

Round and About

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



Blisworth Parish Council, on behalf of the village offers its sincere condolences to the Royal Family on the announcement of the sad death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at the age of 96 years. Thank you to Cllr Hawkins for arranging the flowers on behalf of the Parish Council.

There was standing room only at the recent public meeting to discuss SEGRO's application to vary the conditions of the Development Consent Order (DCO). All the attendees agreed that we should object to this proposed amendment.

Thank you to all the delivery volunteers. They distributed the flyers about the SEGRO amendment around the village in record time, ensuring that all the residents were informed about this latest development.

The Council did meet with SEGRO representatives to get a balanced view of their reasons for the amendment. It was an informative meeting and the Council acknowledges their effort to engage on this issue. However the Parish Council still had serious reservations about the application. We have sent an objection as requested by the residents. A copy of the objection is available on the website.

There seems to be so many planning applications that threaten the villagers' way of life but it is a way of life that is worth fighting for and yet again the residents of Blisworth have rallied together to fight for their community, rather than just sitting back and moaning from the comfort of the sofa.

We continue to add pressure to Highways for road improvements but we need residents to add their voice and experience. Here is the link to report careless driving <https://snap.northants.police.uk/> and FAQs <https://snap.northants.police.uk/faq.html>. Every time someone submits an offence, the Police record it and this helps them to build up a picture of issues in the local area.

Gigaclear have finally completed work in Blisworth – At last! The date for the Gigaclear Community Walk has been postponed to **Tuesday, 18th October 2022**. This is to allow residents time to contact the parish council with any concerns. Any issues with the roads and/or pavements after their works or any of the equipment left by Gigaclear, please contact the clerk so that the parish councillors can raise your concerns with Gigaclear before they sign off their works.

Simon Bunker has sadly resigned from the Parish Council. I would like to thank him on behalf of Blisworth Parish Council for all his hard work especially for sorting out the lighting contract which was a huge achievement and for securing lower electricity costs for the village lights until 2025! I would also like to welcome Councillor Bill Root who has recently joined the Parish Council and is already working hard to support the village.

We should have 12 councillors but we only have 8 at the moment and we really need more councillors to help to move projects forward. We need to get enthusiastic residents to help with looking after the green spaces around the village, we need passionate residents who like to challenge the developers and we need young (or youngish as long as you know how to do it) social-media whiz-kids to update our social media. It's a great team, we need your help and it's a positive point to add to your C.V.

Remember this is YOUR village! Be part of its future!

**WE NEED
YOU
TO JOIN
OUR
CREW**

KeepCalmAndPosters.com

We don't get paid, but training and help is available and we are a friendly group.

Lastly, but not least I wish Cllr Gardner a speedy recovery as we miss his experience, help and input.

Steve Billing Chair Blisworth Parish Council

PC contacts Email: blisworthparishcouncil@gmail.com
Website: parish.blisworthvillage.org

Blisworth Film Club

New programme to be advised, watch notice boards and Facebook. Films are always the last Thursday of every month in the Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm, for a 7.30 start. Admission is £6.

Support your village film club, you know it makes sense.

For information contact Hugh or Tracey at:

MontyDavenport@outlook.com Mobile - 07968 889971)

Winter Warmer

When Mick Wreford switches his amazing lights on this year, **Friday 2nd December**, pop in and get a cuppa to warm yourselves up. We will be open in the Village Hall before and after the lighting up, so pop in treat yourselves to a hot drink. You could then go on to pay a visit to the school's Christmas Bazaar.

May I say a big THANKYOU to Mick and Daph for again showing their Christmas spirit and delighting so many of us young and older.

Estelle 858482

Blisworth Baptist Church

Sunday Service at 10.30am

Communion First Sunday of the month
Children breakout group 2nd Sunday of the month

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

Cafe Church

11th December at 10.30am

Coffee House Open

Tuesday's at 10.00am until 12.30pm
Every 2nd Tuesday is "Parish Council Surgery"
Every 3rd Tuesday is "Carers Support Day"

Toddler Group & Coffee House Open

Tuesdays at 10.00am until 12.00pm
Toys, story, and singing for ages babies - 5

Men's Breakfast

Last Saturday of the Month at 8.30am in the Coffee House
Next Breakfast's: 29th Oct - 26th Nov
All men are very welcome

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 13th November 10.30am

Christmas

Sunday 11th December - 6pm Carols by candlelight
Sunday 18th December - Family Carol Service 10.30am
Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day Service 10-11am

Room Hire:

Leisure Hall, Coffee House, Fellowship room, The Lounge, Kitchen facilities; are available for parties and meetings. Call for more details on 01604 85765 (answer phone)

www.blisworthbaptistchurch.org

Social media Facebook @BlisworthBC

The Baptist Ministry in Blisworth continues

On Sunday 18th September 2022, an Induction Service took place at Blisworth Baptist Church to welcome and acknowledge the appointment of Lee Hillyard as the new Pastor. The post had become available due to the retirement of Keith Barker, at Easter, following eleven years' dedicated service. Lee had served as Assistant Pastor for more than four years, and as Acting Pastor since Keith's retirement. In July, the church members elected Lee to be the new Pastor.

The Service of Induction was led by Rev. Carol Murray, representing the Central Baptist Association, and she also gave the sermon for the day with a powerful message for all those in attendance. All of the Church Leaders were involved during the service, along with the previous two pastors, Keith Barker and Ted Ashworth. Keith led the time of worship and gave the Induction Prayer, whilst Ted read from Proverbs 3 and gave a short account of why this Bible chapter was so important to us all.

The chosen date for the service coincidentally had significant links with the Church's rich history. On 15th September 1825, the first service had taken place in the newly built red brick meeting place (the chapel). The early Baptists had previously worshiped in each others' homes and for thirty-six years in a farmer's barn, rented from the Duke of Grafton.

A few weeks later, on 1st November 1825, the Church was officially established with eleven new members, who had been transferred from nearby Roade Baptist Church. On 6th September 1826, George Fokett was ordained and inducted as the first Pastor at Blisworth. In September 2022, Lee Hillyard became the twenty-seventh officially appointed and inducted Pastor.

The Lord's work in Blisworth and the local community continues, and together we look forward to celebrating the two hundredth anniversary in 2025.



FOBS

Friends of Blisworth School



Thank you to everyone for your continued support of FOBS. Please watch out for details of events coming up by following us on www.facebook.com/BlisworthPTA or via email blisworthpta@gmail.com.

Family Bingo Night 5.30 - 8 pm Friday 30th September , entry/ticket purchase on the door, eyes down at 6 pm

Christmas Bazaar, Friday 2nd December - 5 - 8 pm

If you own or work for a company that would be willing to donate a raffle prize for our bazaar, please email us or contact the school.

You can also continue to support us in other ways 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 Women's Institute

Our September meeting was scheduled for Thursday 8th September which turned out to be a momentous day as it was the day Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II died.



After much deliberation we decided to still hold our meeting that evening, as after all our Queen had been a long-standing member of Sandringham WI and we believed she would have wanted it to go ahead. To mark this very sad day, prior to the start of our meeting we observed a minute's silence and sang Jerusalem. Many members said that they were glad to have company that evening.

Our speaker was Derek Harris, a local photographer who told the story behind many of his published photographs. It was very interesting and many members remembered a particular photograph that made the nationals as well as local papers. It showed rescued battery hens whose feathers were sparse, in hand knitted jackets made by some of our members to keep them warm!

The October meeting is our AGM and supper, followed by 'A visit from Queen Victoria' in November, new members are always welcome, you are assured a warm welcome.

GOD SAVE THE KING

Tina Alexandrou Secretary

1st Blisworth Scout Group

**1st Blisworth Beavers and Scouts
... have spaces!**

Try new things. Make new Friends. Joining Scouting is just the beginning of your big adventure. When you join you'll be introduced to lots of new activities, people and experiences.

BEAVERS

When - Wednesdays 6-7pm

Where - Blisworth Scout Hall

Who - Boys & Girls 6-8 years old (can join 3 months before their 6th birthday)

Contact - Lynn (L.whitlock@talktalk.net)

SCOUTS

When - Mondays 7-8.30pm

Where - Blisworth Scout Hall

Who - Boys and Girls 10 1/5 - 14 year olds

Contact - Debbie (scouts@1stblisworth.org.uk)

Christmas Market

We are holding a Christmas Market in the Village Hall on **Sunday December 4th 12-5pm**. Although it was a lovely event last year in Windmill Avenue, it was so windy that tents got damaged and stall holders were frozen, so we are lucky enough to have a Village Hall we can use.

There will be 15 stalls all selling handmade Christmas Gifts. Father Christmas will also be in attendance to hear what our children would like him to bring them.

So save the day and save your pennies and enjoy another lovely Blisworth Community Event.

Estelle 858482

Stitchery Do

Creating with fabric and thread

On **Thursday 6th October**, we will be holding another Ribbon Weaving session for those who missed it last month, also look forward to seeing any completed pieces or ideas for turning the pieces into useful items from the large quantity of fabric in our store.

November 3rd and December 1st meetings will be devoted to Christmas ideas.

New members always welcome, Blisworth Chapel Coffee House, 10.00 to 2.00pm, admission £4. Any questions, contact Margaret on 858590.

South Northamptonshire Art Trail 1st—9th October

Do come and see the work of 9 local artists displayed in the Parish Church. Paintings, cards, ceramics, photographs, textile art and a range of smaller items will be on display and for sale. A chance to stock up for Christmas!

The exhibition is open from 11am - 4pm Monday to Saturday and from 12.30 - 4pm on Sundays. Refreshments will be available.

We are just one of the 18 venues across South Northants so come and pick up a guide and enjoy the trail.

Blisworth Arts Society

The annual Art Show will be held in the Village Hall on the 19th and 20th November. Any artist who either lives in Blisworth or who is a member of the Arts Society is welcome to exhibit. Please contact Hilary if you wish to take part.

We look forward to welcoming visitors to the show - come and see the wide range of talent in the village, buy Christmas presents and enjoy tea, coffee and cake.

Blisworth Arts Society meets every Monday afternoon in The Chapel Coffee House. New members are always welcome. Contact:

Hilary Spurrier on 859181 or

h.spurrier.123@btinternet.com

BVHPFA 250 Club Results

	August	September
£30	43	128
£20	73	37
£20	15	38
£10	158	163
£10	130	246

Thank you all for your support

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Blisworth Friendship Group

These last 2 months we've enjoyed our Summer Party, Games, a wonderful cruise down the River Nene on the Crusader boat and a very interesting talk by Hilary Spurrier on the history of Blisworth.

We continue to meet alternate Wednesdays in the Football Clubhouse where we enjoy refreshments and good company. If you'd like to join us you'd be most welcome, contact Estelle 858482, Anne 858001 or Janet 879629

Blisworth Parish Church

"All who follow the Queen's example and Inspiration of trust and faith in God can, with her, say, "We will meet again" Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury in his sermon at the Queen's funeral

As we mourn the death of the Queen it is a time to reflect on the 70 years of her reign and a time to look forward to the reign of her son King Charles III. The Queen was someone with clear convictions, a keen sense of justice and a strong faith in God. Her smile had the capacity to transform and bring joy and hope to those who met her. Her dedication to her people and country, her impressive work ethic and her sense of fun are an example to us all. Her legacy will be a lasting one.

Services for October and November

2nd, 9th and 23rd October 11am Communion Service

6th, 27th November 11am Communion Service

16th October and 20th November 11am Family Worship

13th November Remembrance Sunday - 10.50 outside at the war memorial followed by a service in church.

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 and reflect or who wants to explore this historic building.

A recent visit to Armenia (formerly part of the Soviet Union) has enabled me to appreciate our village church even more. During the Soviet era many churches were destroyed and worship was strongly discouraged. This has left many Armenian villages without a church. We are fortunate to have our beautiful historic church. Do come and visit it, join in our worship and help to ensure that we keep a thriving and active church in our village.

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

BMC – Blisworth Mothers Club

18 October - Talk by Colin Hill
"My Life as a Security Officer to Celebrities"

15 November – Beetle Drive

All meetings in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

For more information please contact Chris Lea Tel: 857659.

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

Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Monday 21st November for the December/January 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 Heritage Society



Friday Oct 14th at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

A Blisworth Boy in Burma in WWII

by Brian Stewart

(a follow up to Brian's great talk about his Grandfather in WW I)

Douglas Stewart now tells his own Story

Friday Nov 11th at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Medieval Churches of Northamptonshire

by Douglas Goddard

We are now accepting entries for the **Platinum Jubilee Scrapbook**, local individuals, families, societies and businesses organisations 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 and the end of the Elizabethan era. 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 Tapestry can be seen in the Coffee House whenever it is open, or by special arrangement. If there is something of particular interest in the records. 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

Ribbon Ball

Saturday 25th February '23

Park Inn Northampton 18:30—01:00

Raising Funds for Macmillan Cancer Support

& Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust

Hosted by Sophie Palmer



Live Music, DJ, Raffle & Silent Auction

£35pp Includes 3 Course Meal

Email ribbonball@outlook.com

Text 0784535031



Blisworth Football Club

The season is up and running and at the time of writing all 3 of our Senior teams remain unbeaten.

The Junior section continues to grow and we have 201 boys and girls aged 15 and under registered to the club and we remain one of the biggest providers of sport and events for Juniors in the local area.

We are actively looking to buy/hire some land to put a further pitch on so we can keep the club moving forward and provide more local boys and girls with a place to develop their football skills.

Our clubhouse is available to hire for parties.

Please email: blisworthfc1898@aol.com for more details.

Sam King