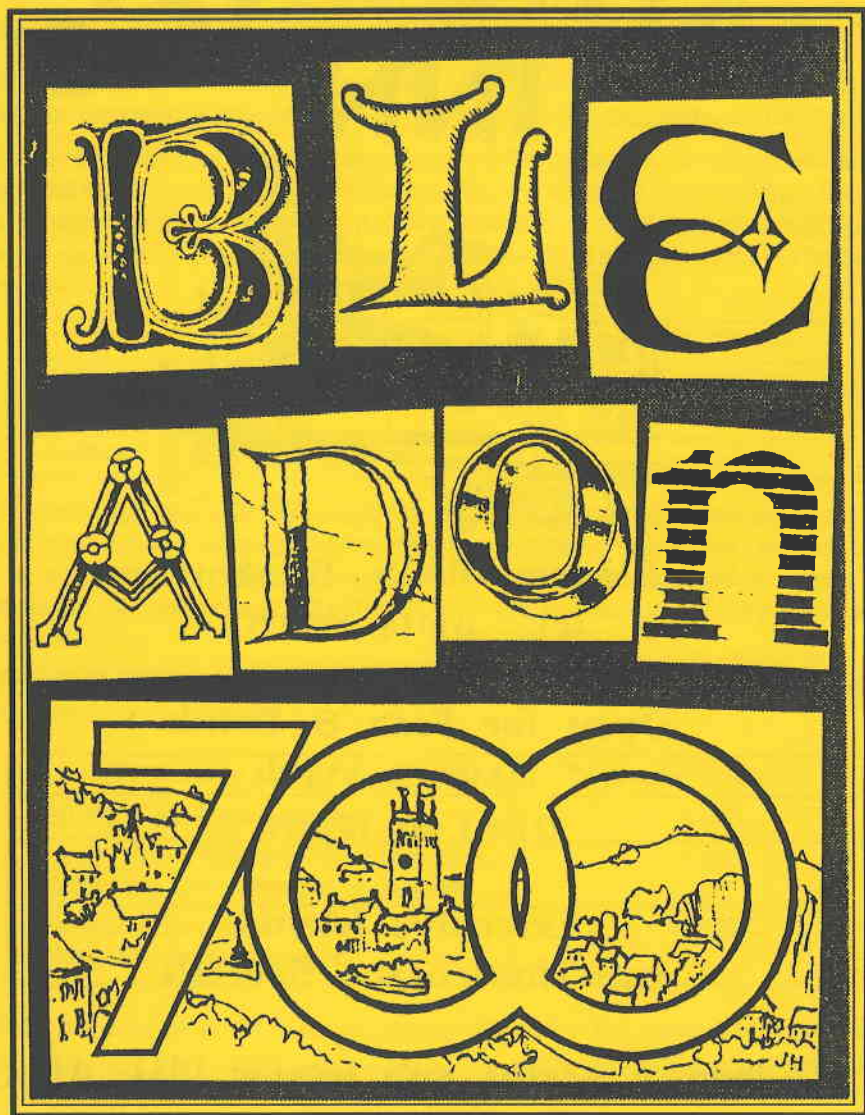
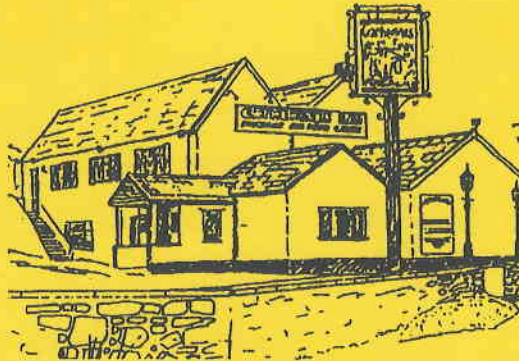


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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Highway Improvements Petition

I presented the petition to the meeting of Full Council held on 4th March at the Winter Gardens: it was one of the few non-controversial items on the agenda!

I wish to thank Les Masters for organizing the collection of signatures and a special thank you to those parishioners who went door to door to collect the 361 signatures. In accordance with standing orders, I had to verify that the signatures were valid, which resulted in the disqualification of 24 signatures for the following reasons:

<i>Reason for disqualification</i>	<i>Number of Signatures</i>
Multiple Signatures (i.e. more than once)	19
Unreadable/No Address	3
Outside Parish	2

Thus the final total was 337, which represents 36.5% of the parish and I estimate that over 50% of the areas affected by the proposals signed the petition. I am not a member of the Highways and Transportation committee, which will consider the petition, so I will either write or speak in support of the petition at its next meeting.

The costs of the scheme have been estimated by the Highways Department as follows:

<i>TPP Scheme</i>	<i>Estimated Cost in £s</i>
30 m.p.h. speed limit in village	5,000
Heavy Goods Vehicle (H.G.V.) restriction Celtic Way, Coronation Rd, Shiplate Rd;	2,000
Central traffic islands Bridgwater Rd/Bleadon Mill;	46,000

From past experience, I know people will query the costs associated with introducing a speed limit. The costs of the extra road signs are the smallest element. A Road Traffic Order involves legal costs and newspaper advertising. I have asked for a detailed breakdown of the costs, which I shall include in my next report.

Bryan McGrath

BLEADON 700

You may already have noticed references to Bleadon 700 on posters and in the Church Magazine, so what is Bleadon 700 all about?

This year, 1997, the Parish Church of St.Peter and St.Paul, Bleadon is celebrating 700 years of priestly ministry in the parish, Richard Pay having been appointed as the first parish priest in 1297. There are many parishes that would like to be able to celebrate 700 years of ministry, and your local Church thought that the whole of the local community would like to be involved in this celebration year in Bleadon.

A number of social events, concerts in the Church and guest preachers have been arranged, or have taken place, under the heading of "Bleadon 700". Look out for a Gang Show, an historical drama in the Church and a cross country race, for example.

The main celebrations are to be concentrated in a week in September, however. The programme, which has been confirmed, is as follows:-

September

- 20th to 22nd** : a Flower Festival in the Church
- 20th** : a Garden Party in the Rectory garden
- 21st 11.00am** : Sung Eucharist in Church with the Bishop of Bath and Wells as Celebrant and Preacher, followed by a buffet lunch in the Coronation Hall.
- 6.30pm** : Festal Evensong in Church with the Bishop of Clifton as guest Preacher.
- 22nd 7.30pm** : a talk on the history of Bleadon in the Coronation Hall.
- 23rd & 24th** : 7.30p.m. a Concert presented by the Bleadon Players in the Coronation Hall.
- 25th 7.30pm** : a Folk Dance arranged by the Folk Dance Club in the Coronation Hall.
- 26th 4.30pm** : a Tea Party for pensioners living in the parish in the Coronation Hall.
- 7.30pm** : an Organ Recital given by our own organist, David Lowton, in the Church.
- 27th 10.30am** : a guided walk around the village.
- 2.30pm** : Children's Sports on the Rectory lawn.
- A special peal of the Church bells in the evening.
- 28th 10.15am** : Family Service in Church with the Clown Priest, the Reverend Roly Bain, followed by family eats in the Coronation Hall.
- 6.30pm** : Sung Eucharist in Church with the Dean of Wells as guest Preacher.

Our own John Hickley has designed and made four new banners for the Church illustrating four periods of history in the village from the last 700 years. These will be on display in the Church during the May Day Fayre and the week of celebrations in September.

Commemorative mugs, sweatshirts and notelets have also been commissioned, and will be on sale at the May Day Fayre.

Bleadon 700 must be one of the most exciting and memorable celebrations in the history of Bleadon, and the intention is to provide something for everyone to join in, whatever their tastes. Full details of the events in September will be published later, with details of which events are free and the ticket prices for others. **Bleadon 700** is **YOUR** celebration as a member of the local community. I hope that you will enjoy the varied programme of events throughout the year and give them your support.

I look forward to seeing you.

Steve Hartree - Chairman
Bleadon 700 Committee

BLEADON CORONATION HALL

You will all have noticed the progress that has been made on the new hall extension. The roof is completed, the ceilings are installed, as are the electric wiring, conduits and connection boxes. The windows are installed and internal finishing is well in hand. We hope shortly to fit the doors and, therefore, render the building relatively secure. There remains a great deal of internal paintwork to do and we would welcome assistance from any willing persons.

The intention is that the double doorway at the southern end of the extension will become the new entrance to the existing hall. New toilet facilities will be to the right as you enter this door. We plan to remove the existing foyer and toilets. We shall then have more internal hall space and a new storage area.

The bad news, however, is that we do not currently have sufficient funds to complete all this work. As at the time of writing (March 13th.) we expect to be able to fund one more week of work. After that we may have to call a halt to further work until such time as more funds are available. We have applied for a grant from Camelot's extra funding (provided from their own profits rather than the usual lottery funds). Such funding is limited to a maximum of £5000 per project. Any grant must be matched by the recipient's own funds and is only available for improvements to existing facilities. Our own proposals for the new toilet block, which will include a unisex toilet for disabled persons, should meet this qualification. We await the outcome with bated breath. Failing this we shall have to get out our begging bowls.

Finally a reminder that the Annual General Meeting for the Coronation Hall will be held on Thursday 10th. April 1997 at 7.30pm. This is a public meeting which any member of the Parish is free to attend. Apart from members nominated by regular hall users, we are looking for additional village representative members for the Management Committee. Here is an opportunity for YOU to assist in the running of YOUR village hall. Do please come along.

John Ward

CORONATION HALL

We have arrived at a "so near and yet so far" situation with the hall extension, and at this point I think it helpful to give some background to the project, particularly since many readers have arrived in the village since it began.

The need for the building arose because the old wooden hut used by the Scouting organisations was nearing collapse. They appealed to the Parish Council and after much negotiation an agreement was reached whereby in return for contributing to the funding they would have exclusive (and free) use of the extension on their required evenings and the Parish would have an additional public facility for the rest of the week. After long delays grants were finally secured and work began. It has been a slow process because much of the labour has been voluntary but at last we are close to achieving our object.

Various criticisms have been levelled at the scheme (surprise, surprise !), but I prefer to be positive and give credit to the two men who have worked so hard on it : Len Chamberlain, who has struggled with an administrative nightmare and Harry Chatterley, who has seen to the technical and physical aspects. When this building is complete it will be a benefit to the village for generations, and I fervently hope the village will back those involved to finish the job as soon as possible.

Ed.

Glenise and Les Masters

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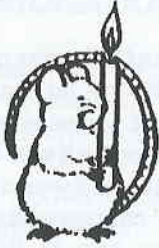
It was nice to meet old friends again at our first meeting after the Christmas break. The severe weather and illness have kept our attendance fairly low but we have enjoyed some excellent entertainment, not least when one of our entertainers failed to arrive, and Sylvia Bird stepped in with a talk on Bleadon as it was when she was a child. Several members reminisced along with her and it was a most enjoyable afternoon. At the A.G.M. on February 29th only one change was made on the committee. Mrs. J. Diment took over as secretary from Mrs. M. Wellum who will now be assistant secretary. Dates of forthcoming outings were given but venues have yet to be arranged, one each month from April until July. On Friday February 7th we welcomed our old friend Russell Rogers. always a lovely musical afternoon. The Friendship Club welcomes new members and visitors at 2.00pm each Friday.

E.M.T.

Programme for May, June and July 1997

MAY	2nd	Music and Verse - Mr. J. Osborne and friends.
	5th	Village "May Fayre"
	9th	Bingo with Jack Thorne and friends
	16th	"The Lifeboat" - Talk with video.
	22nd	Day trip - Wiltshire Villages
	23rd	Russell Rogers and singers
	30th	Beetle
JUNE	6th	Bodyguard to the Queen - Mr. Lang.
	7th	Coffee morning in Coronation Hall.
	13th	Guitar music - Mr. Bob Allum.
	19th	Day trip - old Severn Bridge/Ebbw Vale Centre/new Severn Bridge.
	20th	"Life in the Land Army" - Miss Cynthia Brown.
	27th	Bingo with Jack Thorne and friends.
JULY	4th	"Magic Lantern Show" - Mr. K. Utteridge.
	11th	Avalon Band.
	18th	Beetle.
	24th	Day trip - Poole/Bournemouth.
	25th	Russell Rogers and singers.

Sylvia.



Friends of the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

Programmes will soon be on sale for:

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THE BLEADON PLAYERS

On 26th April we will be presenting "Spring Fever", an evening of entertainment with a buffet supper in the Coronation Hall at 7.30 pm. We hope you will come along and support us and enjoy the show. Tickets will be available at Bleadon Post Office priced at £4.00 inclusive.

We hope you enjoyed our pantomime "Sleeping Beauty" which was well attended but you will appreciate that the costs of hall hire, costume, royalties, etc. make the show financially unproductive. Therefore, to boost our income, we plan to put on a Jumble Sale which will be held on May 17th at 2.00 pm in the Coronation Hall. We would appreciate items for this sale to be brought to the hall between 9.00am and 11.00am on the morning of the sale. We regret that, due to present regulations, we are unable to accept any electrical goods.

Thank you once again and we hope to see you at "Spring Fever" on 26th April.

Contact Ruth James on 813293

BLEADON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

"A host of golden daffodils" greeted all those who entered the village hall on the afternoon of the Bleadon Horticultural Society Spring Show. There was glorious colour everywhere from daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, garden flowers, flowering shrubs and wonderful floral displays. Indeed, the judges noted that the Homecraft and Handicraft sections were also of an exceptionally high standard.

A special thank - you goes to all the children who took part with their amusing and creative ideas, helping to make this show a very special village event.

So, many thanks to all those who took part making it one of the best shows ever with the highest number of entries in the last ten years and only two bigger shows in the last twenty years!

Congratulations to the following cup winners

Lindley Cup	Mrs C J Terry
Miniature Cup	Mrs C J Terry
Harold Banwell Cup	Mr R Jurgens
Jubilee Cup	Mr S Hartree
B.H.S. Cup	Mrs B Butler
Victoria Sandwich Cup	Mr J Dunstan
Irene Hilditch Plate	Mrs M Wilkins
King Cup	Deakon Wilkins
Davis Cup	Kieran Mcgrath
Junior Cup	Nicole Mcgrath
Society Cup	Mrs B Butler



We look forward to seeing you all again on Saturday 6th September '97 for the Summer Show. New exhibitors are, as always, very welcome.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Lympsham & Bleadon Men's & Women's Branches

The Men's Branch have a new Hon Secretary - Mr. G. Price, South Rd. Lympsham.

Christmas Cards and Letters have been received from Crosfield House Convalescent Home in South Wales. We have two residents at the Home and we are pleased to hear that they are both well. Our Bingo at Christmas was a great successful, and over £100 was added to Branch Funds. All Cup Competitions National and Somerset County have been sent, and we are hoping that we shall be successful.

We, The Women's Section shall be represented at the South Mendip Group Meeting on April 15th at St. Paul's Church Hall, Walliscote Rd. Weston-super-Mare commencing at 2.30pm. Any Member can attend. Mrs. Clarke would like to know if any-one can attend, please inform her. Tel: No. 750351.

Open Day Somerset Legion House, Weston-super-Mare.
June 14th 2.00pm.

Open Day Dunkirk House.
June 28th 2.00pm.

Branch 50th Anniversary Church Service and Parade.
Sunday September 14th Lympsham Parish Church

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GUIDED WALKS ROUND BLEADON

This summer the Ramblers Association Woodspring group are repeating last years three summer evening guided walks around the area of Bleadon. Each walk will take between two and two and a half hours. We meet at the village car park at 6.30pm and finish at the " Queen's Arms " Public House, to quench our thirsts. We hope villagers, visitors and friends will join us. We look forward to seeing you on the following dates:

Thursday 15th May

Thursday 12th June

Thursday 10th July

Leaders - Mary and Allan Johnson - Telephone 828402

Pat Slater

It is pleasing to see that the Ramblers are continuing the initiative so successfully begun by Pat and her late husband, Dave, last year

L. M.

A SUCCESS STORY - TO BE CONTINUED ?

Take Art! - a Somerset organisation set up to support arts performances in villages - included the new North Somerset in its area for the financial year just ended. Bleadon was the first parish in North Somerset to take advantage of the scheme and only one other (Clevedon) has followed suit. The rest don't know what they are missing!

After the highly successful visit of "The Gents" - a really first-rate easy-listening jazz ensemble in November - we decided to go for something completely different. Robin Bush visited Bleadon for the first time (shame !) on March 1st and delivered two hours of top class entertainment, with much interesting information thrown in. He really was excellent value for money and he found - as I would expect - that he had a very appreciative and responsive audience. Both events made a profit with very little work on our part.

Now the point is that I had never heard of either " The Gents " or Robin Bush until "Take Art! sent their brochure. Because of this brochure many people in Bleadon have enjoyed high quality entertainment that would not otherwise have been available In our village. Unfortunately It seems that North Somerset, cutting back on everything, may not be contributing this year to "Take Art! ", but I shall certainly do my utmost to see that what has begun so successfully will continue on a regular basis.

L. M.

WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

The first meeting of the year was on 28th January, 1997, when Lt. Col. and Mrs J. Wynn spoke on the history and legends attributed to Glastonbury Abbey. This was illustrated with colour slides, and was greatly appreciated by the members.

Our guest speaker on the 25th February was Mr Proctor, who gave a very interesting and informative talk about a holiday he had spent in Iceland. He spoke about the history, geography and traditions of the Country which we found of great interest.

On March 7th the Womens World Day of Prayer was held at Lymphsham Church and was attended by members of our Fellowship.

Mothering Sunday was celebrated by a corporate Service for members in Bleadon Church. Our Spring coffee morning was held on the 13th March, 1997. On the 25th March, 1997 the speaker will be Miss M. Brass, her subject being "A Midwife in Nepal".

A representative from 'S.W.E.E.P.S.' will give a talk on 'Aid to Romania' at our Meeting on the 22nd April, 1997. We hope to collect some tins of food and toiletries etc. at our meetings to present to them at the time of their talk. On the 27th May, 1997, our guest speaker will be Mr R Porton, who will give a talk on a visit to Japan.

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As you pass by our church of St. Peter and St. Paul,
Stand still for one moment by the old rock wall.
Hidden in that tower so strong and bold,
Are six church bells, many centuries old.
Now if you have ever rung a church bell,
Pause and listen to the music they tell.
For this is not all I have to relate,
If on a Sunday, you walk through the gate.
You will see on your left a massive oak door,
Inside are six people in short sleeves or more.
Pulling those ropes as they evenly stand,
Upright and silent, that gallant band.
In that maze of steel, those bells ring out,
To welcome you onto God's house, have no doubt.
So please think wisely, and respond to our call,
The bells you once asked for, just six in all.
I hope my request has not been in vain,
For when we depart, those bells must remain.
Remember your church is always at your service,
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1st Bleadon (St Peter & St Paul) Cub Scouts

We have invested three new cubs since Christmas - William Tratt, Ben Rhodes & Matthew Dickson, welcome to the pack.

The boys have been busy this term learning all about water safety, first aid, home safety, compass and how to look after themselves. We held a 'swapsy' night when the cubs brought along a toy they did not want any more and swapped it for something someone else had brought, one way of getting rid of rubbish and collecting some more!!

Quite a few activity badges have been awarded during the past few months i.e. Artist, Cook, Home help. One dad asked if the Home help badge could last one month instead of only a week as he had never seen his son so keen to help at home. Well it could be arranged!!

We have a busy time ahead with the May Day Fayre, Gang Show, Bleadon 700, AGM and our summer camp, but we will update you on all of these in the next issue of the Village News.

Cubs have finished now until after Easter but will resume on the 10th April, new boys are very welcome.

Akela - Betty Paterson - tel 812183

Baloo -Steve Rhodes - 813497

1st Bleadon Brownies

This term has been a busy one for us at Brownies. As well as our normal activities, we have held a pancake evening; where the Brownies made and ate their own pancakes and a Chinese evening to celebrate the Chinese New Year. This was a great success with many Brownies coming in costume. All the pack tried chopsticks and we made our own Chinese dragons.

A big thank you to all the Mums who have helped us this term on our parents rota, without them it would have been impossible for the pack to function.

We are still looking for more adult help on a regular basis. Past Guiding experience is not necessary as training is organised by the Guide Association. If you would be interested please contact me to find out more.

Ruth Lang Tel: 750827

BLEADON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

We have been told that, with one match still to play, we have won this year's Woodspring Short Mat Bowling League. We lead by just one point but irrespective of the result of the last game cannot now be beaten. Congratulations to all of our members who have played in this years matches.

At the time of writing twenty nine of our members are about to take a long weekend break in Torquay. The hotel has two full length indoor bowling rinks so that many of those going will gain their first experience of the full size game. By the time you read this they will have returned home. I hope that they will all have had a very enjoyable weekend.

Responding to requests, the club committee decided to admit junior members to the club. I am particularly pleased to report that we now have two such members. I hope that they will find the bowling sufficiently interesting to stay with us.

John Ward

BLEADON LADIES CLUB

If you missed our first three meetings this year it is a pity. We have had three excellent speakers, Mr. Les Davis of the Mendip Warden Service with fascinating slides and information, Miss. Cynthia Brown with her memories of the Land Army during the 1939-45 war and Chris Evans demonstrating and explaining the purposes of essential oils. All were entertaining and most interesting. Pat Dain and Mary Henley made admirable chair persons. The atmosphere of each meeting was warm and happy. This should continue next month when we have a talk about dance music of the 1940's and 50's.

Doreen Woollan Is to be congratulated on her varied programme. This looks like a good year for the club but with several ladies leaving the village we are actively seeking new members. We are a welcoming group. Why not try us ? We wish Madelaine and Francis happiness in their now houses, they will always be our friends. If you have any problems getting to meetings please let us know. You are missed. The club meets in the Hall at 2.30pm on each month's second Tuesday.

J. Wilkes

BOOKS WANTED - MAY DAY FAYRE

Please may we have your unwanted books for the book stall. We can collect from you if necessary. Contact :-

Sue Court "Sasha" Ash Tree Close Tel: 813343

or

Pete Williams, "Kintyre", Bleadon Road Tel: 812020

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

Sat	26th	April	7 - 11pm	Show/Play/Review	Bleadon Players
Mon	5th	May	9am - 5pm	MAY FAIR	Bleadon P.C.C.
Sat	17th	May	2pm - 4pm	Jumble Sale	Bleadon Players
Sat	7th	June	10am - noon	Coffee Morning	Friendship Club
Tues	15th	July	7.30pm	Presentation Evening	Bleadon 700 Committee
Sat	6th	Sept	2 - 5pm	Autumn Flower Show	Horticultural Society

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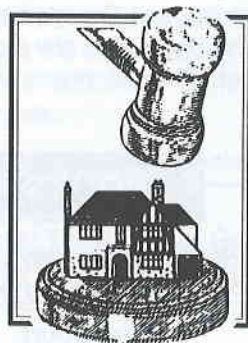
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MONDAYS

10.30 - 12.00	<i>Sept - May</i>	Gentle Exercise Group	Mrs P Dain	812859
2.00 - 5.00pm		Bleadon Bridge Club	Mr D Gardiner	812041
6.00 - 7.00pm	<i>From 7th Oct</i>	Exercise Class	Mrs A Bird-Kellogg	814813
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 G Taylor	813293

WEDNESDAYS

10.00 -noon	<i>Weekly</i>	Infant Welfare Clinic and Toddler Group	Mrs L Tidswell	812611
2.00 -4.00pm	<i>Feb - May</i>	Painting Class <i>Painting in Watercolour</i>	Mrs K Panes A.C.E. WSM College of F.E.	411411
6.00 - 7.00		Exercise Class	Mrs A Bird-Kellogg	814813
7.30pm		Bleadon Players <i>Rehearsals</i>	Ruth James	813293

THURSDAYS

2.00 -4.00pm	<i>Sept - May</i>	Painting Class <i>Painting to extend your abilities</i>	Mrs K Panes A.C.E. WSM College of F.E.	411411
8.00pm	<i>1st & 4th Sept-June</i>	Folk Dancing	Jean Thorne	814007

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

CALLING ALL YOUNG MUMS

The Mother and Toddler Group meetings at the Coronation Hall have become so popular that they are now being held weekly instead of twice a month. They take place on Wednesdays from 10.00 - 12.00, but please note that the Infant Welfare clinics held in conjunction with them will continue to be on the second and fourth Wednesdays each month. For details contact **Rachael Harrison (813193)** or **Libby Tidswell (812611)**.

CHURCH CONCERT SEASON

The Friends of the Church Concert Season continues with a return visit by the **PONTNEWYDD MALE CHOIR** - Sat 7th June at 7.00pm. Tickets at £4 will be on sale in May. Arrangements are now being made for a concert to be performed by a Choir from **HILDESHEIM** - Tuesday 22nd July at 7.30pm. Watch for details.

D Parker

CRICKET LOVERS BEWARE !

Hostilities (or do I mean hospitalities ?) between the "cricketers" of the "Queens Arms" and Lympsham Club will be resumed on Sunday 4th May, so if you like a relaxing atmosphere, an ever-open bar and some decidedly unprofessional cricket, head for Lympsham that day. The nature of the costume/disguise to be worn by the "Queens Arms" team is a closely guarded secret and will probably remain so until they appear at the match.

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