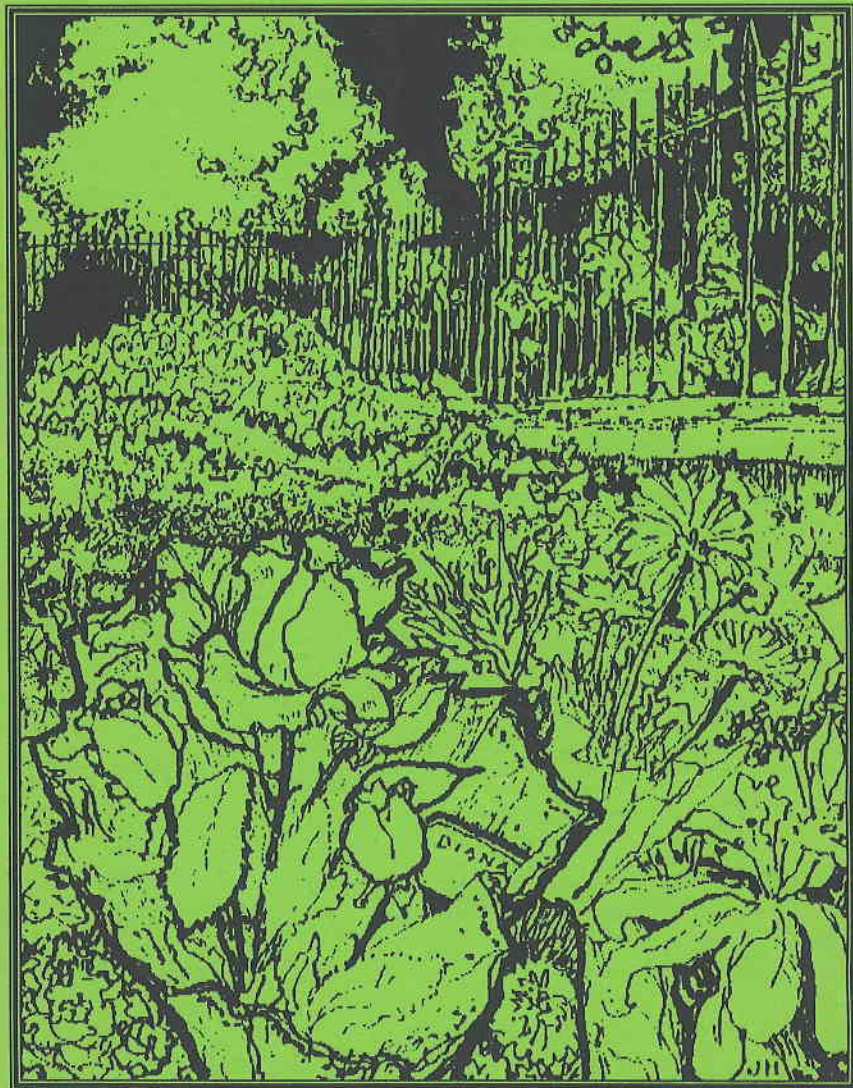


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A FULL STRENGTH COUNCIL AT LAST

. . . . BUT NOT FOR LONG !

Following the co-option of former chairman Mary Sheppard, the election of Ivan Cottrell on 25th September has brought the Parish Council up to its full complement. Ivan polled 123 votes, just ahead of Penny Robinson (118) with Peter Dewdney third (47). In my opinion all were good, capable candidates, and I very much hope they will stand again in 1999 when the whole Council comes up for re-election.

This happy situation lasted only until 13th October, when we received the resignation of Chris Carter, because of business and family commitments. Chris has been a valued member for six years and we are very sorry to lose his contribution.

The legal requirement is that notice of the vacancy must be published and the opportunity for an election offered. Obviously it is highly unlikely that anyone will call another election so soon, in which case the common-sense move would be to co-opt Penny Robinson. The Council list now reads as follows:-

Brenig Evans	Chairman	Tel: 815352
Alistair House	Vice Chairman	Tel: 815586
Len Chamberlain		Tel: 814517
Ivan Cottrell		Tel: 813665
Les Masters		Tel: 812200
Mary Sheppard		Tel: 812921
George Wall		Tel: 811273
Eric Wilkinson		Tel: 812427

L.M.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Periodic Electoral Review

The boundaries of wards for North Somerset Councillors are currently being reviewed. The principal changes effect Weston, which will have two additional councillors. It has been proposed to create a two member ward consisting of Bleadon, Hutton and Locking. This has been suggested to assure that the number of electors per councillor is consistent across North Somerset: currently Bleadon/Hutton is larger than required and Locking smaller. Councillor Ap Rees, from Locking, and I did not support this proposal, preferring the current arrangement. Our views were submitted to the Electoral Review Working Party; which accepted them and will now, in turn, submit proposals to the Local Government Commission. It remains to be seen if the Local Government Commission accepts them.

B. McGrath

JUST A WORD

I should like to thank those of you in the village , who voted for me in the recent Bleadon Parish Council Election. Your support was and is much appreciated. Unfortunately this time I was not successful, but come the next ballot, who knows?

Even though I do not have a 'council voice'-- only a private one -- I should like to think that some of my ideas, for a tidier and more environmentally friendly Bleadon may have struck a chord with some of you. If so, perhaps you would like to contact me on Bleadon 814142 --- all suggestions will receive serious consideration.

Penny Robinson

THROUGH JACK'S EYES

As we walked up the footpath on to Hellenge this quiet Sunday morning I couldn't help but think what changes had come about since first I walked here 4 years ago. Today the dying thistles, with their abundant downy seeds are everywhere, replacing the more colourful vegetation that once grew here. Now there seems to be an air of neglect about it. Then as we approached the thickest patch, a flock of dozen or more goldfinch flew up, - a sudden flurry of gold, black and red, all around us; but just as quickly - they were gone, off to another patch a short distance away, soon settling down after their disturbance. They continued to feast as if nothing had happened. This area was after all alive, a goldfinch banqueting table, - the colour had returned, --not such a wasteland after all!

(Jack is Penny's dog - Ed)

AND ANOTHER WORD

I am most grateful to those who elected me to the Parish Council last month. May I assure them and all other residents that I intend to follow the principles outlined in my election leaflet.

Ivan Cottrell

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Whether we are church members or not is irrelevant; the organisers of the Celebration Week, plus all who have rolled up their sleeves to help, have come up with a triumph. The sooner they can think of something else to celebrate (The Millenium ?) the better.

Our local flower arrangers have had years of May Day Fayres to hone their skills, and this special occasion obviously put them on their mettle. This first event of the week attracted large numbers of visitors from Saturday to Monday. Donations totalled an impressive £416 and the H.T.V. cameras visited the church on the Saturday morning to give the festival some well-deserved wider publicity.

The garden party that afternoon was a happy, well - attended event which also made a profit of over £700, while melodies from the brass band floated over the village. This hectic pace was continued the next day with two services, each led by a Bishop (one Anglican, one Catholic) with a lunch in between. Apparently the greatly augmented choir at Evensong threatened the recently repaired roof.

From the outset the organising committee were determined that the celebrations should not be confined to the church, and for the next four evenings the focus switched to the Coronation Hall. Margaret Cullen's talk on the history of the village was a sell - out several days beforehand. Margaret insists that it is the subject that sells the tickets, but I think the packed audience would agree that the medium counts as well as the message.

On the Tuesday and Wednesday evenings it was the turn of the Bleadon Players to provide entertainment and a lavish buffet. Two large audiences responded and participated with typical Bleadonian heartiness - definitely a good time had by all. The musical theme was continued on Thursday with a folk dance, well attended and voted very enjoyable, and again on Friday when David Lowton gave an organ recital at the church, playing an interesting and varied programme which included several songs sung by guest soprano Pat Griffiths. Also on the Friday some forty-six pensioners attended a special tea party at the Coronation Hall.

On Saturday morning twenty nine people had the time and energy to follow Steve Hartree around the village while he pointed out the features of interest, correcting him whenever he misinformed them. In the afternoon it was the turn of the local children to take exercise (much more vigorously) on the lawn of the Rectory. They took part enthusiastically in all the events, after which they combined with their parents and two weighty anchormen in a mass tug-of-war.

The last event of the day was staged by the local campanologists - a special peal from the Church tower.

The guest at the following morning service was Roly Bain, the "Clown Priest", who enthralled the congregation with his unique style of storytelling. The flag of Bleadon's new Beaver colony was dedicated, and the draw for the sponsored quilt was made. At Evensong, the guest was the Dean of Wells.

Chairman of the Bleadon 700 committee, Steve Hartree, commented on the 'tremendous atmosphere' that prevailed throughout the week, adding that the event had succeeded "beyond expectations"! Rector David Parkinson, a man of fewer words, summed it up as "superb"!

To me, a non-participant, it seems clear that Bleadon has enjoyed a unique week which is due to a vast amount of preparation and hard work on the part of many people. I cannot name them, but on behalf of the village I thank every one of them.

L.M.

Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS - NOVEMBER 2ND

As usual, on the first Sunday of November, we will be remembering those we know to have died during the past year. This will be during Evensong at 6.30pm. The remembrance will be by name during prayer. Additionally, if you wish a loved one who has died at any time to be remembered by name at this Service, please let me know (in writing) or add the name to the list in Church. Family Service at 10.15am that day will be a commemoration of All Saints.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 9TH

Our Sung Eucharist at 10.15am will be shortened and will conclude with the traditional Prayers of Remembrance and two minutes silence. As usual, local organisations are invited to lay wreaths at the War Memorials during this Service.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE - NOVEMBER 30TH - 6.30pm

A special Service of Hymns, Readings and Anthems for Advent Sunday.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE - SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER at 3.30pm followed by teaparty in the Coronation Hall.

DAVID PARKINSON
Rector Tel: 812297

1st BLEADON BROWNIES

Our Summer term at brownies was very busy indeed. The brownies completed work on their gardeners badge. Many thanks to Cindy Tratt for helping us with this.

The day of the gang show arrived - we were all very nervous about the performances but everything ran smoothly. We performed a story written by Roald Dahl and songs from the musical " Oliver ". All the brownies' hard work was well received and they thoroughly enjoyed their time on the stage.

Our last meeting of the term was a beach barbeque, when the Brownies ate rather a lot of hot dogs and toasted marshmallows. We also enjoyed a sandcastle competition and finished our evening with the enrolments of Emily and Victoria Bradley.

Plans for our Autumn term are well under way and we look forward to meeting in the new Bleadon Scout and Guide hall. As a consequence of the move to our new home, we are now able to increase the number of Brownies that attend our meetings. If you have a daughter who would like to join us, please give me a call.

Ruth Lang
01934-750827

1st BLEADON (ST. PETER & ST. PAUL) CUB SCOUTS

Cubs started after the summer break on 11th September in our new hall. We cleaned the toilets, brushed the floors and even had time to clean some litter in the car park. This is the beginning of happy times ahead.

Our summer camp this year was held at Huish Woods Scout camp site in Taunton. 15 boys attended this camp and we had the time of our lives. The weather was very kind to us which helped a lot. We worked a bit, played a bit, made Robin Hood hats and even had a go at archery. The only thing we did not do was sleep, but were we all tired on the Sunday.

We had lots to eat thanks to Hilary Sexton, who braved a second year (despite not liking squirrels !) to come along and cook for us. Thank you Hilary for helping make our camp a great success.

The feedback on our Gang Show has been very good. Thank you to all those attending, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed entertaining you.

Patterson - AKELA - Tel 812183

Steve Rhodes - BALOO - Tel 813497

NO MEAN FEET (sic) AND THE SHOESTRING BAND CORONATION HALL - 8th NOVEMBER

Come and watch a 16-strong Appalachian precision clog dance team perform to the accompaniment of bluegrass music (mandolin, guitar, banjo, fiddle and bass). Then, if you feel active, join in some barn dance and/or cajun numbers. Relax with a drink or two, and above all **BE CHEERFUL AND ENJOY YOURSELVES!**

This will be the season's first event booked by the Parish Council through the " Take Art scheme. It promises to be very attractive to those who enjoy barn dancing, line dancing or just cheerful, lively music with no " Glastonbury - style " amplification, so book early. Tickets will come on sale at the Post Office during October - Price £4.00

L.M.

MOMENT'S NOTICE

Jazz lovers get their turn to be entertained courtesy of the Parish Council on 8th December. The performers are Andrew Bassett (guitar) and Charlie Hearnshaw (clarinet and alto-sax), and having heard their demo tape I can vouch they are a really high class act. They play a relaxed, swingy, easy -listening style of jazz, throwing in a few classical pieces just to change the mood. You won't hear this class of music in the village again this season, so get your tickets from the Post Office in November and avoid disappointment. (To enhance the listening pleasure there will of course, be a bar).

L.M.

CREATING A WOODCUT

The third " Take Art " event differs in that it will be held during the day (10am - 4pm approx) and that it is a workshop, not a performance. Residents who would like to spend a day learning how to make a woodcut and then a print from it will have their opportunity on Saturday 31st January 1998 when Taunton artist, Jane Mowat visits the Coronation Hall for the day. Places will obviously be limited, so residents wishing to book one are advised to do so early (at the Post Office).

L.M.

CHARITY WALK - JUNE 1st

The fund-raising walk organised by Weston Hospicare was well supported in Bleadon. The "Queen's Arms" team raised £1,100, the highest total of any team, of which £115 came from the Post Office customers sponsoring (quite un-asked) their Postmaster

L.M.

BLEADON CORONATION HALL

I am pleased to report that the new hall is now being used by the various groups of the scouting movement. Some additional internal work needs to be done to complete the furnishings needed by scouting groups, such as equipment storage cupboards, notice boards and nameplate. This is all authorised and in hand.

What now remains to be done is to complete the extension changes to the older hall. We have been given a grant of £2000 by Camelot. This does not come from the normal lottery charity sources but is a special fund set up by Camelot and funded by their own lottery profits. This sum will need to be matched by a similar sum if the work is to be completed successfully and to the required standard. For instance quarry tiling of the floors is estimated to cost some £1500. The hall management committee have agreed to allocate another £2000 from its own current account funds. This will allow the work to continue while avoiding any further reduction in our other reserves. While we are aware of certain weaknesses in our roofing, it is to be hoped that no major repair work will occur in the near future.

There will still be a need for more painting and other decorating to be done on all internal doors and walls. We would welcome any voluntary assistance that can be made available from willing residents of the village.

If you can help please contact John Ward on 812136, Len Chamberlain on 814517 or pass your name and telephone number to Les Masters in the village Post Office.

John Ward

Glenise and Les Masters

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BLEADON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

Our new 1997/98 Season will probably be open by the time this newsletter reaches you. Our opening night will be Friday 3rd. October '97 and our Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 10th. October at 7.00Pm. The AGM will as usual be followed by normal bowling.

We anticipate having two or three vacancies for new members this year. Anyone interested is welcome to come along and watch and try their hand at short mat bowling.

We meet on Fridays at 7.00pm. and Sundays at 3.00pm. in the Coronation Hall.



CLIC FUN QUIZ

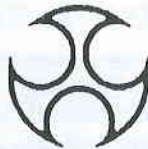
Sharpen your pencils, sharpen your wits and prepare to enjoy yourself. It's that Quiz again!

On Saturday, 22nd November at 7.30pm in the

Coronation Hall, Bleadon, the folk from CLIC will attempt to entice you with a Ploughman's, a Bar, a Raffle and a few brain-teasers. Do come and help us, to help you, to help CLIC. A whole evening's entertainment will only cost you £4. See you there!
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HONOURS EVEN TO THE LAST

This summer's Bleadon / Lymphsham cricket saga continued on July 20th and a merciful veil will be drawn over the margin of the defeat suffered by Bleadon.

It was a different story on August 24th, however. Batting first in wet conditions the "Queen's" men struggled to reach 76, with Mark Poole (amazingly) top scorer. This looked an easy score for Lymphsham to pass, but reckoned without the bowling of John Katesmark and the wicket keeping of Adrian Wall. John took four wickets, including three in the last over, two of them with the last two balls to seal victory by three runs.

The decider on 14th September proved in the event to be no such thing. Batting first again, the Queen's" rattled up 130 with several wickets in hand. Lymphsham chased this vigorously, despite losing wickets, 'til they reached the last ball of the match needing 2 runs to win, with 1 wicket standing. They ran 1 but were run out on the second, leaving the match and the series tied. What was lacking in quality was made up in drama.

P.S. John Katesmark also completed his hat trick in this game.

BLEADON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The 24th Annual Summer Flower Show was due to be held on Saturday 6th September, but it was cancelled as a mark of respect to Diana - Princess Of Wales. We extended our condolences to her family especially the two young Princes. The Spring Flower Show will be held in the Coronation Hall on Saturday March 14th 1998 so now is the time to start planting bulbs in pots, etc.

C.C.

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Sat	1st	Nov	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Parish Council
Sat	8th	Nov	7.30pm	'No Mean Feet' (Take Art)	Friendship Club
Sat	22nd	Nov	7.30pm	CLIC Quiz	Mrs Pat Dain
Sun	23rd	Nov	3.00pm	Thanksgiving Service in the New Hall	Bleadon 1st Scouts
Sat	6th	Dec	10.30am	Christmas Coffee Morning and Fair	H.M.C.
			7.30pm	Jazz Evening (Take Art)	Parish Council
Sun	14th	Dec		Christingle Party	Bleadon Church
				<i>Following service in Church</i>	
Wed	31st	Dec	7.30pm	New Year Party	Bleadon Church Friends
Fri	16th	Jan	7.30pm	PANTOMIME	Bleadon Players
Sat	17th	Jan	2.30pm	PANTOMIME	Bleadon Players
			7.30pm	"	"
Sat	31st	Jan	10.00am	Creating a Woodcut	Parish Council

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REGULAR EVENTS IN THE CORONATION HALL

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
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	Mrs G Taylor	812475

WEDNESDAYS

10.00 -noon	<i>2nd & 4th</i>	Infant Welfare Clinic and Toddler Group	The Health Visitor at the Clinic	
10.00 -noon	<i>1st, 3rd & 5th</i>	Toddler Group	Mrs J Hammond	513448
2.00 -4.00pm	<i>Sept - June</i>	Watercolour Painting (<i>Post Beginners</i>)	Mrs K Panes A.C.E.	621301
7.30pm		Bleadon Players <i>Rehearsals</i>	Ruth James	813293

THURSDAYS

2.00 -4.00pm	<i>Sept - June</i>	Watercolour Painting (<i>Experienced</i>)	Mrs K Panes A.C.E.	621301
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

BLEADON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

PROGRAMME FOR SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1997

Tues	2nd	Sep	10.30am	COMMITTEE MEETING	Mrs. Diment
Fri	5th			Club re-starts BINGO	Jack Thorne
Fri	12th			About Weston	Sylvia
Fri	19th			"Royal British Legion" Talk / Slides	Mr. Hamilton Cox
Sat	20th			GARDEN PARTY at Rectory/ Flower Festival in Church.	
Fri	26th		4.30pm	NO CLUB. Bleadon 700 Tea Party by Ticket only.	
Fri	3rd	Oct		History of Medicine	Mr. Roy Medley <i>Retired Pharmacist</i>
Sun	5th			Church Harvest Festival	
Fri	10th			Club Harvest Service with Rector	
Fri	17th			CLUB BIRTHDAY	Beetle Drive
Fri	24th			Music / Singing	Mr. M. Atkins.
Fri	31st			"Abbeyfield" - Mrs. Jenner.	
Fri	7th	Nov		"Quiz"	Sylvia
Fri	14th			History of Christmas Cards	Mr/Mrs. Castle
Fri	21st			Russell Rogers and Friends.	
Fri	28th			"Switzerland" Talk and Slides	Miss C. Brown
Fri	5th	Dec		Xmas Cards in box please	
				Old Weston Slides and Memorabilia	Mr. Heywood
Sat	6th			COFFEE MORNING	Hall Management
Fri	12th			BINGO	Jack Thorne
Fri	19th			XMAS PARTY "Anything Goes".	
Fri	16th	Jan 1998		CLUB RE-STARTS	

Sylvia and Joan

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

We were pleased to welcome our Community Beat Officer, W.P.C. Julia Ellwood to the September meeting of the Parish Council. Interestingly, she informed us that in the three months June - August there were only six reported crimes in the Parish, none of them burglaries. This is of course, six too many, but it is easy to imagine why she has to spend most of her time in other parts of the area.

Reminder: Her telephone number at the Police Station is **638141** or **638165**.

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The 29th R.B.L. Annual Flower and Vegetable Show was a successful show in spite of the weather, which meant fewer entries in the Flower and Vegetable classes. The Children's classes were well supported and congratulations to all Cup and Certificate winners.

There is sad news:- Wally Stephens and Jack Thorne are bowing out. They think the time has come to hand over to a couple of "young lads" - brothers Brian and Colin Poole. We can only say thank you for your hard work and dedication, Wally and Jack, and welcome to Brian and Colin. We hope that the Flower and Vegetable Show will continue in future years.

Parade and service on Sunday 14th September. The men's branch are to be congratulated on their 50th anniversary of the formation of the branch. All arrangements made were successful and all who attended had a very enjoyable afternoon. The congratulations passed to all by the County Officers were appreciated. The tea served by the women's section after the service was really something and many thanks are due to them for all their hard work. The Pipe Band was very different and not seen in Lympsham before. Tickets are now available for the Festival of Remembrance at the Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare on Sunday 26th October commencing at 7.00pm. Both Standard Bearers will be attending. Tickets at £2.50 each are available from Mrs Clarke - Tel: 750351.

The Women's Section County Conference will be held at the Winter Gardens on the 15th November and the Women's Section will be represented and are seconding a resolution with regard to the number of years County Officers should serve.

Forthcoming Events:

Annual General Meetings:	Men's Branch 28th October 7.30pm - Manor Hall Women's Section 7th November 7.30pm - Manor Hall All members welcome to attend.
Remembrance Sunday	9th November - Church service 10.50am All members and friends welcome.
Race Night:	18th October - 7.30pm at the Manor Hall, Lympsham 8 races, tote, bar and refreshments. Entrance £2.50. All welcome.

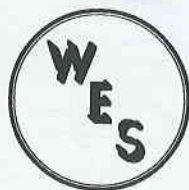
If there is anyone interested in joining either the Men's Branch or the Women's Section please contact either:-

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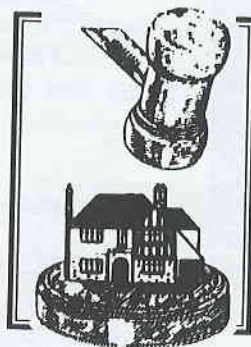
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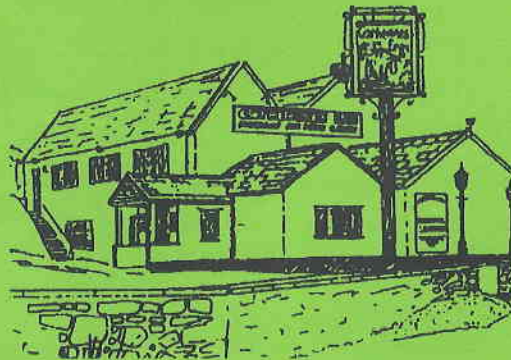
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