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BLISWORTH VILLAGE CELEBRATES HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



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Notes from the Council.....

As the new chairman of Blisworth Parish Council, I would like to welcome Belinda Brown as a new councillor. I also wish to thank Cllr Wilson for his sterling service as chairman over the last few years and I hope to be able to do as good a job as he did, but I will need the assistance of my fellow councillors and fellow villagers. I hope to recruit more councillors as I will need all the help I can get! We still have a number of vacancies, so please contact us if you are able to volunteer a few hours of your time.

Many villagers are unhappy about the increasing traffic on the roads through Blisworth. The last data on our traffic monitoring devices recorded combined incoming and outgoing traffic on Stoke Road of 88,797 cars and 197,979 cars on the Towcester Road. The Council brings this issue to the attention of West Northants Council and the Northants Police service at every opportunity, but we are but one voice.

We really need **all the residents to add their voice to ours by completing the surveys below** (the links can be found on our Blisworth Parish Council Facebook page and on our website <https://parish.blisworthvillage.org/>).

The West Northants' Housing plans will result in increasing traffic and its associated air and noise pollution. Within the comments sections at <https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/cet/housing-strategy-consultation/> you can make it known to WNC that you are also concerned by the increase in traffic. Please note the survey closes on the 24th May 2022.

We have asked WNC:

- Will they be using brown-field sites for housing before eating further into the countryside?
- Does WNC actually have the power to stop housing developers from initially agreeing to build affordable housing and then changing their plans, as we have seen in Blisworth and other areas?
- Has WNC considered the impact on traffic and what are their plans to deal with this problem?

Has WNC ensured developers provide amenities for new housing developments otherwise the residents are forced to drive to other amenities?

Northants Police have also asked residents to complete their survey concerning their priorities

www.surveymonkey.co.uk

[/r/NorthantsLocalPriorities](https://t.me/NorthantsLocalPriorities). This is an opportunity for you to let Northants Police know about your concerns regarding traffic and speeding in the village and hopefully this will inform the Police that road safety is a priority for the village.

Gateway Rail Freight Interchange – A new amendment to the planning application is being proposed that will allow commercial units to begin trading ahead of the completion of the rail/freight interchange thereby increasing the volume of traffic on local roads.

The original planning application was agreed by the Secretary of State because it was stated that there would be a strategic value of a Rail-Freight Interchange, which would reduce traffic on the roads. Councillors are attending the informal meetings to ensure the needs of the village are addressed and we will alert residents as soon as these discussions are open to the public so that all residents can record their opinions/objections.

Finally we would like to ask you to support the amazing efforts of the Queen's Jubilee Event working group (the Council and many volunteers) in their endeavours to organise Jubilee celebrations for the 4th and 5th June. Please contact the organisers if you can provide any assistance with this massive task. Paulette Kennedy kennedy.363@zen.co.uk and Ann North ann.north@homecall.co.uk

PC contacts Email: blisworthparishcouncil@gmail.com

Website: parish.blisworthvillage.org

Best Wishes,

Steve Billing Chair Blisworth Parish Council

BLISWORTH CELEBRATION OF HER MAJESTY'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Please do attend the wonderful celebration events of the Jubilee weekend, starting with street parties on Thursday 2nd June.

Particularly do come and enjoy the Jubilee fete on the Playing Fields on Sunday 5th June. Stall and food outlets will open at 12.00 p.m.

The Parade will start from the Village Hall at 12.30 pm arriving at the fields at about 13.30 pm. Do come and join in. Bring out your red, white and blue, any fancy dress or clothing from any of the 7 decades of the Queen's reign.

We would appreciate residents walking to the Playing Fields if they can, as we want to reserve parking at the Football Club for exhibitors and the disabled. The school has kindly given permission for use of their car park.

Anyone who can help on the day as Stewards or Marshalls would be most welcome.
PLEASE COME AND HELP AND MAKE IT THE BEST PARTY EVER

Blisworth Baptist Church

Family Service every Sunday at 10.30am

Communion every First Sunday

Children breakout group 2nd Sunday

Coffee and tea are served before the service from 10.00 and afterwards in the Coffee House

Café Church

26th June at 10.30 relaxed service in the leisure hall
Come and join us for a relaxed service and time to worship

Tuesdays: Coffee House Open 10 - 12.30

Every 3rd Tuesday is "Carers Support Day"

Friday: Toddler Group 10 - 12 & Coffee House

Toys, stories, singing for ages baby to 5

Men's Breakfast: Last Saturday of the month at 8.30

In the Coffee House All men very welcome

Room Hire

Leisure Hall, Coffee House, Fellowship Room, The Lounge, kitchen facilities. All available for parties, meetings etc, AV hire + internet connection available.

Room Bookings: 01604 857654

Website www.blisworthbaptistchurch.org.uk

Facebook @BlisworthBC

AJ's Bench



A goodly number of villagers greeted the Kataria family when they returned to Blisworth to witness the inauguration of AJ's Bench at 'Elm Tree Corner'. We are all grateful for the work done by Mary Lewis and Bob Daniel to make sure that this great friend of the village is well remembered.

After a few words from Bob the family and villagers went to the Village Hall for tea and cakes, a lovely event.

Blisworth Arts Society

We would like to encourage as many as possible to enter our 'esign a crown for the Jubilee' competition. Entries needed by Friday May 27th at 2, Towcester Road. The crowns will be on display in the Scout Hall on June 5th and there are prizes for the winning entries. Members are busy preparing a Welcome Banner for the Jubilee celebrations.

We have a Botanical Art workshop on the 20th June. Our last meeting in July will be an opportunity for members to sketch in the Old Rectory gardens.

New members are always welcome. We have an afternoon group on Mondays from 2-4pm and an evening group also on Mondays from 7pm-9pm, in the Chapel Coffee House.

If you are interested contact **Hilary Spurrier** on **859181**.

Blisworth Friendship Group

We are holding Our **Queens Jubilee Party** on the Wednesday **2nd June**. We meet every other Wednesday in Blisworth Football Clubhouse 2-4pm. It's just £3 for a cuppa and cake and a lovely afternoon. We can pick you up if necessary. **Estelle 858482**



FOBS

Friends of Blisworth School



Thank you to everyone for your continued support. We are pleased to announce a Friday Fun Fest on the 15th of July, look out for details around the village nearer the time... everyone welcome. You can also follow us on www.facebook.com/BlisworthPTA or by via email - blisworthpta@gmail.com.

In the meantime you can continue to support us by:

- if you are having a clear out of clothes, the bins are still in the top car park
- 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

Blisworth Short Mat Bowls Club Est 1989

Hooray.... We are back, at last. Meeting in the Village Hall to enjoy a game of bowls.

We meet on three afternoons each week; Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1.45 until 4 pm. We do not pretend to be first class players but we enjoy the game, have a laugh and a joke, a cuppa at half time and some gentle exercise, all for £1.50 per session, what a bargain.

You are welcome to join us to give it a try, all you need is a pair of flat heel-less shoes and we can supply you with a set of bowls. If you would like more information call:

Stan Tyrell (Chair/Sec) 07775 522012



Blisworth Heritage Society



Friday June 10 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall
The Best Burglar in Northamptonshire – Joan Wake
and the Northamptonshire Record Society
by Neil Lyon

Friday July 8 in the afternoon - Summer Outing

We are delighted to have taken custody of the Blisworth Tapestry and will be promoting this wonderful historical artefact over the coming months and years.

The Tapestry and existing Scrapbooks will be on display at the Chapel Coffee House on the 4th June (*open garden Day*). The Scrapbooks and any new village photographs will also be on display at the Scout Hut on Sunday 5 June.

A reminder that we are producing a new Village Scrapbook to Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We will include photographs from the last 70 years of life in Blisworth, if you have any suitable photos, please let Hilary Spurrier (2 Towcester Rd) have them for copying as soon as possible, or bring them to our weekend events.

We are organising a Photographic Competition for photos taken over the Jubilee Weekend, the best will be included in the new Scrapbook, *for more details see posters around the village*. We also invite local individuals, families, societies, businesses and organisations 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.

As always the Archives can be viewed by arrangement..

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



Blisworth Football Club

The season is drawing to a close and a highly successful one it has been for our Junior and adult sections.

We will be adding 4 more Junior teams to our stable including a girls U12 team. In all we will be providing football for over 200 players next season. Talks are progressing about funding for the new clubhouse and hopefully we will have news in the near future.

The Clubhouse will be open from 12 to 5pm for the Jubilee Celebrations on the playing fields on Sunday 5th June.

Sam King email: Blisworthfc1898@aol.com

Stitchery Do

Creating with fabric and thread

June 9th Please note change of date (not 2nd) Angela will be showing how to create a small embroidered/appliqué flower design using felt, threads, buttons and beads using the Sizzix die cutting machine.

July 7th A 'Knit'n Natter' session where you can catch up on unfinished projects, continue crochet work and show off what you have completed.

August 4th It is planned to have a break this month, then restart on September 1st.

£4 admission includes refreshments and resources.
Blisworth Chapel Coffee House, 10.00 to 2.00pm.

Our planned Session in May with Paula Bates was cancelled but many thanks to Ruth Brown for organising a fascinating demonstration of Crochet techniques.

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

Blisworth Women's Institute



This year seems to be rushing along and we are already looking forward to our June and July meetings. On the 9th of June we have Derek Harris with 'Up the cut' and on 14th July Lucy Swales will be giving us an insight into the beginnings of Madam Tussauds and how the wax models are created.

We along with many organisations in the village are looking forward to taking part in the forthcoming celebrations for The Queens Platinum Jubilee, by entering a flower display in the church, running a stall on the football field and taking part in the Parade along with our banner.

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

Tina Alexandrou - Secretary

Blisworth BookSwap

The shelter continues to be a huge success in the village with lots of returns and donations being left daily. There is now a large selection of travel books which are sorted into alphabetical order; a large selection of cookery books and a range of craft/hobby books. If you have any children's books or DVDs to donate, please let me know via the Facebook page. Another reminder to only donate books, DVDs, CDs and puzzles/board games.

1st Blisworth Scout Group

The Scouts, Cubs and Beavers are excited to be taking part in the Queen's Jubilee parade on Sunday 5th June - we're looking forward to seeing you all there. The children are also busy preparing stalls and games for everyone to enjoy after the parade, so please come along and support us and have some fun! A little plea - we're planning to run a tombola stall as we know these are always popular, if you have anything you could kindly donate please drop it off at 12 Stoke Road by 1st June. All donations big and small will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Lynne - 07779 958237

BVHPFA 250 Club Results

Sorry folks, I was away for the deadline this time and didn't get my act together before I left, I will give you April/May results along with June/July in the next edition. Sorry once again. Estelle x



We wanted to update you on the building work at school. We have a whole new flat roof and new windows in the hall and key stage two. The work was carried out for us by the Local Authority and we were thrilled that they worked in a such a way that they ensured that it was all finished in time for our children's Year Six SATs!

Our children are working very hard in all that they do. Next week sees a cricket team go to a tournament and our basketball team who won the district final are now playing in the county final next week. Our Year Six children worked so hard and made us proud in their SATs and they are now looking forward to many things including their end of school production: Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back.

The children will continue to be very busy learning with much outside as the summer arrives. Our allotment is ready for growing. Our children will grow vegetables to use in their DT cookery lessons. From all of us in the Blisworth School family, we would like to wish you some lovely times in the sun!

Miss Leah Jenkins Headteacher

Blisworth Film Club

It is with apologies and regret that we will be cancelling the film "A Royal Night Out" due to be shown on Thursday 2nd June. We have been advised that lots and lots of folks are either tied up with Street parties OR will be away for the celebrations. We need a minimum of 25 attendees to "break even" and we really don't think we will get this with everything else that is going on?

However, we are hoping to be back in September (and onwards) with a full programme of exciting films. Best wishes, Hugh & Tracey MontyDavenport@outlook.com Mobile - 07968 889971)

BMC – Blisworth Mothers Club

Tuesday 21 June – Treasure Hunt Walk around Blisworth. Meet and finish in the Royal Oak Garden from 7 pm. Followed by Buffet Supper. Teams of 4.

Tuesday 19 July – Garden Party at Victoria House.

For more information please contact Chris Lea Tel: 857659.

Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Wednesday 20th July for the August/September Issue.

Please email items you wish to include to:

blisworthranda@gmail.com

or send to the Editor: Alan North

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Hunsbury and Blisworth Community Choir

(Musical Director Helen Thorman)

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Concert

Ladybridge Park, West Hunsbury

Friday June 3rd 3.30 pm

Summer Concert, Saturday 16th July 7pm

The Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury

Summer Concert, Stoke Bruerne Church

Friday July 23rd 7 pm.

Entrance Free, Donations to Charity. We welcome you to come and join us

Keep on singing **Winnie**

Blisworth Parish Church

"Everone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved"

Acts 2 verse 21

Services for June and July – The period of the church year when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the power of the Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month – 11am Family Communion Service

3rd Sunday of the month – 11am Family Service

5th Sunday of the month – 10.30 am Benefice Service at Alderton Church

All are welcome to join us at any of these services. The church is open every day for anyone who wants a quiet place to pray or just wants to visit this beautiful building.

Jubilee Celebrations

The Church is holding a flower festival on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th June as part of the village Jubilee celebrations. Do come and see the wonderful flower arrangements from 10am – 5pm with tea, coffee and cake available.

Church Gift Day

A huge thank you to all who supported the church gift day, enough has been raised to repair the leaking roof over the north aisle. There is still much to do including paying for scaffolding work on the main part of the roof. If you would like to contribute to the repair of this amazing building please contact the rector or churchwardens listed.

As we celebrate the **Platinum Jubilee of our Queen** we remember that she is the Head of the Church of England and a sincere Christian whose faith has been a crucial part of her life throughout her reign. During this uncertain time with war in Ukraine and thousands forced to leave their homes and country a quote from one Queen's speech seems appropriate. "Despite being displaced and persecuted throughout his short life, Christ's unchanging message was not one of revenge or violence, but simply that we should love one another. Although it is not an easy message to follow, we shouldn't be discouraged: rather, it inspires us to try harder: to be thankful for the people who bring love and happiness in our own lives, and to look for ways to spread that love to others wherever and whenever we can."

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

Mikron Theatre

Red Sky at Night

Saturday 18th June—4pm

Important Note: Venue is the Village Hall
NOT The Old Rectory