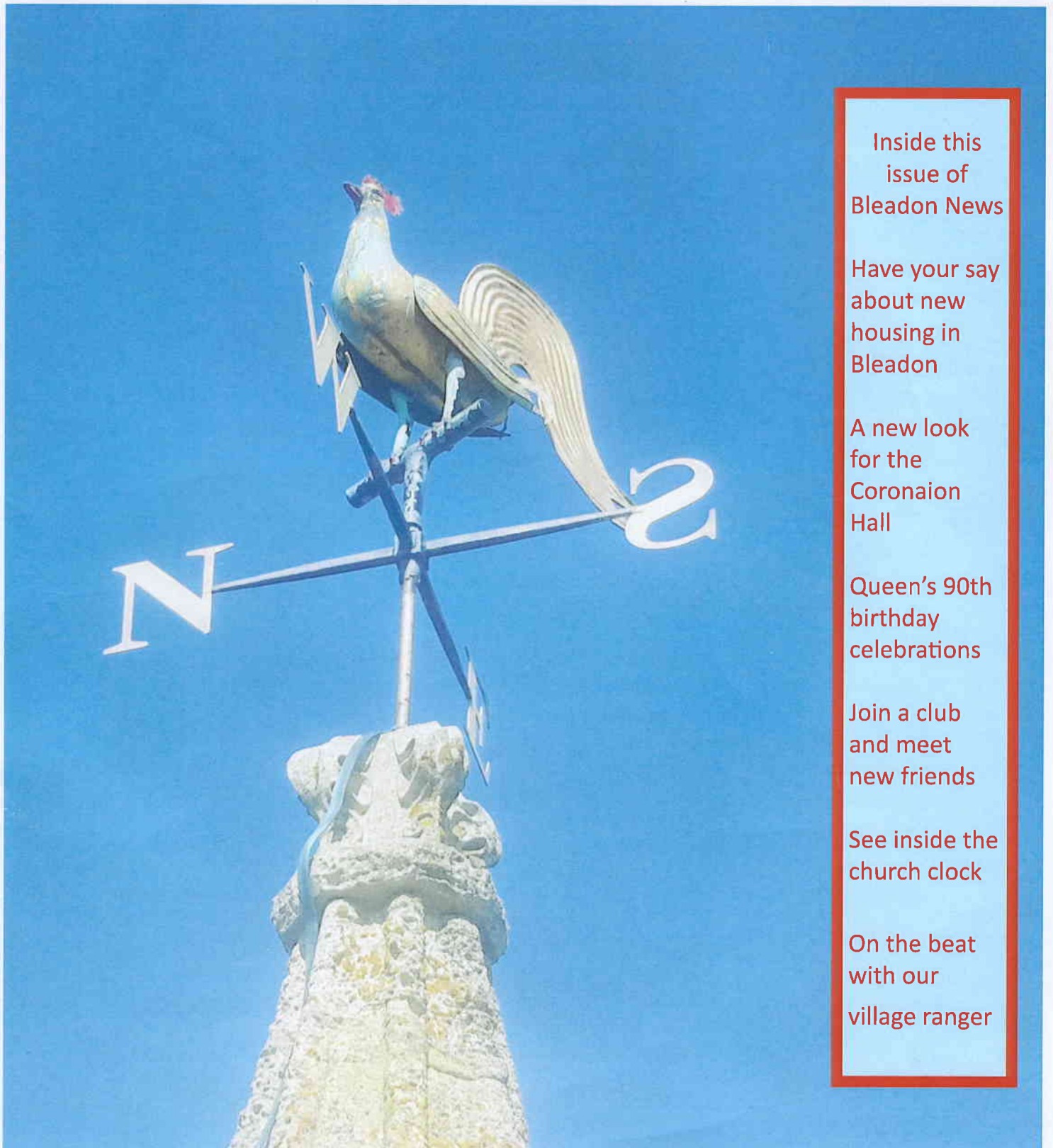


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SATURDAY

11TH JUNE

11:30 - 15:00

FREE ENTRY



Bar



Magician



Royal
Fancy Dress



Family Games
&
Face Painting



**Royal Bleadon Bake off
competition**
**Make a Birthday cake for the
Queen**

with our very own Paul and
Mary judges!

4 categories:

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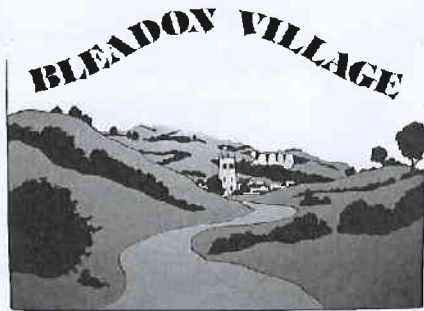
Ladies

Gentlemen

**Enter by 12 noon in the
Coronation Hall**



Bouncy Castle



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In, out, shake it all about!
The forthcoming EU
referendum vote,
Will be IN the youth club:
please take note!
When you LEAVE home,
bear this in mind,
Or it may be an empty hall
you find!
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A word from the new Chair of Bleadon Parish Council

During the 20 years I've lived in Bleadon, little has really changed. We've had a few Rectors, the Queens is now a free house (again!) and the Post Office has moved half a mile down the road. But in the main the fabric of our village has been remarkably stable.

The resurrection of a plan to build 79 houses on Bleadon Hill, however, threatens to change the character of our village forever. If it was ever built, we would lose the green open space that separates Bleadon from Weston and see the creation of a dormitory community that would stretch our already stretched resources while contributing little to the life of our village. We would also see our area of outstanding natural beauty hemmed in by ribbon development.

Your Parish Council has resisted large-scale developments of this type for many years, and I would urge you to add your voice to ours in objecting to this particular development. This is particularly urgent as the consultation closes on 2nd June! You can find out how to object on pages 10 and 11. Remember, we are stronger together!

And that brings me back to people, which is what our village is all about. In this issue we're going back to basics and looking at the role of the many friendly groups and clubs that meet in our village. We're a very sociable lot! I hope you enjoy reading about our village groups and that you'll perhaps join one and try a new activity!

Claire Gutsell
Chair, Bleadon Parish Council

P.S. we're still looking for one more person to be co-opted as a parish councillor so do let me know if you would be interested.

A new look for the Coronation Hall

Details of hall closure and car park access

As you'll see in this edition of Bleadon News, more than 20 clubs and societies meet at the Coronation Hall each week to paint, tread the boards, bowl, dance and much more. On top of that, our hall hosts parties, performances, celebrations and markets.

It's a fantastically well-used resource, but as you'd expect all that use results in a bit of wear and tear. So, this summer, we are closing the Coronation Hall and Jubilee Room to upgrade the entrance lobby and toilets to make them more accessible and modern.

The good news is that although the hall will not be available for hire from 13th June until mid-August, the Youth Club and Church have kindly made their facilities available for the duration of the works. This means that nearly every regular and occasional booking has been accommodated. While the works are being carried out, the car parking spaces immediately outside the hall entrance will be unavailable, but apart from that the car park and play area will be open as usual.

We look forward to unveiling the new-look facilities in August!

Hello to all Bleadon villagers and a warm welcome to all new members of our community. I'm aware that many of our new residents are families with young children because the amount of push chairs on the footpaths seems to have increased considerably. I hope all are enjoying the benefits of the park and the changes that have been made. Could I make a request that all residents keep the footways clear from overhanging vegetation to allow easy movement for those with limited mobility, prams or wheelchairs.

As Village Ranger I have a number of responsibilities which include:

- Litter picking
- Cleaning the public toilets
- Maintaining the park and the play equipment
- Strimming the Parish Council owned open spaces
- Maintaining and updating the village notice boards

If you see me in my hi-vis jacket, please do not hesitate to stop and chat. Any suggestions on improvements to our village are greatly appreciated and are often implemented when time, finances and practicality allow. An example of this was the ivy that had overgrown the walls outside the Catherine's Inn impairing vision for road users, especially walkers and cyclists. I spoke to the Catherine's Inn management and agreement was given to remove the ivy. A huge thank you to the Catherine's Inn for this and for undertaking the work. Further work is scheduled over the next few months to remove the earth at the base of the walls and clear the vegetation to enhance safety and improve the look of the village.



OUT AND ABOUT IN BLEADON WITH OUR VILLAGE RANGER, IAN FINDLAY

Ian Findlay
Bleadon Village Ranger
01934 812862
ian.findlay2@tiscali.co.uk

Dog poo and recycling are ever-exasperating problems. You can make a big difference by securing your recycling to make sure that it is not blown all over the village on windy days. After Storm Katy it took a considerable amount of time to clear up.

Fly tipping is also a major issue, with Roman Road now being recognised by North Somerset Council as a problem area. I have spoken to the area co-ordinator and action is being taken to try and prevent this, for example asking Council workers to take their lunch breaks at the location, regular patrols and CCTV.

A special thank you to the mystery litter pickers who clear Roman Road and the beauty spots on a regular basis. I can always tell when you've been out and it is very much appreciated.

Bleadon Rights of Way (BROW) are a group of volunteers who undertake footpath clearing and maintenance of gates and styles within the Parish boundary. As the grass and hedgerows are springing up, some footpaths quickly become overgrown and difficult to walk. Obviously the more people who walk them the clearer they keep themselves. The group are all volunteers and Bleadon is in a fortunate position to have a number of strimmers, hedgecutters, a leaf blower and hand tools available for their use. Landowners have a responsibility for footpaths on their land, as does North Somerset Council, however it is felt by the group that if we can enhance the footpath structure within the Parish this is voluntary time well spent.

There are some beautiful walks through the village including part of the West Mendip Way. A lesser used walk is along the River Axe from the A370 sluice around to the caravan park and on to Accommodation Road. This will shortly need clearing and access can be difficult due to the high levels of the River Axe. This should be alleviated when the Uphill Sluice repair has been undertaken by National Rivers Authority.

If you have some spare time and would like to be involved in BROW please contact me and I will add you to the list of volunteers. There is no specific schedule of works and activity is on an ad hoc basis. All age groups and abilities are welcome.

BLEADON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The last evening meeting of the summer took the form of a quiz where teams of four were asked to identify various photographs, ranging from twigs in winter to different butterflies and birds. A quartet of Antoinette Welsh, Jean Evans, Maggie Pettitt and David Shephard triumphed.

Unfortunately, the June meeting has been cancelled due to the hall refurbishment. The next event will be a coach trip to Otter Nursery and Kilerton House and Gardens near Exeter. This will take place on Tuesday July 12th, with the coach leaving the village at 9am and returning at 5pm. The cost of the coach is £12. To book a place please ring 01934 813152.

The 43rd Summer Flower Show will be held in the Coronation Hall on Saturday September 3rd at 2.30pm. Schedules will be available nearer the time in the village shop/post office, the church porch or from committee members. There will be classes for vegetables, fruit, flowers, floral exhibits and home crafts as well as different classes for children.

Chris Cudlip

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PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS

We have made great improvements to our well-used play park. The two bouncy springers, one of which has recently been repaired, now sit in their own patch of bark, and the sandpit has moved in between the two long benches.

This means children playing in the sandpit do not get bumped by others using the springers.

We hope that families using the play park enjoy the new layout. Huge thanks to the many volunteers who helped dig out the old sandpit on a wet Sunday morning, and especially to Austin White who lent a digger to dig out the new sandpit.

Village Plant-up

The plant-up of our village flower tubs will take place on
4th June at 10.00 am

If you can spare an hour please come along to the



BLEADON ART GROUP

The Bleadon Art Group meets every Thursday morning throughout the year in the Coronation Hall, with Mick Colgan, now retired from teaching, happily providing support and encouragement.

Watercolour is one of our most popular activities, while others can be found working with oils, acrylics, pastels, pen and charcoal. Subjects include still-life, portraiture, landscape and floral arrangements.

We have a full class at present due to our relaxed and informal atmosphere where members paint and draw to the accompaniment of gentle classical music and with the emphasis on enjoyment rather than achievement.

There is always a buzz of conversation over tea and biscuits during our mid-morning break, but despite the chit-chat, the artists develop their skills and produce paintings and drawings of a very high quality. These can be seen mounted and framed in regular exhibitions held by the group in the Coronation Hall and other locations.

Although our club is called the Bleadon Art Group our members come from all over. We provide a friendly environment to develop skills, in fact many of our members had not produced any art before they joined us.

We currently have a waiting list but if you are interested in joining us please contact our treasurer Kathy Quinnell on 01278 760031. Everybody is welcome to come and see us at "work" between 10am and 12 noon on a Thursday morning, enjoy a cup of tea, and possibly buy a lovely painting.



Kathy Quinnell

Rebecca Miller Yoga

Monday 9.30am – 10.45am Bleadon Youth Centre

Tuesday 5.45pm - 7.00pm Webbington Leisure Club

Wednesday 9.30am – 10.45am Webbington Leisure Club

www.rebeccamilleryoga.com



BLEADON SUGARCRAFT CLUB



Our Club is for anyone interested in cake decorating. It is open to all ages and abilities, although children to be accompanied by an adult. We meet on the 4th Thursday of the month, 7.00 for 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome for a fee of £3.50.

We have different demonstrators every month showcasing everything from sugar flowers and modelling to chocolate.

This month we had an optional competition based around wedding anniversaries.

If you have ever fancied trying out cake decorating as a hobby we would love to see you.

Mrs Dennelly

BLEADON BELLES

Following the excitement of winning the NFWI competition in 2015, culminating with a performance at the Royal Albert Hall, the choir had a busy Christmas of bookings. Expecting things to quieten down in 2016 was a mistake!

We have had many requests to perform for WI and other groups, starting in March this year. On 12th March we entered a class at the Highbridge Festival, with the aim of giving ourselves a challenge and a new experience. We were very pleased to win, which will encourage us to enter further classes next year.

On 2nd May we were able to sing again at the Bleadon May Fayre, dodging the showers and enjoying the challenge of open air singing! Also at the May Fayre, Choirmaster Andy King, was able to use the Bleadon Podium for the first time. We would like to thank Ian Findlay and the Bleadon Party Committee for this really useful piece of equipment, which will also be available to other village groups.

The Choir are so pleased to have found Liz Rankin for their regular rehearsal pianist; greatly speeding up learning times. For performances we are really fortunate to be accompanied by gifted pianists Richard Lennox and Matthew Tilke.

On Saturday 21st May, we performed at a joint charity fundraiser with the Worle Wind Band; another exciting new experience for us.

Jo Jones



BLEADON COUNTRY DANCE CLUB

The Bleadon Country Dance Club is one of our village's best kept secrets.

We meet once a month to dance, listen to music and make friends. We always have a caller and occasionally we also have a live band.

The emphasis is firmly on having fun rather than skill – even those of us who have been dancing for 32 years occasionally put a foot wrong!

Our sessions take place on the third Thursday of each month (apart from July and August) at the Coronation Hall. We dance for two hours, between 8pm and 10pm and entry is just £1.50

We have very few members from Bleadon, so we would be delighted if more of you came to have a go at dancing, or just to watch (you will want to join in, though!). If you enjoy barn dancing, you'll know a few moves already!

Jean and Brian Thorne

MARIE'S AEROBICS

After 15 Years of teaching aerobics in Bleadon Village my classes are still full of fit and happy ladies.

A typical evening includes stretching, aerobic dance routines, floor work, weights, pompoms, ribbons and even a circuit class now and again.

I love my classes as many of the ladies have been coming since I started in 2001 and they are now like my extended family.

We are a friendly, relaxed (and sometimes mad) bunch who genuinely care about each other while having fun at the same time. Comfy clothes are all you need.

It's not all about exercising, even though that is very important! We are very sociable and always have summer and Christmas get togethers.

games laughter healthy "Come out and join in"
FUN exercise happy
social ENERGY
WELLBEING enjoy

Marie Keele

BLEADON MARKET

Bleadon Village Market Will be Back!

Your Village Market has been running since 2002, not missing a month except for one exceptional January when deep snow made access impossible. Now, however, there will be a break for the summer while the hall improvements take place.

We look forward to starting again on Saturday 17th September, with all our regular stallholders selling delicious local produce, crafts, plants, bric-a-brac, books, toys, jewellery, collectables and much more. The kitchen will be open again selling Mike's Gloucester Old Spot happy pork sausages, bacon baps and hot drinks.

If you can lend a hand occasionally to help keep this popular market and village social event going please give Jo a ring.

Enquiries: Jo Jones, 01934 812370



BLEADON VILLAGE BRIDGE CLUB

Bleadon Village Bridge Club was formed 25 years ago and is still thriving.

We meet on a Monday afternoon to play duplicate bridge and endeavour to start play at 1.45pm.

Currently we have 55 members and a waiting list of 5, this however does not prevent guest players or prospective new members from coming along to join in.

We are extremely friendly and welcome newcomers.

Doug Norfolk

43RD SUMMER FLOWER SHOW

Saturday 3rd September
Coronation Hall

Scheules will be available nearer the time, in the Post Office, church porch or from comitee members.

Classes for vegetables, fruit, flowers, floral exhibits and home crafts, as well as classes for children

WESTON-SUPER-MARE CROQUET CLUB

Weston-super-Mare Croquet Club is situated at the lawns opposite the café in Purn Way, a lovely setting for a wonderful game. Croquet is both friendly - ideal for family play - competitive and challenging. Our club has 61 croquet playing members and apart from social croquet we play league tournaments.

There are two forms of croquet, Association for which we have 3 league teams and Golf Croquet where we field five teams. The club is built on the friendliness of its members and we hold social events such as quizzes, skittles evenings and, during the winter, whist on a Thursday afternoon in the Coronation Hall.

An additional arm added to our club this summer is a boules area that is available to members and or to those wishing to play boules only. June 5th this year is National Croquet Day, and we will be holding an open day for anybody wishing to sample croquet or indeed boules to come along and discover how good either or both games can be.

The membership fee for croquet is £110 per year and this includes the use of boules. However for people wishing to play boules only is £25 per year. In both croquet and boules we have equipment to make available to new players to join in and enjoy the game of their choice.

Doug Norfolk

CLOCKING IN WITH BRIAN ROBINSON

Our much-loved church clock has been having some problems recently and these have taken longer than expected to resolve, partly because of the change of responsibility from the PCC to the Parish Council.

Some months ago a temporary repair was carried out in order to avoid expensive part renewals and associated labour charges.

Then not long after, there was another malfunction, this time of a totally different nature: put simply the clock now required a new circuit board, as the existing one was too old to repair.

Quotes had to be obtained from Smith of Derby, the original manufacturers of the clock and its bells. This all took time to do and as a result our clock stopped and the bell fell silent.

The good news is that it is now up and running – hopefully for a long time.

That doesn't mean that our clock has lost its personality. After the remedial work it initially started to gain about a minute each day, which soon increased to four minutes, requiring a daily jaunt up the 64 steps to the clock chamber.

The main reason we purchased a bungalow in Bleadon nineteen years ago was to avoid stairs in our senior years, but "hey ho" – a daily trip on very many occasions over the years put paid to that idea. That extends to 132 steps on the occasions when I have to raise or lower the George or Union flag for religious or national celebrations.

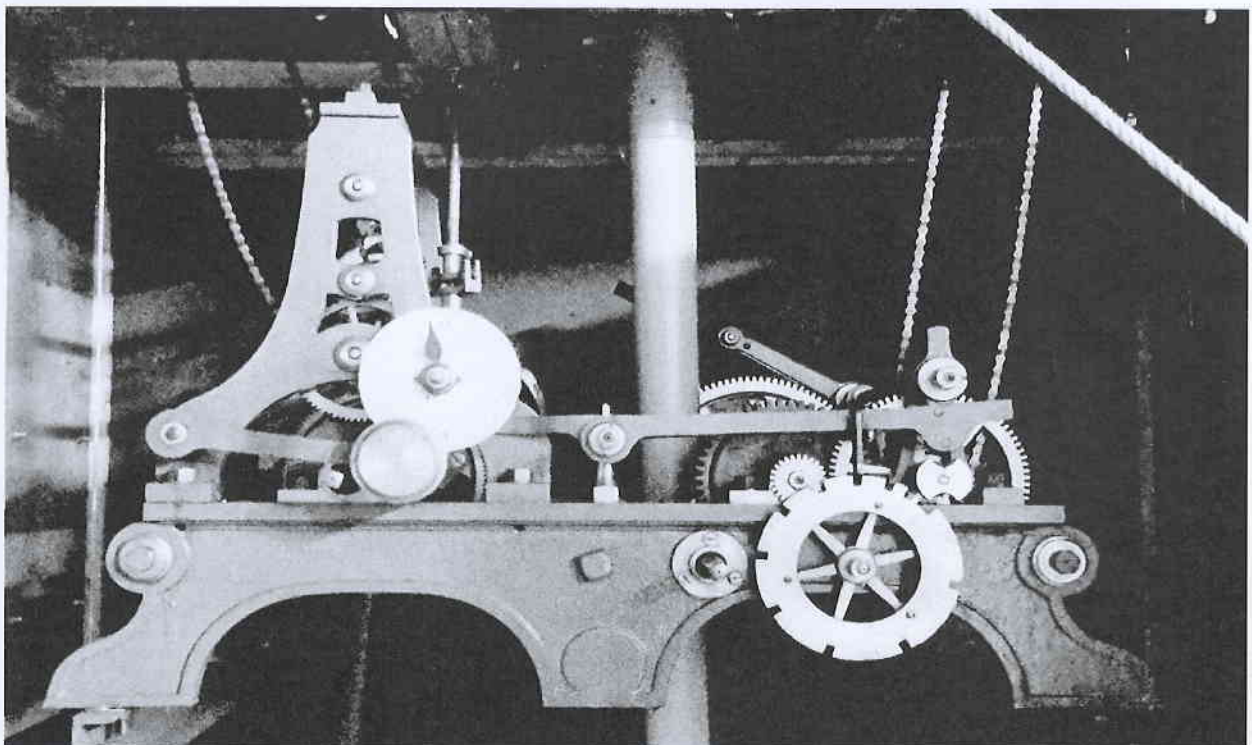
THE WORKINGS INSIDE THE CLOCK

Many factors seem to play a part in the clock's behaviour. Mostly, however, it's down to the weather. Due to the very thick stone walls of the tower the internal temperature takes a long time to change, which can affect the clock. For example when heat causes the metal to expand and lengthen the pendulum, I have to adjust the lower control screw, to slow the pendulum and clock. When the clock loses time I do the reverse to speed it up.

It's all a bit time consuming, but in the long run I have come to think that as it's a church clock there are many occasions when divine intervention plays a part. Either that, or the clock has a mind of its own.

Perhaps one day the clock will be self-adjusting, or we will be able to regulate via a smart phone – although I suspect that's wishful thinking.

Anyway, time to go: "tempus fugit" (and it needs yet another tweak!)



PLANNING PLANNING PLANNING

In this special feature, Parish Councillor and Planning Committee member Richard Dobson gives an update on some of the highest profile developments and planning applications around Bleadon.

Proposal for 79 houses on Bleadon Hill *new planning application*

Much concern has been expressed about the plan to build 79 houses on the two fields west of Bleadon Hill Road opposite Hillcote. The development will create an urban bridge across the existing current green and open rural space that separates Bleadon from Weston. The proposed housing development was originally unanimously opposed and rejected by Bleadon Parish Council.

When the (original) planning application went before the North Somerset Council Planning Committee, the applicant lodged an appeal against the failure of the Council to decide the planning application within the statutory determination period. This meant that a public inquiry had to be arranged. However, the Council would have recommended refusal of the application.

The Planning Committee report noted that 187 individual objections had been received in addition to objections from Weston- super-Mare Town Council, Bleadon Parish Council and various other organisations.

The Mendip Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership commented:

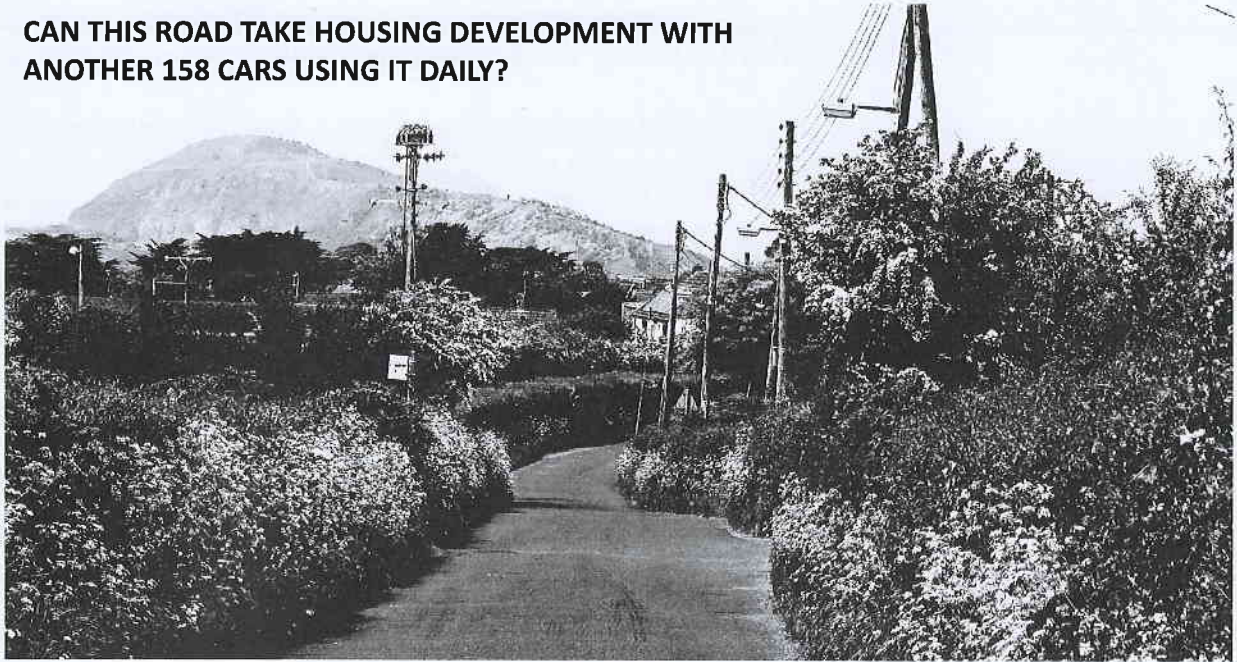
“...the importance of keeping the scarp slopes around the Mendip Hills undeveloped is an important consideration and this should not be compounded by further development along the ridgelines in the foreground of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.”

The full report is available on the North Somerset Council Planning Portal, in the original case file:
Application Number: 15/P/0167/O

PROPOSED SITE FOR 79 HOUSES ON BLEADON HILL



CAN THIS ROAD TAKE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT WITH ANOTHER 158 CARS USING IT DAILY?



Despite the efforts of so many people to oppose this development, a new outline planning application has now been submitted, with a deadline of June 2nd for comment. Bleadon News has been informed that the comments previously submitted to North Somerset Council regarding the first application will not automatically be taken into account for this 'new' application.

Objectors can resubmit their original application but will need to use application number: 16/P/1053/O.

By making a new application, the applicant has the opportunity to address the reasons given for refusal with the aim of strengthening the appeal case. It is very important that all original objections are resubmitted and as many new objectors as possible contribute.

The Bleadon BOB website contains useful links, comments and background information. Go to www.bleadon.org.uk/ and click on the 'new application' icon on the front page.

This planning application will be at the top of the agenda at the Bleadon Parish Council meeting on Monday, 6th June and our North Somerset Councillor Terry Porter will be there too.

"The submission of a second application is a tactic often used by builders. Members of the public object to the original application, but sometimes are not motivated to object again to the secondary application, wrongly thinking that their original objections will be transferred to the new application.

The builders then claim that the public have come to accept their planning application as less people are now objecting. Therefore it is very important that everyone who objected to the original planning application resubmits their comments in relation to the new application".

Tony Jay, Locum Clerk to Bleadon Parish Council

SUBMITTING A COMMENT ON A PLANNING APPLICATION TO NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL

If you submit a comment to North Somerset Council regarding a planning application as a couple the comment will be counted once.

If you each submit the same comment, it will be counted twice. To make your voice heard, use the same text and submit individually!

Marshalls Quarry Redevelopment

In autumn 2014, it was reported that following significant input from the community, Marshalls had been granted outline planning permission for the future development of their quarry site in Bridge Road. Approval was granted for a mixed use scheme of 42 dwellings and 500 m2 of employment floor space. The Parish Council are maintaining communications with Marshalls' local team, and at present are not aware of any planned development.

Marshalls will have to find a new site for the Bleadon operation and then go through a detailed planning process before anything is built. This will give us the opportunity to influence the final scheme. Watch this space...

From Car Boots to High Quality Lodges in Accommodation Road

The Weston Mercury has reported that "wooden holiday lodges could soon be springing up in a North Somerset village after a planning application was approved...

"This potential redevelopment of the Car Boot site in Accommodation Road was also reported in Bleadon News in autumn 2014 and has now become a reality. The NSC planning committee voted to approve the plans, considering that the 57 timber lodges provided good quality tourist accommodation.

The approval is subject to a contribution of £1,000 towards highway safety improvement works to Accommodation Road in the vicinity of its junction with the A370 Bridgwater Road. The junction improvements were requested by Bleadon Parish Council during the consultation phase.

50 Properties at Wentwood Drive, Bleadon Hill

The applicant was notified that planning consent had been refused on the 13th May 2016. The reasons given were:

"The proposed development, by reason of its scale and location will cause unacceptable harm to the character and appearance of the landscape, including views towards the Mendip Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty."

And:

"The location of the site, by reason of its distance to the nearest services and facilities and the gradient of the routes leading to it will not encourage walking or cycling. Instead residents of the development will be over-reliant on vehicle use, even when undertaking local journeys."

The applicant has the option to appeal.

BLEADON VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Bleadon Village Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is run by volunteer residents for the benefit of their community. Thanks to the efforts of all those involved over the years Bleadon has widespread NHW coverage.

If you are a Bleadon resident you can volunteer to represent your street and potentially become a Neighbourhood Watch coordinator or support an existing one. You will receive messages directly from the police, which you can pass onto your neighbours. If you would like to get involved just email Lindsey Stone, Watch Scheme Administrator, Bridgwater Police Centre at lindsey.stone@avonandsomerset.police.uk or ring her on 01278 644 799.

To ensure as wide communication as possible, Neighbourhood Watch information, leaflets and general messages relating to Bleadon and surrounding villages, continue to be posted on the Bleadon BOB community website at www.bleadon.org.uk/watch and are also included on the news page. Additional information can, as always, be requested and discussed via your local NHW representative.

Jo Gower-Crane - Local NHW Coordinator



Get on your mobile!

Did you know that Bleadon residents can get 50% off the price of reserving library books? Or that we have two friendly librarians, Deborah and Richard, at our disposal once every two weeks? These are just two interesting facts that I discovered on my recent visit to the mobile library.

Every other Friday (the Friday of green bag week), Deborah and Richard park the well-stocked library opposite the old post office for two hours between 10.45am and 12.45pm. They are happy to advise on book choices, show you where different classes of books are stored or make reservations. You can even reserve books online and collect them from the mobile library (for 50p rather than the usual £1), as well as return books that you've borrowed from any library in North Somerset or Somerset.

The library is fully accessible, which is great for those who are less mobile. The mobile library provides a fantastic service for our village so why not pay Deborah and Richard a visit next time they're in Bleadon?

"Here's Richard and Deborah outside the mobile library in Bleadon last Friday".

Claire Gutsell








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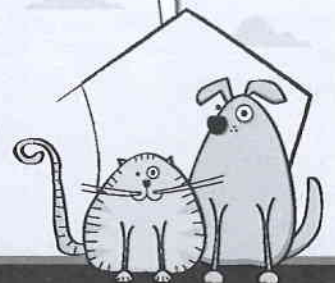
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BLEADON BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Bleadon Baby and Toddler Group provides a safe and friendly environment for the children of Bleadon and surrounding areas. It is a fun, social environment for children under the age of five, with support for parents and grandparents. Free refreshments, biscuits and fruit are available for children and adults.

Every week we provide activities for the children, including arts, crafts and baking which we aim to be fun and help develop coordination. There are many toys for free play as well as group singing, a dedicated baby area and a reading corner.

Members of the toddler group or for those wanting further information are invited to join our Facebook page "Bleadon Baby and Toddler Group" or just come along to the Coronation Hall on Wednesdays during term time between 9.30am-11.30am. Sessions cost £1.50 for adults with one child and 50p each additional child.

Libby Anderson

1ST BLEADON BROWNIES

The Brownies are working on our special World Girl Guiding Badge at the moment. As part of that they are making pen pals with a unit in Canada, which the girls are very excited about. We are at full capacity until December this year but if you are interested in a future place for your daughter please visit - <http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/brownies/> or contact Brown Owl – Rebecca Atkins on 07917 676262

Anouska Pyke



BLEADON YOUTH CLUB

Youngsters aged between 10 and 17 will be sure of a sociable and entertaining evening every Thursday at Bleadon Youth Club.

The youth club sessions are lead by fully qualified YMCA staff, so you can feel reassured that your child is well looked after and will be encouraged to participate fully in activities.

Some youngsters just want to hang out with friends, chat and socialise. Maybe shoot some pool, play table tennis or badminton.

Others need greater challenges. India and her team of volunteer helpers work hard to meet those challenges.

The club is open every Thursday evening from 7 'til 9pm.

All young members need to register and have their parents' written consent.

Pop in and pick up a form if you've got a youngster who wants to spend Thursday evenings having fun.

The weekly subscription is just £1.50.

Keith Pyke



Audrey Gladys Lee

The family of Audrey would like to thank the people of Bleadon for making the last years of her life so memorable and enjoyable.

After moving to the village in 2002 she made so many friends and really did find a new lease of life.

In the last couple of years she was so sad when failing health meant she couldn't attend all the clubs and associations she had joined and played an active role in.

The number of people who attended her funeral in February was testament to the high regard she was held in and meant an awful lot to all her family, making it a very special day.

Her wish that donations be made to Crohn's and Colitis UK raised a total of £429.20 which would have made her very happy.

Sincere thanks to Poppys Home Care for helping mum to spend many precious months in her home when she needed assistance to do so, the staff at Lyndhurst Park Nursing Home for making sure mum was as comfortable and secure as possible during her final days and Reverend Tim Erridge for his help and compassion at a difficult time.

She will be sorely missed by everyone who knew her.

David Lee

QUEENS 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

As part of the village festivities for the Queen's 90th birthday there will be a special service in church at 10.15am on June 12th. All the hymns have been chosen because they were either a part of the Queen's wedding, her coronation or her golden and diamond jubilees services and include All People That On Earth Do dwell and I Vow To Thee My Country, as well as her favourite hymn The Lord's My Shepherd.

Music at the beginning and end of the service will also be familiar from these services and birthday cake and coffee will be served at the end.

Ninetieth birthdays are still quite rare so do come and celebrate this very special one.

Gill Williams

BLEADON FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We are a small friendly group for the young at heart. New members are welcome and our group always enjoy meeting new friends. We meet at the coronation Hall each Friday and have a very varied programme of events and trips.

Mary Cooper

BLEADON PLANT UP

SATURDAY 4TH JUNE 2016 10.00 AM

Meet in the Coronation Hall car park

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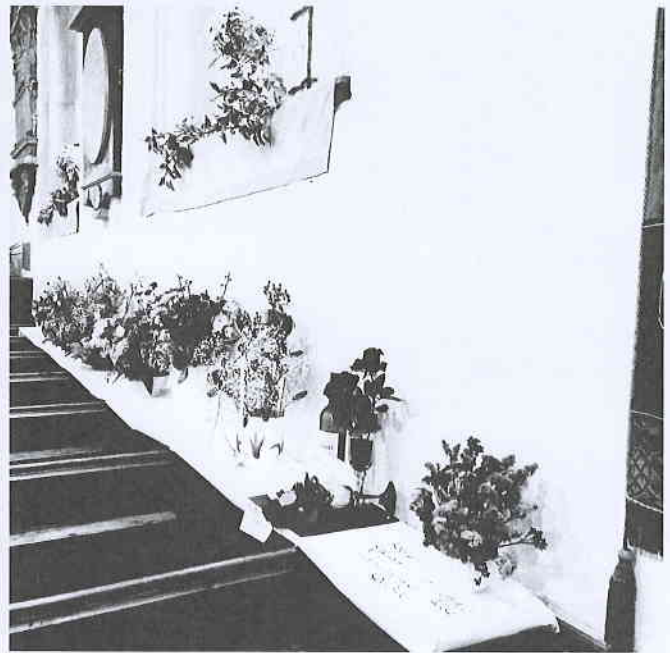
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BLEADON MAY DAY FAYRE

Fun was had by young and old at the May Day Fayre this year. From pies to books and teas to singing there was lots to do. A good crowd turned out despite the rain!



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Bell Tower for just £1

Children over the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult. The tower visit is not suitable for children under the age of 8.

3.30pm there will be an informal service to celebrate our Patron Saints: St Peter & St Paul

OPEN TOWER

Bleadon Parish Council will be meeting on the first Monday in June, due to the Coronation Hall being closed for refurbishment on our usual second Monday in the month.

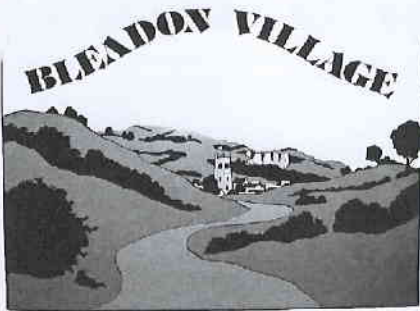
The next meeting will be on Monday 6th June 2016 at 7.30 pm.

Please check on www.bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk for meeting dates, agendas and minutes.

Agendas can also be seen on the five village notice boards.

We welcome parishioners to attend meetings. At the start of each meeting you are able to talk briefly to the council about any issues you have.

If there is a particular issue you would like to raise please let the Parish Clerk know by the Friday before the meeting. This will give us the chance to collect the most up-to-date information. If it's a last minute issue you wish to raise, you can still ask to address the council but they may not have the answers immediately.



To contact the Parish Council please email parishclerk@bleadonparishcouncil.gov.uk

A note from the editor

As you've probably noticed there have been a few changes in this edition, not least in the magazine's title, which now reflects the fact that our village magazine is read by people beyond the village boundary!

We all owe a huge debt of thanks to Keith Pyke, who has stood down after years of editing our magazine. Keith has done a fantastic job, making each edition attractive, informative and an all-round good read. He is going to be a very tough act to follow, particularly as he actually knows how to use publishing software!

On that note, please excuse any slight flaws you might see in this issue, our new production team are learning as they go!

We've tried to include as many clubs and societies as possible in this edition, but apologies if yours has been missed. On a general note, if you'd like some news to be featured in the next edition, if you have an idea for an article or if you have a photo you'd like to share, just contact us at the parish clerk email address below. We'll do our best to feature everything we receive as long as we have space. Please note that articles will be subject to editing on occasions.

Thank you to all everybody involved with this issue, whether contributing, editing, printing, advertising or distributing. It's always an amazing team effort, which this time has been pulled off in double-quick time!

Finally, thank you to you, our readers. We've now reached issue 103, and your support and input will keep us going for many years to come!

Your Bleadon Parish Councillors

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