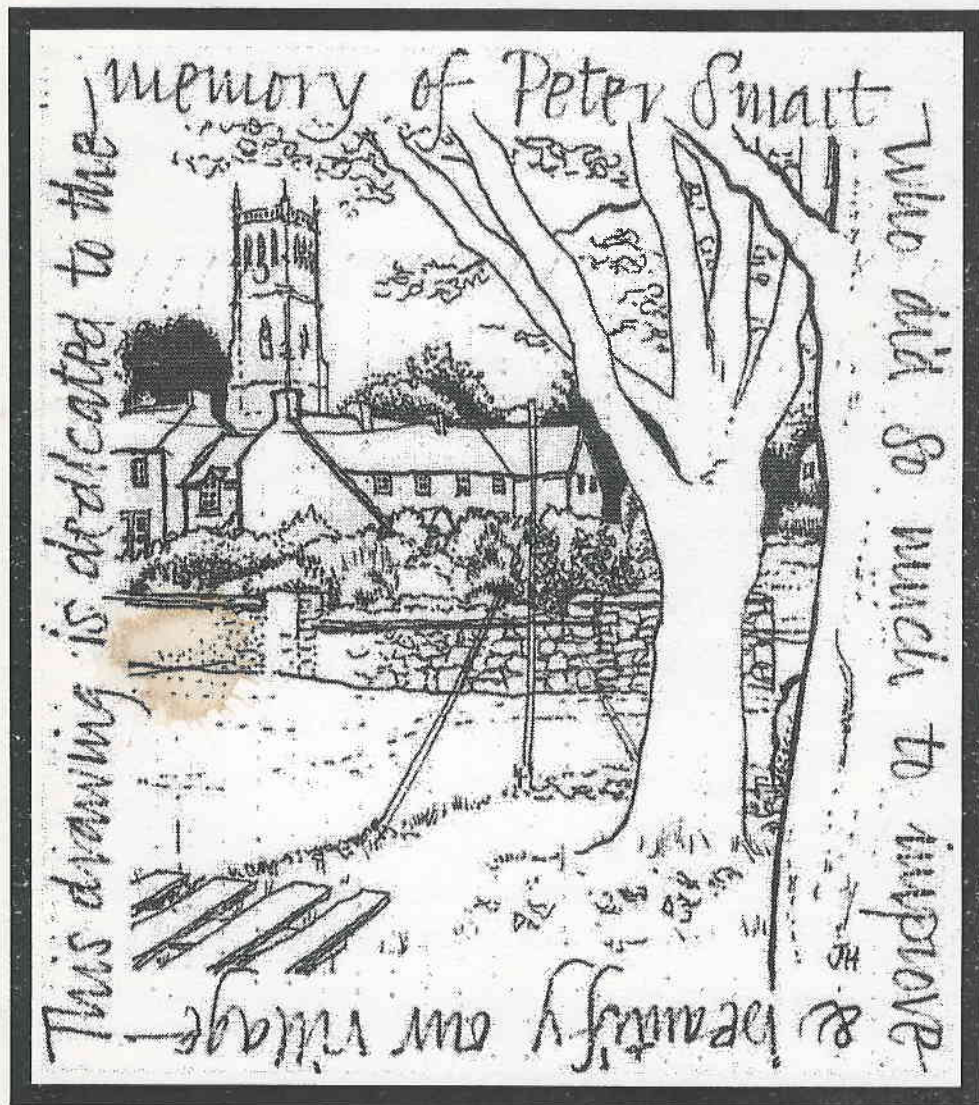
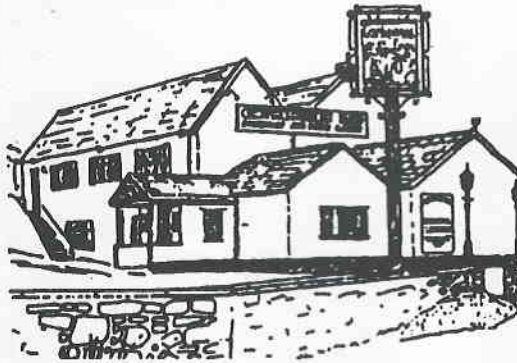


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The Council meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7.30pm, in the Coronation Hall. An agenda is published on the Parish notice board, and any member of the public who would like to, may attend these meetings, and raise any issue of interest at the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

One again we find ourselves with a vacancy for a Parish Councillor - So if there is a publicly minded person out there who is interested in joining our team, please apply in writing to the clerk, at the above address.

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 deadline for the next issue will be week ending
November 29th 2002**

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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

My second report for the Bleadon Village News is written against a background of great sadness following the sudden death of our former Chairman, Peter Smart. An obituary follows in this copy of Village News.

Since the Golden Jubilee celebrations, the Summer months have proved to be a relatively quiet period for the Council, this being accentuated by the August break.

The heavier traffic caused by the Devil's Bridge closure is a nuisance for the village. Sadly, more motorists are likely to discover the route and continue to use it after the work is completed and the bridge reopened. Highways will be kept immediately informed of any deterioration of our roads brought about by the closure. Furthermore, North Somerset has reassured me that they continue to update small works in the village with the General Purpose Gang. The potholes are permanently under review, also kerbing and edging where needed. The grit bins are in place - is this the sign of a bad winter to come?

Under smaller items, most of the allotments are in use and the stiles and footpaths up to scratch. The Parish tubs will be renewed with winter planting in the near future. Finally, may I gently remind you of the ongoing problem of dog fouling and litter in the village and ask that we all try to improve the situation. In particular, dogs are not to be taken into the children's playground. That said, I am pleased to report that the playground has passed its annual inspection.

We, as a Council, will continue to keep you up to date with village news and I thank you for your continued help and support.

Penny Skelley
Chairman, Bleadon Parish Council

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NB at the moment there is no charge for small personal ads.

PETER SMART – A TRIBUTE.

Back in May 1999 seven people in the village came forward to be elected as Parish Councillors, One of those was Peter Smart and at the first gathering it was without hesitation that he was elected as Chairman. He had a 'go-ahead' attitude that we all thought would get things done, - and how right we were! Once Peter decided on a course of action he was never going to be deterred; terrier-like he immediately got to grips with the ongoing issue of a speed limit and added the banning of large over-weight vehicles and tourist coaches through the Village, to his agenda. (His collection of photos of large vehicles getting stuck on the notorious bend by the Queen's is legendary). Another longstanding problem and thorn in the flesh of Bleadon Parish Council had been what to do about Wonderstone Quarry - Peter suggested that we sold it - so we did! After years of wrangling it proved such a simple solution. So we have Peter to thank for a tidy sum of money in the Council coffers, and money that has helped to reduce our Precept for a year or two.

Peter also felt strongly about how the Bleadon presented itself to the world and to this end the Jubilee garden was improved, bulbs were planted around the verges, tubs bought to brighten up forgotten areas and the playground improved for our children. Village 'tidy-up' days were introduced and if few turned up to help, well Peter was always there leading the way, a good example to everyone. On many other issues he took North Somerset Council on - and won! As a member of the Parish and chairman of it's Council, there is no doubt that people will remember Peter as a true Villager. His legacy is our bright new 'open spaces' policy and a safer place to live.

It is therefore all the more remarkable that so much had been achieved in such a short time, for Peter and his wife Val had only arrived in Bleadon in 1994 - just after Peter had retired. He had wanted to join a community that cared and to that end he devoted his energies to becoming involved with many village activities. He did that alright!

But Peter the man had enjoyed his family life and was reveling in his retirement; he loved his garden, and with Val enjoyed visiting those in the 'Open Gardens Scheme'. He had played cricket in his younger days, and supported the Weston youth team with great vigour and enthusiasm; he was a member of Weston Lions for 20 years or so, thereby involving himself in much charity work; he also played bowls both in Weston and locally, and - then there was his passion for golf - he had been a keen member of the Weston Club for many years.

There is so much I could go on to say but I think that the full Church on August 12th said it all. Val said she had lost her 'Rock' the day that Peter died, - and I can believe that. He will be sorely missed by all of us who knew him.

Penny Robinson.

THE CORONATION HALL REPORT.

We are sorry that for the last few months we have had to function without our Chairman, Len Chamberlain, who has undergone major surgery recently. On the other hand we are pleased that he is now home again and taking an interest, and we look forward to his resumption of office - when he is ready and not before.

The Committee's application to the Community Fund for a grant to re-roof the original Hall has been refused for a second time, the wording of the letter making it pretty clear that we do not have enough deprived or excluded people to qualify. Therefore we are looking to renew the existing roofs, (three flat, one pitched, all over twenty years old) using existing funds and hoping for support from the Parish Council, which has already been very generous this year. Other projects in the short-term pipeline are refurbishment of the kitchen in the Jubilee Room and improved lighting in the main Hall.

Such things cost money, of course, so we are setting about ways of raising it. The variety show on September 14th made £437 [our thanks to all the performers], and by the time you read this we shall have held our first Coronation Quiz. Joanne Jones is exploring the possibility of monthly Village Markets on Saturday mornings, while I am looking into the staging of a 'Real Ale Festival' [what else?].

Finally, since Howard Clements has moved to Burnham we have co-opted Tony Pettitt to the Committee, confident that he will make an equally significant contribution.

Les Masters, Hon. Secretary.

Tel. 811976

STREET LIGHTING

Following the article in the last issue of 'The News' we on the Parish Council have received several responses and the opinions expressed varied from '*what a good idea*' to.... '*how could you even suggest it*'

Thank you to all those who wrote to us - these are some of the concerns:

- There are dark spots in the village where some residents feel uneasy about walking alone for fear of personal attack.
- People have to walk on some roads where there are no footpaths and in the winter this may be dangerous.
- Where there are footpaths there may be hazards eg. uneven surfaces, slippery areas, dogs' mess etc.
- Not so much crime in well lit areas
- Light pollution has to be considered and as we live in a rural area we don't want 'floodlighting.'
- I left the town to get away from lights.
- Lights spoil the village atmosphere.

A discussion will be held at the next Parish council meeting on October 14th 2002.

BLEADON LADIES CLUB

Autumn is once again approaching, and what better way to spend an afternoon than by joining our Ladies Club. We meet every 2nd Tuesday of the Month - in the Coronation Hall. Summer Months at 2.30 pm, Winter Months at 2.00 pm to enable members to return home before dusk. We are looking for new members, so why not come along as a visitor and enjoy a chat and a cup of tea and make new friends. All our members enjoyed our Annual Outing and a stroll along the front at, Sidmouth. We were blessed with a lovely day so a good time was had by all. We also visited Honiton Market and had our lunch at Ottery St Mary.



Our programme for the next few Months is as follows:

NOVEMBER 12th - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

followed by a talk - Holiday Memories over the Years

by Mrs Marjorie McGlynn

DECEMBER 10th CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

at Beachlands Hotel

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Residents still seem to be experiencing problems in contacting the Police and are sometimes unsure what number they should use.

If the incident is on-going and the prompt attendance of the Police would help apprehend an offender or prevent the continuation of an offense or dangerous situation then the 999 system is probably the most appropriate. If the incident does not merit use of the 999 system then the operator may ask you to re-call using the non-emergency number.

For all other calls you should contact Headquarters at Portishead on **01257 818181**. In common with most other organisations a call handler who will direct you to the appropriate department or station will answer your call. The organisation has recognised that problems being experienced and have now employed local call handlers at Weston-super-Mare Police Station available between 8am & 8pm but you will still have to go through the main switchboard.

The system is not perfect, demands upon the Police are increasing year on year with little or no increase in resources. In the year 2000 - 01 the switchboard handled 1,250,000 calls which is 34000 call per day. When making a call please speak clearly, be ready to give your details and explain the exact nature of your call. Remember that the person answering your call will not know why you are calling and may not be familiar with your location so you will have to give precise details.

Voice Mail

If you call and ask to speak to a named officer your call may well be directed to the officer's voice mail system. This is simply an answering machine. Messages left in this way may not get a prompt response if the officer is not on duty.

Force Web Site

The force web site address is: www.avonandsomerset.police.uk.

Don't be put off. Please call us if you have any suspicions or concerns. Your calls are of value and could be the vital link in solving crime.

Current Crime

There are no current crime trends within the village however garages and shed break-ins have recently been a problem nearby. Most have occurred overnight at property left insecure. Have a look at the value of property stored in your garage. Is it worth protecting? Locks and alarms are cheaper and easier than replacing your property.

PC. 2307 Adrian Woolcott

THE CHURCH OF ST PETER & ST PAUL

BLEADON, WESTON-SUPER-MARE

There are several special events and Services leading up to Christmas.

These include:

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| Saturday Oct 12th | 7.30pm | Concert by the Llantrisant Male Choir with Luisa Puddy, as part of the Weston Arts Festival. Tickets £5. |
| Sunday Oct 20th | 10.15am | Final sermon by Mrs. Barbara Hartree, our Reader (lay Minister), as she and her husband The Rev'd Steven Hartree leave Bleadon. |
| Sunday Nov 3rd | 6.30pm | Evensong of All Souls. We will remember by name those we know to have died during the past year, together with others you have asked us to remember. Please add names to the list in Church or write to me at the Rectory. Print names in block capitals please. We will also be offering prayers for the sick and dying, including Weston Hospicecare. |
| Sunday Nov 10th | 10.15am | Remembrance Sunday Service with traditional hymns, readings, prayers, silence and wreath laying. |
| Sunday Nov 24th | 10.15am | Preacher will be Captain Keith Wallis, The Salvation Army, Weston-s-Mare. |
| Sunday Dec 1st | 6.30pm | Advent Carol Service led by our augmented choir. |
| Thursday Dec 12th | 2.30pm | Carol Service – Royal British Legion, Bleadon |
| Sunday Dec 15th | 3.30pm | Christingle Service with collection for the Children's Society, followed by a Tea Party. |
| Sunday Dec 22nd | 6-30pm | Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. |
| Tuesday Dec 24th | 5-00pm.
11-30pm | CHRISTMAS EVE
Crib Service
Midnight Mass of Christmas. |
| Wednesday 25th Dec | | CHRISTMAS DAY
Carols and Christmas Day Communion. |

Very many thanks to those who support the Friends of the Church in their fund raising events. The sponsored organ playing day on 7th September raised over £800 and we were treated to some very good organ playing by our own organists and visitors.

Arrangements are being made for a Brass Band concert in November and the annual Punch and Pie party in December. Look for information about these and other events in the Church Magazine and on posters.

Very best wishes - David Parkinson, Rector - Tel. 812297

CONTACTUS

We, in Contactus have recently been delighted to entertain 40 newcomers to the village at our 16th annual Welcome Party.

As we are only a small team it is often only by chance that we notice a removal van, so rely mainly on being alerted about newcomers by the residents moving out or friends in the Post Office or Church.

However vigilant we have been we feel very disappointed when we hear that someone has remarked that they have not been welcomed and knew nothing about the party. Naturally, as this is a friendly village, neighbours will always say "Hello, and welcome", and some think that is sufficient and the main object of Contactus. Actually it is something more than that. On behalf of all the village and within the parish boundary on Bleadon Hill, we make a personal visit to give the newcomers a Welcome Pack which contains all sorts of relevant local information such as the names of doctors, schools, clubs, library times, a street and walks map also the Village News and Church magazine. We note family names and when the time comes they all receive an invitation to the Welcome Party.



If you know of someone moving in we would really appreciate a quick phone call. We are very grateful to those who already do this and it doesn't matter at all if we receive more than one call for the same address - rather than miss someone.

Occasionally, if we are seen coming up a path - Welcome Pack in hand - we have to be quick to present it before we are told, through a half open door, that they already have double glazing, a new kitchen or conservatory! Then a suspicious look is replaced by a smile of genuine pleasure. It was lovely this week to be greeted by, "You are the very first to ring our doorbell, and we already feel that we are going to be happy and welcome here"!

**That's what it's all about please help US.
Our Chairman John Tomlinson's telephone number is 812436
and Philip's and mine is 812667.**

M.E.Ashley.

The Editor was in receipt of the following letter and thought it would serve as a fitting tribute to the 'Contactus' group.

Dear Editor,

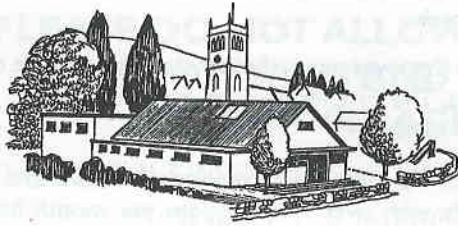
We would not wish our welcoming village supper on June 27th to go by without a very big 'thank you' to John Tomlinson and the many who provided and arranged it.

It was very pleasant indeed to be introduced to the various funds of knowledge in the village and most of all the hearty welcoming friendship we met from every quarter.

On behalf of all the newcomers may we convey our most sincere appreciation of the excellent evening.

Rosemary and John Skinner

THE CORONATION HALL – early days



A very interesting book was passed to me for safekeeping earlier this year, as a result of my taking over as secretary of the Hall management Committee. It appears to have been bought by the Parish Council in January 1937 to record receipts and payments relating to what was then called the Parish Room, and the contrast it shows between now and then is fascinating.

To begin with things were much quieter and simpler then. The first year in the book records only eight receipts, for a grand total of £5.2s.6d. Unfortunately payments totalled £9.16s.9d and even allowing for a small float brought forward from the previous year, the cash in hand at the end of the year was a rather desperate 16s. (80p)! The next year was equally quiet but at least showed a financial turnaround with a profit of over £6.

In 1938-9 business really took off, with twenty-six receipts (mostly for dances and whist drives] for almost £20, followed by a considerable slump during the first two years of World War Two. The rest of the War saw an amazing acceleration however. Each year the number of events rose, reaching seventy nine in 1944-5, of which sixty-five were dances! [It cost 17s.6d or approx. 87p to hire the hall for a dance.!!) Several of the organisers' names will be familiar to older residents: - Webber, Banwell, Francis, Scrivens, Wall, Snelgrove, Durston, Gould, Scotchmer, Vinson ...

After the War this mad social whirl slowed down, though not to pre-war levels, and an interesting mix of users developed: The Social Club (whatever happened to that?), The Youth Club (we know what happened to that!), The Mothers' Union, The Young Farmers, The Young Conservatives (same people?), Toc H, The British Legion, Parent Teachers Association, two Women's Institute Groups. Where are they all now? There were regular contributions from Bleadon sports in respect of the skittle alley, which then stood behind the Hall, and I noted that in 1955 there were several band practices booked by a certain Mr. Nipper.

Meanwhile back in 1940, the Parish Room had become the Coronation Hall, and in 1951 a car park committee began holding fund-raising events. Presumably these were successful, for the next year's accounts are headed Coronation Hall and Car park. This title only lasted until October 1956, when the Coronation Hall Committee was created.

The records in the book run until 1975, a long period of steady growth in use and revenue

but still preceding the major alterations that followed the Silver Jubilee, when the skittle alley was demolished, the kitchen extended, the stage moved to its present position from the opposite end and the entrance off Coronation Road closed to be replaced by an entrance from the car park.

The list of regular users then was much shorter than the present one and only two of the users are on both lists. The Friendship Club started in 1969, being followed by the Horticultural Society in 1974.

The contrast between 1936 and 2002 is enormous. There are now seventeen groups regularly using the Halls, with over sixty sessions per month for most of the year. We should not look down on our predecessors however. They were the ones who early in the last century laid the foundation on which later generations have built.

Les Masters.

Editor's footnote

"I should be pleased to hear from any readers who remember the early days and the events which went on in the Coronation Hall. Also if you have any photos these would be of great interest to me and would be treated most carefully."

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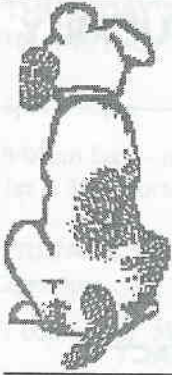
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7-9pm**	EXERCISE TO MUSIC	Marie Keele 750997
7:30pm 1st Monday	BRITISH SUGARCRAFT GUILD W-S-M BRANCH	Mrs C Peters 843754
7:30pm 2nd Monday	PARISH COUNCIL	Mr Bruce Poole 01278 787555
TUESDAY'S		
10am-12 noon 2nd Tuesday	BLEADON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB	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*	
6pm-7pm	WEIGHT WATCHERS	Mrs D Neale 416803
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
7:30pm	BLEADON PLAYERS/REHEARSALS	Mrs S Kelly 645135

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 28th Sept 7.30 pm	Harvest Supper	Bleadon Church Friends
11th & 12th Oct	Performance	Bleadon Players
Monday 10th Oct 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	
Saturday 2nd Nov 10 am - 2 pm	Town & Country Fayre	Penny Skelley 815331
Monday 11th Nov 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	
Saturday 16th Nov 10am - noon	Coffee Morning	Bleadon Friendship Group

Saturday 23rd Nov 7.30 pm	Quiz in aid of CLIC	Pat Dain 812959
Saturday 7th Dec 10 am - noon	Christmas Fayre	Coronation Hall Mrs J Jones 812370
Monday 9th Dec 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	
Saturday 14th Dec	Christingle Party	Bleadon Church Friends
Monday 13th Jan 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	
23rd, 24th & 25th Jan 7.30 pm & matinee Sat.	Pantomime	Bleadon Players
Sat. ? February (tbc) 9am - 1 pm	"Bleadon Village Market' a monthly indoor market offering a variety of stalls, hopefully: produce, plants, antiques, bric-a-brac, gifts, crafts, cakes, coffee and tea ... prospective stall holders contact:	Coronation Hall Mrs J Jones 812370

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1ST BLEADON SCOUTS GROUP



The 1st Bleadon Scouts Group caters for young people between the ages of 6 (Cub Scouts) and 14 (Scouts) and has been running in the village for 20 years.

There is never any shortage of young people wanting to join our numbers but we are always in need of adults prepared to go in to uniform and take up leadership positions within the group.

The Group has vacancies in both the Scout and Cub Scout sections which need to be filled if the future of Scouting in the village is to be secured.

All leaders will receive training at no cost to themselves, provided by the Scout Association and the Group, to help them in their roles.

If you want the opportunity to take on a rewarding and fulfilling role on the community please contact either: **Stevie Rhodes** - Cub Scout Leader - on **(01934) 813497** or **Barrie Taylor** - District Commissioner - on **(01934) 862080** For further information or just to chat about the positions

WORDSEARCH

Look at the grid and find the 14 words associated with this years celebrations and The Royal Family.

The words words to search for are shown below and they may run vertically, horizontally or diagonally.

- JUBILEE ✓
- GOLDEN ✓
- CROWN JEWELS ✓
- PALACE ✓
- WINDSOR ✓
- ELIZABETH ✓
- QUEEN ✓
- ROYAL ✓
- ORB ✓
- SCEPTRE ✓
- PHILIP ✓
- CORONATION ✓
- PRINCE ✓
- REIGN ✓



BLEADON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Both visits this summer were blessed with good weather. In June we enjoyed the peace and tranquility of Sally Gregson's garden in Wookey, then Hestercombe Gardens were a blaze of colour and interest in July.

The 29th Summer Flower Show was held on Saturday September 7th and again the weather was kind to us with only a few showers while we were setting up. Not since 1985 has there been a bigger show. The 40 adult and children's exhibitions between them staged 321 exhibits of the highest quality. The Hall, in this year of the Queen's Jubilee, was a riot of colour from the superb



summer flowers and floral decorations, while the huge vegetables, the mouth watering homecrafts and the children's classes added to the atmosphere. Records were broken for the number of villagers and visitors who marveled at the quality of the exhibits in all departments.

Cup and Trophy winners.

Both Steve Hartree and Colin King won three cups and shared a fourth, while Reg Davis won two cups. Penny Skelley, Amanda Du-Rose and Joyce Tomsley were successful trophy winners in the floral exhibit classes. In the Junior section, Yasmin Hanse won two cups while Laura Nemeth and Jenny Robson were successful in their respective age groups.

The Next Meeting on **Tuesday October 15th** will take the form of a quiz against near neighbours Crook Peak Gardening Club. It will be in the Coronation Hall at 7-30pm and is open to anyone who wishes to come along. On this occasion entrance is FREE!

On **Tuesday November 19th** we have an illustrated talk from Tony Titchen entitled 'Flowers around the Mediterranean'.

Tuesday December 17th will see our Beetle Drive and will incorporate an American style supper. More details will be given during meetings.

Our meetings are open to anyone from anywhere and the object is to enjoy each others company as well as to learn just a tiny bit more about the nation's favourite occupation - GARDENING!

Chris Cudlipp

EPITAPH IN BRAMFIELD CHURCH...

Here betwain the remains of her brother Edward and her husband Arthur lies the body of Bridgett Applethwaite once Bridgett Nelson. After the fatigues of a married life borne by her with an incredible patience for four years and three quarters bating three weeks, and after the enjoyment of the Glorious Freedom of an early and unblemished widowhood for four years and upwards she resolved to run the risks of a second



marriage bed but death forbad the banns- and having with apoplectic dart [the same instrument with which he had formerly despatched her mother]touched the most vital part of her brain ; She must have fallen directly to the ground [as one thundersdtrook] if she had not been caught and supported by her intended Husband. Of which invisible bruise after a struggle for above sixty hours with that Grand enemy to life [but certain and merciful friend to Helpless Old Age] in terrible convulsions and Plaintive Groans an Stupefying sleep without recovery of her spee chor senses she died on the 12th day of September in the year of our Lord 1737and of her own age 44.

Behold I come as a thief Rev. Dh. 16 V. 15

*But Oh thou source of pious care
Strict Judge without regard
grant that we go hence unawares
we go not unprepared*

Herelies the body of Arthur Applethwaite- second son of Henry Applethwaite of Huntersfield in the County. Gent.[who was favourite and bailiff to Henry Heveningham Henry Heron and John Bence decd. and remains so to Alexander Bence and George Dashwoodall Esquires and successively owners of the Heveningham Hall Estate] who died on the 9th. day of September 1733 and the 39th. year of his age. He married Bridgett the eldest daughter and at length sole heiress of Lambert Nelson late of this parish Gent. by whom he had no issue. and to whom [having by his fathers instigation made no will] he left no legacy but a Chancery suit with his eldest brother for her own paternal estate in this town and Blyford

The Editor thanks Bill and Sheila Ardley for the above Epitaph—they think it is probably the longest one ever!

The stonemason must have had a great deal of patience!!

ITS ONLY WORDS

ROGER. You've all heard it used and not just a wife calling to her husband as Mrs Moore might call to Mr Moore when he came home from a hard days James Bonding.

Watch any of the Battle of Britain movies and you will hear it used time and time again. 'Roger, red leader', 'Roger, over and out' spoken in that calm, clipped, correct, middle English accent film makers fondly believed all RAF chaps spoke. Not true I tell you. During National Service in the fifties I served the RAF in a fighter control operations room and spoke directly to pilots in flight. Believe me very few spoke in that accent and those that did put the voice on for flying use only being old romantics who now watch 'Angels One Five' every week religiously. They were the chaps who still called themselves chaps, flew in 'kites', spoke of 'wizard prangs' with nostalgia, and peppered their conversation with 'rogers.' Bless 'em all I say, shall we ever see their like again?

So what or who was Roger? Why did we use his name in place of OK because that was the sense in which we used it? I turned to the OED for enlightenment but passed hurriedly over the first explanation. When we said 'roger' to a pilot or he said it back we were not talking of ... well you know what! No way, not decent RAF chaps, I mean - come on now. The second meaning was more acceptable: '*your message received and understood*'. And the third right to the point: '*I agree*' (*man's Christian name Roger used in signalling code for letter R*).

There we have it, Roger stands for R. In using synonyms and acronyms to speed up our ground to air messages we substituted Roger for R. Simple logic and the simple explanations are always the best. Hold on though - I wonder why? Why not just say 'r'? Maybe, and this is just a personal view - maybe because those flying chaps seldom spoke in a warm West Country accent. '*R me dearie oi be agoin' off now*' does not have the military snap and appeal of '*roger over and out*'

Then again r for roger is also r for right – right? And the reply '*your message received and understood*' could be simply put as '*right*' in the sense of 'correct'. All correct maybe, which takes us back to our old friend OK! (Gotcha also comes to mind but stays there. RAF chaps did not say 'gotcha', would not say 'gotcha' even under torture).

So Roger is R and R is also right and all is right as right can be. Roger over and out!

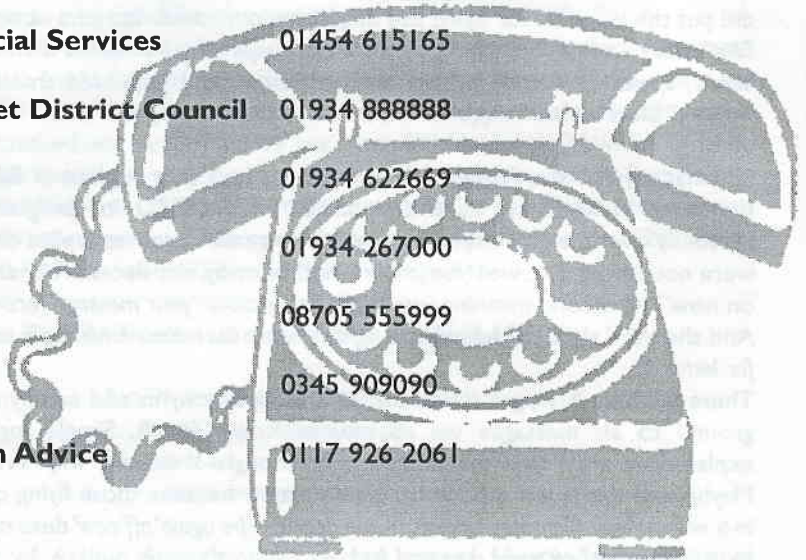
PS: I have often wondered in my artless way what would have happened had I told a spitfire to turn sharp roger?

And who was Roger Over?

JVF.

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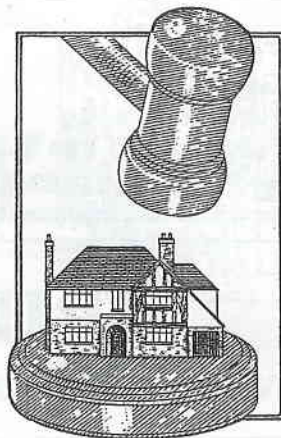
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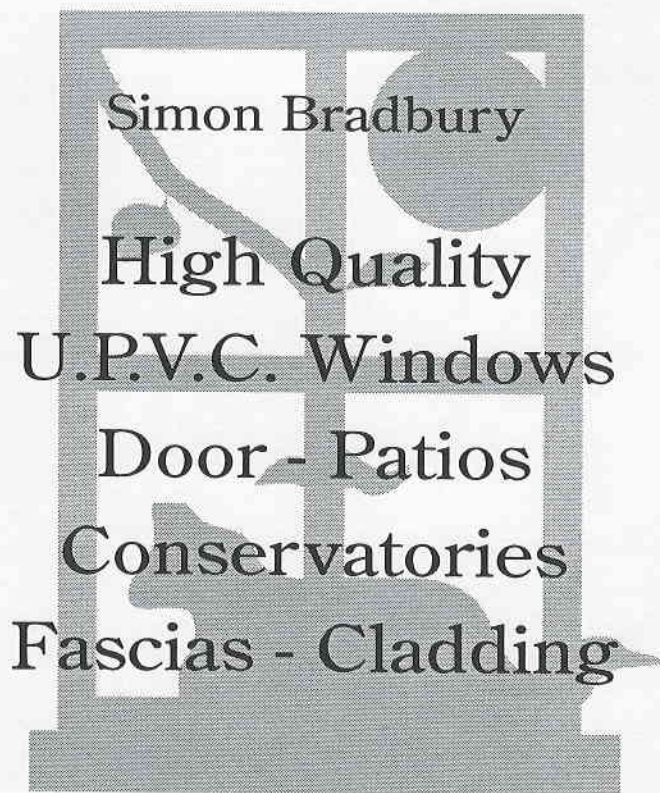


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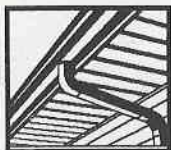
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