunday - A benefice Service at Grafton Regis remembering Christ's arrival in Jerusalem

14th April 7pm Maunday Thursday A benefice service at Stoke Bruerne commemorating The Last Supper

15th April 2pm Good Friday A benefice service at Milton Malsor - a chance to reflect on the death and passion of Christ

17th April 6am Easter Sunday dawn celebration at Alderton followed by refreshments

9.30 am Easter Sunday Easter Celebration Milton Malsor

11 am Easter Celebration at Blisworth

It will be lovely to celebrate Easter in our Church for the first time in two years after the Covid - 19 restrictions - Do come and join in.

Normal Sunday services at Blisworth are at 11am - Communion on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday Family Worship on the 3rd Sunday. All are welcome.

Jubilee Flower Festival - On the 3rd and 4th of June there will be a flower festival to celebrate the Queen's 70th Jubilee. There will be flower arrangements from village organisations and individuals on the theme "Celebration". Anyone who would like to produce a arrangement should contact Fiona Mckenzie. Refreshments will be served, do take this opportunity to visit our beautiful church.

Church Coffee Morning and Gift Day

Our church is a focal point in the village and is the oldest building. It costs a lot to maintain and a recent survey has highlighted expensive urgent repairs. Do come to the church on the 9th April for refreshments and the chance to contribute to the maintenance of this historic building. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

In this uncertain time with the war in Ukraine our thoughts and prayers are with all whose lives have been affected. In the safety of our own village it is hard to imagine the suffering of those who have endured shelling, the loss of loved ones and who have been forced to flee their homes. Our prayers and thoughts are with them

The church is open every day for anyone who wants a quiet place to pray.

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



Blisworth Heritage Society



Friday Apr 8 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall
Forty Years of Archaeology in Northamptonshire
by Andy Chapman

Friday May 13 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall
Secrets and Scandals of Canons Ashby
by Laura Malpas

A reminder that we are looking to produce a new Village Scrapbook to Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We would like to include photographs from the last 70 years of life in Blisworth. We aim to display copies of these at the Celebrations on 5th June before they go into the Scrapbook. If you have any suitable photos, please let Hilary Spurrier (2 Towcester Rd) have them for copying before Friday 27 May. More details will be on our website soon, but we are also inviting local individuals, families, businesses, organisations and societies to produce one (or more) A3 Landscape pages, which reflect life in the Village now or over the last 10 years, including the impact of Covid.

The Tapestry and existing Scrapbooks will be on display at the Chapel Coffee House on the 4th June (*open garden Day*). The Archives are available by arrangement, if there is something of particular interest, please contact a committee member and we will try to make it available for you.

Finally, there is still a vacancy on the Committee if you would like to join and get involved in some of our projects.

See our website www.blisworthheritage.org.uk

A Seat for Ajay

In memory of
AJ Kataria (Ajay)
Much loved friend of
Blisworth Village

A suitable memorial bench has been purchased and should be installed next to the bus stop at Blisworth School in the next few weeks. There will be an 'unveiling' which we hope Ajays wife and son Viral will attend.

Look out for notices around the village and in the Shop fore date and time, Many thanks to all those villagers who contributed to the project.

BMC – Blisworth Mothers Club

All Meetings in the Village Hall 7.30 pm

19 April – Talk on the Work of the Northants Archive Trust with film of "old times". – Pete Austin.

17 May – Jenny Osborne of Northants Carers. Talk and Help available as The Years Go By.

At the recent 'Eastmas Party' a collection for the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal raised £143. Many thanks to all the members for their generosity.

For more information please contact Chris Lea – 857659

Stitchery Do

Creating with fabric and thread



April 7th, Angela will show us how to make beautiful cardboard Easter gift boxes. Bring your own double sided sellotape if you have any. This will be a non-sewing activity, but you can work on your own projects as well.

May 5th, we hope to welcome Paula Bates to show us what she has been creating since we saw her at the Art Trail in October. She has been suffering with ill health since Christmas, but hopefully by May will be able to join us.

We were recently given some wonderful craft resources to add to our 'stash' and have been able to donate over £40 to Cynthia Spencer Hospice from items sold to our very generous members at our meetings. We have also donated lace making equipment and wools to various good causes.

Stitchery Do is now a separate entity from the Blisworth Tapestry Trust and financially independent. I'm sure we are all very grateful to Carol Arnall, who was a main driving force in starting our Craft group nearly ten years ago.

Angela, Ros and I, as former Trustees, will do our best to see that it continues. Space is limited in the Chapel Coffee House, nevertheless, we welcome new members to join our creative group. We knit, crochet, embroider, do patchwork and quilting...learn a new skill or get help from friendly 'tutors'! Meetings are held in the Blisworth Chapel Coffee House, from 10.00 -2.00pm, £4 includes refreshments and access to resources.

More details contact **Margaret** on **858590**



This entry is to tell you all about the works that you may have seen being undertaken at our school. As you may have seen from our Facebook and school news website page, we have been changing our internal environment with a Hogwarts common room, a new reading library and lots of redecoration. The children have studied colour this term and created some wonderful, bright modern art canvases that are on display around school. They have undertaken acrylic pouring and used hair dryers and balloons to create their master pieces!

Outside you will see our school is scaffolded! We are pleased to tell you that the Local Authority are re-roofing our flat roof and changing many windows in the newer part of our building. We are extremely excited to see the results and hopefully it will be complete by May. Both school and the Rhino camps continue to run as normal.

We would like to wish you all a lovely Easter from our Blisworth School family.

Miss Leah Jenkins Headteacher

Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Friday 13th May for the June/July Issue.

Please email items you wish to include to:

blisworthranda@gmail.com

or send to the Editor: Alan North

89 Buttmead, Blisworth, Northants

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Blisworth Women's Institute

Our topic in March on Silver and its Hallmarks was fascinating and the speaker brought along some really beautiful items for us to see, handle and in some cases guess what the item actually was, which made for some lively discussions!

In April our topic is The National Trust Gardens, followed by our Resolutions evening along with supper in May.

We, along with many organisations in the village are taking part in the forthcoming celebrations for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee to be held on Sunday 5th June and will have a stall on the Football Field.

Join us on the second Thursday of each month at the Village Hall at 7.30pm for interesting speakers and friendly companionship.

Tina Alexandrou - Secretary



BVHPFA 250 Club Results

	February	March
£30	58	62
£20	66	224
£20	63	247
£10	147	17
£10	98	118
Estelle	858482	

Blisworth Film Club

GREAT NEWS - the Blisworth Film Club returns on Thursday 28th April. The film will be "Dream Horse" - we will resume using the Village Hall and as usual doors will be 7pm for a 7.30 showing.

Admission is now £6 per person. This rise is very unfortunate but is an inevitable result of the previous film service supplier going "bust" and having to contract with a new supplier. Tracey and I are happy to field any questions at the event and take on board any ideas people may have for further improvements to the Film Club.

As part of the Village's celebrations for the Queens Jubilee weekend we will be showing "A Royal Night Out" on Thursday 2nd June.

We are very much looking forward to getting the Film Club up and running again. Best wishes, Hugh & Tracey
MontyDavenport@outlook.com Mobile - 07968 889971)

Blisworth BookSwap

The shelter is looking great with lots of books, DVDs and puzzles being donated on a daily basis. In the adult section, the books have been put into alphabetical order according to author; the children's section now has a DVD section; the DVDs have been put into alphabetical order and the travel, cookery and craft sections have been grouped together into similar categories. Hopefully this will make it easier for people to browse through. Around the village, new posters have been put up. A kind reminder to only donate books, DVDs, CDs and puzzles/board games. Anything else can be donated to a local charity shop or put up onto the Blisworth Freecycle Page on Facebook.