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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.

**The Parish Council would like to welcome Justin Harvey-Bennett who has been co-opted to fill the casual vacancy. This means that we are up to full strength again.**

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 Friday 7th March 2003**

I should like to thank all those of you who help with the distribution of the magazine, and I do hope that I can count on your future support. If there are any others out there who would like to help with deliveries, please let me know. (Tel. 814142). Our aim is to provide a copy free to every household in the Village, if you don't get one delivered to your door, then there are usually some spares available from the Post Office.

**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!**

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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My third report, the last for the year, comes at the end of a year to remember in the village. We celebrated the Golden Jubilee in style, we welcomed a new face in the Post Office, and enjoyed many varied events in the Hall, all in the heart of our village. The Council will contribute towards the renewal of the roof of the Coronation Hall in the New Year. The Hall, with its interesting history, is always in great demand, and the people of our rural community not only support the Clubs, Societies and Classes, but also give generously towards its upkeep.

All new laws, for example Code of Conduct, Freedom of Information and the Local Plan Policy, are continually studied by the Council; our immediate view is yours too. More "General Purpose" work is promised to the village in January 2003 by the North Somerset Council. Further building in the village has been largely forestalled for the moment, but we will hopefully not suffer from the NIMBY effect.

This year, we have co-opted two new colleagues to our Council and we are always looking for community spirited people to join our forward thinking and happy team, or simply to attend our monthly meeting.

I thank you for your support and wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas season and a prosperous New Year.

*Penny Skelley Chairman - Parish Council*

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## ADVERTISING IN THE VILLAGE NEWS

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These are the current advertising tariffs for our Village News Magazine:

<b>FULL PAGE</b>	<b>£40</b>	<b>HALF PAGE</b>	<b>£25</b>
<b>THIRD of PAGE</b>	<b>£20</b>	<b>QUARTER PAGE</b>	<b>£15</b>

This is an annual fee and covers the cost of advertising in all of the four issues. We aim to publish the Magazine in June, September, December and March. For further information contact Penny on 814142.

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

## COFFEE MORNING!

The Church flower ladies are having a coffee morning in the Church Rooms on Wednesday 15th January at 10.30am.

Tickets £1 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.  
There will be a cake stall and a Bring and Buy.

**DO COME!**

Contact Sheila Ardley on 813591.



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## FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

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Currently North Somerset Council is in the middle of its initial public consultation on the new Local Plan, coupled with the Weston Visioning Exercise which looks at the next 20 years for Weston-super-Mare and the neighbouring villages. That means You! The Local Plan will determine where new houses may be built and what land is allocated for other kinds of development over the next 10 years. For Bleadon, the vulnerable areas must be land within the existing village boundary



(in-filling), and land on the edge of the village, as well as brownfield sites off the A370 around the Anchor Inn. Bleadon residents may also share the concerns of neighbouring villages like Hutton and Uphill and the need to promote local employment rather than residential development, which will serve to further clog up our roads into and around Weston-super-Mare. Other issues include ideas of a new motorway junction at Knightcott. Good or bad? Will it bring more traffic through Hutton and Bleadon to escape passing through Weston, or would it be a benefit? Do you believe part of Weston Airfield should be kept as a "green heart" and does that really mean open space or a future football stadium?

If you like Bleadon the way it is, you need to visit the Planning Department in Oxford Street, any Library or Area Housing Office, or the Council website [www.n-somerset.gov.uk](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk), and study the plans and drawings depicted in the Local Plan and Weston Visioning documents. There should be comments forms available but alternatively you can write or e-mail in your comments and objections. Address your letters to - Planning & Transport Policy North Somerset Council PO Box 141 Somerset House Oxford Street Weston-super-Mare BS23 1TG. E-mail: [Localplan@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Localplan@n-somerset.gov.uk) Let us know too, so that we can properly represent your views.

Until and unless you tell us differently, we will be taking the following line - no residential development on Weston Airfield or outside the Bleadon village boundary and employment creation to continue to be the overriding priority (Jobs not Houses!) We think these are the minimum requirements for Bleadon to remain as a self-contained settlement and to avoid the risk of "development creep".

But we can't do it on our own. You need to write in with your views too, so take the time now and it might save a lot of heartache later on. Please don't leave it to someone else because Mr. Nobody never writes!

***Cllrs. Elfan ap Rees 824758  
& Ian Peddlesden 812015***

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# CORONATION HALL - GREAT NEWS!

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Thanks to financial help from North Somerset Council and Bleadon Parish Council we hope to start work on replacing the old roof of the Coronation Hall in late January. This should secure the future of our most valued village asset for many years to come. No more leaking roofs and threat of collapse!

Our two local District councillors, Ian Peddlesden and Elfan ApRees were able to win the support of the South Area Committee at North Somerset to get us a £5528 Community Grant towards the roofing cost. Without this enthusiastic support from our two councillors it is unlikely that we could have undertaken the full schedule of remedial work.

With the addition of financial help from the Parish Council we have been able to give the go-ahead for local roofing contractor Holyday & Son to begin work in January. Replacing the existing galvanised steel and flat felted roofs is estimated to cost £12,278.00.

## **For our money we will get:**

- a new pitched Plasticol coated profiled steel roof. Coloured dark brown to match more sympathetically with the adjacent Jubilee Room
- tiled roof new bitumised felt flat roofs on both sides of the main hall
- new felted flat roof over the lobby and store rooms
- rigid insulation throughout all new roof areas - this should reduce heat loss and sound transfer

It is expected that the work will take three to four weeks to complete. Naturally, the weather will have a bearing on this. Work must be completed before the middle of March if we are to secure the North Somerset funding. It is hoped that disruption to hall activities will be kept to a minimum. However, we ask all hall users to bear with us while the work takes place. It will be well worth it!

## **Other good news**

The newly fitted kitchen in the Jubilee Room is now completed. A very good job Mr Newman made of it too. The new fluorescent lighting in the main hall is a great improvement. We hope to replace the ancient side-wall lights with new dimmable downlighters and ceilings in the near future.

**Len Chamberlain**  
Chairman

# BLEADON LADIES CLUB



The Committee of the Ladies Club would like to wish all members and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Start the New Year right if you are not already a member, by joining us, you will make new friends and enjoy our many interesting talks. This year our Christmas Lunch for members and friends is at Beachlands Hotel and afterwards at Coronation Hall, where we will be entertained by Mr Chris Rainbow, Guitarist playing Carols and Christmas Songs. So why not make 2003 the year to come and join the Bleadon Ladies Club. Everyone is always very welcome.

**Our programme for the next few Months is as follows:**

## **JANUARY 14th 2003**

An illustrated talk on Bristol Channel Steamers

*By Mr Nigel Coombes*

## **FEBRUARY 11th - SOURCE TO TAP**

A talk about Bristol Water

*by Mrs S Sandy*

## **MARCH 11th - LIFEBOATS**

A talk by Mr Peter Holden

**We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 2.30 p.m. So come along and see what we have to offer. For any more information call Barbara on 814362**

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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### IT'S GETTING DARK OUT THERE!

It's that time of year again, the nights are drawing in and winter is almost upon us. It's also the time when burglars and opportunist thieves start to note which houses have no lights on, indicating that the house is unoccupied. Can I ask you to bear this in mind when you go out in the evenings or come home from work after its gone dark?

### Remember 'show that you are in when you are out'.

Times switches which automatically turn on lights in different rooms at different times are of great benefit in the deterrence of crime. These are available from the 'Crime Reduction Unit', at Weston Police Station or may be purchased from most good DIY outlets.

It's also a good idea to connect a radio tuned to a talking station to a timer, again to give the impression that someone is at home.

Keep that garden shed locked too, electrical tools are valuable and may be stolen, but ordinary garden implements also make good housebreaking tools.

*This advice and more like it comes courtesy of the Neighbourhood Watch.*

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## HAVE FUN AND HELP THE HALL

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Probably not everyone would bother to read a lengthy newspaper article about Village Halls, but when you are secretary of such an institution you naturally take a closer interest. Thus it was that I read of a Hall in the New Forest which includes quizzes among its fund-raising activities and immediately thought, "Obvious! Why aren't we doing that?" As a result, we are now doing it, three times so far. The profit is nearly £180 and the enjoyment factor is high, but we are sure we can do much better if only more people are aware of the events and therefore come along.

Firstly we aim to hold them on the Fourth Thursday of each month, but (a) we are leaving out December as that happens to be Boxing Day and (b) in January we have to accommodate the Pantomime so we are using the fifth Thursday. - **NEXT QUIZ 30th JANUARY!**

Secondly, we want to make it an enjoyable but inexpensive evening so there is a bar, and the cost of entry is only £1.00p.

Thirdly, there is no need to organise a full team (max.6). We want people to be able to turn up on their own or in twos and threes, forming teams with others once they arrive. This is already happening, but there is scope for far more.

Do yourselves and your Village Hall a favour. I am sure you won't regret it.

**Les Masters**



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# THE CHURCH OF ST PETER & ST PAUL

BLEADON, WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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WE THREE KINGS and all that. We begin the New Year with an EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE at 10.15am on Sunday 5th January. It will have our usual FAMILY SERVICE format and there will be refreshments in Church following the Service.

Preachers on Sunday 12th January will be the Rev'd Nick Williams, Vicar of St. Peter's, Milton and Rural Dean of Locking (10.15am) and the Rev'd Bernard Stevenson, Rector of Hutton (6.30pm).

CANDLEMAS will be celebrated on Sunday 2nd February, in particular at the 10.15am FAMILY SERVICE, when we remember how Jesus, as a baby was taken to the Temple at Jerusalem. There will be a candle ceremony during the Service, and refreshments afterwards.

The 1st Sunday of MARCH (2nd) will also have a FAMILY SERVICE at 10.15am as we prepare for LENT. The month will conclude with a MOTHERING SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE at 10.15am on the 30th.

OUR CHURCH CHOIR, augmented for the occasion, will lead a special PASSIONTIDE SERVICE at 6.30pm on Sunday 6th APRIL. This is always a special musical and devotional occasion as we approach the end of Lent and await the Easter celebrations.

All other Services are as usual and are listed in detail in the Church Magazine, available in Church or from Bleadon Post Office.

*Very best wishes to all for the New Year.*

*David Parkinson - Rector Tel: 812297*

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## CHURCH JUMBLE SALE – MARCH 23rd 2003.

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I shall soon be needing jumble for the above sale and will be happy to collect items from you after Christmas. This has proved to be a very good way of raising money in the last few years and every penny is spent on keeping our beautiful Church open and in good repair. Last year's effort has gone towards the re-building of one of the windows.

Anything saleable is of use: bric-a-brac, household and kitchen items, clothes, toys, books, garden tools etc. The very best will be made of your donations as the best goes forward to the May Fayre. This is a very painless way of supporting such a worthy cause.

Please ring Sandra Lowton on WSM 413034 for collection.

### MMMMM!

At the back of the cupboard you find a tin of apricots, the remnants of a jar of chutney (Best before Feb 2002), some very old prunes, tin of condensed milk, three cloves, two cubes of orange jelly and three-quarters of a bottle of Chilean Red from last Christmas.

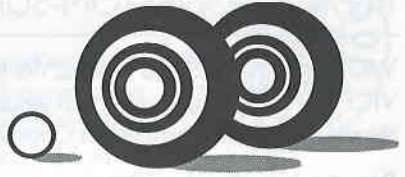
Anyone for mulled wine?

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## BLEADON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

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The club opened its 14th year of operation on Friday 27th September. Strangely this reminds me of Pat Dam's tales of her short mat bowling experiences with us, which most of you will have read in previous issues of this magazine. It now occurs to me that her problems relate perhaps to her joining us in our 13th year - sorry Pat!



We have vacancies for a few new members this year. The club has everything you may need including an adequate range of bowl sizes. All you are required to supply are your shoes, which must be completely flat-bottomed without heels or any tread pattern. You could start with flat bottomed slippers and, if you like the game, graduate to proper bowling shoes. Our bowling season starts at the end of September and finishes at the end of May each year and we meet three times a week on Sunday afternoons, Friday evenings and Tuesday afternoons. On the second Tuesday of each month we meet in the morning instead of the afternoon.. Apart from short mat bowling, we are a very sociable club and do indulge ourselves, as a club, in various other social activities- particularly during our non-bowling season in the summer months.

April this year saw us taking our usual Spring club bowling holiday. For a change we went to the Trouville Hotel in Sandown., Isle of Wight, for a five day break. This was well enjoyed by all those who attended and the hotel proved to be excellent with good food and superb short mat bowling facilities. The hotel was situated right on the promenade and, with the exception of single rooms, all our rooms enjoyed a direct outlook to the beach and sea. For 2003 we shall once again have our Spring break in Torquay.

We plan to hold our annual buffet supper, followed by bowling, on 3rd January 2003. Please make a note of this date in your diaries.

For anyone wishing to join us (and a few of us who haven't quite got the memories we once had) our meeting times are as follows :

<b>Sundays</b>	2.30pm (social bowling from 3.15pm on league match days)
<b>Tuesdays</b>	2.30pm (except 2nd Tuesday in month) 10.00am - 2nd Tuesday in the month
<b>Fridays</b>	7.00pm

If anyone requires further information please contact any of the following or just turn up at any one of our meeting times in the Coronation Hall.

**John or Doreen Ward Tel:812136**  
**Arthur Greaves Tel:813362**



Are you aged 11-19?

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## **Bleadon Youth Club**

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7.15 - 9.45pm

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## BRIDGES

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It is true to say that we here in Bleadon have had more than our fair share of 'bridge trouble' during the past 18 months or so – but now that the repairs and replacements are finished we can sit back and reflect on their history rather than worry about the additional traffic that their closures have brought to the village.

I was interested to read in a local paper the other day that Isambard Kingdom Brunel lived in Weston for a short time while constructing the Bristol to Exeter railway in 1841. Even then local politics held sway and he was prevented from following his favoured route through the middle of the town, with a bridge over the Axe at Uphill. Instead he and his navvies had to blast a way through Bleadon Hill, - still known to this day as 'The Cutting' - in order to construct the railway on the outskirts of Weston. Spanning this, Brunel built 'Devil's Bridge', and I have it on good authority that it is the largest, single span, brick built, elliptical bridge in the world!!

I don't know what you all think but the recent disruption to the local traffic seems a small price to pay, to preserve and strengthen such an important piece of local history.

**Penny Robinson**

..... {thanks to John Crockford-Hawley for the historical notes.}

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## BLEADON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At the time of writing we are looking forward to our Christmas lunch at the Woodborough Hotel at Winscombe. This will be followed by Christmas music, mince pies and a cup of tea in the Coronation Hall.

There will also be a Christmas raffle and the distribution of Christmas cards. The opening meeting of 2003 will be on 17th January.

New Members are always welcome.

### EVENTS FOR JANUARY ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

- 17th January **Bring and Share**
- 24th January **Musical Memories - Irvin Berlin. Mr. Terry Merret - Smith**
- 31st January **Formidable Ladies - Rev. Sharon Constable**

**A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all members ..... see you in 2003!**  
**Margaret Cullen**

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# Christmas Carollers.

There at the crossroads we would meet  
With lantern and with carolsheet  
To shuffle down the village street  
And hark the herald angels sing

O Holy Night, the voices strong  
Raised in praising Christmas Song.  
Above our heads the bells ding dong  
Merrily on high would ring

Warmly clad and strongly shod  
Along the pavement singing trod  
Announcing loud the son of God  
Jesus Christ is born today

In the lanterns flickering light  
Voices clear and voices bright  
Singing in the Silent Night  
Of a manger filled with hay

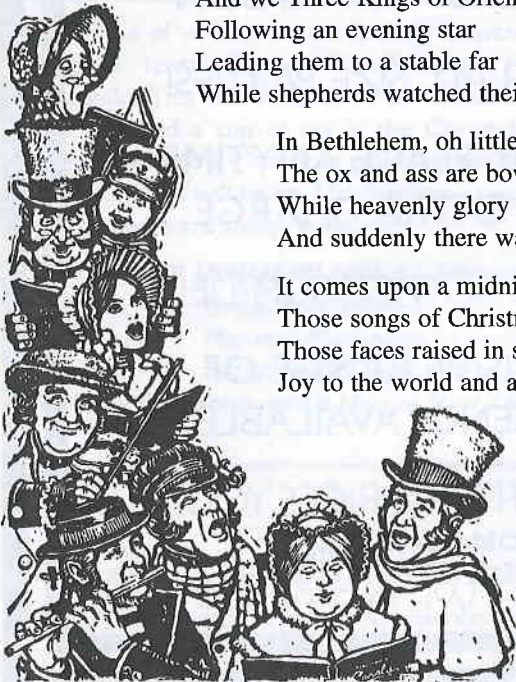
And we Three Kings of Orient are  
Following an evening star  
Leading them to a stable far  
While shepherds watched their flocks by night

In Bethlehem, oh little Town  
The ox and ass are bowing down  
While heavenly glory shone around  
And suddenly there was great light.

It comes upon a midnight clear  
Those songs of Christmas still I hear  
Those faces raised in song and prayer  
Joy to the world and all about

Ghosts of Christmas long since past  
Memories that lingering last  
So much living now has passed  
Since Good King Wenceslas looked out

Come all ye faithful once again  
In Dulce jubilo and then  
The First Noel and so amen  
God Rest You Merry Gentlemen



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## VILLAGE PLANT-UP DAY

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Saturday October 12th was sunny, and this made sorting out the plants and then filling the tubs around the Village quite an enjoyable experience. My thanks to the stalwarts who came to help on that morning, without the regular volunteers, where would we be!

I hope that those residents who have tubs of pansies outside their homes will help by perhaps looking after them during the winter months, ... dead-heading prolongs the flowering period! In the spring we hope to see a mass of Tete-a-Tete daffodils

pushing their way through thus ensuring a colourful start to the season.

The Parish council would like to take this opportunity to thank Sanders Gardenworld for their continuing help with this Village project.

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## THE STOCK MARKET REPORT

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Helium was up, feathers were down, paper was stationary.

Fluorescent tubing was dimmed in light trading.

Knives were up sharply.

Cows steered into a bull market.

Pencils lost a few points.

Hiking equipment was trailing.

Elevators rose, while escalators continued a slow decline.

Weights were up in heavy trading.

Light switches were off.

Mining equipment hit rock bottom.

Diapers remained unchanged.

Shipping lines stayed on even keel.

The market for raisins dried up.

Coca-cola fizzled.

Caterpillar stock inched up a bit.

Sun peaked at mid-day.

Balloon prices were inflated.

Andrex tissue touched a new bottom.

And batteries exploded in an attempt to recharge the market.

*Found on the internet.*

# A LIST OF ORGANISATIONS WHICH REGULARLY USE THE CORONATION HALL



## MONDAY'S

	BLEADON BRIDGE CLUB	CONTACT
2pm-5pm		Mr D Munden 812772
7-9pm**	EXERCISE CLASS	Miss M Bridgman 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
2.30pm-4.30pm 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



5.30-6.30	BLEADON BEAVERS**	Paul Morris 751083 Jane Steel 629903
7:30pm	BLEADON PLAYERS/REHEARSALS	Mrs S Kelly 645135
<b>THURSDAY'S</b>		
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
<b>FRIDAY'S</b>		
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
<b>SUNDAY'S</b>		
2.30pm Sept - May	SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB	Mr J Ward 812136

\*\* 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!**

<b>Monday 13th January</b>	Parish Council Meeting	
7.30 pm		
<b>24th,25th January</b>	Pantomime!	Bleadon Players
7.30 pm & matinee Sat.		
<b>Thurs. 30th January</b>	Coronation Quiz	Les Masters 811976
7.30 pm		
<b>Sat 1st February</b>	Silent Auction	Bleadon Cubs
7.30 pm		
<b>Mon 10th February</b>	Parish Council Meeting	
7.30 pm		

**Sat 15th February**

9am-1pm

Meet your friends and have a coffee at the: "Bleadon Village Market" a monthly indoor market offering a variety of stalls, hopefully: produce, plants, antiques, bric-a-brac, gifts, crafts, cakes, refreshments.....Have you got something to sell? Yes YOU can have a stall, contact:

Mrs J Jones 812370

**Thurs 27th February**

7.30 pm

Coronation Quiz

Les Masters 811976

**Mon 10th March**

7.30 pm

Parish Council Meeting

**Sat 15th March**

2-5 pm

Spring Flower Show

Horticultural Society

**Sat 22nd March**

9 am-1 pm

Bleadon Village Market

Mrs J Jones 812370

**Sat 27th March**

Coronation Quiz

Les Masters 811976



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# WEATHER NOTES FROM BLEADON HILL

The following figures for the rainfall (including a tiny bit of melted snow and the very occasional hail storm early in the New Year), have been obtained from the rain gauge situated in my back garden here in Totterdown Lane.

The last two months have been exceptionally wet as you can see – but you didn't really need me to tell you that!

A 'dry day' is one where less than 0.2mm of rain etc. is recorded in a 24hr period (I usually record the rain at about 8-00am and 8-00pm).

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
average dry days 1981 to 2001	13	14	14	15	17	18	19	17	15	13	12

dry days 2002	9	5	18	18	10	14	17	20	25	13	4
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Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
average rain etc. 1981 to 2001	95.4	64.1	72.4	68.4	66.0	65.8	60.4	82.8	92.9	111.6	93.9

rain at Bleadon Hill 2002	113.6	116.9	61.5	58.1	102.8	81.1	83.7	58.9	55.5	162.8	171.0
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Figures quoted are in millimetres where 25.4 mm = 1 inch.

For the second year running there are loads of summer flowers still blooming in November. Should we knock this global warming?

So far this year we have had 1065.9mm or 41.9ins. of recorded rainfall etc. – so with one month to go it appears that we could be heading for yet another record as the average yearly figure is 976.9mm or 38.5ins.

A total figure will be available in the spring issue of the Magazine.

*Chris Cudlipp*

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## SUNDAY CLUB FOR CHILDREN

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How could a night out on the town lead to talk of establishing a Sunday Club in Bleadon?

Easily enough: a group of six mothers (whose friendship began at Bleadon Toddlers five years ago), lights, music ... During the course of the evening the conversation turned to our children (as it inevitably does) and how difficult it is for them to meet up as a group these days. We used to do it all the time, but they rarely see each other now that they go to three different schools.



We decided that the village needed a place for children to carry on meeting when they get too old for Toddlers, so that established friendships need not fade away and where they can meet other children who live in the village but who they never come into contact with. Since the Church is at the heart of the village, that seemed a good place to start. The next morning two of us were still enthusiastic about the idea, so we arranged to meet David Parkinson and get the ball rolling.

That's the story so far. We are just beginning to discuss the possibility seriously, so we need to know if others feel the same and would be interested in participating in any way: offering comments and suggestions, sending their children along or even helping. Our idea is to have an informal and friendly Club where children will have a lot of fun. We should have further details available after the Christingle service on 15 th December, where we hope to get input from anyone who is interested in any way. Please feel free to contact us before that time should you feel the urge!

**Chris Bevan (813279)**  
**Tracey Harrington (814123)**

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## MEA CULPA (BUT NOT MAXIMA)

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Why do women always have to go one better than men? In a recent issue I drew attention to the Queen's Arms skittles team (male) containing three generations of the Nipper family. No sooner had this hit the local doormats than I had a telephone call from Sandra Day, informing me with typical up-womanship that the Wreckateers team (female) also based at the Queen's, includes Kate Webber, her mother Jan, and - (here comes the clincher) - BOTH her grandmothers!

Perhaps all these interesting facts should be added to the many already present on our Bleadon Website (Bob McKay take note)!

**Les Masters.**

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## 20th WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE



I would like to thank everyone in the village who has donated money and helped Rebecca Boyce and myself to reach Thailand for the 20th World Scout Jamboree.

I would like especially to thank Huw Boyce, Steve Rhodes and everyone at the Bleadon Scout Group. Also Graham Rogers, our Rector David Parkinson and Friends of Bleadon Church, Waterhouse Electrical, Jean and Brian Thorne and John Ryde. Without the help of all those mentioned this trip of a lifetime would not have been possible

*Thank you all very much - Amy Burrell*

## CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH

All the words in this puzzle are associated in some way with Christmas. The words may go vertically, horizontally or diagonally and even backwards. To make it a bit harder I am giving you clues to the words, rather than the words themselves.

So all you have to do is solve the clue find the word and highlight it.

**Good luck and a Merry Christmas to you all!**

- what we may give or receive at Christmas
- it may be real or artificial
- pulled with a loud noise
- Christ was laid in one of these
- the Magi followed it
- he comes down the chimney
- Rudolph was one
- large gobbler for the table
- hung around as decorations
- sing these at Christmas
- eat these warmed at any time
- one who visited the shepherds
- prickly plant with berries
- we send them to all our friends and family
- Christ was born here
- kissing plant!
- presents delivered from this air borne transport!
- we all enjoy a get-together like this.

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# BLEADON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

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The autumn/winter programme of talks and events has to date been very well supported. The quiz in October against Crook Peak was enjoyed by all, even though we suffered a narrow defeat! The November meeting on plants from the Mediterranean given by Tony Tichen featured many other aspects of the region mainly centred on Crete. The Social Beetle drive in December looks as though it is a sell-out and so we look forward to 2003.

**Tuesday January 21st** - Helen Johnson from Winscombe will be giving an illustrated talk entitled 'Grass isn't always Green'. She hopes to bring along specimens as well.

**Tuesday February 18th** - 'The Magic of Herbs' is the title of Bett Partridge's talk.

**SATURDAY MARCH 15TH - ANNUAL SPRING SHOW - AT 2-30pm.**

I really feel that Spring is here and Summer is just around the corner when I see the Hall full of colourful flowers and pot plants, handicrafts and mouth-watering home-craft exhibits. At the time of writing there is a possibility that there will be a wool spinning demonstration during the afternoon of the show but no definite arrangements have been made so far. Most of the adult classes are as for previous shows but there are several changes in the junior section. Schedules should be available from the Post Office or Committee members from late January (we hope).

**Tuesday April 15th** - Dr. David Cooke from Bristol will be giving a talk on GM crops. This particular speaker has been recommended to me from other gardening clubs, so don't let the title put you off!

**Tuesday May 20th** - there will be a plant sale and social.

All evening meetings are held in the Coronation Hall at 7-30pm and are open to anyone at £1 per session.

## SUMMER VISITS PROGRAMME.

As we approach the Summer solstice there should be plenty of light to see the delphiniums and begonias at Blackmore and Langdon's Nursery at Pensford on **Tuesday June 17th**. The July date and visit have yet to be arranged - so watch this space!

Thank you to everyone who has supported us though this year -

.....and a Happy Gardening New Year for 2003.

*Chris Cudlipp*

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## POPPY APPEAL 2002

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Believe it or not, good weather is an important factor in the success of a house-to-house collection, and this year we had much more wind and rain than in the corresponding fortnight last year. Nevertheless, our total of £602-20p is our second highest ever and reflects well on everyone involved: the collectors (Clive Morris, Barbara Pugh, Sarah Ripley Pat Slater and Jack Sommerfield), the local pubs, the Post Office, the Church and most importantly of course, the public who gave so generously.

*Les Masters.*

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## NEW YORK MARATHON

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Early August a friend who knows I like exercise and am an occasional runner mentioned to me that the Bristol Cancer Help Centre were looking for people to run the New York Marathon 2002. I laughed at her when she said I should do it. I had run, at the most, about six miles in one go.

I went home, thought about it and after a couple of glasses of red wine on a Friday evening decided that yes, it would be great to do and I'd give it a go.

I spoke to someone from the centre the following week and she filled me in on the trip and training. I was now really excited but also nervous especially when I did a car trip of 26.2 miles to see how far it was. I couldn't imagine running the same distance.

The training was great though it does take a fair amount of willpower to go out for a run 6 times a week. Five of my weekly runs were small (4-5 miles) and then once a week I did a long run, increasing on it every week. My longest in preparation was 25 miles and I felt so pleased with myself when I got home that I phoned about a dozen people just to say "I've done it, I've run 25 miles... non-stop". By the end of my training I was enjoying and looking forward to the long runs far more than the short ones. There is a real sense of achievement in completing a run, of any distance, but the long ones are especially rewarding.

New York was fantastic as was the marathon. I had a running vest with my name on and the whole way round the crowd were shouting for me. I've never experienced anything like it before and can't wait until I do again.

It was hard work but really enjoyable also. My time was 3 hours 59 minutes and 31 seconds which pleased me as my aim was to beat the 4 hour mark. It was close but I did it.

Of course, as well as running it for myself I ran it to raise money. I've managed to raise about £1800 for the Bristol Cancer Help Centre and for that I owe a lot of thanks to the village of Bleadon. Everyone has been very supportive. In particular I'd like to thank Mike Barton who did a couple of the long runs with me (though he was on a bike!). Jon and Lesley at the Post Office and Chris and Anita at the Queens. Both, as well as donating money, have kept sponsorship forms in their premises for me and have helped collect the money in on my return.

Now...for the next one, I plan to do Prague.

**Liz Alderson**

### AN ICEBREAKER

*Christmas joy! ... Granny is not speaking to Deirdrie, and Deirdrie can't think why you invited Richard and Janet; Grandpa is one of his moods, your black sheep nephew is tormenting the twins, your mother-in-law has fallen out with your brother's wife's sister and the television's on the blink.*

*A brainwave!*

*Let's revive the art of conversation!*



## BLEADON BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

It may have been a quiet year with regards the Bleadon Magazine reports, but things have been far from quiet at the Bleadon Baby and Toddler Group. We have a fantastic new craft table mum, Alison Watkins, with Karen Rhysgil helping. So, if your child is particularly interested in gluing sticking and painting, you'll find each week brings a new challenge. We also have the vocal prowess of Chris Bevan organising the end of session songs with much laughter and enthusiasm. In fact it is a particularly happy group at the moment, and we are all looking forward to the mums' Christmas meal to be held at the Queens, and the children's Christmas party, on 18th December. We have songs, games, party food, a puppet show and, most importantly, FATHER CHRISTMAS. I'm sure this year's party will be as magical as previous years. We have one item of sad news. We have recently said goodbye to Linda and Peter Aplin, our acting grandparents and mothers' helpers, as they have moved from the area. Linda and Peter have been helping out for a few years now, and many members old and new would like to thank them for all their help and wish them happiness in their new home. Happily, they have agreed to accept our invitation to the Christmas Party ... hopefully Peter will get there on time this year as he traditionally turns up just after Father Christmas has left...!

Bleadon Baby and Toddler Group meet at the Coronation Hall every Wednesday between 10 and 12 o'clock, with Hilary Teague joining us with her health visitor clinic on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. New members are always welcome.

**Lucy Hale Tel. 815175**



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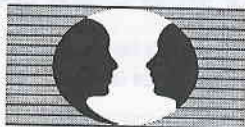
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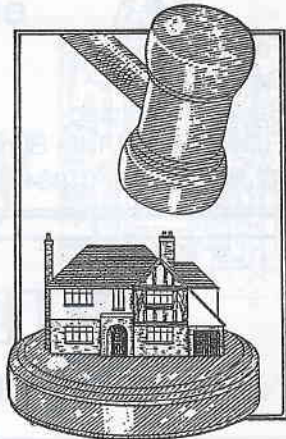
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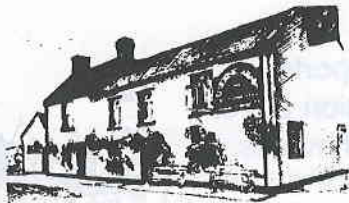


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