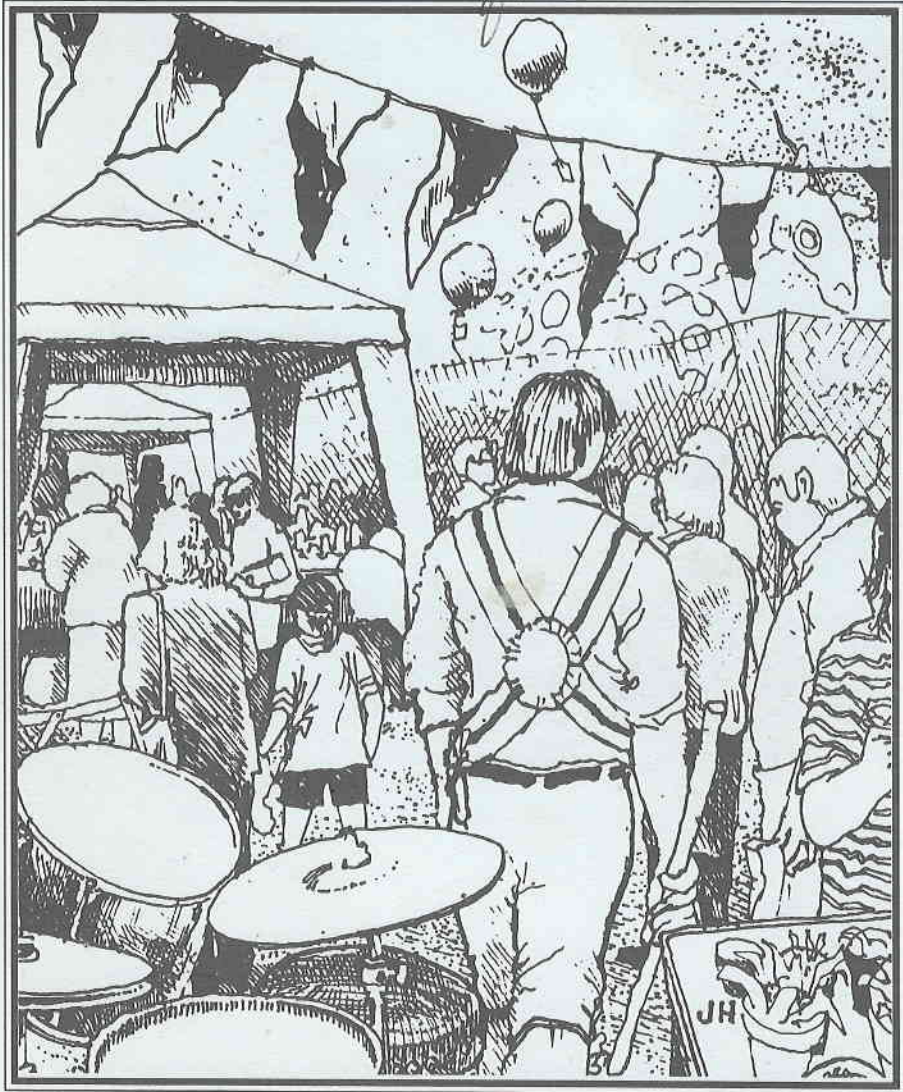


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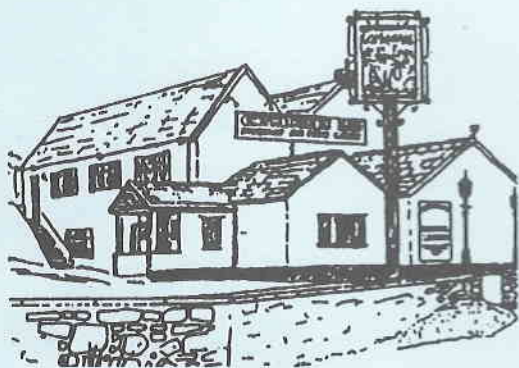
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The Council meets on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm, in the Coronation Hall. An agenda is published on the Parish notice board, and any member of the public may attend these meetings, and raise any issue of interest at the end of business.

## BLEADON CORONATION HALL

The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** was held on THURSDAY APRIL 12th and the **HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** for the year to April 2002 as elected, being -

Chairman	Mr. L.J. Chamberlain
Vice-Chairman	Mr. K. Pyke
Secretary	Mr. P. Williams
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## REPRESENTATIVES OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

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Baby & Toddler Group	Mrs. N. Frewin
Friendship Club	Mr. R. Henderson
Bridge Club	Mrs. M. Henley
Bleadon Players	Mrs. C. House
Parochial Church Council	Mrs. B. Paterson
Short Mat Bowling Club	Mrs. L. Riding
Bleadon Parish Council	Mrs. P. Skelley

### Village Representatives

Booking Officer

Mr. H. Clements  
Mr. P. Williams  
Mrs. J. Jones (ex officio)

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## CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Coronation Hall on 9th April 2001. In addition to our District Councillors and the reporter from The Weston Mercury, there were two members of the public in attendance. One Parish Councillor suggested that residents were just not interested in how their village was run, while another was of the opinion that if the villagers thought that the Parish Council was getting things wrong then more would turn up to meetings in order to complain - so we must assume that everyone in Bleadon is happy with what we are all doing!

The new bridge is now open and work is underway to landscape the area between Bleadon Hill and Bridge Road; planting of replacement trees will further enhance that stretch of the A370. Road repair gangs have been employed over the last 3 weeks to repair the damage done to the village roads during the recent upheaval, and this has been completed swiftly and efficiently. A 'Keep Clear' sign has been painted on the dangerous junction of Coronation Road and Shiplate Road.

Improvements continue to the village environs - many of you will have noticed the clearing and landscaping of the old quarry at the start of Bleadon Road, and new signs have been designed and will be in place as soon as they can be made. The entrance to the village will be greatly improved by these measures.

The Roman Road lay-bys have been cleared of scrub and rubbish and we have to thank Andy Eddy for his help with this project. In the next few weeks a bench-seat will be installed in the first lay-by in remembrance of George Wall who did so much for the village.

Specimen trees have also been planted in the playground, the bark under the swings has been renewed, the play sand will be topped up and currently we are considering some new play equipment.

After much discussion, it has been agreed that North Somerset Council will commence work this year on the drainage in Purn Way, in order to alleviate the constant flooding. The Parish Council has also requested that Facum Lane be blocked at the Weston end to help in the prevention of fly tipping.

AND - finally - now that the daffodils have finished flowering we can look forward to an explosion of colour from the flowers planted in the new tubs positioned around the village. I would like to thank the 'Queen's Arms' who donated the plants and the twenty-one volunteers who planted up the barrels on a very warm April Saturday.

On behalf of the Parish Council as a whole, I wish the residents a happy, relaxing and sunny summer in our lovely village of Bleadon.

*Peter Smart*  
*Chairman, Bleadon Parish Council*



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## BLEADON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

By the time you read this the Spring Flower Show will be just a memory but I cannot let the opportunity pass without saying thank-you to everyone who made it such a success. We hope that we will have a wool spinning demonstration next year, as by then the foot-and-mouth disease should be a thing of the past.



The April "Gardeners' Question Time" with panellists Peter Burks and Sheila Chambers was very successful with topics such as pest and weed control, care of citrus trees, "blind" daffodils and planting the village flower tubs creating a lot of interest.

Sally Gregson gave a superb illustrated talk on "Cottage Gardens" in May and she really wetted our appetites for our June 2002 visit to her garden/nursery with her array of interesting and unusual plants that she brought with her.

### Visit to Copse Hall Gardens, Brent Knoll

This visit has replaced the one planned to Weston-super-Mare nurseries on Tuesday 19th June which had to be re-arranged as the nurseries are being closed down. We will be leaving the Coronation Hall car park at 6.45 p.m. Entry to the gardens is £2. All are very welcome.

### Bicton Gardens, Devon.

On Saturday July 7th we will be visiting these lovely gardens and the cost of £10 includes coach travel, entry to the gardens and a train ride. Again this visit is open to anyone so to reserve your seat and for further information - ring 813152. The coach will leave the Coronation Hall car park at 9.30 a.m. and we will depart from Bicton at 5.00 p.m.

Now that our winter meetings have ended the next time we all gather in the hall will be for the Summer Flower Show on Saturday September 1st. Schedules should be available in July and can be obtained from Bleadon Post Office or committee members.

Chris Cudlipp

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## NEWS FROM THE CUBS

Numbers in the Cub Pack are at an all time high - 23 boys and a GIRL! Natasha Salter who joined the pack two and a half years ago with her girl friend has stayed even though her friend has now left. It must have been difficult for her at times, especially at Camp, but she has been an asset to the Pack and that is why we have made her 'Cub of the year'.



The group numbers have been good all year. There is no shortage of Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, but what we do need are parents willing to put in that little bit more - we also need new leaders. Our Beavers will be losing Jane at Christmas, which will leave Paul Morris very stretched.

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Huw Boyce has decided to take a back seat, leaving Dave Bidoff in charge of the troop. Helen Addis, who has been a great help with the Cubs, has moved to Mark, and may find it hard to make every meeting.

So, please, if you know of an ex-scouter or any suitable person who could help with the Cubs, ring me on Bleadon 813497.

We aim to Spring-clean and maybe put a coat of paint inside the Hall soon. This will coincide with a scout second-hand sale.

At our AGM on 18th May Mr. Ballard took over as Trustee Chair of the group. Keith is still our voice on the village hall committee and we would like to record our thanks to them and the parents who help unstintingly.

We look forward to getting out and about as soon as the Foot and Mouth crisis allows us to; our programs have been drastically altered these last few months with campsites being closed. We all understand the implications and have done our best to keep away from farmland and footpaths, but it will be good to put the 'OUT' back in 'SCOUTING' once more!

Steve Rhodes CSL

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## **BLEADON REPUBLIC REJOINS THE WORLD**

### **From Your Local Councillors**

Well - it's all over. The saga of the Uphill Railway Bridge is now passing into folk lore, and as those of you who visited the exhibition over the May Day weekend may have realised, a lot more was involved than many people had realised.

Most of the work, of course, went on out of sight, if not out of mind, and now all we can see are the new parapets, the new tarmac surface down to the Anchor, and an improved view all around. We're also assured that it won't be necessary again in our lifetime!

Meanwhile, back at the Town Hall, both your District Councillors have taken on new roles pending the introduction of the government's "modernisation" programme, which requires local Councils to adopt a more parliamentary style of cabinet and select committee structure. Elfan Ap Rees has been nominated to take on the Economic Development, Marketing & Leisure brief under the new system (i.e. sorting out Tropicana, Knightstone and creating new jobs and leisure attractions - easy really!!!!), whilst Ian Peddlesden will become more involved in Social Services, Housing and similar health and wellbeing roles, and is nominated to chair the appropriate select committee.

The implementation of the new system has been delayed by a government legal "faux pas", but is now expected to be introduced in North Somerset by the autumn. Meanwhile we are

pressing ahead with those areas that we can introduce, including the opportunity for Parish Councils to bring up village matters at the regular Area Committee meetings. This should help District Councillors to keep even closer contact with local needs, and perhaps to also better explain why government restrictions and laws don't always allow us to spend money on what local people really, really want but only on what the government thinks we should be doing.

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## May Fayre

Village life at its best was on show at the May Fayre where the weather was perfect and the centre of Bleadon thronged with friendly community spirit.

Our photos show:



- The stalls and the games, with their bunting and balloons, the church tower keeping an eye on proceedings.



- The band - just the jolly, gentle sound track to the day the Fayre required: music in the foreground, art in the background.

- The future! Children gathered at the cross for the Fancy Dress Parade before descending pied-piper-like behind a fantastic fiddle to the Hall for judging. It's a small world as costumes ranged from China to the American West, the Tropics to Siberia!



## JOHN O'GROATS TO LANDS END - SOLO CYCLE RIDE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Christopher Parkinson, from Bleadon Rectory, will be cycling from John O'Groats to Lands End during the fortnight beginning 4th June. Chris (26) will be taken to Scotland by next door neighbour, Guy Morrice.

Sponsor forms and a box for donations are in the Post Office and Church. This will all go to the Cancer Research Campaign.

Chris and his family will fund the trip and he is planning to stay overnight at vicarages to keep his costs low.

Very many thanks to those who have sponsored him so far or who have donated money. More is needed.





## A LIST OF ORGANISATIONS WHICH REGULARLY USE THE HALLS

### Mondays

2-5pm	Bleadon Bridge Club	Mr. D. Gardner	812041
7-9pm**	Exercise Class (starting 4th June)	Miss M. Bridgman	750997
7.30pm	British Sargarcraft Guild	Mrs. E. Lambert	01278-786586
1st Monday	W.S.M. Branch		
7.30pm	Parish Council		
2nd Monday			

### Tuesdays

10-12noon	Art: oil & acrylics	Weston College	01275 810659
Sept-March	** 2nd Tuesday in New Hall**		
10-12noon	Bleadon Short Mat Bowling Club	Mr. J. Ward	812136
2nd Tuesday			
2-4pm	Bleadon Ladies Group	Mrs. B. Pugh	814362
2nd Tuesday			
2-4pm	Bleadon Short Mat Bowling Club	Mr. J. Ward	812136
1st, 3rd, 4th			
6-7.30pm	Brownies**	Mrs. R. Lang	750827
7.30pm	Bleadon Photographic Club	Mrs. G. Taylor	812475
1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th			
7.30pm	Bleadon Horticultural Society	Mr. C. Cudlipp	813152
3rd Oct/May			

### Wednesdays

10am-noon	Infant Welfare Clinic	The Health Visitor	
2nd & 4th	& Toddler Group	at the Clinic	
10am-12noon	Toddler Group	Mrs. N. Frewin	811046
1st, 3rd & 5th			
5.30-6.30pm	Bleadon Beavers**	Paul Morris	751083
		Jane Steel	629903
7.30pm	Bleadon Players' Rehearsals	Mrs. S. Kelly	812419

### Thursdays

10-12noon	Art Watercolour Painting	Weston College	01275 810659
6-7.30pm	Bleadon Cubs**	Mrs. S. Rhodes	813497
8.00pm	Bleadon Folk Dancing Group	Mrs. J. Thorne	814007
1st & 3rd Thurs.			
Sept.-June			

### Fridays

2-4pm	Friendship Club	Mrs. J. Diment	812217
7.00pm	Short Mat Bowling Club	Mr. J. Ward	812136
Sept.-May			
7.30pm	Bleadon Scouts**	Mr. H. Boyce	

### Sundays

3-5pm	Short Mat Bowling Club	Mr. J. Ward	812136
Sept.-May			

\*\* in the *New Hall*

The Halls are available for hire by any private individual or organisation.  
ENQUIRIES to Mrs. J. Jones: 812370.

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CORONATION HALLS

### PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY!

Thurs. 7th June	7am-10pm	General and Local Elections (in New Hall)
7th, 8th & 9th June	7.30pm	Bleadon Players Performance
Mon. 11th June	7.30pm	Parish Council
Sat. 7th July	7.30pm	Hair & Beauty Demonstration, Bleadon Church
Mon. 9th July	7.30pm	Parish Council
Sat. 1st Sept.	2-4pm	Autumn Show, Horticultural Society
Mon. 10th Sept.	7.30pm	Parish Council
Sat. 29th Sept.	7.00pm	Harvest Supper - Bleadon Church
Mon. 8th Oct.	7.30pm	Parish Council
Sat. 27th Oct.	7.30pm	Line Dancing - Bleadon Church
Mon. 12th Nov.	7.30pm	Parish Council
Sat. 17th Nov.	7.30pm	Quiz in aid of CLIC
Sat. 8th Dec.	10am-noon	CHRISTMAS FAIR
Mon. 10th Dec.	7.30pm	Parish Council

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## CHURCH OF ST PETER & ST PAUL

### FROM THE RECTOR

The oldest part of our Church building - the chancel - is 684 years old this year. Well, at least those parts (north and south walls, many of the roof supports) which have survived are. The nave and tower are about 100 years younger. Accordingly, at our Patronal Festival celebrations on 29th June (Eucharist at 7.30 p.m.) and 1st July (8.00 a.m. and 10.15 a.m.) we will be giving thanks for all those throughout the centuries who have built and maintained the building, led and shared in its worship, built up its fellowship and been involved in the Church's service to the community.



Plans are being made for a baby to be baptised (christened) during the Service at 10.15 a.m. on 1st July. As has been traditional for centuries, so parents continue to bring their children for baptism in our ancient Parish Church. Long may it remain so. There will be Songs of Praise at 6.30 p.m. in the Rectory Garden to complete the day.

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At the Annual Meeting on 23rd April, Mrs. Pat Davies and Mrs. Sandra Lowton were elected churchwardens for the coming year. The names of other members of the Parochial Church Council are printed in the June edition of the Church Magazine.

David Parkinson, Rector.

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## FRIENDS OF BLEADON CHURCH

### BLEADON MAY DAY FAYRE



Wasn't it a lovely day again? Perfect weather, lots of people, plenty to do and see, and financially successful as well. Approximately £5,000.00 raised. Well done and thank you to everyone who helped in any way to help make the day the success it was.



### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Saturday 8th September

There will be another sponsored abseil down the Church Tower. If you contacted me before and were too late to take part in March will you contact me again to reserve a place. If last time was anything to go by the places will quickly be snapped up. Priority will be given to those who were unlucky last time and are on the waiting list.

#### Saturday 29th September

Harvest Supper in the Coronation Hall. Entertainment by Bleadon Players. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time from the Post Office and from 'Friends' committee. Last year the tickets went quickly so please buy yours early.



#### Saturday 13th October

As part of the Weston Arts Festival there will be a 'GYMANFA GANU' evening in church at 7.30 p.m. You don't know what this is? Then come along and find out. Further details nearer the time.

#### Saturday 27th October

An opportunity to enjoy an evening of Line Dancing which will also include a demonstration and Ploughman's Supper, 7.30 p.m. in the Coronation Hall. Tickets available nearer the time from the Post office or 'Friends' committee.

There will be a Punch and Pie party again this year, provisional date Monday 17th December. Further details nearer the time.

Barbara Hartree 814812

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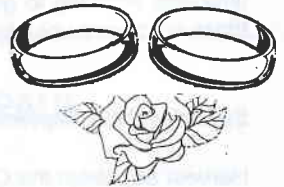
## Wedding Belles

It's a day that every father looks forward to, dreads and feels most fond towards in equal measure; but I never expected it so soon.

Apple blossom sprinkled the grass like confetti, the sky was a brazen blue and I watched my daughters help each other dress for the occasion, sisters in spirit as well as blood. Soft, white cloth draped warmly over their shoulders even whiter, smoother skin like warm marble. The elder helped the younger keep the trailing fabric from falling on the floor as they turned from me and walked away, with confidence in each other and independence of direction, whispering the while about rings.

What emotions rose within me as sister helped sister with details of dress and pose, as pretty as posies of fresh carnations or roses? What words could describe the intermingled sense of loss and pride as I was witness to those firm and determined nods of the head and watched the mouthing of quiet vows, the words of which were lost to the wind, swept up to heaven?

'A ring of gold, a ring of silver.'



My daughters' wedding day: safe in each others' hands, sunny in each others' love, a future that won't have a place for me sealed with the nonchalance of girls playing games in the garden.

I watched you married: I watched you marry each other as the balmy May air bathed the garden.

Now, one of you is two and the other nearly four, so I still got to cuddle you both before bedtime.

But one day ....

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## FANCY A CUPPA?

### THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We meet at 2 p.m. on Friday afternoons in the Coronation Hall. New members are always welcome, so come along and see what goes on. There is always a cup of tea and a biscuit and a speaker or entertainment. The June programme is as follows:-



- 1st Axbridge Work House - Pat Hase
- 8th The work of the Park Department - Chris Webber
- 14th Outing - Venue to be arranged
- 15th Physiotherapist - Mary Harris
- 22nd Strawberries & Cream Bingo
- 29th The Rockies - Cedric May

Looking forward to meeting you.

Margaret Cullen

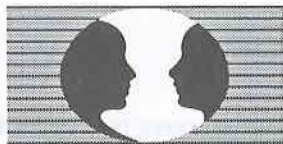
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## EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW, I LEARNED FROM NOAH'S ARK!

- ONE: Don't miss the boat
- TWO: Remember that we are all in the same boat
- THREE: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- FOUR: Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- FIVE: Don't listen to critics, just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- SIX: Build your future on high ground.
- SEVEN: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- EIGHT: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- NINE: When you're stressed, float a while.
- TEN: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic was built by professionals.
- ELEVEN: No matter the storm, when you are with GOD, there's always a rainbow waiting.

NOW wasn't that nice? Pass it along and make someone else smile too.

I saw this in the Church Magazine - I hope that the author doesn't object to its inclusion here.



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## **BLEADON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB**

As I write our club is nearing the end of its 2000/2001 season. It has been another very successful year, in which the club won the Woodspring Short Mat League trophy for the fourth time in the League's nine year history. This year a much larger cross section of our members took part which makes our win even more satisfactory and bears testament to the level of bowling skills of our members.

March saw us taking our usual Spring club holiday. For the second year this was a five day break rather than the long weekend of earlier years. Once again this was spent at the Bishops Court Hotel in Torquay and was well enjoyed by all those who attended. However, we shall this summer be investigating other possible hotels for a break in 2002 that will provide some change of scenery. In the meantime we are looking into a few possible between season social events that will keep our members in contact throughout the summer.

Our village hall floor continues to challenge our skills offering a variable and not entirely predictable behaviour to our bowls. Nevertheless we all hope that one day we may see the installation of a new flat and level floor in our village hall. Such a change would enable us to bring in a third mat that would widen our scope for bowling and, perhaps, increase our membership. Unfortunately this requires the kind of capital that is not easy to come by in a village of our size.

We shall spend the last few Tuesdays in May playing our club competitions and hoping that we shall get a maximum number of our members taking part. Our season will end on Tuesday 29th May and the club will re-open for the 2001/2002 season on Friday 28th September 2001. We may have a few vacancies for new members this October.

## **BLEADON FOLK DANCE CLUB**

Our next Dance will be on

JUNE 7th

(Ring Jean for details of venue)

and the last Dance will be on JUNE 21st in the Hall.

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Jean Thorne 814007



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# THE SOMERSET HOME GUARD 1940-44

## A Photographic Project for Posterity

I am sure no adult in the parish would not have heard of the Home Guard, either because they lived through those dark days, have been told by their parents or watched "Dads Army". In Somerset over 20,000 men and women were members at some stage. Some remained in throughout the war whilst others were members until they were "called up".

Despite a shortage of photographic paper, together with many other daily items that are now taken for granted, many formal photographs of the Home Guard were taken by professional photographers. Over the years many of these historical records have been lost through fire, flood, carelessness, general spring cleaning or house clearance.

May I appeal to any one who has any group photographs of the Somerset Home Guard or knows of the location of any to contact me at the address below. The object of my work is to copy all known photos of the H.G. to produce one large photographic record together with any names that can be offered. I estimate there may well have been some 700 photos taken during the war so there is a long way for me to go in my race against time. I am sure that there are many tucked away in drawers or lofts that deserve a wider audience as a tribute to all those who "rallied round the Flag" in our hour of need.

In addition I would be pleased to hear from anyone who can provide me with other information such as locations of rifle or grenade ranges, "drill halls" or positions of road blocks. The location of such points of historical interest were not documented at the time and it is a matter of reviving memories.



Jeffrey Wilson  
Silent Elms, Wearne, Langport, Somerset TA10 0QQ.  
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## DAD'S ARMY

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The Local Defence Volunteers, later known as the Home Guard, was an auxiliary force instituted in 1940 when the main armed forces of Britain were involved in the French campaign that ended in Dunkirk. By the summer of 1940 over a million men had enrolled, providing a sense of purpose for the veterans of World War One and others, although it wasn't until the late summer that any Home Guard member had a rifle, and even then there was no ammunition!

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Most people today know of this organisation through the TV sitcom that ran from 1968 to 1977 where the humour comes from the seriousness of war clashing with the ordinary lives of the volunteers, as in the episode "Gorilla Warfare" where the platoon assemble for a weekend's military exercise:

"GODFREY: Good afternoon, Captain Mainwaring.  
MAINWARING: What are you carrying that eiderdown for?  
GODFREY: Well, we shall be out all night and my Sister Dolly thought it might help keep me warm.  
MAINWARING: You can't move swiftly across country loaded down like that!  
FRAZER: He couldn't move swiftly across country stark naked."

It's interesting to remember, in these times where the relationship between Britain and Europe is so much talked about, that both Dunkirk and Dad's Army, Britishness at its best, are really about Britain being part of Europe - defending it, not standing aloof. If Britain had said 'no' to Europe in 1939, what would the world be like today?!

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## A NEW STAINED GLASS WINDOW FOR THE CHURCH

It is nearly three years since an old Victorian stained glass window, formerly in the north side of the Church's chancel, was discovered by workmen clearing weeds, brambles etc. close to the bier house. It is believed that the window was removed from the Church when the organ chamber was built over fifty years ago and has lain undetected under other builders rubble from that time. The window was carefully recovered and lay safely stored and eventually on display in the Church Room.

The PCC at that time was keen to see the window restored and it was decided that there was sufficient recoverable glass to make a window for the one remaining plain glass window on the right side and to the south of the altar.

Following investigation it was decided to employ John Baker & Partners of Weston to ascertain what form the window could take. Plans were drawn up and we went through the lengthy process of obtaining planning consent.

Plans for the celebration of the new millennium were under consideration in early 1999 when it was with regret that we all heard of the death of Arthur Cullen, a very long standing member

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of the Church. A church collection at his funeral and further donations from the Cullen family have enabled us to finance this project and unofficially it has been intimated that had we started from scratch, then a similar stained glass window would have cost us at least £6,000. You will appreciate why, therefore, the window was installed to remember Arthur as well as mark the arrival of the year 2000.

The new window was finally finished and installed in late February 2001 and the initial reaction from everyone I have spoken to is one of great delight. A special thank you therefore to Margaret Cullen and her family for enabling us to achieve this project.

The Church is open daily, except Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and everyone is welcome to view the window from inside the Church. A dedication ceremony will be held in due course.

Graham Rogers

## *A Day To Remember*

*A day to remember  
But I forget which.  
Was it when we walked by the river  
And I lay back on the still wet grass  
With the sun so sharp  
And you so soft  
Watching small bubbles pierce the swollen river's  
Flow.  
Cold moments of memory  
Clouds moving quickly and passing on.  
We talked about the summer and the fun we'd have  
With flasks - long days in shorts  
On picnics  
Taking pictures.  
The river ran through the reeds to the sea.  
Sharing seemed everything.*

*It was a day to remember  
Earth was just beginning to warm when  
Two moments met and  
Sharing became something  
Real.  
How, I forget.*

M. Wells.



## Poetry Corner

We were delighted to receive two poems this issue. There must be more budding laureates out there - why not share your creations with the village?

### *A poem about summer*

*Today I saw the blossom on the conker tree  
Today I saw the blue-tit in the bird box  
Today I saw a little frog hopping in the grass  
Today I saw summer coming again at last.*

*J. Wells (age 12)*



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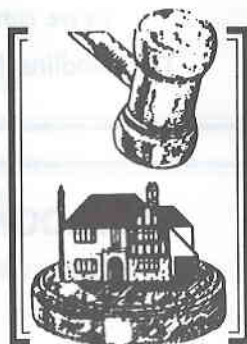
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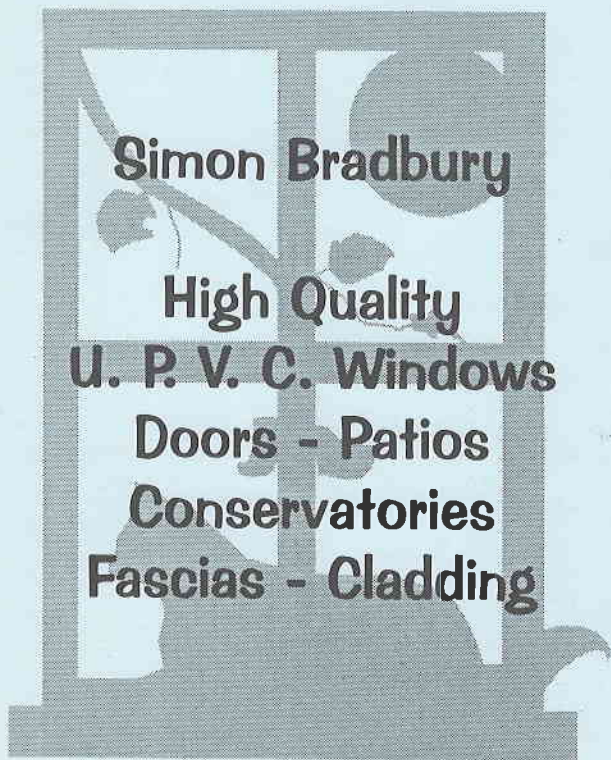
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