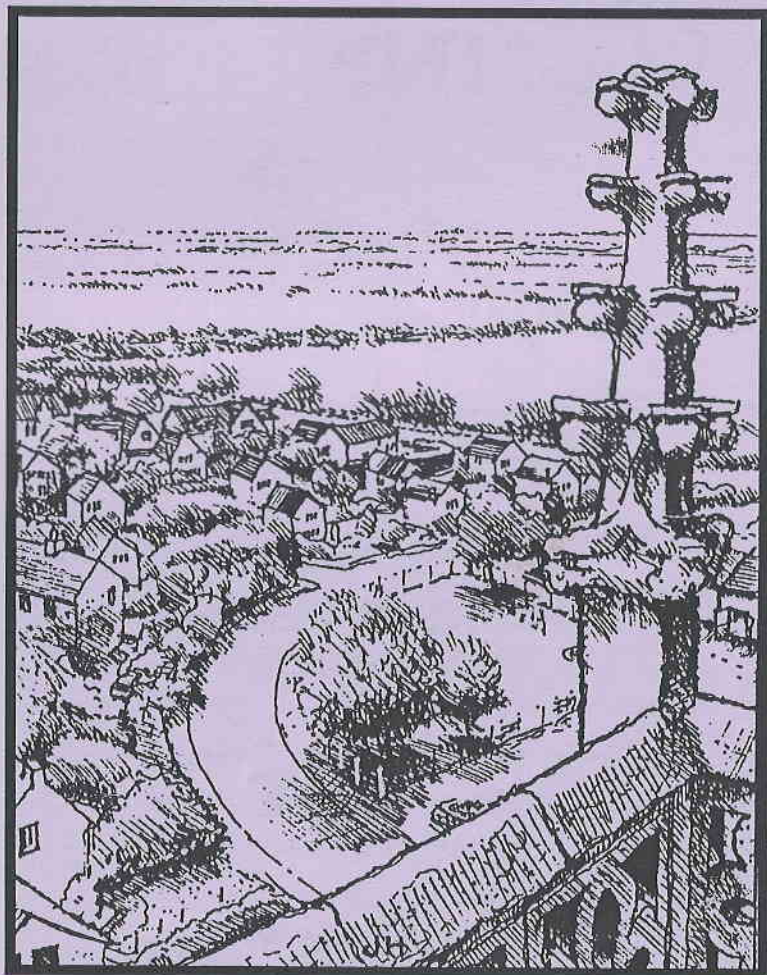


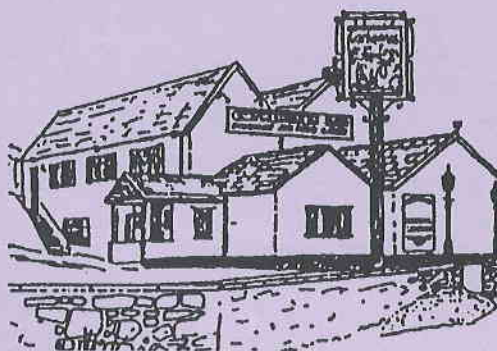
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THE PARISH CLERK TO WHOM ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IS:-
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The Council meets on the second Monday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Coronation Hall. An agenda is published on the Parish notice board and any member of the public may attend these meetings and raise any issue of interest at the end of business.

BLEADON CORONATION HALL Management Committee

August is always a quiet month, as most organisations await the autumn schedules. With the redecoration of the main hall now complete, work should shortly commence on the kitchen.

Regarding our proposed application to the National Charities Lotteries Board for a substantial grant towards a new pitched and tiled roof to replace the existing ageing corrugated structure, we are awaiting reports from our building surveyors and structural engineers, and eventually, quotes from contractors and the necessary planning consents.

All these steps have to be completed before we can submit the actual application, and we will shortly be circulating all village residents with a brief questionnaire requesting views on the services provided, participation (if any) in the various activities, and hopefully, your full support for our endeavours to improve facilities and the general structure of YOUR Village Hall.

L J Chamberlain (Chairman)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Parish Council will soon be considering quotations for the resurfacing of the car park between the youth club and the new hall and this project will, we hope, be completed before the end of the year. A pavement has replaced the grass verge at the Coronation Road/Shiplate Road corner and the junction of Celtic Way with Shiplate Road will shortly be resurfaced. This will mean some disruption for a day. Kerbing has already been put in place at the Hutton Garage end of Bleadon Road and this has improved the approach to the Village from the Bridgwater Road direction. I shall be suggesting to the Parish Council at the next meeting that planting of daffodil bulbs around parts of the Village would improve the visual aspect next spring. If it is agreed, maybe we can organise a Charlie's Army of bulb planters in early October.



ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE USUAL BAND OF VOLUNTEERS!

On 30 August I attended the meeting of the North Somerset Planning Committee when the redevelopment of Purn Farm was discussed. The main problem seems to lie in the junction with Accommodation although the Parish Council proviso that the junction upgrading of sewerage and continue to press North measures at this particular speed limit of 50 miles per hour would still appear to be too fast. We hope that we can urge North Somerset to give priority to this matter, although we note that the Council budget may not extend to this.



The closure of the A370 to facilitate the rebuilding of the railway bridge is scheduled for 15 February - 6 April 2001; consultative meetings between highway authorities, police and Parish Council will commence in November and residents will be kept fully informed of the traffic arrangements.

Anyone out there who would like to attend meetings of the Parish Council are most welcome and your input is of great importance to all of us who represent you.

Peter Smart, Chairman, Bleadon Parish Council

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SPECIAL SERVICES

HARVEST FESTIVAL

7-8 OCTOBER

For the Harvest Celebrations fresh fruit and vegetables are asked for in order to decorate the Church in the traditional manner and these may be brought to Church during the morning of Friday 6 October. The HARVEST FESTIVAL FAMILY SERVICE will be at 10.15 am on Sunday 8 October. Gifts may be presented during this Service and, in the main, tinned foods are asked for as these are easier to distribute and store. As usual, our Harvest gifts will go to help needy families. EVENING WORSHIP starts at 6.30 pm and will be a Sung Eucharist with Harvest theme and hymns.

REMEMBRANCE

EVENSONG OF ALL SOULS

SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER

Evensong at 6.30 pm on 5 November will include an Act of Remembrance by name of those we know to have died during the past year. Additionally, you are invited to submit names of loved ones who have died at any time and these will be added to the list. Please write to me about this or add names to the list in Church.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER

Our Remembrance Sunday Sung Eucharist and Act of Remembrance will be at 10.15 am on 12 November. Traditional prayers, readings and hymns will be used, names from the War Memorials in Church will be read out. There will be two minutes silence and the laying of wreaths. For those who wish to spend time in silent remembrance on Saturday 11 November, the Church will be open at 11 am.

ADVENT

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER

Advent Sunday is 3 December and there will be our usual Advent Carol Service arranged by our Choir at 6.30 pm.

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HARVEST SUPPER

SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER

This year there will be a Harvest Supper on Saturday 7 October at 7.00 pm in the Coronation Hall. Tickets are £5.00 and may be obtained from the Post Office or from members of the Friends Committee. Bleadon Players have kindly offered to entertain us. Come and join in as we celebrate Harvest with good food, amusing entertainment and lively fellowship; a great way to spend the evening.

COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER

There will be a Coffee Morning on Saturday 21 October at 10.00 am at the home of Peter and Celia Williams, 'Kintyre', Bleadon Road. Come along and enjoy a cup of coffee and have a good natter. Many thanks to Celia and Peter for providing a venue.

AUCTION OF PROMISES

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER

An event for all the village. Please see further details elsewhere in this publication.

CAR BOOT SALE

SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER

A Car Boot Sale with a difference. To find out more come along to the Church Room and car park on Saturday 18 November and discover what's on offer. Perhaps some early Christmas Shopping? Refreshments will be available. Put the date in your diary now.

BEEBLE DRIVE

SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Another chance to enjoy a 'Beetle Drive'. With the approach of winter and darker nights this afternoon event gives the opportunity to meet with friends and enjoy a noisy afternoon entertainment. As before tickets at £2.00 will include a drink and cake. There will also be a raffle.

PUNCH AND PIE PARTY

TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER

Mr and Mrs Frost of Purn House Farm have kindly offered to host this popular event. If you have been to one before you know what to expect; if you haven't then come along and find out. I'm sure you won't be disappointed! Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Frost for hosting this event.

Finally, although it's very early, may I take this opportunity to wish everyone every blessing at Christmas, and to thank all who have helped in any way throughout the year to support the 'Friends of Bleadon Church' in their efforts to raise money. Thank you.

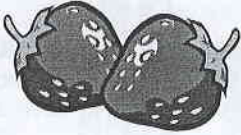
For further details concerning any of the events mentioned above contact Barbara Hartree,
☎ 814812

MILLENNIUM SEAT

Many of you will already be aware of the new 'Millennium' seat which has now been installed under the trees outside the front door (the South entrance) of the Church. This has been one of the PCC's projects for this year and has been achieved through the very kind donation from someone who wishes to remain anonymous. This will be an asset to both churchgoers and villagers alike and will be a good place to sit quietly in contemplation or for a rest before journeying onward. Thanks also to those involved in its installation (a very physical job).

WALKING NOTES

Not only are there some glorious walks to be had in our own neck of the woods, but for those of you who would like a change, not far away are some other good 'rambles'.



The 'Strawberry Line', as it was affectionately known, transported the early strawberries from Cheddar to the rest of Britain and today the walk towards the route of the old railway for 11 km (almost 7 miles in old money!), via Axbridge, Winscombe, Sandford, Congresbury and on to Yatton. At Yatton there is a nature reserve recently opened as a community Forest Gateway Site.

A free leaflet has been produced in conjunction with the Cheddar Valley Railway Walk Society and the Yatton and Congresbury Wildlife Action Group; this is available from libraries and information centres.

There is also a new booklet featuring a series of fully illustrated walks around the Gordano Valley. This is priced at £3.99 + £1.00 from North Somerset Council and various bookshops, as well as local libraries.

But **DON'T FORGET** South Hills, will you? evening strolls with or



our lovely Hellenge and Still good for summer without a dog!

WALKING FOR CHARITY

A team of walkers from the Queen's once again raised the most cash for Weston Hospicecare when taking part in the 'Mercury Mendip Challenge'.

The annual walk along the Mendip Way every June is a top fund raiser for this well loved local charity. So far the sum raised by the locals is in excess of £4000 with still some to come. Great stuff!

Well done the team.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CORONATION HALLS

Please make a note in your diary!

Monday 11 September	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 15 September	7.30 pm	'An Ideal Husband' (Oscar Wilde) ~Bleadon Players
Saturday 16 September	2.00 pm	'An Ideal Husband' (Oscar Wilde) ~Bleadon Players
Saturday 16 September	7.30 pm	'An Ideal Husband' (Oscar Wilde) ~Bleadon Players
Saturday 7 October	7.30 pm	Harvest Supper~ <i>Church Friends</i>
Monday 9 October	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 28 October	7.30 pm	Promise Auction~ <i>Church Friends</i>
Saturday 4 November	7.30 pm	Barn Dance~ <i>Contactus</i>
Monday 13 November	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 18 November	10.30 am	Coffee Morning~ <i>Friendship Club</i>
	7.30 pm	Quiz in aid of CLIC~ <i>Pat Dain</i>
Saturday 9 December	10.00 am	Christmas Fayre~ <i>Hall Management</i> *
Sunday 10 December	2.00 pm	Christingle Children's Party~ <i>Church Friends</i>
Monday 11 December	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sunday 31 December		New Year Party

* Coffee and hot mince pies at this popular annual event.
Various stalls, bring and buy, seasonal music and raffle.

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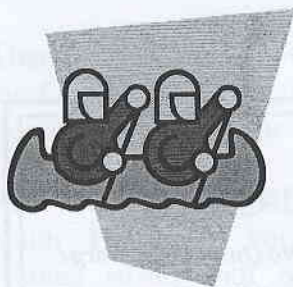
SCOUTS: CAMPING IN CHRISTCHURCH

We had an excellent summer camp with good weather in Christchurch. Twelve Scouts went and all took part in every activity even though some were a little apprehensive to start.



We spent a lovely day at a water park where we spent the morning water skiing. After lunch we all had a go at being towed by the speed boat on a large inflatable banana and then large inflatable tyres called donuts which skim the water at about 30 miles per hour. All great fun, but tender to backsides, especially as the previous day we had been mountain biking through the New Forest!

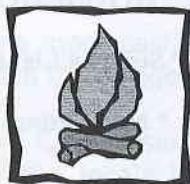
Tower Park was another great success. 'Splashdown' was a water slide park with about ten different slides varying from short to long and fast.



The Scouts, along with myself and Penny, spent two hours one lovely evening canoeing. We learnt how to manoeuvre the canoe forwards, backwards, sideways, left, right and learnt emergency stops. I must admit I had never thought of a canoeist having to do an emergency stop before! We then had to capsize and after a short test on theory and hypothermia we all got our elementary canoeist badge and Class One Canoeist certificate.

I would like to thank Penny for all her help (and great cooking) plus her great gift of being so calm about everything. She made it a very enjoyable camp for all of us. My thanks also to all you Scouts. You were great and a pleasure to be with and take out to places. Well done!

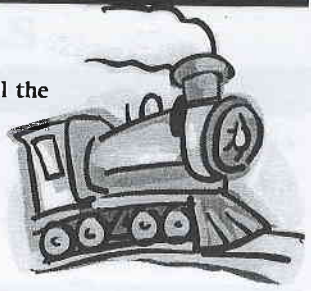
If there are any people who like camping, abseiling, archery, canoeing and joining in with others, or would like to have a go at these activities, we are about to start our new term on 15 September. Scouts have to be between 11 and 15 years old.



Huw

CUBS: GOOD NEWS ABOUT YOUNG VIEWS

Our new term started on 7 September and I am sure it will contain all the ingredients to keep the pack busy until the Christmas holidays. Trains are the theme for September. We are building our own train layout and model trains to go on it, so we are sure the Cubs will be up to their eyes in glue, paint and good ideas. The month ends with a visit to the Great Train Experience in Weston.



On 15 - 17 September we are at camp near Taunton. As it is Olympic year we are working towards the athlete badge. There are even gold medals to be won! October brings in the reptile man, which should be a good night.

Remembrance Sunday is 12 November. It is so nice to see the young people at Church respecting those who gave their lives for us. Sometimes we look at young people and think they are all the same, but when I look at our Scouts in the village I feel very proud to be part of them. They are different, they do have values and they do have respect. It is built into their Law and Promise.

I held a barn dance in the hall on 18 August and asked the Scouts to help out. They came and worked all evening, collecting glasses and washing up. Fair play to them, they took a lot of the hard work away so I could enjoy the night (it was my retirement party). Bob and Mrs Henley took charge of the bar for me. I am very grateful for his experience and, most of all, his time. The small profit that it made went to the Scouts and a new flag for the Cubs. Thanks, too, to Harry and his band. What a great night!

Steve Rhodes

From teapots to treasure trails: BLEADON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Club reopened on Friday 8 September in the Coronation Hall and a very varied programme has been arranged for the season. Included are:-

Teapots	Mrs Harvey
Hidden Treasure	Mr A Clegg
Pyrenean Trail	Mr and Mrs Cooper
History of Wedmore	Mrs Hudson (with slides)
Thoughts on Weston	Mrs Gwen Kiss
Please Be Punctual	Mrs Bowring



These items are dispersed with afternoons of Bingo, Beetle and Music.

The Harvest Meeting will be held on Friday 13 October with a short service conducted by Rev'd Parkinson, followed by an Auction of Produce. The proceeds will be given to the MacMillan Nurses Fund.



There is to be an outing for Christmas shopping on Thursday 9 November and a Coffee Morning in the Coronation Hall at 10.30 am on Saturday 18 November.

The season will end with a Christmas lunch on Friday 15 December.
Come along any Friday at 2.00 pm and join in.

M W Cullen

A LIST OF ORGANISATIONS

MONDAY

2.00 pm - 5.00 pm	Bleadon Bridge Club	Mr D Gardner ☎ 812041
7.30 pm (1 st in month)	British Sugarcraft Guild (W-S-M)	Mrs E Lambert ☎ 01278 786586
7.30 pm (2 nd in month)	Parish Council	

TUESDAY

10.00 am - 12 noon (2 nd in month)	Bleadon Short Mat Bowling Club	Mr J Ward ☎ 812136
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm (1 st , 3 rd , 4 th in month)	Bleadon Short Mat Bowling Club	Mr J Ward ☎ 812136
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm (2 nd in month)	Bleadon Ladies Group	Mrs B Pugh ☎ 814362
5.30 pm - 7.00 pm	Brownies	
7.30 pm (1 st , 2 nd , 4 th , 5 th in month)	Bleadon Photographic Group	Mrs G Taylor ☎ 812475
7.30 pm (3 rd in month May/October)	Bleadon Horticultural Society	Mr C Cudlipp ☎ 813152

WEDNESDAY

10.00 am - 12 noon (2 nd and 4 th in month)	Infant Welfare Clinic & Toddler Group	Health Visitor at the Clinic
10.00 am - 12 noon (1 st , 3 rd , 5 th in month)	Toddler Group	Mrs J Walford ☎ 811718
5.30 pm - 6.30 pm	Bleadon Beavers**	Paul Morris ☎ 751083 Jane Steel ☎ 629903

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2.00 pm - 4.00 pm September - June	Watercolour Painting (Experienced)	Mrs K Panes W-S-M Tech College ☎ 411411
6.00 pm - 7.30 pm	Bleadon Cubs**	
8.00 pm 1 st and 4 th in month September - June	Bleadon Folk Dancing Club	Mrs J Thorne ☎ 814007

FRIDAY

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Friendship Club	Mr J Diment ☎ 812217
7.00 pm September - May	Short Mat Bowling Club	Mr J Ward ☎ 812136
7.30 pm	Bleadon Scouts**	
SUNDAY		
3.00 pm - 5.00 pm September - May	Short Mat Bowling Club	Mr J Ward ☎ 812136

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to visit the Houses of Parliament

a helicopter ride

to see a Somerset County Cricket Club four day match

*to see Bristol Rovers play a league match **

a tour of Wells Cathedral

a ride in a vintage car

a short holiday break in the Lake District

other holiday accommodation

a painting by one of your local artists/Handicraft ideas

a visit to Wookey Hole, S S Great Britain, Bristol Zoo

or Dunster Castle

a pastel portrait



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(* Surely more of a threat than a promise! - Ed. (BCFC season ticket holder))

BLEADON BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

RAIN STOPS PLAY

Usually our Summer outings are organised with the utmost precision, but this year, for various reasons, there were no volunteers and thus our outing remained totally unplanned.

The day was saved by a suggestion that we all simply spend the day together at the beach, and at the time, in mid June, we were sure that a scorching summer lay ahead of us. The suggestion that we adjourn to Kidscove in case of bad weather was made lightly. With hindsight our big mistake was not defining 'bad weather' and our big misfortune was that on the day the weather was neither good nor bad. It was windy, but not raining, although it looked like it might and maybe it was too cold for the beach? In the end about thirteen of us turned up at Kidscove and about ten went to the beach. The former group, at least, had a wonderful morning. The main benefit was that the children knew many adults on the frames and were therefore confident to run about freely and explore. For the adults, it meant we could take turns to sit and rest; soft play can be hard work!

We have started up after our Summer break and at our first session it was good to see each other again and to welcome a few new faces. If you haven't come along yet make sure you do. You and your children will be made welcome!

MORE BLEADON REMEMBERED

Stan Nipper was born in Bleadon in 1923, and, apart from when he served in the Royal Navy, has lived here all his life. These are the reminiscences of a true 'villager', in his own words.

I was born in Hillside House, opposite the Queen's in 1923, and went to the local school in Shiplate Road until I was 14 years old. If I misbehaved or did not pay attention I was sent outside, whereupon I just went home! The same rules applied to Chapel, situated just up the road from the school.

On Saturdays the local lads and I would take our wooden trucks to the top of Celtic Way and, sitting on them, would come down at a great rate. No fear of the traffic then that now gives us, the elderly residents, such concern.

We were also able, without parental consent or knowledge, to buy five Woodbine cigarettes for twopence and a box of matches for a penny, and taking a few large potatoes we would go up onto Hellenge Hill, light a fire, bake the spuds, smoke the Woodbines and then be sick! Not much sympathy there!

We enjoyed our childhood days. There was no really bad behaviour, just mischief, like knocking on doors and running off! It was a shame when the old Rectory was knocked down, as that door was a particular favourite! Certainly there were no drugs to worry about, only the cigs!

In the Old Village Hall there were whist drives and dances on Saturday nights, all for 2s/6d. The elderly played cards whilst some of the tables were pushed back for the young to dance; the Palais Glide, St Bernard Waltz, Military Two Step and, of course, the usual quick-step, waltz and foxtrot. Real dancing - none of your disco, standing on the spot, head-banging, wiggling hips and whatever else!

In August there were the Harvest home celebrations, held in the corner ground opposite the old 'Victoria Inn' (kept by the two Miss Paynes). In those days cider was 2p and beer 1p a pint! My late father told us of one man (who shall remain nameless as his family are still around), who walked straight from the 'Vic' into the rain-filled ditch opposite, he was so drunk! Luckily, mates were there to pull him out.

I remember also the 'big bus' that went from Weston to Glastonbury several times a day in the 50's and 60's. It came through Bleadon round the corner by the Queen's into Shiplate road without damaging the walls. How times have changed.

There are many more houses now, and lots of people but I have found that the attitudes of the village folk have changed little over the years. They are still welcoming and helpful, and Bleadon is still a good place in which to live. I should know, having lived here almost all my life.

Stan Nipper

*If anyone else has memories of Bleadon between the War or just after, please let us know.
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The thirteen intervening years have taught me conclusively that a village shop means different things to different people; it can be a matter of complete indifference to some, simply not having a place in their lives (misguided though that may be). Another group would greatly miss the convenience of being able to 'pop in' to buy a stamp, newspaper or occasional grocery item, without it occurring to them that the shop sells other goods. Why should it when their usual needs are met by the likes of Tesco, Asda etc?

Fortunately, there is a third group of villagers provide them with not only the goods they with that vital human contact. A short chat from someone who knows them by name to a community, that indefinable something supermarket. These then, are the folk who an inestimable amount of goodwill and for all of which we are very grateful. They the continuation of the business to the yes, even to the first group.



who depend on their small shop to need on a regular basis, but also over the counter, a friendly word and a definite feeling of belonging that just isn't there in a large have provided us with a living and friendship over these many years are also the ones who have ensured benefit of the whole community,

Addresses in Bleadon are notoriously hard to find, so for the florist delivering a bouquet, or the repair man looking for a broken down washing machine, or the nurse trying to locate a patient all may at some time or other turn to the village shop for directions. Not just a shop then, but an information centre, too.

We wish Ian and Leslie every success in their new venture. We shall be doing all we can to help and we hope that the rest of the village will do their bit, too. While the Walmarts of this world are hell bent on wiping out the opposition, and the Government intent upon pushing pension and benefit payments into bank accounts, they will need every ounce of support they can get! So get along to the Post Office Stores. You never know how much a shop like this would be missed if it were not there, as it still represents the 'heart' of our village.

Les Masters

NEW FACES AND HELPING HANDS CONTACTUS

Since our last Welcome Party quite a sprinkling of newcomers has been welcomed to our village by one or other our committee members so it looks as though we shall soon need to be planning our next party. In the meantime, however, we have to think in terms of more fund-raising to pay for some of the materials of our community who have moved here from outside the Weston area - and, of course, to cover the cost of the parties themselves.

At this point we wish to express our thanks to the Parish Council for their recent kind grant of £50 towards our funds. Our Treasurer, Brian Drinkwater, can now express his balance sheet confidently in pounds rather than in baser coinage! Seriously though, we do need to raise about £200 to enable all our activities to progress comfortably.












To the above end we are planning to hold a Barn Dance in the Coronation Hall on Saturday 4 November from 7.30 pm until about 11.30 pm. Please book this date in your diaries and come along to support us. The cost of tickets will be somewhere between £3 and £4 depending on whether we finally decide to provide buffet refreshments ourselves or to ask people to contribute food items to an American Supper. There will be a bar and a raffle. Further details and ticket availability will be posted about the village nearer the time.

Occasionally we hear about folk who have been living in the village for some time without having been personally welcomed by us. If this happens to be your case it is because we ourselves have neither spotted or been advised of the change of occupancy in your house. Do, please, contact us and we shall be very pleased to come and meet you!

We are most grateful to the several people who advise us regularly about movements in and out of the village as soon as they are aware of them; but we would appreciate this kind of help from many of you, especially in the areas that are well out of sight of through traffic.

Although the welcoming of 'incomers' seems to be our main activity at this present time our brief does include the giving of such help and advice as lies within our competence when the relevant need cannot be met by Social or Medical Services.

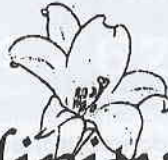
We append below the names and addresses of our committee members for your convenience if you should wish to contact us.

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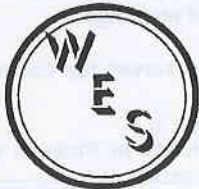
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THE BEST NIGHT OUT IN BLEADON BLEADON FOLK DANCE CLUB

Our Autumn Dance season commenced on 7 September after a break in July and August. I fear that our numbers may be rather low to start with as some of our members are quite seriously ill - *despite* the healthy exercise provided by dancing and, most assuredly, not because of it. This situation more than ever prompts us to seek new members who can be assured of the warmest possible welcome.

Our meetings take place in the Coronation Hall at 8.00 pm on the 1st and 4th Thursdays of each month. You need not to have had any previous experience of folk dancing to come and join us - some of our best display dancers started with us as complete novices; nor do you need to come with a partner for even if the total number present is odd that means that only one person may have to sit out just one dance.

The atmosphere during our dancing sessions is totally relaxed. No-one is pressured into doing any particular dance if they do not feel up to it and when mistakes are made - as they very frequently are - we laugh at ourselves, never at others. Our dancing is for fun and although we take seriously our aim to continue and enhance the rich tradition of English dance, we do not see ourselves as being in the least "stuffy" about it.

We hope we have exploded all the possible excuses you may have been tempted to make for not coming to join us, so please, on 1st and 4th Thursdays, come along and join us!

John Tomlinson

ERIC WILKINSON

It is with great sadness that I have to report the death of one of Bleadon's best known and well-loved inhabitants. Eric and his family came to live in the Bleadon area in 1964 and he and Joy moved to the village itself in 1984.

Eric served in the War and then followed an academic career as a teacher, finally moving to Weston in 1960 where he was in charge of General Studies at the College until his retirement in 1983. He was also a keen local politician, serving as a Councillor for Weston on Avon County Council, as a Governor of Broadoak School, a supporter of the Scout movement and a prime mover in the development of the Bleadon Hill Football Club. He was also a Mason and last, but not least, served on Bleadon Parish Council where his experience of local matters was invaluable.

He retired from duties on the Parish Council and the Coronation Hall Committee at the last election when failing health meant that he was no longer able to attend meetings.

Eric will be remembered as a kind, generous and thoughtful man who served the Community to his utmost.

His widow, Joy, and the family would like to thank all the many friends in Bleadon whose support and sympathy have been such a great comfort at this time of sorrow.

Penny Robinson, on behalf of Bleadon Parish Council

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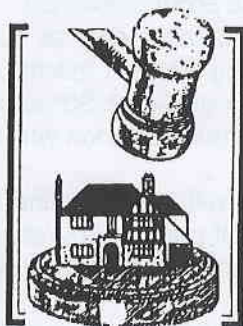
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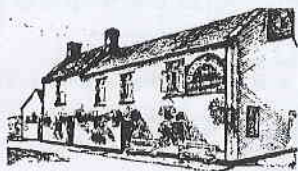
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We, Leslie and Ian Sarginson, are pleased to have the opportunity to introduce ourselves to the village. It is now a little over one month since we took over the Bleadon Post Office and General Stores, on the retirement of Glenise and Les Masters. Already we feel we have made an ever-widening circle of friendly and supportive contacts among you all. There is no doubt that Bleadon is demonstrating a real spirit of friendship; we look forward to a happy time among you.



A little about ourselves:

Ian has taken over as subpostmaster after having spent most of his working life as a teacher, for the last seventeen years as Director of Drama at Sidcot School in Winscombe. There are some families in and around Bleadon who may know him in that capacity.

Leslie will be continuing her own career as a Community Nurse attached to a busy medical practice in Weston. However, she will be fully involved with the activities of the shop and Post Office whenever her duties permit.

We are both well aware of the sterling service that Glenise and Les have given to the village over the last thirteen years and we look forward to continuing and developing the role of the Post Office and Shop within the village community. We would very much welcome your ideas in this respect. Please let us know if there are any additional services or products you would like us to consider. We cannot, of course, promise to accommodate every request - but we would very much like to know what you would like from your village shop.

We look forward to getting to know you all even better, both in the shop and around the village, in the weeks and months to come.

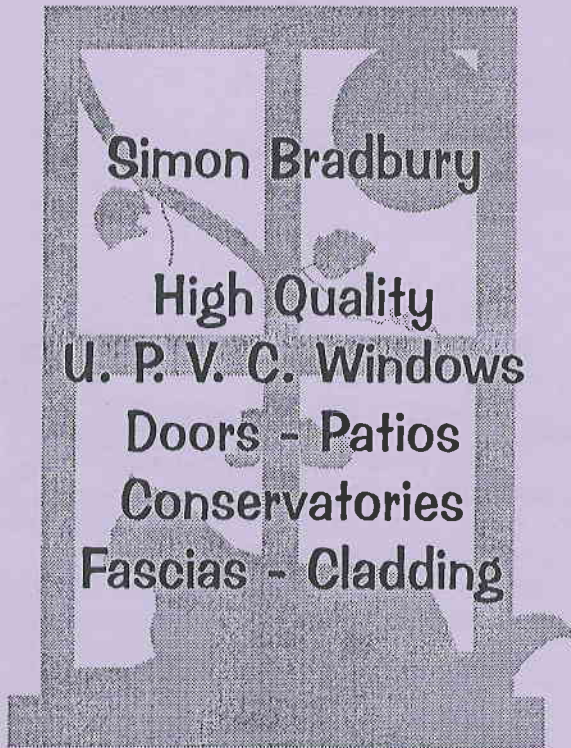
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