

# BLUNSDON

## VILLAGE MAGAZINE

**July 2017**



**Blunston FC  
League & Cup Double**



## The winning team!

Left to right: Back row; Nick Seymour, Lewis Moorland, Lee Baden, Tom Glass, Ian Rosewell (player manager), Joel Swann, Chester Dolisznyi, Kane Wheatley

Front row; Eliot Wheatley, Alex Rosewell, Nick Edwards, Jake Dowdell, Tom Collins (captain), Ben Phillips

## BLUNSDON VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB

I can report that the annual Plant Sale on the 20<sup>th</sup> May was a great success, with the generous support of everyone who donated plants and seedlings, came to buy and enjoyed the refreshments on offer and of course, those who remained for most, if not all, of the day helping to sell and the crew who appeared to help clear the hall at the close. Thank you all!



The speaker on 8th June was Martin Savage, an ambassador for the BTO's Garden Birdwatch Scheme which is not to be confused with a similar scheme organised by the RSPB, as this involves daily or weekly observations throughout the year. There is a website which gives more information if you are interested in participating. He was very knowledgeable and his garden in Wanborough attracts a wide variety of wildlife, both furred and feathered!

Our outing to Mapledurham is on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> July and those participating are asked to meet at 8.15 am outside the shop/village hall where the coach will be waiting to transport us to Reading, the first stop of the day for refreshments, before setting off on the boat trip to the venue.

As always, new garden club members are always welcome to the monthly meetings which normally commence at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall; annual membership is £10.00 per person, or £2.00 at the door for non-members.

Brenda Boyd Tel: 01793 725928

## Memories of the late Roy Poulton

I knew Roy for approximately 45 of his 93 years. In the early 70s we were both members of the Blunsdon Men's Society which used to meet regularly in Blunsdon House Hotel, which was a single small ivy-clad building. How times have changed.

Roy did a lot of unheralded work for this village. He used to coordinate the activities involved in the production of the village magazine, which wasn't the quality publication that we enjoy today. 800 copies of about 12 pages were produced on a small duplicator in the Village Hall. Roy would liaise with the duplicator engineers, ordering paper and ink as and when necessary. He also controlled the rota of those printing the magazine, of which I was one.

He organised Dial - a - Ride transport for those who needed it. He served on the Parish Council.

He and I were both members of the Highworth and District Probus Club which is still very active today. Roy was President of that club in 1992 and gave us talks on such diverse topics as Old British Pubs and his work in Japan.

He worked for many years for Garrards, and was based both in the Blunsdon Garrard factory in Lady Lane, and subsequently at Newcastle Street. When he was later made redundant, he and Mary moved to temporary accommodation in Maidstone in Kent, where he worked for the Shure microphone and hi-fi cartridge company, but they still maintained their ties with Blunsdon.

Apart from a mutual interest in hi-fi sound reproduction, he and I were both keen on jazz, and barbershop singing. When members of the original Blunsdonairs Barbershop group moved to pastures new, both Roy and Peter Watts stepped into the breach, and kept the group active for a few more years.

Roy and I were both members of a large Swindon based barbershop chorus which competed in national championships, and he and I were also members of a Shrivenham-based quartet called the Ringtones.

Roy's latter years were quite sad; firstly with the loss of his beloved wife Mary in 2011 to whom he was devoted. Then he lost his daughter, Jenni Manners in 2012 who was a founder member of the Swindon Battered Women's Refuge and who succumbed to cancer. His health suffered quite considerably.

In his younger days he was chorister in St. Lukes Church in Swindon, and in his last couple of years he joined the choir of St. Leonard's Church.

I will miss Roy, and the village of Blunsdon is poorer for his passing.

Colin Scott.



## Blunsdon WI

*Celebrating over 50 Years of Blunsdon WI*

Our speaker's subject in June was, 'Midwifery, never a dull moment.' She was certainly right about that! Dorothy Cook told us some of her experiences as a midwife in Glasgow and at the PMH and Great Western, as well as in the Middle East, China, and Brazil! Among her stories, we heard of the McClatchey twins who rejoice in the names Armani and Versace, and the mother who chose that her baby should be born on the tail of the white horse!

Our July meeting will take the form of an outing, on 18<sup>th</sup> July.



## SUNDAY FUNDAY



A club for all primary school age children on the first Sunday of most months in the Methodist Hall, 10.30am to 12noon. Lots of crafts and games.

Our next Sunday Funday is on 2<sup>nd</sup> July.



## **BOOKS, BISCUITS & COFFEE**



**Looking for something to read over the holiday? Why not call in to St Leonard's Church, on Saturday 15 July, 10.30 am – 12.**

## ***Quote of the month ...***

"The mark of the immature man is that he wants to die nobly for a cause, while the mark of the mature man is that he wants to live humbly for one."

J.D. Salinger, *The Catcher in the Rye*

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### COUNCIL OFFICERS

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Responsible Financial Officer	Mrs Rachel Smith		contact as for clerk

## St. Leonard's Church Blunsdon Services for July 2017

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b> Trinity 3	10 am Parish Communion	Rev. Alison Williams
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b> Trinity 4	8 am Holy Communion	Rev. Alison Williams
	10 am Family Worship	Mrs. Jane Ockwell
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b> Trinity 5	10 am Family Communion	
<b>Sunday 23<sup>th</sup> July</b> Trinity 6	10 am Family Worship	Mrs. Kathryn Dack
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	10 am Holy Communion	Rev. Lyn Sapwell
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July</b> Trinity 7	10 am Family Worship	Mrs. Kathryn Dack

### Blunsdon Methodist Church

#### **Coffee, Cookies and Company**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm – 3.30pm

You are all invited to come along for coffee (or tea!) - an opportunity to get together with old friends, make new ones, or just to have a change of scene.

Why not bring a friend and come and join us?

You are all very welcome.



### Magazine Cover photos required ...

Do you have a photograph taken in the village that may be suitable for possible future use on the cover of the magazine? If so, please contact the Editor.

## **Garden Notes, July**

A few years ago I took photos of plants in the garden every day across the year. You will find around 40 photos of our garden in bloom in July and this piece describes some of them. Go to the blog at <http://romancourt365.blogspot.co.uk/2012/07>. Much has been developed since then, and new things added. The roses we choose are commonly called old fashioned which flower in June and July. Rosa Mundi has white and cerise flowers, a really medieval rose, a form of it named York and Lancaster. Of the climbers, Paul's Himalayan Musk grows through an old apple tree. Four white flowered climbers are seedlings of the huge Kiftsgate rose, unique to our garden. In the front, Rambling Rector has been severely pruned which should improve it over time, and it intertwines with white wisteria. There are various clematis clambering through hedges and wigwams. Penstemons have come and gone in our garden but favourites survive and are propagated. Older varieties are not always long lasting, with exceptions such as Garnet and Sour Grapes. Modern varieties have been bred from vigorous parents, many at Pershore and sold by Hayloft Plants. Purple toadflax (linaria) with a tiny snapdragon type flower is not always purple. A blush pink flowered form comes true from seed, and used to have much rarer blue and white flowered form. Our white corydalis seeds vigorously and has an interesting history, the original cuttings coming (with permission) from Charles Darwin's home Down House. It flowers for more than 6 months and pops up in unexpected places. Our hexagon bed contains geraniums and nepeta; the ericaceous bed has camellias and pieris in spring and crinodendrons in summer. Elsewhere are mock oranges, foxgloves, lupins, astrantia, potentilla, amongst others. A pineapple lily has established itself in the crazy paving. To our original orange day lilies (hemerocallis) we have added 25 new varieties this year. And fuchsias galore, hardy ones outdoors, and more tender ones in pots. I have to confess that most came from Morrisons dirt cheap.

Stephen Bigger, Roman Court.

## **Rock and Roll Bingo**

**Saturday 16 September 2017 at 7.30pm**

**Village Hall**

**Come along and sing along, no knowledge necessary**

**Save this date, more info to follow next month**

**Raising funds for St Leonards Church**

## ST LEONARD'S CHURCH

Vicar Highworth PiC Blunsdon. Rev Geoff Sowden 765554

Licensed Lay Minister Mrs Kathryn Dack 700727  
Licensed Lay Minister Mr Paul Morris 734598  
Churchwardens: Mrs Jane Ockwell 724374  
Treasurer: Mrs Lucy Sturgess

### Services:

Holy Communion: 8am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
Family Communion: 10am 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
All-age Worship: 10am 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
Morning Prayer (Common Worship) 10am 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
Evensong: 6 pm 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
This is the normal pattern, but please see elsewhere in this magazine for variations.

## METHODIST CHURCH

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108 High Street  
Sunday School: 10.30am  
Evening Service: 3pm (not 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)  
Family Service: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 10.30am  
Sisterhood: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 2.30pm

## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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Website [www.nschurch.org.uk](http://www.nschurch.org.uk)  
Churchwardens: David Morrison  
Karen Vermeersch  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 10am Children's Service  
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 10am Parade Service  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 10am Holy Communion (with provision for children)  
6.30pm Evensong  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 10am Holy Communion (with provision for children)  
**Service at St Francis School, Taw Hill**  
Last Sunday of the month 4pm All Age Worship (with age related teaching groups plus adults)

### BLUNSDON SURGERY

36 Berton Close, Blunsdon, SN26 7BE

#### Reception

Monday Dr S Stacey/Dr J Frost  
3.10pm-4.40pm 3.00pm-6.15pm  
Tuesday Dr J Bestwick 9.00am-10.40am 8.45am-12.15pm  
Wednesday Dr S Stacey 4.00pm-7.10pm 3.00pm-6.30pm  
Thursday Dr L Lodwick 9.00am-10.40am 8.45am-12.15pm  
Friday Dr S Bruen 9.00am-10.40am 8.45am-12.15pm  
BLUNSDON SURGERY- Tel. 01793 721254  
EMERGENCIES - Tel. 01793 762218 (Outside surgery hours)

## VILLAGE DIARY

In addition to the magazine, **Tracey Judd** holds a village diary. When you are thinking of a date for your event please contact her on **705617** (office hours) to ensure that planned events to not clash.

### JULY 2017

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> 11.30-12.30 Councillors' Surgery in Village Hall  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Garden Club Outing  
Sat 15<sup>th</sup> 10am-12 St Leonards Booksale  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Parish Council meet in Village Hall  
Tues 18<sup>th</sup> WI Outing  
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> 2-2.30pm Coffee Cookies & Company in the Methodist Hall

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To place an advert in the magazine, please contact Angela Lloyd. Tel. 01793 726329

## CARING CORNER

Jonathan and Katharine would like to thank everyone for their support, cards and kind words during the recent sad loss of their Mum, Shirley Holmes. It was a lovely service and wonderful to see so many of her friends at the church and reception, which meant a great deal to us. We are taking comfort from this. Thank you.

Julie & Alex would like to extend a huge thank you to all our family and friends (not forgetting the Heart In Hand!) that helped us to celebrate our Wedding Party in June. And thanks for your generous donations to our chosen local charities of Brighter Futures Radiotherapy Appeal and TWIGS.

## Identify Yourself!

What is the connection between a medieval man of war, the Queen, Swindon Borough Council and monuments in St. Leonard's Church? It's odd that the means to identify a baron or knight in armour in the 14<sup>th</sup> century can still be seen in the coats of arms borne by Her Majesty, Swindon Council and, for example, the Potenger memorial in St. Leonard's. They all consist of a shield with devices unique to the holder and a crest worn on an armour helmet. As well, they have supporters to hold the shield and a pious (or otherwise) motto.

These features are all controlled by the College of Arms, another medieval survival founded by Richard III in 1484 and still going strong, i.e. you can't just make up a coat of arms. You must have inherited it or be eligible for it and have it granted by the College and approved by Garter King of Arms.

Usually, the most prominent coat in Anglican churches is that of the sovereign as head of the Church of England, a requirement since 1660. A good example is in St. Michael's, Highworth. Sadly, the one in St. Leonard's is rather insignificant, being on the former chancel screen which is now at the tower entrance. The screen is Jacobean (from James I) but the shield is a crudely painted version of the one only introduced in 1800, combining England, Scotland and Ireland. Before that it included France, about four hundred years too late!

Other coats in the church are on the Potenger memorial facing you as you come in. They are Potenger impaling (i.e. side by side) Ernle, now included in those of the Bingham, earls of Lucan. The connection is found in some brasses usually hidden under carpet but showing the arms of Haydock, a former holder of the Burytown estate in the early 17<sup>th</sup> C., with those of Ernle and Elrington, signifying the marriages of the Haydock daughters. A descendant of Ernle had the monument erected in the 18<sup>th</sup> C.

Another coat of arms is depicted at the top of the window to your left as you enter the church. This was held by a rector, the Rev. Herbert Robeson and the window is dedicated to the memory of his son, Eden Robeson.

Most public corporations, local authorities, some companies, peers of the realm and other prominent persons have coats of arms, a curious survival from the distant past, and churches are often well-provided with them. Heraldry also has its own language, based chiefly on Norman French and used by the kings of arms, heralds and pursuivants who run the College of Arms and who appear in their splendid tabards at the opening of Parliament and other ceremonies.

## Blunsdon Methodist Church

The services for the next few weeks are as follows:

2 <sup>nd</sup> July	3pm	Revd Rachael Wilson
9 <sup>th</sup> July		No service
16 <sup>th</sup> July	3pm	Revd Rachael Wilson
23rd and 30 <sup>th</sup> July		No services

Do come along to our next Coffee, Cookies and Company afternoon on 20<sup>th</sup> July – more details elsewhere in this Magazine.

*Joy Jones.*

## BLUNSDON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS FOR JUNE

### Your New Parish Council.

The first meeting of Blunsdon Parish Council was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May when all Councillors formally accepted their positions and signed the many declarations required. The following appointments were then made :-

Chairman: Cllr. Ian Jankinson (ex-officio member of all committees)

Vice Chairman: Cllr. Stuart Boyd ( " " " " )

Planning Committee: Cllrs. Collingwood, Jankinson, Keates.

Recreation Areas Committee: Cllrs. Ainscow, Boyd, Compton.

Governance and Policy Committee: Cllr. Ricketts

Highways Committee: Cllrs. Ainscow, Rogers.

Communications: Cllr. Boyd

Education Committee: Cllrs. Jankinson, Ricketts.

Outside Bodies – Neighbourhood Plan: Cllrs. Boyd, Jankinson, Keates, Rogers.

- Wilts Association: Cllr. Ricketts.

- Wilts Association (Swindon Area): Cllr. Compton.

Full contact details are posted elsewhere in this magazine.

### Planning News

If you have access to the internet then all planning applications can be looked at on-line by entering the application number in <http://pa.swindon.gov.uk/publicaccess/>

S/OUT/16/2034TB is an application to build 52 houses and bungalows on the Thames Water site between High Street and the reservoir. We have supported resident's objections to this application on grounds of dangerous access from High Street, over intensification of dwellings, and others. The application will be considered by the Borough Council Planning Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm and we will be opposing it at that meeting. By the time that you read this the Planning Committee decision will be known.

### Community Governance Review.

As reported in previous notes we have requested a contribution from the Borough towards the costs that we will incur in implementing the changes that they have imposed. We have, some nine weeks after making our request, received a reply to say that a loan could be offered but no terms or conditions have been advised; when advised of these terms we will consider the offer.

### Annual Parish Assembly.

The Annual Assembly was held on 24<sup>th</sup> May. At the Assembly our five new Parish Councillors were introduced to those present and the Chairman's, Financial Officer's, and various committee reports for the past year were considered. The Chairman thanked Councillors, both outgoing and remaining, for their work over the previous year and answered questions from the floor.

### Road Closure – Back Lane.

Please be advised that Back Lane, Lower Blunsdon, will be closed near the junction with Ivy Lane for three days from 3<sup>rd</sup> July. This is to allow Thames Water to repair a water main.

**Sam's Lane bus stops.**

We have had a risk assessment carried out that has confirmed our belief that the two stops with no adjacent hard standing are dangerous. We have obtained estimates for creating hard standings and forwarded these to the responsible Borough officer but after six weeks we still await a response.

**Neighbourhood Plan Consultation**

The Blunsdon Neighbourhood Plan Team held an exhibition and consultation before the Annual Parish Assembly related to the emerging Neighbourhood Plan and the number of planning applications being submitted for areas within the Parish. Over one hundred and twenty residents attended the consultation where it was explained how the Borough's lack of a five year supply of building land makes it very difficult to resist developer's applications to build; these applications, both received and pending, were shown and attendees were asked to indicate where, in the Parish, they felt that a degree of development would be acceptable as this can reduce the five years requirement to three years, which the Borough can meet.

**Speed Watch.**

The team have carried out one survey since last reported with the following result :-

Location:	Lady Lane
Number of vehicles:	477
Exceeding 36 mph:	47
Fastest (mph):	48

Shortage of members prevents the team from carrying out more frequent surveys. If you could spare an hour every so often to help with this valuable service then contact Tracey Judd, our Clerk, on 705617.

**Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT).**

This annual event will take place at Fairford on July 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. Aircraft will start to arrive on 12<sup>th</sup>, the show takes place on 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and aircraft will depart on 17<sup>th</sup>. As in previous years, there will be a temporary traffic light at the Cold Harbour junction giving a permanent green light onto the slip road to the south-bound A419 from the near-side lane which will be left turn only. Lanes will be clearly marked by traffic cones and there will be a Police presence at the junction. There will be a small supply of resident's news letters in the village shop from the beginning of July.

**Obstruction of Footpaths.**

As the current weather encourages shrubs and bushes to put on rapid growth, we remind you that if you have a hedge on your land that borders a public footpath it is your responsibility to ensure that it does not cause any obstruction to pedestrians.

**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Blunsdon United Football Club who have achieved the double of winning both their league title and their league cup; well done and may you have continued success next season.

Cllr. Stuart Boyd  
12<sup>th</sup> June