

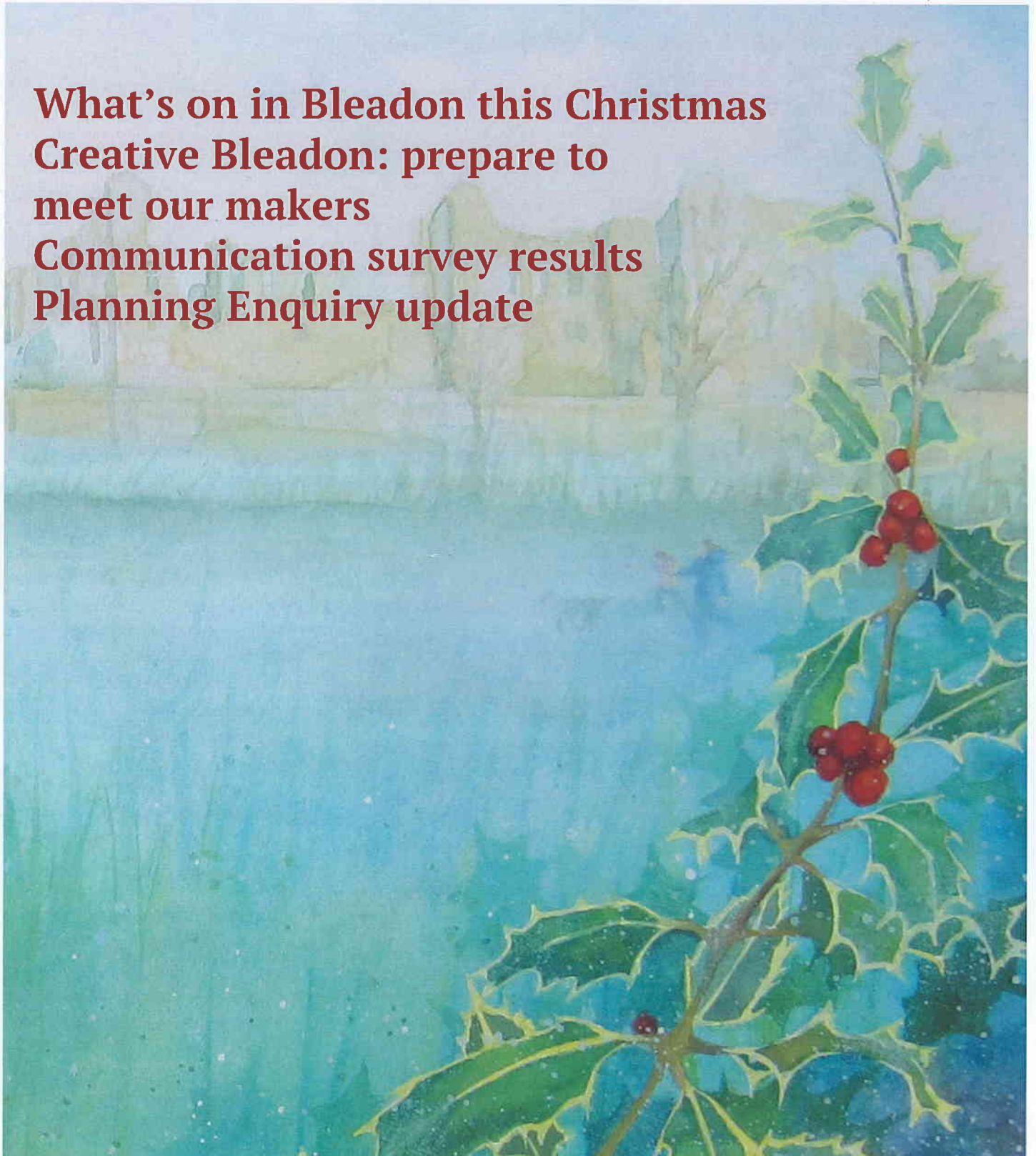
# Bleadon News

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**Creative Bleadon: prepare to**  
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Bleadon Players present  
Robin Hood The Panto  
18th - 21st January 2017  
7.30pm start plus matinee on  
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**Live in Bleadon, interested in Self build for any of the following reasons;**

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Want to build a home for your children so they can live locally?

Want to build a home for specific needs perhaps for a dependent relative?

Want to maintain the vibrancy, services and facilities in the village?

If you live in the village and are interested please contact the below:

[info@urbandesignpractice.co.uk](mailto:info@urbandesignpractice.co.uk)





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### POPPY COLLECTION 2016

The precise total for this year's poppy collection is not yet available, but it is already over £1,100, which is very satisfactory.

The greatest part by far was raised by the house-to-house collectors: Caroline Bayntun, I.D. Clarke, Ian Gibson, Gill Hobbs, Pauline Rider, Sarah Ripley and Dave Shephard.

We also appreciate the money contributed by local businesses who accept collection boxes on their premises.

Whoever takes over the organisation from me can be assured of a first-rate group of collectors.

Les Masters

The painting on the front cover is by artist Zoe Hilton, who you can read more about in our Creative Bleadon special.



### Welcome to the Winter edition of Bleadon News

As you've probably noticed, we're publishing this edition slightly early. That's so that we can cover all the festive events that are taking place during

December - I hope that you are able to attend a few of them.

One of the most important events in December for our village isn't very festive - it's the Planning enquiry into the proposed 79-house development on Bleadon Hill. Although only North Somerset Council and the Action Group are allowed to speak, we can all help to demonstrate the massive opposition that exists to this development simply by turning up. That, in itself, could help to persuade the Enquiry that the development should not go ahead, so please can I urge as many villagers as possible to attend on one or more days. Please see page 14 for more details.

There are plenty of other great stories in this edition, including articles about our village's creative residents, public rights of way on South Hill and a road safety campaign, as well as the usual news from around the village.

I hope that you have a fantastic Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Claire Gutsell  
Chair, Bleadon Parish Council

Thank you to Pat White on behalf of all our residents for his Remembrance Day display, which honoured villagers who gave their lives in the first and second world wars.



## BLEADON PEOPLE

### Celebrating Bleadon's Creativity

In the last edition of Bleadon News we asked to hear about your creative talents. The response was overwhelming – so much so that we'll be running profiles over the next few issues. We have an amazing array of talent in the village, including artists, authors, musicians, photographers, people who create tasty treats and many more. What's particularly nice is that most names were put forward by friends or family.

Over the past few weeks, I have spent many fascinating hours visiting the people interviewed in this edition of Bleadon News. It was a real journey of discovery – although I knew many of the people already it was fascinating to find out about their hidden talents.

If you know of someone, or, having read the article you would like to be featured, please let us know.

Claire Gutsell

#### Simon Court: creating Bleadon's first beer

It was late Summer 2014. Having worked in pubs and bars on and off for much of my adult life, frustrated that having passed my mid twenties I still didn't know what I REALLY wanted to do as a career, I suddenly had a crazy idea. Realising my love for beer, in particular 'real ale', and that over the years I had cared for it, sold it and of course drunk it; "Why don't I MAKE it?" I thought. I got myself a 'home brew' kit to get started and came to realise how much equipment there was on the market for making professional quality beer on a home level.



I decided to quickly advance from the kits and start making my own beer from scratch, with the intention of building up to opening my own brewery! Keen to learn, I put myself on a three day course up in Derbyshire in Summer of 2015 to learn what was involved, and how feasible opening a brewery would be. Their recommendation was actually "Not very", but I still learned a great deal and continued with my own brewing which I had now named 'Bleadon Ale'. I made a facebook page for the 'brewery' and designed labels for my beers to drum up interest for the time I could start selling my beer. I started gaining quite a few followers who were more than happy to sample and give feedback, including some local Campaign for Real Ale members who in a beer tasting session rated one of my beers (a 5% American-hopped pale ale called Yankee Dave!) as good as the internationally renowned beers they were tasting against.

Despite this great feedback, opening a brewery was still going to be very difficult and very expensive and in March 2016 I had a great stroke of luck. Butcombe Brewery were looking to hire a new member for their Brewing Team and amazingly they took me on! THRILLED to be working as a brewer in a nationally recognised brewing company, I have put plans for my own brewery on the shelf while I gain much knowledge and experience. Though working at Butcombe takes up a lot of my time, I still do manage to make beers for Bleadon Ale at home when I have the time. I am not planning on going pro by myself at any stage in the foreseeable, BUT, I would like it if I could get myself licensed to sell my beers to anyone interested. So in that case, watch this space! (That space being facebook.com/BleadonAle)

## BLEADON PEOPLE

### Zoe Hilton: opening fairy doors

Bleadon-based artist Zoe Hilton branched out into making and selling fairy doors a few years ago. Since then her works have become sought after by collectors around the world. See Zoe's doors at [www.etsy.com/uk/shop/SomersetFairyDoors](http://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/SomersetFairyDoors)



"I'm an artist by training and painted for many years after gaining my fine arts degree. In 2010, we were having some work done on the house and had to move in with my parents for a while. It was a bit cramped with six of us in the house, so it wasn't really practical to set up my studio. I desperately needed to do something creative, and after seeing some fairy doors online I realised that they could be made with very little equipment – ideal for a small-space hobby.

"Fairy doors are cute miniature doors that can be placed on trees, skirting boards or any other places where you might expect a fairy to live. Children love them, as it's easy to imagine a real fairy living behind one. Many are bought by collectors as they are often works of art in their own right.

"I started selling them pretty much straight away. At the time I worked in an art shop in Weston, so I sold some there and also at craft fairs. This year I started an online shop on the Etsy website. I love the fact that my fairy doors fly off to countries all around the world. Most end up in the US, which I still find amazing!

"The most intensive part is creating the original – that's also my favourite part as it allows me to use my imagination to create something totally unique. I then make a mould from the original so that I can cast copies. The final part of the process is hand painting each door individually, so that no two are exactly the same. I currently have six different designs to accommodate fairies of all sizes!



"My proudest moment was probably selling a painting to Carol Vorderman, which felt like a huge achievement at the time. I was soon brought down to earth by my partner who said that she'd probably only bought it for the frame! "

### Alison Procter: bringing nature indoors through painting and sugarcraft



Alison Procter is a hugely creative member of our community and is recognised as one of the UK's leading sugarcraft experts. Alison is also a highly talented painter.

"I've been involved in sugarcraft for many years. As well as running a successful supplies business, I've written two books, produced a video and have been lucky enough to travel right around the world to take part in exhibitions and conferences. I've run workshops in Japan, the US and Australia amongst other places, having some wonderful experiences along the way. I also started Bleadon sugarcraft group, which is still going strong.

"I was elected as a member of the Society of Botanical Artists through my painting - one of only 200 people, which was a huge honour. That gave me the inspiration to develop a method of creating life-like plants and flowers using sugarcraft, which was my other passion.

"We still have our sugarcraft supplies business selling books, powder-based colourings and cutters. We sell a wide range of metal cutters. They're mainly connected to my own designs, but we also sell other peoples designs.

"I've now stopped making sugarcraft, but I paint every day as far as I can. I like to paint subjects across the board, not just botanical subjects. I paint in oils, but use charcoal for life drawing. I do take a few commissions, but these days I much prefer to go in my own direction.

"I exhibit at RHS Rosemore Gardens and until recently my paintings were sold in London. I maintain my membership of the Society of Botanical Artists by submitting pictures each year, which is quite competitive. I also take part in North Somerset Arts Week, and welcome many people to my house over the course of the week which is always a great pleasure, it would be lovely to see more people from Bleadon. The next Arts week is Friday 28 April-Sunday 7 May 2017.

## Kirsten Hemmingway: bringing Hellenge Hill to life in children's stories

Kirsten Hemmingway is a children's author who has written a series of stories about Angus Management, an animal detective whose adventures take place on Hellenge Hill. Kirsten has lived in Bleadon since 2003, when she moved here from the Isle of Arran.



I got the idea for Angus when running on Hellenge Hill. To push myself I used to do ten repetitions of the worst part of the hill I could find, which happened to be teeming with wildlife. I used to focus on a different animal for each repetition and gradually the idea for Angus and his friends formed. Then I started to develop stories about him in my mind and eventually put pen to paper when stuck on a train. I received great feedback and the stories seemed to flow very naturally, so before long I realised that I had written quite a few.

My partner, Joe, is a Scottish Musician and he was happy to work on the songs for the audio versions of the stories.

The stories are meant to be read aloud, and I've worked very hard to create character names and descriptions that allow children to easily visualise what they look like. The ebook and audio CDs contain the first series of stories and, when launched, the book will have ten to twenty illustrations, by local illustrator Lilly Nicholls, which is a high ratio but which really helps to bring the story alive.

The audio recordings were made at Joe's studio in the Forest of Dean. At first, the plan was to have them read by some well-known people but the great reaction to my test recordings persuaded me to read them myself!

The ebooks and audio recordings are available at Bleadon BOB's new online shop ([bleadon.org/bobshop](http://bleadon.org/bobshop)) – they're great for children aged 9 and younger. Series one is out now as an ebook and an audio CD. The book will be published early in 2017 and series two will be out in March next year.

## Richard Cole: picturing Bleadon through the year



Richard Cole has been a keen photographer ever since he bought a Brownie 127 (for £1 5/-9d!) as a boy. He's best known for his Bleadon calendars which feature beautiful views of our village.

"I like to photograph birds, aviation, wildlife and medieval castles. My interest in aviation photography started during my six years as a paratrooper.

"I mainly publish online and have thousands of pictures on Facebook and Flickr. I also have some of my local pictures on Bleadon BOB.

"A few years ago I started making calendars for my family. They went down so well that I decided to start selling them at the village market. They will be available at the Christmas market and make ideal presents for people who love our village!

"I retired, shortly after I arrived in Bleadon, from the licensed trade. I've lived in Bleadon coming up seven years, after 27 years in Backwell."

## Horticultural Society

Our next event will be our annual Beetle Drive with an American Style Supper to follow on Tuesday, December 20th at 7.30pm. We will be meet in the Coronation Hall as usual but tickets, at the cost of £1, must be obtained in advance by ringing 813152.

In the New Year our first meeting will be on Tuesday January 17th when David Usher will be talking about "Gertrude Jekyll, her plants and designs."

Then on Tuesday February 21st Anthony Turpin will give an illustrated talk on "Plants of Madeira."

All of our meetings are open to anyone at the cost of £1 and take place in the Coronation Hall at 7.30pm.

The 43rd Spring Flower Show will take place in The Coronation Hall on Saturday March 11th at 2.30pm. There will be the usual classes for Spring bulbs and flowers, flower arranging, handicrafts, photography and home crafts. Also, there are several classes for youngsters in different age groups.



Finally, may I thank everyone for their support during the past year and wish you all the compliments of the season and a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Chris Cudlipp

### Protect pets from anti-freeze poisoning this winter

Did you know that adding anti-freeze to water features can create a death trap for pets and wildlife?

There have been two recent reports in the village of cats being poisoned by anti-freeze. A local vet has said that it is a common practice for people to add anti-freeze to water features at this time of year. This has the unfortunate effect of making the water attractive to animals, as the anti-freeze tastes sweet and has an appealing aroma.

Sadly, it only takes a small amount of contaminated water or even anti-freeze leaking from a car to cause illness or even death.

If you think your pet may have been affected by anti-freeze it is advisable to take it to a vet as soon as possible.

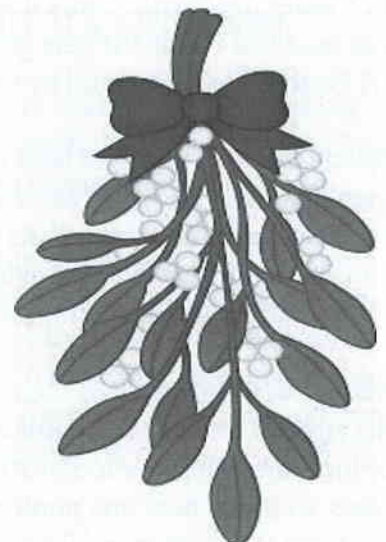
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## South Hill rights of way: a continuing saga



Just recently several villagers have contacted councillors to express their concerns about the new fencing that has appeared around the woodland on the village side of South Hill. The main concerns are that it seals off quite a parcel of land from public access and that it impedes the use of the footpath. Some villagers are also concerned that it may indicate that future changes could bring more problems.

Originally the Church Commissioners owned South Hill, the farm and cottages and so for decades the public had access across the hill and were able to wander freely - even through the farmyard. The favoured walk with dog owners was a circular route around the hill, a much used and loved feature of daily life for many villagers. The Mendip Way crosses the hill so it was also much used by ramblers.

I think it fair to say that we 'hill users' felt very privileged to have such an asset on their doorsteps and consequently valued and treated it and the frequently grazing herd of cows with respect - making sure that gates were left closed and dogs were kept under control at all times.

In 2012 the Church Commissioners sold the land and property in its entirety to the present owner. The following year fences and gates appeared, with one of the gates secured by barbed wire to prevent it being opened or climbed over. The circular route was no longer viable and walking on the path outside the fencing was very hazardous as it quickly became overgrown with bramble, nettles, gorse etc, as the cows were not now grazing it. Concerns were also expressed that the newly installed fencing and gates were a 'blight on the landscape'.

Hill Users were quick to contact the Parish Council and Bleadon BOB. It was soon established that North Somerset Council had received an application requesting a diversion of several footpaths. Elaine Bowman -NSC's Senior Access Officer with the Natural Environment Team met with a group of 'hill users' to walk the area and to listen to our concerns. Some time later we were advised that Ms Bowman had met with the owner of the land and had discussed our concerns, but that an agreement on all aspects of the application could not be reached she would be presenting a report to the Public Rights of Way Sub Committee.

The report was presented in November 2013 containing proposals that would establish the legal and definitive rights of way on South Hill. To cut a long story short the application was granted, with a few changes. All the fences and gates remained in place, despite our concerns, as landowners are allowed to manage their land as they see fit.

It was also established that we would not get very far with any attempts to pursue the '20 Year Rule' as the Council's work was so backlogged that it would be many many years before a request was even looked at.

About eighteen months ago the present landowner put the cottages and several parcels of land up for sale. In mid October the Parish Council was made aware that new fencing had been erected preventing access to a portion of land just inside the gate going up from the churchyard path. It was immediately reported to Andy Carroll, NSC's Footpaths Officer, and he visited the site the following day.

It appears that this parcel of land was previously owned by Mr Warburton, who allowed 'permissive access' to the public to walk across it. Mr Warburton has now sold the land and the new owners are not prepared to continue allow 'permissive access'. As this is not a public right of way this is within their rights. However, Mr Warburton has kindly agreed to provide Mr Carroll with details of the new owners - Mr Carroll will then try to persuade them to reinstate the 'permissive access'.

There may be some value in the village making a claim under the '20 Year Rule', which is a process by which a public right of way can be claimed for a defined route if there is evidence that the route has been used without let or hindrance for a period of 20 years. To do this, we need evidence of the route being used going back at least 20 years, so if you have any photographs or are able to provide a written statement that you have used this route unhindered for more than 20 years, please do let me know.

ID Clarke



## Bleadon Parish Council Communication Survey Results

A huge thank you to all the villagers who took the time to complete our communications survey. Over the coming weeks, the Parish Council will analyse the results and put together a plan to make sure that you receive information and news in the most appropriate way.

We will print more about this in the next edition of Bleadon News, but in the meantime here are some of the headline findings.

- The vast majority of villagers say that they know how to find the information they need about our village
- The village noticeboards are the most popular communications medium, followed by Bleadon News
- Most people would speak to a Parish Councillor if they had a problem, followed by the Clerk and speaking to a friend
- The most popular features in Bleadon News are those focused on issues, followed by clubs and societies, Parish Council news and things to do
- By a wide margin, villagers say that they would not be likely to access Parish Council news via social media

### COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

There are currently two Parish Councillor vacancies. If you are interested in joining the Council then feel free to contact Tony and he can let you know what is involved.  
We look forward to hearing from you.



### Would you like an Allotment?

Do you enjoy growing fruit and vegetables, but do not have enough room?

The Parish Council has half a plot available now at the allotments in Bleadon. Two full plots will become available in May 2017 Half a plot rental is just £7.50, and a full plot £15.00 per year

If you are interested please contact

Tony Jay 07741461982

### Telephone box hangs up its receiver

With mobile phone use going through the roof, telephone boxes are being used less and less.

Our village box, near the youth club, has been used just 12 times over the past year and as a result BT has decided to decommission it. The box will be removed over the coming weeks.

# CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN BLEADON

## Bleadon Village

**CHRISTMAS**

# MARKET

# Saturday

**3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER**

**CORONATION HALLS & YOUTH CLUB**

**9 am – 12.30 pm**

Fresh local produce with a Christmas flavour. Old Spot Pork & Sausages. Cheese. Bakery. Pies. Savouries. Preserves. Cakes. Scotch Eggs. Gifts, Gifts, Gifts! Crafts. Jewellery. Collectables. Bric-a-Brac. **RAFFLE, RAFFLE, RAFFLE!**

Freshly made refreshments including Hot Mince Pies.

**Find us on Facebook and [www.bleadon.org.uk/market](http://www.bleadon.org.uk/market)**



## Church Services

Details of all Church services being held in St Peter and St Paul's Church can be found over the page.

## A Challenge for Christmas.

Can you accept this challenge, have fun, enjoy the results and raise funds for the church?

**Trees for Christmas**

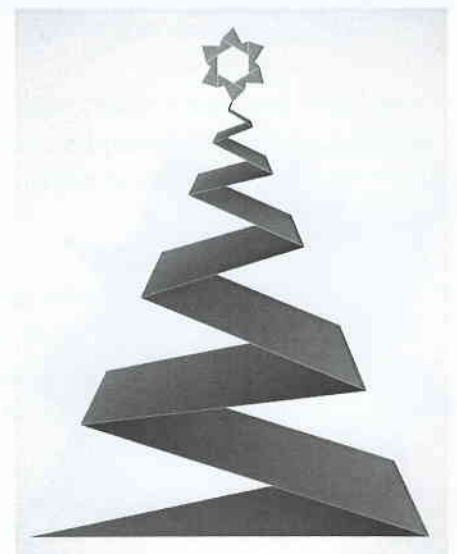
is our theme, but please be aware that the idea is not necessarily green and triangular. It might be – but now you have to think of other exciting interpretations and put them into practice.

Please bring your 'Trees' to the church between 2 and 4 pm on Sunday December 11th

Your exhibition will then be on show in church from Monday Dec 12th to Friday Dec 23rd

You can collect them on that date from 2pm ready to decorate your own home for Christmas

**GOOD LUCK!**

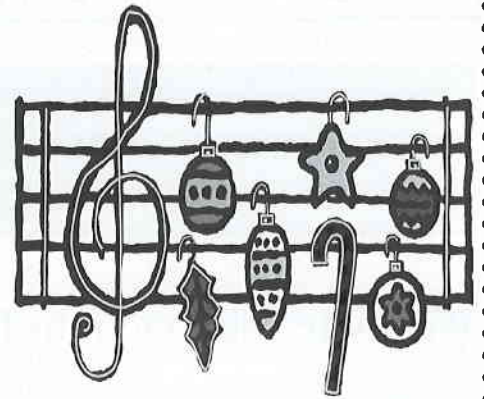


## Bleadon WI Carol Service

Will begin at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Bleadon  
on Friday 9th December,  
starting at 6.30 pm.

Family, friends and villagers are very welcome to join in.  
The service will be followed by members of the WI joining in with the  
singing of carols at the Queens Arms Pub

Raffle tickets will be available during the carol singing at the  
Queens Arms. All proceeds go to support Bleadon Youth Club



## Queens Arms' Christmas Celebrations

Festive Sunday Funday is on Sunday 18th December. The evening kicks off with the fantastic  
Christmas Panto, followed by mulled Cider, Mince Pies and maybe even a Christmas jumper competition!

The pub will be open for drinks as usual from 11 am to 1 pm on Christmas Day.  
Only diners will be able to stay after 1 pm

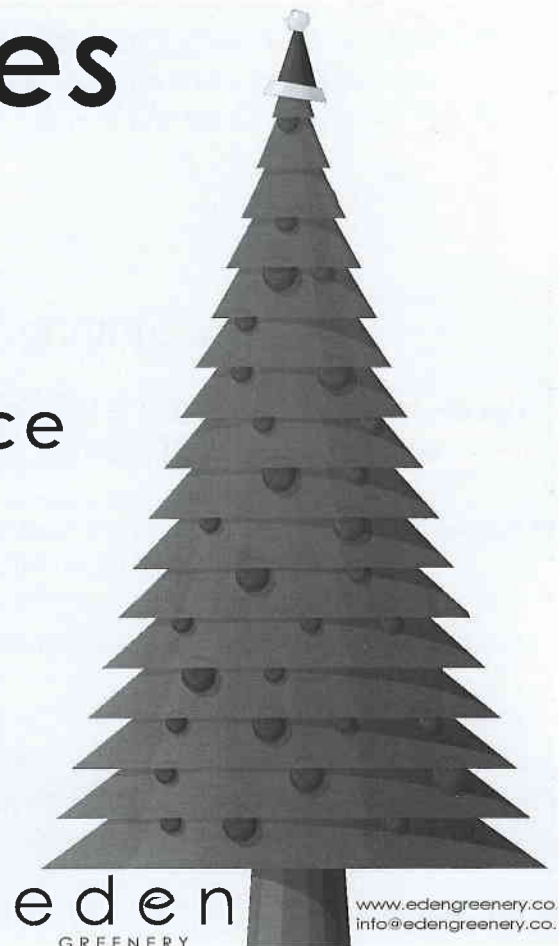
New Years Eve fun starts at 8.30 pm with Cocktails and Canapes.  
DJ Tawaz will help the evening go with a swing

# Christmas Trees For Sale

Unit 7, Purn House Farm  
Behind Bleadon Post Office  
Open Every Day  
9.30am ~ 5.30pm  
From 1st December

Live Christmas Trees, traditional and non drop  
Cut and potted  
3ft to 10ft  
Christmas Tree Stands

A selection of christmas decorations, lights and more



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## St Peter and St Paul Church News



### “Light and life to all he brings”. Celebrating Christmas at Bleadon Church 2016

We invite you to join us for all or any of our services:

Sun Dec 18th 3 pm Carol Service: Carols and Christmas Readings

Christmas Eve 4.30pm Crib Service: “Happy Birthday Jesus” Young and Old celebrate together,

Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight Mass: “Welcome the Light”

Christmas Day 10.15am Worship for all on Christmas Day: a simple service with Carols for Christmas morning.

You are invited to join us. We Want to help you celebrate, Why not come along,

Happy Christmas Bleadon, from all at Bleadon Church

[www.bleadonchurch.co.uk](http://www.bleadonchurch.co.uk)

### “Trees for Christmas”

On display in the church, 12th to 23rd Dec during daylight hours.

Trees will be by many different people in our community.

Come and look and Wonder



### Carol Singing: Sharing the joy of Christmas

This Christmas, we're planning to bring some festive cheer to people who don't easily get out by visiting them and singing carols. This not a fundraising exercise, but a chance to share some Christmas joy!

If you would like to take part, we are meeting at 5pm on Tuesday 20th December at the junction of Bleadon Hill and Purn Lane (BS24 9JG) to visit and sing to people living on Bleadon Hill.

On Thursday 22nd December we will meet at 5pm outside the Rectory (BS24 OPG) to visit and sing to people living in Bleadon Village.

If you can't come at 5pm and want to join us later, listen out for the singing and come along. Who knows, we might even end up with a Christmas drink in the pub!

If you, or somebody you know, has limited mobility and would like us to come and sing, please ring Norma on 01934 813 118 to add them to our visiting list.

# Hall News

By now residents will be well aware of the new arrangements at the hall. I suppose it was inevitable that there would be bits and pieces to put right, many of which have been attended to, and some users have taken a while to familiarise themselves with the security systems. Overall, however, the verdict has been very positive. The ability to run events involving both halls has already been demonstrated by the re-opening celebration, two wedding receptions, the Worlewind Band concert and three markets. The wide and level entrance is much appreciated by wheelchair users and market stallholders.

The Management Committee have examined Scott Morris's excellent pictures of the Hickey mural, deciding to place three panels each about six feet by two where they can best be seen in the circulation area. The prints have been ordered so they may well be on display by the time you read this and will definitely enhance that area.

Les Masters

The Bleadon Coronation Halls have a busy schedule of group meetings, activities and classes. They are also a popular venue for wedding receptions, concerts, family parties and young children's parties, and of course village events. Please see the village notice boards and the hall notice boards for more information. You can also find out what's going on by looking on Bleadon BOB: [www.bleadon.org.uk/halls](http://www.bleadon.org.uk/halls). Contact Jo Jones on [jojonesbleadon@tiscali](mailto:jojonesbleadon@tiscali) or 812370 for more information.

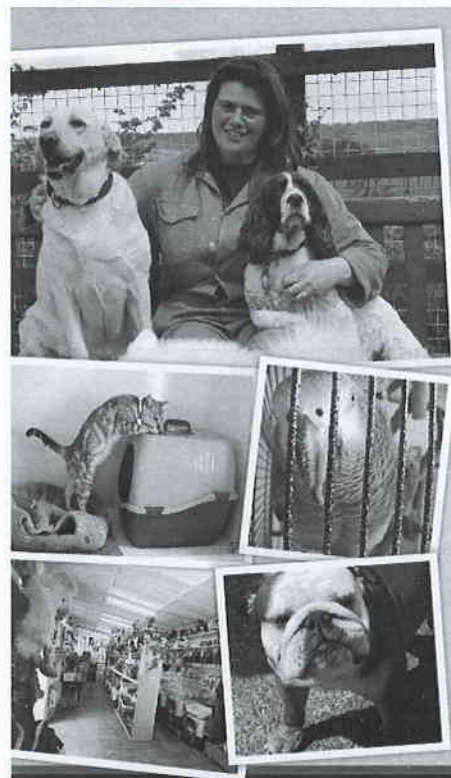


## Volunteer as a market helper

Bleadon Village Market continues to flourish, raising funds for your village halls. We are supported by a friendly band of volunteers who do all the jobs necessary to make the Market such a popular community event.

Jobs include: signs, setting up/putting away tables, traffic cones, refreshments, and more. Can you help for just a couple of hours a month or less? Contact Jo on 812370.

Jo Jones



# Whitehouse

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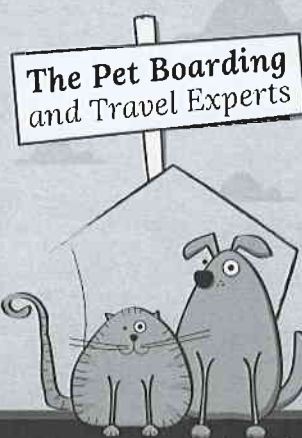
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# If there's something strange in your neighbourhood, Who you gonna call?

Halloween may be over for this year, but there are still plenty of plenty of strange things that you may want to report, such as potholes, flooding or overgrown road signs. If that's the case, it is not the Ghostbusters but North Somerset Council. In fact you do not have to call them just go online and complete a simple form. Follow this link, which will take you to the relevant web page.

[www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/parking-travel-roads/roads/road-repairs/roadreport](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/parking-travel-roads/roads/road-repairs/roadreport)



Follow the instructions and the dedicated Highway Operations team will resolve the issue. The Parish Council have used this process successfully over recent months. If we can all notify problems at an early stage, we can help to maintain a safe road network not only in Bleadon but also in the local Area.

If your bins haven't been collected, or you notice a broken street light, you can report these issues and many others at <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/do-it-online/connect/>

PS: People who aren't able to use the online system can make contact on 01934 888 802 – these calls are dealt with by the Council's contact centre who process the report or request.

## Changes to North Somerset Council's garden waste collections

The garden waste service will change from bags to bins on Wednesday, 1st March 2017. The existing reusable garden waste bags will no longer be collected when the new service begins, but there will be no change to the frequency of collections.


To order a garden bin you will need to register for a MyAccount with North Somerset Council. To register go to [www.n-somerset.gov.uk](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk) and click on Register in the top right hand corner of the screen, and follow the steps.

If you register by Sunday, 18 December 2016, there will be a one-off fee of £20 per bin and guaranteed delivery by Wednesday, 1st March 2017. After Sunday, 18th December 2016, the registration will be a one-off fee of £25 per bin and there is no guarantee that the bin will be delivered by the time the new service starts.

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## Bleadon Hill Planning Enquiry - make your presence felt!

The Planning Enquiry into the application to build 79 houses on Bleadon Hill has been extended and will now take place on the following dates.

### In the New Council Chamber, Town Hall, Weston super Mare:

Tuesday 29th November  
Wednesday 30th November  
Thursday 1st December

### At the Royal Hotel:

Tuesday 13th December  
Wednesday 14th December



### In the New Council Chamber, Town Hall, Weston super Mare:

Thursday 15th December

The morning sessions start at 10am and the afternoon sessions at 2pm.

The Wentwood Drive and Bleadon Hill Action Group, and North Somerset Council will be making the case against the development at the Enquiry.

Although only those parties are allowed to speak, it's vital that we demonstrate the huge level of local opposition that exists to this development by making our presence felt at the enquiry. Strong community support against the application could have a massive impact on the outcome, so you could have an impact just by attending. If you are planning to attend, please consider offering a lift to neighbours or other villagers.

## Wentworth Drive Hearing - a great turn out

The hearing took place at the beginning of November at the Football Club in Weston super Mare, with 40 residents attending on the first day. On the second day the hearing took to the hills, with visits to the proposed site and three key vantage points that would be affected if the development was built.

The outcome of the hearing will be announced in 2017.

## Bleadon WI spearheads traffic safety campaign

The WI members have raised concerns about a number of road issues in Bleadon. They include:

- speeding on Coronation Road and through the village
- the lack of footpaths and the volume of lorry movements on Bridge Road
- the number of accidents and near misses at the entrances to the village and Bleadon Mill

The WI has asked the Parish Council to join forces in campaigning for better traffic management around our village. The Council believes that these are issues of concern for many villagers and so unanimously agreed to the request.

Use and training for the operation of the Speed Watch equipment held by the Council has already been offered and further actions will be considered over the coming weeks. If you have any ideas or views on these issues, please get in touch with a councillor or the Parish Clerk.

## Bleadon Belles



The Bleadon Belles have had a busy year, but still have events booked in the lead up to Christmas, and into 2017. They will be singing at the Bleadon WI Carol Service at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Bleadon on Friday 9th December, starting at 6.30 pm. Family, friends and villagers are very welcome to join them. The service will be followed by members of the WI joining in with the singing of carols at the Queen's, which has become a bit of a tradition over the past few years. There will be a collection for local charities. The choir would like to thank outgoing committee members, particularly Pam Lamb and Jo Jones, for giving so much time and commitment to the Bleadon Belles and making it such a special choir.

Viv Kimber, The Bleadon Belles

## First Out to Lunch huge success

Tuesday 15th November saw the first Out to Lunch session take place. This is a joint initiative between The Queens Arms and Bleadon Church, which aims to help local people who live alone, or have limited mobility, to meet up and have a good lunch.

Thirty enthusiastic residents enjoyed a great Cottage Pie at The Queens Arms, along with a good chat and a warm friendly atmosphere.

The next lunch, which costs £5.00, takes place on Tuesday 6th December. If you would like to book a place please call Norma Steel on 01934 813118. Some help with transport is available



## Bleadon Photographic Group

The Bleadon Photographic Group is a friendly group of photographers of all abilities and will appeal to anyone wishing to improve and enjoy their photography. The Group is active in all aspects and techniques of digital photography.

The Group is affiliated to the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain, through the Western Counties Photographic Federation (WCPF) membership which gives us the opportunity to invite visiting speakers and experts who are regularly featured within a comprehensive programme. Regular workshops are arranged to help everyone to learn new skills and exchange ideas. The next two sessions are:

22nd November 2016 – Monthly Competition

An opportunity to see an interesting collection of prints and images, and learn from the judge's feedback

29th November 2016 – Digital Art Effects Workshop

How to capture great digital art effects using long exposures.

Come along and see what we do, you will be made very welcome. We meet on Tuesday evenings at the Coronation Hall at 7.30pm, apart from the third Tuesday of the month.

For more details see our website: <http://bleadonphotographicgroup.weebly.com/about-us.html>



## Bleadon's scary run in

Seventy ghoulish members of Weston Athletic Club congregated in Bleadon Village Hall on the evening of Thursday, 27th October for a Halloween run. They set off in three groups for a scary five mile night run in various fancy dress costumes illuminated by head torches and lights.

The route took in the footpaths of Bleadon including Shiplate Road, Celtic Way, Roman Road and across Purn and Hellenge Hills. In the Coronation Hall afterwards there were refreshments and prizes for the best fancy dress.

Hopefully none of our residents were scared by the illuminated runners and their scary but fun costumes!



Malcolm Gammon



## A successful evening with the Worle Wind Band

on 15th October.

The event was organised by Les Masters.

Refreshments were provided by Doreen Ward, Lyn Riding and Jean Field.

A bar was run by Malcolm Gammon and Steve Shrewsbury



### Deadlines for the Spring Edition of Bleadon News:

Submission of articles and adverts by Friday 3rd March 2017 please.

Please include any Easter Celebrations. We will have this edition out by the end of March.

Please don't wait until the deadline to send us articles or adverts, the earlier the better.

Bleadon Parish Council meets on the second Monday in the month.

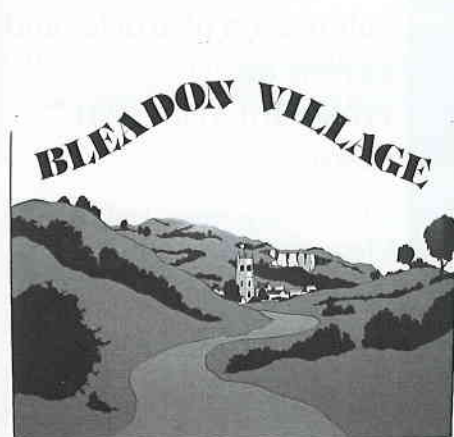
The next meeting will be on Monday 12th December 2016 at 7.30 pm.

Please check on [www.bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://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](mailto:parishclerk@bleadonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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## Bleadon Christmas dates




All events are at the Coronation Hall unless stated

Thu 1 December	Christmas trees on sale at Purn House Farm (every day)
Thu 1 December	Bleadon Hill Planning Enquiry begins (see article)
Sat 3 December	Bleadon Christmas Market
Tue 6 December	Out to Lunch, Queens Arms (see article)
Fri 9 December	WI Carol Service, church, 6.30pm; Queens Arms, 7.30pm
Sun 11 December	Deliver 'trees' to church, 2pm – 4pm
Mon 12 December	Christmas 'tree' exhibition in the church (until 23 Dec)
Mon 12 December	Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm
Thu 15 December	Bleadon Hill Planning Enquiry ends (see article)
Sun 18 December	Carol service, church, 3pm
Sun 18 December	Festive Sunday Funday, Queens Arms, 6pm
Tue 20 December	Carol singing around Bleadon Hill
Tue 20 December	Horticultural Society beetle drive, 7.30pm
Thu 22 December	Carol singing around the village
Sat 24 December	Midnight mass, church, 11.30pm
Christmas Day	Worship for all, church, 10.15am
Christmas Day	Lunchtime drinks, Queens Arms, 11am – 1pm
New Years Eve	Cocktails and Canapes 8.30pm
Tue 17 January	Horticultural Society, 7.30pm
Wed 18 January	Pantomime, 7.30pm
Thu 19 January	Pantomime, 7.30pm
Fri 20 January	Pantomime, 7.30pm
Sat 21 January	Pantomime, 2pm & 7.30pm



### Your Bleadon Parish Councillors

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