

### **Wildflower Steering Group**

A new group was set up this year by Shane Hughes to plan and manage the planting of wild flower areas in the village field. A huge effort has been made and some results can already be seen. In a couple of years time we will really see the outcome of their efforts. The group has been renamed as the 'Lady Smockers'. Their project plan can be found on the Steering Group Page on the website

[www.bletsoe.net](http://www.bletsoe.net)

### **Dog Fouling/Behaviour**

This continues to be a problem. Please keep your dog on a lead when walking in any public areas, in particular the village field and the Memorial Garden. Some incidents have been reported which have involved children and roaming dogs. A dog has fouled in the children's play area, which is not acceptable. **No dogs** are allowed in this area, which should be kept safe and clean for all those children who use it.

### **Planning**

There are major planning projects going on at the moment in North Bedfordshire. The Twinwoods site will impact on the edge of Bletsoe as will the impact of increasing work and housing development by St Modwen at Thurleigh Airfield. All applications and full details can be found on the Bedford Borough website - [http://www.bedford.gov.uk/environment\\_and\\_planning/planning\\_town\\_and\\_country/search\\_plans\\_page.aspx](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/planning_town_and_country/search_plans_page.aspx)

### **Waiting for the Sun**

Mr Allen has applied for Legal Aid in order to apply to the Supreme Court for leave to appeal the recent Court of Appeal's decision. The deadline for him to apply to the Supreme Court is therefore extended for a further 28 days from the date of the Legal Aid Board's decision.

### **Bletsoe NDP**

The Group has apologised for the recent circulation of a questionnaire which has since been withdrawn. The Group is working closely with Planning Consultants to move to the next stage and another

questionnaire and consultation will take place early in Autumn after which the Plan will be produced. The Plan will be ratified by the Parish

Council but will not be submitted until residents have had their say and approved it through a referendum.

### **Bletsoe Gazette**

The Gazette needs a new editor to follow in the footsteps of the late Jonathan Knights who did a brilliant job for a number of years. This is an annual publication normally issued in the Autumn and includes articles from all village organisations and more! Some advertising is sourced in order to fund the publication, which is circulated free of charge to all villagers. If you are interested in this role, please contact the parish clerk at [parishclerk@bletsoe.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@bletsoe.org.uk) before the end of August.

### **BARCing**

The happy band of BARCing members continue to do small projects around the village mainly focusing on the Memorial Garden, the Village Hall and any other maintenance jobs around the village.

### **Welcome**

There have been a number of new residents to the village during the past year. Welcome and we hope you find happiness and fun in our community.

### **Parish Council Meetings – 7:30pm in the Village Hall**

Monday 5 September

Monday 7 November

### **Volunteers**

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to a number of villagers who help to keep our village in good condition. Grass cutters, hedge trimmers, goal post painting, wildflower planting etc etc. Too many to mention!

However, to mention just one, Adrian Fetts, the Parish Council appointed Tree Warden has taken on the task with great energy and enthusiasm and his advice and work is a huge asset to the village.

### **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

Following the resignation of John Economides, there will be a vacancy on the Parish Council. The post has been advertised and a proper appointing system will be in place. If you are interested and would like to know more about being a Councillor, please contact our Parish Clerk, Alison Southern, [parishclerk@bletsoe.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@bletsoe.org.uk) who will give you full details and how to apply.

The Parish Council would like to thank John for his time and work as Councillor and chair of the NDP group.

### **Website**

Please check the village website for up to date information of what's going on in the village and to access Parish Council agendas and minutes – [www.bletsoe.net](http://www.bletsoe.net)

If you have any issues concerning the parish please contact a Parish Councillor or our Parish Clerk, Alison Southern, [parishclerk@bletsoe.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@bletsoe.org.uk) so that it can be brought to a PC meeting. Alternatively email [info@bletsoe.net](mailto:info@bletsoe.net).

### **Your Parish Councillors 2016-17**

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# **BLETSOE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **NEWSLETTER**

## **AUGUST 2016**