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## TWO DEPARTURES - ONE ARRIVAL

This month's Parish Council meeting, on 13th December, opened in unprecedented fashion. We already knew that since the last meeting Richard Strode, the vice-chairman, had resigned from the Council. Hardly had the meeting begun than Brenig Evans, our chairman, announced his own resignation, with immediate effect.

He explained that for some time he had been ignoring his doctor's advice in remaining on the Council. The pressure in his job had increased to a ridiculous extent (he works in a sales environment where new targets are plucked out of thin air), so objectively we have to say that his decision was sensible. A man should not be expected to sacrifice his health to the Parish Council.

At the same time it is with great regret that we lose the services of a man who has worked with tremendous dedication and diligence during his 2½ years of office, a period that was rendered enormously and unnecessarily difficult by the protracted campaign against the Council on the part of two former residents. Brenig devoted countless hours to correspondence, telephone calls, visits to Woodspring and background research, and our District Councillor Alan Kerr, himself accustomed to much the same thing, was quick to pay tribute to this. We wish Brenig a more relaxed Christmas and, since he is still a long way from his dotage, we may yet see him back.

Richard too, will be greatly missed. In his case the reason is simply increased business commitments (born of success), including a great deal of foreign travel. He has made many highly effective contributions to the work of the Council. Perhaps when he has made his pile and taken his early retirement he too will rejoin us.

We have all the more reason then, to welcome John Rhodes, who was co-opted at the November meeting in place of Jill Bowmer. John (a former bank manager) has lived in Fern Lea for six years and is a committee member of Weston Golf Club.

Meanwhile, it is business as usual. At the January meeting we shall have to choose a new chairman and vice-chairman. The task of finding two new councillors will follow. Residents who wish to raise any matter with the council should meanwhile write to the Clerk (Bruce Poole), 10 South Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

Les Masters

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## **Royal British Legion Men and Women's Section Lymsham & Bleadon**

Both Branches have held their Annual General Meetings, and a successful year was reported. All Officers and Committee were re-elected for 1994.

October 30th. Winter Gardens - The Branch was represented at the Somerset County Conference.

October 31st. The Festival of Remembrance was held at the Winter Gardens. 29 Members and Standard Bearers of both Branches attended.

Our Poppy Appeal Total for 1993 is as follows:

Lymsham £838.72p and Bleadon £465.79p. Total is £1304.51p.

This amount is the most ever raised in both Villages, an increase of £182.73p. on 1992. Many thanks to both Poppy Appeal Organisers Collectors, and to all who gave so generously for this most worthy cause.

### **Royal British Legion Service Committee**

At Christmas, parcels were distributed to 14 widows and elderly residents of Lymsham & Bleadon. The Committee are still kept busy with Legion work. Anyone who has served with the Forces or is a widow of an Ex Service can apply for help with any problems. All matters discussed are kept confidential and all the Committee are sworn to secrecy. Please contact either :-

Mr. W. Stephens, 15 Worthy Crescent, Lymsham or  
Mrs. J. Clarke, Beck's Farm, Lymsham Tel No: 750351.

There is a Membership Drive on at the moment, so if any one is interested in joining us as a Member or a Honorary Member we shall be pleased to welcome you. Men's Branch Subscription £4. Women's Section Subscription £2.80p. Plus 10p joining Fee.

Men's Branch Hon Secretary. Mr. G. Pierce, 8 The Worthings, Lymsham

Women's Branch Hon Secretary. Mrs. J. Clarke. Beck's Farm, Lymsham

## **BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL**

I wish to thank my helpers and all who gave to this year's poppy appeal which raised a total of £454-54, £70 more than last year.

Thank you.

J Diment

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**CLIC FUN QUIZ**  
**NOVEMBER 20TH**



It would appear that the CLIC Fun Quiz has become an annual event in the village. Every time I have put it about that "that is definitely the last one", there are murmurings of discontent among the natives.

I must admit, I enjoy putting it on and the resultant contribution to the CLIC coffers is very pleasing. This year was the best ever with a grand total of £338.11. This entailed some nifty footwork by the raffle ticket sellers and a high standard of waitressing by the CLIC Committee. A useful amount was put in one of the CLIC cans by people who acquired further brain teasers to rouse the little grey cells on Christmas Day.

The eventual Brains of Bleadon were the Pat and Cliff Brent team who won four bottles of Sanders Superior Plonk. This leads in nicely to say a big vote of thanks to our local Sanders Superstore who have supported CLIC in every way since the Weston Branch was launched. We are most grateful for all that they do for us.

Altogether a highly successful evening and many thanks to the good people of Bleadon who always support us on all occasions.

Pat Dain

## **ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Once again our meetings are proving friendly and entertaining gatherings. Our speakers in October and November were most enlightening - Mr Leslie Fox on the subject of 'The Sue Ryder Foundation' and Mrs W Thompson spoke about "What's in a Name". The weather was kind when our Mini Bazaar was held in November. This helped to make it so successful - many thanks to all who helped and contributed to the occasion.

Seasons Greetings to all our members and we look forward to seeing you at our January gathering on the 25th when our speaker will be Mr Hubert Small, his subject 'Tapestry in Sound', which we are sure will be a musical treat. Do come along and bring your friends:

Madeline Blinkhorne

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## 1ST BLEADON BROWNIES

Due to putting all our efforts in raising money towards the New H.Q. over the past few years, we have worked hard this term in trying to boost our own funds, firstly, with a Sponsored Suck, which has raised over £100 so far. The Brownies had to suck a Rowntrees Fruit Pastille for as long as possible --- the winner was Cheryl, who sucked for 65 minutes! We then held a Jumble Sale on November 27th. All children's clothes, toys and books were sold in aid of CLIC and raised £33.16. The sale of Jumble, Books, etc., raised £150, which will be split between Guides and Brownies. Thank-you to everyone who supported us in this. The new funds will be used to buy much-needed new equipment and to pay for a Christmas Party at the end of December.

Mrs Harris the Home Safety Officer at Woodspring has been helping the Brownies with their "Safety in the Home" badge which they will be tested on shortly. Well done to all the Brownies who have obtained the following badges this term:- Writers, Book Lovers, Animal Lovers, Hostess, Jesters, Swimmers and Horse-riders (a very industrious term!)

Thank-you to all the local ladies who have so kindly given up their time in testing.

This is the last magazine item that I shall be writing as Brown Owl as Karen Wheeler will be taking over after Christmas. I shall be helping Karen as much as possible, but we really do need more help. If you have two hours to spare on a Friday evening and enjoy the company of children please contact us ---- it does not matter what age you are!

Carole Brown - Brown Owl - 750026  
Karen Wheeler - 632514

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## **CONTACTUS BLEADON**

A Welcome Party for newcomers to Bleadon was held in the Coronation Hall on Monday, 22nd. November. Nearly all those invited were able to attend to meet representatives of many of our local organisations and to get to know each other. A most attractive and interesting display of photographs and relevant literature was mounted by Sylvia and Tony Ewin. This portrayed a range of widely varying events arranged by the "Friends of the Church" over the last two or three years and was a focal point of great interest, suggesting promise of future delights. We wish to record our very sincere thanks to Sylvia and Tony for this display. My personal thanks too to my colleagues on the Contactus Committee for the excellent food and wine they laid on for the occasion.

While reiterating our gratitude to the many helpful people who have kept us informed about folk moving into our parish, we should nevertheless appreciate more information from the more out-of-the-way parts of the village. We hear too little from some of the tucked away back roads and cul-de-sacs. Our requests for information extend, please, to needs for transport and indeed to needs of all kinds that fall outside the scope of normal social or medical services. We are always willing to help where we can.

Our Contactus funds are raised largely by an annual Barn Dance held in the Coronation Hall. The next such occasion will be on Saturday, 5th. March, when music will be provided by the popular "Gray Tide Eel" band. A substantial buffet will be provided; there will be a bar and some folk songs by Barbara Mattick. Tickets at £3-00 each should be available by the end of January from Mary or Philip Ashley, (Tel:812667), from me, (Tel:812436) or from any committee member. Please be kind enough to give this event your support!

May we please remind you of the letter Mary wrote in the last issue on the subject of offensive bonfires. There are people in the village suffering from Asthma or other lung problems and to them acrid smoke is a source of real distress. Please consider them!

Over the last few years we have lost many of our original Contactus members because of movement elsewhere or of the limitations of age. We should like therefore to recruit more helpers. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact us on one of the numbers given in paragraph 3.

We wish you all a very joyful Christmas and happy and fulfilling New Year.

John Thomlinson



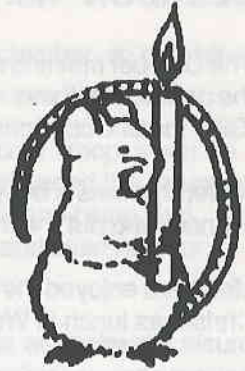
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## FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH NEWS

This year has nearly gone, and what a full year it has been for the Friends! In October the Band Concert in the Church was much enjoyed and the Halloween Party was a great success with witches and spiders in abundance to accompany the dancing.

Our Christmas attraction is the very popular Punch and Pie Party at Purn House Farm hosted by Tony and Thelma Moore. What a festive night out with Christmas goodies to eat and drink, carols, tombola and an extra special raffle - all this for only £1.50 a ticket!

Do come along on Tuesday 21st December at 7.30pm.



After you have had a wonderful Christmas see out the old year at our New Year's Eve Dinner Dance in the Coronation Hall at 8pm with dancing to Harry Bunker and his Wolverhill Band. Tickets only £8 so book early and you can reserve a table for your party.

All tickets available from Les Masters at the Post office or the Friends.

Happy Christmas to everyone, and thank you for your support throughout the year.  
**Tony Ewin**

## BLEADON VILLAGE BRIDGE CLUB

The club continues to meet on Mondays with about twelve tables each week. We had our Annual Lunch on the 6th December at Catherine's Inn this year and 46 members enjoyed a carvery meal. This was followed by our usual bridge session in the hall.

There will be no meeting on 27th December. The club very much appreciates the facilities of the hall and co-operation of those responsible for its smooth running.

Happy Christmas to all.

**Don Gardner**

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## **BLEADON W.I. QUARTERLY REPORT**

The October meeting drew one of the best attendances of the year and as a result the produce stall was a sell-out in record time. Mrs Mily gave a fascinating talk on 'Gifts for all Occasions'.

November was a busy month. Guest speaker at the monthly meeting was Mrs Francis who put the focus on 'Travelling with Two Shopping Bags'.

Members enjoyed the branch skittles match in the Queen's Arms and also a pre-Christmas lunch in Weston Technical College.

It was a sad ending to the year for December's gathering was the last in the 55 year history of Bleadon W.I. The branch, which has done so much for the village funds over the decades, has been forced to close because the key role of President could not be filled.

It's disappearance leaves a great void in the village life but already plans are afoot to form a new women's group in the New Year.

Watch out for further details.

Jean Kirkland

### **STOP PRESS**

June Cottrell and June Wilkes are working hard to get the idea of a Ladies' Club up and running, as treasurer and chairlady respectively unless after the first meeting it is decided otherwise. The first meeting will be devoted to forming a committee and gathering ideas regarding the activities and aims of the new club and will be held on Tuesday 11th January 1994 at 2-30pm in the Coronation Hall. All who are interested will be most welcome. So please come along and support this new venture!

May I suggest a name - The Phoenix Club.

Les Masters

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## 1st BLEADON CUB PACK

We have had 5 more new recruits join our pack since September, so now have 19 cubs!

We had a most enjoyable week-end in August with our Scout Troop, when we went abseiling in Wales. In the month of September we attended the County Cubaree at Woodhouse Park, with the theme for the week-end being Red Indians. We made head-dresses, tom-toms, headbands and even had our faces painted. A great time was had by all who attended.

In October we took part in the Axe District swimming gala at Backwell Leisure Centre. A few of the boys were a little bit nervous, never having entered anything like this before, but after a slow start we did extremely well, with 1st Bleadon pack coming 2nd out of 13 packs entered. Well done lads, and many thanks to Paul and Sue Matthews, without whose help we could not have achieved this impressive result.

Only a few Thursdays left before Xmas and we have lots still to do, badgework, Xmas capers, Xmas cards to make and our party to arrange

We are still looking for a Scout Leader for our Troop in Bleadon. If anyone out there can help or knows someone who could help, please give me a call.

Thanks to my helpers Howard, Sue, Caroline, Joanne and Chris in helping to make this year a very successful one.

Betty Paterson  
AKELA Tel: 812183

### IT'S PANTO TIME AGAIN

The Bleadon Players are presenting the pantomime

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Friday and Saturday 21st/22nd January 1994, at 7.30pm  
with a matinee performance on Saturday afternoon at 2.00pm.

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**FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CORONATION HALL  
PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY!**

11th December	CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING AND FAIR	Hall Management Committee
12th December	CHRISTINGLE PARTY	Bleadon Church
31st December	NEW YEAR PARTY	Church Friends
21st & 23rd January	PANTOMIME	Bleadon Players
12th February	60's EVENING	Bleadon Brownies and Guides
15th February	PANCAKE PARTY	Church Friends
6th March	BARN DANCE	Contactus

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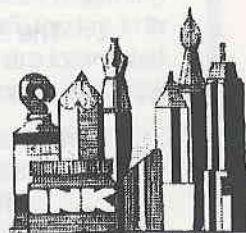
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### MONDAYS

10.30 - 12.00		Gentle Exercise Group	Mrs P Dain	812859
	<i>Sept - May</i>			
2.00 - 5.00pm		Bleaddon 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 Club	Mrs J Cottrell	813665
7.30pm	<i>1st, 2nd &amp; 4th</i>	Weston-super-Mare Camera Club	Mr K Tapley	623877

### WEDNESDAYS

10.00 -noon	<i>2nd &amp; 4th</i>	Infant Welfare Clinic and Toddler Group	Mrs J Morant at the Clinic	
7.30pm		Bleaddon 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 &amp; 4th Sept-June</i>	Folk Dancing	Miss B Snelgrove	812226

### FRIDAYS

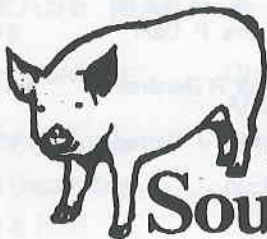
2.00 -4.00pm		Friendship Club	Mrs E M Tucker	813940
7.30pm	<i>Sept - May</i>	Short Mat Bowling Club	Mr J Ward	812136

### SUNDAYS

3.00 -5.00pm	<i>Sept - May</i>	Short Mat Bowling Club	Mr J Ward	812136
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## **CORONATION HALL**

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The Committee's Jumble Sale regrettably fell on the Saturday when the monsoon also fell. A golf umbrella quickly sold as those attending plunged into the bargains displayed and a useful nearly £100 helped to swell our funds. Many thanks to all our helpers from various village organisations.

Booking levels remain very encouraging, although surprisingly, Saturday evenings are quite frequently unbooked. Contact Joanne Jones on 812370 for the up-to-date availabilities for that event you're just this minute thought of running.'

Thanks to all Hall users for the continued support.

**Peter Lindsay  
Chairman**

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## BLEADON FOLK DANCE CLUB

We concluded our Autumn session with a Fish and Chip Supper evening on 2nd. December and break now until January 6th. This would be an excellent time for people considering joining us to come along and sample a Folk Dance evening

Our regular meetings take place on the first and fourth Thursdays of every month at 8-00pm in the Coronation Hall. We welcome all newcomers whether or not they have had any previous folk dance experience and there is no need to feel that you must of necessity bring a partner.

On 28th October we celebrated our tenth anniversary with a party to which we had invited all the folk who had at any time been along to our folk dance evenings. We all enjoyed a very merry and lively time together with a sumptuous American supper into the bargain.

Although we are concerned to preserve and enhance the treasured tradition of English Dance, the accent on our evenings is above all to have fun and no-one need ever feel uncomfortable about making mistakes. Those of us who have been dancing over half our lives are still just as capable of causing chaos and confusion as is the newest recruit - and we not infrequently do so.

Come and remove the ill effects of Christmas over-indulgence by joining us in January!



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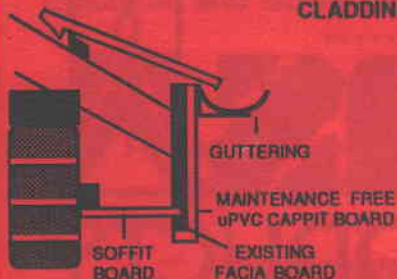


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