

Round and About

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Council Meetings: First Monday of the month, 7:30 pm at the Village Hall, Stoke Road

Notes from the Chairman - Blisworth Parish Council

We hope you had a fun new year celebration! Only a short update this issue and an URGENT request for councillors!

Planning: We are monitoring proposed developments at the M1, Junction 15 in addition to the proposed development on Northampton Road and consulting with West Northants Council and other concerned parish councils.

Parish Council Budget: At the last meeting of your parish council, the budget for the next financial year was considered and approved. The parish component of council tax is small; nevertheless, Blisworth

Parish councillors are acutely aware of cost of living pressures on household budgets. We have worked hard to get value for money for the services the Parish Council provides to the village and it was decided not to increase the parish council component of the council tax. This is the second time in the last three years that there has been no increase.

Traffic and Highways: West Northants Council are proceeding with the planned chicane on Stoke Road. We will continue to update residents as and when we know more.

Please note the adverts further in this issue of the Round and About for:

Alzheimer's Society Charity Bash Saturday, 29th March 2025, at the Village Hall

The restarting of the prescription collection volunteering service

We Need Your help - Become a Parish Councillor
We have a vacancy and soon we will have two vacancies!!

Have you got what it takes?

All you need to do is:

- Have time to attend meetings
- Bring enthusiasm and new ideas
- Want to help with village projects, planning or road & traffic issues
- Help action the change you want to see
- Be determined to get things done

If you are interested contact the Clerk: 07983233501 blisworthparishcouncil@gmail.com



**You can make a difference to your community
by joining the Parish Council team**



Sunday Service at 10.30am

Communion First Sunday of the month
Children's breakout group 3rd Sunday of the month
Coffee and tea are served before the service from 10.00am
And afterwards in the Chapel Coffee House.
Please visit our new website! www.BlisworthBC.net

Community Cafe Open

Tuesdays 10.00am until 12.00pm
Every 2nd Tuesday is "Parish Council Surgery"
Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday "Community Connect"

Toddlers & Tea

Fridays 10.00am until 12.00pm

Welcome Warm Space

November / March

Tuesdays 12 – 2 pm Fridays 12 – 2 pm

Sundays 10 am – 12.30 pm

If you would like to volunteer to support the running of these sessions, please get in touch

Room Hire

Leisure Hall, Coffee House, Fellowship room, The Lounge, Kitchen facilities are all available for parties and meetings. Disabled toilets, AV equipment & Free Wifi.

www.BlisworthBC.net

Social media Facebook @BlisworthBC

Celebrating our bicentennial Year!

Blisworth Community Projects Group

This May it is 80 years since the end of World War 2 in Europe and we will decorate the village with poppies.

The soldier will again be taking up residence on the bench by the Bus Stop at the school. Many thanks to his creator Anne Goss, to Harry who donated the brilliant Mannequin, Andy who assisted with the uniform, the knitters who contributed the poppies, and Ann and Janet for the Banner.

Anne is planning a couple of new installations so please kind knitters or crocheters make some more poppies, wool purchases will be reimbursed or we will supply; email blisworthcommunityprojectsgp@gmail.com or phone me and let us know how we can help.

If you are new to the village, or know someone who is, please don't forget to let us know at the above address or by phone so that we can give you a Welcome Pack.

The Group would welcome any support for our projects and ideas of other things we can do for the village.

Ann North Secretary 07831538382

BVHPFA 250 Club Results

	Dec	Jan
£30	177	28
£20	127	131
£20	44	230
£10	78	50
£10	13	30

I apologise for delay in collectors getting to you, but I was halfway through checking and printing the collectors cards and came down with this horrible cold virus. Hopefully I will have got them out before you read this. **Estelle**



Blisworth Football Club

Due to the freezing weather it's been quiet on the football front since Xmas.

However, our First team reached their 2nd semi final of the season after beating higher league Moulton in the County Cup. The game was played on Astro Turf and attracted a crowd of over 300 and Blisworth won, 3-2.

Our Junior section is thriving and we currently have over 250 boys and girls registered as we look to the future with new facilities.

We are running a 100 club where there is a £300 prize pot every month and a top prize of £150. To sign up please click on the link on our social media.

Once the clubhouse is up and running, we will be looking to host events for the community. If anyone has any ideas or can help in any way, please email:

Secretary@blisworthfc.co.uk

Sam King - Chairman



Blisworth Women's Institute

New members are always welcome at our meetings, join us at the village hall on the second Thursday of every month at 7.30pm. Tea, coffee and homemade cake are always served, at no extra cost. Call Denise – 858489 or Tina – 859744 for further details.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday February 13th** and is a fun oil painting demonstration and humorous talk on life as an artist by Michael Peachey. In the artists own words, 'it is aimed at those with no particular interest in art, with the emphasis on entertainment'!

Thursday 13th March is our Annual General Meeting, which we endeavour to keep as short as possible! Reports from our President, Secretary and Treasurer are read out and the committee elected for the next year. This will be followed by an array of 'puddings' for members to taste and lots of time to socialise.

Tina Alexandrou Secretary



Blisworth Friendship Group

We had a lovely year last year, ending in a Christmas party. Delicious food cooked by Yvonne, and very efficiently dished up by Liz, Brenda and Yvonne. Served with a smile by Carolyn Y, Bryony, Carolyn F, Anne, Linda and me. All was made possible by donations from Father Christmas and Earls Barton Steam Rally courtesy of Mick and Daphne Wreford.

We have very sadly lost two of our lovely members; Brian Shaw and Dougie Walker. Both of them will be missed by the committee and their friends at BFG. May they both RIP.

Janet has sadly decided to retire from our committee due to poor health but she will stay on as a member. We thank her for all the time and hard work she has dedicated to help setting up and making BFG such a lovely group.

We still meet in the Village Hall 1pm alternate Tuesdays.

I'd like to say a massive Thank You to our wonderful dedicated team. It's such a pleasure to work with them all. Estelle 858482 and Anne 858001.



Blisworth Parish Church

"For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul" Mark 8 v36

Services for February and March

February 2nd, 9th and 23rd - Family Communion 11am
February 16th Family Service 11am

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March 30th Mothering Sunday - Benefice Service at Alderton Parish Church 10am

Lent starts on March 5th - There will be a benefice Ash Wednesday Service - details will be posted on the Church Notice Boards

Lent Course - details will be available soon

All are welcome to attend services. The church is open every day you are welcome for prayer, contemplation or just to enjoy time in a historic building.

By now many New Years resolutions will be forgotten. The approaching season of Lent gives us another opportunity to give something up or to change our lives in some way. "if you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way"

Lunch in aid of Ukraine

Many thanks to all who came or contributed. £950 has been raised, some is supporting the work of World Vision, a charity which supports children displaced by war. The rest is helping children in East Ukraine whose lives are disrupted daily by the impact of war and whose families are struggling. A number of children will receive parcels to bring some joy and to help with things they need.

Rector Rev'd. Canon Richard Stainer 857619
Warden Fiona Mckenzie 859541

Charity Bash in aid of the Alzheimer's Society

Saturday, 29th March 2025

Village Hall 2-5 pm

Classic Afternoon tea

£12.00 pp Pre-order by 24/03/25 (ring Belinda on 07771763026) to book.

Tea, coffee, cakes, Mother's Day gifts and cards for sale.

More details to follow – Look out for posters and further information on Facebook.

Let's get the village together to support a good cause!

Christmas Lights

Once again Mick Wreford and his family lead the way in putting Blisworth at the forefront of the counties most festively lit villages, ably supported by many other families. I particularly noticed almost all of Stoke Road, well done indeed. The Wreford's display raise £2,165, £750 for Help for Heroes and £1,415 for Motor Neurone Disease. The amount collected has been slowly falling over the years, probably because people tend to carry less cash these days. Please do your best, we cannot expect the Wreford family to stand outside in the cold with a card reader. :-)

Stitchery Do

Creating with fabric and thread

Thursday 6th February

Lacemaking with Trisha White. Also, for non lacemakers, a session of knit 'n natter or constructing patchwork bags.

Usual details. £4 includes refreshments and materials, 10.00 - 2.00pm, Blisworth Village Hall.

Thursday 6th March

Activities continuing from previous month. Same details. We have organised a coach trip to the Birmingham NEC craft show on 13th March. There are still a few spaces available. Interested? Contact Margaret on 858590.



Blisworth Heritage Society



Friday Feb 14 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Mary Burbridge - The Inn Keeper's Widow

involves piecing together the life of an 18th Century Woman in West Haddon against the backdrop of enclosure, turnpiking and textile production

by **Wendy Raybould**

Friday Mar 14 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

The Romans in Northamptonshire

by **Michael Curtis**

There is still one committee vacancy remaining, so if anybody would like to join, please speak to Hilary.

The process of transferring our archives. (pictures, films, cassettes and other records) to the upstairs room in the Village Hall has gone well, as has cataloguing the collection. We are planning an Open Afternoon very soon.

See our website www.blisworthheritage.org.uk

Blisworth Film Club

Thursday 27th February "Joy - The Birth of IVF"

Starring James Norton, Thomasin McKenzie & Bill Nighy. The true story of an unlikely trio who doggedly, quietly and courageously made the discovery that would change lives around the world. Warm and intensely English.

Thursday 27th March "Lee" starring Kate Winslet. The

story of American photographer Lee Miller, a fashion model who became an acclaimed war correspondent during World War II. Kate Winslet is remarkable!

All films are shown in the Village Hall. Doors at 7pm, film at 7.30. £6 on the door - no need to book, just turn up." Please bring your own refreshments with you.

Contact MontyDavenport@outlook.com or 07968 889971.

PRESCRIPTION COLLECTIONS

It is hoped to reinstate the list of people willing to collect and deliver prescriptions around the village. Those signing up must state in writing that they are willing for their phone number to be published and handed out – by the surgery, and possibly the shop etc.

If you are interested, please let me know your name, phone number and the area you could cover – eg whole village, the Park, or an individual road. Please contact me, **Fiona McKenzie**, by text on 07708 253310, or put a note through my door, 14 Buttmead.

BMC - Blisworth Mothers Club

Thursday 20th February 7.30pm in the Village Hall
Dave Donome's famous Music Quiz. Show off your musical knowledge or bring back memories from the 70's onwards. Still only £3. Remember the change of evening from Tuesday to Thursday! New members welcome.

Thursday 20th March 7.30pm in the Village Hall
Paul Barwick returns with his talk "The Spy who solved his own Murder" the events leading to the death of Alexander Litvinenko, the Russian spy who dared to criticise Putin. A fascinating, real life story of our own time. Visitors are welcome to join us to share this experience.

Margaret on 858590.



We had a brilliant Autumn term here at Blisworth Community Primary School. Perhaps the most exciting news is that we won 'Overall School of the Year' at the Northamptonshire Education Awards. This was a real surprise as there are so many wonderful primary and secondary schools. We would like to thank all of our community - our children, families, staff, FOBs and partners Rhino Sports Academy, the Kingswood team and all our music teachers. We hope that you, our village feel proud to have the school of the year.

Other exciting events during the term included Santa visiting our sing-a-long and having had a broken down sleigh, he arrived in a McClaren (thank you to Stacey who supports our school) his Elves arriving in cars provided by our local dealership - Hampton Cars. Mr Elliott, our Year 6 teaching assistant, plays piano and Coach Jade from Rhino a graded singer - treated the children to a live performance over one Christmas lunch. We also had a amazing grotto arranged by our Friends of Blisworth School plus a raffle event. The term ended with a childrens talent show which Holly won with a wonderful solo performance. Great fun.

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year however you chose to spend it. Keep warm everyone!

Miss Leah Jenkins Headteacher

Blisworth Arts Society

New members are always welcome to join our friendly group of artists. Our group includes painters, stitches, photographers, textile artists. We have workshops each term and sometimes sketch in member's gardens.

Blisworth Art Show

Our annual Art Show is on the weekend of the **22nd/23rd March**. All Blisworth artists are welcome to enter work.

Do come and see the show and enjoy tea/ coffee and cake in the Village Hall from 10.30- 4.30 each day.

Contact **Hilary Spurrier** on **859172** for more information.

Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Friday 21st March for the April/May Issue.

Please email items you to include to:

blisworthranda@gmail.com

or send to the Editor: Alan North

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Memorial Bench for the late Dr Derek Bull

Blisworth Community Projects Group is currently commissioning a memorial bench for the late Dr Derek Bull, who died in April 2024. A number of Blisworth residents have expressed a wish to make a donation towards this venture. If you would like to do so, please contact the Projects Group for details via email: blisworthcommunityprojectsgp@gmail.com or by contacting Ann North by text or call on: 07831 538382

Briary Barn Café

Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 29th Jan at 2pm

Thursday 27th of February at 2pm

£16.95 unlimited Tea or Coffee or £23 glass of Procecco

Booking essential 01327 229760

Short Mat Bowls Club

New members are welcome at Blisworth short mat bowls

Every Monday & Wednesday

in the Village Hall 1.45pm – 4.00pm

No experience necessary

Call Tina on – 07776 421426 or Mavis on – 07724 147176

Or just come along for a fun and social afternoon.



FOBS

Friends of Blisworth School



'Blisworth Bar' Sale for World Book Day

Get ready for a whipple-scrumptious treat this World Book Day with our delicious Blisworth Bars! Each chocolate bar could hide a magical Golden Ticket with splendiferous prizes! Preorder online or through the school office. Blisworth Bars will be ready to collect from a stall outside the school hall doors on Thursday 6th March. www.pta-events.co.uk/blisworth

Toy & Gift Amnesty

Got unwanted, new, unused toys or gifts? We're holding a Toy & Gift Amnesty to collect donations for our future events. Whether it's that unopened game, a duplicate gift, or anything you no longer need, we'll make sure it finds a purpose! Please drop donations at Blisworth School during school hours. Items can be left in the box by the school hall doors. Or you can email us to arrange a collection at blisworthpta@gmail.com.

Clear out for a fresh start this year

Our textile recycling banks in the top car park at the School are regularly emptied and always available for you to drop off any unwanted clothes, shoes, or textiles. What can you put in? Adult & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags & belts, sheets, curtains & towels. Please place clean, dry items in small, tied bags (large bags can block the chute).

Blisworth Scarecrow Festival supporting FOBS - Monday 26th May

And a BIG THANK YOU to everyone involved in choosing the Friends of Blisworth School to raise funds for at this years Scarecrow Festival. We're thrilled to be joining in the fun and we can't wait to see everyone's Straw-mazing Creations!

Want to support your local school? Whether it's through a donation or sponsoring an event, we'd love to chat about working together! Email us at blisworthpta@gmail.com.