

Round and About

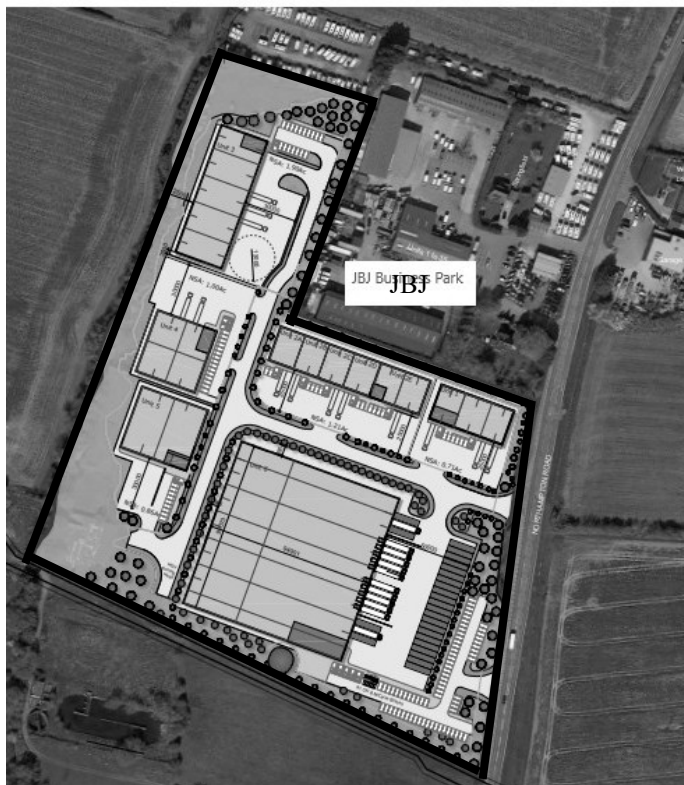
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Blisworth Parish Council Newsletter
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Notes from the Council.....

Many residents will have seen the application to build a distribution centre on the site of the old abattoir and nursery on Northampton Road (Application no: WNS/2022/1134/MAO). The Parish Council have discussed this proposal in great depth and we have grave concerns around the negative impact this will have on our amazing village. As such we plan to most strongly object to this application on behalf of our residents, but **we need you to add your views to show the depth of feeling on this matter.**



These plans will bring approximately 17 HGV movements through the village every HOUR! In addition to the extra traffic from the staff using the centre. Let's not delude ourselves, the **ONLY** access to this development is through the village or from the direction of Milton Malsor.

If like me, you are wondering how these plans are even being considered, given that the A43 By-pass was built because Blisworth was deemed unsuitable for HGV traffic, please voice your concerns at <https://snc.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Comment/WNS/2022/1134/MAO>

Planning Application Reference No: **WNS/2022/1134/MAO** for **Land to the west Northampton Road Blisworth Northants Towcester NN7 3DW.**

Urgent: Developers are allowed to change the conditions of their original proposal once planning permission has been granted and residents cannot object.

Please consider adding to any objection that should this application be granted, that it is with the strict proviso that developers will not be allowed to seek an amendment to the planning application to include the use of HGVs as part of this distribution centre in the future.

Below are the main points that have persuaded Blisworth Parish Council to submit an objection:

1. This is a significant change in use for the site with development of a much larger scale, that will severely impact the well-being and safety of village residents and will not provide the promised facilities for small local businesses.
2. Blisworth roads are unsuitable for and cannot accommodate an estimated additional 247 HGV journeys a day to access the major roads. We are a conservation area with narrow roads that are already overly congested and, as has been accepted already, unsuitable for this type of traffic.
3. The routes proposed for this traffic to access major roads run past the primary school on two sides and cross a number of junctions that are unsuited to large vehicles. Also the main route down Northampton Road does not have adequate footpaths to provide safety to pedestrians, particularly where this meets the rail bridge. No account has been taken of the increased safety risk this represents.

It is important that you do not simply copy and paste the same objection as this will simply be counted as one objection. You need to use your own words to be **HEARD**.

Remember Blisworth Parish Council is but one voice and your silence is license for the developers to do as they please (see Cllr Karen Cooper's helpful guide overleaf).

The Deadline is 5th August for any comments or objections.

<https://snc.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Comment/WNS/2022/1134/MAO>.

On a lighter note the Jubilee celebrations were a huge success and I would like to thank, on behalf of Blisworth Parish Council, all the volunteers for all their hard work in making it such a great occasion.

It just goes to show what can be achieved when Blisworth villagers work together.

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Website: parish.blisworthvillage.org

Best Wishes,
Steve Billing Chair Blisworth Parish Council



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Northamptonshire
Council**

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Step-by-step guide to register your comments / support / objections to Planning Applications on WNC's web site

www.westnorthants.gov.uk takes you to the front page of WNC's website. Scroll down to 'Council Services' and click on 'Planning and building control'. Click on 'view and comment on a planning application'.

Click on 'South Northamptonshire', this takes you to 'search the online register', the first heading gives you the opportunity to click on the link to see full details on how to use this service. Scroll half way down the page to 'reference number' and 'keyword search'.

If you know the reference number of the planning application you wish to comment on type it here, if you don't know it, use 'keyword search' and type 'Blisworth' and click 'search' at the bottom of the page. You then have all the planning applications, appeals and building control lists for Blisworth.

Click on the relevant planning application, WNS/2022/1134/MAO Land to the west Northampton Road Blisworth Northants Towcester NN7 3DW this takes you to the full details of the planning application. Click on the blue box 'comment on this application' and enter your details, your name, email address and home address. Then select your type of comment in the box 'comment, support, objection' and type your comments in the comment box. Following this you can 'add a file' should you wish to.

Remember to read the 'privacy policy and terms and conditions of use' before submitting your form and click the 'I agree to the terms box'. Finally click the 'submit' box at the bottom.

On submitting your comments / support / objections you will receive an automated email acknowledgement.

If you would like help with this or any other matter please do contact me, Cllr Karen Cooper, District Councillor, West Northants Council, Lead Member for Blisworth. karen.cooper@westnorthants.gov.uk Tel/text/whatsapp 07753 638180. I am here to help.

Blisworth Friendship Group

We continue to meet alternative Wednesdays 2-4pm at the Football Club House, where we enjoy refreshments and entertainment all for £3 a week. We have a lovely happy group so if you'd like to join us or know someone from Blisworth who'd like to come please contact Estelle 858482 Anne 858001 or Janet 07732987087.

Blisworth Film Club

Blisworth Film Club returns to the Village Hall on **Thursday 29th September**. Doors open at 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm. £6 on the door, please bring your own refreshments. We are busy negotiating for either "**The Duke**" OR "**Belfast**" as the first film back after the Summer break.

For information contact Hugh or Tracey at: MontyDavenport@outlook.com Mobile - 07968 889971)

Stitchery Do

Creating with fabric and thread

There will not be a meeting of the StitcheryDo craft group in August, but we look forward to seeing members, new and old, on **Thursday 1st September**, when we will be presenting a workshop on **Ribbon Weaving**. All materials are provided, just bring a cushion that you are happy to stick pins into, a good supply of pins and a pair of scissors. Admission £4, includes refreshments. Blisworth Chapel, 10.00 to 2.00pm.

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

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

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

BMC – Blisworth Mothers Club

16 August – Talk on "The History of Wickstead Park" by Tracy Clark.

20 September – "Photography with A Difference" creating designs and images by Andrew Carter.

All meetings in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

For more information please contact Chris Lea Tel: 857659.

BVHPFA 250 Club Results

	April	May	June	July
£30	44	223	147	138
£20	101	26	118	180
£20	65	126	90	226
£10	24	203	222	240
£10	206	247	125	174

Estelle 858482

Art Trail

From the 1st -9th October several local artists will be exhibiting their work in the Parish Church as part of the South Northants Art Trail. Do come and see the exhibition and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and cake. The exhibition is open from 11am—4pm daily (Sunday 12.30- 4pm).

Notice Boards

We have a number of great notice boards across the village which are there to help residents advertise local events and services. We all want our notice boards to be well kept but sometimes they get very untidy. We are fortunate that some of our volunteers will be looking after them to keep them looking great.

Any notice that is out of date, weather worn or unsuitable will be taken off. If the notice boards are full, anything from outside the village will be removed to make room. To help, there will be a plastic bag at the side of all the notice boards with pins for notices and posters so all can be made secure with four pins, one on each corner. We would prefer it if residents didn't use staple guns as these damage the notice boards and are difficult to remove.

1st Blisworth Scout Group

1st Blisworth Scout Group Need You!

We're looking for a new Group Chair and a new Treasurer to join our Committee. **We are desperate for your help!**

Every Scout Group requires trustees, which form the Group Executive Committee. This committee oversees the administration of the Group. The committee consists of a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. We welcome the support of anyone who has a little bit of time to help us... we are specifically desperate for a Chair and a Treasurer. So anyone out there who's good with numbers or organisation, we need you! We meet about five times a year, with some activity between meetings, thus ensuring the smooth running of the Scout Group and maximising its potential for a hugely positive impact on its young members.

Interested?

Contact Will Hazell on 07748 753200
william.hazell@gdscouts.org.uk



Play with Clay Blisworth Community Pottery Group Charity

We start our 8th year making wonderful pots and sculptures in the Baptist Chapel Rooms on September 14th. We have a couple of spaces if you want to join us. We have 3 throwing wheels and 2 kilns plus lots of clay!

Come and meet enthusiastic members and enjoy being creative with clay. Contact Anne-Marie on 858549



Stonyfield Vineyard 30 Stoke Road

A Summer Day out in Blisworth's own Vineyard

Sunday 7th August, 12-5pm, Seafood platters and a glass of sparkling wine, £30 per head.

Limited space so pre-booking required. Please ring Belinda on 07771 763 026 to secure your place

Blisworth Parish Church

"Consider the lillie of the field how they grow and toil not neither do they spin yet even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these" Matthew 16v 28

The Jubilee flower festival in Church was amazing with stunning displays from many village organisations. A huge thank you to all who created the displays. The festival was well supported and £320 of donations was a much appreciated addition to church funds.

Services for August and September

7th, 14th, 28th August - 11am Communion Service

21st August - 11am Family Worship

4th, 11th, 25th September - 11am Communion Service

18th September - 11am Family Worship

All are welcome to join in worship in our church. The church is open every day for anyone who wants a quiet place to pray or who wants to explore this historic building.

At this time of year our thoughts and prayers are with our local farmers as they gather in this years harvest and with the school children as they enjoy their summer holiday. We pray especially for all those young people who are starting school, changing school or moving on to the next stage of their lives. We wish them well.

Late Summer Garden Party

All are welcome to come to a garden party at 2 Towcester Road Blisworth from 2.30pm on Sunday 4th September. Donations in aid of the charity World Visions' work with Ukrainian Refugees.

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

Blisworth Arts Society

This popular and thriving society are enjoying a busy summer term with workshops and an afternoon of sketching in the Old Rectory garden. We enjoyed running the Jubilee Crown Competition and making the Welcome banner for the festivities.

We resume activities on the 12th September every Monday afternoon from 2pm -4pm in the Chapel Coffee House. Our Annual Art Show will be on the 19th/20th November. Anyone in Blisworth can submit work as can any current or past members of the Arts Society. Contact Hilary Spurrier on 859181 or h.spurrier.123@btinternet.com

PS - Traffic Through Blisworth:

In just 15 Days there were 71,080 traffic movements through the village.

A planning application for a distribution centre would not be allowed if it was in the middle of a residential area, the planning department at WNC need to fully appreciate that since the only access to this development will be through the village, that is tantamount to agreeing to a new distribution centre in a residential area.

Please see Pages 1 and 2 and register your objections. Just a few words will do to express your disapproval and every individual response carries weight.



Blisworth Heritage Society



As usual, we do not have a meeting in August, but we begin our autumn season on:

Friday Sept 9 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall
An A – Z of Northamptonshire
by Derek Blunt

We are now accepting entries for the **Platinum Jubilee Scrapbook**, local individuals, families, businesses, organisations and societies are invited 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. What is it like to live or work in the Village, what has changed, is it for the better or worse? 10 years ago we had over 120 Scrapbook page entries, let us make this scrapbook even bigger?

The Village Tapestry can be seen in the Chapel Coffee House whenever it is open, or otherwise by special arrangement. The Village Archives are also 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.

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 club has expanded its Junior section for the coming season from 13 to 17 teams. We can now offer football to over 200 local boys and girls.

Some of our volunteers helped mark the running track in readiness for The Primary Schools Sports Days, have provided coaching sessions at the school and still host all the BFG's social events on Wednesdays.

We have put a Planning application into WNCC for the clubhouse rebuild and are exploring funding routes to help fund the project.

Our venue is available for parties and social events. For more information look on our various social media accounts or email me **Sam King** at Blisworthfc1898@aol.com

Platinum Jubilee Souvenir

It has been agreed to produce a souvenir edition of Round and About in the form of a full colour, full page sheet, probably in the December/January issue. If you have any photos taken this year, particularly of the Jubilee celebrations, but really anything depicting Blisworth or its residents, please send to Alan North (see the box below).

Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Wednesday 21st September for the October/November 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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We have had a busy and brilliant year at school and done all we can so that the children have had great experiences despite Covid. It has been a pleasure to welcome parents back into school and children have relished the opportunity to share their learning in their books with family members.

Sport has been a huge part of our school again this year. Our school log books note a long history of athletics and it is fabulous to ensure this history remains. Our children won many of their local events this year including swimming and tennis. They also won the district basketball, athletics and hockey finals allowing them to compete at county level. They finished 4th in the county for basketball, 6th for athletics and... they won the hockey county final! Our PE is inclusive and all children benefit from specialist lessons every week and have the opportunity to be selected for competitions. We also had two fabulous sports days and loved having our family back as an audience.

The children have learned so much and a particular strength of their work has been the quality of their writing. We are very proud. School news can be viewed without a Facebook account at <https://www.facebook.com/BlisworthPrimarySchool>

From all of us in the Blisworth School family, we would like to wish you a wonderful summer.

Miss Leah Jenkins Headteacher

Blisworth Women's Institute

Along with all the other organisations in the village we enjoyed the Queens Platinum Jubilee despite the inclement weather. We are all lucky to have witnessed an event that is very unlikely to happen again.



Our June speaker was Derek Harris who spoke about life on the canals in years gone by, he was very entertaining and interspersed his talks with songs of this time. He is also a published author and as well as selling his books donated one to our raffle.

For our August meeting we try and organize a trip out, in previous years we have visited Delapre Abbey and The Guildhall in Northampton or enjoyed refreshments in a member's garden. In September our talk is 'The story behind the story' – if you are intrigued why not come along as a guest on the evening. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at The Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Tina Alexandrou - Secretary

Hunsbury and Blisworth Community Choir

(Musical Director Helen Thorman)

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**

Useful Local Phone Numbers

Emergencies:	Gas:	0800 111 999
	Electricity:	0800 056 8090
	Water:	08457 145 145
	Police:	03000 111 222
Age UK		01604 611200