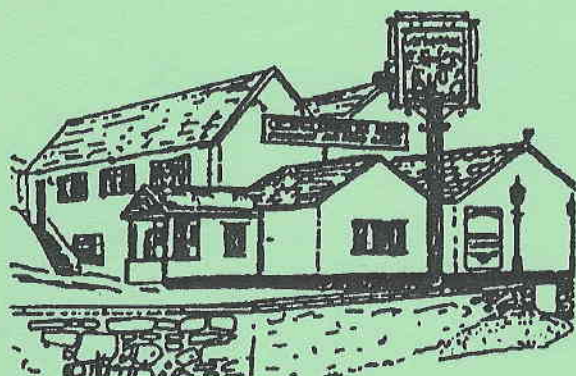


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The Council meets on the second Monday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Coronation Hall. An agenda is published on the Parish notice board and any member of the public may attend these meetings and raise any issue of interest at the end of business.

**BLEADON CORONATION HALL
Management Committee**

At the time of writing, we are preparing for our annual Christmas Fayre, always a popular event. But this year, on Saturday 9 December, there is the added attraction of the opening display of the Replica Head of 'Bleadon Man', as featured in the BBC2 programme "Meet the Ancestors". The cost of the Head was generously met by Marshall's Concrete Products, and is now on permanent display in the Coronation Hall.

I have mentioned, in previous issues, our intention of applying to the National Lottery Charities Board for a substantial grant in order to replace the existing roof and extend the area behind the stage. This will provide improved facilities for the Bleadon Players and other organisations who might wish to use our stage in the future. One of the many requirements for the grant application is to obtain the views of residents as regards Hall facilities at present, and how they can be improved upon.

In order to do this a copy of the questionnaire will be delivered, early January, to every household in the village. Names and addresses will not be recorded but your views are really important, even if you do not currently use the many facilities of the Hall. If your completed form is not collected you may hand it in at the Post Office.

Please spend a few minutes on this important matter - it will be greatly appreciated!

L J Chamberlain (Chairman)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Over the past two months we have experienced extremely wet weather and high volumes of water draining off the hills surrounding Bleadon. Two areas have been particularly effected, namely Shiplate Road and Purn Way, where the water table has remained high and the drainage systems have been unable to cope. The Parish Council has been in constant communication with North Somerset Highways Department asking them to treat both these areas as a priority. At the beginning of November there was some flooding in Coronation Road and to improve the water drainage we cleared the gullies and roadside of six barrow loads of leaves.

North Somerset empty gullies in the village twice a year and sweep the roads four times a year. They cannot clear gullies often enough, particularly in the Autumn and Winter seasons, to keep them clear of falling leaves and agricultural waste. At my request a number of residents have agreed to "Adopt A Gully". It takes very little effort to keep gullies clear of rubbish if done regularly and has immediate effect on the clearance of storm water. So if there is a gully near you please help us all to avoid floods in the future.

Bulbs have been planted around the village, in Bleadon Road, The Veale, Celtic Way and by the Village Pump. We look forward to a colourful and cheerful Spring.

The Village Hall Car Park has been tarmaced and to further increase the number of parking places we are having white lines painted in the area.

Finally, may I wish you all, on behalf of the Bleadon Parish Council, a very Happy Christmas and a Contented New Year!

Peter Smart, Chairman, Bleadon Parish Council

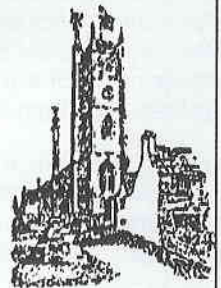
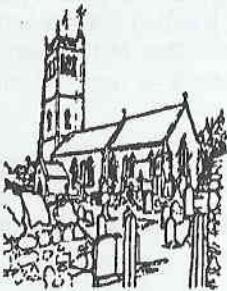
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SPECIAL SERVICES



THE WISE MEN

SUNDAY 7 JANUARY

Coming as it does at the end of the twelve days of Christmas, the Feast of the Epiphany gives us a chance to sing several carols and hymns about the visit of the wise men to Jesus. The Family Service at 10.15 am on Sunday 7 January will be in commemoration of the Epiphany. Come along and have a good sing!



CHRISTIAN UNITY

TUESDAY 16 and 23 JANUARY

Mid January gives us the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Our Celebration of Holy Communion (Eucharist) at 9.30 am on Tuesday 16 January will have this theme. Churches together in Weston and District will have a special United Service held on Tuesday 23 January at 7.30 pm at Hughenden Road Family Church.

CANDLEMAS

SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY

Our Family Service on Sunday 4 February will be in commemoration of Candlemas - remembering the presentation of Jesus in the Temple at Jerusalem forty days after his birth. Candles, which will be used during the year, will be blessed and we will all hold a candle to remind ourselves that Jesus, the Light of the World, is alive and is to be helped by us to spread his message.



LENT

WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 28 February.

CANON MARTIN FITZPATRICK

We were sorry to learn of the death at the end of November of Canon Fitzpatrick, formerly Parish Priest at Corpus Christi Church. He was a good friend.

David Parkinson, Rector

FRIENDS OF BLEADON CHURCH

ANNUAL PANCAKE PARTY

TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY

The Annual Pancake Party will be held in the Church Room on Tuesday 27 February. Tickets, at £2.00 each, will be available nearer the time from the Post Office or from members of the "Friends" Committee.



SPONSORED ABSEIL

SATURDAY 10 MARCH

The Rector will be celebrating his birthday in a new way in 2001. He intends to abseil down the Church Tower and, in doing so, will raise money for Church Funds. If you would like to join him please contact me. There are a limited number of places on offer. We hope to be able to raise a large amount from this event.



QUIZ

SATURDAY 21 APRIL

There will be a Quiz in the Coronation Hall on Saturday 21 April at 7.30 pm. Tickets at £3.50 each, again available from the Post Office or "Friends" Committee members, will include a Ploughman's Supper.

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ADVANCE NOTICE

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MAY DAY FAYRE

MONDAY 7 MAY

A Car Boot Sale with a difference. Put the date in your diary now.

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As well as the above events there will be a **Jumble Sale** - date and venue to be arranged. We also hope to hold a concert given by a **Salvation Army Band**, and a **Barn Dance**.

For further details on any events mentioned above contact Barbara Hartree ☎ 814812

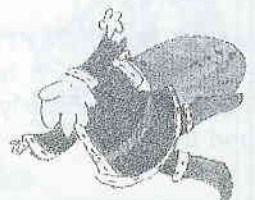
CUB SCOUT NEWS



All the Cubs looked forward to the Fossil Man from Weston Museum and it proved a very informative meeting. We were also busy with rehearsals for our Group Carol Service which took place at HQ on 8 December. All the Cubs were involved in one way or another. It is nice to get together with all the sections now and again.

We have two Cubs "Trying Out" Scouts: Luke Wilson and Ben Smithers. We wish them both well.

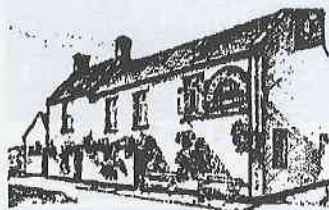
In the past couple of months we have welcomed William Plummer, Jordan Addis, Tom Mansfield and Grant Kusack into the Pack, some formerly of Beavers. Numbers are now twenty and expanding. The Scouts are building a new Carol Float which will tour our village on 20, 21 and 22 December. Watch out for Santa!



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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
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2.00 pm - 4.00 pm (2 nd in month)	Bleadon Ladies Group	Mrs B Pugh ☎ 814362
6.00 pm - 7.30 pm	Brownies**	Mrs R Lang ☎ 750827
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 October/May)	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
7.30 pm	Bleadon Players Rehearsals	Mrs S Kelly ☎ 812419

THURSDAY

11.00 am - 1 pm September - June	Watercolour Painting (Post Beginners)	Mrs K Panes W-S-M Tech College ☎ 411411
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 , 4 th in month September - June	Bleadon Folk Dancing Club	Mrs J Thorne ☎ 814007

FRIDAY

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

SUNDAY

3.00 pm - 5.00 pm September - May	Short Mat Bowling Club	Mr J Ward ☎ 812136
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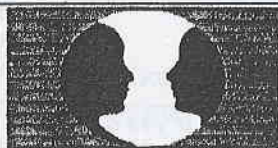
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ATTENTION LOCAL CRAFTS PEOPLE - AND EARLY RISERS...!

The artistic talents of Bleadon residents, always strongly to the fore, are once again coming into prominence as the Christmas season approaches. At the Post Office, Ian and Leslie are keenly seeking to encourage the creative work of local people. Recently, we have been fortunate to be able to feature greetings cards derived from the botanical paintings of Alison Proctor, as well as the Christian Arts cards of Jenny and Roy Collins and the handcrafted gift boxes and stationery of Christine Davies. Latterly, much interest has been generated by the splendid hand-made Christmas crackers of Nicky Frewin.

So - are YOU next? If you have creative artistic or craft ideas you might wish to display and market, please come and talk to us at the Post Office.



Alternatively, your talents may be more directly practical... and public spirited. Do you enjoy early mornings? There is no doubt that, in order to maintain our existing newspaper service to the village, we have urgent need of an early riser to assist with the organisation of our delivery rounds. Ian hopes, in the not too distant future, to be able to open the shop rather earlier than the present time of 9.00 am (keep watching for announcements), but this would only be possible if someone can be found to assist with - and eventually mastermind - the news distribution arrangements. Any offers, thoughts or suggestions would be most welcome!

Leslie and Ian thank you all for the really warm welcome we have received from the village as a whole in the four months since our arrival amongst you - and we wish you all the happiest of Christmases!

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

I would like to thank all of my collectors who worked so hard for this year's Poppy Appeal, and also all those who gave so generously. A grand total of **£465.47** was raised. Sadly this was less than last year, partly due to the fact that the Church box was stolen.

If there is someone out there who could perhaps take on the role of Poppy Organiser, would they please contact me on π 812217.

Thank you.

J Diment

BLEADON BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION MEANS

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN ...

Following the article on the above in the Weston Mercury on Friday 24 November I wish to inform you of the correct facts regarding the closure of the A370 for six weeks commencing 15 February.

A meeting was held at the Town Hall upon Friday 10 November between representatives of North Somerset Council, Weston Town Council, Bleadon Parish Council, the Police, Ambulance and Fire Services, and Badgerline, regarding the closure of the A370 to facilitate the demolition and rebuilding of the railway bridge.



Closing the road is bound to cause serious disruption to normal traffic flows and we are keen to minimise the impact on local roads. Signed diversions will therefore be put in place directing traffic away from the Bleadon area and onto more suitable routes including the A38 and M5. Pedestrians and cyclists will still be able to cross the railway via a temporary footbridge that will be installed for the duration of the roadworks.

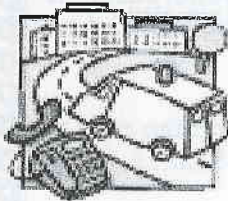
To discourage non local traffic from using roads in the Bleadon and Bleadon Hill area manned barriers will be installed on the following roads:-

**Bleadon Hill · Bridgwater Road junction ·
Totterdown Lane · Bridge Road/Bridgwater Road junction**

Unmanned barriers will be erected at Canada Coombe and on the A370 Bridgwater Road south of the railway bridge with LOCAL ACCESS ONLY signs erected at cross.

A temporary Traffic Regulation Order will be invoked that would make it an offence to use Bleadon as an alternative route should local roads become congested.

Everything will be done to help maintain a clear route for the Emergency Services and to protect local residents from the effect of extra traffic on the narrow roads through our village and over Bleadon Hill. However, we will deliver a letter, together with a windscreen pass, to all homes in the area of Bleadon and Bleadon Hill to aid access past the manned barriers. If extra passes are required, for example two car families, please contact:-



Mr G Bunting ☎ 01275 882028.

P J Smart, Chairman

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE BUSY A370

A NOTE FROM THE COUNCILLORS ...

With this issue of Bleadon News you should receive a circular from North Somerset Council regarding the closure of the Uphill Bridge for Reconstruction.

Controversial it may be, but rest assured that there was no viable option other than months of single-lane traffic and delays. We have done our very best to reduce the impact on the village and its residents, and to ensure that the emergency services enjoy a priority access route.



However, the final result rests with you to ensure that the 'passes' provided are distributed wisely amongst family and regular visitors, so that the village and Bleadon Hill does not become clogged with unnecessary traffic. And please, have patience and a word of kindness for those manning the barriers. Someone has to do it!

The recent verge clearance work along the A370, part of the 'Gateway Improvements' being implemented on the major approach to towns in North Somerset, may seem drastic to some but will result in a better wildlife and plant habitat for the future. It should also lead to better maintenance, as random wild-sown bushes and common saplings have been removed as part of the process. Some of the latter may be replaced by a more formal tree planting scheme being proposed by your Parish Council.

Finally, as ever, we are always available to answer and help with your queries and problems where they relate to North Somerset Council and are always contactable through the numbers printed below. If you get the voice mail, then please leave your name and number and we will come back to you. Don't just put the phone down! We find this way of keeping contact far better than sitting in the village hall on the occasional Saturday morning waiting for someone to call in with a problem, and we hope you do as well.

To further help you, Ian is specialising in trouble-shooting Housing and Social Service issues and Elfan looks after Planning, Transport and Highway matters.



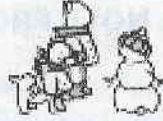
With Best Wishes for Christmas and 2001!

Councillor Elfan ap Rees ☎ 822524

Councillor Ian Peddesden ☎ 813509

MORE BLEADON REMEMBERED ...

Dad was born in Bleadon
In Nineteen Hundred and One,
Mum lived in Uphill
And nearly made the ton!
(99 years, 9 months)



I think I ought to mention
That as their only son,
Dad fought against the Germans
Until the War was won

Now I'm BANNED from village
By COUNCIL I've been told,
The "Queen's" I cannot visit
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Dad would say "'tis your own fault
You disobey me still
I told you never ever go
And live on Bleadon Hill".

Signed



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BLEADON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



The 27th Summer Flower Show was one of the best for several years, with the Coronation Hall full of high quality exhibits - especially in the vegetable, cut flower and pot culture classes. The floral exhibits were very colourful with Amanda Du Rose winning both cups for this section. Barbara Butler won the Chairman's Cup for the most points in the homecraft classes. Colin King came away with four cups/plates whilst Steve Hartree won three cups. Reg Davis was awarded one cup and brother and sister Matthew and Alison Tonks both won cups in the childrens' section.

The first evening meeting of the Autumn was very well attended and everyone really enjoyed the talk given by Catherine Crouch, the winner of the 1999 BBC Gardener of the Year competition. We were also privileged to see slides of the finalists' gardens in this year's competition.

In October the ex Parks Superintendent of Bath, Stanley Hitt, gave us a superb tour of Europe taking in breathtaking botanical gardens, floral displays and floral carnival floats.

The December meeting held a Social and Beetle Drive.

On Tuesday 16 January 2001 Mr Michael Smith will be giving an illustrated talk on Wisley RHS and Rosemoor Gardens.

Coming up on Tuesday 20 February we welcome Mr Chris Webber, the Weston Parks Superintendant, who will be showing slides and talking about the work of our own Parks Department.

The Spring Flower Show will be held in the Coronation Hall on Saturday 17 March. Schedules for the show will be available in the Post Office or from Committee Members in the New Year.



Tuesday 17 April offers a "Gardeners Question Time", with three panel members to answer any of your questions. (It would be helpful if these questions could be submitted to me before the event).

Anyone is welcome to attend any of our meetings.

Chris Cudlipp

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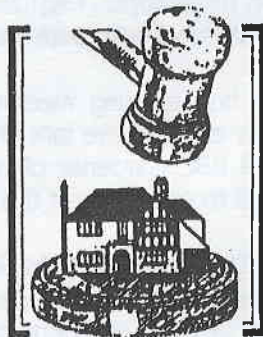
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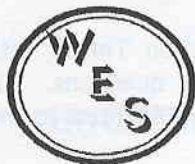
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AUCTION OF PROMISES



Well, the year 2000 has come and nearly gone and likewise all the talk and planning for the Auction of Promises has passed into history with the event itself which took place on 28 October.



During the year we were in contact with a large number of organisations and friends who pledged promises with the usual goodwill and enthusiasm. We ended up with 109 varied promises, ranging from a helicopter ride, original paintings, visits to historic places, cakes, car valeting and handiwork.

Whilst the weather on the day itself was the standard 'wet and windy', a large band of workers set to in preparing the Coronation Hall for the Auction, and the Scout HQ hosted what turned out to be a sumptuous buffet (There have been many complimentary remarks). Poster displays were created by John Hickley and both rooms were fitted out with these and Lorna Hickley established a comprehensive display of all the items for Auction that night.



John Hobbs was the auctioneer and his humour made the evening go with a swing. After a couple of hours every one of the promises had been sold. The amount of £2680 was raised on the night, but further promises have yet to be completed (visits to Winchester, a tour of Wells Cathedral and some home decorating) which will increase the total sum raised to approximately £3000. What a success!



With regard to the visit and the tour, there are still a few vacancies left. Anyone interested in the coach trip to Winchester (price £10) should contact David Lowton on ☎ 413034. As for the visit to Wells (price £6), Graham Rogers is the contact on ☎ 811571. (You need to be fit to scale the heights)

**To all those who supported the event in any way,
a special thank you for your enthusiasm and your generosity.**

Christmas 1914

Christmas 1914, the stars were shining, shining bright,
And all along the Western Front, the guns lay still and quiet,
Men lay dozing in the trenches, in the cold and in the dark,
And far away, behind the lines, a village dog began to bark.



Some lay thinking of their families, some sang songs, some were quiet,
Some rolled fags, and some played brag to pass this Christmas night,
Then, from the German trenches, something moved in No-Mans-Land,
Through the dark there came a soldier, a white flag in his hand.

Soon from both sides men went forward, across the borderlands,
Through barbed wire, loose and shallow, and stood there shaking hands.
Fritz brought cigars and brandy, Tommy - his corned beef and fags,
They stayed there, talking, laughing, in moonlit No-Mans-Land.

Christmas Day they all played football, in the mud of No-Mans-Land
Tommy has some British Christmas Pudding, Fritz some German beer,
So, after football, when they rested, they shared this festive cheer,
And Fritz brought out a faded photo of his family in Berlin.

Four days passed and no one fought, no shot fired day or night,
Poor old Fritz and Tommy Atkins, they'd both lost the will to fight,
So they withdrew them from the trenches, removed them from the War,
Put fresh troops in their places and prepared the guns once more.

The next day 1914, flares were burning, burning bright,
When a message came, "Prepare offensive, over the top we go tonight,"
Men stood ready in the trenches, in the cold and in the dark
And all along the Western Front, the Christmas guns began to bark.





BLEADON LADIES CLUB

We have enjoyed a very good year with a host of interesting speakers.

Our annual outing to Plymouth was a very enjoyable day, as was our Christmas Dinner at Battleborough Grange on Tuesday 12 December. This was followed by a concert in the Village Hall by the Rainbow Singers, who put us in the Christmas spirit with their Christmas tunes.

We meet every second Tuesday of the month in the Coronation Hall, from 2.30 pm until 4.30 pm. So why not start your New Year by joining us. We are always looking for new members, and we will be pleased to welcome you.

The Committee would like to wish all its members and friends a Happy Christmas and a Happy Year in 2001.

Barbara Pugh ☎ 814362

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(Prop: Peter Briffitt)

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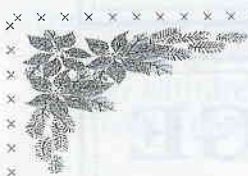
COMMUNITY - WHO CARES?

Mrs Thatcher famously said there is no such thing as "society", pursuing policies designed to prove her statement. I suspect she felt the same way about community, particularly as, for the most part, communities can oppose a Government more effectively than individuals can. Nevertheless, many people seem to think that a) community spirit is a "good thing" b) there is less of it about nowadays c) it is more likely to be found in villages than in towns. I agree with all three points. As the first is purely a matter of personal belief I simply beg to differ from the curmudgeons, recluses and gung-ho "look after Number One" types. The others are, possibly, matter of fact, well worth close examination.

I contend that community spirit has declined more or less everywhere directly because of the decline in the number of things that people do locally in groups, including the most important thing, work. Many towns grew up round a particular factory. In mining areas the pit was often the sole raison d'être of a village. A century ago most of those who lived in Bleadon worked here, too. Men worked on farms or at the quarry. Instead of commuting in a car they walked to work, something you can do in groups. Women also worked on the farms. There were several shops, a blacksmith, a laundry and even an undertakers. All this meant that most adults in Bleadon worked or dealt with each other on a regular basis, especially at harvest time. Steam driven machinery was brought in for this and all the workers moved from farm to farm in order to finish the job as quickly as possible. It is no wonder that Harvest Home became such a major celebration in most villages!

Working together led naturally to socialising together, but not elaborately arranged affairs like today's office parties, everyone travelling to distant homes afterwards. Workmates lived next door or round the corner; socialising did not need to be organised. A chat over the wall or at the garden gate, in the pub or one of the shops - this informal socialising meant that people kept in touch. A formal, regular social occasion was, of course, the weekly Church service. In those days churchgoing was the rule, rather than the exception, for all classes and ages, reinforced by the closeness of the village school. Old photographs reveal what a big occasion the church fêtes used to be, held on the lawns of the Old Rectory.

Les Masters



FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CORONATION HALLS

Please make a note in your diary!

Monday 8 January	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting (in New Hall)
Thursday 18 January	7.30 pm	PANTOMIME ~ <i>Bleadon Players</i>
Friday 19 January	7.30 pm	PANTOMIME ~ <i>Bleadon Players</i>
Saturday 20 January	2.00 pm	PANTOMIME ~ <i>Bleadon Players</i>
Saturday 20 January	7.30 pm	PANTOMIME ~ <i>Bleadon Players</i>
Monday 12 February	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 14 February	7.30 pm	Welcome Meeting ~ <i>CONTACTUS</i>
		John Tomlinson ☎ 812436
Monday 12 March	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 17 March	9.00 am - 5.00 pm	Spring Flower Show ~ <i>Bleadon Horticultural Society</i>



CONTACTUS - BLEADON

Our Barn Dance took place on Saturday 4 November and was very well supported by friends from our own village and by members of Bleadon and Weston Folk Dance Clubs. Our sincere thanks to all who came along and who regularly support the work of Contactus. The money raised by this event will be enough to fund our "Welcome Packs" and "Get Togethers" for the Year ahead.

As a fair number of new families have moved into the Parish in recent months we have planned our next Welcome Gathering for Wednesday 14 February in the Coronation Hall at 7.30 pm. If by chance you are new to our village please let us know you are here by contacting either Mary or Philip Ashley on ☎ 812667, or John Tomlinson on ☎ 812436. We do apologise if you have been here for some time and have not been recognised as newcomers. It will only be because we have not noticed, nor been advised of, the change of occupancy of your property. In this respect forgive us if we appeal to you once more to make us aware of newcomers in your road - and our sincere thanks to those few of you who regularly do so.

In conclusion we wish you all, newcomers and descendants of founding fathers alike, a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful, prosperous and fulfilling New Year.

John Tomlinson, Chairman

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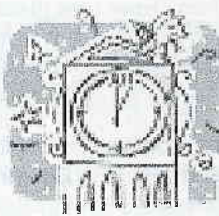
Celebrate the start of the REAL Millennium in style, at the Bleadon New Year's Eve Party.

The fun starts at 9.00 pm in the Coronation Halls and lasts until the early hours of 2001.

Tickets are available from Betty Paterson on ☎ 812183 or the Post Office.

We sold out of tickets last year - Don't miss out on a GREAT party!

BOOK NOW.



BLEADON FRIENDSHIP CLUB



On 1 December we were entertained by the Rainbow Singers and on Friday 8 December there was a Bingo session, proving, as always, to be a humorous occasion. Our Christmas lunch this year was at the Woodborough, Winscombe on Monday 11 December. A meeting on 15 December wrapped up our year with Christmas card distributing, music, carols, mince pies and a bumper Christmas Raffle.



The Club will reopen on Friday 12 January 2001.

A very happy and peaceful Christmas to you all.

REPORT OF THE RECORD BREAKING AUTUMN DELUGE

No one needs to be told that it has been rather wet of late! Here are the actual rainfall figures for Autumn 2000 and the average rainfall in the last two decades ...

Month	Amount of Rain in mm	Number of Dry Days
September	153.0	8
October	190.6	9
November	151.9	3
... compared with the Average Rainfall 1981 to 1999		
September	93.5	16
October	105.5	14
November	93.6	13



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