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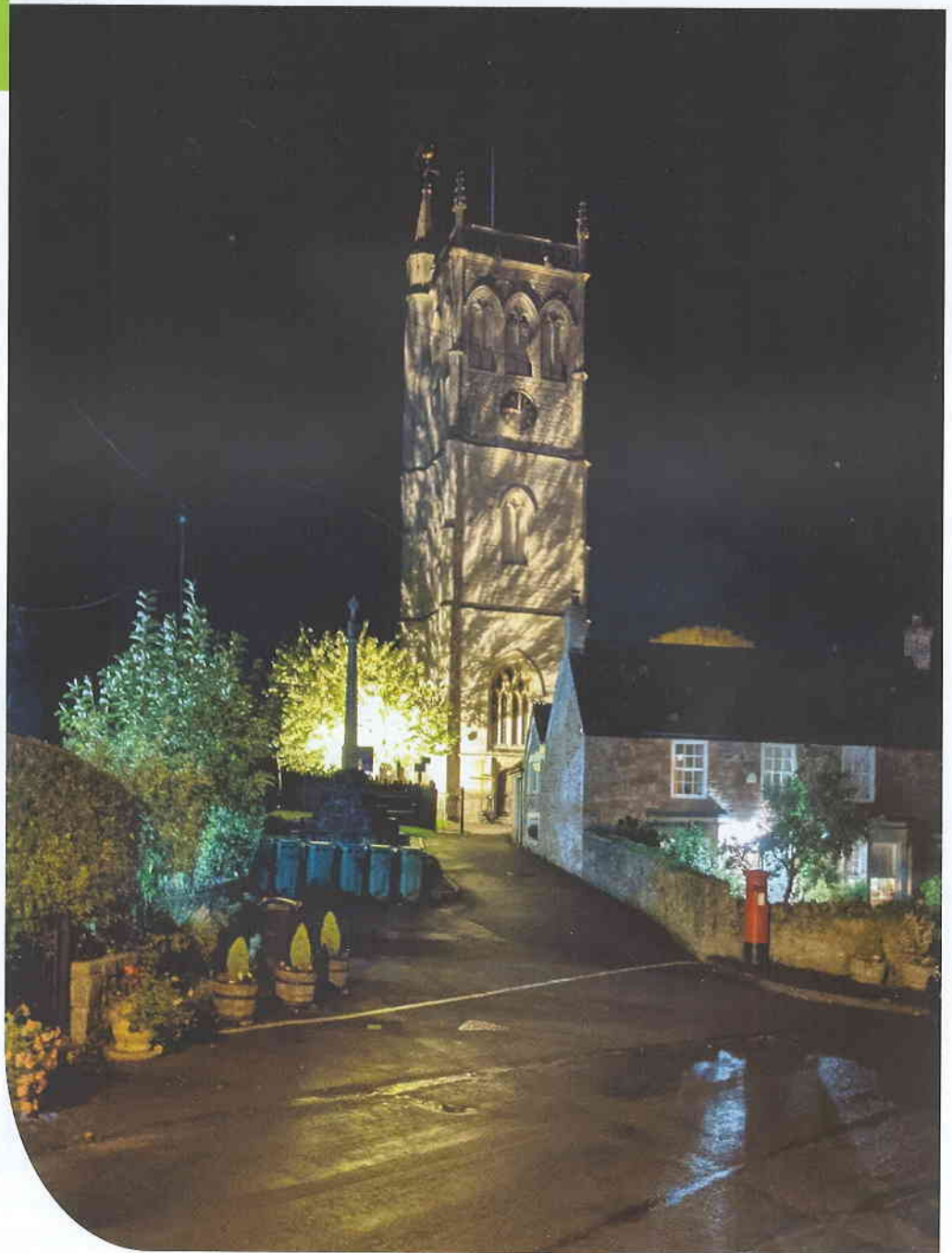
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Publication of the summer edition of the magazine: *June 2022*

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Bleadon Village News



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“I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.”  
*Queen Elizabeth II*

# Chairman's message

## Gill Williams

Hello everyone,

As I write this we have a series of contrasts: Covid-19 is now something we can live with, my garden is full of daffodils, crocuses and hellebores, the church is now open daily for visits but the world is on the brink of something terrible.

We have to carry on and, at least in this country, we have something positive to celebrate this summer with the Queen's Jubilee.

As you can see in this issue, the village is planning a whole

week of celebrations with, we hope, something for everyone. We have made the centrefold as a pull out so that you will know exactly what is happening for the whole week. We do hope you will support all these events, and enjoy them.

Another innovation for this and the next edition is that we have increased the print run to include all our friends on Bleadon Hill. One of the reasons for this is that they will share in our celebrations as we will be recording all the events on film or video.

We hope you will also record the events during the day and

send them to us.

The plan is for the summer issue of this magazine to record Bleadon's Jubilee celebrations for you to enjoy, but also that it will be retained in the village records so villagers in 50 years' time will be able to see how we celebrated this unique event.

So, make sure you know what is happening, join in as much as you can and make this village a great place to be for at least one glorious Jubilee Week.

Thank you,

Gill Williams

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## Bleadon Village Hall

by Jo Jones

A big thank you to everyone who supported Bleadon Village Market in December and January.

As everyone said 'it's good to be back'. It makes all the hard work of the volunteers and stallholders worthwhile to see everyone enjoying themselves and meeting up with friends as we did before.

An extra bonus is the money raised which supports our village charities. It was good to include the Church Room and Youth Club in the Christmas Market.

We now hope to continue on every third Saturday in the month with no more hitches. We are so lucky to have a wonderful band of volunteers to do all the jobs necessary and welcome our new helpers to the gang.

Make a note of the dates in your diary so you can do some shopping and say to friends 'see you at the market!'

# Parish Council Snippets

by Bruce Poole

The meeting of a parish must assemble annually on some day between 1 March and 1 June, both inclusive, every year.

The law in respect of parish meetings is set out in sections 9 and 13 and Part 3 of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Act 1972.

In line with tradition, the annual general meeting of Bleadon Parish Council will be held in the month of April on the second Monday in the month.

A parish meeting consists of the local government electors of a parish and the purpose of the meeting is to discuss parish affairs. There is no statutory definition or

case law to determine what constitutes a 'parish affair'.

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) is of the view that a parish affair could be any local issue, activity, subject matter which specifically affects a particular parish and which a parish meeting may wish to discuss, debate and potentially influence.

Parish meetings are an effective forum for parish and town councils to engage with the local electorate.

In the past the council has tried various approaches to encourage as many electors as possible to attend.

They have taken the form of inviting all the village groups to display what they do, where they meet and when.

Similarly all the various trades and professions which are practised within the village were also invited to display and present what they do. So much so, that the comments at the time were 'well I didn't know that facility was available locally'.

So, on this occasion, the annual general meeting of the Bleadon Parish Council will be held on 11 April 2022, inviting all the volunteer groups within the village to come and explain what they do and where and when.

If you are a member of one of those groups please make me aware so the parish council can extend an invitation for you to attend. **Looking forward to your company.**

Your recycling and waste collection day is

## WEDNESDAY

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Put your containers out by 6.30am on collection day. Collections can take place until 5pm.

Rubbish is collected every other week.

You can report missed collections or order replacement containers at [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/connect](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/connect)

For general information about recycling and waste visit [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/recycling)

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## Letter to the editor

There have been delays in presenting the clock appeal board for which please accept our apologies.

Unfortunately people who are not on the council have interfered in the process and countermanded our instructions

Other matters have also been delayed by similar intrusions by individuals with good intentions who may have been indirectly involved.

May we strongly advise any one interested in matters concerning the village that they go through the proper channels, the parish council. While you may have some of the facts you won't have them all.

We aim to achieve the best for all members of our village and are only too happy to listen to your advice, concerns or relevant suggestions. Any input is welcome but only if carried out with due process.

**Thank you,  
Huw Boyce**



Answers available on p25.

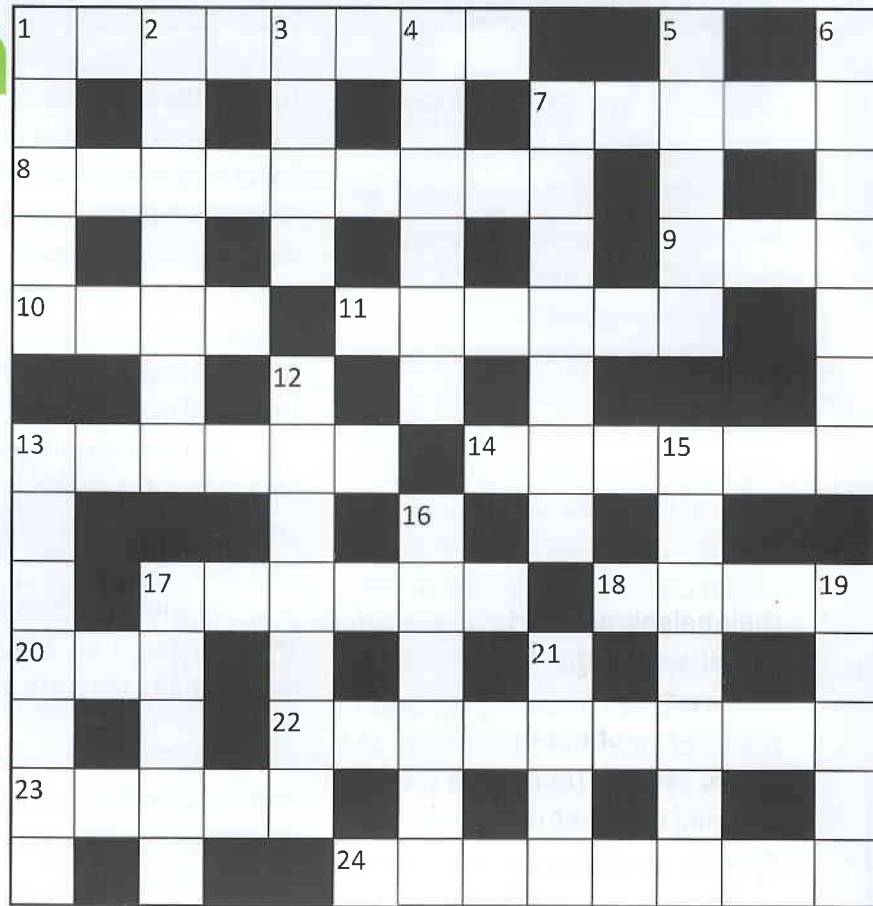
## George's crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 & 16. Support Spanish motorist—with unwanted advice? (4, 4, 6)
- 7. Dancer Wayne's cure for fatigue (5)
- 8. Being a jackass is tantamount (partly to work in a shop) (9)
- 9. Writing fluid from a well (3)
- 10. Tie reef, for example (4)
- 11. Lady rider barely seen (6)
- 13. Graduate monarch making bread (6)
- 14. Mob surrounding Greek character open-mouthed (6)
- 17. Singers can be so rich (6)
- 18. Aldi may ring you up (4)
- 20. Some may follow it to make a couple (3)
- 22. Gill never making merry perhaps (9)
- 23. May the press and TV be aimed at confusion? (5)
- 24. Pair allowed on your arm (8)

### DOWN

- 1. Vacant answer to clue (5)
- 2. Members of 17 across may wear this (7)
- 3. Thus repeatedly mediocre (2, 2)
- 4. Upset Angola is not digital (6)
- 5. Ape is somewhat browned off (5)
- 6. Pigskin perhaps spoiling your drink (7)
- 7. Long-suffering—perhaps an alto (sic) (7)



- 12. Road ran high in the Pyrenees (7)
- 13. These will be up when you drain your glasses (7)
- 15. Starting letter—G for setter (7)
- 16. See 1 across
- 17. Sounds like musical ropes (5)
- 19. Not heavy but shining (5)
- 21. Group in the way by the sound of it (4)

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## Pub quiz questions

### Question one:

What is the capital of Poland?

### Question two:

Which of Shakespeare's plays is the longest?

### Question three:

How many sitting US presidents have been assassinated?

### Question four:

Professor Robert Langdon is the lead character in which mystery book by Dan Brown?

### Question five:

Who score the first Premier League hat-trick?

# Covid-19 Group to continue on with new name

by Sara Hughes

Did you know that what was the Bleadon Coronavirus Help Group, has become the Bleadon Help Network?

This is because when Covid-19 first hit this community, along with 44 others in North Somerset, we immediately reacted in the most positive way and we had lots of lovely volunteers who joined a WhatsApp group and set about doing shopping, collecting prescriptions, etc. and generally supporting their neighbours during the lockdowns and all the shielding which followed.

Many of the helpers had paired up with their more vulnerable neighbours or friends to ensure help and support continued and the WhatsApp Group fell silent alt-

though, should an urgent community need crop up again, I am sure the people of this community would respond in a positive way once more.

Following on from all the lockdowns, it has been apparent that a lot of people are anxious about joining in more socially and positive way. We had some feel totally cut off now. A lot of people are battling with mental health issues and those who have had babies during the past two years are also feeling unsupported.

In an effort to offer something, the Bleadon Help Network applied for a start-up grant from the West of England Rural Network (WERN) for a new group called Craft & Chat which meets in the Church Room (Coronation Road behind the bus-stop) on the second and fourth Mondays of most

months. If you have a portable craft you are welcome to bring it with as, if you don't, just bring yourselves. There is tea, coffee and biscuits. It is from 10am until noon.

Also, during lockdowns, it became apparent that not everyone had the skills to operate their phones, tablets and iPads to best take advantage. The Bleadon Help Network is supporting another initiative, with help from WERN, called Tea & Tech.

You will find an event notice about this elsewhere in the newsletter but the pilot event is on Wednesday 23 March.

It is also happening in the Church Room from 10am until noon. If you need more information or help with transport please give me a call Sara Hughes, on 01934 811008.

## Bleadon Horticultural Society

by Libby Boucher and Rose Benjamin

At our next meeting on Tuesday 19 April, Karen Beasley will demonstrate how to plant up seasonal containers and hanging baskets. All are welcome. Entry is £2.50 on the door.

Other events in 2022:

- Tuesday 17 May: Nature as your neighbour – gardening for wildlife – Colin Higgins
- Tuesday 21 June: Fruit growing – Mervyn Reed
- Wednesday 27 July: Coach trip to Forde Abbey
- Saturday 3 September: Annual Summer Show

### Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Flower Festival

Create a royal flower arrangement fit for a queen!

Bring your floral delights along to the church on the 2 June 10-11am, to be part of our Jubilee Flower Festival in our village church.

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# A walk in the woods - Bleadon's Forest Church

by Rev. Patrick Webb

If you go down to the woods today, you might be a bit surprised! The past two years have been beset with disease, poverty, threats of global war...need I go on?

A group of us set about thinking of how we should reengage with this planet we call home. How do we get back in touch with what really matters and how can we invite others to join us, as neighbours, in this wonderful world? The answer was forest church.

A place which is hands-on within nature, working hand-in-hand with nature – spending time with nature. Forest Church is for anyone wanting to explore the divine in nature. The book of Job talks about the divine like this:

*He knows where everything is on earth, he sees everything under heaven.*

*After he commanded the winds to blow and measured out the waters,  
Arranged for the rain and set off explosions of thunder and lightning*

There is awe and wonder surrounding us in nature if only we take time to see it. This is what Forest Church is about; spending time experiencing a world we, at times, take for granted. Seeing everything in a new way.

This is a totally kinaesthetic experience with hands on crafts in the woods.

Our next meeting is 20 March and 10 April, meeting outside the church at 2.45pm to walk up into the woods. You will need a good pair of walking shoes, do expect to get muddy!

## Morning is broken, so let's fix that! Bleadon Church calls for singers to welcome May morning

by Rev. Patrick Webb

What will you be doing at 6am on May 1? If your answer was sleeping, guess again!

May morning started around 500 years ago in Oxford where the choir of Magdalene College would welcome in the dawn of the first day of May on top of the college tower!

Today hundreds attend the gathering, seen by many as the first day of Spring, and a true festive spirit is instilled in the people.

Why May? Well, the early church had, and still does, a fascination with Mary the mother of Christ.

May is considered to be the month of Mary.

So, what's that to do with Bleadon?

I am an Oxford man, I studied at Wycliffe Hall and celebrated with others the beginning of May.

Many students stay up all night to take part! For the past two years of my time at Bleadon Church I have played the Hymnus Eucharistus at 6am, maybe you heard me?

This year I would like to invite a group of people to come and sing a welcoming to the May morning on top of the tower for the first time!

Come and join us at 6am for this truly and uniquely English celebration and toast the new Spring!

If you would like to join us, please call me on 07581719116 or email [curatewebb@gmail.com](mailto:curatewebb@gmail.com)

Thank you!





**Can you help re-gild the Church Clock?**



The Church Clock was installed in 1897 and paid for by public subscription.

Since 1932, Bleadon Parish Council (BPC) has been responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the clock.

The clock is now in need of re-gilding and BPC has resolved to have this work carried out in time for Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.

This is an expensive project at £12,000 but fortunately, not a job that needs doing regularly, having last been gilded in 1962.



**Have your name or company logo signwritten on a segment of the Clockometer**

Standard segment	£ 10.00
Company logo	£100.00
Company logo + plaque for long term display	£250.00
Company logo + plaque for long term display + a free advert in The Bleadon News	£500.00

**How to make a donation**

**CASH** – visit the BPC table at the monthly village markets

**CHEQUE** – please make payable to Bleadon Parish Council and hand in to the BPC table at the village markets or post to The Clerk to BPC, Rooflops, 10 South Street, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset. TA8 1BS

**INTERNET BANKING** – Bleadon Parish Council, Unity Trust Bank, Sort Code 60-83-01, Account Number 20295099. Please use your name followed by Clock as the reference e.g. Ann Other Clock



**Talk to us**

Join your Neighbourhood Policing team at the Post Office in Purn Way, Bleadon on the following dates:

23 March, 20 April, 18 May 15 June, 13 July

Drop in and speak to PCSO Michael Benfield!

Whether you want advice on how to protect your belongings, more information about the work we are doing in your area or you want to raise a concern about an issue in your community, PCSO Benfield from your Neighbourhood Policing team will be on-hand to help.

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# BLEADON LEGENDS

**A** Bleadon Miscellany of massacre, martyrdom, murder and missing bodies!

I recently came upon a box of old newspaper cuttings, most dealt with notable events in Weston-super-Mare but among them were some historical gems concerning Bleadon, so I thought to recount a few of these stories here might be of interest.

Some of you will be familiar with the narratives, while others who are new to Bleadon may not be.

An early account deals with marauding Danish pirates and a canny, disabled, old lady who thwarted their plans.

Back in the Dark Ages, there were many people who sailed to our shores from Northern Europe, some sought out a new place to settle peacefully, while others were intent on plunder and pillage.



Among the latter group were some Danish pirates who, so it is said, managed to establish bases on the rocky islands of Steep Holm and Flat Holm in the Bristol Channel.

From here they made regular sorties close to the River Axe, terrorising the small Saxon communities, who more often than not did not fight back, but instead ran for shelter in the Mendip Hills.

On one of these occasions a particularly nasty group of Danish marauders, in search of food, landed at Uphill tying their vessels to the shore and, thinking there was no opposition, left them unattended near the River Axe.

The local inhabitants retreated to their hideaways far inland pursued by the Danes, all except one infirm old lady, who, unable to run, hid herself until the danger was past.

However, when hunger got the better of her, she crept down to the river in search of food. Upon seeing the boats moored up and realising that the attackers were by now well inland, she had the idea to cut the ropes and set the vessels adrift on the high tide, thus cutting off the invaders only means of escape.

The Saxons, from their hilltop vantage point, saw what had happened and turned back to face their enemy, who realising too late that their boats were gone, ran back towards the coast.

It was on the slopes of a local hill near the River Axe that a terrible battle was fought and the Danish pirates were massacred. This site supposedly ran red with blood and was hereafter called Bleed-down, now Bleadon Hill.

## **A footnote to this story ...**

Many centuries later, a farm labourer came across a large number of human teeth and bones



in a field which he was ploughing and 'heaps of skulls' were later unearthed when a dyke was being dug in the region of Bleadon Hill.

These facts gave credence to the gory legend, and a writer 400 years ago decided it was a tale worth telling. However it's more than likely that the name Bleadon comes from the less romantic Celtic, 'Blaen-dun', meaning end of the Hill!



### **Murder in the Rectory**

Another story, one embedded in the historical records of the Church, concerns the crime of fratricide.

In 1788, the Rev Henry Newman was a vicar of a parish near Winchester, and was said to be verging on insanity, when he visited his brother Rev William Newman, who was at that time the Rector of Bleadon.

There are no exact details, but there seems to have been a falling out between the brothers during supper, and in the aftermath Henry took a knife and fatally stabbed William in the chest.

### **Missing bodies**

In the early days of what we may call modern medicine, it was usual to take bodies of executed criminals for the purposes of medical research.

Gradually over the years however the number of executions diminished — the thieves and robbers who once would have died on the gallows were being transported to the colonies in-

stead.

This led to fewer bodies being available for surgeons to dissect and perfect their skills, and thus the illegal trade in human remains developed to fulfil the demand of medical schools. Enter body snatchers who could earn a decent income from their night time activities.

One such event may have occurred here in 19th century Bleadon. It was at a time when the vaults were opened for interments and it wasn't unusual to move coffins about to make room.

Workmen were surprised at how light one of these was and being curious opened the lid and found it empty. Stories abounded at this time of witches spiriting away bodies, such was the superstition amongst Somerset people.

But it was more than likely the work of body snatchers. It had been widely reported that medical students from Bristol regularly went out at night looking for recently dug graves so who's to say they didn't come as far as Bleadon to investigate open vaults?



by Alistair and Charlotte House

**W**e hope you are enjoying the ever-increasing range of products on sale in the shop?!

At the moment, we have homemade sausage rolls and a lot of different sausage flavours to choose from. Ask Barry and Jay to talk you through their inventive selection!

For Mothering Sunday and Easter, we have a great selection of artisan chocolates, cut flowers, plants, cards and gifts. If there is anything we DON'T have, tell us and we will stock it if we can...

Our Christmas Craft Fayre was a huge success and we were delighted to donate £225 to Crisis at Christmas thanks to your generosity in buying raffle tickets.

Our next event is a Food Festival on Friday 29 April, featuring local food producers — many of whom supply our shop and café — new recipes and lots of tasty products to sample. If you love food as much as we do, this is an event to put in the diary!

The café is buzzing with customers enjoying our new exciting breakfast and lunch menus. Our Sunday menu includes bagel with cream cheese, smoked salmon and avocado and also waffle with yoghurt, fruit and honey.

We have extended the range of gluten free,

vegetarian and vegan meals. Cooks Bev, Steph and Hayley are happy to adapt your meal to suit!

We have extended our café hours from 9am-2.30pm Monday to Saturday and 9am-12.30pm on Sundays (and Bank Holidays). Don't miss our delicious homebaked ham, homemade sausages, cooked breakfast as well as fabulous homemade quiches and cakes baked freshly every day.

Our 'top room' is bookable in the afternoons or weekends and your bespoke booking can include food, drinks and service or just the room — its completely up to you! Call Charlotte or Bev on 01934 815584 for more details.

We've been delivering leaflets around the village, so do keep hold of yours until the draw on Feb 28 when 10 lucky people will win breakfasts or coffee and pastries. The winning numbers will be published and you have the whole of March to claim your prize as long as you still have the leaflet!

The Post Office is open from 9am-5.30 pm on weekdays and 9am-1pm on Saturdays. Post Office clerks are Manshu, Georgia, Rachael, Michelle, Tracey, Amanda and Peter. In the shop we have Kelly, Nikki, Helen, Mir, Lorna and Amy. Service with a smile in deli comes courtesy of Annie, Cici, Helen, Maxine, Mae, Katie and Olivia. Remember to keep an eye out for Post Office deadlines and opening hours which we will publish in the shop.

## Woodspring Ladies Probus Club

by Alison Hillyer

**W**oodspring Ladies Probus Club is a small friendly group who meet at Bleadon Church Room at 10.30am on alternate Tuesday mornings.

Coffee is served and a variety of speakers give talks, often illustrated with slides or other visual aids. In addition, outings, lunches and afternoon teas are arranged throughout the year for members.

The club has space for new members and non-members are always welcome to attend meetings as visitors.

PROBUS is an association of retired people who come together providing regular opportunities for

members to meet others in similar circumstances, with similar levels of interest, make new friends.

For more details contact Alison on 01934 815407 or Otty on 01934 813078.



# Coronation Hall: new look and new faces

by Betty Paterson

**T**he Coronation Hall and Jubilee Hall are in full swing; our regular users are all back and pleased to be meeting with friends again.

Our biggest and most popular return was our Christmas Market on 4 December. Both halls, Youth Club and Church Room were well supported, as much as Covid-19 would allow.

I personally would like to thank people for their understanding in the health and safety procedures we had to take and all who helped on the day.

The raffle was a great success raising a whopping £400 profit, which will go towards the upkeep of our halls.

In January, we welcomed our new cleaner Abbe, to our team. Already she has settled into her new role in Bleadon, and we are delighted to have her. Thanks goes to Jo for her services to the halls over the past few years.

February brought another new face in light of

a new Booking Officer, Robin Flavell.

Robin is no stranger to most of us, she is often seen in the village tidying the gardens around the Halls and Churchyard, welcome Robin.

We would like to thank Kate James for her hard work during the past four years as Booking Officer and wish her well in the future.

This year, we have taken on the task of redecorating the Coronation Hall, all was going well and then disaster struck, two holes appeared on the floor!

After many phone calls and the frustration of our Treasurer, the work eventually started on the 24 January. On Saturday 26 March, the Hall Management Committee will be holding a Silent Auction in the Coronation Hall from 7–11pm. All donations will be greatly appreciated. We will be looking for good saleable items.

All proceeds will go towards a new kitchen to replace the very tired old one we have at the moment. For further information please call Betty Paterson on 01934 812183.

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# Bleadon in Bloom

by Robin Flavell

## **PLANTING SEASON HAS STARTED AGAIN**

We've already purchased some of our tiny plug plants and seeds which we'll be growing on ourselves. We've also found a local Somerset nursery where we'll be buying some more small plants in the spring. Our orders are in with our other suppliers. Thanks to all the Bloomers who have helped plan this year's planting schemes.

Our tubs this year will be a mixture of red, white and blue and royal purple and gold in celebration of the Jubilee.

## **FIRST STEPS IN SETTING UP OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Our community garden at the allotments is going to be a fantastic space for everyone:

- A place for the Bloomers to meet and grow plants
- For anyone who wants to grow their own but doesn't want a whole allotment
- For families to enjoy and encourage children to come out and grow things

Plans are progressing towards ordering a polytunnel to grow even more of our own Bleadon in Bloom plants. We've had our first meeting and were delighted to welcome some new volunteers.

We have marked out the space for the polytunnel but there is plenty left for anyone who would like a 'mini' plot of their own, however small. We've still got some hard work to do to clear out the beds and

create a sociable meeting space for the Bloomers, but we've made a start; spring is just around the corner. When the weather improves, we're going to set up some regular meeting times.

## **JUBILEE GARDEN**

We have decided between the Parish Council and the Bloomers that the clearing of the existing Jubilee garden is too big a job to tackle with volunteers. This is partly due to the damage to the retaining wall from the roots of the large trees.

It's also not a particularly safe site to work at as it's next to a busy road. The Parish Council have kindly agreed to fund the clearing of the garden by professionals and the restoration of the soil. We are still hopeful that this preparation work can be done in time for replanting for the Jubilee celebrations.

## **SOMERSET COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDING**

Well done to Kirsten for securing some funding for the village which we will be using for our Jubilee projects.

## **YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU**

Could you spare a few hours of your time this year? We always need more volunteers to help us with our projects. Joining the Bloomers is fun, a good way to keep fit and meet new people. No gardening experience is necessary, just a positive attitude, it's never too late to learn something new!

Contact Kirsten Hemingway on [writer@kirstenhemingway.co.uk](mailto:writer@kirstenhemingway.co.uk) or Robin Flavell on [robinflavell@yahoo.com](mailto:robinflavell@yahoo.com)

## Age UK launches Tai Chi at Coronation Hall

By Sarah-Jane Fraser

**P**ronounced 'Chi Gung', Qigong is a form of Tai Chi that focuses on health and uses gentle movements to improve balance, flexibility and strength, benefitting your mind, body and wellbeing.

Age UK Somerset is bringing Qigong to Bleadon! This class is held at Bleadon Community Hall every Thursday from 2-3pm.

It is suitable for people over 60 years old, you can participate sitting down or standing and no previ-

ous experience is required. The class costs £5 and pre-booking is essential.

The Ageing Well team would love to see you at their new class.

For more information or to book your place please call the team on 01823 345626, or email [ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk](mailto:ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk)

Age UK Somerset's Ageing Well team is dedicated to improving the lives of older people in Somerset and North Somerset through physical activity, and they offer a variety of exercise sessions locally.

Please visit their website for further details: [www.ageuksomerset.org.uk/ageingwell](http://www.ageuksomerset.org.uk/ageingwell)



# LET'S ALL CELEBRATE and have a good time

PULL OUT AND KEEP THIS 4 PAGE PLATINUM JUBILEE REMINDER OF WHAT'S HAPPENING

## THE MAIN EVENTS

It's time to celebrate with friends, family and neighbours. A number of community celebrations are planned to take place in Bleadon before and during The Queen's Platinum Jubilee holiday weekend. Here's your pull-out guide to what celebrations are planned so far.



<b>SUN</b> <b>29</b> <b>MAY</b>	<b>11.00 am CIVIC CHURCH SERVICE</b> at the Bleadon Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul A chance to join together in celebrating and giving thanks for the remarkable 70 years of Her Majesty's historic reign.	
<b>MON</b> <b>30</b> <b>MAY</b>	<b>CREATE OUR OWN JUBILEE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT</b> to display all week in our Bleadon Parish Church. Bring your display along between <b>3pm and 7pm on Monday</b> 30 May. Awards for the Best in Adult and Children's classes. Your Jubilee themed display can include any materials including at least one flower. To enter contact: <a href="mailto:gwilliams28@btinternet.com">gwilliams28@btinternet.com</a>	
<b>TUES</b> <b>31</b> <b>MAY</b>	<b>70 YEARS OF MUSIC AND SONG</b> Join the nationally acclaimed Bleadon WI Choir from <b>7 to 9pm</b> in the Coronation Hall for an evening of sing-along nostalgia. Celebrating seven decades of popular hits and musicals. Bar. <b>FREE entry</b> by ticket only. Available from the Bleadon Shop.	
<b>THUR</b> <b>2</b> <b>JUNE</b>	<b>9:30 for 9:45pm LIGHTING OF THE JUBILEE BEACON</b> at the first lay-by near the Golf Club on Roman Road. Timed to coincide with the lighting of the official Beacon by Her Majesty The Queen at Buckingham Palace. Snacks being provided by the Queens Arms.	
<b>FRI</b> <b>3</b> <b>JUNE</b>	<b>DISCOVER BETH'S 70 year BLEADON STORY</b> with a performance guided walk around the village led by Bleadon Players. <b>Starting at 2:30pm</b> at the Parish Church where she was Christened in 1952. Ending at the Bleadon Cafe with afternoon tea. An entertaining walk of discovery for everyone.	
<b>SAT</b> <b>4</b> <b>JUNE</b>	<b>BBQ AND LIVE MUSIC AT THE QUEENS ARMS</b> starting at noon and going on 'til we drop. There will be sizzling hot food from the BBQ grill, excellent beers and hot live music to get you on your feet. Alan and Kerrie welcome you and your family to celebrate this glorious Jubilee.	
<b>SUN</b> <b>5</b> <b>JUNE</b>	<b>THE BIG LUNCH</b> in the Coronation car park. Kicking off at noon ready to start at 1pm. Bring your own food and drink. We will be providing a Jubilee Pudding and live music from 52nd State. Seats under cover at tables of 7 or 8. £4 per seat from: <a href="mailto:keith.pyke@btopenworld.com">keith.pyke@btopenworld.com</a> .	



# YOU CAN JOIN

“And so as I look forward to continuing to serve you with all my heart, I hope this Jubilee will bring together families and friends, neighbours and communities - after some difficult times for so many of us - in order to enjoy the celebrations and to reflect on the positive developments in our day-to-day lives that have so happily coincided with my reign.”

Your Servant  
Elizabeth R



## MAKE A FLOWER ARRANGEMENT TO DISPLAY IN THE CHURCH

Adults and children are invited to make a JUBILEE arrangement. It can be as simple or as fancy as you like.

Use any materials but you must include at least one flower. Bring your arrangement along to the church on Monday 30 May between 3pm and 7pm. A panel of local experts will be judging after 7pm.

There are awards for the best and most entertaining displays in both adult and under 16 classes. The church will be open for visitors to enjoy your creations throughout the Jubilee week of celebrations.

Please contact Gill Williams on: [gwilliams28@btinternet.com](mailto:gwilliams28@btinternet.com) to participate.



## BRING JUBILEE COLOUR TO YOUR HOUSE AND GARDEN

Bring out the flags and bunting. Plant up those hanging baskets and fill your garden with Platinum Jubilee colour to create a right Royal picture that can be enjoyed by you and your neighbours.

**AWARDS for the best decorated houses and best Jubilee gardens in Bleadon.**

Contact Gill Williams on: [gwilliams28@btinternet.com](mailto:gwilliams28@btinternet.com) to participate.



## MAKE BUNTING TO DECORATE YOUR STREET OR HOUSE

We hope to bring flags of colour to our lovely village. Groups of crafty ladies and lads are already busy stitching together hundreds of metres of bunting to decorate the centre of the village.

You too can bring colour and vibrancy to your neighbourhood. Please be careful when putting up and taking down your bunting. Teamwork required and always have consideration for others.



## GET YOUR FREE TICKETS FOR THE JUBILEE CONCERT & SINGALONG

The Award Winning Bleadon WI Choir will be celebrating 70 years of popular music and song in the Coronation Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 31 May.

With seven decades of hits to choose from there's bound to be some old favourites that will have you joining in. The bar may help too.

Free tickets are available from the Bleadon Shop & Post Office from April 1st

**TUES  
31  
MAY**

# THE CELEBRATIONS

**FRI  
3  
JUNE**

## **JOIN AN ENTERTAINING GUIDED WALK TO DISCOVER BETH'S 70 YEAR STORY OF HER LIFE IN BLEADON**

Members of the Bleadon Players will be providing an entertaining and informative interpretation of Beth's life journey in Bleadon. Starting at the church where she was Christened in 1952 and finishing at the Bleadon Cafe. This undemanding walk through time and place will help you see our village in a fresh light. Plus you can enjoy tea, cakes and company at the end.

The Queen's Green Canopy is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".



The Bleadon Parish Council will be providing free trees for all the children of the Parish to plant as part of the Queen's Green Canopy.

**If you wish to have your children involved in planting a tree this Autumn please express your interest by emailing Gill Williams :  
gwilliams28@btinternet.com**

Each tree will be identified with the name of the child that planted it.

We hope to create a legacy in honour of Her Majesty's leadership of the Nation that will bring pleasure and benefit for generations to come.

A plot of land at Purn has been set aside by Alistair House for Bleadon's Green Canopy.



## **GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE BIG JUBILEE LUNCH**

We will be providing 132 seats at tables under cover. These are available to be booked individually or as whole tables of 7 or 8 seats.

Seats under cover £4 each  
Overflow seats without cover £2

Bleadon's Big Jubilee Lunch is being held in the Coronation car park and Play Area. Eight large gazebos will provide shade and shelter from the June sunshine.

Participants are asked to decorate their tables and there will be a prize for the **BEST JUBILEE TABLE**

Bring your own food and drink but leave the pudding to us as we will be providing a **FREE Platinum Pudding** for all participants - so leave room.

There are awards for the **BEST "RIGHT ROYAL" FANCY DRESS**. For both children and adults.

**52nd State** will be playing live in the afternoon. So bring those dancing flip-flops. Be prepared for line dancing!

**PLUS: BAR FAMILY GAMES COMPETITIONS**

**Tickets are limited. Get in early by contacting keith.pyke@btopenworld.com**



## **WANT TO HELP ON THE DAY?**

We need helpers before, during and after the Big Jubilee Lunch to:

- Erect and take down the 8 gazebos
- Put out tables and chairs
- Run the bar
- Help with the games and competitions

If you're up for helping us celebrate in style and safety please contact Keith on 01934 813127 or email keith.pyke@btopenworld.com

Thank you



# LET'S CELEBRATE and have a good time



Bleadon will be celebrating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in style over the holiday weekend 2-5 June.  
Here are just two of the planned events that we want you all to join in.

**THURSDAY**  
**2nd**  
**JUNE**  
**9:45pm**

## LIGHTING OF THE JUBILEE BEACON

### At the first lay-by on Roman Road

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the spectacle of our Jubilee Beacon being lit on Roman Road. Timed to coincide with the lighting of the official Jubilee Beacon at Buckingham Palace and thousands of other Beacons across the UK and Commonwealth. Best come early to enjoy the festivities.

- Hot snacks on site courtesy of the Queens Arms



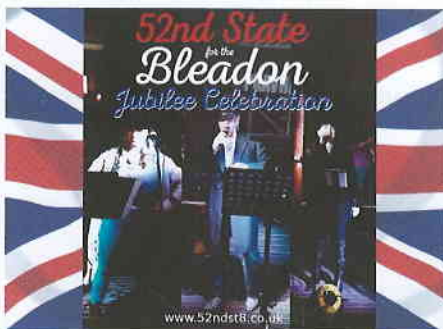
**SUNDAY**  
**5th**  
**JUNE**  
**12:00**  
**onwards**

## THE BLEADON JUBILEE BIG LUNCH PARTY

### In the Coronation Car Park + Play Area

We will be setting up 8 big gazebos to seat up to 132 guests under canvas at tables and to provide cover from the blazing June sunshine. Bring your own food and drink. Book your place(s) or a whole table by purchasing your tickets in advance. Get together with friends and family to book a table for 7 or 8 persons.

(in the Coronation Halls if wet)



- BYO food & drink
- Tickets £4 per person
- Includes Jubilee Pudding
- Live music from 52nd State
- Bar
- Prize for the best decorated table
- Prizes for the best "Right Royal" fancy dress
- Family games

**BIG LUNCH TICKETS £4 PER SEAT UNDER COVER**  
Book your table (for 7 or 8 persons) or individual seats now  
Email: [keith.pyke@btopenworld.com](mailto:keith.pyke@btopenworld.com)



# Bleadon WI partners up with Queens Arms

The nights are starting to get lighter and the days a bit warmer and we can't wait for the Spring to come so that we can utilise our outside space to the maximum again. The back courtyard has been a real bonus this winter, and as soon as the weather starts to improve, we will be having more live music and events out there.

The pantomime was a huge success, the weather was dry and it was another brilliant performance. Thank you to everyone who was involved, all the hard work really paid off and a lot of money was raised for the Brownies and Youth Club. The WI Carol Service was also a lovely occasion and it was great to have it at the Queens Arms. Having it outside created a special atmosphere and it was an amazing start to the Christmas festivities. We are also grateful to Mike, Charlie, Loz and Pete for the Open Mic sessions and the Christmas songs singalong which took place in the courtyard. They had everyone joining in and it was a brilliant evening.

Thank you also to Kev, Ruth and Vicky for organising the Christmas Quiz – we raised £301 for Weston Hospicecare which was doubled by the Hospice pledgers so the total was £602 which is brilliant. Thank you everyone who came along for your support, it was a really fun evening. The quiz in February was for the Village clock on the church.



After last year's Covid closures, this Christmas and New Year we had a disco and karaoke hosted by Rosco and it was brilliant to be able to see the New Year in again with people partying.

Coming up we will be having more live music, hopefully outside, including the fortnightly Open Mic sessions which are really popular now, and Pete Trevitt, who has performed twice now and is really popular, will be back – watch out for his 'special guest performer' too, who has the most awesome voice and

gets a brilliant response from everyone. Steps are already in hand for planning the hanging baskets, which will have the Jubilee theme this year. We will be joining in with the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations in the Village and are hoping to have a BBQ, live music and a dog show on Saturday 4 June – look out for updates on our Facebook page and the A Boards for more information nearer the time.

The Green Eye Interesting Motorcycles Charity bike Show in aid of cancer research will also be going ahead again this year on Saturday 30 July. If you came last year, you will know it was a brilliant day and the bikes were amazing. More details will be available nearer the time.

Once again, thank you so much for all your support, the pub is really coming back to life again and we couldn't do it without you. If you have any ideas for events or things you would like to see going on at the pub, please get in touch by visiting us at the pub.

## Belles entertain at Queens Arms and prep for Jubilee concert

The WI choir, the Bleadon Belles, were looking forward to singing in public once again after a year of Zoom.

Due to restrictions in the church, the WI moved the Carol service to The Queens Arms. Kerry and Alan welcomed the choir and guests in the car park on a cold December night.

The choir had the advantage of elevation and some protection in the covered area behind the pub in case it rained, which thankfully it did not. Rev Tim Erridge, along with WI President Michelle, led the service. The choir was able to perform the Christmas songs they had been practicing and the audience joined in with the carols.

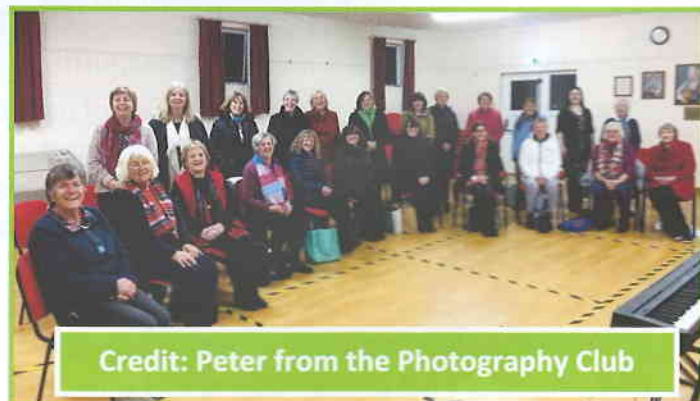
We were led by the resourceful Naomi and accompanied by lovely Liz. We were very grateful for the mince pies and mulled wine afterwards to warm us up. The change of venue was a success and helped raise money for air ambulance which the WI is supporting this year.

In spite of chilly rehearsals, the Belles are now practising hard for their next concert with the Worle

Wind Band on Saturday 23 April. Tickets will be on sale soon.

The Belles wanted to do something as part of Bleadon's celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As they usually rehearse on a Tuesday night, they are inviting friends, family and villagers to come along to the hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 31 May to hear one of our choir practices.

The choir will be singing songs from the seven decades of Queen Elizabeth II's reign, and there will be plenty of opportunity for audience participation!



# What's happening to the cows on Purn Hill?

**P**urn Hill is loved by dog walkers from both Bleadon and Bleadon Hill and probably even further afield. It is also an SSSI (Special Site of Scientific Interest) with vital wildlife significance, being home to three plants that are nationally rare or threatened. These are honewort and Somerset hair-grass, as well as white rock rose, which is only found at this and one other site in the UK.

That's why the site needs very careful management by Avon Wildlife Trust, and a key tool in their arsenal is cattle. Grazing can play a vital role in creating a richly diverse habitat.

Thanks to their munching and trampling as they wander across the land, cows create the perfect conditions for a whole host of plant and insect species. With the latest team of bovine grazers having arrived in September, Andy Jones (Reserve Manager for Purn Hill) wanted to give an update.

We have been keeping up to date with walkers' comments and thinking about how to manage the use of the hill. Our aim is to do this in a way that enables access to the footpath and the permissive path but also provides walkers with a cow less route.

We have decided to erect a fence between the main reserve and the footpath. This will mean that the cows will not have access to the footpath area and walkers

will be able to cross the hill without meeting the cows.

For the permissive path area over the top of the hill, we will install gates to allow access. This will also mean that we can be clear about where dogs are and are not allowed off leads. Walkers will be able to stick to the permissive path across the Hill and pick up the footpath again on the other side.

Work will start as soon as possible, and it will involve putting a fence on the opposite side of the track that runs alongside the reserve. It will be wide enough to accommodate a truck or tractor, and so also will be wide enough so individuals do not feel hemmed in.

The permissive path over the top will still be accessible through a couple of new kissing gates. We hope the changes will completely prevent any dog faeces from appearing on the field.

Please get in touch with Avon Wildlife Trust and let us know what you think of the changes we are planning. We hope that it will be better for the cattle (less hassle from dogs), better for people that may be nervous around cattle and just like to use the West Mendip way as a through route, while keeping the site accessible to those who walk the hill area for pleasure.

It is still most important to keep our dogs on a lead, clear up their mess, and take it away. Dog



faeces left on fields containing cattle can expose cows to a parasitic infection that may result in early abortions – in fact, it is cited as one of the biggest causes of abortion in cattle.

Dog poo left in bags is just as problematic as cows and calves find irresistible, but it's also deadly. Plus, there is still the added complexity of the small quarry on the site: a cow could potentially be chased over the cliff edge, hence dogs must be kept on leads.

Heather and Sam are in the field most days to check on the cows but have left their number so that they can deal with any questions or emergencies. The truth is, grazing cows is a great way to maintain the sustainability of our special site so we kindly ask you to please respect Heather's cows when they reside at Purn Hill.

**B**leadon Sugarcraft Club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month and has a mixture of demonstrations and practical evenings. Meetings start at 7.15pm for 7.30pm at Bleadon Coronation Hall and details can be found on our Facebook page 'Bleadon Sugarcrafters' or by messaging Sue on 07535 915582. Visitors are £5 for first visit, £10 for subsequent visits unless joining as a member. Under 18s welcome with a full paying adult at half price.

## Bleadon Sugarcraft Club



# The Church bells

In the December issue I wrote about the untimely passing away of one of our Ringers.

Now there is more bad news. Following a recent bell maintenance report I have been advised that the bells should not be rung as the structure is becoming unsafe.

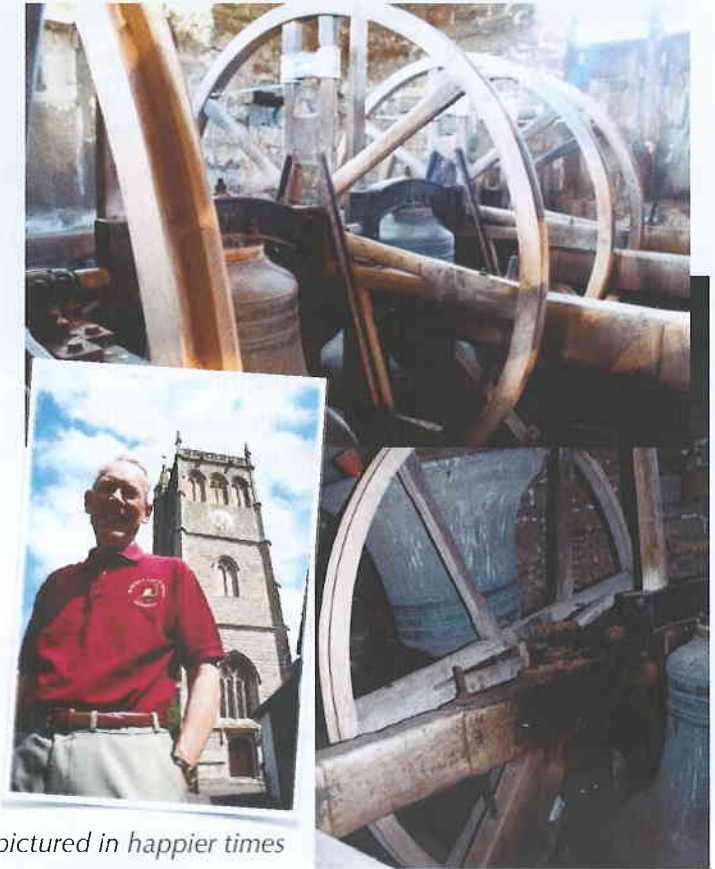
The report has highlighted that the timber bell frame not only moved when the bells were rung, but also that the oak frame was showing signs of rotting.

If we were to replace the ancient timber with a new metal frame the cost would be in the region of £30,000.

Furthermore, we no longer have a full complement of Ringers to ring them.

For all of you that have enjoyed the regular sound of our church bells I'm sure that this is unwelcome news. A part of our village life has vanished.

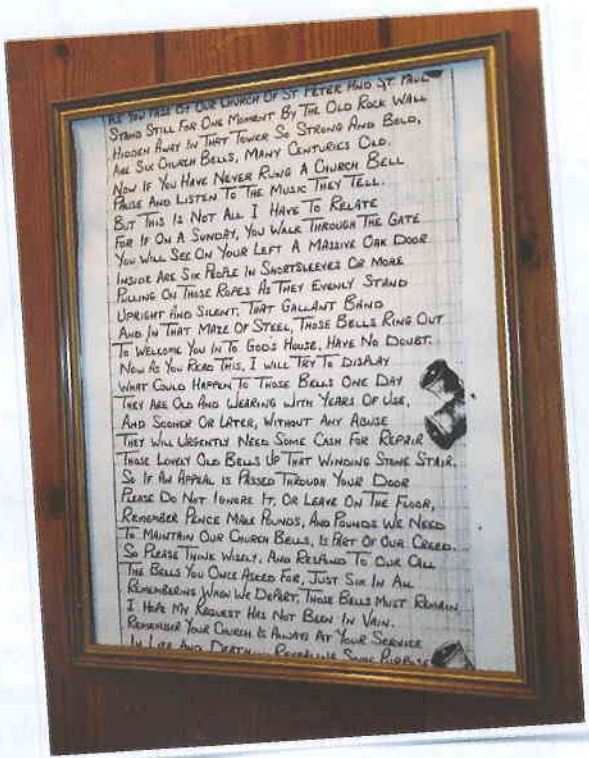
Peter Maffey  
Tower Captain



Peter pictured in happier times

## Not for the first time are our bells in peril

On the wall of the Ringing Room in the Church Tower hangs a poem from days gone by



Maybe it's time to look at the options for saving or replacing this valued part of our village heritage.  
KP

As you pass by our Church of St. Peter and St. Paul stand still for one moment by the old rock wall. Hidden away in that tower so strong and bold, are six church bells, many centuries old.

Now if you have never rung a church bell pause and listen to the music they tell.

But this is not all I have to relate for if on a Sunday, you walk through the gate you will see on your left a massive oak door. Inside are six people in short-sleeves or more pulling on those ropes as they evenly stand upright and silent, that gallant band.

And in that maze of steel, those bells ring out to welcome you into God's House, have no doubt.

Now as you read this, I will try to display what could happen to those bells one day.

They are old and wearing with years of use, and sooner or later, without any abuse they will urgently need some cash for repair those lovely old bells up that winding stone stair.

So if an appeal is passed through your door Please do not ignore it, or leave on the floor. Remember pence make pounds, and pounds we need.

To maintain our church bells, is part of our creed. So please think wisely and respond to our call

The bells you once asked for, just six in all Remembering when we depart, those bells must remain I hope my request has not been in vain.

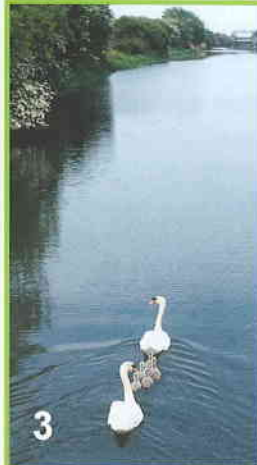
Remember your Church is always at your service In life and death.... Revealing some purpose.

# Take a stroll via Two Hills and a river with Jo and

**A** three and a half mile/approximately two-hour walk taking in South Hill, the River Axe and Purn Hill.

There are occasionally cattle or sheep in the fields. Please follow the country code keeping dogs under control (picking up their poo) and shutting all gates. Equipment: Walking shoes/boots/poles if required. Mostly gentle climb (140'), many gates, a bit rough under foot and can be muddy after rain. A steep descent and steps can be avoided. Worth it for the views! This walk can be shortened in a couple of places.

Turn left out of the Coronation Halls' car park and right through the church yard.



Take the footpath on your right just before leaving the church up through the kissing gate onto South Hill. Follow the marked path straight on across the hill (not the path forking right round the edge of the quarry). Over the brow of the hill (enjoying views over the levels to Brent Knoll and beyond) the path turns left towards a gate in the fence crossing the field. (1)

After the gate take the right fork down the hill keeping the hedge on your right until you come to a wooden gate (2) above South Hill Farm. This new

path avoids the farm yard. Follow it through the trees until it comes out at the top of a meadow. The path goes diagonally left downhill towards a gate in the far corner of the field.

Leave the meadow through two gates into the next field. Head towards Brent Knoll keeping the hedge on your left and aim for the embankment. On



On leaving the road the permitted path now uses a short boardwalk (4) (in summer if the river is high this can be flooded and there is a short scramble to avoid the water), but it is then easy walking along the river bank through two fields and past a fishing lake (5). It is always worth looking out for birds along the river: cormorants, egrets, heron, swans, ducks, geese, reed warblers, etc and if you are very lucky the quick blue flash of a kingfisher. Otters have been seen along the river.



Follow the river to the final gate turning right onto the track next to the caravan park and right again onto Accommodation Road. On reaching Bridgwater Road turn left and cross at the pedestrian island. Turn right into Facum Lane and take the bridleway, Purn Lane (6) on the right up onto Purn Hill. This is part of the West Mendip Way long distance footpath. Near the top of the track on your right is a gate onto Purn Hill (7), a nature reserve managed by the Avon Wildlife Trust. It is noted for its nationally rare wild flowers and is a hot spot for butterflies and moths.



At the next gate (8) fork right to the top of Purn Hill for panoramic views over Bridgwater Bay and Brean Down (9), Bleadon village (10) and the Levels.



At the top of the hill turn left down the steep path and steps towards the village (if the slope is a problem retrace your steps back to the gate and take the other fork along the wooded path turning left at the gate).

At the bottom of the steps take the footpath left through the woods turning right at the wooden gate down the hill via fields towards the footpath on your left that goes behind the houses. Take advantage of the 'Chat Bench' (11), then continue past the village allotments.

On leaving the allotments turn right down the track, following the private road past the pink house on your left, then the footpath back towards the church via Rectory Lane. On reaching Coronation Road turn right back to the car park.

reaching the bank turn right and follow the river, via a couple of fields until you come to the Bailey bridge (3). This can be a good spot (if you are very still and quiet) to spot kingfishers especially in the breeding season.

Crossing the bridge turn right and walk along the top of the bank to get a better view of the river until you reach Bridgwater Road. You can carefully cross the road and bridge here to continue the walk on the other side of the river.



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### Anti-wrinkle injections

Forehead	<b>one area</b>
Glabella (frown)	<b>one area</b>
Crows feet	<b>one area</b>

One area	<b>£150</b>
Two areas	<b>£190</b>
Three areas	<b>£230</b>

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### Dermal fillers

1ml lip filler	<b>£220</b>	0.5ml lip filler	<b>£160</b>
Cheeks	<b>£220</b>	Lip filler dissolving	<b>£230</b>
Nasolabial 1ml	<b>£220</b>	Additional 1ml	<b>£180</b>

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### Eyes and brows

Brow lamination	<b>£35</b>
Brow wax/shape	<b>£15</b>
Brow tint	<b>£10</b>
Brow wax and tint	<b>£20</b>
Lash lift	<b>£30</b>
Lash lift and tint	<b>£35</b>
Top lip wax	<b>£5</b>
Chin wax	<b>£8</b>



Tinting and lammination will need a 24-hour patch test prior

**BOOK NOW**

# Midwife launches new business

## Advertorial

A successful business-woman and midwife is making a name for herself and offering fully approved beauty treatments.

Erin Stainsby, aged 27, hopes to make her clients feel 'confident' but 'reassured and safe' at her new business venture, Aesthetics By Erin.

Already a successful businesswoman as the owner of her own salon for two years in Milton, Erin trained as a beautician for eight years in Bristol and, while owning her salon, completed an access to higher education course to study a midwifery degree at Cardiff University. Erin, who lives in Weston, still practices midwifery alongside her salon, and currently works in Wales.

Aesthetics By Erin is an aesthetic clinic a stone's throw away from Bleadon, based in St George's, which mainly focusses on anti-wrinkle injections and dermal fillers, which are used in the lip, cheek and nasolabial and marionette lines.

The clinic also offers brow treatments such as shaping, waxing, tinting and lamination and



eyelash lifts.

The beautician is always training and learning new skills and treatments to offer her customers.

Erin said: "I chose to train in the aesthetic side of the business after achieving my midwifery degree as I wanted to incorporate my love for beauty as well as my love for medicine. I felt as if I achieved as much as I could in my previous salon with just beauty treatments, so I wanted to take this business venture to a higher level and incorporate medicine into it as well.

"Although aesthetic treatments are carried out by non-medical personal, I feel safety is

paramount and the treatments being done should always be completed by a medical practitioner who has done the relevant training in their degree, as well as aesthetic training to enable the client to feel safe with the treatments they are having."

Erin's new business, based at Wisteria Works in Brimbleworth Lane, will soon be offering competitions and giveaways and hopes to work with the community and beyond to make sure everyone feels reassured, confident, and safe.

Erin said: "My hopes for the clinic is that it becomes a place where people feel confident in coming. At the clinic, I am always led by clients' wishes, although I will always advise you to ensure you get the best out of any treatment you book in for. I want the clinic to become a place where people can come in and see me and feel assured I will treat them appropriately and really cater for all their needs.

"I am a lover of natural beauty and making slight 'tweakments' to ensure you're feeling your best with subtle enhancements."

## Mark Howe

### Gardening Services

9 Malvern Road, Weston

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Regular grass cutting

Turfing

Hedges and trees cut

Fence painting

Fences erected or repaired

Power washing

# New direction for Bleadon florist

## Advertorial

The right flowers can say more than words.

Working from a conversation and not a catalogue, Katherine Payne from Dainty Dahlia Studio starts with her customers needs, ideas and the rhythms of the season to create her wildflower style funeral arrangements, with flowers which are as unique as the person they are made for.

From April to October, she uses as many of her own flowers and foliage where possible, but then sources flowers throughout the year to meet

your needs.

She is proud to provide eco-friendly, natural alternatives to traditional floral foam-based funeral tributes and she is currently awaiting confirmation to become an associate member of the Association of Green Funeral Directors as a Green Florist.



### More about Katherine...

Katherine was attending evening classes for floristry and studied her City and Guilds Level 2 Floristry with Weston College.

She said: *"I feel I have good base level skills and knowledge to start offering floral items and I feel confident I can succeed."*

*"During the last lockdown, I had the amazing opportunity to complete online courses around self-employment and running my own business to gain the full understanding of how I could put my ideas and plans into action."*

Floristry which captures flowers in their natural and wild designs. Full of colour, movement and texture.



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# Puzzle Page answers and thanks

## Quiz answers

1. Warsaw
2. Hamlet
3. Four - Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley and Kennedy
4. The Da Vinci Code
5. Eric Cantona for Leeds Utd

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# WHAT'S ON IN BLEADON?

<b>Coronation &amp; Jubilee Halls Supervisor</b>		Bill Blacklock	01934 813031	07747 801753	
<b>Coronation &amp; Jubilee Halls Bookings</b>		Robin Flavell	01934 812218	07724 010715	bleadoncoronationhalls@gmail.com
<b>Youth Centre Bookings</b>		Keith Pyke	01934 813127		keith.pyke@btopenworld.com
<b>Monday 9.30-10.30am Jubilee Room</b>					
<b>Yoga</b>	Cheri			07717 290708	info@uniquebalance.co.uk
<b>Monday 1.15-4.30pm Coronation Hall</b>					
<b>Bridge Club</b>	Doug Norfolk		01934 812128	07547 163862	dougn@btinternet.com
<b>Monday 7-7.50pm &amp; 8-8.50pm Jubilee Room</b>					
<b>Aerobics</b>	Marie Keele		01934 270853	07939 038071	mariekeele@hotmail.co.uk
<b>2nd Monday 7.00pm Coronation Hall</b>					
<b>Bleadon Parish Council</b>	Gill Williams (Chair) Bruce Poole		01934 813255		gillwilliams@bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk parishclerk@bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk
<b>3rd Monday 7-10pm Coronation Hall</b>					
<b>Holistic Therapy</b>	Debbie Thorne			07905 537118	debbiethorne37@hotmail.com
<b>Tuesday 10.30-12.30 Coronation Hall</b>					
<b>Art Class</b>	Tina Dodd		01934 843660		sandtdodd@btinternet.com
<b>1st, 2nd, 4th &amp; 5th Tuesday Sept-May 7.30-9.30pm Coronation Hall</b>					
<b>Photographic Group</b>	Trevor Hartgroves Mark Frisby		01934 239011 01934 812573		t.hartgroves@sky.com marknfrisby@yahoo.com
<b>3rd Tuesday Oct-Jun 7- 9pm Coronation Hall + Spring &amp; Summer shows</b>					
<b>Horticultural Society</b>	Libby Boucher Rose Benjamin			07966 563495	libbyboucher2003@gmail.com
<b>Tuesday 7.30 - 9pm Jubilee Room</b>					
<b>Women's Institute Choir</b>	Bev Riddell Maggie Heath		01934 811218 01934 813050	07970 475626 07761 102934	riddell2en@btinternet.com
<b>Tuesday 2.30-4.30pm (Sept-May) Friday 7-9pm Jubilee Room</b>					
<b>Short Mat Bowls</b>	Kevin Barrett		01934 811267	07855 225049	kevinbarrett240@btinternet.com
<b>Wednesday 7-8pm Jubilee Room</b>					
<b>Pilates</b>	Corinne Mutlow			07919 532960	coz@cmutlow.com
<b>Wednesday 7.30pm + shows in January, May &amp; September</b>					
<b>Bleadon Players</b>	Peter Gibbon			07859 001468	peter@mpgifa.co.uk
<b>Thursday 9:30-11:30 Term times Coronation Hall</b>					
<b>Babies &amp; Toddlers Group</b>	Sophie Macey				<b>Facebook group: Babies &amp; Toddlers in Bleadon</b>
<b>Thursday 10-12noon Jubilee Room</b>					
<b>Bleadon Art Group</b>	Stevie Rhodes		01934 813497		
<b>Thursday 2-3pm Jubilee Hall</b>					
<b>Tai Chi (over 60s)</b>	Age UK			01823 345626	ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk
<b>Thursday 2-4pm Oct-April Coronation Hall</b>					
<b>WSM Croquet club / Whist</b>	Sue Norfolk		01934 812128	07484 233086	suenorfolk99@gmail.com
<b>Thursday 6.15-7.15pm Jubilee Room</b>					
<b>Yoga</b>	Sayeeda Alam			07725 901810	info@sadayoga.co.uk
<b>2nd Thursday 7:30pm Coronation Hall</b>					
<b>Women's Institute</b>	Elaine Mellor (Secretary) Michelle Harper (President)			07854 628664 07780 688830	bleadonwi@hotmail.co.uk harper.a5@sky.com
<b>3rd Thursday 7.30pm Coronation Hall</b>					
<b>Bleadon Coronation Halls Management Committee</b>	Betty Paterson (Chair) Ian Gibson (Treasurer) Kevin Barrett (Secretary)		01934 812183 01934 814261 01934 811267		gilbet.paterson@btinternet.com igibson6@sky.com kevinbarrett240@btinternet.com
<b>4th Thursday 7.15 - 9.15pm Jubilee Room</b>					
<b>Bleadon Sugarcraft Club</b>	Sue Dennelly			07891 996707	bleadonsugarcraftclub@gmail.com
<b>Friday 9.30-10.30am Jubilee Room</b>					
<b>Pilates</b>	Emma Hunter			07787 563775	emma@ehsportstherapy.com
<b>Friday 2-4pm Coronation Hall</b>					
<b>Friendship Group</b>	Gordon Brown		01934 811926		no emails
<b>3rd Saturday 9am-12.00pm (both halls)</b>					
<b>Bleadon Village Market</b>	Jo Jones		01934 812370		jojonesbleadon@tiscali.co.uk
<b>YOUTH CENTRE</b>					
<b>Monday 10:30am-12:30pm</b>	<b>Recorder group (U3A)</b>	Louise Harwood			harwoodlouise@hotmail.co.uk
<b>Tuesday &amp; Friday 5:30pm</b>	<b>Tricky Paws</b>	Carrie-Anne New			trickypawsuk@gmail.com
<b>Wednesday 7-10pm</b>	<b>Veterans Table Tennis</b>	Ann Sandford			ann@sandford-ca.co.uk
<b>Thursday 7-9pm</b>	<b>Youth Club</b>	Keith Pyke	01934 813127		keith.pyke@btopenworld.com



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