

# Bleadon News

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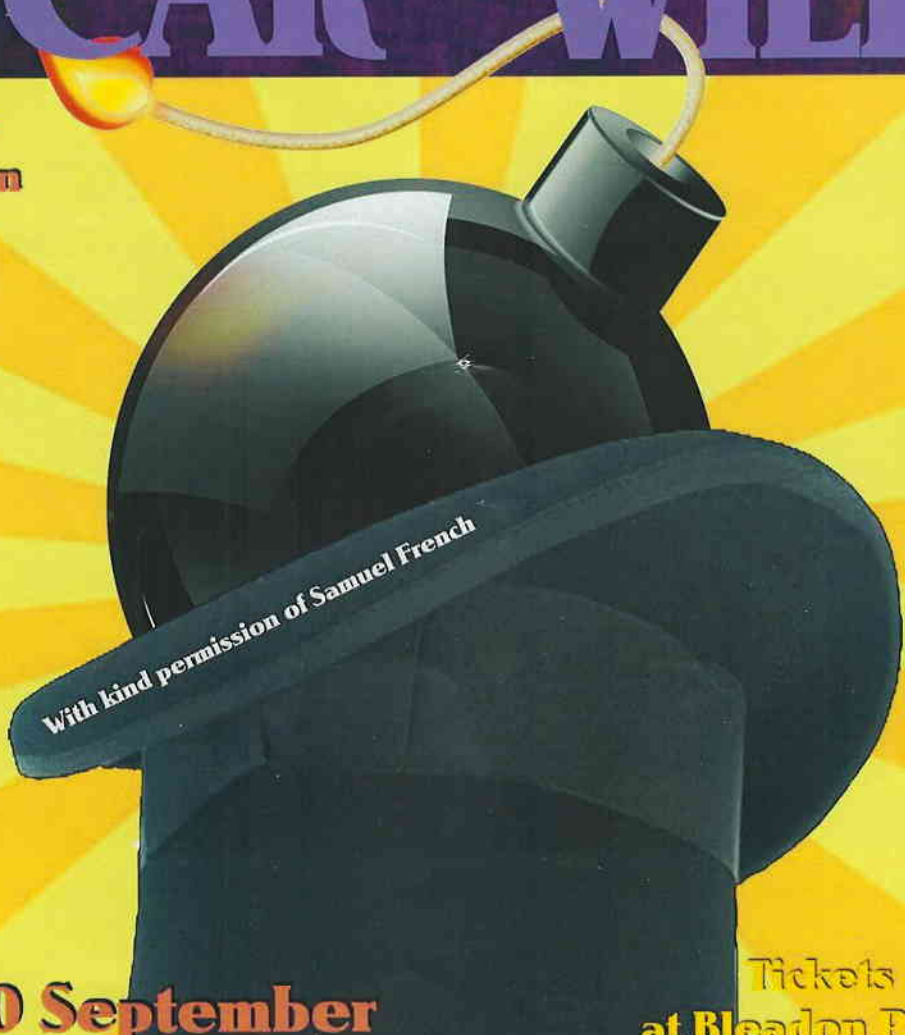
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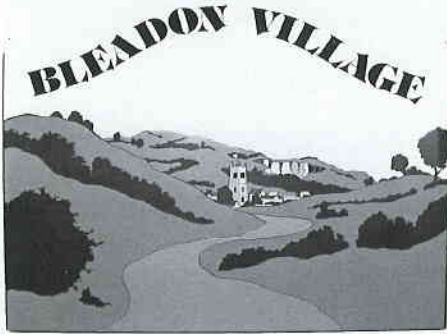
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### Contact Us

We will be having our annual Contactus party on the 8th September in the Coronation Hall to welcome all newcomers to the village. If you have new neighbours, or know of anyone who has moved into the village in the last year please contact me, Chris Redit, on 01934 811046.

All local clubs and societies are invited to send a representative to give a short talk on their various activities. I will be contacting them individually in due course.

Chris Redit



### Welcome to the Summer edition of Bleadon News

I am privileged to have been elected as Chairman of the Parish Council once again, and will do my best to serve the best interests of the parishioners of Bleadon. Following a period of change on the Parish Council (the resignation of three Councillors and a Clerk) I believe that a period of stability and reflection is now in the best interests of the parish.

My thanks to Claire Gutsell, I.D. Clarke, Peter Gibbon and Morag Edwards for their service as Parish Councillors, and my thanks to those Councillors who have remained as members of the Council. I am delighted that Claire (together with her husband Mike) is continuing as editor of Bleadon News and for her continued enthusiasm for this publication.

The Parish Council, following the resignation of Tony Jay, has appointed Maria Bird as the new Parish Clerk and I hope that Maria will serve as Clerk for many years to come; first impressions of Maria are that she is knowledgeable, enthusiastic and most helpful - qualities to be admired in a Clerk.

The Parish Council has much to consider at the moment, with housing provision and planning at the top of the list. The demand by HM Government on North Somerset Council for more house building has an impact on parishes such as Bleadon, and it is likely that Government demands will increase over the next few years.

The Parish Council has set up a working party, under Cllr. Richard Dobson, to look at policies and management to provide a sure foundation for the future - all recommendations from the working party will, of course, be discussed by the full Council.

As a new initiative I have hosted an informal social evening for Councillors (at no cost to the parish) in order that we can throw ideas and suggestions "into the pot" for future consideration by the Parish Council. I hope to continue with these gatherings.

Finally, we do have a number of vacancies on the Parish Council, and I will be delighted to hear from any parishioner who has an interest in helping the community of Bleadon by serving as a Parish Councillor.

Very best wishes,

Steve Hartree  
Chairman, Bleadon Parish Council

### Les we forget

As I indicated late last year, I have given up as organiser of the poppy collection in Bleadon. If no-one steps forward the collection will cease, but the Somerset fund-raiser and I agree that the net loss to the Legion is likely to be quite small since most people will simply buy a poppy elsewhere. Anyone interested in taking over should ring Adam Brown on 07795 611494.

Les Masters

## Meet your Parish Councillors



**Steve Hartree**  
Chairman Bleadon Parish Council

I am an Anglican priest, retired from parochial ministry in 2009, and I have been engaged in local government in one way or another for some fifty years. My family has lived in North Somerset for over 300 years, and I first moved to Bleadon some 23 years ago, though my wife, Barbara, was born and raised in the village.

I believe that Bleadon is an excellent place to live and has a thriving community, and my wish is to represent the views and aspirations of parishioners for the common good.

Parishioners must, I believe, be prepared to engage with change in the parish as the demands of HM Government and North Somerset Council place pressure on such issues as housing provision.

Bleadon must retain its own identity as a village and resist any move to make Bleadon a suburb of Weston-super-Mare.

I will be very pleased to receive representations from parishioners on any matter relating to the business of the Parish Council.

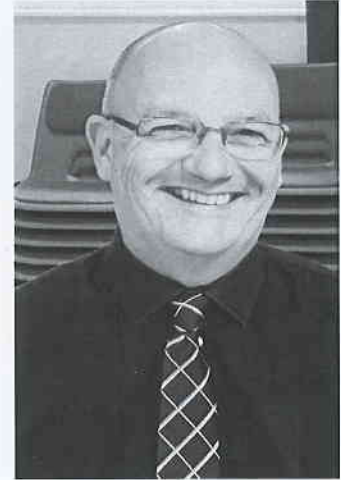


**Mary Sheppard**  
Vice Chairman Bleadon Parish Council

I am a semi-retired farmer. My mother and grandfather were both farmers before me.

I have lived in or very near Bleadon most of my life and have been a parish councillor for nearly 30 years.

In my time serving as a Councillor I have been Chairman and served on the Youth Club, Open Spaces and Planning Committees.



**Dave Chinn**  
Councillor

I am a co-opted member of your Parish Council. I represent the Parish Council on the village youth club committee and together with Richard Dobson, we have responsibility for public footpaths.

I joined the Parish Council early in 2016 following a request in the Village News for people to come forward and help. I have lived in Bleadon for four years and enjoy supporting many of the activities that are organised here.

I greatly value the way of life that our thriving village provides. I would like to see Bleadon preserve its village identity, part of which is to resist urban sprawl from Weston super Mare.



**Richard Dobson**  
Councillor



**Kathy Strong**  
Councillor



**Maria Bird**  
Parish Clerk

When my wife and I were looking for a new home in the area, of all the places we visited we knew that Bleadon was the right place for us. We were looking for somewhere with a good sense of community and opportunities to take part in village activities.

On our first day here we had a nice welcoming card from our neighbours and have always been made to feel welcome in our new home. We have taken an active interest in a number of organisations in the village and have been impressed by the work, both past and present that has gone into creating this environment and atmosphere.

I believe that the Parish Council has a key role to play in working actively with all sections of the community and I am keen to get involved and make a difference. Hopefully my background in civil engineering and various aspects of management in the private and public sectors will prove to be of benefit to the community.

With a long and active history in service and volunteering, joining the Parish Council was something that I was passionate about doing as soon as I became eligible.

I am passionate about the village and its people. With a strong business background, I hope my experience can be useful in service to the people of the parish. This is such a beautiful village, I want to keep it that way.

Bleadon is an area which I and my family know well. We have enjoyed attending the May Fayre, village market and playing in the park. I live close by the village and supporting the local community and surrounding area is important to me. I am on my local village hall committee and the school PTA.

I am a new parish clerk but I hope my professional business experience, with combined passion, personable attitude and good communication skills are key attributes to be successful in the role of Bleadon Parish Council Clerk.

I look forward to meeting you at the Parish Council meetings; to the challenges this position brings and starting my Clerk training.

# WANTED! A BOOKSELLER FOR BLEADON!

Bleadon Village Market has a vacancy for a bookseller. This popular feature of the monthly market, selling second hand books, has been run for many years by Pete Williams. He has helped raise much needed funds for village hall improvements and we will be sad to lose him. The Hall



Management Committee would like to thank Pete for his support over the years for the Halls and for the Village Market.



Now Pete is ready for a break, but would like to hand over to another book lover to join our friendly group of volunteers and

help raise funds for a local charity. For more information contact Jo Jones, 812370

Suggested donation £5

#TheVeterinaryDream

## Learn about animal behaviour and welfare from the experts!

Animal Behaviour & Welfare Science BSc graduates Chelsie Bailey and Charlotte Harding and University of Bristol researcher Jo Hockenfull will be discussing dog, cat, rabbit and horse behaviour/diet, including the latest research.



**Bleadon Village Hall, BS24 0PG**  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017**  
**7pm-9pm**

All proceeds will go to The Diggers charity (no. 1143055) to help raise tuition fees for a Veterinary degree for Chelsie Bailey

Teas/coffee, cake and raffle will be available to buy on the evening.

Email [theveterinarydream2017@gmail.com](mailto:theveterinarydream2017@gmail.com) to reserve seats.

We are sorry to say the village hall has a no pets policy

# Horticultural society summer show cancelled

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Horticultural Society will not be holding its annual summer show on the 2nd September this year. People who won cups in last year's show are asked to return them to Chris Cudlipp by the end of August.

## The Teddy Bear with No Name Competition

Calling village children under 10!! Poor Mr Bear - he has no name.

Will you help us give our new teddy bear bin in the play area at the Coronation Hall a name?  
The best name will be chosen by the councillors.

The winner will be presented with a very special teddy bear, see picture below.

Place your entries in the Parish Clerk's letterbox at the hall, or hand to a councillor.

Please give us your suggested teddy bear name, your name, age and a contact telephone number

Parents must give their permission so we will need their signature and name

Closing date for entries is the 31st August 2017 and the result will be announced at the next Parish Council meeting on the 11th September 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact either Dave Chinn 01934 221736 or Kathy Strong 01934 253625. Or you could email Maria, our Parish Clerk with your question.

Parishclerk@bleadonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Good luck!



Kathy Strong



# Whitehouse

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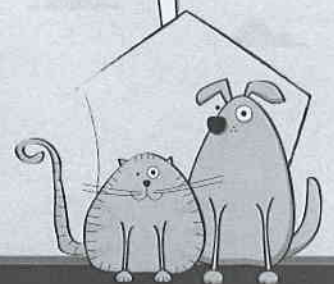
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## Building Development in the village

There have been reports of two areas of the village being surveyed recently, the first in fields next to The Veale and the second in fields next to Bridge Road. This has caused great concern. At the time of writing this article, no planning applications have been made for these areas. Keep an eye open on the North Somerset Planning web site [www.n-somerset.gov.uk](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk), click on planning applications and then "look for an application" for planning applications and decisions in the area.

There have also been an applications to build houses off Purn Way and just outside the Parish at Bleadon Hill near to Devils Bridge.

### Make your voice heard

If you wish to comment on any application you see, you are advised to make you views known using the web site above or to write to North Somerset Council, Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1UJ

The Parish Council is consulted on planning matters for Bleadon and will submit comments to North Somerset. Members of the public have attended Parish Council meetings and have contributed towards the Council's responses. It is very important though for members of the public to submit their own views to the District Council. Personal responses are recommended rather than submitting duplicate copies of a communal letter. Views should concentrate on specific planning objections as these are taken into consideration over and above personal views.

### The national picture

National Government is changing planning rules, which greatly reduces the ability for District Councils to refuse planning applications for new homes. Settlement boundaries, village plans and even some new neighbourhood plans have been shown to be irrelevant or at best to hold very little weight in current national planning decisions. The relaxation of planning conditions is the Government's route to significantly boosting the supply of housing, and NSC has been set a five year supply target. All villages are now being encouraged to produce new neighbourhood plans by the end 2019 which will cover issues such as planning. Guidance and advice is being sought by the Parish Council in this regard for Bleadon.

Dave Chinn

### Mark Howe

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### Holistic Therapies in Bleadon

Come along to our Holistic evening, where you can enjoy treatment faster sessions and healing. Also we offer Tarot and Astrology Readings.

Our interests include all Spiritual Topics and Natural Healing Methods.

Featuring a range of speakers from the local area.

18th September Ranchor Prime - The 8th Element  
16th October Nadja McDevitt - Huber Astrology  
20th November Jeani Howard - Energy Alignment Method

So join us and tell your friends please message Debbie to confirm you are coming 0790 553 7118

7.15-7.30 to 9.30pm £12.50 including refreshments.  
Bleadon Coronation Halls  
Coronation Road Bleadon BS24 OPG





## St Peter and St Paul Church

### Bleadon from the Top!



See a unique and wonderful view of Bleadon from the top of our church tower on Sunday 20th August, 2pm to 4pm.

Tea and cake will be available and there will be a children's treasure to keep the little ones occupied!

Please note that for safety reasons there will be some restrictions regarding who can climb the tower.



### Sunday teatime together

Why not join us for themed crafts, refreshing worship and cake. Our Sunday teatime takes place between 4pm to 5pm on the 2nd Sunday of each month at Bleadon Youth Club.

### Out to lunch

Our affordable lunch sessions at the Queen's Arms have gone from strength to strength, with the next one taking place on 6th September at the Queen's Arms. If you often eat alone, come along and join us for an affordable lunch and good company.

Booking is essential, so please ring Norma on 01934 813 118 to book places or find out about future dates.

Some help with transport is available so please ask if you would like some assistance getting there. For more information on church activities please see [www.bleadonchurch.co.uk](http://www.bleadonchurch.co.uk) or contact Tim on [revtimerridge@gmail.com](mailto:revtimerridge@gmail.com) 01934 815 404

### The Friends of Bleadon Church - May Fayre 2017

Another year - another May Fayre: a huge success for the village and for all the people who gave their time and energy to put it all together before and on the day.

Thank you to the 'girls', who once again spent time sorting and pricing the bric-a-brac (always a monumental task), helped along by numerous cups of coffee. Come the day the 'girls and 'guys' spent May Day selling it and with their expertise raised £1,069. Thanks to Andrew Hicks of AMH Electrical Services who gave his time freely to test all electrical items on sale in the bric-a-brac and our thanks, of course, to all the generous people who donated bric-a-brac.

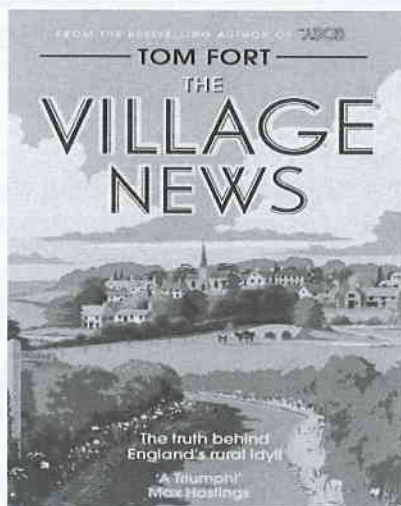
Thanks also to Chris Redit and her team for their great work on the refreshments, which was much appreciated. A grand total of £1,013 was raised from teas, cakes, burgers and beer!

Thank you to all our stall holders and gate marshals, and to Keith Pyke and his team who set up and took down games, gazebos, tables and more. Last but not least, thank you to all involved, residents and visitors alike, for making this a great day.



As a result of this year's May Fayre we have been able to share the grand sum of £4,811.14 between our youth club and Bleadon P.C.C!  
Mary Hollis

## A review of Tom Fort's The Village News



by  
Les Masters

I like village life. I grew up in a village during and, after WW2, lived in villages in Berkshire and Hampshire before taking over the shop and post office here in 1987. During my time here I became interested in the subject of villages in general, becoming aware of the differences between Bleadon and neighbouring villages and trying to analyse why some thrive and others decline. Surprisingly there are hardly any books on the subject, so imagine my delight on reading a highly favourable review of "The Village News" recently. I bought a copy, read it with great interest, and heartily recommend it to anyone who is interested in what makes villages tick and what makes village life so satisfying.

The author lives in a village a few miles north of Reading, where he has been on the parish council for a number of years (those familiar with our council will be fascinated by that section of his book), and he is absolutely clear-headed and realistic in his opinion that it is a matter of "adapt or die", or in his words:

"For a village to thrive, it must have the capacity to renew itself".

This is what Bleadon has been doing for over fifty years and continues to do; and one of the striking conclusions one can draw from reading his accounts of a wide range of villages all over England is how Bleadon has avoided the sort of development that is utterly out of keeping with the existing environment. We are so lucky in that respect.

In his travels he makes clear the way in which farming has ceased to be the main economic activity, finding time to portray a mining village and a fishing village, I was pleased to see, though not a quarrying village. I felt I would love to bring him to Bleadon to see how our village makes its living. He is very good on the features that contribute to making village life satisfying, stressing the importance of village halls and having complimentary things to say about the Women's Institute. The numerous members of Bleadon WI would be fascinated by the section on Trudie Denman, first president of the NFWI. We also have a pub, shop, post office, coffee shop, garage and hair salon, but sadly we do not tick the boxes "school" or "sports club" - though I wonder what he would make of croquet.

Many of the villages described have or have had a squire or a lord of the manor, reminding me that Bleadon is happily egalitarian in that respect. The author visits villages with literary references - Miss Read, Laurie Lee- and/or TV associations -The Vicar of Dibley, Lark Rise to Candleford and All Creatures Great and Small. All Bleadon could offer there is one episode each of "Meet The Ancestors" and "Who do you think you are?" Some villages are overrun with tourists and visitors, with large numbers of second homes and holiday homes, which made me grateful that while Bleadon has its share of both, which has to be some kind of compliment, in general life goes on all year round.

All through the book I found items to which I related in some way or other. The author's feelings about his home village, however, sum up mine about Bleadon:

"I have grown to care about the place. I think that is because I have been able to get to know it, to comprehend it as a whole entity. I am on nodding terms with all of it, and with the lanes and paths and fields and woods that comprise its setting"

As the saying should go "Familiarity breeds affection".

## ASPECTS OF BLEADON

A new show of photographs of Bleadon will take place at the Coronation Hall on Saturday, 18th November at 7.30pm. Full details will appear in the next issue of Bleadon News. The show will feature photographs taken by Penny Robinson and Richard Cole, with a commentary by Les Masters. You will be surprised to find how much you do not know about your village!



## Bleadon Village Market

Bleadon Village Monthly Market continues to be a social hub for the village. Run by volunteers with all profits going towards improving our village halls, it is a super event for meeting friends. Why not try a bacon and sausage bap, browse the stalls for delicious local produce, pick up something for a weekend meal, or stock up the freezer? You will also find interesting crafts, jewellery, bric-a-brac, books, toys, and many gift ideas. Find more information on the Bleadon Village Market Facebook page and at [www.bleadon.org.uk/market](http://www.bleadon.org.uk/market).



## The Bleadon Belles

The Bleadon Belles, the Bleadon WI choir, which rehearses every Tuesday evening in the Jubilee Hall, was invited to sing at the summer party of the Bleadon Photographic Group, which meet every Tuesday evening in the Main Hall. The photographers had been listening to, and enjoying the choir's rehearsals for three years and thought a get-together would be a great idea. The choir members were delighted with the invitation and entertained the group with a couple of songs from their repertoire, finishing with a quickly learned rendition of "Flash Bang Wallop, What a Picture!" They were ably led by Charlotte House and accompanied by Liz Rankin. The choir enjoyed meeting up and seeing some of the photos produced by the talented photographers.



## Marshalls Community Liaison Group

In December 2016, the Parish Council met with representatives from Marshalls and it was agreed that it would be helpful to have a regular dialogue. Marshalls formally invited Bleadon Parish Council to meet with them on a regular basis in January and three local residents, who were selected at an open meeting, were also invited to join in these discussions.

The liaison group is currently composed of local residents Steve Webber and Tracey Heppenstall, Sean Clarke (Business Unit Manager for Bleadon and Newport) and Andy Johnson (Group Property Manager) from Marshalls along with the members of the Parish Council.

### Traffic issues

The background to setting up the community liaison group was that the recent upturn in the construction industry had led to an increase in activity at the Marshalls operation in the Old Quarry in Bleadon. The company produces its own products in Bleadon, also acting as a distribution centre for Marshalls' products in the South West. In addition to HGV vehicles delivering and collecting products, there are daily deliveries of sand and aggregate. As a result, the volume of HGV traffic using Bridge Road is significantly greater than would normally be expected on a village road.

This is not an ideal situation given that Bridge Road is a narrow residential road, with its width further reduced by parked cars. The route is also popular with through traffic travelling to the A370 from local areas and the M5, as well as for Bleadon residents. The alternative junction at the Fiat garage is considered by many to be very difficult to negotiate, so the Bridge Road/A370 junction has become a key junction. Additionally, there is no footpath along the majority of Bridge Road and as a result, there is potential for a high degree of conflict between vehicles and pedestrians. Two serious accidents have occurred at the junction, the most recent on the 28th June involving a right turning HGV, a pick-up truck travelling from Weston and a passenger vehicle waiting to turn into the A370.

For residents living along Bridge Road there are also recurring issues with dust on the road, damage to road kerbs, site lighting, noise and site surface-water discharge into the rhyne.

### Environmental issues

Marshalls' production process involves taking coarse and fine aggregate, cement, pigment and water which is hydraulically pressed to eject the excess water to create a finished concrete product - paving flags, kerbs and edgings.

In terms of environmental issues, assurances have been given that the quality and quantity of water discharged to the sewer from the process and the site drainage meets the requirements of



Wessex Water. Marshalls does not discharge directly in to the nearby rhyne. However, during and immediately after excessive rainfall, surface water, not waste process water, has the potential to bypass the drainage channels, travel across the road and into the watercourse. The Environment Agency is aware of this potential situation. Marshalls has a site sweeper to deal with dust on the road, which is used to occasionally sweep Bridge Road. The effectiveness of this process is being monitored.

Other measures to mitigate the impact of the site include low frequency reversing alarms fitted to fork-lift trucks to reduce noise and new focussed LED lighting which will help to reduce glare.

## What is being done?

The biggest area of concern for the majority of Bleadon residents, however, is the traffic issues. In response to reported incidents and following discussions with the liaison group Marshalls have taken a number of actions including:

- the internal access road around the Marshalls site has been extended to accommodate more vehicles with the aim of preventing stacking of vehicles in Bridge Road.
- a self-imposed no left turn into Bridge Road from the A370 has been implemented and is communicated to all drivers visiting the site
- management of the movement of vehicles and arrival on site have been improved and are managed locally
- greater senior management involvement.

## Next steps

It is very important that residents and users of Bridge Road monitor the effectiveness of these measures and report problems that occur to the liaison group. Marshalls need the vehicle registration number and time of the incident to assist them with their internal investigation. The Parish Council members and local representatives will pass on the details.

The liaison group is also working together to identify potential improvements that could be made to improve safety, for example the feasibility of installing a permanent 'no left-turn for HGVs' sign on the A370.

North Somerset Council has painted double-yellow lines at the mouth of the junction to help prevent vehicles blocking the path of left turning HGVs.

Justification for further improvements could be helped by the recording of 'near misses', so please communicate any examples past, present or future, to the group.

Marshalls has reaffirmed its commitment to a collaborative approach in dealing with issues so please get involved.

The next meeting of the liaison group is on the 23rd August, and updates will be given in the Bleadon News and on the Parish Council website.

If you wish to report any incidents please contact a member of the Parish Council as detailed on [www.bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk) or a village representative:

Tracy Heppenstall - email: [tjhepp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tjhepp@hotmail.co.uk), tel: 07793316391  
Steve Webber - email: [sd.webber@btinternet.com](mailto:sd.webber@btinternet.com), tel: 07748635981

# BLEADON YOUTH CLUB

## WHEN

**Every Thursday**  
**7pm—9pm**  
**For ages 10 - 16**

## WHERE

**CORONATION ROAD, BLEADON**  
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## PEACE OF MIND.

**All of our staff and volunteers are subject to enhanced DBS checks and we are committed to an ongoing programme of training and development with our staff to maintain and improve standards.**

Our Neighbourhood Support Officer, Aisha Mitchell has been in touch to ask if any residents would be interested in joining Avon & Somerset Police's new Nominated Neighbour Scheme. The scheme aims to help vulnerable people avoid becoming the victim of scammers or fraudsters.

## What is the Nominated Neighbour Scheme?

The nominated neighbour scheme has been set up to protect elderly and vulnerable residents who may be susceptible to bogus callers or rogue trading scams.

## How does it work?

The vulnerable person nominates a neighbour who they know and trust as someone they can call on when they have suspicious people on their doorstep that they do not recognise. They can show a card to the caller at their door or at a window, which explains that they do not accept unknown callers at their door and asks them to contact their nominated neighbour.

The nominated neighbour checks their legitimacy and can either:

Accompany the caller to their neighbour's house and stay until they have finalised their business; or, Ask the caller to leave or to rearrange their appointment.

If there are people who you think may benefit from the scheme, please let Aisha know and she will arrange to meet with them to see if this is something they may be interested in.

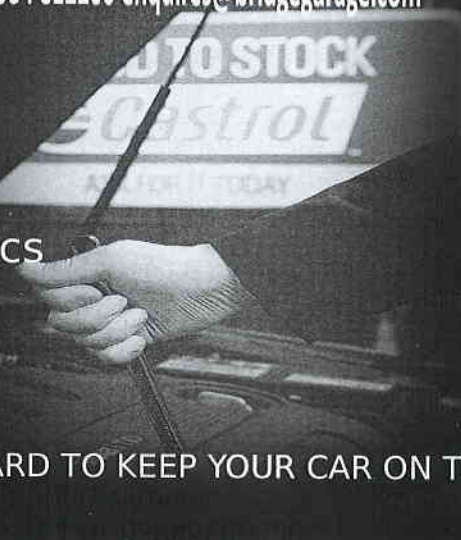
Aisha Mitchell 7393  
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## Hall News

### Jo Jones stands down after 35 years

Few organisations are lucky enough to have somebody give thirty-five years of service but the Coronation Hall Management Committee is one of them. Joanne Jones has looked after the bookings and much else since before the rest of us joined the committee and has understandably decided to reduce her commitments. When she began there was only one hall and far fewer hirers using it. Other clubs were formed, giving Joanne more to do and the construction of the Jubilee Room led to still more bookings, especially after the new flooring was laid.

Then Joanne had the brilliant idea of monthly markets and has organised over 160 of these, transforming the finances of the hall and making possible so many improvements, especially last year's reconfiguration of the central area. She will continue to manage the markets, for which we are extremely grateful, but from the end of this month she will give up the bookings role and all that has gone with it.

The committee realised that it would be totally unreasonable to expect anyone else to take on all that Joanne has been doing. As a first step we have obtained the services of Kate James to carry out the bookings management, as from September 1st. As a regular member and former president of the WI Kate is well known in the village and also knows the hall well. The second step will be to arrange for somebody to operate as a caretaker, so we intend to advertise shortly once we are absolutely clear on our needs.

Kate's contact details are  
07775 795977 and kate.  
james123@btinternet.com

P.S. to thank Joanne for all she  
has done there will be a

party at the hall  
(where else!)  
at midday on Saturday,  
12th September.

Everybody is welcome to  
attend: there will definitely be  
a bar and no doubt some light  
refreshments will be available  
as well.

# Bleadon Village

MONTHLY

# MARKET

# Saturday



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# BLEADON W I

Our past meetings have been extremely varied - from full-on concentration during a session on 'Life Drawing' to calm concentration while taking part in Yoga exercises.

On a more serious note, members discussed two resolutions going to the National Annual Meeting, recently held in Liverpool: first, a call for action to tackle the release of microplastics through the washing process (the tiny fibres end up in the water supply and, because they are synthetic, they do not biodegrade); and, second, for the WI to work with health and social care services to identify and then support lonely people (NB World Kindness day is on Monday, 13th November).

Locally, we have taken up the challenge to support the Weston General Hospital Scanner Appeal - to purchase a new digital X-ray scanner and refurbish the X-ray department to improve treatment for the 70,000 patients scanned each year. To this end we are planning a series of exciting events in the coming months: Afternoon tea and cake has been enjoyed, coffee mornings are planned, a keynote speaker is to be invited and a magnificent ball will take place at the Batch Hotel on Friday, 24th November (tickets will be available shortly). All are welcome to join us, so please try to support us at all or some of these events in aid of a brilliant, local appeal.

Libby Lockyer



## **NEW! Bleadon Craft Club Launching September 2017**

Come and meet people like you who love crafting

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2pm to 4 pm every Thursday

Tea, coffee and biscuits (maybe the odd cake.... 😊)

**Please let me know if you are interested in joining us**

**Kathy Strong 01934 253625**

[kathy@kathystrong.com](mailto:kathy@kathystrong.com)

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Mixed Media, Upcycling and Card Making...

Quilting Sewing Knitting Crochet  
Mixed Media Upcycling Card Making...



## Village plant-up 2017

Our initial plant-up had to be postponed at short notice due to supply problems with North Somerset Council, but despite some uncertainty, plants did eventually arrive in the Weston-super-Mare depot. Over 800 were collected by the village ranger and volunteers and stored at the church. A group of parishioners and councillors met on Tuesday 27th June and took over three hours to plant out the many tubs, troughs and planters throughout Bleadon.

A huge thank you to everyone who got involved in making the village look nice for the summer.

Watering is proving an issue especially with the prolonged hot spells we have been experiencing. Volunteers from the community have been watering the plants but if you see some of the tubs drying out and you live close by, please do give them a drink!



## Community benefits from local business and community workers

During the late winter and early spring the village was supported by workers from the Community Payback Scheme clearing weeds and overgrowth from around the village halls and toilets. They also put out replacement planting tubs and removed the old ones, ready for the summer village plant-up.

Marshalls generously donated two tonnes of slate chippings to the village and delivered them to the car park. The community payback workers then cleared and applied the chippings to the cycle rack area and a part of the gravelled area next to the hall.

Letters of thanks have been sent to the Community Payback organisers and Marshalls for their kind assistance.

Dave Chinn



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

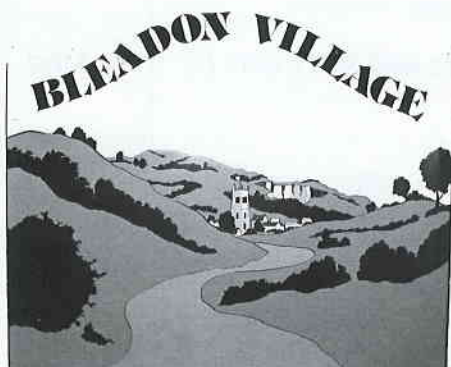
The next meeting will be on Monday 11th September at 7.00 pm.

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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In November this year the Parish Council are supporting Road Safety Week, the UK's biggest road safety event coordinated annually by Brake, the road safety charity - [www.brake.org.uk](http://www.brake.org.uk).

Road Safety Week aims to inspire thousands of schools, organisations and communities to take action on road safety and promote life-saving messages during the Week and beyond. It also provides a focal point for professionals working in road safety to boost awareness and engagement in their work.

Every year a key theme is chosen and this year it will be **Speed**, but all road safety issues will be covered during the week. Look out for further updates

### Your Bleadon Parish Councillors

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Steve Hartree	Chestnuts, Chestnut Lane, Bleadon	811849
Mary Sheppard	The Incas, Bleadon Road, Bleadon	812921
Kathy Strong		253625



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