

Round and About

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

Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We know that home budgets are tight and with this in mind we are undertaking a very detailed review of our Parish Council finances with an aim to keep our budget consistent with previous years. We should highlight that this may mean that we need to take some decisions around the services for the next financial year. We would like to hear residents' views about the services that you feel are important and if you agree with the Council's decision to keep the budget low, to try to ensure that we do not add to residents' monetary concerns. You can contact the Council via our Facebook page or contact the Clerk at blisworthparishcouncil@gmail.com.

Blisworth Parish Council have no involvement in West Northants Council's decisions regarding setting their budget so we will all have to wait to find out what level they plan to set their council tax rise, if any.

I would like to thank Cllr Hawkins for laying the wreath in the church, on behalf of the village and to also thank all the volunteers that provided the display of poppies around the village. It is an overwhelming show of support for the men and women who died in the war.

The PC have set aside funds (out of this year's budget) to purchase a tree and guard to commemorate the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and to commemorate her jubilee. The tree will be planted on Connegar Leys green and the tree guard and plaque will be positioned in early January. The Parish Councillors would like the residents that worked so enthusiastically and diligently to organise the celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations to unveil the plaque in recognition for all their hard work.

Despite our posters and pleas on Facebook and the Website for new parish councillors, we have had no responses. In reality this means that we do not have the manpower or womanpower to tackle many issues that need pursuing on behalf of the residents. It does need grit and determination to constantly battle against developers, who do not have the village's interest at heart, and indeed to ensure that we have a democratic local government and we do need help with this massive task!

If you really feel you cannot give time to volunteer as a Parish Councillor, would you be able to give some of your time to join a working group? We need volunteers to help maintain the website, so any knowledgeable webpage/WordPress experts, could you give a little of your time to help our busy Clerk?



Though Blisworth Parish Council holds deeds for land in the parish, some of it was never registered with Land Registry as this was not a legal requirement. The government may be introducing compulsory land registry in the future. If we voluntarily register the land ahead of compulsory land registry, this will cost less, so saving residents' money. Even with voluntary land registry, the cost may be in the region of £2,000.00. However, the solicitor we engaged did advise us that if we could get a resident solicitor willing to provide her/his skills on a pro-bono basis, this would greatly reduce the cost to the villagers. Do you know of anyone out there that would be willing to give up some free time and their skills to save the village some money? If so, please contact the PC via our Facebook page or contact the Clerk (07983 233501).

Northamptonshire Police has launched its Flare Report App. It allows women and girls to report, anonymously and quickly, incidents and behaviour that are inappropriate and make them feel unsafe, such as comments or touching, street harassment or other threatening behaviour when they are out and about in Northamptonshire. The Police want to encourage as many people as possible to download the app and to cascade through their own contacts and networks. Flare is free to download and can be installed on any mobile device. Crimes can be reported on Flare Report but call 999 if you need an immediate police response.

WNC are undertaking a review about local bus services. The deadline is 07/12/22. If you would like to comment on frequency, routes, destinations, times or fares; please send your comments to the Clerk.

Last but not least, the councillors and myself send our very best wishes to Cllr Colin Gardner and his family.

Steve Billing Chair Blisworth Parish Council

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

Winter Warmer

When Mick Wreford switches his amazing lights on this year, **Friday 2nd December** at 6.30/6.45, pop down and get a cuppa to warm yourselves up. We will be at the Village Hall before and after the lighting up, so treat yourselves to a hot drink.

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**

Christmas Market

Sunday December 4th 12-5pm

We are holding our Christmas Market in the Village Hall this year as last years Windmill Avenue market was so cold and windy. We have around 17 stalls and Santa will be there to hear what your children would like him to bring them. There will also be a chance to write a letter to Santa and these will be answered. £3 per child.

Please come and support us and support your local craft people. You may just find the perfect "something different" pressie. **Estelle 858482**



Hunsbury and Blisworth Community Choir

2022 Christmas Concerts

Saturday 10th December @ 2.30pm, Holy Cross Church
Milton Malsor, NN7 3AU

Saturday 17th December, 7.00pm, Abbey Centre NN4 0RZ

Enjoy a mixture of favourite Christmas carols and new ones, choir, soloists and audience participation.

Free entry and raffle with donation collection for local charities.

Come along and celebrate the festive season with us.



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. You can also contact us via email blisworthpta@gmail.com.

FOBS Christmas Raffle is back! Top prize is £200, plus many others. Tickets £1 each available from the school office until Friday 2nd December. Draw will be via Facebook livestream on Friday 12th December.

You can also continue to support us in other ways:

- 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 Parish Church

"She gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger as there was no room for them in the inn" Luke 2 v 7

Christmas Services

18th December 11 am Family Carol Service

24th December 4.30 pm Family Christingle Service
9.30 pm Christmas Communion Service

25th December 9.30 am Christmas Communion - Milton Malsor Village Church

1st January 10 am Benefice Service Alderton Village Church

Services for December and January

4th and 11th December, 8th and 22nd January 11am
Communion Service

15th January 11am Family Worship

29th January 10am Benefice Service at Alderton Village 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 visit this historic building.

This Christmas when many families face financial worries and, around the world, many others are refugees through war or famine it is worth remembering that Christ was born in poverty to a couple who spent the first few years of His life as refugees. Christmas is a time to remember Christ's birth and a time to value the important things of life such as family and faith. It is a time for sharing and for looking out for those who are lonely or experiencing hardship at this time.

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

Stitchery Do

Creating with fabric and thread

On December 1st we will continue with Christmas decorations at the Blisworth Chapel Coffee House.

On January 12th (not 5th January) we will be starting a new year with a change of venue, we are moving to the Village Hall, where Trisha White will be demonstrating Tassel Making, using materials from our stash of wool, just bring your own needles and scissors.

Times and costs remain the same, usually the first Thursday of each month, 10.00 until 2.00pm, admission still £4, including refreshments. New members are always welcome, either to learn a new skill, brush up an old skill or work on own projects within a relaxed group of like minded people. More details, contact **Margaret on 858590**.

BMC – Blisworth Mothers Club

13 December – Christmas Party with Buffet Supper.

17 January – Annual General Meeting.

All meetings in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

For more information please contact Chris Lea Tel: 857659.



We have had a brilliant, busy start to the academic year. Many of you will know that our staff work tirelessly to provide a strong education and magical memories for our children: We are pleased to tell you that we have had a recent Ofsted inspection and it has recognised our school success. The report can be found here: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/121794>

The children have enjoyed a range of curriculum days - they have been pirates, Prime Ministers for the day and explored life on Mars - some have also been back to the Stone Age and enjoyed a fire pit and jewellery making out of clay. We have made a new school video which you will be able to view on our school website <https://blisworth.northants.sch.uk/> and on Facebook which you can view without an account <https://www.facebook.com/BlisworthPrimarySchool/>

Thank you for wonderful community support over the term - it was lovely to see so many from the village at the Remembrance Service.

Miss Leah Jenkins Headteacher



Blisworth Football Club

With December fast approaching the clubs senior teams are flying. Both sides sit top of the table and our newly formed girls team are also top and undefeated for the season.

Our U6s are the first group we have had at this age group and played their first ever game on the 12th November and its great to see so many children from the village wearing the green shirts at various age groups.

Youth Secretary, Matt Goude was nominated for West Northants Council 'Male Role Model' of the year for his work at Blisworth FC developing our youth section which has grown from 2 teams to 19 thanks to Matt's hard work and dedication.

We continue to host The BFGs events and our volunteers were happy to mow an area for the Scouts to use to set their fireworks off.

We recently hosted the Stoke Road Allotments AGM and if anyone would like to enquire about hiring the clubhouse, please contact Yvonne - yvonnebarker@ymail.com

Sam King

Blisworth Arts Society

Thank you to all who visited the annual Art Show and gave such positive feedback about the work on display. Our Society is keen to welcome new members now that we have moved to the Village Hall and have more space.

We meet every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10.30 - 12.30. Our next tutored workshop is on the 9th December when Maggie Burgess - Wood will be showing us how to paint waves and seascapes. Our last meeting of the year will be on December 16th. We will resume meetings in the New Year on January 13th.

Please contact Hilary Spurrier for more information about the society on 859181

Blisworth Friendship Group

Our numbers continue to grow and we now have 37 members booked for our Christmas Party. It's such a lovely friendly happy group. If you would like to join in the new year, please contact **Estelle 858482. Anne 858001 or Janet 879629**. You will be more than welcome.

Blisworth Film Club

We will take a break in December but are back on Thursday **26th January** with a delightful comedy-drama starring Lesley Manville - "Mrs Harris goes to Paris".

The following month's presentation (**Thursday 23rd Feb**) is a film about the discovery of the remains of King Richard III "The Lost King" starring Sally Hawkins and Steve Coogan.

The following two months will not be the **final** Thursday of the month but a bit earlier - Thursday March 23rd and Thursday April 13th.

As usual, it will be £6 on the door - no pre-booking needed, just come along. Doors will open at 7pm, for a 7.30 start.

Very best wishes and a very Happy Christmas, Hugh & Tracey

MontyDavenport@outlook.com Mobile - 07968 889971)

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

Tuesdays at 10.00am until 2.00pm
Every 2nd Tuesday is "Parish Council Surgery"
Every 3rd Tuesday is "Carers Support Day"

Toddler & Tea

Fridays at 10.00am until 12.00pm
Community Café Open
Fridays at 12.00 until 2.00pm

Men's Breakfast

Last Saturday of the Month at 8.30am in the Coffee House
Next Breakfasts: 29th January – 25th February
All men are very welcome

Christmas

Sunday 11th December - 6.00 p.m Carols by candlelight
Sunday 18th December - Family Carol Service 10.30am
Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day Service 10.00 am

Room Hire:

Leisure Hall, Coffee House, Fellowship room, The Lounge,
Kitchen facilities are available for parties and meetings.
Call for more details on 01604 857654 (answer phone)

www.blisworthbaptistchurch.org
Social media Facebook @BlisworthBC

Blisworth Women's Institute

Another year is fast coming to an end after what has been a memorable year in so many ways. In June we enjoyed and joined in with the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations, followed just a few months later with the death of Her Majesty. For so many of us she was the only Monarch we had known and her death felt like losing one of our own family.

We move on, as we all have to, with a new Monarch and look forward to his Coronation in 2023 with another reason to enjoy more celebrations, something this lovely village of ours is so good at!

We have had many varied and interesting speakers at our meetings this year, and with next year's programme already done we are confident that in 2023 our members will continue to enjoy the monthly meetings. New members are always welcome, just pop into the village hall on the second Thursday of the month to see what we are all about.

I would like to finish with thanking the committee for all their hard work, but also for the fun we have had over the year, our committee meetings although busy are always filled with coffee, tea, cakes and laughter.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Tina Alexandrou Secretary



Blisworth Heritage Society



Friday Dec 9 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

A Christmas Extravaganza

A History of Father Christmas & The Magic of Christmas
by John Percival

Friday Jan 13 2023 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

AGM followed by

**An Illustrated Quiz on Northamptonshire
with Bob Farey**

At the AGM, the committee hope to announce that the Membership Subscription and Meeting Admission charge will remain unchanged for the 19th year running. Is this a record low rate of inflation?

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. 10 years ago we had over 120 scrapbook page, let us make this scrapbook even bigger?

The Tapestry can be seen in the Coffee House whenever it is open, or otherwise by special arrangement. The Archives are also available by arrangement. If there is something of particular interest in the records. 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

1st Blisworth Scout Group

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

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

CUBS

When - Thursdays 6.25 - 7.55pm

Where - Blisworth Scout Hall

Who - Boys and Girls 8-10½ years old

Contact - John (cubs@1stblisworth.org.uk)

SCOUTS

When - Mondays 7-8.30pm

Where - Blisworth Scout Hall

Who - Boys and Girls 10½-14 year olds

Contact - Debbie (scouts@1stblisworth.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 07845 359031

(Sorry, the 9 was missing from the 'phone number last time. Ed)

BVHPFA 250 Club Results

	October	November
£30	234	126
£20	85	217
£20	185	1
£10	209	77
£10	215	161

Thank you to all our members for your continued support. It won't be long before our collectors come calling. If you'd like to pay by bank transfer please contact me for details.

It's still £10 per year which gives you 60 chances of winning a small prize: £30, 2 x £20, 2 x £10 every month. We can't make you a millionaire, but you are supporting your village .

Estelle 858482

Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Friday 20th January for the February/March Issue.

Please email items you wish to include to:

blisworthranda@gmail.com

or send to the Editor: Alan North

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