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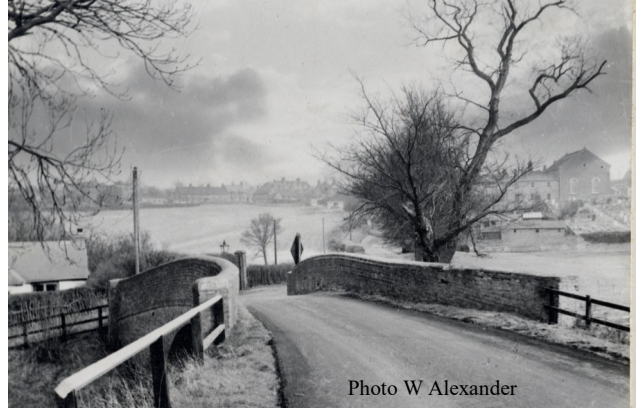


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**Council Meetings:** First Monday of the month, 7:30 pm at the Village Hall, Stoke Road

## Notes from the Chairman - Blisworth Parish Council

**Local Elections 1st May 2025:** Please remember that you need photo identification to vote in person. For more information: Call [0300 126 7000](tel:03001267000) or email [electoralservices@westnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@westnorthants.gov.uk)

Blisworth's **Neighbourhood Watch** scheme plays a vital role in keeping our community safe by promoting vigilance, reducing crime, and fostering a strong sense of community. By working together and staying informed, we can help prevent crime and create a safer village for everyone.

As part of our efforts, we are including a **Neighbourhood Watch window sticker** with this newsletter, which can be displayed in your home to show that Blisworth is an active Neighbourhood Watch area. Visible signs of community vigilance can help deter crime, so we encourage all residents to consider displaying them.

We also urge residents to sign up for **Northamptonshire Talking**, an online system providing local crime updates, safety advice, and alerts from the police and Neighbourhood Watch. Enrolling is quick and easy—visit [www.northamptonshiretalking.co.uk](http://www.northamptonshiretalking.co.uk) to stay informed and get involved in making Blisworth a safer place to live.

For the second time in the last three years, Blisworth Parish Council has decided not to ask residents for an increase in the Parish bit of your Council Tax. This may mean that some residents have seen a slight

drop in the cost of the Parish Council costs on your annual statement. Although the Parish Council component of Council Tax is very small (about 3%), your Parish Council is aware of the pressure on household budgets and has worked hard to keep our costs down.

Our thanks to the team and all the residents that attended and supported the recent Alzheimer's Charity bash as well as our thanks to the team of residents that help to maintain the village planters throughout the year.

Work continues in the Closed Cemetery to dig over the long bed by the main path, we need a lot more muscle power to help dig this area.

As they say 'Every little helps!' Even if you can only dig a very small section, it would help the Graveyard Shift to weed it, ready for the volunteers to plant more bee and butterfly friendly plants this year. If you have muscles to spare, please contact the Clerk.

The Parish Council has some modest reserves and has ideas about spending on improvements to our village and parish. If you would like to hear about these and comment, come along to the annual parish meeting on 12 May in the Village Hall at 6:30pm. There will also be an opportunity to give your opinion about the initiative to plant more trees.



**What's next for our parish? – Well that's a matter of opinion.....**

**Yours!**

**12th May Parish Meeting - Village Hall, Stoke Road at 6:30pm**

**Come and share your ideas and your priorities?**



## Blisworth Women's Institute

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April** where we welcome Julia Scott who will be speaking about 'Authors old & new'. She will also be hosting an interactive quiz on the same subject, so it should be an interesting and fun evening.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May** is our Resolutions and gift bags evening. We have four very different resolutions to discuss and choose from this year – **'Bystanders can be lifesavers'** and **'Eliminate landfill of medication packaging'** are just two of the subjects that affect us all in some way.

Members are asked to bring along a sealed gift bag with any item inside that they would be pleased to receive, it could be anything from shower gel to a bar of chocolate! They are then on sale for £1.00 each, it's like Christmas has come early!

New members always welcome, join us for good company and tea/coffee and cake.

**Tina Alexandrou Secretary**

**Scouts**



1st Blisworth

All 3 sections start back for an exciting new term week commencing 22nd April after Easter.

We continue to provide great activities to the young people of Blisworth, and surrounding villages and continue doing what we do best – giving young people Skills for Life.

### All 3 Sections

**Beavers** 5 ¾ - 8 years Meet on a Wednesday fro 18:00 – 19:00

**Cubs** 8 – 10 ½ Meet on a Tuesday from 18:30 – 20:00

**Scouts** 10 ½ – 14 Meet on a Monday from 19:00 – 20:30

We provide a varied programme and are looking forward to many upcoming events.

We want to reach as many young people as we possibly can and are so pleased when new people join us. We have spaces in all 3 sections so please do get in touch if your young person is interested in joining us.

Contact: [debbie.adams@1stblisworth.org.uk](mailto:debbie.adams@1stblisworth.org.uk)

We love welcoming new adults too! We are in desperate need of more wonderful volunteers to help us keep the Group running, especially for our Cub Section aged 8 – 10 ½ and would urge you to consider if you can help. We of course need volunteers to work directly with young people at meetings, but we also have a role for you if you couldn't think of anything worse than standing in front of a group of young people, but still want them to develop Skills for Life! Volunteering to be a Trustee of the Group would mean helping us make sure that we run safely and legally and is such a vital role.

### Our Hall

We love to share and therefore when we're not using our hall, it's available for people to book both for one off events, such as a party, and we can also offer regular bookings too. For more information, including availability and pricing, please visit [1stblisworth.org.uk/hall](http://1stblisworth.org.uk/hall).

**Debbie** 07908 644021.



## Blisworth Parish Church

*"He is risen, He is risen indeed"*

Easter is the most important time of the year for Christians as it marks the period when Christ was crucified and 3 days later rose from the dead thus offering all who believe in Him new life through Him and forgiveness for our sins.

### Services for April and May

6th April 11am Parish communion

13th April Palm Sunday 10am benefice service at Grafton Regis

17th April Maunday Thursday 7pm Communion service in Blisworth Church

18th April Good Friday 2pm service of reflection in Milton Malsor church

20th April Easter Sunday 11am Communion in Blisworth Church

27th April 10am Confirmation service and Communion at Alderton

4th, 11th and 25th May 11am parish Communion in Blisworth Church

18th May 11am family service in Blisworth Church

29th May Ascension day 10am Communion service in Blisworth Church

1st June 11am Benefice service in Blisworth Church where we say farewell to Helen Halson as she starts her ministry in Northampton.

26th May Scarecrow Festival. The church will be serving refreshments all day

27th May Church outing to Walsingham

A question that is frequently asked is "why is Easter a moveable feast?" This year it is quite late other years it can be as early as late March. The date is always the first Sunday when there is a full moon after the spring equinox (March 21st).

Have a wonderful Easter.

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

### 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.

Anne is planning a couple of new installations for November so please kind knitters or crotchetiers make some more poppies, wool purchases will be reimbursed or we will supply contact; email [blisworthcommunityprojects\\_gp@gmail.com](mailto:blisworthcommunityprojects_gp@gmail.com) or phone me.

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

## Blisworth Bridge Group

We're a small group, aiming to play two tables, once a week. For various reasons our numbers are down and new members would be most welcome. Our informal self help group, of varying abilities, plays on Tuesday evenings at various members' houses.

If you're interested and have any experience, no matter how long ago, please mail [trisha7white@gmail.com](mailto:trisha7white@gmail.com) with your contact details and we can organise a chat.



## FOBS

Friends of Blisworth School



### Blisworth Scarecrow Festival

#### Stalls on School Playground - Monday 26th May

Whilst touring the village admiring all the amazing Scarecrow entries don't forget to visit the school. We'll be hosting a range of stallholders on the school playground and you might even spot an extra scarecrow or two!

#### New School Play Equipment

Thanks to everyone's support with our fundraising efforts we have been able to purchase new school play equipment and storage recently including racquets, balls, skipping ropes & balance boards. The children are really enjoying their breaks with the new resources - thank you!

#### School Crossing Patrol

A key fundraising commitment we have every year is funding the role of our School Crossing Patrol, Mrs Dunkley. Used by both school families, and villagers, we are proud to be able to continue this. If you've ever tried to cross the High Street (near Little Lane) during the morning and afternoon school run you'll certainly appreciate the importance of this role!

#### Spring Clear Out

As always our textile recycling banks in the top car park at Blisworth School are regularly emptied and 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).

If you are interested in helping us fundraise for Blisworth Community Primary School, whether it's through a donation or sponsoring an event, we'd love to chat about working together! Drop us an email at [blisworthpta@gmail.com](mailto:blisworthpta@gmail.com).

## Blisworth Arts Society

Thank you to everyone who supported our successful Art Show and to all who exhibited a wonderful range of Art.

The group continues to meet on Thursday afternoons usually in the Village Hall from 3pm-4pm.

On May 1st we will meet in the garden of the old rectory to sketch/ paint spring flowers.

During the summer we're planning a canal boat trip in order to sketch/paint photo our local landscape. Other excursions/workshops are also planned.

For further information contact Hilary Spurrier on 869281.



## Blisworth Heritage Society



Friday Apr 11 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

### A History of Scrapbooking

by Dr Cherish Watton

Cherish has visited before when she was working on her PhD, initially her interest was George's original (1953) Scrapbook, but she also provided much useful information which we used to produce later editions, now she is returning to see our latest Scrapbook.

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

### A Labour of Love - The Restoration of Canons Ashby Gardens

by Laura Malpas

(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 as soon as we can fit it in. We are also trying to arrange a Summer outing, hopefully, a Steam Train ride on Richard Dunkley's railway with refreshments on the train; see future Round and Abouts or speak to any committee member for details.

See our website [www.blisworthheritage.org.uk](http://www.blisworthheritage.org.uk)

## Blisworth Film Club

There will be no film club event in April.

We are back on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May** with "Mr Burton" starring Toby Jones, Lesley Manville and Harry Lawtey. The origin tale of one of the greatest screen and stage actors.

All films are shown in the Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm, the film starts 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](mailto:MontyDavenport@outlook.com) or 07968 889971.

## BMC - Blisworth Mothers Club

Thursday 17th April

**Our Easter Indulgence!** Cakes, chocolates, wine, Prosecco, Wellbeing and Mindfulness...a chance for 'Hens' to bring their 'Chicks'\* to share a very different evening of activities led by a guest speaker, along with Rose and Ros' Grand Easter Raffle. Kick off Easter in style! (Non alcoholic drinks and chocolate-free refreshments also available). \* a younger relative, neighbour or friend to share the joy!

Thursday 15th May

Cheese and Wine tasting evening presented by Mark from 'The Cheese Place' in Towcester. Further details nearer the date by email to members and the Village Facebook page.

Admissions just £3 pp to these events. New members and visitors are always welcome. In the Village Hall, from 7.30pm.

**Margaret on 858590.**

## BVHPFA 250 Club Results

	February	March
£30	113	9
£20	176	248
£20	104	10
£10	53	198
£10	190	214

Thank you to all our supporters, there are still a few to collect in. Good luck next time to all of you who haven't won yet.  
**Estelle**

## Blisworth BAPTIST CHURCH

TO KNOW HIM AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

As we celebrate this festive season, we invite you to join in the spirit of togetherness and renewal that Easter represents.

While it holds significant meaning for Christians, the themes of hope, rebirth, and connection resonate universally. This time of year encourages us to reflect on the beauty of new beginnings and the warmth of community. Whether it's through sharing a meal, spending time with loved ones, or simply enjoying the beauty of spring, let's embrace the positive energy that comes with this season.

Please join us for our two Easter services, Maundy Thursday (17<sup>th</sup> April - 6pm) And Easter Sunday (20<sup>th</sup> April - 10.30am)

Wishing you all joy, peace, and a fresh perspective as we welcome the vibrancy of life in the months ahead. Happy Easter!

Pastor Lee Hillyard, Blisworth Baptist Church



*Who, when, where?*

## Stitchery Do

*Creating with fabric and thread*

### Thursday 3rd April

A session led by Angela, when we will be making Easter bags using the Sissix cutters to create felt decorations. All materials provided, including refreshments and maybe some chocolate eggs!

### Thursday 8th May

Note change of date due to local elections in the hall. Another session of lace making with Trisha and a tapestry stitching workshop with Margaret, using simple tent stitch and wool from our stash.

All sessions from 10.00 - 2.00pm, £4 includes refreshments and materials, in Blisworth Village Hall. Come and find out more about this friendly craft group, where you can learn new skills or bring your own projects.

**Margaret on 858590**



## Blisworth Friendship Group

At the last 4 meetings our lovely members have enjoyed jacket potatoes with a selection of fillings, delicious soup, pancakes and cheese and biscuits. We enjoy games afternoons and quizzes that are solved in groups, just for fun.

So if anyone feels they could benefit from lovely company and refreshments, we meet every other Tuesday in the Village Hall 1-3pm, soon to be at the New Football club on Wednesdays at 2-4pm.

We can arrange to pick you up from home if it's difficult for you to get there under your own steam. Next meeting is Tuesday 1st April. Please ring Estelle on 858482 or 07946060369 or Anne Goss on 858001 or 07843505004



## Blisworth Football Club

As always time moves quickly and we find ourselves at the business end of the football season. We have 4 cup finals already to look forward to and there maybe a few more before we end the season in late May.

We attended a workshop/seminar to see if we can provide football coaching for disabled children and we are actively looking to see if this is something we can provide in a safe environment in the coming months. Total inclusivity is something we really believe in and it would be great if this is something we could offer along with our current coaching of boys, girls, men's and ladies teams.

We will soon be announcing an opening date for our new clubhouse, look out on our socials, this will provide us with a sustainable base for all future activities.

**Sam King** - Chairman

## Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Tuesday 21st May for the June/July 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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