

# Round and About

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Blisworth Parish Council Newsletter

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## Notes from the Council.....

Blisworth Parish Council continue to work in unison with the Blisworth Baptist Church to provide a number of 'welcoming and warm room' sessions. We have passed on the grant from West Northants Council to the Baptist Church (to help with heating costs and the cost of a new hot water heater) which was applied for by the Councillors to support the Baptist Church. I would like to thank all the volunteers, including my colleagues on the BPC and our District Councillor, Karen Cooper.

All these people have worked together, giving up their time to make these sessions so friendly and warm through these cold months. I enjoyed popping in but mostly that was for a chat and great cake!

The councillors have worked hard to ensure that we did not need to raise the precept in these difficult times for the residents of Blisworth. Residents should have now received their Council Tax Demands. All components have increased from last year except the precept from BPC, which is quoted as -0.5%.

We have been very busy during 2022-2023. We have supported many initiatives including, the Blisworth Friendship Group, Blisworth Baptist Church and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

We also approached Gigaclear to ask them to provide free internet connection at the Village Hall so that residents can be sure of free, super-fast internet connection when they use the Village Hall facilities. The Village Hall and Playing Field association tell me that installation is complete and is available to all users of the Hall free of charge.

Clr Read has obtained another grant for Blisworth; for work at the allotments and we are currently seeking quotes so that work can start. We had to move the proposed location for the planting of the ornamental cherry tree to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee from Connegar Leys to Pond Bank as some residents asked us not to plant another tree on the green at Connegar Leys. I now have the task of watering the tree and keeping it alive!

We also supported Blisworth Primary School towards the cost of the school-crossing patrol officer as WNC will no longer fund this. The Headteacher attended our March meeting especially to emphasise what a valuable asset the school-crossing patrol officer is for the parents, children and other residents trying to cross the busy High Street.

We are in negotiations with West Northants and Kier, Highways to discuss the many issues with the pavements, speed limits of the roads in Blisworth Parish and the impact of the increased and increasing road traffic. Of particular concern is the widening of the Knock Lane and Stoke Road

junction; already residents have reported near misses due to the speeds that vehicles travel along that route. Another major concern is the road subsidence in Stoke Road.

The councillors continue to arrange meetings with Kier, Highways and SEGRO representatives to ensure that these important issues are seen as a priority. Please check the Parish Council webpage for future updates.

The councillors through recent years (with the help of past councillors) have worked hard to set aside funds for future projects. There are many pressing issues for Blisworth village and we need to share ideas with you and get your opinions and advice. On **Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 7:30pm at the Village Hall**, there will be the **Annual Parish Meeting of Blisworth Village (residents and organisations)**. We would like to use this meeting to share ideas about future projects, their costs and gather your feelings about which projects you believe are most important/cost effective.

The BPC along with many kind residents and volunteer groups are planning celebrations for the King's Coronation in May. Please save these important dates and help make it a fantastic event.

### SAVE THESE DATES

## MAY 2023

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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### King's Coronation Celebration Weekend (more details to follow)

**Saturday, 6th May:** Come together to watch the Coronation on screen at the Village Hall, there will be coffee, tea, cake, food and fun.

**Sunday, 7th May:** Save the day for your street parties (should you wish)

**Monday, 8th May:** Communities are being encouraged to join in The Big Help Out, to showcase the impact of volunteering within communities.

(Continued overleaf )

**Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 7:30pm** at the Village Hall: The **Annual Parish Meeting of Blisworth Village** (residents) – Come and have your say about how we spend your money on future projects in the village. Help us to spend money on the projects that you believe are important to Blisworth village.

Your input makes a difference.  
**Let's make it better,  
 together.**

**Steve Billing Chair Blisworth Parish Council**

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**Blisworth Parish Church**

*"If you are risen with Christ, set your heart on things above...not on earthly things"* Colossians v1

**Services For Easter**

2<sup>nd</sup> April Palm Sunday 10am Family Eucharist  
 Grafton Regis  
 6<sup>th</sup> April Maunday Thursday 7pm Milton Malsor  
 7<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday 2pm Blisworth  
 9<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday 6am Alderton followed by  
 breakfast rolls  
 9.30 am Stoke Bruerne  
 9.30 am Milton Malsor  
 11am Family Communion  
 Blisworth

**Services for April and May**

16<sup>th</sup> April 11am Family Worship followed by  
 the Annual Parish Church Meeting  
 23<sup>rd</sup> April 11am Family Communion  
 30<sup>th</sup> April 10 am Family Communion Alderton  
 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> May 11 am Family Communion  
 20<sup>th</sup> May 11 am Family Worship

All are welcome to join in worship in our church, which is open every day for anyone who wants a quiet place to pray, reflect or who just wants to visit this historic building.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> April from 1pm everyone is welcome to come to 2, Towcester Road Blisworth for a Garden Party to celebrate the Ukrainian Easter Day and to raise funds for hospitals and children in Ukraine.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April There is an art exhibition in the church.

Easter is a very special time in the Church calendar when we remember Christ's death on the cross and His resurrection. His death gives all of us the promise of redemption and salvation if we believe in Him. Easter is a good time to share the joy of the Christian message and to change our lives through belief in Christ.

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



**CORONATION  
 CELEBRATIONS**



**Saturday May 6th** The Village Hall will be open with a big screen for those who would like to watch The Coronation with others, refreshments will be available.

**Sunday May 7th.** Individual street/garden parties. So if your street is not suitable for a party then perhaps someone with a large garden will do the honours. It really isn't hard to organise a street/garden party. We just ask everyone to bring a plate of finger food each, and their own drinks and chairs. Then all you need to supply is a table for the food paper plates and napkins. Perhaps some music or games.

**Monday May 8th.** The King has designated this a volunteer in the community day. So if you would like to participate, or know of any areas in our community that could do with a makeover, please contact me. We have a couple of suggestions. It could be quite a fun day all working together to enhance our lovely village.

Further details later Estelle 858482



**Blisworth  
 Football Club**

As the season reaches the business end, we have a number of teams who have reached cup finals or have semi finals still to play.

Our U7 Greens and U9's have reached Shield finals which will be played at Bugbrooke this Saturday morning.

Our U12 Girls team have won their league in their first season and also have a cup semi final to play on the 25th, March.

Both our U10 teams, our U8 Greens and U13 all have semi finals to play in March and our first team, having already reached the County Cup Final, play a League Cup semi final this weekend.

Our Development team has also reached a county cup final after winning their semi final last Saturday.

Hopefully the club can pick up a trophy or two by the time the season ends.

**Sam King**

**Stitchery Do**

*Creating with fabric and thread*

**Thursday April 6th** Continuing Easter Crafts started with Angela in March, or own projects, possibly with ideas from the NEC visit.

**Thursday May 4th** Members' Choice. Tell us what you would like to do/make and we'll deliver! Use of our resources, like sewing machines for creative stitching, the Sizzix machine, rotary cutters and rulers, or patchwork, quilting, crochet, embroidery, alterations....

Blisworth Village Hall, 10.00 until 2.00pm. Admission £4 includes refreshments and resources from our 'stash'. New members always welcome, drop in and see what's on offer.

More details? contact Margaret on 858590.

# Blisworth

BAPTIST CHURCH

## Golden Oldies Singalong!

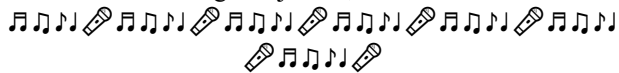
You are invited to an afternoon sing-along in the leisure hall at Blisworth Church

Que sera, sera, - When Irish Eyes are smiling -  
Love me Tender and many more...



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm – 3pm

Free to come along and join in, refreshments available



## BVHPFA 250 Club Results

	February	March
£30	250	130
£20	69	35
£20	74	122
£10	36	102
£10	9	20

Thank you to all our members, I have a few numbers spare if anyone would like one. It's just £10 per year with 5 prizes every month 1 x £30, 2 x £20 and 2 x £10. Only 250 numbers. Can't be bad.

Estelle 858482

## Blisworth Women's Institute

Our AGM which had traditionally been in October was changed to the month of March, the first of which was this year. A speaker on autism was also present and her talk was very interesting and enlightening. Homemade cakes with tea or coffee were served before the AGM, apart from one committee member who stood down the rest of the committee agreed to stand again for another year.



In April the topic is – 'KINKY BOOTS' which should be good fun, followed by resolutions and refreshments in May. The weekend before our May meeting will be the Coronation of King Charles III, and I'm sure there will be plenty going on in our lovely village.

Every year, along with all other WI's in the county, we provide twelve cakes for Cynthia Spencer Hospice, this year we have volunteered to bake twice in May and August, our members always come up trumps with their support and the Hospice is always so grateful.

New members are always welcome, just come along on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Tina Alexandrou Secretary

## Ukrainian Easter Party



Ihor, Alina and Hilary invite you to a Ukrainian Easter party at 2, Towcester Road on the 16<sup>th</sup> April from 1pm.

The aim of the party is to provide support for Ukrainian people who are suffering from the impact of war.

Our aim is to provide hygiene goods for the hospitals and books, toys and equipment for children.

Please join us and try some Ukrainian and English food. Enjoy!

## Art Exhibition

Paintings & Photography by Zoritz Williams

St John's Church Blisworth

Sat 29th to Sun 30th April

10am until 5pm

ZoritzWilliams@gmail.com 07941 667620

## BMC—Blisworth Mothers Club

**Tuesday April 18th at 7.30pm** Question Time meets Loose Women! A panel of local ladies will answer questions on a range of topics in (hopefully!) a lively discussion. Give your suggested questions to any of the committee as soon as possible so we can sort out an interesting cross section.

**Tuesday May 16th** An evening out at The Hungry Horse, Queen Eleanor, Wotton. Meet at the Village Hall car park at 6.45pm or make your own way there for 7.15pm, where an area of the restaurant will be reserved for us. No need to book food in advance, but numbers beforehand and requests for transport are necessary. More information? Contact Margaret on 858590.

## Blisworth Film Club

The Film Club is starting to grow again after the enforced Covid lock-down but new film fans are always welcome. No need to book ahead, just turn up. Doors are always open at 7.00pm with the film starting at 7.30. £6 on the door in the Village Hall. Bring your own snacks and liquid refreshment.

**Monday April 17<sup>th</sup>** - "Bank of Dave". Based on a true story and set in Burnley!

**Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup>** - "Save The Cinema". Another feel-good movie, also based on a true story.

Very best wishes, Hugh & Tracey

[MontyDavenport@outlook.com](mailto:MontyDavenport@outlook.com) Mobile - 07968 889971)



This term is known as the busy term for learning. Our children have made super progress with their learning and have created pieces of writing that we are very proud of.

There have been several curriculum days where children dress up and spend the day undertaking practical activities to explore their topic. There has also been one of our favourite days - World Book Day. Two particular highlights were seeing many wizards enter our Hogwarts room and some wonderful Alice characters attending the Mad Hatter's Tea party!

Our children have made us proud again at sport and we have achieved third in the County for Tag Rugby.

A great start to 2023. Do remember to follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BlisworthPrimarySchool/>

Miss Leah Jenkins Headteacher

## BLISWORTH CRRG—RECRUITMENT REQUEST

The CRRG was formed in 2019 as a group of people with a variety of resources, knowledge and abilities willing to be called upon in times of crisis, eg adverse weather conditions, major incidents etc.

Then along came covid! During the acute phase and through lockdown we were mobilised to assist people unable to get out by delivering groceries, prescriptions or other requirements.

As things got back to “normal”, requests reduced, but we continued to collect prescriptions for those unable to and are still doing so.

Over the months we have gradually lost members of the team for one reason or another and are now quite a small group. We are therefore hoping there might be people in the village who would be willing to volunteer to join us to spread the load.

If you can help or would like more information, please ring Gill 07579 217464. We look forward to hearing from you.



## FOBS

Friends of Blisworth School



Thank you to everyone for your continued support of FOBS (Friends of Blisworth School). Our next big event is:

### Friday Fun Fest – Friday 7th July 5pm - 8pm

Please watch out for more details of the events coming up by following us on [www.facebook.com/BlisworthPTA](http://www.facebook.com/BlisworthPTA) or by contacting us via email - [blisworthpta@gmail.com](mailto:blisworthpta@gmail.com).

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 online, we are registered with Easyfundraising—many retailers are on there

## Blisworth Arts Society

Blisworth Arts Society will resume its meetings after Easter on the 14th April. meetings are held every Friday from 10.30 - 12.30 in the village hall. All are welcome to join this friendly and informal group of artists. Contact Hilary Spurrier 859181

## Blisworth Friendship Group

We still meet every other Wednesday in the football clubhouse. A lovely happy friendly group. Next meeting 5th April 2-4 pm. For further details please ring Estelle on 858482, Anne on 858001 or Janet on 879629.

## Next Round & About copy deadline is:

Friday 19th May for the June/July Issue.

Please email items you wish to include to:

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or send to the Editor: Alan North  
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**Blisworth**  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
TO KNOW HIM AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

## Sunday Service at 10.30am

Communion First Sunday of the month  
Children's 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

Sunday 21st May 10.30am

A relaxed service held in the Leisure Hall,  
refreshments throughout the service.

### Community Cafe Open

Tuesdays 10.00am until 2.00pm

Every 2nd Tuesday is “Parish Council Surgery”

Every 3rd Tuesday is “Carers Support Day”

### Toddler & Tea

Fridays 10.00am until 12.00pm

If you would like to support the running of these sessions  
please contact [Minister@BlisworthBaptistChurch.org](mailto:Minister@BlisworthBaptistChurch.org)

### Men's Breakfast

Last Saturday of the Month at 8.30am in the Coffee House

Next Breakfasts: 29<sup>th</sup> April & 27<sup>th</sup> May

All men are very welcome

## Easter Services

Sunday 2nd April - Palm Sunday service 10.30pm

Thursday 6th April - Maundy Thursday service 6pm

Sunday 9th April - Easter Sunday service 10.30am

### 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. Call for more  
details on 01604 857654 (answer phone)

Pastor Lee Hillyard Tel: 01604 372483

[www.blisworthbaptistchurch.org](http://www.blisworthbaptistchurch.org)

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## Blisworth Heritage Society



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

The Development of Blisworth Vineyard

by Belinda Brown

Friday May 12 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Visit Highlights of 5000 years in Northamptonshire

by Laura Malpas

A reminder that we are producing a new Village Scrapbook to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the King's Coronation. The aim is to provide a snapshot of Village life (domestic and business) over the past 10 years; reflecting all that has happened to the village in that time.

We would like all entries in by the Coronation weekend, please. Entries in A3 Landscape format to Hilary Spurrier or any committee member.

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