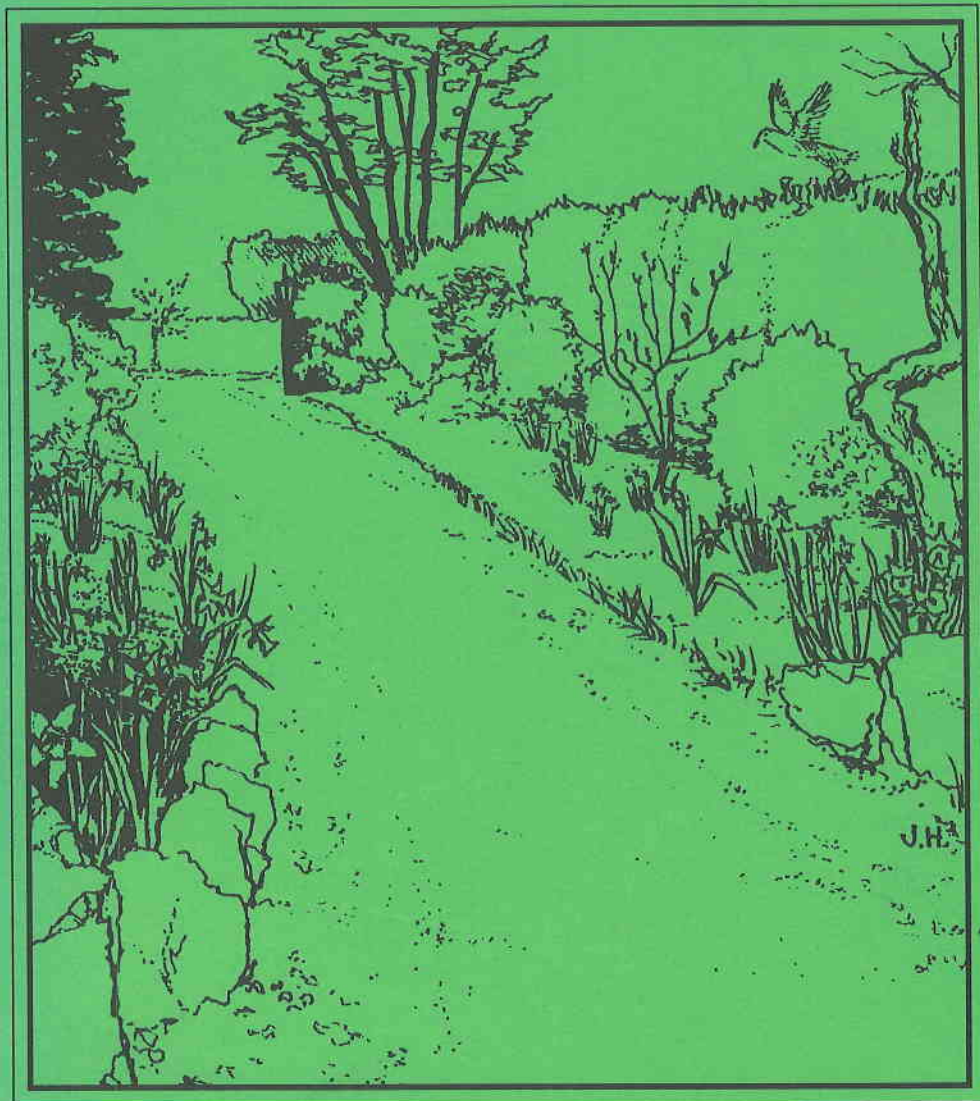
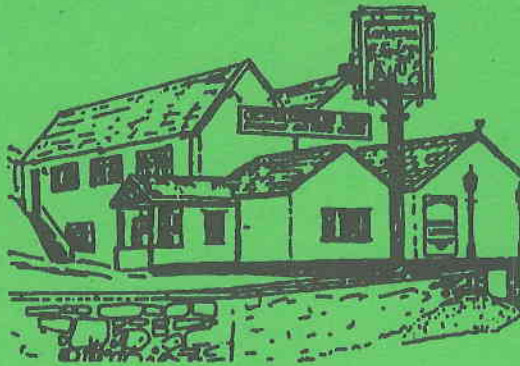


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The Council meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7.30pm, in the Coronation Hall. An agenda is published on the Parish notice board, and any member of the public who would like to, may attend these meetings, and raise any issue of interest at the end of business.

WE AIM TO PUBLISH THIS VILLAGE MAGAZINE FOUR TIMES A YEAR –
MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER

HOWEVER WE MUST POINT OUT THAT ANY DATE SENSITIVE MATERIAL
SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EDITORS FOR INCLUSION WELL IN ADVANCE AS WE
CANNOT GUARANTEE A DEFINITE PUBLICATION DATE.

The Summer Issue this year will be in July in order for those of you who wish to - to send me their thoughts on the Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

We shall try to make this a special edition with photos if possible, so please send your reports etc. before the deadline date of **Friday June 14th**

UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED THE OPINIONS AND COMMENTS EXPRESSED IN THIS NEWSLETTER ARE THOSE OF THE CONTRIBUTOR AND NOT OF THE BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL.

ANYONE WHO HAS ANY COMMENT TO MAKE ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION SHOULD CONTACT THE EDITOR – WE AIM TO FOLLOW 'AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES' POLICY – SO IF YOU DISAGREE WITH ANY OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED YOU HAVE THE RIGHT OF REPLY!

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Parish Council has received numerous complaints about motorists speeding through the village and, following discussions with our Village Beat Officer, speed checks will be mounted over the next few weeks. Hopefully these will help to alleviate the problem.

The commemorative bench in memory of George Wall has now been erected in the lay-by on Roman Road: our thanks to Ken Howe and Murray Williams, who made such a splendid job of positioning it.

Talking of 'splendid jobs', those of you who walk on South Hill must be very impressed by the new stone steps and the landscaped approach to the new gate on the hill. Andy Eddy of the Mendip Rangers is to be congratulated for his efforts.

Wessex Water has completed improvements to the pumping station on Bleadon Road. A new filter system has been installed, which will prevent bulky untreated sewage being pumped into the rhyne when the system is overloaded. However untreated liquids will still flow into the rhyne at those times, proving that the pumping station is still totally inadequate for the needs of the Village. Any further housing development would put a serious strain on the system and that is why the Parish Council will continue to resist any plans for such developments.

As you may know the Parish Council has been pressing for highway improvements at the junction of Bleadon Road with Purn Way. The road is subsiding for a distance of 100 meters and will continue to deteriorate at an even faster rate if nothing is done to rectify the situation. North Somerset Highway Department has agreed to include the road in their budget for the next financial year, so hopefully we will see a great improvement over the coming months.

FINALLY..... another word about vandalism.

A dog was allowed to foul the sand pit in the children's' play area, and it's owner made no attempt to stop it. The sand has to conform to health and safety standards and costs **£80** to replace, your Parish Council has to foot his bill every time this sort of thing is allowed to happen. The signs on the fence "No Dogs Allowed" have been removed by vandals on 3 occasions; to replace them costs **£30**. Please help us to keep your children clean and safe by asking offenders not to take their dogs into the play area.

Peter Smart.
Chairman, Bleadon Parish Council.

BLEADON CORONATION HALL COMMITTEE

Since it's completion, the extension to the Coronation Hall has been referred to as 'The New Hall'. For some time the committee has been considering naming this part of the building. After much discussion it was agreed by a majority of members that it would be named 'The Jubilee Room'.

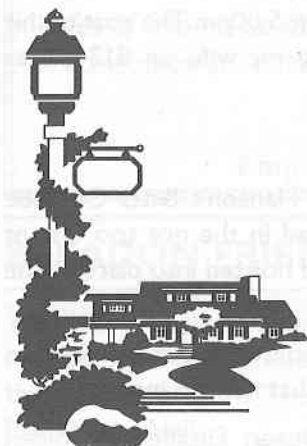
Permanent recognition of the huge contribution made by Harry Chatterley in the building work, and the dedication of the late Barbara Snelgrove to the project, will be shown by way of a plaque, together with their framed portraits in the entrance lobby of the Jubilee Room.

Thanks to a recent contribution from the Parish Council, both toilets have been re-fitted to a high standard and with a further amount agreed from the current precept, re-furbishment of the kitchen will commence within the next few months.

All these improvements will certainly enhance the Jubilee Room for it's present users and will be a much more attractive venue for future hirers

Len Chamberlain (Chairman)

STREET LIGHTS - LOVE THEM OR HATE THEM



Recently the need for additional street lighting has once again been raised at a Parish Council meeting by a concerned villager. In the past this has been an issue that has prompted much debate, the problem of safety versus light pollution being high on the agenda.

The lights in question would probably have to be placed along Shiplate Road near the top of Old School Lane and/or along Celtic Way, all very dark dangerous spots. The cost of the erection of these lights on their own poles would initially have to be met by the Parish council but the running costs and maintenance charges would not be its responsibility provided the lamps are sited within specified distances.

We, on the Parish Council, are therefore asking you the villagers of Bleadon to give us your opinion on this subject. Please let us know what you think, write to - **Bruce Poole, 'The Chippings', 21, Stoneleigh Close, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset TA8 2EE.**

BLEADON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Both January and February evening meetings have been well supported. Steve Hartree gave a most enjoyable and informative talk, illustrated with slides, about various aspects of show work around the U.K.

In February I entertained the brave people, who turned out in dreadful weather conditions, with a slide show of Bleadon gardens past and present and the four summer outdoor meetings of 2000 and 2001.

At the time of writing we are busy preparing for the 28th Spring Flower Show on Saturday March 16th. Included in this event will be a lace-making demonstration.

Tuesday April 16th - a representative from Sanders Garden World will be giving a practical demonstration of preparing hanging baskets.

Tuesday May 21st at 7.30pm - there will be a short quiz,— followed by a plant sale. If at all possible would those bringing plants, please label them to make it easier for those purchasing them.

Tuesday June 18th - a visit to Sally Gregson's superb garden at Wookey is planned. We shall be going there in cars - so watch out for details nearer the date.

Tuesday July 16th - we shall be visiting Monkton Elm Garden Centre and Hestercombe Gardens, Taunton. We shall be gathering in the Coronation Hall Car Park at 9.30am to board the coach, and returning at about 5.00pm. The cost of this trip is £10. To book a place on either trip please ring my wife on 813152, as obviously we need to know numbers in advance.

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE STONE

Two large monolithic stones will be transported from Hanson's Batts Coombe Quarry in Cheddar, to Marshall's Quarry in Bridge Road in the not too distant future. The more suitable of the two will be selected and hoisted into place at the southern entrance of the Coronation Hall car park.

We are grateful to Hanson's and Marshall's for their generosity but we need to raise funds to complete engraving and any other costs that may be incurred.

This is the Horticultural Society's contribution to Queen Elizabeth's Golden Jubilee celebrations being held in Bleadon.

Thank you for your continued support.
Chris Cudlipp

GOLDEN JUBILEE QUIZ

"DO YOU KNOW YOUR SOMERSET"

Readers will be pleased to know that this event raised £281.60p towards the cost of Golden Jubilee celebrations in June. This sum has been handed over to the Parish Council who will be arranging these events in due course. Sheila and Bill Ardley would like to express their appreciation for the support they received from many people, not least those who bought tickets and attended, making the evening such a friendly and successful one.

BLEADON MAY DAY FAYRE ART EXHIBITION - MONDAY 6th MAY 2002

Artists wishing to submit their work should bring their paintings to the Coronation Hall on Sunday 5th May between 10am - 12noon.

The back of each work must bear the name, address, title and price.

In addition a tie-on label with these details should be attached to hang over the front of the painting.

Paintings should be submitted ready for hanging with hooks and cord attached.

A fee of 50p will be charged for each painting submitted. This fee plus a 10% commission on work sold will be donated to the Church Restoration Fund.

Paintings exhibited at owners risk

Enquiries to Valli James, Tel 814555.

BLEADON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The club meets at 2pm on Friday afternoons in the Coronation Hall. New members are always welcome. As well as meetings, outings are arranged during the summer months. There will be a coffee morning on Saturday 20th April at 10am in the Hall.

SPEAKERS FOR APRIL:

April 5th	Travels with Rosie	Jan and Dave Fulman.
April 12th	The Kennet and Avon Canal	Michael Horsman
April 19th	Quiz	
April 26th	A musical interlude - Reflections.	

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FOR FRIENDS OF BLEADON CHURCH

APRIL 20th ... CONCERT BY KEYNSHAM BRASS BAND

7.30pm in the Church

Tickets available from the Post Office or from
Graham Rogers, 18 Bleadon Mill (Tel: 811571)

Price £4.

MAY 6th ... BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY.
ANNUAL MAY DAY FAYRE.

11am - 4pm

Entrance programmes will be on sale price 25p.

Helpers are always needed and if you would like to become involved please ring Graham Rogers on 811571.

JUNE 1st-4th FLOWER FESTIVAL IN THE CHURCH

JUNE 3rd ... CHURCH TOWER OPEN DAY

10am - 4pm. Refreshments available.

Tickets £2.

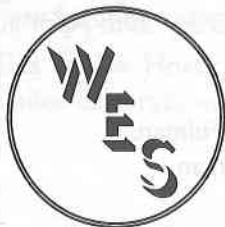
JULY 13th ... OPEN GARDENS THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE

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BLEADON BEAT



Spring will soon be with us. Along with the first swallows come the itinerant workers and door to door salesmen. Whilst many perform satisfactory work some overcharge, carry out substandard work or sell shoddy goods. If you are considering having any work carried out I suggest you obtain several quotes before hand and make sure that the work carried out is to your satisfaction before parting with any money. Once you've paid there is often little anyone can do to help!

Linked to this is a warning about mobile telephones. If someone leaves you a mobile telephone number it doesn't necessarily mean that they are a legitimate trader. You may have problems contacting them again if their work isn't up to scratch. Remember that you can buy a phone for thirty pounds or so from your local supermarket, there are no records of who bought it or who is using it. Don't be too trusting of anyone who just leaves a mobile phone number.

DOG OWNERS. Last Spring we had several incidents on Bleadon & Hutton Hill where sheep were killed by dogs. Please ensure your dog is under control.

VILLAGE SURGERIES are continuing at the Church Room.

Forthcoming dates are set for 22nd March, 26th April, 31st May and 27th June.

You can also contact me on 638181 if you have any concerns. If you call is more urgent, i.e. an ongoing situation then either ring 999 or 01275 818181 and ask for Weston-Super-Mare control room who will dispatch an officer.

PC 2307 Adrian Woolcott

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Bleadon May Day Fayre



CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS PARADE

Monday 6th May 2002 at 11.30am

The Parade starts at the Church and proceeds to the Coronation Hall where judging will take place. It is for two groups, for those under and over age five.

The theme is not restricted and entrance is free.

Prizes and certificates will be awarded.

For further information telephone
Nicky Frewin of Bleadon Baby & Toddlers Group
on 01934 811046

EPITAPH FOR A HARD WORKING WIFE.

Here lies a poor woman who was always tired,
She lived in a house where help was not hired.
Her last words on earth were – 'Dear friends I am going,
To where there's no cooking, no washing, no sewing;
But everything there is exact to my wishes,
For where they don't eat there's no washing up dishes.
I'll be where loud anthems will always be ringing,
But having no voice I'll get quit of the singing.
Don't mourn for me now, don't mourn for me never,
I'm going to do nothing for ever and ever'.

I came across this, while checking out a Somerset web-site. It struck a chord with me as I'm sure it will with many of you hard working ladies.

THROUGH JACK'S EYES

Like most of my doggy friends I am looking forward to the Spring. Lighter evenings mean longer walks, and a chance to enjoy not only the Mendip Way with its wide variety of flowers and wonderful scenic views, but also a chance to reacquaint myself with the Village and admire the lovely planted tubs and tidy aspect.

DID I SAY TIDY?

It seems that some dogs do not have very responsible owners, and they (the dogs) are allowed to 'perform' (a human euphemism) just anywhere they please - on the paths, in other people's gateways, even in the Churchyard! Most recently a dog was allowed to foul the kiddies' sandpit in the play area. Is there no end to that sort of irresponsible behaviour? We, the dogs, need to be trained and given direction on these delicate toilet matters by our human 'minders'.

It is also noticeable, to a dog like me with a highly developed nose, that there is more human rubbish about than there used to be - delightfully smelly crisp bags, fast food remnants and sweet wrappers, to mention just a few. Soft drink cans are often seen being kicked about the car-park. This is noisy as well as untidy! For a sensitive collie like me it is all too much!

WHAT CAN WE DO?

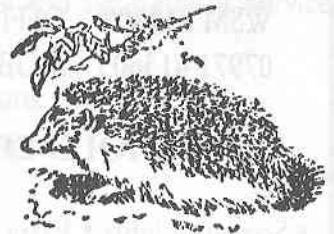
Well, if you are a dog, a quiet word in your owner's ear about poop-scoops will help to alleviate the first problem. The rubbish issue is something that only concerned villagers and their children can deal with - let's hope they all do!

Jack Robinson

THROUGH TIGGYWINKLE'S EYES

As one of Bleadon's quieter, more shy inhabitants, can I, on behalf of my spiky friends, add to Jack's words about the litter in the village. I read this recently, and I wonder if it's worth coming out of hibernation at all!

A leading fast food outlet has recently been urged to redesign its McFlurry ice cream carton after a spate of reports of hedgehogs being found dead or dying with their heads stuck in the containers. Hedgehogs are attracted to the cartons by the smell of the remaining ice cream.



However, once they have stuck their heads through the hole in the dome shaped lids, their prickles prevent them getting out again.

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society, which has 11,000 members and is based in Ludlow, Shropshire, said it had had up to 50 calls from members reporting dead or dying hedgehogs being found in the past 18 months. Fay Vass, chief administrative officer of the society, said: "These are just the ones that have been reported to us, so there are likely to be more. It's quite a nasty, gruesome death, really. Ideally we want McDonald's to change the packaging so it poses little harm to wildlife but though they said they would think about it a lot they have said they have no plans to change the lid in question. We would like to appeal to people to take their litter home and dispose of it properly. It only takes a couple of minutes to pop rubbish in a bag or find the nearest dustbin and it prevents a lot of unnecessary suffering."

The society also asked members who are moved to write to McDonald's asking for the carton to be changed to first send the letters to its headquarters so they can be counted and forwarded to the fast-food firm.

A spokesman from McDonald's said: "We have taken this issue seriously and asked our suppliers to investigate the matter. A suitable alternative solution has not yet been found, however we are currently reviewing this. We would like to take this opportunity to remind customers to dispose of all packaging thoughtfully and in the appropriate manner." The number of live hedgehogs in Britain is unclear, though the population was estimated at a healthy 1.5 million in 1995, despite the species being notoriously accident-prone. A survey in progress by the Mammals Trust intends to estimate the number of live hedgehogs in an area by the number found dead on the roads.

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DO YOU REMEMBER WHERE YOU WERE ...

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I do! It was a grey, drizzly day in a small school in Portsmouth and a solemn faced teacher ushered us into the largest classroom, which served as an assembly area. There we stood, a group of about 30 small girls aged between 6 and 10 years wondering what was happening. The teacher switched on a radio and we listened to 'The Proclamation'. What I remember most vividly were the words "The King is dead, Long Live the Queen," and that we all sang the song that we had been rehearsing for some other event, 'I vow to thee my country,' followed by the new version of the national anthem, 'God Save The Queen'. I don't think that any of us realised that we were on the brink of an historic era. If we had, then perhaps we would have been more attentive. Later that day black armbands were issued to each one of us as we left school and we wore them throughout the 10 days that followed. The radio, which was for most people their only form of entertainment, did not carry the normal programmes during the period of official mourning but broadcast a continuous stream of solemn funereal music interspersed with the latest news bulletins. All in all, it was a very sombre time for us all.

If you were around then and have a memory you would like to share, please let me know - the Golden Jubilee is a time for reflection as well as celebration. For us back then in the early 1950's I think that the Coronation was when the celebration really began; that was a much more joyous occasion. So here's looking forward to next year as well!

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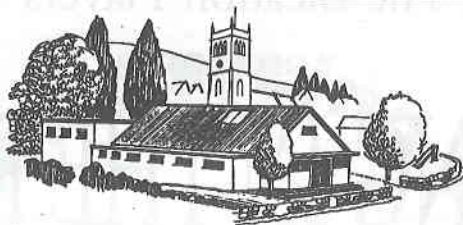
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MONDAY'S

2pm-5pm	BLEADON BRIDGE CLUB	Mr D Munden 812772
7:30pm**	EXERCISE CLASS	Miss Bridgeman 750997
7:30pm 1st Monday	BRITISH SUGARCRAFT GUILD W-S-M BRANCH	Mrs C Peters 843754
7:30pm 2nd Monday	PARISH COUNCIL	

TUESDAY'S

10am-12 noon 2nd Tuesday	BLEADON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB	Mr J Ward 812136
2pm-4pm 2nd Tuesday	BLEADON LADIES GROUP	Mrs B Pugh 814362
2pm-4pm 1st, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays	BLEADON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB	Mr J Ward 812136
6pm-7:30pm	BROWNIES*	
7:30pm Sept - May 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th	BLEADON PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP	Mr K Tapley 623877
7:30pm 3rd Tuesday Oct-May	BLEADON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY	Mr C Cudlipp 813152

WEDNESDAY'S

10am-12 noon 2nd & 4th Wed	INFANT WELFARE CLINIC & TODDLER GROUP	The Health Visitor at the Clinic
10am-12 noon 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays	TODDLER GROUP	Mrs N Frewin 811046 Jane Steel 629903
5:30pm-6:30pm	BLEADON BEAVERS**	Paul Morris 751083
7:30pm	BLEADON PLAYERS/REHEARSALS	Mrs S Kelly 812419

THURSDAY'S

10am-12 noon	ART:WATERCOLOUR PAINTING	Weston College 01275 810659
6pm-7:30pm	BLEADON CUBS**	Mrs S Rhodes 813497
8:00pm Sept - June 1st & 3rd Thursday's	BLEADON FOLK DANCING GROUP	Mrs J Thorne 814007

FRIDAY'S

2pm-4pm	BLEADON FRIENDSHIP CLUB	Mrs J Diment 812217
7:00pm Sept -May	SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB	Mr J Ward 812136
7:30pm	BLEADON SCOUTS**	Mr D Biddalf 645906

SUNDAY'S

3pm-5pm	SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB	Mr J Ward 812136
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** in the Jubilee Room

The Halls are available for hire by any private individual or organisation.

ENQUIRIES to Mrs J Jones: 812370

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CORONATION HALLS - PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY!

Saturday 9th March 7.30 pm	Beauty Evening	Bleadon Church Friends
Monday 11th March 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	
Saturday 16th March 2 - 4 pm	Spring Show	Bleadon Horticultural Society
Saturday 23rd March 7.30 pm	Line Dance	Bleadon Church Friends
Monday 8th April 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	
11th Thursday April 7.00 pm	Annual General Meeting members of the public welcome	Hall Management Committee

Saturday 20th April 10 am - noon	Coffee Morning	Friendship Group
Monday 6th May 10 am - 5 pm	May Fayre	Church Friends and Art Show
Saturday 11th May 7.30 pm	Dance	Bleadon Cubs & Scouts
Monday 13th May 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	(in Jubilee Room)
Saturday 1st June 7.30 pm	Jubilee Village Dance	
Sunday 2nd June 7.30 pm	"Singing in the Reign"	Bleadon Players
Monday 3rd June	Jubilee Street Party	
Monday 10th June 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting (in Jubilee Room)	
Monday 8th July 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	
Saturday 7th Sept 2 pm	Autumn Show	Bleadon horticultural Society
Monday 9th Sept 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	
Saturday 28th September Bleadon Church Friends 7.30 pm		Harvest Supper
Monday 14th Oct 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	
Saturday 2nd Nov 10 am - 2 pm	Town & Country Fayre	
Monday 11th Nov 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	
Saturday 16th Nov	Coffee Morning	Bleadon Friendship Group
Saturday 23rd Nov 7.30 pm	Quiz in aid of CLIC	Pat Dain
Monday 9th Dec 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	
Saturday 14th Dec	Christingle Party	Bleadon Church Friends

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PASSIONTIDE, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER - SPECIAL SERVICES

Sunday March 17th - THE 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

10.15am (Don't like the modern Services? Here is an opportunity for all those who look back to the glory days of Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer 1662 as the main Service of the day.) Instead of its being an Evening Service today, Holy Communion 1662 will be celebrated this morning.

6.30pm Our augmented choir will be leading a traditional Passiontide Service of Hymns, Anthems and Readings.

Sunday March 24th - PALM SUNDAY

10.10am Blessing of Palm Crosses in the Church Room - Procession to Church

10.15am Sung Eucharist

Thursday March 28th - MAUDY THURSDAY

7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper

Friday March 29th - GOOD FRIDAY

10.30am Family Service

2.00pm The last Hour

Saturday March 30th - EASTER EVE

8.00pm The Easter Vigil a short, dramatic Act of Worship beginning in darkness

Sunday March 31st - EASTER DAY

8.00am Holy Communion 1662

10.15am The Easter Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Easter Evensong

May 9th - ASCENSION DAY - Holy Communion 1662 - 7.30pm

May 19th - WHIT SUNDAY 10.15am and 6.30pm

May 27th - TRINITY SUNDAY 10.15am and 6.30pm

June 1st - 4th - JUBILEE WEEKEND

Flower Festival - The Queen and Commonwealth

Saturday 1st 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Sunday 2nd 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Monday 3rd 11.00am - 5.00pm

Tuesday 4th 11.00am - 5.00pm

Sunday 2nd - JUBILEE SERVICE 10.15am

Monday 3rd - OPEN TOWER DAY

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SHORT PAT BOWLING!!!

It has long been the philosophy of the good and the great that as one gets older one should take on more challenges, as this helps to retain ones youth. I have no quarrel with these sentiments, it is just "the challenge" that I am trying to sort out. As the only girl with four older brothers, I have experienced a goodly number of challenges and I still have the scars to prove it.

I have ruled out Rugby, I always threw the ball forwards, cricket found me studying nature at length near the boundary **and** I made an extremely incompetent goalkeeper in football. This seems to leave hang gliding, bunjie jumping, or flinging myself out of an airplane attached to a few pieces or string and an umbrella. Not practical perhaps!!

Discussing this small dilemma with a few friends, they immediately pounced: "*Bowls*" they said, "*and you can start in the dry **and** the warm, with short mat bowls.*"

I rather resisted the idea of a pleated skirt, snow white shirt and a Panama hat. Panama hats have never been my favourite fashion accessory, but I suppose with a bit of elastic under the chin one is able to keep them on in a howling gale. However, the short mat bowlers pronounced that all that was totally unnecessary and all I required was the correct footwear and one of my mentors insisted on lending me a pair so that I could have no possible excuse for not turning up for my initiation. I have to say that my instinct was to emigrate immediately, but my husband complained that this seemed to be a bit over the top, so one recent Friday night found me slinking into the Coronation Hall, hoping that no-one would notice my arrival and I could scuttle back home with a clear conscience.

No such luck! I was greeted like the Prodigal Daughter. The welcome was warm and the help and support was continuous. Fortunately, another lady was also joining at the same time and she seemed even more frightened than I was. We were given loads of advice, encouragement by the bucketful and the assurance that all of them had been in our position once and they knew EXACTLY how we felt. I nobly allowed Anne to go first, thinking I might still get out of the Hall without being seen but no such luck.

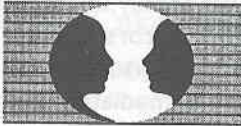
Anne hefted the wood and neatly bowled it right next to the Jack, Her pleasure was obvious and everyone said that was proof that, with a little confidence and application, anyone could master Bowls, and would I now stop being a 'cowardly custard' and get bowling? Doreen instructed me perfectly on how to go about hitting the jack and I looked suitably dedicated and let fly. Fortunately, the man playing on the next mat was very agile and managed to get out of the way before my ball cannoned off a table and made for his ankle. Doreen met this slight contretemps with complete aplomb and said that if I opened my eyes, I would probably do better with the next ball.

Anne, bless her, was doing a great job, and said that she felt much better about the whole thing and would probably come again the following week. I regret to say that I hit the stage with a resounding thump, several of the men moved the piano to retrieve one of my recalcitrant bowls and some of the more timid members barricaded themselves in the kitchen, every time it was my turn to bowl. I was informed that hazard warnings were out on the A370. (I surely, couldn't bowl that far.)

At the end of a very hazardous and, may I say challenging evening, I prepared to make my departure with the resolve that I would never darken the doors of the short mat bowls again. Without reservation, all the other members assured me that next week would show that I had now got my eye in and that I would be bowling like a veteran. Anne also issued an ultimatum that if I didn't show up she wouldn't come. Talk about blackmail???

Fuelled only by blind faith and the stubbornness of idiocy I turned up clutching my shoes in my plastic bag and prepared to bowl with accuracy and flair. It wasn't quite like that but there was a distinct improvement, I hit the tables and the chairs and somebody kindly retrieved one of my more bizarre efforts from under Bleadon Man, but at least I did get one ball on the correct mat. This is a 100% improvement on last week. Ah, well, Hang Gliding, here I come!!!

Pat Dain.



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HOLD ON TO YOUR HANDBAGS, GIRLS!



Not so many years ago a number of smart but unscrupulous people made a great deal of money out of somewhat less smart people by persuading them to invest substantial sums in stocks of dubious products with the promise that they would make enormous profits by selling these products to other less smart people. The process became known as pyramid selling, but after it was scientifically and mathematically proved that pyramids are bad for the (financial) health, the practice was made illegal.

Last year, however, it was reported in the national press that in the Isle of Wight a basically similar scheme was flourishing. It fell within the law simply by dispensing with the inconvenience of selling goods. All that was required was an initial investment of £3000, after which the investors sought further hopefuls to part with the same amount, who in turn would continue the process, etc. etc. In due course the supply of hopefuls ran out, which left the early entrants counting their loot while the much larger numbers of later ones were £3000 out of pocket.

A special feature of this scheme is that it was dressed up in feminist garb, called 'Women Empowering Women' (W.E.W). Naturally men were excluded, though it was reported that a good many were pretty disgruntled to discover that their wives/partners had cleaned out the piggy-bank and lost the lot.

Late last year the Weston Mercury reported that the same kind of scheme was operating locally, and my information is that it is still going strong. Apparently it has been refined so that the initial outlay can be lower, making it easier to suck people into the process, and I have heard of various hitherto sensible ladies who have invested in it.

This is where I last come to the point. Even I, who spent 4 years selling life assurance, would never dare to try to draw anyone into a scheme which simply creates a small number of winners at the expense of a huge number of losers. It's a scheme that sounds too good to be true, and it is. It is pie in the sky and I would hate to see it take hold in Bleadon. It would lead to women pestering their friends and acquaintances ever more persistently because they were desperate to recoup their own investment, and it would all end in tears (or worse). Be warned. On second thoughts, perhaps I could start up my own scheme, limited to senior citizens. To give a suggestion of Government backing and tax-free status I could call it 'Pensioners Empowering Pensioners' – P.E.P. If you can't beat them join them!

ANOTHER VIEW

I am writing to register my extreme disagreement with the author of 'Bikinis In December' in your last issue. Who wants to listen to hippies like this? I drive a big two litre car because I like it and I can afford it. What do they want me to do – walk to work?

They say the world is getting warmer- great! I always fly to France or Italy but if it was warm here Weston would see better trade. As for flooding, most of Bleadon is raised up high, and my house looks down on most, so we will be fine, I think. People should think about these things when they purchase properties.

Your author – who no doubt doesn't even have a job – says "From Mozambique to Sussex, we are experiencing extreme and erratic weather, with devastating impacts for people and the environment. Extreme weather events have killed 100,000 people in the last three years."

Mozambique!?! Do we really care. Haven't we got enough to worry about with the asylum seekers and now these people attacking even hunting.

I saw some of these people outside Esso and I drove right past them and got my petrol. I will buy my petrol where I choose, thank you, and if the company pays for Bush's campaigns, good for them. I'm glad to spend a few extra pence to keep business and politics out of the hands of people on the streets. That way lies anarchy.

Finally, your writer says, "If anyone can afford to help stop global warming it's Esso. They are set to spend \$7.9 billion this year on gas exploration and production – and not one dollar on renewable energy or green fuels." Why should a company waste its hard-won profits on making the world a cleaner place. If people want a cleaner world, they should do it themselves!

I hope you see fit to print this as the Village News should allow all sides and having allowed the hippie point of view, now hear the respectable, hard working (retired) point of view.

Please do not publish my name and address.

EDITORS NOTE: LIKE THE PRECEDING ARTICLE, THIS REFLECTS THE VIEWS OF THE INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTOR AND NOT OF THE COUNCIL. HAVE A VIEW OF YOUR OWN? SHARE IT WITH US. WE WELCOME BOTH SIDES.

BLEADON LADIES CLUB

The Bleadon Ladies Club meets every second Tuesday in the month, in the Coronation Hall. During the winter months the meetings start at 2pm and in the summer (from April) at 2-30pm.

Come and have a chat with friends and listen to some very interesting speakers. Coming up soon:-

March 12th 'First aid in the Home'- a talk by St John's Ambulance.

April 9th Len and Ann Reynolds will play the keyboard and sing songs from the 50's and 60's.

May 14th Sander's Garden Centre will give advice on plants and shrubs.

We look forward to seeing you-all are welcome.

If you are interested please contact Barbara Pugh on 814362.

THE BLEADON PLAYERS

The Bleadon Players was formed at least thirteen years ago by Les Masters who most of you know as our previous Post Master. He produced and directed the first efforts and they went down very well. I remember the first one I was involved with which was 'O What a Bleadon War' we had air-raid sirens and Glen Miller records together with renditions of the Andrews Sisters and many more that have now slipped my mind.. Everyone enjoyed it and so it has carried on.

We have endeavoured to perform a Pantomime every year and some of the original 'stars' of our shows are no longer with us. Some have moved away and some have gone to the 'Footlights in the sky'. With this in mind we do have a regular turn over of members so if YOU have a secret desire to perform to the hoards of entertainment lovers who ALWAYS turn up at our renditions please don't hide in the shadows, stick your chest out and join us. We always welcome newcomers whether you want to be 'on the boards' or help backstage. We desperately need a costume mistress or at least someone who can sew. It's not a big job just small repairs and modifications really. We need help with making scenery and backdrops too, so if you are too shy to go on stage there is always something to do. If you might be interested just give our chairman Sandie Kelly a ring on 812419 or me on 815249 or ask any member of the Players you might recognise for details.

Alternatively our e-mail address is: bleadon-players@supanet.com or Visit our website: www.bleadon-players.supanet.com

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The Coronation Hall Management Committee needs a secretary. No special skills are necessary and attendance is required only at one evening meeting each month. So why not join the committee and help in the running of your Village Hall? Please contact Len Chamberlain on 814517

I would be interested in knowing how many of you in Bleadon are on the 'net' perhaps we could set up a small interactive group. I would also be happy to receive articles for this Magazine via e-mail if it is more convenient to some of you. E-mail: pen_rob @lineone.net

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS ...

The summer issue of THE VILLAGE NEWS we hope will be a special one -but we can only make it so with your cooperation! If there any of you out there with special memories or stories of the Accession (1952), the Coronation (1953), and/or the Silver Jubilee (1977) and how these events were marked in Bleadon, perhaps you would like to share them with the rest of the Village. Please send me your reminiscences, and if you have them, photos of the occasions, and we shall see if we can print them. I shall require them well before the beginning of June if possible. Thank you Penny Robinson I THE VEALE, BLEADON. N.SOMERSET BS24 0NP

THANKS

to all of you, who in the midst of their Christmas preparations, found time to distribute the December issue of the 'Village News'. I'm sure that you will be pleased to know that most of Bleadon received their copies in time for Christmas. I am still counting on you to support this endeavour - so the more the merrier-please let me know if you can help. Penny Robinson 814142

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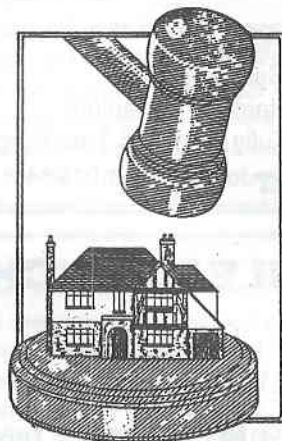
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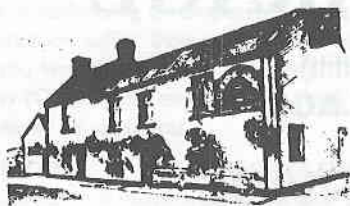


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