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October '93

Dear Parishioner,

You may have seen the recent article in the local press, which reported on the massive Audit Bill received by this Council for the year 1991/92. The bill was in excess of £5200, the major part caused by the complaints made by Mr & Mrs Corder, In fact these complaints cost over £5100 and there is no way that the Parish Council can obtain reimbursement We have been forced to use reserves to cover this cost. These reserves were intended to cover future legal fees for a problem which was inherited by this Council. In his final letter to Mr & Mrs Corder the Auditor, after taking legal advice, stated that "the complaints were an abuse of the audit process and were dismissed". I am very pleased to inform you that the "Cordergate Affair" is over, but it still leaves us with a problem. The Council has to recover the monies used from its reserves, and will have to do this in next years precept. I am sorry, but we have no alternative. I am sorry to inform you that Mrs Jill Bowmer recently tendered her resignation as a Parish Councillor. Jill was a very hard working and efficient member of the Council, always willing to undertake any and every task. Jill will be **very** difficult to replace and I wish to take this opportunity to thank her, for all her efforts and for her support. We will be Co-opting a new member in the near future, hopefully in time to start at our next meeting on 11th October.

The good news is that the Honda pylon sign has been removed at long last. What a difference it has made to the road junction by the Catherine's Inn, a real improvement in road safety. Many people worked very hard to obtain this result, but a special thanks is due to the following: District Cllr. Alan Kerr, Parish Councillors Jill Bowmer and Eric Benn. A special vote of thanks must go to Mr Dennis Coombe of Purn Way. Dennis suggested, organised and participated in the Road Traffic Census which was so important in our representations to the Planning Officers. The garage has now obtained the Fiat franchise, we will be watching the new signs very closely indeed. A new extension is planned for the Coronation Hall. This is a joint venture between the Hall Management Committee and the Guides, Scouts, Cubs and Brownies- It is a very exciting prospect and enjoys the unanimous backing of the Parish Council. It was the Council which originally suggested the joint venture. The extended building will be of enormous benefit to all who use it, and work should commence in the near future. I will keep you informed of developments in the next Newsletter.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 11th October in the Coronation Hall, and we would like to see you there.

Yours sincerely,

Brenig Evans, Chairman.

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ST PETER AND ST PAUL WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our summer break is over and hopefully our members have enjoyed this brief Indian summer. Our next meeting will be on 28th September, commencing with a short service in church at 2-30pm afterwards across to the Church Room for the remainder of the afternoon when we look forward to the return of established members and possibly a few new faces! All are welcome - it would be nice to see you if you could only manage to attend occasionally, perhaps at first, as a visitor?

M J Blinkhorne

BLEADON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Friendship Club meetings resumed on 17th September after the summer break*

Mr H Christian has compiled an interesting programme of entertainment for the coming months.

President, Mr W Stephens, was thanked for his hard work in organising the holiday at Eastbourne, Lovely weather and an excellent hotel made it a very happy and relaxing week.

We sadly record the death of Mr Harold Lewton, a life member of the Club; also that of Mr Dennis Britton - both will be much missed.

We hope to welcome new members or visitors to meetings as usual on Friday afternoons at 2.15pm.

EMT

£1,000.00 RAISED.

Thank you to all Bleadon villagers who came along to Purn House Farm on 1st August and so contributed to this magnificent sum, We have received a grateful letter from the Cystic Fibrosis Trust who were extremely impressed that so much could be raised at one local event.

The afternoon was a great success, the weather fine. Over 250 people enjoyed watching the cows being milked, the calves fed and ponies ridden! We sold over 200 cream teas and 100 ice-creams. Other attractions included craft stalls, rare breed sheep and, of course, Woody White's fair organ.

Next year we plan to hold another event - perhaps a Barn Dance. So grab your partners and watch this space!

Charlotte, Alistair and Erica House

BLEADON FOLK DANCE CLUB

We have just started our Autumn session, continuing our normal twice monthly meetings in the Coronation Hall at 8pm on the first and fourth Thursdays of each month.

Now would be an excellent time to come and join us and we assure you of an equally warm welcome whether you come on your own or with a friend or partner or whether you are a total novice or an experienced dancer.

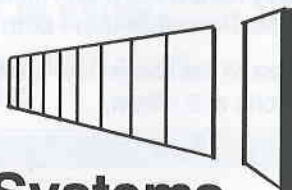
Among our membership we include three extremely active octogenarians as well as others less than half that age and recently both Golden and Ruby Wedding Anniversaries have been celebrated by our members. So evidently it needs all sorts to make a good Folk Dance Club - why not become one of the sorts!

This coming October we shall be celebrating the 10th Anniversary of our club with a special party evening.

To find out more ring:-
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1st. BLEADON SCOUT TROOP

It, has been a very active last few months since I took over running the troop. The troop ran a stall in the recent pig roast event in the village, which consisted of an obstacle course on stilts. This event provided a great deal of amusement for all those involved.

Other activities the troop have been recently involved in is the steam fair where the lads were kept busy, organising the car parking for the thousands of cars and their occupants who attended over the two days of the event. Their hard work was appreciated by both the fair's organisers and the general public.

The troop have been away on two recent weekend camps in Brecon, South Wales. The activities at the camps included abseiling at two different locations with varying levels of difficulty, river crossing with the use of a rope suspended across from one side to the other, rock climbing and many sporting activities.

In the near future the troop will be enjoying such activities as canoeing, caving, pot-holing, shooting, abseiling from helicopters and too many other events to mention here.

At the present time the troop is looking to recruit new members, If you are, or know anyone who may be interested in joining the troop, are male and aged between ten and sixteen years old, either come along to one of our meetings on any Friday evening, (19.45hrs - 22.00hrs.) or telephone myself for more information. I am also looking to recruit another adult, helper. If you can offer your services and are 18 years old or over please do not hesitate to contact me.

MARK WALTON
Tel: (0278 451321)

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS !

Bleadon's 'Parent & Toddler Group' will now be on at Bleadon Coronation Hall every second and fourth Wednesday in the month from 13th October , 10.00am to 12 noon.

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ALL WELCOME

NOT SO MUCH A BUSINESS - MORE A WAY OF LIFE

Concern about the future of the Post Office in Bleadon has been expressed by several residents this summer, following the publicity about pensions being paid direct into banks or building society accounts, I was able to assure them that barring enormous changes in rules and ownership Bleadon should retain its Post Office for several years at least, but it might help at this stage to clarify the situation for those residents who are interested.

To begin with, sub-postmasters are NOT salaried employees of the Post Office. They are self-employed people who have invested their capital in a business which includes a contract with the Post Office and their remuneration is directly related to their turnover. In village offices this is not usually enough to live on, so a significant turnover in the rest of the business is essential.

The number of village offices is declining but not because the Post Office is deliberately shutting them. In many cases the owners let the business run down as they approach retirement, to the extent that it becomes unsaleable and the property reverts to a private residence. We could take the same path and would no doubt obtain a very good price for the house but that would be a very selfish approach. Once a village's sole shop/post office has shut down it is virtually impossible to restart from scratch in different premises. Therefore, I shall do my level best to ensure that when I finally hang up my datestamp, this Post Office will be a good BUSINESS proposition to potential purchasers. After that it will be up to my successor.

Les Masters

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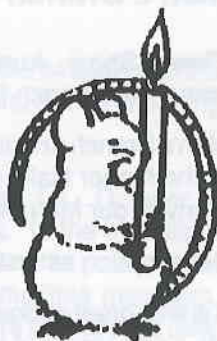
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FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH NEWS

What has been happening

The barbecue at the home of Joyce and Bill on 10th July was a great success and raised approximately 2100. Woody's Wednesday Socials went from strength to strength with many visitors joining in - some even came from Australia! The Friends represented the village at the Bleadon Steam Country Fayre on Saturday 14th August and a further £150 was raised. Very many thanks to all who baked such wonderful cakes, etc and to those who helped on the day.



What is going to happen

The Harvest Lunch will take place on **Sunday 3rd October at 12.30pm** in the Coronation Hall. This will be followed by an Auction of Harvest Produce with the proceeds going to CLIC. This lunch is an ancient village tradition so do come along and enjoy yourselves. It is also a way of avoiding cooking the Sunday lunch! Tickets £3 and £2 for children under 14.

There will be a **Band Concert by the Bristol East Band on Friday 22nd October** in the Church at 7.15 for 7.45. There will be a raffle. Tickets £2.

Our new seasonal attraction is a **Hallowe'en Party** with dancing and merriment to the Atlantis Band at 7.30 for 8pm in the Coronation Hall on **Saturday 30th October** with licensed bar and supper. You can come dressed for the occasion if you like, or come as yourself. Prize for the best Hallowe'en outfit. **Tickets £5.**

The New Year's Eve Dinner Dance will take place on Friday 31st December in the Coronation Hall with dancing to the Wolverhill Band. Details to be published later. Here is an opportunity to bring in the New Year with friends and neighbours and avoid the drink/drive problem.

Tickets for all functions from Les Masters at the Post office or from Friends of the Church.

Tony Ewin

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Men's Branch & Women's Section Lympsham & Bleadon

Flower Show August 7th. Again proved a great success and a profit of £124 was put to Branch Funds.

Men's Branch Annual General Meeting November 1st. 1993 (Monday) will be held at the Manor Hall commencing at 7.45pm. We shall be pleased to welcome as many of our Members as are able to attend.

Subscription as last year £4.

It is with great sadness that we have learned of the deaths of two of our Members, Mr. Ken Francis of Highbridge and Mr. Denis Britton of Bleadon.

Our sympathies are with their families at this, time.

Royal British Legion Women's Section Lympsham & Bleadon.,

Donations sent to Head-quarters are as follows Total £90.

Annual General Meeting Women's Section October 22nd, 1993 commencing at 7.30pm. All Members welcome to attend.

The Branches were represented at Wells Cathedral on August 15th for Dedication of New Somerset County Standard. This was much enjoyed by all.

Poppy Appeal 1993. Closed period October 13th to November 13th, The Poppy Organiser for Bleadon is Mrs. J. Diment. Please give generously for this most worthy cause.

Forthcoming Events.

- October 29th. Bingo Manor Hall, Lympsham 7.30 pm. Grand Raffle, Refreshments, Prizes. Please come and bring your friends.
- October 30th. Somerset County Conference Women's Section, Winter Gardens, 10 a.m. to 4 30 p.m. All Members welcome.
- October 31st. Festival of Remembrance Winter Gardens 7pm. Tickets £2.
- November 14th. Service of Remembrance at Bleadon and Lympsham 10.45am.
- December 11th. Christmas Bingo Manor Hall 7.30pm. Admission 10p. Tickets 35p. Christmasy Prizes and Bumper Raffle. Proceeds to Branch Funds.
- December 16th. Christmas Carol Service at Bleadon Church 2.30pm. See Posters for Details.

BLEADON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

Following our normal summer break, our club will open our 1993/94 season in the Coronation Hall on Friday 24th. September at 7.00p.m. Our first Sunday meeting will be on 26th. September at 3.00p.m.

We shall be holding our Annual General Meeting On Friday 1st. October at 7.00p.m. This will be followed by a normal bowling evening. In the meantime would all members please give thought to nominations for the positions of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer as well as general committee members. Please note that neither the existing Secretary or Treasurer are prepared to offer themselves for re-election in these roles.

We anticipate having a few vacancies for new members this season. Anyone who is interested in trying their hand at bowling is welcome to come along on either a Friday evening or Sunday afternoon. Apart from bowling we are also a very sociable group of people. If you are new to the village or its surroundings here is an opportunity to get to know many of your neighbours.

John Ward

BLEADON W I QUARTERLY REPORT

A shadow hovers over the future of Bleadon WI. If a president cannot be found to succeed Mrs BARBARA HILLIER at the end of the year, the branch may well have to close. An unsuccessful appeal for a successor was made at the July and September meetings.

At the July Meeting Mrs B Woolvett was presented with a bouquet to mark her 90th birthday . Flowers were sent to Mrs Joan Worts who is recovering after a long hospital spell, Guest speaker was a Tesco area manageress who spoke of the Weston store's plans for the future.

At this month's meeting Mrs Harding gave a talk on 'Tea and Teapots'.

It is hoped to arrange another skittles evening in the Queen's Arms next month.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CORONATION HALL

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY!

October	3rd	HARVEST LUNCH	Bleadon P.C.C.
	9th & 16th	Charity Variety Show	L. Masters
	30th	HALLOWEEN PARTY	Church Friends
November	6th	COFFEE MORNING	Friendship Club
	13th	JUMBLE SALE	Hall Management Committee
	20th	QUIZ in aid of C.L.I.C.	Mrs Pat Dain Tel: 812859
December	11th	CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING & FAIR	Hall Management Committee
	12th	CHRISTINGLE PARTY	Bleadon Church
	31st	NEW YEAR PARTY	Church Friends

BLEADON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

With record temperatures and a record number of entries, the 20th Bleadon Horticultural Show turned out to be another 'bloomin' success.

Many, many thanks to all those who participated, those who came to browse and those who just came along for a cup of tea and a biscuit!

Perhaps now would be a timely reminder for all bulb enthusiasts that the 21st Spring Show will be on Saturday March 19th 1994. New exhibitors of all ages and for all classes will be warmly welcomed.

For any information or further details about the Spring Show please contact Chris Cudlipp on 813152.

Maggie Pettitt

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE CORONATION HALL

MONDAYS

10.30 - 12.00		Gentle Exercise Group	Mrs P Dain	812859
2.00 - 5.00pm	<i>Sept - May</i>	Bleadon Bridge Club	Mr R 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 B Hillier	812455
7.30pm	<i>1st, 2nd & 4th</i>	Weston-super-Mare Camera Club	Mr K Tapley	623877

WEDNESDAYS

10.00 -noon	<i>2nd & 4th</i>	Infant Welfare Clinic and Toddler Group	Mrs J Morant at the Clinic	
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 Panes A.C.E. WSM Tech College	621301
7.30pm	<i>1st & 4th Sept-June</i>	Folk Dancing	Miss B Snelgrove	812226

FRIDAYS

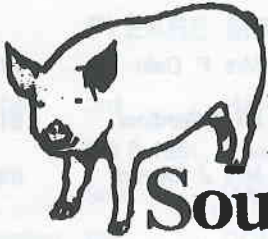
10.00-11.00am		Exercise Class	Mrs M Cassidy	812025
2.00 -4.00pm		Friendship Club	Mrs E M Tucker	813940
7.30pm	<i>Sept - May</i>	Short Mat Bowling Club	Mr J Ward	812136

SUNDAYS

3.00 -5.00pm	<i>Sept - May</i>	Short Mat Bowling Club	Mr J Ward	812136
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Since our last report there has been an increased degree of movement in and out of the village so we have been busy welcoming newcomers and distributing our "Welcome Packs", We are presently planning a meeting to organise a Welcome Party for all new members of our community within the last year and for other recent comers who, for whatever reasons, missed the last Welcome Party. Individual invitations giving time, place and date will be sent to all folk concerned.

To the several kind people who have taken the trouble to inform us of new folk moving in near to them, we say a big 'Thank You' and would be grateful to any other folk who would keep us so informed. A big 'Thank You' too to all those Contactus members and others who have done Invalid Sitting, Form Filling,, Hospital Visiting and Transporting and have so faithfully fulfilled the role for which we exist,

If you would like to get in touch with us please ring Philip or Mary (Tel:812667)

John Thomlinson

BONFIRES

We know that you are not an uncaring person who would deliberately annoy or harm your neighbours or even yourself, but if you light bonfires then this is exactly what you do. Apart from the fact that the environmental health office reports that bonfire smoke contains over 300 times more cancer causing compounds than cigarettes, people with chest problems suffer physical distress, windows have to be tightly closed in the daytime, washing rescued and working or relaxing in the garden abandoned. Hellenge and South Hills tend to hold and push down smoke which might appear at first to be rising straight up.

Contactus has been approached by many villagers asking if we can appeal to the culprits who may not be aware that there is an excellent free tip provided by the Council, off Herluin Way, opposite Hutton Moor Leisure Centre. It is easily accessible by car up a concrete road to the clean points of disposal above huge skips which are regularly emptied. There are places for every kind of rubbish, household, garden and even car oil.

These are the times of opening:-

SUMMER

1st April - 30th. September.

Mon - Fri. 8.00am. - 6.45pm.

Saturday. 8.00am. - 3.45pm.

Sundays Closed since cut-backs.

WINTER

1st. October - 31st. March.

8.00am. - 4.15pm.

8.00am. - 3.45pm.

We're sure that neighbours with transport would help those without cars and the local bin-men are most helpful with properly bagged refuse.

Or here's another tip - Autumn is coming - why not start a valuable compost heap?!

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**M. Ashley
Contactus**

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1st BLEADON GUIDE AND SCOUT HEADQUARTERS

A very big "THANK-YOU" to all who supported us at the PIG ROAST on July 17th.

We made a very welcome **£850** which has been added to our New Headquarters Fund.

1st BLEADON BROWNIES

The Guides and Brownies came 3rd in the Division Swimming Gala in June, they were only a few points behind the winners.

We have made the best of what little summer we've had by spending as much time as possible outdoors. An enjoyable morning was spent on the canal at Taunton followed by an afternoons visit to New Road Farm where we had a go at Pond dipping. The athletes Badge has taken a lot of our time and the term was finished off with a barbecue in Mr Boleys field and testing for the Athletes Badge, we will all begin this term a lot fitter!

During the holidays we enjoyed meeting up for the day with some Brownies from the Redditch area who were staying at the Coronation Hall for Pack Holiday. We had great fun making new friends and exchanging different ideas, songs, etc.

We welcome four new Brownies at the beginning of this term. This brings us up to our full quota of 24 but we do have a waiting list so if you would like your daughter to join as when she is 7 then please contact me well in advance.

Brown Owl - Carole Brown 750026

Assistant - Karen Wheeler 632510

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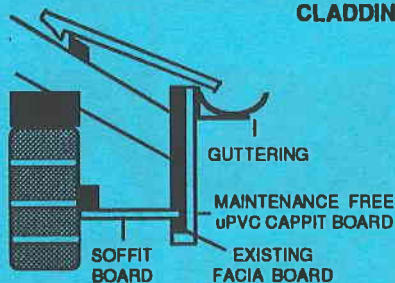


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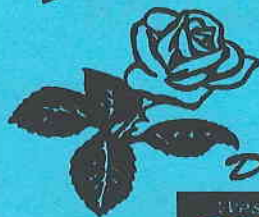
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