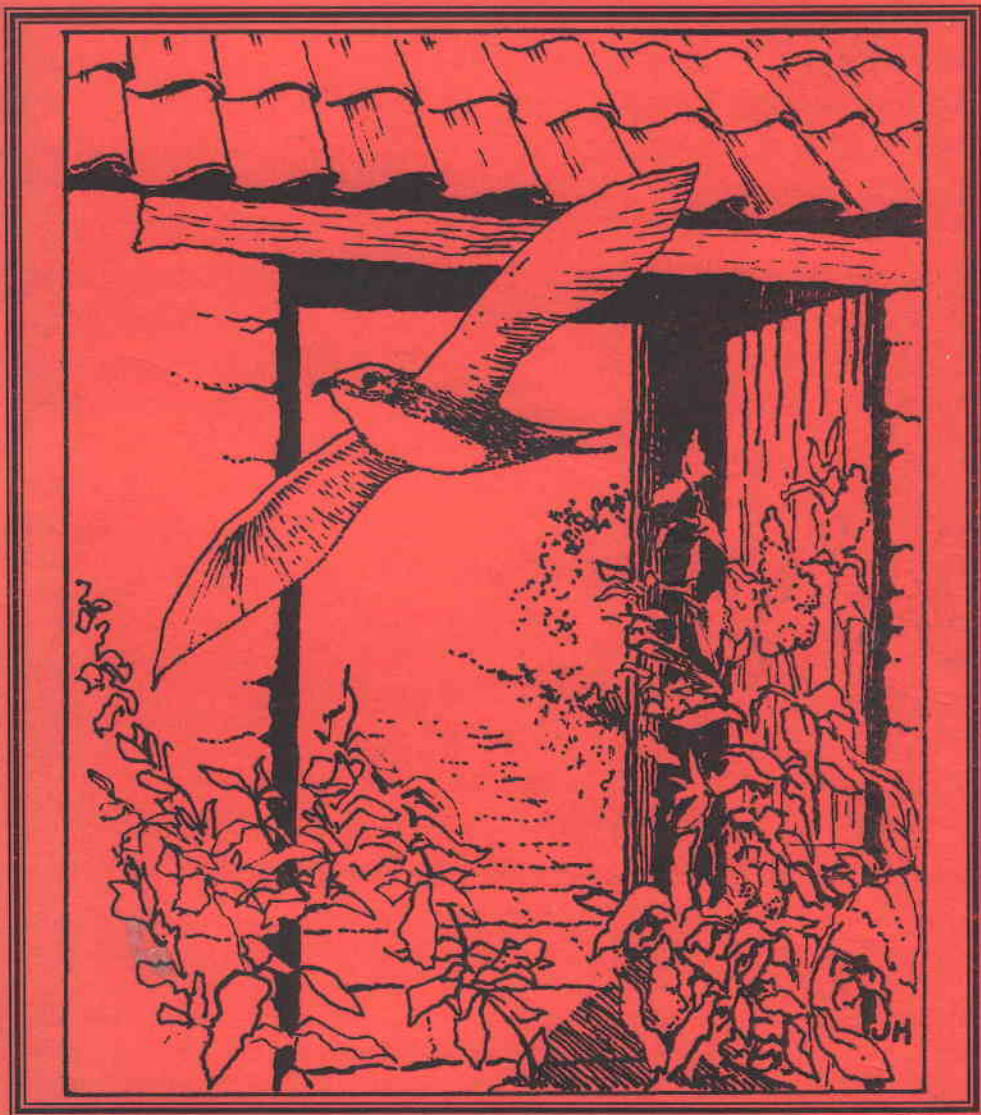
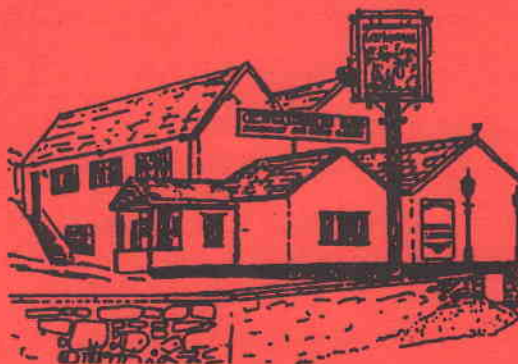


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The Council meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7.30pm, in the Coronation Hall.

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 deadline for the next issue will be Monday 1st December 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!

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL DOG OWNERS FROM JACK THE COLLIE

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DOG TO FOUL THE FOOTPATHS AND OPEN SPACES OF OUR VILLAGE ---- THE RESULTING MESS IS FILTHY AND A SOURCE OF INFECTION. IF THE WORST HAPPENS THEN USE A PLASTIC BAG OR A 'POOP-SCOOP' TO PICK IT UP.

IT HAS COME TO MY NOTICE SOME OWNERS ARE ALLOWING THEIR DOGS TO USE THE CHURCHYARD AND THEN HAVEN'T THE COMMON DECENCY TO PICK UP THE OFFENDING MATERIAL! THIS IS DESECRATION.

OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN PERSONALLY TACKLED ABOUT 'SCOOPING THE POOP' IN PUBLIC PLACES HAVE REFUSED TO DO SO -- DO I HAVE TO NAME AND SHAME?

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP DEMANDS THAT YOU TIDY UP AFTER YOUR DOG IF IT DEFAECATES IN THE WRONG PLACE, ---- AFTER ALL YOU WOULDN'T LEAVE THE MESS IN YOUR OWN LIVING SPACE, SO WHY LEAVE IT IN SOMEONE ELSE'S?



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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



This report is written during the lazy, hazy days of August, when the Parish Council is stood down for the month!

Over the last three months, we have tackled village issues with modest success. As a Council, we were approached over a school placement problem and, after seeking advice from the North Somerset Council, a briefing on the local situation was given by Mrs Sally Varley, Admissions & Student Funding Manager for all local schools in North Somerset. Clearly, this needed to be resolved before the start of the school year.

Traffic speeding through the village remains a constant concern and the Council has decided to ask PC Woolacott to consider us for a "security speeding gun", which would help to deter offenders. One has to say, if only Bleadon hadn't been discovered as a "rat run" during the last two bridge closures!

Our requests for patch work of roads and verge checking by the North Somerset General Purpose Gang are well heeded; a call, with a please and thank you, usually does the trick! Drainage work in Chestnut Lane will start in the Autumn. The due date was July, but completion was postponed following a request from a local resident.

A questionnaire, headed by the North Somerset Council, on a house numbering scheme was delivered throughout the village. Very few responses have been returned and no decision has been taken.

Turning to planning matters, I would like to reassure Parishioners that all planning applications are very carefully considered. When a planning application is rejected by us, but subsequently is approved by North Somerset Council, we vigorously defend our original findings. We have recently taken one Parish Council decision to the "VillageVoice" at North Somerset Council to air our strongly held views - this forum exists for closer communication with North Somerset Council and will be used again when necessary.

The Village Local Plan for the future will help the Parish Council to become designated as a 'quality Council'. We look to the local Press to focus on Bleadon's achievements as well as all of the interesting local events, which make up the fabric of life in our community. The traditional role of serving the community has never been more important than it is today, and we thank you for your help and continuing support in the village.

Penny Skelley, Chairman, Parish Council



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FROM THE RECTOR

Lay Ministry.

Training to be a Church of England reader (lay preacher and leader of worship) is a very demanding exercise, requiring three years part time study before licensing and two years of continuing study afterwards. We are delighted that Mrs. Jillian Smith, who has lived in the Village for many years, has now been accepted for licensing by the Bishop of Bath and Wells. This will take place during a special service, along with candidates from other Parishes, in Wells Cathedral at 2pm on Saturday 4th October. We look forward to Jill's ministry in our Church. Her first sermon following licensing will be during the sung Eucharist on 5th October.

Evensong of all Souls (Commemoration of the Departed)

Our annual service of remembrance of family, friends and villagers who have died will be held at 6-30pm on Sunday 2nd November. I plan to contact the families of those I know to have died during the past year. At the same time you are invited you write to me with names of loved ones who have died at any time so that their names may also be read out during the Service. (names in BLOCK CAPITALS please). We hope that many of you will be able to attend.

Remembrance Sunday.

The annual Remembrance Sunday Service will be at 10-15am on 9th November. It will include traditional hymns, readings and prayers, the two minutes silence at 11-00am, reading of names from our War Memorials and wreath laying. Again we hope that you will attend in order to commemorate those who gave their lives in War.

Looking further ahead.

Sunday 23rd November - 6-30pm - service led by Weston Gospel Male Voice Choir
Sunday 30th November - 6-30pm - Advent Carol Service led by our augmented choir.
Sunday 14th December - 3-30pm - Christingle Service and tea party.
Sunday 21st December - 6-30pm - Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

OPEN CHURCH

We are delighted that villagers and visitors take advantage of the fact that the Church is usually kept open during the day -Monday to Friday 9-5pm (closing earlier on dark days). It s a wonderful place to go in to sit quietly, perhaps say a prayer, admire the ancient architecture and more recent additions, and reflect on this true sign of continuity with Bleadon's past, helped by the list of Rectors, going back to 1297, and the banners made by John Hickley for our Bleadon 700 celebrations in 1997.

We would invite more of you to call in during the week - if only for a few minutes - and take advantage of this great gift from the past which offers hope for the future.

Very best wishes

Yours sincerely,

David Parkinson (Rector) tel. 812297

Visit our website ---- www.bleadonchurch.info

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

With the summer now fading (although you wouldn't have guessed it if you were at the Bleadon flower show on the 6th September), it is time to look back at the first four months of the new District Council and judge what has been achieved in the Parish.

Not a lot you might say, but the wheels of local government do grind 'exceedingly slow' especially when large amalgamated departments such as Leisure/Planning and Environmental Health have to be sorted out.

In Bleadon a couple of thorny issues have arisen during the summer; the first problem has been that caused by the large number of car boot sales in Accommodation Road. It has been pointed out to the Planning department by the Parish Council and North Somerset alike, that the organisers have exceeded their quota of 28 days a year and require planning permission if they are going to continue. As North Somerset has only one enforcement officer and a back-log of cases to deal with, it isn't surprising that this issue hasn't received much, if any consideration.

The second issue deals with the background to the closure of Bleadon Village School back in the 1960s. At that time it appears that undertakings were given that children of Bleadon would be guaranteed places at Uphill School, (the two schools having been merged). This is wrong we're afraid! The Executive Member for Education has made it clear that he doesn't expect his officers to raid the dusty recesses of County Hall, Taunton to find out what was said back then. But sadly promises made (or not as the case may be) in the good old days of Somerset County Council cannot be implemented, in fact modern legislation would make such promises illegal, - equality and all that.

It has been pointed out that since North Somerset took over responsibility for Education, it is now up to the parents in Bleadon (as elsewhere) to get their children's names down for the school of their choice as soon as possible. The track record shows that if this is done within the time scale permitted, then they have a very good chance of attaining their goal.

That's all for now, but remember that we are only a phone call away if you have any problems you think we can help with. You may be surprised what we can do!

Elfan Ap Rees 824758

Ian Peddlesden 812015

BLEADON CHILDREN'S CLUB

We would like to start a club for the children from 0 - 16 from Bleadon Mill, Hill and Village. It will be an opportunity for children who live near each other to meet and have some fun.

We need a team of people to help set up and run this club. Initially it will be a fun club, probably on one or two Sunday Mornings a month (it will not clash with the Sunday Club), but we will hope to run an after school care club sometime next year.

Don't turn away if you haven't got Children!!!!

We want to have plenty for the children to do - there is a wide age range!

If you can add something please get involved - we need people who can: clown, garden, flower arrange, bowl, act, do stage make up, do lighting, play any sport, race snails, race pigeons, paint, catch a ball, walk on or make stilts, strip a car engine and put it back together, cross a road, make a road, make a historic map of our area, take photographs, bake a cake, create a sculpture, build a house, care for animals, do a roly poly, cut hair, make wigs, ride a horse, push a swing, make dresses, sew anything, use a computer, create a computer game, knit, play music, sing, dance, do exercise, jump up and down or pull a funny face!!

Please volunteer and donate a little time!

Contact Kirsten Arnold on 815540

BLEADON CORONATION HALL



As reported in the last issue, the committee is now pursuing funding grants for the projects considered priority at the present time.

These are for a new heating system in the Jubilee Room, and also new flooring, as the existing carpet tiles are showing signs of wear, and are not really suitable for the various activities now taking place.

The induction loop system is now installed in the main Hall and hopefully is of benefit to those hard of hearing.

There have been various comments on the use of the hot water urn and the difficulties encountered when trying to empty it. It is asked why there are no handles fitted in order to make this easier, but as there is a risk when trying to move the urn even when only partially filled with hot water, Health and Safety do not advise this. Some of the smaller groups now find it easier to use the larger capacity electric kettle, recently purchased. However, the Committee is considering all alternatives with the safety of all Hall users in mind.

Len Chamberlain (Chairman)

BLEADON PLAYERS - THE REAL DRAMA



The **Bleadon Players** have kept going throughout the summer with some drama workshops, where we learned what it was like to be a drama student. There have also been some fairly relaxed rehearsals for the autumn production.

BUT that's when the real drama began.

Two of our leading players were unable to make the weekend selected for our play in October. Would the production have to 'fold'?

NO! ---- Thanks to the kind cooperation of the Bleadon Short Mat Bowling Club, we have been allowed to move our play "Easy Virtue" by Noel Coward, to the weekend of Friday 24th /Saturday 25th October.

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Alzheimer's Disease Society: (01934) 514977.

Arthritis Care: (01934) 622808.

Young People With Arthritis: (01934)525037.

Axe District Scouts: Mrs Ann Coombes - (01934) 513699.

Business Link West: (0345) 678100.

Cancer Information Service: (0207) 608 1661 or (01 934) 510230 and (0468) 525525.

Cancer Information and Support Centre: (0117)928 3369.

Carers Centre: 1 Graham Road, W-s-M (01934) 644223. Information and advice for people caring for elderly and disabled relatives at home.

Childline: Freephone (0800) 1111.

Citizens Advice Bureau: Roselawn, Walliscote Grove Road, W-s-M (01934) 621908.

CLIC W-s-M: (01934) 812859.

Community Health Council (Bristol & District): Manulife House, 10 Marlborough Street, Bristol BSI 3NU. Also at Crossroads, Graham Road, W-s-M on Fridays from 9.30am-12.30pm. Ring (0117) 987 3800 out of hours.

Council for Voluntary Services: (01934) 631169.

CRUSE (bereavement help): (01934)628233.

Disability Information Service North Somerset: 3 Manor Court, Locking, W-s-M (01934) 820104.

Disabled Sociability Network: (01934)623752.

Dementia Care Trust: (01934) 522300.

Friends Across North Somerset: The Potteries Community Centre, Langford Road, W-s-M, BS23 3PQ. (01934) 613238. F.A.N.S@ecosse.net

FRIEND (mental health centre): (01934)622292.

Heart, Chest and Stroke Social Club: (01934) 412391.

HIV, AIDS and Sexual Health: (0117) 955 1000.

Horizon Club for the Hard of Hearing: (01934) 629412.

James Macdonald Cancer Trust: (01 934) 510230 or (0468) 525525.

Leukaemia Care Society: (01761) 453703.

Multiple Sclerosis Society (North Somerset and West Mendip Branch): Local information/helpline (01 934) 814499. National helpline: 0808 800 8000.

Myasthenia Gravis Association: (01934) 413371.

North Somerset Gateopener Family Advice and Advocacy Service: (01934) 644452 or 513726.

NSPCC: (0117) 966 4283.

Osteoporosis Group: (01934) 415096 or (01934) 844138.

Rape Helpline: (0117) 935 1707.

Red Cross: (01934) 622844.

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St John Ambulance: (01934)629905.

Samaritans: 137 High Street, W-s-M (01934) 632555. SSAFA

Forces Help: (01934) 644024 (11 am-12noon Wednesdays).

Sunshine Radio: Weston General Hospital - (01934) 619252.

Voluntary Agency: (01934) 410190.

Weston and District Muscular Dystrophy Support Group: (01934)419853.

Weston and District Victim Support: (01934) 638179.

WRVS: (0117) 907 7700.

Woodspring Talking News: (01934)622054.

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LOCAL AUTHORITIES

North Somerset Council: (01934) 888888.

Sedgemoor District Council: (01 278) 435435.

Somerset County Council: (01823) 333451.

HOSPITAL

Weston General Hospital: Switchboard - (01934) 636363.

A LIST OF ORGANISATIONS WHICH REGULARLY USE THE CORONATION HALL



MONDAY'S

2pm-5pm	BLEADON BRIDGE CLUB	CONTACT Mr D Munden 812772
7-9pm**	EXERCISE CLASS	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, Clerk 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	TODDLER GROUP	Amanda Smallwood 01278 760090

1.30**	Yoga Class - NEW	Denise Marsh 750438
5.30-6.30	BLEADON BEAVERS**	Paul Morris 751083 Jane Steel 629903
7:30pm	BLEADON PLAYERS/REHEARSALS	Mrs S Kelly 645135

THURSDAY'S

10am-12 noon	ART: WATERCOLOUR PAINTING	Weston College 01275 810659
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

2.30pm Sept - May	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!

20th September 9 am - 1 pm	VILLAGE MARKET	Jo Jones 812370
27th September 7.30	Harvest Supper	Church Friends
13th October 7.30 pm	Parish Council	
17/18th October	Bleadon Players' Performance	
18th October 9 am - 1 pm	VILLAGE MARKET	Jo Jones 812370
23rd October 7.30 pm	Coronation Quiz	Les Masters 811976

24th & 25th October	Bleadon Players' Performance	
7.30 pm		
10th November	Parish Council	
7.30 pm		
15th November	VILLAGE MARKET	Jo Jones 812370
9 am - 1 pm		
22nd November	Coffee Morning	Friendship Club
10 - noon		
27th November	Coronation Quiz	Les Masters 811976
6th December	CHRISTMAS MARKET	Jo Jones 812370
9 am - 1 pm		
8th December	Parish Council	
7.30 pm		
14th December	Christingle Party	Church Friends

CAN WE DO BETTER THIS YEAR?

As always, the end of October will arrive sooner than you expect and I hope that at that time you will be at home when somebody local calls on behalf of the annual Poppy appeal. Last year in Bleadon just over £600 was collected, a very worthwhile total, though it is still well short of £1 per head of the village population - surely not a lot to ask!

Let me stress that this is money very well spent. In Somerset alone last year 5,453 members of the ex-service community were assisted by the Royal British Legion.

Examples of help given are extremely varied: nebulisers, stair lifts, electrically powered wheelchairs and scooters, home adaptations for the disabled, holidays for the severely disabled, respite care etc. It is also worth stressing that nationally only 3% of the Legion's income goes on management and administration.

Be prepared then, and keep a couple of pounds (at least) handy by the front door. Alternatively, pop your money in at the Post Office, the Church, or one of the pubs so that in the next Village news I can report a record total.

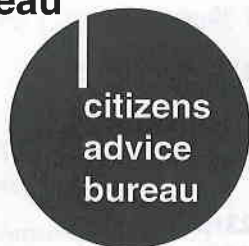
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North Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau

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www.northsomersetcab.org

for information on our sites, services, opening times, types of advice offered, how to contact us and links to our national advice guide.



BLEADON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

As the long summer months draw to a close we can look back on the two very successful visits. The walled garden at Barleywood, Wrington on a June evening was enjoyed by the few of us who managed to get there. The full day visit to Lady Farm and Blackmore and Langdon's nursery in the Pensford area was even better than expected and many people have added these two venues to their list of 'must see' places for their friends and visitors alike.

Now to the autumn programme.

Tuesday October 14th ---- our Society will be taking part in a quiz against Lymphsham. We shall meet in the Coronation Hall Car Park at 7pm and then all go over to Lymphsham together in time for a 7-30pm start.

Tuesday November 18th ----- Paul Gilmore from Sander's Garden World will be demonstrating Christmas arrangements, including wreaths, garlands and tree decorating.

Tuesday December 16th ----- there will be a Social Beetle Drive and American-style supper,--- tickets will be available in good time for this fun event from the Post Office or from Committee members.

Tuesday January 20th ---- the 2004 programme will be kicked off by our very own Pete Williams with his illustrated talk on New Zealand.

Tuesday February 17th ---- Don Everitt will be talking on Summer flowering bulbs.

Saturday March 20th ----- brings us round to our 30th Spring Flower Show

All events and meetings are open to anyone and we are only too pleased to welcome villagers and other gardening enthusiasts at any of our Tuesday evening talks and shows.

Chris Cudlipp



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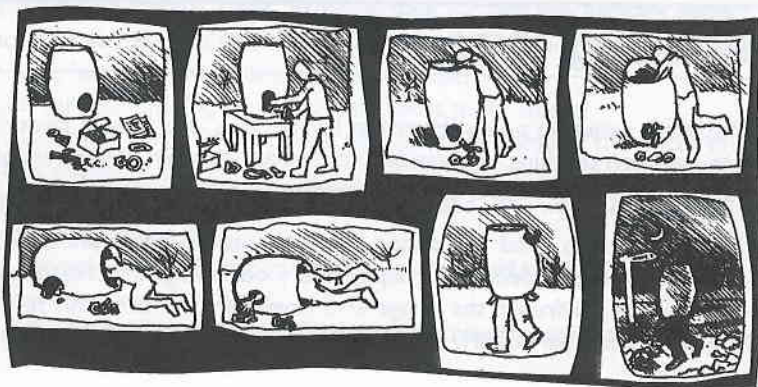
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The more he got wedged in
Until he was upended and static.

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No tinkers or tailors
Gladly no drunken sailors
To help loosen the tubs gripping powers.

With feet still high in the air
And with a strength born out of despair
At last he toppled the drum
Landing back on his bum
With sludge festooning his hair.

Still, a result from this period of strife
Was a story to drink on for life
Prompt many a round
Save him many a pound
But how to explain to the Wife!



ENGLAND'S ROSE



By 1000AD the rose was already well known, having been grown throughout Europe for centuries. The Greeks and the Romans had cultivated it and the Persians called it the 'messenger of the garden of souls'. At the start of the second millennium England's long love affair with the rose began and along with the lily played a significant role in our Christian development. The flower is so instantly recognisable and so much part of our poetic and literary heritage that it has become the essence of our very Englishness.

The five native briar roses that have been picked from the countryside or grown for their flowers and their hips are not as significant as one would think in the development of the garden rose. A completely different 'set of five ancestors' are responsible for today's known varieties, they are the Apothecary's Rose, beautifully perfumed and used in pot pourri mixtures, the Musk Rose, a white climber from West Asia, the Damask Rose from Damascus was used to make Attar of roses, the Great White Rose is a hybrid variety, very old and a native of southern France, and last but not least the Moss or old Cabbage Rose, said to have up to sixty petals and supposedly the most fragrant in the world.

From early days the rose has been highly thought of and as early as 1236 was taken as a royal emblem, when Eleanor took the White Rose on her marriage to Henry III. Later the importation of the Red Rose, by her son from France, resulted in two families of roses, which became the symbols during the Wars of the Roses. This bloody affair ended in 1485 when the White Rose of York (Elizabeth) joined with the Red Rose of Lancaster (Henry VII) to form the artificial creation 'the Tudor Rose' probably the first instance of a logo!

Over the centuries the rose has undergone many changes in the shape and size of the plant as well as of the blooms; - today we have a mind blowing number of roses of every colour imaginable to choose from when planning a rose garden!

Today the rose is England's chosen flower, as well as being recognised as a token of love and peace all over the world, so much so that a conservative estimate of 380million roses are sold every St. Valentine's Day!

Source for many of these facts 'The Origin of Plants'.

PJR.

Hurt No Living Thing

Christina Rossetti's exquisite poem "Hurt No Living Thing" has been a favourite of mine for as long as I've been teaching. It never fails to enchant children with its simple, timeless message and the pictures of little creatures it evokes.

As a child Christina, who lived in London, regularly visited her grandfather's country cottage in the summer and spent many happy hours observing tiny creatures. No doubt there will be plenty of children in the village who have done the same this summer, a busy year for little creatures - particularly for the wasps nesting somewhere in the cavity wall of my house.

The poem lends its title to the first anthology of poems for children in a series of four which I have compiled and published for use at home as well as in school. The child-friendly, attractive booklets are ideal for children to read on their own, or with their parents, and contain many favourite poems, both old and new. They are sold to schools throughout the country and are included in the Quercus Publications range on the Amazon website. Locally they are available in Ottakar's bookshop in the Sovereign Centre or at Weston library - or you can call me on 812084.

Here is the poem. It's a good one to learn. I hope it speaks to you as much as it does to me.

*Hurt no living thing;
Ladybird, nor butterfly,
Nor moth with dusty wing,
Nor cricket chirping cheerily,
Nor grasshopper so light of leap,
Nor dancing gnat,
Nor beetle fat,
Nor harmless worms that creep.*

Alan Kerr

WHERE WERE WE IN '53?

This year we have remembered the Queen's Coronation perhaps not with the same fervour as we did the Accession in 1952 with the Jubilee celebrations..... **BUT nevertheless 1953**....was a year of many events not just the Coronation and I have come up with some questions, which those of you of a certain age may well be able to answer. However if you don't have those memories but would like to look up historical facts then be my guest and see how much you can remember or find out.

1. In February Tilbury and along with Canvey Island were areas very much in the news.. the Queen visited. Why?
2. Who won the Derby for the first time, on which horse? and what had happened to him a few days before?
3. In May there was a very famous high achievement .. what was that?. and who were the main characters involved?
4. At the Oval our cricketers won a famous victory.. which was?
5. Which team won the F.A. Cup?.. and who won his first cup winners medal?
6. A famous jet airliner was given its trials.. what was it called?
7. Which little lady won the ladies Wimbledon title?
8. A British car won the Monte Carlo Rally, what make was it?
9. Lt.-Col. Llewellyn was a famous rider..what was the name of the horse on which he won many events?
10. A 'forgotten war' came to an end... which ? and who was the C.O. of the 'Glorious Glosters' .. who won a VC?
11. Which famous war memorial to airmen was unveiled by the Queen?
12. The Queen reviewed her Navy ... where?

No prizes .. but have a bit of fun and if you want to know the answers then give me a call on 814142.

PJR

CONGRATULATIONS -----

Bob McKay who runs the Bleadon website has been awarded a certificate of recognition by The Experience Corps in the South West for his volunteer work at St. Michael's Cheshire Home in Axbridge. Bob visits the home twice a week and gives help and support to the residents who wish to develop their IT skills especially when dealing with the internet.

The Experience Corps is an independent non-profit making agency which encourages people aged 50 and over to become involved in volunteering in whichever area of expertise they may have,- professional, technical or simply the 'University of Life'. In North Somerset its co-ordinator John Thorne can be contacted on 07786 933554 or by e-mail to john.thorne@experience-corps.co.uk or visit the website www.experiencecorps.co.uk

BLEADON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

The club will be opening its 15th season on Friday 26th September 2003, when we hope to see all the familiar faces of members after our four month summer break. We shall be holding our Annual General Meeting on Friday 3rd October 2003.

We will have some vacancies for new members this year. The club has everything you may need in order to try short mat bowling, including a full range of bowl sizes. All you are required to supply are suitable 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 at a later date. Our bowling season always starts at the end of September and finishes at the end of the following May each year. We meet three times a week, on Sunday afternoons, Friday evenings and Tuesday afternoons. If you would like to explore the potential pleasure of bowling please feel free to come along on any of our playing days (please see the times below). 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.

This year we returned to the Bishops Court Hotel in Torquay for an enjoyable five day Spring bowling holiday. We have already made a provisional booking for next year when we intend to try the services of the Palm Court Hotel in Ilfracombe. Apart from using the hotel's short mat facilities we can also look forward to having a different and interesting part of Devon to explore. Another social event this year had 20 members and friends sharing two self drive narrow boats exploring the Sharpness canal from Slimbridge to Gloucester docks. We had about an hour to spend exploring the many facilities of the docks area before returning to Slimbridge. We did not have the best of the summer weather but it stayed dry until the last part of the return journey. However the club

photographic history now has an interesting shot of an intrepid member at the helm of one boat with umbrella aloft in a mini cloudburst. Now, at the time of writing, we are looking forward to our annual skittles and supper evening at the Red Cow in Brent Knoll.

We provisionally plan to hold our annual buffet supper, followed by bowling, on Friday 9th January 2004. Please make a note of this date in your diaries.

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

Sundays	2.30pm (social bowling from 3.15pm on league match days)
Tuesdays (except 2nd Tuesday in month)	2.30pm
2nd 'Tuesday in the month	10.00am
Fridays	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

ALTERNATIVE BLEADON RESIDENTS

Last year when I moved to Bleadon, I had the impression that it was a good year for spiders - they were everywhere. I should have been warned when Val's last words to me when moving out of the house were, "I think I have got rid of all the cobwebs". You did, Val, but they are all back. It is the common or garden zebra spider that I am up against and there can be no other place in England so infested with the creatures. I find after a routine walk around the garden each day, I have an extra layer of clothing, and even my car has a new pair of lace curtains on the side mirrors each time I drive to town.

There comes a point somewhere that a spider is no longer the housewife's friend but it seems to take control. My cat is quite capable of dealing with flies and she doesn't need the help of the silken mesh which covers the place. Nature usually deals with over-population by one species with a predator that considers it a choice meal. The only thing I have noticed that will eat a spider is my cat and that is only because it moves, not because it is particularly tasty. Don't get me wrong; spiders and their webs are beautiful, especially when enhanced with early morning dew. It is the sheer numbers in Bleadon that is a trifle worrying and I wonder why they like it here so much. It can't just be the friendliness of the Bleadon people. If there is anyone in the village who has solved the problem, I would love to hear from them.

Pearl Crompton (pecrompton@aol.com)

SIX TO ONE

In any village in the land
four things make it complete:
a church, a pub and a village shop
and a place to lay a wreath.

It might be called a cenotaph,
it may be the village hall
in my Mendip home we lay a wreath
at the base of a local wall.

In times gone by this was a school,
a seat of local learning.
What is left is a garden wall
with a sacred stone held therein.

The local boys attended there
the bosom of the village that bore them,
and it helped prepare them for a village life
but not for what soon was to befall them.

When they left the school they worked the fields
which grace these lovely hills,
until the call for them to leave
for the bloody Flanders fields.

No doubt they cheered as they marched away
surrounded by youthful laughter,
little knowing the hell that awaited them
and the mud, and the blood, and the slaughter.

Now if you count the souls there named
on any memorial,
you will count to six for the Flanders men,
to the one who did later fall.

I am not saying that the six are worth
more than the one later added.
For a one to us is the one to others...
..to the wife, the mother, the father.

Throughout this land in '45
the one was mourned and buried.
Whereas the souls of the six still work
the fields where they fetched and carried.

Too great a blow it was for all
for them to be forgotten.
The collective being that still remains
somehow still includes them.

So when we stand at the wall this year
to lay a poppy wreath,
let us mind the souls of the one so dear,
and the six still here in death.

'Six to One' is about the average ratio of First War to Second War dead on the memorials up and down the land. The wall referred to is on Shiplate Road in Bleadon. It contains a cut stone, which was moved there from the nearby school built immediately after the War. Every year someone anonymously places a small poppy cross by the wall.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

27th September

HARVEST SUPPER in the Coronation Hall followed by entertainment by the Bleadon Players.
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11th October

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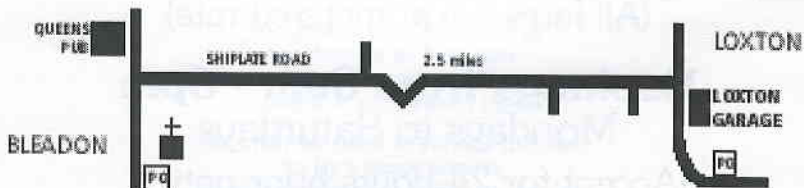
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GENTLE TREATMENT FOR THE WHOLE BODY -

Most of us, during the course of our lives, will experience back problems of varying degrees. What's important to remember is that the majority of these are not due to any serious disease, are treatable and most importantly, preventable.

Much in the world today seems out of kilter because we fail to pay attention to healthy balance within the environment on a large scale and our lives on an individual scale. Our bodies will always try to heal themselves, return to balance, given the right conditions. McTimoney therapy, in line with vitalist chiropractic philosophy, holds that our own Innate Intelligence will heal our bodies when we move back towards a point of balance.

So how do we get out of balance - to the point when the scales tip too far in the wrong direction and there is a sudden acute crisis: the spine "seizes up". In my holistic practice, at the first consultation, I take a thorough client history, including details of accidents and incidents. Indeed sometimes I ask whether the client is aware of how he or she was delivered at birth. Some problems can go back to before we were born. The preventive nature of the treatment can be most effective for younger people. Children and young people are resilient; they usually bounce back from tumbles and injuries. But as we get older, all those knocks and particularly sporting injuries, which have not been dealt with at the time, suddenly tip the scales against us. Riding accidents, motorcycle accidents, rugby injuries all feature high in the list of most frequent traumas to the body. The physical traumas or stressors - as indeed the emotional ones - get stored in the body and may eventually manifest in a crisis which is usually the point at which people call me.

The spine is a remarkable structure consisting of 33-34 vertebrae including the sacrum and coccyx (our "tails") which are fused but nonetheless adjustable. Each vertebra forms a joint with its neighbours allowing us amazing flexibility. Spinal nerves leave the spinal cord between each pair of vertebrae. When there is imbalance, when a vertebra becomes slightly out of alignment or subluxated, there is resulting pressure on the nerve which causes pain. Because all functions of our bodies are dependent on a healthy nervous system, pain and dysfunction may be experienced anywhere along the path of the affected nerve. Most commonly, back pain is the result of spasm amongst the intricate muscular network of the spine. Inflammation in the muscle caused pressure on the nerve which causes pain. A muscle spasm, however, may well have pulled the bones to which they are attached, out of alignment. If not treated, the potential remains for further injury. The whole body is checked over at each treatment as no one part exists in isolation.

The McTimoney chiropractic adjustment seeks to help the body realign, thus in simple terms, relieving the pressure on the nerve, alleviating pain and allowing the nerve to restore correct function. This is done by a very gentle yet effective adjustment. The practitioner used a fast, light hand movement on the affected vertebra, which provides the speed, torque and recoil sufficient for correction. No part of the body is forced outside

its normal range of movement, nor do clients usually hear clicks or pops associated with manipulation. The treatment is suitable for a wide range of people from babies to the elderly. I currently regularly treat people in their mid-eighties.

"Wear and tear" is normal for everyone. Keeping our bodies in alignment, exercised, nourished with healthy food and sufficient water (minimum 2 litres a day not including tea, coffee or alcohol!) can all help to alleviate the effects and help us keep in balance.

McTimoney is a major part of my Stillpoint philosophy, which is to enable people to find that point of equilibrium from where they can live positive and fulfilled lives.

Carol Joy DC MMA

Footnote:

I qualified as a chiropractic practitioner from the McTimoney Chiropractic School in 1988 and was subsequently awarded a diploma in chiropractic. In 2001 I decided not to register with the General Chiropractic Council and do not describe myself as a chiropractor. I am a member of the McTimoney Association and practise McTimoney chiropractic technique.

BLEADON LADIES CLUB



We have all enjoyed a good summer, but now is the time to think of autumn, so what better way than to join the Ladies Club. It is a wonderful chance to meet new people, make new friends and enjoy some very interesting speakers on all sorts of subjects. Our September meeting was a talk by "Sanders Garden World" Garden Plants and Shrubs. Afterwards we had the chance to buy plants. So many of us have a new plant in our garden.

October 14th

"Apples" A talk and demonstration by Mrs Harrison.

November 11th

is our Annual General Meeting followed by a Cake Decorating Demonstration by Carol of Cake Corner.

The Ladies Club takes the trolleys around the Hospital wards for patients to purchase sweets and other goods. We are looking at the moment for a few more volunteers. So if you can spare a few hours once every four weeks to help us it would be wonderful.

The Club meets at Coronation Hall the second Tuesday of the month at 2-30pm. So do come along. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Have a chat, a cup of tea and enjoy good company.

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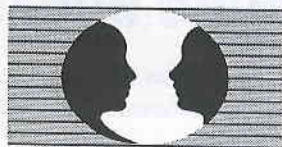
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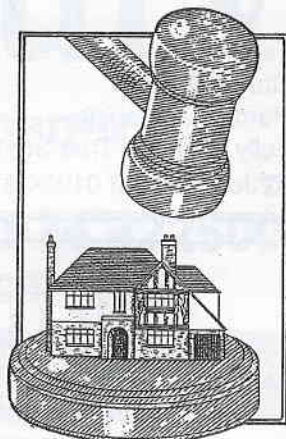
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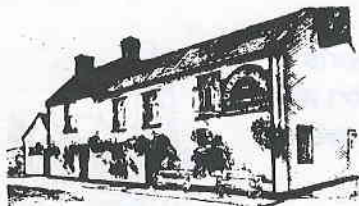


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