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GIVE DEMOCRACY A CHANCE

Next year is election year for Parish Councils, and although your present council endeavours to work in a democratic way it is not as democratic as we should like because in 1991 the lack of nominations meant that people were elected unopposed. To be a councillor you do not need formal qualifications, or to have lived forty years in the village, so it really would be good for the village if more people flung their hats in the ring next May and we had a proper election for a change. We present councillors certainly have no wish to become a self perpetuating oligarchy.

FOOTPATHS

The two problems mentioned in the last issue, both on South Hill have now been resolved, thanks mainly to Andy Eddy of the Mendip Wardens. A new stile has been erected at the end of The Veale, and the gate at the top of the path leading from the churchyard has been provided with a new post.

MY APOLOGIES to Marcus Griffiths who was most incensed at being left off the list of new University students in the last issue.

STREET LIGHTING

Your Council recently agreed to go ahead with the next Phase of street lighting. This will comprise the installation of three further lanterns of the type already in use. They will be erected on SWEB Poles situated in Coronation Road. Their locations are at Mulberry Lane, opposite the Public toilets and also outside the Rectory. This will complete the lighting of the central village area from the bus shelter opposite Bridge Road to the junction with Shiplate Road.

These Victorian style lanterns are more expensive than the many alternatives used elsewhere in the Weston area. They are, however, considered to be more in keeping with the character of our village. The cost will be about £1,800 but they are suitable for adoption by the County Authority, who should then fund all running costs.

John Ward

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EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY

The drinking and dining scene in Bleadon has changed substantially and unexpectedly with the conversion of Catherine's Inn and the Queen's Arms from free to managed houses. The former has been bought by the Midland brewery Marstons, and is managed by Kay and Martin Finney, who have introduced a different menu with a lower price range, including a three course meal at £5.95. A novel touch is a selection of newspapers available to customers.



Dot and Mike Sherman's departure was a shock (as the sale of a small business often is), but we welcome Phil and Shelley Berryman, managers on behalf of Smiles Brewery, from Bristol. Real ale fans need not fear - the range looks likely to be as wide as ever - and diners will be pleased to learn that meals are served in the evenings (open at 5.30) and on Sundays.

There is no doubt that good pubs are a great asset to a village, so we wish the best of luck to both couples and hope they will have a long and happy stay in Bleadon.

MAKE A DATE WITH GOLDILOCKS

Bleadon Players' fifth annual pantomime is, believe it or not "Goldilocks and the Three Bears".

There is only one way to find out how anyone creates a pantomime from this story, namely to attend one of the three performances at the Coronation Hall: Friday 20th January (7.30) and Saturday 21st January (2.00 and 7.30). Tickets will be available from the Post Office and residents are urged to book early, as last year's performances were close to a sell-out and the local population has now increased.



THE CHURCHYARD

One of the greatest improvements in the village recently has been in the Churchyard where work has been going on for several weeks to repair, and rebuild where necessary, the stone wall.

Initially it was necessary to cut down trees, ivy and other plants growing by, on and out of the wall before the work of refurbishment could begin. By now nearly half the work is complete.

The Parish Council, who are responsible for the care and maintenance of the Churchyard, have been making provision over the last two or three years to pay for the repairs. The work is labour-intensive and materials make up only a small part of the overall cost and until recently it appeared that it would be a long time before the project could be afforded.

However, it was discovered that the Civic Trust run a scheme whereby they will provide labour for suitable projects free of charge. Fortunately for the village the Churchyard wall rebuilding was approved by the Trust as a suitable case.

Nick Gibson, of the Civic Trust, ensures that the stone mason and his helpers are on site and Councillor George Wall sees to it that materials are available as required and keeps a watchful eye on proceedings.

Through the assistance of the Trust the work should be completed perhaps two or three years in advance of what would have been possible otherwise. A letter of appreciation has been sent, on behalf of the Parish Council and the village, to the Civic Trust. As usual the village is indebted to Councillor Wall for his willingness to carry on with his unremitting hard work!

J M Rhodes

THE BLEADON FAYRE 1995.

Since its introduction the Bleadon 'May Day Fayre' has always been held on the first Monday in May coinciding with the Bank Holiday on May Day.

The Friends of the Church would be grateful if all would note that the 1995 event will be held on:

Monday, 29th May - the Spring Bank Holiday

The change is due to this year's May Day coinciding with the national celebrations commemorating the 50th anniversary of VE day.

Please continue to support us in what is for the Friends of the Church the most important event of the year in a social sense.

BLEADON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

A shopping trip to Exeter on Thursday 24th November was the final of the six excursions which members have enjoyed during the year. Mrs Peggy Hoffman was thanked for arranging these.

The annual Christmas lunch at Brent House Restaurant was on 15th December, transport being provided by an Axe Vale coach.

Mr Harold Christian announced with regret his resignation as Programme Secretary, owing to ill health. Miss Sylvia Bird and Mrs J Diment agreed to take over from him, and have already prepared a programme of entertainment commencing in January 1995. Mr Christian was thanked for all his hard work over the past several years, and for the help he had given to Miss Bird and Mrs Diment.

December 16th was the club's final meeting before the Christmas break. Entertainment that day was a programme of Christmas music presented by Mr Hubert Small.

Club re-opens on 20th January 1995.

E.M.T.

BLEADON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Filling in next year's diary?

One very important date to remember is the Bleadon Horticultural Spring Show in the Coronation Hall on March 18th 1995. There's still just time to plant those last bulb arrangements and start the handicrafts and works of art to fill those long winter evenings.

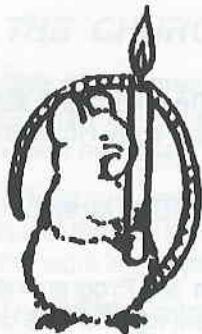
New exhibitors of all ages and for all classes will be warmly welcomed.

We wish everyone in the village a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year and look forward to seeing you all in March.

For any further details about the Spring Show please contact:-

Chris Cudlipp on 813152.

Maggie Pettitt



FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH NEWS

1994 is nearly over and there are just the Christmas festivities to come before we have a new year to look forward to.

We have been very busy in October and November with all our social events and the year ends as usual with the Punch and Pie Party at Purn House Farm on Tuesday 20th December, thanks to our kind hosts, Tony and Thelma Moore and family.

This has been a successful year. We have again contributed significantly to Church funds, but equally important to us is the pleasure we hope we have given to people from the village, on the hill and beyond who have attended the many and varied events we have put on. Thank you all for the support you have given us and the fun we have had together. Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year to everyone!

Tony Ewin

BLEADON LADIES' CLUB

Bleadon Ladies' Club approaches the end of its first year in a sound position with membership up to the 50 mark. A full and varied programme has been the key.

At the October meeting members enjoyed an illustrated talk on Exmoor by Mr. A. G. Steel of the National Trust and the highlight last month was an inspiring demonstration of flower arranging by Mrs. D Maplethorpe of Sanders Garden Centre. Members also enjoyed a skittles match in the Queen's Arms and another is planned for the Spring.

The committee was re-elected en bloc and the year ended with a Christmas lunch in the Coronation Hall followed by games and carols.

Joan Kirtland - Tel 628657

WHIST DRIVES

These are held every Wednesday afternoon in the Church Room from 2 - 4 p.m. £1.00 including tea & biscuits. Raffle. We welcome new members.

We are having a special Christmas Drive on December 7th. complete with presents for everyone, and an hour's extension until 5 p.m., so for once we can play 24 hands instead of the usual 20!

We have enjoyed another session and the amount of money raised for the new Scout & Guide Building is £1,308.77p. with approximately another £50 to come. Thank you once again for the support given by our members.

Barbara Snelgrove

CLIC FUN QUIZ 1994

"I thought 'Pluto' was a dog in a Disney cartoon." "Don't be daft, she wouldn't ask us questions about Disney characters when she said the questions were all about D Day."

Which just indicates that the eighth CLIC Fun Quiz is here with us again. Although the tickets were not advertised people seemed to know by a system of osmosis that it was Quiz time again, and all the tickets soon disappeared. Although one or two had to cry off at the last moment due to illness, the hall was packed and everyone was prepared to have a happy time.

The sheer agony on some faces when they "knew the answer and just could not think of it was pitiful to see and the mutterings - "are you sure there are two z's in "scissors" and "I think Warsaw is the capital of Bulgaria - or is it Zagreb, try Sofia". It all makes for a bit of fun.

Icing was literally put on the cake by Joyce Garrard of Sugarcraft who made a beautiful cake for us to raffle and Tim Horler, Treasurer of the Weston Branch of CLIC, provided everyone with a piece of the most delicious gateaux manufactured in his bakery.

- The winners were Jean Field and her team, closely followed by a hundred other people. Well Done Jean!!

Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening and asked to have their names put down for next year which I will do if I don't emigrate in the meantime. Well done - Bleadon! The Quiz made £411 for CLIC. See you all again this time next year.

1ST BLEADON GUIDES

The guides have all been working hard this term. We welcomed 6 new Guides this term - Rebecca, Alice, Charlene, Gemma, Katie and Dawn and they will be enrolled on 21st December at our Christmas party.

Rebecca and Alice are busy with rehearsals for 'Meet the Gang Show' in April.

Everyone has worked hard in both badge and craft work. We had a splashing time at Hutton swimming pool.

Guides will re-start on 11th January, 1995. The Unit still has room so if you have a daughter aged 10 or over and she would like to join please contact me.

Guider Maureen Cosh

Tel: 814885

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION LYMPSHAM & BLEADON

The AGM's of both men and women's branches have been held, and a very good year was reported by both Secretaries and Treasurers of Branches. Many thanks to all who helped and contributed.

The Standard Bearer, Mrs Fear as delegate and Mrs Ford as visitor attended the women's section county conference at the Winter Gardens on 26th November. The women's section won the Somerset Cup for increased membership, and also a First Prize certificate for embroidery. The branch is very pleased about this as it is the first time we have won a cup.

Many thanks to all who attended the Carol Service at the Parish Church Bleadon, on Thursday 8th December. This is now an Annual event, and we are grateful to those County officers who read the Lessons, to Rev Parkinson for attending the event and to the Ladies of Bleadon who provide the Tea in the church room after the service.

Earl Haig Poppy Appeal 1994

The total money collected was as follows: Bleadon £437, Lympsham £829. Grand total £1266. Many thanks to all collectors, to the poppy organisers of both villages and to those who gave so generously for this most worthy cause.

E J Clarke

1ST BLEADON BROWNIES

The Brownies have all been working hard this term for their Road Safety Badge. Part of this involved drawing a map of the safest route to walk from their home to school, and learning the Green Cross Code. The highlight was a talk on Road Safety by P.C. Dave Brown, which the Brownies all thoroughly enjoyed.

We had a successful Jumble Sale in October and raised £80. Part of this is for our Christmas Party and the rest went to the Guide and Scout rebuilding fund. We are now raising funds by selling Christmas cards and gifts. We will use this to help make 'Peace Packs'. These contain books, pencils, some clothes and are sent to children living in areas of conflict in the world.

We welcomed six new Brownies this term, Rachel, Stephanie and Sarah were enrolled in September, Katrina, Katie and Sarah will be enrolled in January. The unit is now full but if you have a daughter aged five or six and would like her name put on the waiting list please contact me.

Brown Owl Karen Wheeler 632514

CORONATION HALL

"Deck the Hall with boughs of holly" proved a little difficult this year because there doesn't seem to be much holly with berries around! Anyway our little hall still looks warm, cosy and Christmassy with its conventional decorations and fairy lights. Here's hoping everyone's Christmas parties and events prove successful.

The Hall Committee's own Christmas Fair and Coffee Morning last Saturday was! What seemed a record turnout by our supporters enjoyed a very jolly mornings chat, coffee and spend, making our funds well over £200 better off. Thanks to all for attending, to the stallholders for such a varied selection of goods and presents, and to the Committee for yet again being Jacks (and Jills) of all trades.

Our bookings continue at a rewarding level, although we are puzzled at the fall-off in Saturday evening events. Most weekday evenings are regularly filled, but Saturday nights are frequently free. Could it be that potential hirers think we're always full? Please pass the word around to any organisations you are connected with that there us a very comfy and well equipped venue awaiting them in Bleadon - Joanne Jones on 812370 will be delighted to hear from them!

Peter Lindsay

ST PETER AND ST PAUL WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our first three meetings this year have been well attended. Unfortunately, Mrs Ruth Dyer was unable to speak on the last occasion but Mrs Marjorie McGlynn stepped ably into the breach and gave an entertaining talk on her last European holiday.

The Christmas Mini Bazaar was well supported - many thanks to all who helped in any way by assisting on the day or bringing gifts for our stall.

Our next meeting will be at 2-30pm in the Church Room on the fourth Tuesday in January. Do come and join us, we love to welcome new faces. Finally, we wish everyone a Happy and Peaceful New Year and trust you all enjoyed a Happy Christmas.

M. S. Blinkhorne

LATEST NEWS ON GUIDE & SCOUT NEW BUILDING

Progress is now depending upon the Grant from Woodspring Council. This will be decided early in the new year. The Committee would like to thank members of the Whist Club for their help in raising so much money. We hope there will be plenty to report in the new year.

Barbara Snelgrove

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CORONATION HALL

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY!

Friday	20th Jan.	7.30pm	PANTOMIME	Bleadon Players
Saturday	21st Jan.	2.00pm	PANTOMIME	Bleadon Players
		7.30pm	PANTOMIME	
Saturday	11th March	7.30pm	BARN DANCE	Contactus
Saturday	28th March	9.00 - 4.00pm	SPRING SHOW	Horticultural Society

1ST BLEADON (ST PETER & ST PAUL) CUB PACK

We are all very busy with Xmas activities at the moment. On Saturday 3rd December some of the cubs attended the Annual Axe District Xmas Capers at RAF Locking. There were 225 cubs attending, and they all had a wonderful time. There were ten bases set up around the room where the cubs had to make things ranging from chocolate logs to model planes.

Since September we have had a treasure hunt round the village, a sand castle competition on the beach, a cooking evening, swimming, Halloween party and two evenings with 'Uncle Fred' practising our knots ... and in between worked on gaining 37 badges within the pack!!

Our Xmas party will be held on the 15th December when we have invited the parents to join us for part of the evening when the boys will be awarded their badges.

Four of the cubs will be leaving us at Xmas as they are now of Scout age and we are not allowed to keep them any longer, so hopefully we will have a leader soon and then they can commence with their scouting activities.

Wishing you all a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year from 1st Bleadon Scout Group.

Betty Paterson **AKELA**

Tel: 812183

Steve Rhodes **BALOO**

Tel: 813497

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>	Bleadon Ladies Group	Mrs J Wilkes	812783
7.30pm	<i>1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th</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	
2.00 -4.00pm	<i>Feb - May</i>	Painting Class Painting in Watercolour	Mrs K Panes A.C.E. WSM College of F.E.	621301
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 College of F.E.	621301
8.00pm	<i>1st & 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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WASTE PAPER COLLECTION

The waste paper skip next to the Youth Club has come under some criticism because of paper being scattered across the car park.

The skip provides very useful income for the club and is of course, an important means of waste disposal, but in order to reduce the frequency of rubbish being spread by the wind residents are asked to deposit their paper and cardboard at the **BACK** of the skip as nearly as possible at the following times: -

**Tuesday afternoon
Thursday afternoon and
Saturday morning.**

Those times leave the shortest time before it is tidied into the skip by club members and helpers.

Residents are also asked to avoid using plastic bags, as these have to be removed from the skip.

WESTON SUPER MARE CAMERA CLUB

The club was formed in April 1948 and has had a steady but not large membership ever since. The atmosphere at meetings is friendly and there is no shortage of advice for those that seek it.

Talks are given by visiting speakers and club members on Photographic Techniques, Travel and Demonstrations. Slide and Print competitions are held between members and other clubs in the surrounding area.

Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings at Coronation Hall, Bleadon from 7.30 - 10.00 pm three times a month between September and May. A monthly Newsletter is circulated to members and a programme of meetings is published annually.

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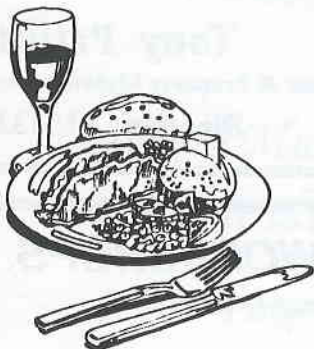
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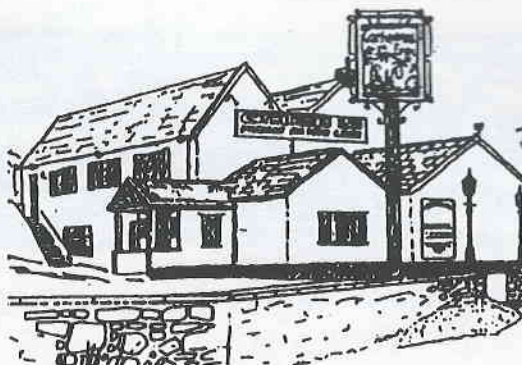
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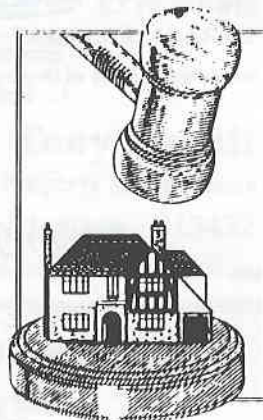
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