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BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
NEWSLETTER

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Council Meetings: First Monday of the month,

7:30 pm at the Village Hall, Stoke Road.

Council Surgeries: Most Tuesdays, 10:30-12:00 at
Blisworth Baptist Church, Chapel Lane, NN7 3BU.

Northampton Road Development – More responses needed

The development on the former Youngs Garden Centre site is now due for decision with WNC. It could allow up to **16 HGV movements** per hour through the village.

The developer claims to have consulted residents. This needs to be disputed. No meetings were offered to residents or the Parish Council and no responses to our concerns.

Resident objections have been submitted, but with 1,400+ residents, more responses are needed.

Road safety and Pollution

Past the school affecting school children and pedestrians, through narrow roads with narrow footpaths and the impact on heritage homes (many do not have foundations).

 **Not supported** by WNC's emerging Local Plan due to poor transport links and over-development outside village boundaries.

 **No need for another site of this type** The SEGRO development nearby is still largely empty, and another large site is already proposed off the M1.

Cameras won't prevent rat running

Camera data is not enforceable, and any agreement to use cameras can be removed if the company changes hands. Objections should state that permission must be conditional on installing a physical central reservation to stop right turns into the site from Blisworth and left turns out towards Blisworth.

This is the only reliable way to prevent HGVs using our narrow roads and limited footpaths as a shortcut to the A43, M1 J15 or A508.

Refute the claim of adequate consultation

Engagement was minimal, with no meetings offered to residents or the Parish Council.

Submit comments:

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

or write to Mr Daniel Callis, quoting WNS/2022/1134/MAO.

Please see our website for further details: <https://blisworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/planning-applications>

Please share with neighbours so all voices are heard.

Community Speed Watch:

Five sessions completed; 70+ speeding drivers reported.

Thank you to all volunteers supporting Cllr Nigel Chandler.

Closed Cemetery

The Council needs to make safe gravestones in the Closed Cemetery. If you are, or know, a relative of any of the names listed below, please contact the Clerk to discuss next steps: Mary Ann Massey, 9th April 1910, Ann Warren, 11th October 1904, John Williams, 26th September 1898, Ann Carter, 4th April 1896, Anne Louisa Gregory, 3rd October, 1886.

Annual Parish Meeting

Thank you to all residents, groups and volunteers who attended the Annual Parish Meeting and submitted reports.

Community Transport – Volunteers Needed

We are exploring options with the support of residents, to replace the much valued Ability Bus. To make any service viable, we need volunteer drivers. Even a few hours a week or month would make a real difference. Training provided. Please contact the Clerk if you can help.



BLISWORTH COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Friends of
Blisworth School**

FOBS



It's been another busy and exciting term, raising funds and creating memorable experiences.

Our Great Easter Egg Heist ended with a shocking twist — after following clues to solve the mystery of who took the missing eggs, children uncovered the most unlikely culprit... Mrs Stocker from the school office!

And hopefully some of you enjoyed hearing the children singing round the campfire at our annual school sleepover! This year we squeezed 56 children and their beds into the school hall for a giant World Cup-themed sleepover with football games & activities.

Colour Run

By popular demand we are organising our first ever Colour Run event this summer! More details will be shared on Facebook nearer the time. If you're interested in sponsoring or helping at the event, please get in touch – we're always grateful for volunteers!

Summer Raffle

We're still looking for prize donations, so if you or your business can help, we'd love to hear from you. Tickets will be £1 each or £5 per book for your chance to win some fantastic prizes. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for details on when they'll be available from the school office!

As always, thank you to everyone in our wonderful village community who continues to support FOBS and the school through events, donations and volunteering — it really does make a difference.

Ukrainian Garden Party

A huge thankyou to all who attended this event in April. £1,400 was raised to support those affected by the Ukrainian war. Some is being used to support summer camps for children living in the war zones while the rest has funded the purchase of a vehicle to improve communications for a brigade on the front line.

We were lucky to have beautiful weather for the event so the 80 or so who came enjoyed good company and delicious Ukrainian food on a warm sunny day.

Blisworth Litter Campaign Group

We are currently planning signs to be purchased and displayed at entrances to the village encouraging motorists to take their litter home with them. We are working with WNDG to ensure that the signs are compliant with regulations.

2 children from Blisworth CP School are keen to take part in an organized litter pick. We hope to do this sometime in the next month or two. So, if you can spare an hour to take part then keep an eye out for date and time.

Again, thank you to those that pick regularly in your area of the village.

Sue Cox - 01604 858962

Blisworth Parish Church

"Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire..." The words of a hymn celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost



Services for June July

7th June 11am celebratory service for 800 years of our parish church (see insert for more details of the weekends events)

14th June , 28th June 11am Communion Service

21st June 11am Family worship

5th, 12th and 26th July 11am Communion Service

19th July 11am Family Worship

Historical Snippet

For centuries the church was responsible for distributing poor relief. From the time of Elizabeth 1st the poor were expected to return to the parish of their birth if they needed poor relief. In Blisworth the Leeson family established a legacy of 30 shillings a year for the poor of Blisworth. There is a plaque in the church describing this. As late as 1905 there was a regular church collection for the poor (one such collection was £11 1.5 pence - a lot of money in 1905. There are records of the rectors wife in the 1880's making special jellies for the sick and poor usually laced with port wine.

The changes in local and National government in the 20th Century meant that the PCC(church council) no longer had responsibility for poor relief as new benefits such as pensions and Social security were introduced.

Do visit the church and see the displays for the 800th celebration. The church is open every day for those who want a quiet space for prayer and contemplation or who just want to visit this amazing building which has played such a key role in village life.

Rector	Rev'd Canon Richard Stainer	857619
Churchwarden	Fiona McKenzie	859541

StitcheryDo

Thursday 4 th June - We will be gathering together items for our display of craft work and activities for the Church celebration on June 7 th. Also, there will be opportunity to make a lightweight tote bag from either our stash or from own materials.

Thursday 2nd July - Angela will be leading the group to decide on future projects that members wish to pursue or revisit, looking through our storage cupboard for inspiration, also an opportunity to 'Knit 'n' natter or crochet

£4 per session, with refreshments and resources included.
Village Hall, from 10.00 -2.00pm
More details from Margaret on 858590 and Angela on 858137

Blisworth Arts Society

While most of our meetings continue to be in Blisworth Village Hall on a Thursday afternoon from 2pm -4pm we are enjoying some outdoor sessions painting/sketching in local gardens and the church.

Our members reflect a wide range of artistic disciplines from botanical artists, landscape painters, abstract artists, textile artists and photography. New members are always welcome.

Our annual art show this year will be in November.

For more information about the society contact Hilary Spurrier on 859181

St John's Church Blisworth 800-year celebrations. To be held on June 6 th & 7 th 2026

Come and join us for a weekend of celebrations in St John's Church. The weekend will cover some of the aspects of our Church over the 800 years.

Saturday 6th from 10am-4pm to name but a few events- Bell ringing, Blisworth Community School competition, Village stalls - Stitchery Do, Lace making, Brass rubbing, (exhibition by cubs & beavers) Embroidery, Flower displays by our village organisations, Pottery, Beekeeper, Heritage Society and Sir Hereward Wake tomb information and more.

Saturday 6th evening from 7.00 pm onwards - Musical evening, Hunsbury and Blisworth Community Choir and guest singers and entertainment not to be missed. Refreshments/raffle.

Sunday 7th 11.00am -4.00pm (Church service 11.00 am - 12.00 noon everyone welcome) afternoon refreshments etc. We will be sending out posters nearer the time with a list of events over the weekend.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Details from Maureen Smith 07967898687

Hunsbury and Blisworth Community Choir

The choir will be taking part in the 800 Anniversary Celebratory Concert in the church on Saturday, 6th June beginning at 7.00 with our usual varied repertoire of songs.

They will also be appearing at Towcester Town Hall on Thursday, 18th June, 7.30 as part of the Midsummer Music Festival, the concert will feature three choirs and a string quartet.

The final performance this summer will be in the Acorn Barn at the Royal Oak, Thursday, July 26th at 7.30.

All the concerts promise to be spectacular events so come along and enjoy three evenings of beautiful music.



Thanks and best regards
Jon Murray 07460 617817

Keep smiling, be happy ☺



You're Invited – Discover Community at Blisworth Baptist Church

“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” – Matthew 18:20

We warmly invite you to join us each Sunday at 10.30am for worship, fellowship, and encouragement together.

June

2 nd Tuesday	Community Café	10am-12pm
3 rd Tuesday	Prayer meeting	7.30pm-8.30pm
7 th Sunday	Service (Pastor Lee)	10.30-12pm
9 th Tuesday	Community Café	10am-12pm
12 th Friday	Youth Club (Ages 11-17)	7pm-8.15pm
14 th Sunday	Service (Ted Ashworth)	10.30-12pm
16 th Tuesday	Community Café	10am-12pm
21 st Sunday	Service (Pastor Lee)	10.30-12pm
21 st Sunday	Childrens work	10.30-12pm
23 rd Tuesday	Community Café	10am-12pm
26 th Friday	Youth Club (Ages 11-17)	7pm-8.15pm
27 th Saturday	Men's Breakfast	8.30am-9.30am
28 th Sunday	Service (Tony Maycock)	10.30-12pm
30 th Tuesday	Community Café	10am-12pm

July

5 th Sunday	Service (Ruth Brown)	10.30-12pm
7 th Tuesday	Community Café	10am-12pm
7 th Tuesday	Prayer meeting	7.30pm-8.30pm
10 th Friday	Youth Club (Ages 11-17)	7pm-8.15pm
12 th Sunday	Service (Ted Ashworth)	10.30-12pm
14 th Tuesday	Community Café	10am-12pm
19 th Sunday	Service (Pastor Lee)	10.30-12pm
21 st Tuesday	Community Café	10am-12pm
24 th Friday	Youth Club (Ages 11-17)	7pm-8.15pm
25 th Saturday	Men's Breakfast	8.30am-9.30am
26 th Sunday	Service (Ray Payne)	10.30-12pm
28 th Tuesday	Community Café	10am-12pm

Contact us: <https://blisworthbc.net> / 01604 918405

BLISWORTH COMMUNITY PROJECTS GROUP

HELP NEEDED

Following the success of our Autumn Fayre last year we have had interest in repeating it again. The Hall is booked for 31 st October 2026 and there have been offers of help for anything needed on the day. However, we are looking for someone to take charge of organising the event. Confirming the stall holders, deciding where the tables should go and ensuring enough are available, devising a rota of those willing to serve the refreshments and getting offers of cakes and other refreshments. It was such a lovely community event so I do hope someone will come forward. We will be on hand if required.

We are hoping to produce a revised copy of the Blisworth Community Directory on behalf of the Parish Council.

If you have a new neighbour please let us know so that we can provide a Welcome Pack for them. A nice way to introduce them to our wonderful community.

Please Email details of any new residents to blisworthcommunityprojectsgp@gmail.com or phone me. Ann North, Secretary, 07831538382

Blisworth Village Hall and Playing Field Association

As the new Secretary of the association (and continued role of Booking Clerk), I would like to introduce myself to all residents of the village. Taking over from Ann North is a privilege and I hope to continue her amazing work to make the Village Hall a valued asset to the village.

To book an event at the Village Hall, please go to our website to book through Hallmaster (blisworthvillagehall.com), or email me at blisworthvh@gmail.com and I will assist with your booking. The hiring rate for residents is £30 per 3-hour block, which is a discounted rate for the village. There are many events taking place at the Village Hall with new members always welcome – please take a look at our website to find out what these are. We are always looking for new members of the committee so if you would like to be part of this valued association, please contact me at blisworthvh@gmail.com.

Jo Brooks

Blisworth Football Club



Blisworth Football Club has enjoyed a highly successful first season in our new clubhouse, both on and off the pitch. The new facilities have already become a fantastic hub for the club and wider community, and we would like to thank everyone who has supported us throughout the year.

As the season draws to a close, we are looking ahead to a busy and exciting summer programme, with plenty of events planned for villagers of all ages to enjoy.

Our popular Community Pop-Up Kitchen will continue to run every two weeks, serving great value breakfasts and lunches in a friendly atmosphere. It has already become a well-supported community event, and we look forward to welcoming both regular and new visitors.

Upcoming events include:

- Saturday 30th May – Junior Section Presentation Day
- 6th/7th June & 27th/28th June – Blisworth Summer Football Tournaments
- Friday 19th June – Quiz Night (many tables already booked)
- Saturday 4th July – Blisworth's first Bottomless Brunch (now sold out)
- Friday 14th August – The return of the ever-popular Ringo's Bingo
- Sunday 30th August – Family Fun Day at the playing fields, featuring music, food, drinks, a disco, bouncy castle and entertainment for all ages

We hope many villagers will come along and support these events as we continue to build a thriving community club at the heart of Blisworth.

To book places or find out more information about any of our upcoming events, please call 07799 713055.

We look forward to seeing you all over the summer.

Sam King, Chairman, Blisworth Football Club

Blisworth Film Club

“Thursday 25th June - “Mother’s Pride”

A comedy starring Martin Clunes And Mark Addy.

This entertaining film is about a failing pub, a divided community and a grieving family whose lives are changed by brewing real ale and entering the Great British Beer Awards.

All films are shown in the Village Hall.

Doors open at 7pm, films start at 7.30.

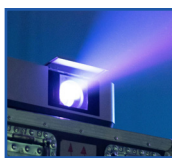
£7 on the door and no need to book, just turn up.

There is usually a raffle too - £1 per ticket.

We will be taking our usual break in July & August but we will be back at the end of September with more terrific films!

Best wishes, Hugh and Tracey

Email: MontyDavenport@outlook.com



Blisworth Women’s Institute

It’s not just jam and Jerusalem, it’s so much more!

We meet on the second Thursday of the month in the village hall where we have entertainment and fun. The evening begins with a guest speaker and ends with socialising over tea and cakes. Want to be part of this?

For our June meeting on the 11 th, we are being joined by Bletchley Park to learn all about the women, both military and civilian, who were recruited as code breakers. Afterwards it’s time to catch up with friends over tea and cakes. What’s not to love!

July 9 th ‘A Scottish activity’. For one evening only, the village hall will be transformed into an indoor curling extravaganza which is bound to create some friendly, healthy competition and lots of laughs.

July 15th is the second of our ‘four seasons’ meals. We will be spending the evening at the picturesque Rose and Crown in Yardley Hastings.

So if you fancy something new, why not join us. We would love to see you. Just pop along to the village hall where you will be welcomed by one of our members.

Our evenings start at 1930 and finish around 2130.

See you there!

WI secretary - Clare Read



BMC - Blisworth Ladies Social Club

Thursday 18th June

Our annual Walking Treasure Hunt, this year in and around Collingtree, in teams of 4/5, with refreshments available afterwards at The Wooden Walls of Old England. £3 pp. Guests welcome at £5. Starting time 7.00 pm. Details of parking arrangements and opportunities for members with limited mobility will be circulated nearer the date.

Thursday 16 th July

Another annual event, the Garden Party in the Village Hall. This year’s theme is all ‘Tutti Frutti’, with a summer buffet supper, refreshments, a fruity quiz and raffle, so come in your themed T/F attire! £3 for members, £5 for guests , from 7.30 pm. Please let committee members listed below know you are coming to this very popular social evening. Further details by email and Facebook nearer the date.

Margaret Holiday 858590
Linda Yuill 858356
Linda Gunnett 859319

Blisworth Friendship Group

Our next meeting is on Wednesday June 10th 1-4pm . This is extended time as it’s our summer party. Thankyou to very generous donations from Mick and Daphne Wreford, and Graham Cadd we are having a lovely meal and a singalong. Music by Dave Damone.

Then our other meetings are every 2 weeks 1-3pm.

If you feel you’d like to get out more and meet other lovely friendly people, please give me a call on 07964 060369/ 01604858482 or Anne on 01604858001. If you have no transport or cannot walk to football club, we will pick you up. **Estelle Rose**

Thankyou to all our members for their continuing support to help keep our village hall and playing field in good repair.



	April	May
If anyone would like a number, it’s £10 per year, so just a one off payment and you get 5 chances out of 250 numbers of winning a small prize every month.	£30 119	127
	£20 218	224
	£20 70	128

Please contact Estelle on 01604858482	£10 166	205
	£10 108	23

Blisworth Heritage Society



Our June meeting is on Friday 12th June at 7.30 in the Village Hall. Our speaker is Ruth Rignell who will talk about 100 years of Wickstead Park Kettering - one of the earliest “theme parks”

Our July Meeting on the 10th July is an afternoon visit to Wickstead Park. We will have a guided tour with plenty of time to enjoy the train, water shute and ice -cream.

All are welcome to attend our meetings/events.

Recent additions to our archives include a tapestry stitched by a 13 year old pupil at Blisworth school in the 1870’s, a knitted chicken jacket from the WI initiative 20 years ago which gained national notoriety and a jacket made 20 years ago for a WI competition. Thankyou to all our donors

For more information about the Society contact: Hilary Spurrier on 859181

Submission Deadline – August/September Issue

The copy deadline for the next issue is **Thursday 23rd July**. Please send items you’d like to include to our new email address: Newsletter@BlisworthParishCouncil.gov.uk Or post to the Editors, Chris Read and Lee Hillyard, c/o Blisworth Parish Council, 48 Pond Bank, Blisworth, by **Monday 20th July**.

We are now printing in colour, so photos and images are very welcome! Please note, however, that we cannot guarantee their inclusion as this will depend on available space.

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