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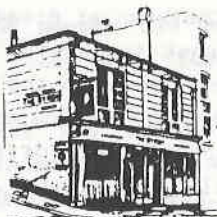
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Dear Parishioner,

This is an appropriate juncture in which to convey sincere thanks to Mrs. Sheppard for all that she has done in her capacity as Chairman of Bleadon Parish Council.

Over the past two years, Mrs. Sheppard has worked assiduously and selflessly on the village's behalf.

It has been a particularly daunting task this year, a year fraught with many difficult and delicate issues, but she has tackled them with a tenacity and competence which does her great credit.

I hope you will show your appreciation and support for her by attending the A.G.M. in May, notices of which will be displayed in the village.

Yours sincerely,
M.B. Corder,
Vice-Chairman.

MAY DAY FAYRE 1989

We are pleased to say that arrangements for this year's May Day Fayre are well under way. However, the Social Events Committee would still like to hear from more volunteers to back up the team of willing helpers who have already stepped forward. Maybe you are new to the Bleadon, and would like to become more involved! No one is too young or too old to take part in this important social event. If you would like to help, don't hesitate, phone Peter Hore on Bleadon 813962.

You may feel you would like to make a contribution to one or more of the village stalls, if so, please contact the organisers from the list below, and remember all the proceeds from this important event are donated to our Parish Church.

Cake Stall.....	Sara Osborne	812974
Book Stall.....	Women's Fellowship/Margaret Cullen	813284
Bric a Brac.....	W.I./Barbara Hillier	812455
Nearly New.....	Friendship Club/Bunty Tucker	813940
Bottle Stall.....	Youth & Buzz Club/David Durston	814193
Toy Stall.....	Margaret Simpson	812535
Plant Stall.....	Pat Davies	812858
Craft Stall.....	Mary Elliott	814642
Children's Clothes.....	Maureen Cosh	814885

The Fayre is always advertised as a 'Great Day Out For All The Family', The aim is to provide something for the young as well as the not quite so young! This year there will be a grand parade of children entering the Fancy Dress Competition which will leave the Church at 1.30p.m. for the judging which will take place in the Main Arena. The competition is open to children of all ages, this year the theme is Fairy Tales. Do bring the children along and enter them on the day.

Dear Parishioner,

Would you please make a point of noting in your diaries, the dates of any important events you may find in this, the second newsletter.

I was disappointed that more people did not attend the Parish Council's 'At Home'. Those who "forgot about it" missed an enjoyable evening.

Regrettably, our Guest Speaker was taken ill, but Mrs. Cullen stepped in at the last minute to give a very interesting and informative talk on the history of Bleadon. Our grateful thanks to her.

So far, we have only received praise for our newsletter, so we assume everyone is satisfied with it, though constructive criticism and ideas are always welcome. The carping, anonymous letters are however, dropped into the waste paper basket where they belong.

It is impossible for the Parish Council to continue to function effectively without the full support of its Parishioners, so please make an effort and let us see more people attending our monthly meetings, and especially our A.G.M. when there is an opportunity for you to air your views.

May I wish you all a Happy Easter.

Yours sincerely,

M.E. Sheppard.
Chairman.

Dear Mrs. Sheppard,

Please express my thanks to the Council for their most generous gift. The kind reception and appreciation which I received on Friday was reward enough.

I hope you will approve of my putting the token towards a new tub for the green which will be a pleasure to us and increase our proprietorial interest.

Yours sincerely,

M. Cullen.

Bleadon Parish Council wishes to thank John Hickley for the superb drawing on the front cover, and Miranda Corder for the printing.



County of Avon

Dear Mrs. Corder,

My wife and I wish to say how much we enjoyed the Bleadon Parish Council's 'At Home' on Friday 20th January. The talk on the history of Bleadon was most fascinating.

I hope that your future 'At Homes' will be as successful.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor John Wyatt
Chairman of the Resources Committee

St. Peter & St. Paul, Women's Fellowship.

Meets at 2.15 in the Church room every 4th Tuesday of the month. After a short act of worship and dealing with necessary items of business, tea and biscuits are served. A visiting speaker will address the assembly.

In March, Mrs. Isobel Williams will talk on Israel, Mrs McGowan in April, will speak about the work of the Hospital's League of Friends, and in May, Mrs Mignott specialised subject is 'Patchwork.'

Members will be attending Women's World Day of Prayer on the 3rd March at Lympsham Church, and it is hoped that Members will make a special effort to attend Bleadon Church on Mothering Sunday.

Fellowship is the keynote of our meetings and new members are always welcome, so why not join us at our Spring Coffee Morning on the 6th April in the Church room?

M.W. Cullen.

BLEADON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club opened on January 13th after the Christmas break, all members agreeing that the Christmas lunch had been a great success. This was a new venue, and it is hoped to be booked again for Christmas this year.

The Social Secretary hopes to arrange a visit to the H.T.V. Studios in Bristol, and details of further excursions will be discussed later.

At the A.G.M. held on the 17th February, Mrs Gladys Rimmer was appointed Chairman, Mr Harold Christian Vice-Chairman, and Mr John Taylor Assistant Secretary.

The Club has suffered several sad losses in the past months, and was shocked at the sudden death of Mr George Barton in a traffic accident. He will be greatly missed.

On a happier note, we were pleased to welcome three new members, and we extend a warm welcome to anyone who would enjoy a chat and a cup of tea in congenial company, some entertainment and lots of happy outings throughout the year.

E.M. Tucker.

BLEADON PLAYERS

Bleadon Players was formed in January '88 and has already put on three productions and is currently rehearsing a fourth.

1989, is of course, the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II, and in keeping with this, the Players next production will be called "What A Bleadon War" which will recall in words and music, the time of the 'Home Front.'

The Players would like to invite anyone local, "local" being generously interpreted, who would like to take part either in this or in later productions to join the group.

If you have a specific skill, or if you could help in a more general way, e.g. scene-shifting, taking tickets, serving refreshments etc., and would like to join a very friendly, jolly band of players, please contact Sandy Kelly 812419 or Les Masters at the Post Office, 812200.

The Churchyard

In response to the many complaints which have been received about the state of the Churchyard, we would ask dog owners if they would please help us to keep it clean by preventing their pets from fouling the area.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 1782/87 50ft Radio Mast & Shed-Roman Road. Approved at appeal
- 1804/88 Celtic Fields) Both lie in an Area of Outstanding
- 2127/88 Heathgate) Natural Beauty & have gone to appeal.
- 3411/88 Sacha, Ash Tree Close. Convert garage to bedroom.
New Garage.
- 3381/88 Roman Acre. Alter & extend house.
- 3600/88 2 Manor Villas. Outline planning for dwelling & garage.

Woodspring Planning Authority now channels a large proportion of planning applications to a Delegated Officer. This means that the application in question, is NOT considered by the South Area Planning Committee, and the decision rests with ONE person. We are assured that written objections will still be taken into account.

Objectors to planning applications take note - EVERY ammended plan submitted, and any application which goes to appeal, require a FRESH SET OF OBJECTIONS. NEVER take anything for granted where planning is concerned.

M.B. Corder

St. Peter & St. Paul's Sunday School

In recent weeks, we have been pleased to welcome Stephanie Down, Craig White and Mr. Donald Cartwright. We now have 12 children and 3 teachers.

The present ages range from 4-10 years. More children would be welcomed. Parents of children who might be interested, should either bring them along one morning, or telephone Bleadon 812774 for further details.

Sheila Fisher.

A VACANCY HAS ARISEN ON BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL. IF ANYONE FEELS THEY HAVE THE TIME AND COMMITMENT TO DEVOTE TO THE WELL- BEING OF BLEADON VILLAGE, THEN PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAIRMAN, MRS. SHEPPARD ON 812921.

Bleadon Parish Council wishes to express its thanks to the retiring Clerk, Tony Lambourne, who has served the Council well for the past three years, and would like to welcome in his place as from the 1st April, John Gravell of 17 Worlebury Park Road, Worlebury.

M.E.S.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Cousins (Cleeves), who, for many years, served on Bleadon Parish Council. She contributed a great deal of hard work connected to the car park area and the Coronation Hall, for which we shall always be grateful.

M.E.S.

From April Fools' Day - and this is no joke - Badgerline buses commence their service to Bleadon. The pick-up points will be at The Veale, Whitegate Farm and Purn Farm Caravan Park. We are unable to confirm the running times at this stage, and would advise regular users to check these with Badgerline direct.

M.B.C.

If anyone is interested in assisting with the editing and production of this newsletter, I would be happy to hear from them.

At the present time, delivery of this newsletter is undertaken by the Parish Council. If there are any keen walkers who would be willing to help us once every three months, we would welcome their help. M.B. Corder Tel: 814719.

THE PARISH OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL, BLEADON

The following special services will take place during March and April. You are invited to these as well as our normal Acts of Worship.

- Sunday, March 5th MOTHERING SUNDAY 10.15a.m. Family Communion Service. Children will be given flowers and a card to give to their mothers.
- Sunday, March 19th PALM SUNDAY 10a.m. procession to Church from the Church Room. Eucharist 10.15a.m.
- Monday, March 20th Holy Week 7.30p.m. Holy Communion
- Tuesday March 21st Holy Week 9.30a.m. Holy Communion
- Wednesday March 22nd Holy Week 9.30a.m. Holy Communion
- Thursday, March 23rd Maundy Thursday 7.30p.m. EUCHARIST OF THE LAST SUPPER
- Friday, March 24th Good Friday 2p.m. THE LAST HOUR. Meditation and Holy Communion
- Saturday, March 25th Easter Eve 8p.m. LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE & RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS
- Sunday, March 26th EASTER DAY 8a.m. Holy Communion 10.15a.m. EASTER EUCHARIST 6.30p.m. Easter Hymns of Praise (by request)

(N.B. Evening Services now 6.30p.m until October)

- Sunday, April 2nd 10.15 Family Service
- Sunday, April 9th Watch for special notices
- Sunday, April 23rd 10.15a.m. Preacher - The Archdeacon of Bath, The Venerable John Burgess.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 7.30p.m., March 9th in the Church Room.

Sunday School is held at 10.15a.m. every Sunday except the 1st of the month in the Church Room. Children attend the Family Service in Church on the 1st Sunday.

Parish Church Magazine 20p every month. Information from the Magazine Secretary c/o The Rectory (Tel: 812297)

David Parkinson.
Rector.

BLEADON CORONATION HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the hall at 7.30p.m., Thursday, March 30th. Residents of Bleadon are welcome to attend.

A JUMBLE SALE will be held on Sat. 15th April at 2p.m. admission 5p. Good jumble and bric a brac can be accepted at the hall, on Friday, 14th 7.30-8.30p.m. or Saturday 10-11a.m. For collections 'phone 814517.

A SPRING COFFEE MORNING will be held on Saturday, 20th May in the hall, 10.30-noon. Admission 45p including coffee and biscuits. Bring & Buy stall amongst others, raffle etc. Tickets available at the Post Office or at the door.

BLEADON YOUTH CLUB

PLAYGROUP. Leader: Mrs Cynthia Richardson. A wide range of activities are provided on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

SENIOR YOUTH CLUB. Leader: Mr. Colin Sandford. Activities and interests abound in a relaxed atmosphere on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8p.m. Those over thirteen years of age are welcome.

BUZZ CLUB. Leaders: David, Howard, Tracey and Estelle. Quizes, games, potted sports and various crafts are available for 9-12 year olds every Wednesday, 6.30-8.30p.m.

On Saturday, 11th March, these three groups will be holding a 50/50 SILENT AUCTION in the Club Hall commencing at 3p.m. Last bids 7p.m. The Club Hall is open to accept sale items on Friday, 10th 7.45-9.45p.m. and 10.30a.m.-12.30p.m on the day.

PAPER for recycling is collected on the last Saturday of the month. Please leave unwanted paper by your gate.

For further information, please contact David Durston, 814193.

Would those wishing to place entries in future editions of the Village Newsletter, please see that they are delivered during the week - not at the weekend.

M. B. Corder.

THE VILLAGE PUMPS

The delightful drawing on the front of this newsletter, shows the village pumps as they are today.

Somewhere in the 1930's, before mains water arrived in Bleadon, these pumps were the source of drinking water for all houses without their own well.

It was a common, daily sight, to see the older boys who attended the village school, fetching a pail of water for the elderly lady who lived opposite the school.

Rainwater caught in a water barrel, augmented the supply for bathing, washing and cleaning.

Until recent times, rainwater and a sprig of rosemary were considered to be excellent for hair-washing.

M.W. Cullen

BLEADON W.I.

On Wednesday, 3rd March, the West Mendip Group will hold their Spring meeting in the Coronation Hall at 2.30p.m. when Bleadon W.I. will host.

The Avon Federation Spring Council meeting is on March 30th at the Winter Gardens when Mr. Leslie Crowther will be the guest speaker.

Our programme for the coming months include the Broadoak Ensemble on March 14th, Members' Day on April 11th when Mr. E. Alford will be speaking of his visit to the Holy Land, and in May, Resolutions will be discussed.

At the A.G.M. held in the Royal Albert Hall in June, Members bring forward resolutions on issues of concern upon which it is agreed, that official action is recommended. The proposing Institute sets out its reasons and commendations, and these are seconded by another Institute. If the Resolution is adopted, the National Executive Committee take steps to ensure that the appropriate Government Department is informed, and pressed to take action. Watch the newspapers for this year's burning issues.

M.W. Cullen.

Britain in Bloom & Best Kept Village 1989

We shall not be entering these competitions this year unless we find helpers and organisers. Please may we have some volunteers. We would be pleased if the younger members of the community would participate. Contact G. Wall, Bleadon 812203

AVON LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION

This organisation brings together, representatives from Parish Councils in Avon - Bleadon belongs to the Woodspring group.

Planning is probably the most important issue at the quarterly meetings. The proposed extension to Bristol Airport was the biggest issue in 1988. Councillors spent an evening with Les Wilson, discussing the development, touring the airport, control tower and radar room.

Another, unresolved issue, is a concessionary fare scheme for pensioners and the disabled. Did YOU know that Woodspring is the only area in Avon that does not provide this facility? Lobby your Parish, District and County Councillors if this affects YOU.

The A.L.C.A. has representatives on outside bodies; the Police, Transport, Accident & Prevention, BT and the Post Office, who monitor developments and changes in their various fields. For instance, the pressure to close Village Sub-Post Offices and replace them with 'Community Offices' has not endangered Bleadon yet, but remember - use it or you'll lose it!

A.L.C.A. works closely with Avon Community Council which provides advice on many matters affecting rural areas, organises training courses, and holds a comprehensive range of informative leaflets for the benefit of Parish Councils. The mobile information van, manned by John Eames, is in Bleadon Car Park, alternate Mondays at 11.40a.m.

Joy Wilkinson,

A.L.C.A. Representative.

CALLING ALL DRIVERS

Once again, the Parish Council's attention has been drawn to the dangers facing motorists when cars are parked on both sides of the road in the centre of the village. This is particularly hazardous for the emergency services.

May we remind you that car parking facilities lie within yards of the Church, and urge you to use them.

M.B. Corder.

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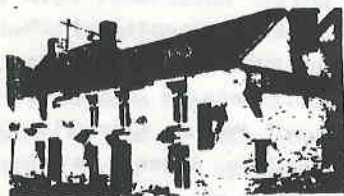
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