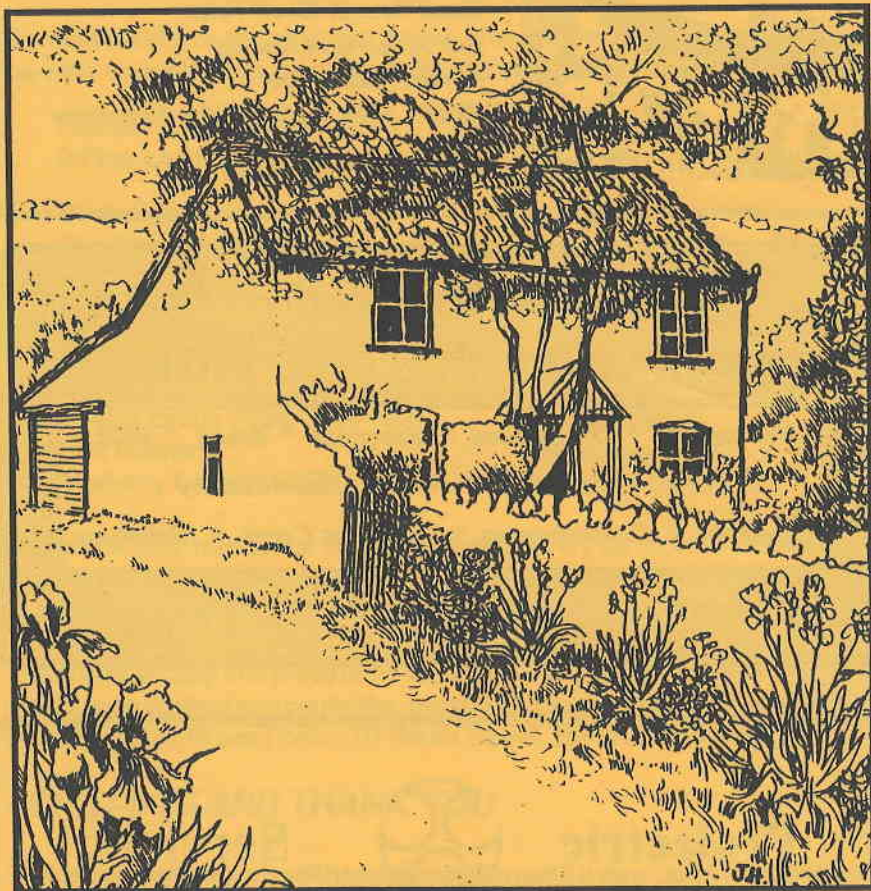


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# BLEADON VILLAGE NEWS

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## ***YOUR PARISH COUNCIL***

As most residents are no doubt aware, there were only eight nominations for the nine vacancies on the council, all therefore being elected unopposed.

Eric Benn (Chairman)  
2 Pine Lea 812763

Alistair House,  
1 Purn Way 815586

Chris Carter,  
The Dell, Celtic Way.

Les Masters  
Bleadon Post Office 812200

Len Chamberlain  
New Bay Cottage,  
Coronation Road 814517

George Wall  
Purn Dene  
Bridgwater Road 811273

Brenig Evans (Vice Chairman)  
The Granary,  
Mulberry Lane 815352

Eric Wilkinson  
Greenaway  
Birch Avenue 812427

Eric is the only newcomer to the council but very far from a newcomer to the village, having lived here for over twenty years. He was a lecturer at Weston Technical College and served a term on Avon County Council.

There is obviously one place to be filled, and anyone interested in filling it is most welcome to contact any councillor, personally or in writing, or to write to the Clerk of the Council: Bruce Poole, 10 South Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

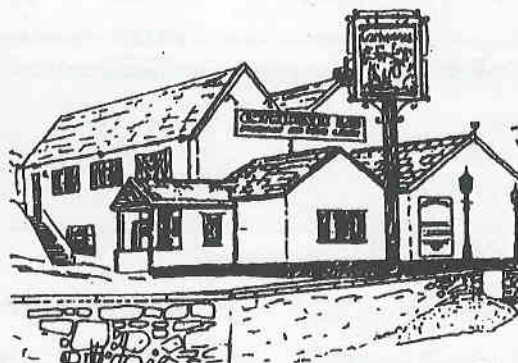
## ***GOOD-BYE AND THANK YOU***

Two of the previous council have decided to call it a day. John Rhodes has made strong contributions by arranging the repair of the churchyard wall at a greatly reduced cost to the council, and by helping to thrash out the agreement between the council and the guides/scouts etc over the proposed new building. John Ward thought he should have more time to himself and was immediately made chairman of the Hall Management Committee (serve him right! Ed). He has represented the council on Avon Local Councils Association and the Youth Club Management Committee, also conducting negotiations with S.W. Electricity and Avon County Council over street lighting. We are most grateful for the services rendered by both.



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## **FROM YOUR NEW DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

This is the first time I have been invited to pen an article for the Bleadon News Letter, having recently been elected as your Woodspring District Councillor.

In regard to truly parochial matters, such as planning applications and traffic control, I will be guided by your Parish Council. When the new Unitary Authority of North West Somerset comes into being, next April, I expect Social Service and Education matters to keep me fully occupied: I will be glad to act as the "hired help" for the Parish Council in such matters as planning.

I am a member of the Planning and Conservation Committee, known as P&C, which held its last meeting on 31st May. At this meeting a document, the Woodspring Countryside Strategy, was adopted as council policy. A section relevant to Bleadon concerned "The Levels and Moors". This stated "The draft strategy proposes a new Priority Landscape Conservation Area to be defined for the Levels and Moors. The draft also proposes ways to enhance wetland habitats and encourage wetland wildlife to return."

The Internal Drainage Boards (I.D.B.) had initially objected to this proposal, since it would affect their primary function of flood protection. A consensus has been established, whereby "better water level management where appropriate through grant incentives with sympathetic landowners" will be established. This appears to mean that the intention is to keep the water level up in the wildfowl breeding season, whilst allowing the IDB to control water levels in the winter months.

This is a situation I shall keep a close eye on in the coming months.

**Bryan McGrath**

## **SCOUT TROOP RE-FORMED**

On May 12th the Bleadon Scout Troop re-opened with six scouts. The number has now increased to eight with five having since been invested, together with assistant leader Huw Boyce.

Their first camp, from 2nd to 4th June at Woodhouse, included abseiling, rifle shooting, pioneering, knife and axe skills and map and compass work. Another week-end camp is planned for 7th - 9th July, followed by summer camp at the end of August. The troop has made a promising start and of course new members are welcome.

**Lesley Hunt 624685**

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## KEEPING UP APPEARANCES

Bleadon is on the whole an attractive village - certainly many visitors think so. We have admittedly our regular problems with litter and dog dirt, but there are also good things to report. The churchyard is looking much better now that the walls have been repaired, much undergrowth removed and the graves tidied up. An amazing amount of material went into the walls, and George Wall (aided by his son Nick) did vast amounts of fetching and carrying. The result looks set to stand for generations. They also made an excellent job of the wall at the Jubilee Gardens.

George Barwick also deserves special mention for loaning (unasked) his electric concrete mixer for the duration of the project. It is that kind of helpfulness that makes a community. Various residents enhance the appearance of the village by tending little spots or corners outside their homes. This is particularly noticeable in Celtic Way and Shiplate Road.

Finally, Charlie Rose's labour of love behind the Scout Hut continues to progress. He has done a tremendous amount of digging and carefully planned planting and this corner will be well worth watching for the results of his efforts.

## IMPERIAL MEMORIES COMPETITION

Many people responded promptly and correctly to this one, the winner being Megan Rogers. For the young and uninitiated the solution is below.

CLUE	ANSWER	£ - s - d
OLD BICYCLE	Penny Farthing	1¼
DISTANT OBJECT	Farthing	¼
HAIR DO	Bob	1 - 0
SOUNDS FOREIGN	Florin	2 - 0
LADIES UNDERWEAR	Knicker	1 - 0 - 0
A STONE	14 lbs	14 - 0 - 0
HEAD GEAR	Crown	5 - 0
MONKEY JOINT	Ape Knee	½
SMALL PIG	Guinea	1 - 1 - 0
MALE VOICE	Tenner	10 - 0 - 0
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## **KNOW YOUR VILLAGE COMPETITION**

John Hickley's challenge was taken up by many from the comfort of their armchairs, but few did the necessary leg-work to identify every property. From this elite band (all of whom are to be congratulated) the winning entry drawn was from Lynn Riding.

Answers are as follows:

Front Cover	[1]	Myrtle Cottage	Old School Lane
	[2]	Toms Cottage	Celtic Way
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	[5]	South Hill Cottage/Coach House	Shiplate Road
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Page 16	[25]	The Cottage	Shiplate Road

## **THE GROWING DEMAND FOR BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING**

When **CRUSE - Bereavement Care** released its annual statistics it revealed that for bereavement counselling had risen by 26% over a twelve month period. **CRUSE** nationally dealt with nearly 90,000 enquiries. The Weston-super-Mare branch, which also covers the villages, dealt with 106 enquiries during the same period and 87 people went on to receive counselling.

If you are finding life difficult since losing someone you love you can contact your local Branch at 55a Oxford Street, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1TR or telephone 01934 628233. We are open Monday and Thursday mornings with an answerphone at other times. Just leave your number and we shall respond within a day or two.

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

Since last publication we have had three meetings, each with entertaining speakers. Many thanks to all who support us - and hopefully may we count on your continued support next year commencing with our September meeting on Tuesday 26th! Our next meeting on Tuesday 27th June will be the AGM - tea provided by the committee. We hope everyone enjoyed the May Day Fayre which, even though it was a cool blustery day, was very well attended as usual. The Flower Show in church surpassed all expectations - the combination of colour was glorious. Even though we no longer ran the book stall our members were generous with helping in other projects.

All old and any new members will be most welcome to join when our year starts once again in September - look forward to seeing you all then.

**MJB**

### **FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH**

The 1995 Fayre will be remembered by the arrival of the Morris Men accompanied by the heaviest downpour seen at a May Fayre for many years. However we were more fortunate than some nearby areas and while our takings were down from 1994 we did gain a sum of around £3000. In the circumstances this was a good result and justified all the hard work. Our thanks must go to all who responded to our requests for help and assistance, not only on the day but in the months before the event. Planning commenced in December and from that time many gave us willing support. Some idea of the various commitments may be gained from the following areas of research and work. These are not claimed as exhaustive !



*Catering, Advertising, Bar, Draw Prizes, Competitions, (both sporting & artistic), Stalls 'gear', Games Selection, Printing, Artists Engagements, Publicity etc!*

We calculate that between 60 and 70 persons from this area were involved either in the preparations and/or involvement on the day itself. In essence the Fayre is a local event in every sense of the word and even commercial involvement is primarily from this area. Long may that concept remain ! We do owe thanks to Mary Sheppard for making a field available as a car park thus enabling visitors to park nearby. So the 10th annual May Fayre is over, all our thanks to you for your support expressed in so many differing ways. I take the opportunity to thank my fellow 'Friends' for their hard work which commencing in December continued through a series of eight meetings. Additionally all our thanks to those past 'Friends' who have worked so hard over the last decade to make the Bleadon May Fayre such a ongoing conception. Thank you all !

**David Elliott**



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## **BLEADON VILLAGE BRIDGE CLUB**

The Bridge Club held its Annual General Meeting on the 1st May with the majority of members attending. The Chairman reported an average attendance of over 40 at the 50 meetings held during the year, once again including some Bank Holidays. The Treasurer reported a slight loss over the year, but recommended that subs & Playing Fees remained the same for the moment. Ken Frazer, one of the founder members & Director, resigned from the Committee & was thanked for all his past work, his place being taken by Nigel Cox a newly qualified Director. The rest of the Committee was re-elected. Our oldest playing member, 92 year old Grace Knight who has hardly missed a meeting in 4 years, has regretfully resigned due to failing health. We wish her well.

Since starting in 1991 the club has been very popular with a waiting list. However, people living in the village have some priority for joining. We look forward to another year of happy Social Bridge.

*Don Gardner*

## **WHIST DRIVES**

On June 21st Mrs Joan Diment invited our Club to her farm for our 117th Drive, and to enjoy a strawberry tea given to us by the Building Fund Committee as a "thank you" for raising £1,006 approx. for the Fund.

Drives will continue in the Church Room on Wednesdays 2 - 4pm, until the last Wednesday in July, and re-commence on Wednesday September 6th.

Thank-you members once again for your generous support, and we hope you have a happy summer.

*Barbara Snelgrove*

## **FOLK DANCING**

Our numbers are keeping up well and we have enjoyed our evenings of dances including a fish and chip supper at one dance.'

Mrs Joan Diment invited us to her farm for our last dance of the season on June 22nd. We look forward to dancing in her delightful garden and enjoying an American Supper. If wet we shall meet in the Hall as usual.

We meet again on Thursday, September 7th. in the Coronation Hall from 8 - 10pm.

*Barbara Snelgrove*

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## **GUIDE & SCOUT BUILDING PROJECT**

We are still waiting for news of a possible grant. Mr Len Chamberlain (who now represents the Parish Council) is negotiating with Avon. He says we are now top of the list, and the application has to go to London for a final decision to be made. We should know within two weeks if we have been successful.

Mrs Joan Diment has donated £10.00 to the Fund. This was left over from the outing she arranged to see a recording of "What's my Line" in Bristol. Thank-you Joan.

Mr Dave Boley has resigned from being Chairman of the Committee, after many years of service to Scouting and to the Committee. We thank him for his work, and we hope he will continue to take an interest in the activities of the Scouts and Guides in Bleadon. Mr Andrew Eddy is our new Chairman, and we welcome him.

*Barbara Snelgrove*

## **1ST BLEADON BROWNIES**

I wrote in the last newsletter about the Peace Packs we were collecting items for. We made eight packs which was a very good effort from the Brownies as they contained a lot of items. They are now on their way to a central collecting depot in London and from there will be sent to Refugee-Camps in Africa.

Refugees was the theme of the Family Service in which we took part in March. The Brownies wrote prayers and poems themselves, two poems being published in Grapevine.

The Brownies enjoy outdoor activities during the summer months and you may have seen us learning new ball games in the park or rambling on the hill. This term we also plan to have a 'cook out' and our final meeting will be at an outdoor swimming pool.

The Brownies have been planning a Pack Venture to raise money for Meningitis Research. They are having a Coffee Evening on 23rd June and hope for plenty of support.

The Brownie Pack has eighteen Brownies and two Guiders (and a long waiting list). Both Angela and I feel that more adult help is needed so the girls can work in smaller groups on a wider range of things. If you have a spare 1½ hours a week, perhaps your family has grown up or you have recently moved into the area, and would like to help, please let me know.

*Karen Wheeler (Brown Owl)*  
**632514**

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## ***Royal British Legion Men and Women's Sections.***

The Women's Section Branch was represented at the South Mendip Group Meeting at Churchill on April 11th. A certificate was gained for Embroidery in the Handicraft Competition. Mrs. Clarke attended the National Conference R.B.L. Women's Section at Bournemouth on April 29th and 30th. It was a wonderful Conference and it was a great pleasure to welcome Dame Vera Lynn, who was presented with the County Purses. The total Monies from Somerset and Avon South was £1,525. Many thanks to all who helped to raise money, to those who helped by contributing towards the Children's Tea, and to Mr. & Mrs. Lawes who organised the Radio Exhibition at the V.E. Day Celebration on May 8th. We were pleased that everything went so well and all the various events were so successful. The total Money raised for the Earl Haig Poppy Appeal in the whole Country was £14,690,608 an increase of 8.02% on 1993.

**R.B.L. Men's Branch Flower Show.** This event will be held at the Manor Hall on August 6th from 2.30pm. Shall be pleased to see any-one from Bleadon. Teas will be served during the afternoon.

On August 20th V. J. Day will be celebrated by a Special Morning Service at the Parish Church Bleadon, and also a Service at Lympsham Church at 3pm. Mrs. Pam Whitehead our Regional Standard Bearer Women's Section competed in the National Competition at Conference and was placed 1st, so she is now National Standard Bearer, and will be on all Parades and National Functions during the year. This is the first time a local Standard Bearer has reached this far. Congratulations to her.

**Women's Section Committee Meeting** Blue Coat Farm, July 17th - 7.30pm.

*Mrs E J Clarke*

## ***Church of St. Peter and St. Paul***

**V.J.-DAY** With the approval and support of the Parish Council and the Royal British Legion (Bleadon and Lympsham Branch), a Service of Commemoration marking the 50th Anniversary Of V.J.-Day and the end of the Second World War will be held on Sunday 20th August at 10.15am.

Very many thanks from -the Parochial Church Council and myself to the Friends of the Church and 'the Flower Committee and all who contributed in any way to the success of the May Fayre and Flower Festival. Arrangements are now being made for the City of Bristol (Brass) Band, which performed so well at the May Fayre, to give a concert in Church on Friday 15th September at 7.30pm. This will be the first of a series of concerts and special events for the Autumn and Winter.

*The Rev'd David Parkinson (Tel: 812297)*

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**Saturday 2nd September 2.30pm**

**The Coronation Hall**

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**Entry forms and schedules available from our local P.O.**  
**Look forward to seeing you all there.**

***CONTACTUS REPORT JUNE 1995***

Since our Newcomers' Welcome Party in November last year some fifteen or so families have moved into our parish. We hope you have been cordially welcomed by one or other of our Contactus Committee members and I should like to take this opportunity of welcoming personally any of you whom I have not already met.

We try very hard to keep ourselves informed about all people who have just moved into the village or the Bleadon Hill area of the parish so that we can provide them with one of our "Welcome Packs", but just occasionally a move-in passes unnoticed despite our best endeavours. If you happen to be a newcomer who has not received a welcoming visit then please ring me on Bleadon 812436 or ring Mary and Philip Ashley on 812667. All new folk who have arrived here since our last party will receive an invitation to our next one later in the year.

It was very good to see so many of you at our Contactus Dance on 11th March. We had a record attendance and were able to replenish our funds to the tune of £230. Some of this goes to local charities and the rest is largely absorbed in our provision of the annual Welcome Party and our "Welcome Packs".

Although we regard these acts of welcoming as our most important function, we also aim to offer when it is needed such help as lies within our competence if the need falls outside the scope of normal social or medical services. If at any time you become aware of such a need we shall do our best to help. Ring either of the above telephone numbers!

Finally, allow me to wish you a very enjoyable Summer! As you are living in the pleasantest and friendliest village in Britain this should not be too difficult a hope to realise.

***John Thomlinson (Chairman)***



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## **1st Bleadon (St Peter & St Paul) Cub Scouts**

The Cub pack proudly took part in the VE Day celebrations at Lympsham in May, with our Guides and Brownies also in attendance. We have had two new boys join our pack since Easter - welcome to Gavin and Jason.

The cubs enjoyed a treasure hunt around the village a few weeks ago. A few mums managed to go the wrong way a couple of times but were soon pointed in the right direction, and everyone arrived back at base safe and sound.

We helped again this year at the village May Fayre. The egg stall is great fun and the boys loved getting involved.

There was an excellent turn out at our AGM this year where a new chairman and treasurer were appointed, but we do not have a secretary. (hint, hint) Akela types up the minutes of all meetings at the moment, but would love someone else to take over and enable her to dedicate her time to the cubs. If anyone can help please give Akela a call. We had the opportunity to award some badges at the meeting. There was a gardener's badge awarded to Tim Brown, some of whose plants were on sale at our jumble sale in April and purchased by Akela, (these can be seen in her garden), and an entertainment's badge to Andrew Hicks for his part in the Bleadon Players VE celebration play. There was another well deserved award at our AGM for 15 years service and dedication to Scouting, to Steve Rhodes (Baloo). Congratulations Steve, from the pack. Biscuits and cheese and a glass of wine were enjoyed by all at the end of the meeting.

On the 16th June Steve and I proudly watched as three of our cubs were invested into our very own Scout Troop. It's great to see the Troop back in Bleadon!! Good luck to Freddy, John and Tim, enjoy your scouting lads!

We have only a few more weeks before we break for summer, but they are going to be busy with a visit to the Fire Station, sand castles on the beach, Fathers day cards, a cricket evening, French evening and our last evening will be held at the Animal Farm.

Out camp this year will be held at Bishops Lydiard, 22-24th September. Here's hoping the weather improves!!

The Hut committee held a children's disco in the Coronation hall on the 6th May. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone that helped to make this event a great success, and of course to all who attended. We had a super disco, with games and prizes for the children (and some for the adults too), hot dogs, beefburgers, soft drinks and a bar for the "oldies". All monies collected will help towards our new Guide/Scout hall.

**Betty Paterson, AKELA**  
tel: 812183

**Steve Rhodes, BALOO**  
tel: 813497

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## **BLEADON FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

Friendship Club members contributed generously to the recent May Day Fayre Bathroom Stall, which raised £164. Helpers, many of whom spent all day at the stall, were warmly thanked.

The June outing to Seaton and Lyme Regis was a lovely day and much enjoyed by all.

The Rev Alan Holt entertained on 9th June with his delightful stories of local folklore. We hope for a return visit in the New Year.

We have been pleased to welcome some new members this year, and hope this continues, meetings as usual at 2.15 until 4.00 p.m. Visitors always welcome.

**EMT**

### **IT'S A BARGAIN**

Entertainment with cup of tea and biscuit, and **all** for 30p !!! Why not join us at the "Bleadon Friendship Club" on Friday afternoons 2.15pm. to 4 o'clock at the "Coronation Hall Bleadon?"

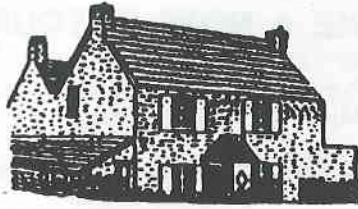
We have a varied programme, a weekly Raffle and a Sales Table - our yearly subscription is still only **£1.00** per person. Further information, ring 813940 or 814789 (evenings).

Our Club Holiday this year is to the Lake District - staying at Morecambe. For details of this contact Mr. W. Stephens, 15 Worthy Crescent, Lympham.

### **PROGRAMME FOR SUMMER 1995**

July	7th	"World of Water" (Video) - Mr Paul Kelson (Bristol Water)
	14th	"Avalon" Band.
	20th	OUTING. Stop at Sherbourne, then to Weymouth.
	21st	Bingo.
	28th	Russell Rogers and Friends.
August		<b>NO MEETINGS.</b>
Sept	3rd	Club Holiday to "Lake District" Staying at Morecambe.
	- 10th	(Travel Sunday).
	15th	Club Re-opens
		Silver Ring Choir - Mrs P Beach

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CORONATION HALL

### PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY!

Sat 5th August 7.00pm	Talk on Bleadon in Times Past by Mrs M Cullen	Bleadon Church Friends
Sat 2nd September 2.00 - 5.00pm	Autumn Show	Horticultural Society
Sat 16th September 2.00pm	Jumble Sale	Hall Management Committee
Sun 1st October 1.00pm	Harvest Lunch	Bleadon Church Friends
Sat 7th October 2.00pm	Jumble Sale	Women's Fellowship
Sat 28th October	Silent Auction	Bleadon Church Friends
Sat 18th November 10.30am  7.30pm	Coffee Morning  Quiz in aid of CLIC	Friendship Club

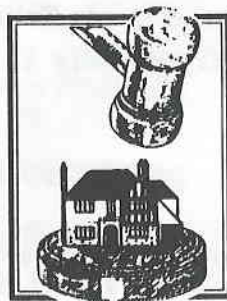
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## REGULAR EVENTS IN THE CORONATION HALL

### 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 &amp; 5th</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	
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 &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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The Hall is available for hire by any private individual or organisation,

**ENQUIRIES TO: Mrs J Jones, 812370**

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## **V.E. ANNIVERSARY DANCE**

Nobody actually sang "This is a lovely way to spend an evening", but for most of those present I think it was. There was much quickstepping to original wartime numbers (courtesy of Matthew White's CD player), but also plenty of dancing to the much praised live duo Rob and Tony - who masquerade under the title "Only After Dark"! Particularly impressive was the mass rendition of "You'll never walk alone", and whoever thought of substituting Vera Lynn's "We'll Meet Again" for the last waltz deserves a special pat on the back.

Besides being an enjoyable occasion, the dance raised £175 for the Parish Council. Special thanks are due to David Box and Peter Lindsay, who produced the tickets, Len Chamberlain, John Riding and Lynne Riding, who helped on the day, and the Coronation Hall Management Committee, who provided the hall free of charge. The next challenge is to find a suitable occasion for another dance.

**L.M.**

## **NEVER AGAIN**

The VE Day Anniversary was bound to bring about mixed feelings; to what extent was it a celebration or a commemoration? Even at the Anniversary Dance the nationwide two minutes silence was observed, and Bleadon Players' production set out to strike a balance between conflicting emotions. Cheerful, humorous songs and sketches were offset by readings of poems and letters, and by Ruth James' account of the six young servicemen from Bleadon who were killed in the war. In the main the atmosphere was as convivial as ever, the wartime supper being much appreciated (the Spotted Dick, in particular, received favourable comments). It was a treat to stand on stage and watch the audience wholeheartedly join in "Land of Hope and Glory". A special word of thanks to Simeon, the incredibly youthful landlord of the Queens Arms, who at the last minute came to the rescue with the licence.

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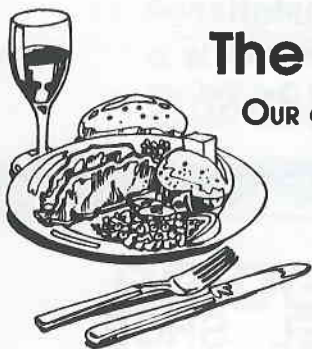
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