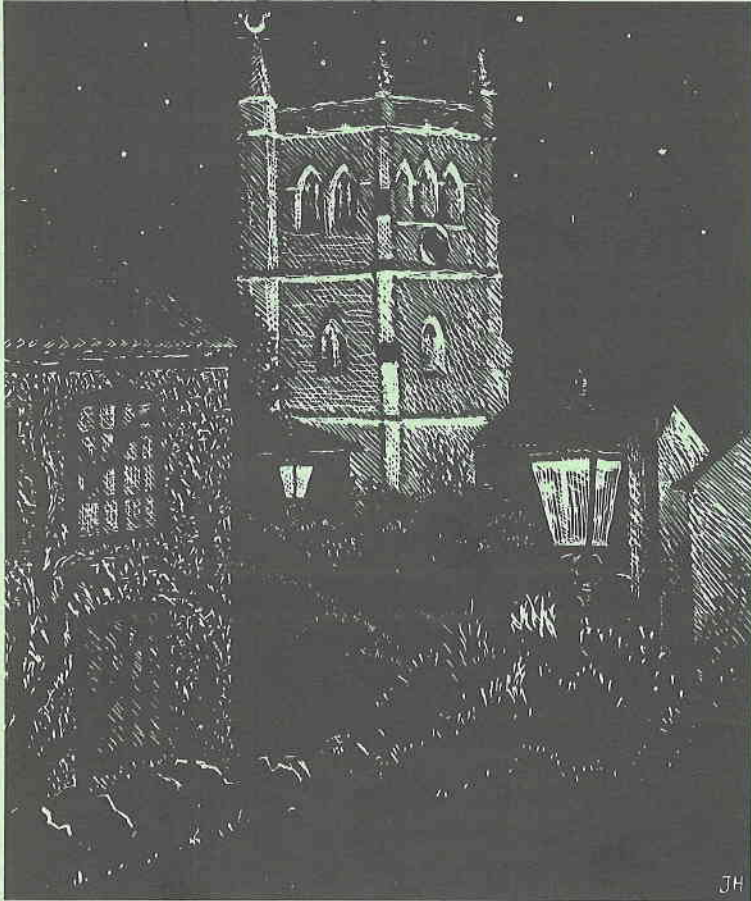


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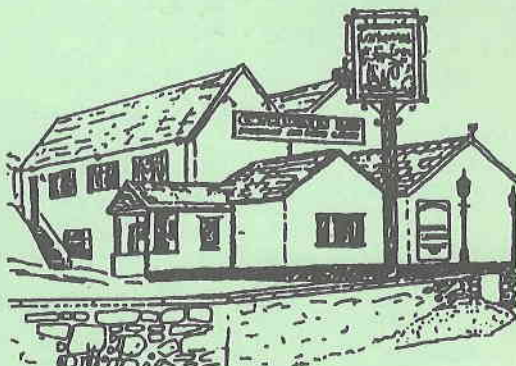
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YOUR PARISH COUNCIL 1998-99

Council Members are as follows:

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Alistair House (<i>Vice-Chairman</i>)	1 Purn Way	815586
Len Chamberlain	Newbay Cottage	814517
Ivan Cottrell	Tor View Cottage	813665
Les Masters	Bleadon Post Office	812200
Penny Robinson	1 The Veale	814142
Mary Sheppard	Little Wood, Bridgwater Road	812921
George Wall	Purn Dene, Bridgwater Road	811273
Eric Wilkinson	Greenaway, Birch Avenue	812427

The Parish Clerk (to whom all correspondence should be addressed) is:

Bruce Poole 10 South Street, Burnham-on-Sea (01278) 787555

Council Meetings are normally on the second Monday of the month, at 7.30pm in the Coronation Hall.



GIVE DEMOCRACY A CHANCE

The present council ends its term of office in April, after which an election for a new council will be held on May 6th - PROVIDED THERE ARE ENOUGH CANDIDATES! Sadly, this has not been the case for a long time. There are nine places on the council, but in 1991 only seven candidates were nominated (two of whom later withdrew) and in 1995 there were eight. As a result, all were elected unopposed.

Now Bleadon has an adult population of getting on for a thousand. Can it really be that among these there are not ten or more who are interested enough and willing enough to devote a modest amount of time and effort to the benefit of their village? If the present council has put you off so much, take heart from the fact that probably four or five will not be standing again!

To stand for the council you do not need a degree in astrophysics or environmental ecology. You do, however, need to have the qualifications laid down in electoral law, as follows:

- (a) aged 21 or over
- (b) a British citizen or citizen of the Republic of Ireland
- (c) a local government elector of the parish (i.e. listed on the electoral register)

or

have occupied land or premises in the parish for twelve months preceding nomination

or

have worked mainly or solely in the parish for the same period

or

have lived within three miles of the parish for that period.

This last qualification raises an interesting point, what are the boundaries of the parish? There are in fact two parishes. The civil one is a local government area, with the boundaries shown on local maps. The parish of St. Peter and St. Paul is considerably larger, covering most of the estates on Bleadon Hill. Residents of Hillcote, for instance, do not pay council tax to the parish of Bleadon, but they may very well attend church here or be active in various local groups - Harry Chatterley and the late Barbara Snelgrove being outstanding examples.

We therefore have the slightly odd situation where people can stand for the parish council but not have a vote in the election. Personally I have no objection to this. Bleadon has benefited enormously from the efforts of a number of people who live 'on the hill' and if some of them offered to contribute to the work of the parish council we should welcome them.

L M.

FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

TRAFFIC CALMING

Progress continues on this issue. A report on Traffic Calming measures for the Parish of Bleadon is schedule for the next Highways and Transport Sub-committee meeting on **Friday 12th February** at 2.30 p.m. The meeting will start with Public Participation Time (P.P.T.), this allows residents of North Somerset to express their views on matters relevant to the District Council. P.P.T is particularly popular at Highways and Transport and I have asked the Parish Council to send a delegation to speak in support of the Traffic Calming measures. I understand the Chairman will speak as well as a concerned resident. It would be helpful if other villagers could attend in order to show support.

The likely timetable for implementation of the measures is as follows:

- 12th February, Report to Committee, seeking permission to advertise the traffic order.
- Mid-February to Mid-March, consultation with Police and other Emergency Services.
- End March, Advertisement of Traffic Orders, including notices displayed around the village, followed by a 28-day period in which objections can be lodged.
- End April, if no objections received, placement of works order to implement associated physical works.
- First Committee Meeting after May elections, if objections received, will consider objections and continue or not with implementation.

I have been warned to expect objections from the coach operators who run 'mystery' trips through the village to Cheddar. However, it is impossible to know if they will materialize until the 28-day objection period is in effect.

STOP PRESS: Measures approved on 12th February.

Bryan McGrath
Tel: 813520. e-mail: bmcg160952@aol.com

PLANNING

This is my last Planning report for the current term as this Council resigns in April. It is not unusual for planning applications to be fewer during the winter months. However, four new applications have been seen.

1. **98/2226 Alterations to Youth Club roof**
This will involve the replacement of the flat roof with a sloping one.
2. **98/2314 Greenacres, Celtic Way**
A plan for an extension on conservatory and treble garage has been submitted to NS Council. The PC didn't object and neither did WA PC although the hedge planting scheme has to be implemented on the north side of the site to screen the garages from the road.

3. **98/2592 Kintyre, Bleadon Road, Conservatory and Porch**

The Council had no objections.

4. **98/2694 Cycle Path and Pedestrian Bridleway, Bleadon Level**

This application caused a lot of discussion, but despite one or two reservations we voted in favour and hope people will use it for the purpose it was intended for.

5. **98/0726 Appeal. Accommodation Road**

I am pleased to report the inspector's rejection of this application on the grounds of overuse of the site and vehicular access not being suitable.

Finally the Public Shelter is at last completed and a new plaque will soon be affixed inside to commemorate a past benefactor. I hope everyone finds it beneficial but unfortunately it is a little smaller than the previous wooden structure.

M.E.S.

THE 1999-2000 PRECEPT

At the January meeting the Parish Council set the precept for the next financial year at £14,985. If things go according to plan, the largest item will be the setting of speed, weight and length limits on roads through the village.

In my view, this total is a couple of thousand pounds too high, with money levied on a 'we might need it' basis, but I was heavily outvoted (though the Chairman did say I was welcome to express my opinion). Still, as explained elsewhere, the likelihood is that several of those who voted the money will not be there to control the spending of it.

L.M.



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



I am pleased to report that all the cubs passed their First Aid badges during October with flying colours, and thoroughly deserved them. Well done lads.

Instead of having yet another Xmas party at the end of term in December, we decided we would like to do something a bit different, so Baloo and I got our thinking caps on and finally came up with the idea of go-karting. Would the cubs be old enough, would they be big enough (we have some very small cubs) and lastly, but most important - how much would it cost?? Well, yes they were old enough, most of them were big enough and boy was it money well spent! They had a whale of a time. (Mind you, so did we). There were two boys not quite big enough to reach the pedals but they did not miss out. Two of the experienced drivers (staff) sat with them and they went for a spin around the track, so no-one missed out. This is the joy of being in the Scout movement; you get to be a kid for the second time around!

Six of our cubs will be going up to scouts this month and I am sure they will enjoy it just as much as they did in cubs.

We would like to welcome three beavers that have joined us this month, Tom Court, Joshua Fry and Iain Haggerty.

The group is holding a Barn Dance on Saturday, 27th February at 7.30 p.m. in the Coronation Hall. Money raised will be going towards our funds. Please give us your support.

Lastly, on behalf of the cubs and myself, we would like to congratulate Steve Rhodes (Baloo) for the special award she has been given for her dedication to the scout movement. Steve has been in scouting for nearly twenty years and we cannot think of a better person to receive it. Thank you Steve for all the help and fun we have had with 1st Bleadon Cubs over the past four years. Long may you continue.

Betty Paterson (Akela)
Tel: 812183

My impressions of and reactions to the Jamboree in Chile 1998-99

My Jamboree Experience all started on December the 26th 1998. We arrived at Gordano Services to be picked up by a coach and then went on to the airport. The flight was long and tiring but eventually we arrived at Santiago airport, where we all loaded on to the bus and set off to the Jamboree site. After an hour and half on the bus we arrived through big pioneering structures with all countries flags flying together. We were driven to our subcamp by a bus. On the way through I was amazed at the size of the site. It was huge! We passed many people cheering and smiling. We set up our tents in a small area but in a big campsite. The Jamboree had started! We were woken every morning to the sound of whistles, radios and people shouting. The atmosphere was amazing. I could not believe we were actually here at the jamboree in Chile. We all went to look around the site. We saw many people, who all came up to talk to us and tried to swap their neckerchiefs for our U.K. scarfs or badges or anything else. The swapping was brilliant I had never seen anything like it. In between the Opening and Closing ceremonies which were excellent, (I don't know how they fitted 35,000 young people into the central arena, but they managed with extra room as well,) we were involved in the GDV the Global Development Village where we did activities like making remote controlled cars or learning about social differences. All bases had a specific meaning or purpose. If I got the chance to attend another World Scout Jamboree I'd jump at the chance to be with thousands of other young people again.

Home Hospitality.

Home Hospitality, otherwise known as HoHo, was in Sao Paulo Brazil. It was fantastic - the best holiday I've ever had. We went to the beach for the weekend, walked in the rainforest which was amazing, swam in a waterfall pool, went to a snake museum and loads more things I probably won't get the chance to do again. The families we stayed with were really great and did everything they could for us. In my family the oldest son had attended the Jamboree in Australia in 1987, and the daughter had attended the last jamboree in Holland in 1995. They were very friendly and treated us like one of the family. They have said I must go back one day to stay with them and I hope I will have the chance to do this.

Rebecca Boyce

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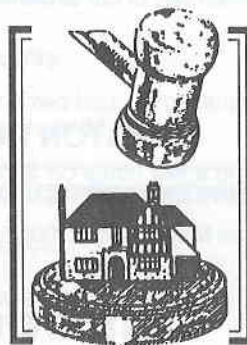
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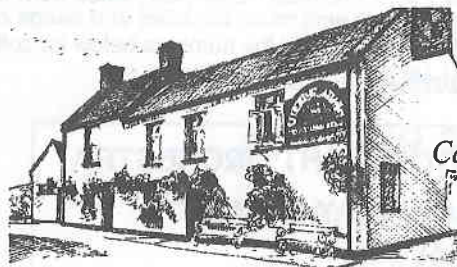
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The Brownies in Bleadon had a very exciting time in the run up to Christmas, with the preparations for their first Christmas production. All of the Brownies had a speaking part, with Lois Sankey and Emily Blake playing the leading roles of Mr. and Mrs. Christmas! The Brownies chose to donate the proceeds of the event to the Wallace and Grommit appeal at Bristol Children's Hospital.

This term the girls have been using their creative skills to make some excellent fish mobiles, to fill the gaps left now we have taken down the Christmas decorations.

In March we are going to visit the Weston Playhouse to see the Scout and Guide Gangshow, in which two of our Brownies are performing.

Victoria Daintree (Assistant Brownie Guider)



WESTON HOSPICE - "THE MENDIP CHALLENGE"

Spend a few hours on Sunday 6th June walking 10 miles across the Mendips and help the Queen's Arms' team to raise funds for Weston Hospice. Details from Helen Stafford (814298) or Les Masters (812200).



Church of St. Peter and St. Paul Bleadon, Weston-super-Mare

MOTHERING SUNDAY is 14th March and there will be a special Family Service at 10.15 a.m.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER

Palm Sunday, with its procession from the Church Room to Church, begins the most important few days in the Christian calendar. There will be Services every day during Holy Week leading to the great Easter Celebrations on Sunday 4th April.

David Parkinson, Rector.
Tel: 812297

Books - Books - Books

Have you any unwanted books (paperback or hardback), magazines, audio tapes, videos, puzzles or games for donation to the May Fayre bookstall? Last year, sales from the stall raised over £200 towards Church funds. Our stock was much depleted and needs building up in time for the next event. If you can help please contact the numbers below for collection.

Pete Williams: 812020 or Sue Court: 813343

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BLEADON CORONATION HALL

Since I last reported we have installed two new gas heaters in the main hall. This was at a total cost of a little over £2,000, so that it was quite a drain on our cash reserves. I hope that regular users are finding the benefits of these. However, we still seem to have a cold spot in the corner where the old entrance was and we may yet have to install some additional heating in this area. In the meantime we are also proposing to fit an additional pair of doors between the small foyer and the main hall. This should reduce the occasionally severe draughts and may also help to overcome the corner cold spot.

We are having problems in obtaining quotations for complete redecoration of the inside and the outside of the main hall. If anyone can suggest suitable willing decorators we shall be pleased to have their names and contact addresses.

We have now had about seven to eight months experience of our contract cleaners. Many of our regular users have gone out of their way to comment favourably on their work which confirms the management committee's previously expressed satisfaction with the new cleaning arrangements. We would still like to receive the views and constructive comments on hall cleanliness by our many users so that we can ensure your continued satisfaction.

We shall be holding our annual meeting shortly after you receive this newsletter. The date and time of this is 8th April commencing at 7.00 p.m. This meeting occurs annually and is intended to be for the benefit of all local residents and other hall users. The public are most welcome to attend and it is your opportunity to express your views on the running and the future of YOUR VILLAGE HALL. We anticipate that we shall be losing some of our long standing members this year and while this mainly affects representatives from regular user organisations we may also have a need for volunteer village representatives. After nine years service on the committee, including the last four as chairman, I propose to leave the committee and devote the time saved to some of those things I have long desired to do but have not been able to fit in.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

At the time of writing we have not settled on our Spring hall fund raising event. We expect this to be either a coffee morning or a jumble sale towards the end of March. Please keep your eyes open for the appropriate posters

John Ward (812136)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CORONATION HALLS

Please make a note in your diary!

Saturday 27th February	Barn Dance	Bleadon Cubs
Monday 8th March 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	
Saturday 13th March 2.00om	Spring Flower Show	Horticultural Society
Monday 12th April 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	
Monday 3rd May 7.30pm	May Fair	Bleadon PCC
Thursday 6th May 8am - 9pm	District & Parish Elections	
Monday 10th May 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	
Thursday 10th June 7am-10pm	European Elections	
Monday 14th June 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	



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812041

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1st Monday

British Sugarcraft Guild

W.S.M. Branch

Mrs. E. Lambert

01278-786586

7.30pm

2nd Monday

Parish Council

TUESDAYS

2-4pm

2nd Tuesday

Bleadon Ladies Group

Mrs. J. Wilkes

812783

5.30-7pm

Brownies**

7.30pm

1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th

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Camera Club

Mrs. G. Taylor

812475

WEDNESDAYS

10am-12noon

2nd & 4th

Infant Welfare Clinic
and Toddler Group

The Health Visitor
at the Clinic

10am-12noon

1st, 3rd & 5th

Toddler Group

Mrs. J. Walford

811718

2-4pm

Sept.-June

Watercolour Painting
(Post beginners)

Mrs. K. Panes, A.C.E.

WSM Tech College 411411

5.30-6.30pm

7.30pm

Beavers**

Bleadon Players rehearsals

Mrs. S. Kelly

812419

THURSDAYS

2-4pm

Sept-June

Watercolour Painting
(Experienced)

Mrs. K. Panes, A.C.E.

WSM Tech. College 621301

6-7.30pm

7.30-9.30pm

Cubs**

Scouts**

8.00pm

1st & 4th Thurs.

Sept-June

Folk Dancing

Mrs. J. Thorne

814007

FRIDAYS

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Friendship Club

Mrs. J. Diment

812217

7.30pm

Sept. - May

Short Mat Bowling Club

Mr. J. Ward

812136

SUNDAYS

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Sept.-May

Short Mat Bowling Club

Mr. J. Ward

812136

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YOUR VILLAGE NEWS

This issue is the last under my editorship. I plan to retire this year, and as I prefer a smooth hand-over to a last minute rush I have arranged my succession.

From the next issue the joint editors will be Penny Robinson (1 The Veale) and Steve Miles (16 The Veale) with technical assistance from Bridget Evans (Cruachan, Shiplate Road). I am confident that they will be a happy and capable team.

L.M.

Glenise and Les Masters

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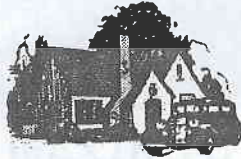
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BLEADON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

After this long dreary wet winter it's great to know that spring is just around the corner and that includes the **Bleadon Horticultural Spring Show**. Come and be cheered by the glorious colour and fragrance from all the spring flowers and flowering shrubs.

The Show is on Saturday March 13th in the Coronation Hall. Doors open at 2 p.m. and there will be the usual raffle, bring and buy stall and refreshments.

Schedules will be available from the Post Office and new exhibitors will be very welcome.

BLEADON FOLK DANCE CLUB

A Dance will be held on our night of the 25th February (Thursday) from 7.30 p.m. American Supper, Bring a Drink. Tickets £3.50 from Jean Thorne 814007.

All proceeds of this our Folk Evening will be going to the Lifeboat Funds.
Caller Guest - John Price and the Bridgwater Band.

The Club meets on the 1st and 4th Thursdays of each month. Our caller is John Thomlinson who you all know through Contactus. Everyone welcome, Dancers or Non Dancers. We are there for you, Young, a Little Older, Ladies or Gents...

*Jean Thorne
814007*

BLEADON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

We started our new season in the Woodspring Bowling League exceptionally well. We won our first eight matches, securing the maximum of 64 points but unfortunately we lost our most recent match at Banwell earning a mere one point for one drawn game. We hope to overcome this small obstacle in our future games.

The club has now bought a new mat to replace the first mat we ever had. It appears to offer a rather better playing surface than we have been used to with our other mats. We have also tried to use a third mat in the newly extended area of the main hall. Unfortunately, although we are used to the vagaries of the floor in the rest of the hall, the use of the new area has proved to be impractical due to the excessive slope of the floor and the changes in levels between wood and tiled areas. Should anyone in the village win the national lottery please remember the hall could do with a new floor throughout.

We have room for a few new members, so if you are interested please come along and see how we function and, perhaps, try your hand at bowling. Apart from the bowls we are also a very sociable bunch of people. Our regular playing occasions are:-

Friday evenings at 7.00 p.m.
Sunday afternoons at 3.00 p.m.

John Ward

THE CLIC FUN QUIZ 1999

Here endeth the CLIC Quiz for another year! I do not know where the time goes but it certainly does not seem like twelve months since the last one. All the tickets were sold and a few private needle matches were going on, amongst those present. Just between you and me, I think Peter Hore's team might have collected the odd pint from Harry Beeby's team. Ah! well, it's all part of the fun.

After organising and putting in endless time arranging the Quiz, it is very satisfying to see everyone with their heads down and catching happy little phrases like "do you know any camels without humps?" and "Don't be daft, the Andes are in Spain?" It really is highly educational.

I am told that people enjoy the way we do the raffle! It does save a lot of folding and tearing off of tickets, so we will repeat this dose next year. The food was eaten with gusto while the more conscientious attempted to complete the "Intellectual Interlude" while munching on their "Ploughman's".

It was a very close fought battle at the end and a great many people came within a few marks of the winning score which was achieved by Jean Field and her team. It was very pleasing that Jean should win as she has been to every one of the CLIC quizzes since the first one in 1987. They were very worthy winners.

There were far too many people who helped on the day for me to mention individually but I do not think there would have been a Quiz at all without the help that I have always received from the ex-Exercise group. They were marvellous and to all the other people who gave of their time on the day - many, many thanks - and from CLIC, a big thank you for a final total of £500.

See you all again next year on November 20th 1999!!

Pat Dain



BLEADON YOUTH CLUB PAPER & CARDBOARD RECYCLING SCHEME

It has been common knowledge that the Youth Club has used the paper and cardboard recycling as a fundraiser since 1990. We have collected from the village on a monthly basis all this time, say 8 to 10 tonnes per year, for which we have been very grateful. A further 40plus tonnes making a total of 50 tonnes per years has been separately collected/delivered to our skip.

As years have gone on, the cost of emptying the skip has continually risen but since November 1998 we are being charged £23.50 per tonne to empty the skip and we are receiving £26.26 per tonne for recycling - a profit of £2.76 per tonne, a less than viable situation to say the least.

It is with regret that the Management Committee have decided to withdraw from the monthly collections, but for the time being we will still be keeping the skip for those who wish to bring their paper and cardboard for recycling. Colin Sandford is at present negotiating with North Somerset in the hope that Bleadon can be Green Boxed and those of you who have always saved for recycling may continue the 'good habit'.

The Youth Club Management Committee wishes to thank all those parishioners and friends of the club, who have helped by saving paper and cardboard over the years for us and can only say that the change in fortunes of our recycling project is a disappointment to us and is outside our control, and is apparently due to paper dumping in England by Europe, making the paper we collect virtually worthless.

However, we are currently looking at another environmental project that will hopefully provide the club with a steady income for the next 25 years.

Thank you all once again.

*Ren Badger
Hon. Secretary*

BLEADON BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

The first visit to a toddler group can be an intimidating experience. Here at 'toddlers' we've all been there; you walk in the door knowing no-one and at first glance all the others are great friends deep in intimate conversations. You stand alone, too embarrassed to make a retreat. And then it happens: someone comes over to you, introduces herself and makes you feel welcome. Nightmare over.

Moving to a new area and/or becoming a mother (it has to be admitted, most of us are mothers) are difficult situations to be in. In both cases you want to meet new people, make friends and know there are people around that you can rely on and trust. That's what our toddler group is all about; to be supportive of each other is our greatest aspiration. Personally speaking, it seems only weeks ago that I made my first visit - as nervous as anyone else - and here I am helping to run the group. Things move very fast in the world of babies and toddlers! I have made some good friends and - most importantly - have received invaluable support when I felt most alone and really needed it. In addition, our daughter is learning to socialise and is making friends with children she will probably go on to nursery and school with.

Practically, we meet in the Coronation Hall every Wednesday (exceptions notified) from 10.00-12.00 with a health visitor in attendance every other week. We have lots of equipment for all ages up to three years (although older children often come along) and arrange Christmas and summer outings. We are keen to meet as a group without having to keep one eye and ear on the children, so we regularly organise nights out - meals, drinks at the Queen's and even clubbing in Weston for the more adventurous!

We aren't all mothers; some of us are nannies or grans and grandads, and fathers have even been known to enjoy a morning with us. However, if you are none of these things but would like to become involved with our group - either by helping with refreshments, singing, reading or entertaining in general - please come along and let us know. Don't let your experience go to waste when we can put it to good use. On the other hand, if you are in charge of a small child and don't come along at the moment, why not give us a try? We're here to support you but, as a village group, we need your support too.

Tracey Harrington



BLEADON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The members met in the Coronation Hall on December 15th for the Christmas Lunch which was enjoyed by everyone. The Sweets were particularly good.

The Raffle Table was laden with prizes donated by the members. Mr. Marshall Riddell played the piano for the "sing along" and also at the end of the day for carols by candlelight, the proceeds of that being donated to Hospice Care.

The first meeting of the Club was on Friday, January 15th and there was a good attendance in spite of the awful weather.

Mrs. Hoffman is working on the Club outings, the dates are fixed for April, May, June and July but no further details yet.

New members are always welcome.

M. Wellum



1998 POPPY APPEAL

On behalf of the British Legion Poppy Appeal, I would like to thank my helpers, and the people who gave so generously to help raise the sum of £540.46, a little up on last year.

Well done and thank you.

J. Diment

URBAN SPRAWL KEPT AT BAY!

North Somerset Planning Committee were not required to make a decision this time - Fairy Fernlea saved them the trouble. Such was the upshot of Bleadon Players latest pantomime, to great acclaim from the audience. For a change, everyone had to pay close attention to follow the plot (not a problem with 'Cinderella') and there were no seriously romantic characters. The usual hearty Coronation Hall atmosphere ensured that a good time was had by all.

The next production, in May, will be a tried and trusted drama called 'Bonaventure'.

L.M.



THE GEORGE ARTHUR RUCK CHARITY

A few residents may remember Mr. George Arthur Ruck who used to live at "The Copse", Shiplate Road, Bleadon Village, and recall his many acts of kindness.

Despite moving from the area, he never forgot his many connections and friends who remained here. On his death, it came as little surprise to learn that his Will, proved at Bodmin on the 25th October 1945, contained a bequest to the Village. A sum of money was to be invested and the annual interest be distributed annually to "the poor and needy" deserving persons resident in Bleadon Village. He was adamant that such payments should be made for the benefit of the residents, but not to be applied in relief of any rates, rents or taxes.

With the passage of time, the capital bequeathed produced an income of some £40 per annum, and recipients became more and more difficult to identify. The elected Trustees discussed this problem with the Parish Council, and after losing the wooden village shelter in Bleadon Road to storm damage, the insurance payment was insufficient to replace this village amenity. The Trustees saw this as an opportunity to assist as many persons as possible within the Village, and at the same time to fulfil the obligations to Mr. Ruck.

It was agreed that the Charity be wound up, and the capital and interest thereby released was found to amount to £1,106.29 and has been donated to the rebuilding of the Village shelter. A suitably inscribed plaque is to be placed within in remembrance of George Arthur Ruck, a loving benefactor of the Village.

David Box



BLEADON LADIES CLUB

Why not join us? We meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 2.30-4.30 in the Coronation Hall. Our programme for the next few months is as follows:

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| March 9th | Talk by Marjorie McGlynn |
| April 13th | The Year Round (Gardening) by Mr. Chris Cudlipp |
| May 11th | The Kennet and Avon Canal (an armchair journey)
Mr. Horseman with slides |
| June 13th | The Story Behind Inn Signs by Mr. Musgrove |

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