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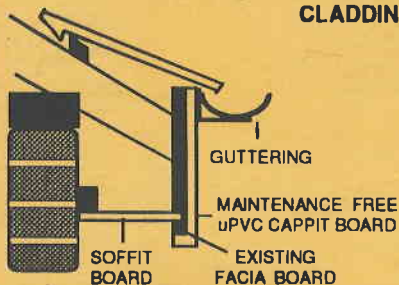


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No: 18

June '93

Dear Parishioner,

15th June 1993

At the recent Annual Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council I was honoured and proud to be re-elected Chairman for the third consecutive year. I wish to publicly express my thanks to all my colleagues on the Council for their trust, and for the support and guidance given to me over the past year. Bruce Poole, our Clerk also deserves special mention for his loyalty to the Council and to myself, for his guidance, support and hard work on behalf of us all.

A cause for concern recently has been the lack of water supply to the allotments at the start of the "growing" season. This problem was caused by a major leak between Purn House Farm, where the supply originates, and the allotments. Repair work is being carried out, and a new pipe line is being installed. The Council has decided to look into the feasibility of providing a new supply directly from the nearest water main. This new supply will obviously depend upon the cost, and I will inform you of our decision in due course.

The new Local Government restructure plan has just been released and it would appear that **Woodspring** is to become our unitary authority, and will be renamed North West Somerset I am delighted to say. The major advantage with this arrangement is that the Parish Council will only have one authority to deal with, thus saving time and frustration. I do not envisage any real change in the powers and responsibilities of Parish and Town Councils. However the opportunity may be there to negotiate with the new authority for a greater role in some areas of decision. It would be very nice to have a more assertive input into planning as just one area of increased responsibility.

My objective for the coming year is to see the Council become more business like, and ready to face the new challenges presented by the new Local Government Structure of the mid 90's, and beyond. As a first step I wanted each individual Councillor to assume responsibility for specific areas of activity, and this initial step has been completed. Further progress and changes will take place over the coming few months.

Finally I list below the areas of responsibility held by each of your Councillors.

Rhynes & Verges	Lay-bye (Roman Road)	George Wall
Allotments	Churchyard	George Wall / Len Chamberlain
Car Park & Play Area	Village Cross	George Wall / Len Chamberlain
Highways & grass verges		Richard Strode
Drainage & sewers		Eric Benn
Jubilee Garden & Tubs		Jill Bowmer
Bus shelters		Len Chamberlain
Street lighting		John Ward
Footpaths & Bridleways		Les Masters

You may well think that Chris Carter has been forgotten, do not believe it. Chris is very busy using his particular expertise to help the Council and will continue with this function.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time should you have cause to do so. Remember, Parish Council Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month and we would like to see you there.

Yours sincerely,
Brenig Evans, Chairman.

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PLANNING REPORT - MARCH - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14/6/93

Outstanding Applications

0162/93 Construction of Extension - The Queen's Arms Celtic Way, Bleadon.
APPROVED

0632/93 Construction of new Hay Barn - 'Neuralia' Roman Road, Bleadon.
NO DECISION YET - WDC

0667/93 Site for storage and construction of Carnival Float
Part OS Plot 7855 adjacent Bridgwater Road Bleadon. REFUSED

0603/93 Extension to existing Hall Coronation Hall Coronation, Road Bleadon.

A Policy Meeting is to be arranged between Guide & Scout Headquarters Management Committee, Hall Management Committee and Parish Council to decide how best to progress the new building project.

Lawful Development Certificate, Transport Depot and Warehousing
Arrival Transport The Mill Bridgwater Road, Bleadon.

ON GOING IN THE HANDS OF SOLICITORS

2147/92 Erection of Fence on Frontage (2 metres high)
Purn Farm Bridgwater Road, Bleadon.

WDC Planning Department have requested that the entrance be splayed out more, this matter should then be resolved.

0528/93 Two storey extension to rear of existing house The Dell Celtic Way Bleadon
BPC RECOMMENDED APPROVAL - DECISION AWAITED WDC

0131/93 Extension to existing garage. 31 Purn Road Bleadon Hill.
APPROVED

0430/93 Extension to provide Customer W.C. Accommodation and erection of
a Freestanding screen to the South East of existing Car Showroom.
Hutton Motor Company Bridgwater Road Bleadon.
APPROVED

Planning Applications

0859/93 Proposed extension consisting of garage, kitchen and bedrooms.
'Spindlewood' Shiplate Road Bleadon.
BPC RECOMMENDED REFUSAL - AWAITING DECISION WDC

0915/93 Make safe existing garage, extend to make double Garage and space
for storage of garden equipment and bicycles
'Mulberry Villa' Mulberry Lane Bleadon.
BPC RECOMMENDED APPROVAL - AWAITING DECISION WDC

Planning Appeals

Notice of Appeal - Land at Wayacre Drove Bleadon.

AWAITING OUTCOME OF INSPECTORS VISIT

1697/92

**Single storey extension to existing Garage to form study
'Outlook' Roman Road Bleadon.**

APPROVED ON APPEAL

1257/92

**Development of plots and construction of three dwellings with garages.
Land adjoining Sunnymede Pum Way Bleadon**

APPROVED ON APPEAL

P.S. Woodspring District Council has instructed Honda Limited to remove their sign from the Forecourt of Hutton Motor Company by the 31st July 1993. so hopefully at long last this controversial, sign will go.

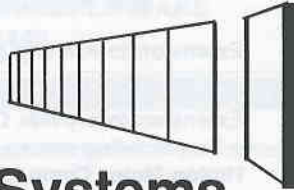
BLEADON VILLAGE BRIDGE CLUB

The Club held its second A G M on May 10th, which was well attended by members. The Chairman reported an average attendance of over 40 players at each of meetings during the year -- including some Bank Holidays.

A satisfactory financial year was reported by the Treasurer, with a good balance in hand. The existing Committee was unanimously re-elected & thanked for their past services. It was agreed to raise the membership limit to 56, & it is already fully subscribed. This year it was decided to hold the Christmas Luncheon Party at an outside venue, followed by our usual Bridge session on December the 6th.

Don Gardner

J.L.G. of Taunton



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HILLS AND LEVELS

We are privileged in Bleadon to live in a parish which includes such a fascinating and beautiful landscape. We have the hills and we have the levels and it is our duty to protect these areas from any developments which threaten their unique character.

The sweep of the Mendip Hills from Bleadon to Loxton is quite rightly an area of outstanding natural beauty and must be preserved as such. Much as I welcome alternative sources of energy like that of wind power, I cannot support the idea of putting wind turbines all over our hills where they would be visually intrusive. The argument that wind turbines need to be on the top of hills does not seem very credible when it is remembered that one of the least hilly countries of Europe, Holland, has the most windmills. I am not enthusiastic about new barns being erected in prominent places on the skyline and nor do I welcome proposals which might introduce inappropriate commercial activities to the A.O.N.B.

The levels should be protected also in my view. They have a tranquil charm of their own and should remain in agricultural use. The activities at Wayacre Drove on the levels involving the dumping of huge amounts of rubble, the building of a massive barn without planning consent, the burning of building materials and the general unkempt look of the place have given rise to much concern. The parish council and myself have made many representations to Woodspring Council and things seem to be improving gradually. I hope that Wessex Water Authority which now owns a lot of land in the area will wish to further its schemes for landscape enhancement by keeping its fields in well managed agricultural production and generally improving the natural appearance of the levels.

I do not believe that it is selfish to try to preserve the beauty of the countryside. Anyone, resident or visitor, who enjoys the landscape of the parish, through walking, looking at the views or admiring the wild flowers, feels better for the experience. It is our privilege and duty to be stewards of the natural world so that present and future generations may share the benefits which the countryside offers.

Alan Kerr, District Councillor

VILLAGE PLANTING

Hopefully by the time the June issue of the Village News is published, the Parish Council will have been able to plant the flower tubs around the Village (weather permitting). Several have already been planted thanks to folk who have kindly adopted the tubs situated outside their homes.

Last year it was hoped to hold a Halloween Dance to raise funds to provide more tubs and flowers for the village and to improve the appearance of the Jubilee Garden. Unfortunately, as only 30 tickets had been sold a week before the dance was due to be held, it was cancelled. However, Marian and Roger Perkins came to the rescue and raised some money by holding a Halloween Party themselves - the proceeds of which have been spent on new shrubs for Jubilee Garden and a new planter which has replaced one of the old tubs in Shiplate Road - thank you both for your support.

Thanks must also go to Sue Strode who spent many hours helping to tidy up and weed the garden and plant the new shrubs. At the moment they look a bit 'lost' but they were chosen for their good groundcovering potential and colouring and with a bit of luck, within a year or so, as they start to grow and spread they should look quite attractive.

Jill Bowmer

AVON LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION

Here are some more extracts from the reports of various liaison committees.

British Telecom - In July last year B.T. launched its West of England Malicious Calls Bureau. This is based on Taunton and covers all counties from Cornwall up to Gloucestershire and most of Wiltshire. There has been an average of 400 cases reported every week since it opened. During this time 11 people have been successfully prosecuted and 15 cases were pending at the time of the report (28th April).

Anyone needing help from the bureau can call free on 0800 661441. B.T. also provide a free 24 hour recorded information service, offering help and advice. The number is 0800 666700.

B.T. has also given notice that telephone numbers in Bristol will change between 1st April and 31st July 1994. The Bristol dialling code will change from 0272 to 0117 and a 9 will be added to the front of all six figure numbers. From 1st August 1994 both the old and new numbers will operate in parallel until 16th April 1995. From that date only the new codes will be used.

Police - All calls to the police are now routed through Taunton. It is reported that they have been taking 5000 calls per day. The police are particularly anxious that the 999 code should only be used in real emergencies. Its use for other calls to the police can overload the emergency call system. This may hazard responses to real emergency needs from all of the emergency services, i.e. police, ambulance and fire.

Banwell police station, which serves our village along with many others, is now open 24 hours per day.

Accidents - It is pleasing to report that accidents were down throughout Avon in 1992 compared with 1991. This was true of all categories of accidents, whether causing minor or major injuries or death.

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* * * **CORONATION HALL * SUMMER NEWS** * * *

At the AGM held in March, Peter Lindsay and Len Chamberlain were re-elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Mrs Ann Box has undertaken the Treasurer's duties, and Mrs Sarah Ripley has recently joined the Committee to fulfil our need for a new Secretary.

The village organisations all have representation on the Hall Committee, which now comprises:

<i>Friendship Club:</i>	Harry Baker	<i>Guides/Brownies:</i>	Barbara Snelgrove
<i>W.I.:</i>	Doreen Woollan	<i>Youth Club:</i>	Tony Morgan
<i>Bridge Club:</i>	D. Gardner	<i>Bleadon Players:</i>	Rosemary Sanders
<i>Bowling Club:</i>	John Ward	<i>Parish Council:</i>	Len Chamberlain, Eric Benn Glo Smith, Ruth Hore
	<i>Parochial Church Council:</i>		Mary Henley, Bob Woollan
	<i>Village Representatives:</i>		Pat Simmonds, Ann Box, Peter Lindsay
	<i>Co-opted:</i>		Linda Griffiths, Marion McKay
	<i>Caretakers:</i>		Joanne Jones (812370 to book!)
	<i>Booking Officer:</i>		

Thanks to all above for freely giving of their time for the Hall and village's benefit.

The Spring Coffee Morning proved very convivial and successful, and the photographic display of village views, events and personalities proved very popular and interesting. Thanks to all involved.

The Notice Board on the front of the Hall fell victim to the upsurge in village vandalism and was found, for no sensible reason, prised off the wall and dumped. It has been duly repaired, refaced, repainted and rehung (which is perhaps what should happen to the vandals). Unfortunately, it now shows up the poor state of paintwork on the rest of the front elevation, so quotations are being sought to repaint and smarten up the front.

Inside, we nearly had a catastrophe when a bowler sat on a chair which promptly collapsed under him. The frame weld had fractured, and all chairs have consequently been thoroughly checked and users can, we hope rest comfortably and confidently.

Talking of fractures, can anyone explain why we lose 26 cups? All other crockery present and correct, so they must have made a big bang. Not a fragment to be found.... Which brings us round to finances to pay for all this. Please make a note of our **Jumble Sale** on 2nd October, and our **Christmas Coffee Morning** (Christmas???) on 11th December. We need your support - (particularly if you broke the cups!)

Peter Lindsay Chairman

BLEADON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

*Summer time and the living is easy
It's raining hard and oh! so breezy
But don't you worry or despair
Tend your apples and your pear,
Cos in September should you not know
It's time again for your Village Show.
Bring your onions large and round
Dig veg and lettuce from the ground.
Roses, pies and Welsh cakes too
Lots of entries just for you!*

Please come along and support your
Bleadon Horticultural Summer Show -
Saturday 4th September 1993
Doors open 2.30pm

Entry forms available from our village
Post Office.

Maggie Pettitt

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CORONATION HALL

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY!

17th July	Family Fun Evening with PIG ROAST, STALLS, MAGGOT RACING, RAFFLE, REFRESHMENTS, etc., etc.	Bleadon Guides & Scouts
7th August	JUMBLE SALE	Bleadon W.I.
4th September	SUMMER SHOW	Horticultural Society
18th & 25th September	"MURDER IN COMPANY" a play in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust	L. Masters
2nd October	JUMBLE SALE	Hall Management Committee
3rd October	HARVEST LUNCH	Bleadon P.C.C.
9th & 16th October	Charity Variety Show	L. Masters
30th October	HALLOWEEN PARTY	Church Friends
20th November	QUIZ in aid of C.L.I.C.	

WHODUNNIT IN THE CORONATION HALL

What do Trevor French, Charlotte House, Sam Hurrell, Jane Jay, Sandra Kelly, Les Masters and Gerald O'Brien have in common?

- (a) They all live in Bleadon
- (b) They are all charitably inclined
- (c) They all like acting (five of them have appeared at Weston Playhouse)

This combination of characteristics brings them together to perform "Murder in Company" at the Coronation Hall on September 18th and 25th, with all profits going to the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust.

Specially written for performance in local halls, the play makes the audience jump twice in the first minute, then provides a thoroughgoing baddie they soon learn to loathe, the obligatory murder, the usual unlikely culprit, plenty of both humour and conflict and strong characterisation. To fortify the audience at the interval there will be the usual refreshments and licensed bar.

The Coronation Hall has hosted some excellent entertainment for the village in the last few years. This event will be a new departure, but I promise you it will live up to the same high standards.

Be there!

Les Masters

WHIST DRIVES

Once again I have to say thank you to our whist players for their support. We began the drives in October 1991 and have had 36 drives and received £562.04 for the Scout and Guide building fund. The drives will finish on June 30th and resume on Wednesday September 8th - same time 2 - 4pm - same place - the Church Room. We should like to thank the church for making the room available for us.

Barbara Snelgrove

BLEADON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

An interesting variety of entertainment has continued at the club's weekly meetings. Also, the excursions, in May to Exmoor and in June to South Wales and Carn Forest. The next one planned is the Malvern Hills on July 22nd. Sadly the club has lost several members over the past year and would welcome any new friends who would care to join us! Come as a visitor and if you enjoy the company we would welcome you as a member. Meetings are still at 2.15 on Friday afternoons at the Coronation Hall. Just 30p for your tea and biscuits.

EMT

CONTACTUS - BLEADON

Our activities of welcoming newcomers, arranging visits by the young to the elderly and giving such help as lies within our competence, have been quietly continuing in the background.

Since last writing our report, some dozen families have arrived as newcomers to our parish and we have been particularly pleased that in every case except one, we have been notified almost immediately of their arrival. The information has been most valuable in ensuring their early welcome. Please keep up the good work!

Some time later in the year we shall hold a 'Welcome Party' in the Coronation Hall for all who have become "Bleadonites" since our last party. All families concerned will be invited individually.

If you would like to join our organisation, or just learn a little more about it, then please contact Mary or Phil Ashley (812667) or me (812436).

Our greetings and good wishes to you all.

John Thomlinson (Chairman)

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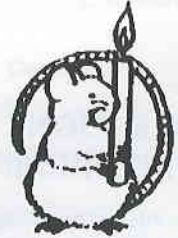
FRIDAY MORNING KEEP FIT

Your body is for life, so keep it fit for life. A great motto from the National Keep-fit Association, of which I am a teacher, qualified for ten years now. Thank you to the regulars who attend, we have room for more! Class work involves sticks and bands (supplied), scarf (please bring your own), dance set routines (not hard - class is **not** aerobics), 2 x 15oz baked bean tins, which we donate to Charity Relief after class. Did you know brittle bone disease is kept at bay with regular weekly exercise? Contribute to the village where you and I live - "Fit for Life". See you in class.

Tish Cassidy

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH NEWS

In the last issue the **May Day Fayre** was coming, and now it's gone, but what a success it was! We had our usual sunny day and the crowds came from far and wide to enjoy themselves. Final accounting has now been done with an improved takings figure of £5,750.59. The 1992 take was £5,002.47. This year we have achieved a wonderful result and the thanks for that goes to everyone who helped us beforehand and on the day. There's no doubt that workers and visitors alike had a fun day.



Do come along to our **Summer Barbecue** on **Saturday 10th July**, in the lovely gardens of Aldersleigh, Birch Avenue, the home of Joyce and Bill Thom from 6.30pm. Meet your friends and join in the social life of your village. Tickets £4 from the Post office or Friends of the Church. **Woody White's Wednesday Socials** will take place one evening a month at Purn House Farm Workshops, the first one having happened by the time you read this. Future dates are **Wednesday 21st July, Wednesday 18th August and Wednesday 22nd September**. Proceeds to various charities. This is a fun evening with entertainment from fairground organs large and small, refreshments, woodcarving and a raffle. Just turn up from 7pm onwards.

"**The Bleadon Village Cook Book**" is still selling well. What a marvellous ambassador for the village it's proving to be! It makes an ideal present that only costs a small amount to post second class. It is on sale at the Post office or from Friends of the Church.

Tony Ewin

ST PETER AND ST PAUL WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our year is drawing to a close. The last meeting before our new year starts in September is on 22nd June when our Annual General Meeting will be held. In March we had our usual Spring Coffee Morning which was well attended as usual and at our meetings in April and May we had entertaining and enlightening talks on Travels in New Zealand by Mr M Horseman and the Island of Iona by Rev. Margaret Trapp. In March several of us attended the Women's World Day of Prayer at Lympsham Church - the country represented this year was Guatemala. As you know we were blessed with sunshine for the May Day Fayre which helped to make it the outstanding success it was. Our bookstall was well patronised - many thanks to all who helped to make it so successful. In September new members would be most welcome - do come and join us!

MJB

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE CORONATION HALL

MONDAYS

10.30 - 12.00		Gentle Exercise Group	Mrs P Dain	812859
2.00 - 5.00pm		Bleadon Bridge Club	Mr D Gardiner	812041
7.30pm	<i>1st Monday</i>	British Sugarcraft Guild W.S.M. Branch	Mrs J Garrad	632632
7.30pm	<i>2nd Monday</i>	Parish Council		

TUESDAYS

2.00 -4.00pm	<i>2nd Tuesday</i>	Women's Institute	Mrs P Brent	812640
7.30pm	<i>1st, 2nd & 4th</i>	Weston-super-Mare Camera Club	Mr K Tapley	623877

WEDNESDAYS

10.00 -noon	<i>4th Wed.</i>	Infant Welfare Clinic and Toddler Group		
7.30pm		Bleadon Players Rehearsals	Mr F Davies	812858

THURSDAYS

2.00 -4.00pm	<i>Sept - May</i>	Painting Class Painting to extend your abilities	Mrs K Savage WSM Tech College	621301
7.30pm	<i>1st & 4th Sept-June</i>	Folk Dancing	Miss B Snelgrove	812226

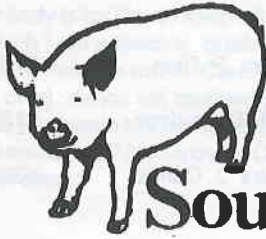
FRIDAYS

10.00 -11.00am		Exercise Class	Mrs M Cassidy	812125
2.00 -4.00pm		Friendship Club	Mrs E M Tucker	813940
7.30pm	<i>Sept - May</i>	Short Mat Bowling Club	Mr J Ward	812136

SUNDAYS

3.00 -5.00pm	<i>Sept - May</i>	Short Mat Bowling Club	Mr J Ward	812136
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The Branch was represented at the South Mendip Group Meeting at Winscombe on April 5th. Congratulations to two Members who received Certificates in the Handicraft Competition.

Mrs. J. Clarke Hon Secretary attended the Women's Section National Conference at Brighton on April 28th and 29th. She brought back a good account of the proceedings and is hoping to attend again in 1994 at Blackpool.

The Men's Branch Buffet Supper and Entertainment held at the Manor Hall on May 14th was very successful, and a great many thanks are due to the Ladies of the Committee for their help on the Day. Also to Mrs. S. Hill, Mrs. N. Sims and Mrs. J. Clarke for purchasing and organising the food. During the Evening presentations were made by Miss E. Hall, County Committee representative to Mrs. J. Clarke, Mrs. N. Sims, Mr. M. Sanders (Sanders Superstore) and Mr. L. Gooding (Lympham Stores and Post Office) for long Service to the Poppy Appeal.

R.B.L. South Mendip Group Meeting was held at the Manor Hall on Thursday May 20th. There was enough food over from the Supper to be used for this event, and the Somerset County President Mr. King thanked the Branch for our help. The National Total to date for 1992 for the Poppy Appeal is £12,399,693.47p.

Forthcoming Events

R.B.L. Men's Branch Lympham & Bleadon Committee Meeting Sports Pavilion June 29th 7 30 p.m. Women's Section Lympham Committee Meeting Blue Coat Farm on July 27th at 7 30 p.m. Dedication of New County Standard Wells Cathedral August 15th Numbers to Mrs. Clarke by June 30th. Men's Branch Flower Show Manor Hall August 7th. Teas and Gift Stall.

TRAFFIC IN BLEADON

Your Chairman and I recently met with the Highways Transport and engineering department of Avon County Council. Our mission was to try and get action on some of our highway problems.

I am pleased to inform you that after consultation with the police Avon are to proceed with the process leading to a mandatory 30mph speed limit throughout the village. It may be some time before these proposals are actioned due partly to the current financial restraints on local authorities but the old "adage" of no 30mph limit without full street lighting has gone. Your council will now lobby hard for a swift introduction of the new speed limit.

Other items agreed by Avon were for immediate maintenance of the carriageway markings at the junction of Celtic Way and Coronation Road together with the re-installation and repair of the verge marker posts at the Veale. It is also proposed that additional warning signs on the approach to the bend at the junction of Shiplate Road and Coronation Road be provided and Avon are also to emphasise the narrowness of the road and to provide some protection for the wall in this area.

The future introduction of the 30mph speed limit will I am sure be most welcome to us all.

Richard Strode

*Bleadon
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7.00 pm

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St Paul & St Peter 1st Bleadon Scout Group

This year has gone quite well for us, having had 7 new cubs, we now have two sixers in our pack. Great News!

This does not mean we have stopped recruiting. The more boys we have, the more fun we have. So come on you young lads between 8 and 10 1/2, and join our Cub Pack. We have had visits to the Police Station, Fire Station and Lifeboat Station and are teaming a lot about our community. Being a newcomer to Bleadon this is helping me also. We are busy with our badgework at the moment and are hoping to award quite a few next month.

Anyone interested in joining our pack, please give me a call, or call in and speak to me any Thursday evening between 6.30pm and 8pm at the cub hut, Bleadon.

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1ST BLEADON BROWNIES

At last some good news! Mrs Karen Wheeler will be taking over as Brown Owl at Christmas. Karen is an ex-Bleadon Guide and has contributed a lot of her time towards the fund raising for the new H.Q. in Bleadon. I'm sure that the Brownies will very much enjoy having Karen as their new Brown Owl and I look forward to helping her with the unit.

We have five new Brownies Amy, Hannah, Hollie, Jennifer and Claire all of whom we would like to welcome to the pack. Several Brownies have recently completed their House Orderly Badge and Hostess badge, well done!

The Brownies helped to raise money for the church by running a Lucky Dip at the May Day Fayre in Bleadon. On 3rd June we are going for a trip on a narrow boat on the Bridgwater to Taunton Canal and then on to visit New Road Farm. Mrs Kidner from New Road Farm recently visited the pack and brought her Barn Owl which was a firm favourite with all the Brownies. Cheryl, Katie, Kelly, Kirstin and Michelle represented the District in the Division Swim-a-long at Hutton Moor on Sat 12th June.

Brown Owl Tel: 750026

1ST BLEADON GUIDE COMPANY

Guide Guider:- Miss Jo Brinkley.
Unit Helper:- Mrs Maureen Cosh.

Asst Guide Guider:- Mrs Jane Brinkley.
Meeting Time Monday 7.30 - 9pm

When Jo took over the running of the Guides in Sept 92 there were 14 Girl Guides, since then our numbers have increased to 22. The Guides have chosen endangered Species for each patrol; Elephants, Seals, Turtles and Dolphins. Each Guide has to embroider her own badge. Just before Christmas we sang Carols around Bleadon. Money raised went towards the Hut Fund. We had a Jumble Sale in Feb again the money raised went towards the Hut Fund. We had a Party at Christmas, the Guides made Christmas Decorations. In February they attended the "Thinking Day Service" at Uphill Church. In March we all went to see "Meet the Gang" at the Playhouse. One Guide, Louisa Cosh took part in the Show. Employees from the Body Shop came to one meeting and gave a very interesting talk on the environment. They gave each Guide a small gift and also had a quiz. One evening we had a walk round Bleadon and asked the Guides to collect natural materials to make a spider's web. The results were quite amazing.

At the moment the Guides are working towards their Entertainment Badge, and some towards their Hostess. One of the Guides, Natalie Castell, attended the Bath & West show at Shepton Mallet, She stayed from the Tues - Sat of half term week., one of her tasks was to lead the animals round. On Sat 12th June 5 Guides took part in a Division Swim a Long at Hutton Moor.

I would like to say a big THANKYOU to all the people who are on the fund raising committee for the Hut Fund, especially to Carole Brown, Brown Owl of 1st Bleadon Brownies, who I know has put a lot of effort into fund raising. We are always on the look out for NEW Members. If you would like further details helping in any way please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jane Brinkley
District Commissioner South District

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