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WE AIM TO PUBLISH THIS NEWSLETTER FOUR TIMES A YEAR, -
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This report is written in the summer holidays but never read until the autumn. So if it's gloomy outside, imagine if you will our village at the height of summer with a view from the church tower - a new perspective. The Village Plan is a new perspective for Bleadon and its long term future. I hope that much thought will be given to the answers given to the Village Plan questionnaire, which will enable the Steering Group to present a strong and justifiable plan, through the Parish Council, to the North Somerset Council. I am optimistic that we will be proud of our final Village Plan and, when all has been considered and completed, we will celebrate.

One of our next practical and proposed projects as a Council is to improve one of our village gateways - "Bus Stop Corner", the corner of Bleadon Road and Purn Way. We intend that the road should be repaired, a bus pull-in made, paving and a covered bus shelter. Some of the required funding will be provided by North Somerset Council, which we will match.

As a Council, we are pleased with what we have achieved recently. Nevertheless, litter, dog fouling & traffic speeding continue to vex us, with no immediate solution. All of these require the full involvement of our community if we are to resolve them.

Finally, there is the great success of the Country Store and Post Office. "Tiffin" (Breakfast At?) has opened to complete this enterprising scheme - thank you, Alistair.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who continually support and encourage the Council.

Penny Skelley, Chairman, Parish Council

A WEBSITE FOR BLEADON YOUNG PEOPLE

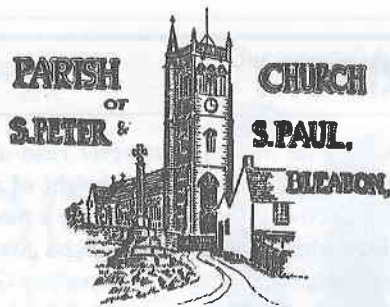
We will not only keep you up to date about education matters that affect children in Bleadon, we will also bring you positive stories. A 'What's On' guide for young people in Bleadon, and a comments page where you as a young person of Bleadon can have your say. So please send us your stories and send us your photos of Bleadon and its young people. Let's show everyone what is great about Bleadon and the children of Bleadon on www.bleadonchildren.co.uk

OTHER WEBSITES FOR BLEADON

PARISH COUNCIL www.parishcouncil.gov.uk

CHURCH..... www.bleadonchurch.info

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SPECIAL SERVICES DURING THIS QUARTER

Sunday 9th October -

- 10.15am Sung Eucharist with our Rural Dean, the Rev'd Michael Slade
(vicar of Winscombe)
- 6.30pm Evensong with Methodist Superintendent
The Rev'd Prebendary Norman Wallwork

Sunday 16th October -

- 6.00pm A United Service at St. Andrew's, Bournville, led by our Augmented Choir

Sunday 6th November -

- 10.15am Sung Eucharist with the Archdeacon of Bath, the Venerable Andy Piggott
- 6.30pm Evensong of All Souls - a commemoration of those who we know to have died during the past year or so. You are invited to send me names of any loved one who has died at any time for remembrance by name at this Service
(Names in BLOCK CAPITALS, please)

Thursday 11th November - Armistice Day.

- 11.00 am. As usual, the Church will be open for those who wish to remember those who have died in war at the Parish War Memorials in Church

Sunday 13th November - Remembrance Sunday-

- 10.15am Special Service with 2 minutes silence and laying of wreaths

Sunday 27th November -

- 6.30pm ADVENT CAROL SERVICE led by our Augmented Choir

Thursday 8th December -

- 2.30pm Royal British Legion (Bleadon and Lympsham Branch) Carol Service

Sunday 11th December -

- 3.30pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE, collection for the Children's Society and tea party

Sunday 18th December-

- 6.30pm FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Saturday 24th December (Christmas Eve) -

- 5.00pm CRIB SERVICE
- 11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS OF CHRISTMAS

Sunday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY - Carols and Christmas Day Communion

Look out for posters and other publicity in respect of the above and other Services and special events.

Best wishes,

The Rev'd David Parkinson, Rector Tel: 01934 812297 (email: Dtparkinson@aol.com)

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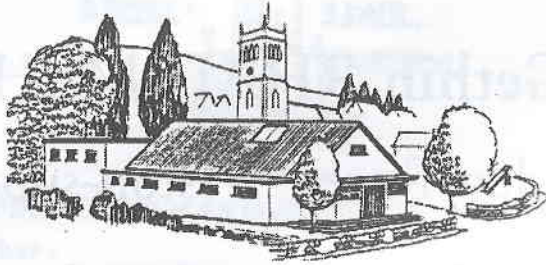


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THE CORONATION HALL REPORT



For sometime now we have been busy preparing our applications to meet the requirements of the 'Licensing Act 2003', which will come into force in November.

This new act means that we will have to obtain a 'Premises Licence' to take the place of our existing 'Public Entertainment Licence

This has entailed the completion of detailed application forms, together with scale plans of both halls and we are indebted to Peter Lindsay for his professional expertise in this matter. The application has been submitted to the local authority and this new licence will permit us to have what is known as *Regulated entertainment*, which covers all the activities at present taking place.

However, to permit us to sell alcohol at bona-fide functions, we have to apply for what is termed a *'Variation'*. This has already been done and duly advertised in the local press, as required.

To obtain this *'Variation'*, the Hall will have to have a *'Designated Premises Supervisor'* and this person must have had to obtain the necessary qualification, which is the B I A B National Certificate for Personal Licence Holders.

Back in June, Les Masters and I attended a day long course at Weston College, which concluded with an exam covering all aspects of the new licensing law.

However, now having both passed and obtained our certificates, and have received clearance from the police (New Scotland Yard !! - no less), we await receipt of our premises licence together with the necessary variation.

It has been a long and costly procedure, but when everything is finally in place, we will be able to continue offering the high standards of facilities expected from our Halls.

Len Chamberlain - Chairman

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THE LIGHT

Dave and me camped up here for three nights when the first lot came on the market, got our pictures in the paper and on the telly. First day there was over a hundred and fifty people waiting. They were so reasonably priced and Dave said married quarters were always well built and with a decent bit of garden too, not like nowadays. The rest of the camp looked a bit tatty though, windows boarded up and all. The saleslady admitted there'd been a delay on phase two but our lot were fine, done up like new and we were well pleased. Mind you it's a bit out of the way; Dave's dad could remember planes being here during the war. It was hibernating I used to think and we were bringing it back to life. Yes - the end of October 1999 it was, there were thirty houses and they'd all gone before the day was over.

We started a community association and Dave was on the Committee. The first thing was what we was going to do for the Millennium. It was late to organise anything, no chance outside or even to get a band in so we decided to get-together in one of the old camp buildings: do our own food, make our own music and let off our own fireworks. The old Officer's Mess was the best bet because a lot of the furniture and suchlike was still there. The blokes involved worked hard putting the place to rights. Dave, being a plumber, soon got the water running and the toilets working and the women got stuck in cleaning it up. 'Real wartime spirit,' one of the older ladies described it. Like the rest of the old camp, the electric had been shut off and getting it back on could be difficult. Dave said they might have to get a mobile generator in but meanwhile they'd look around in the hangers for what they could find. Three of them spent all one Sunday searching the hangers but they didn't find any generating stuff. Dave said they'd probably have to hire something but would wait 'till he looked in the last hanger on the other side of the airfield. He said he'd leave off work a bit early next day and go over in the van.

The wind was getting up as he drove across the airfield. His dad said two bomber squadrons once flew from here, it was just seagulls landing now, returning from missions to the local landfill. Like the others hanger H6 was locked but Dave had learnt the knack of forcing the big roller doors back with a scaffold pole to make an opening big enough to squeeze through. It was dusk, daylight fading quickly in the overcast and he strained to see what was inside but within ten minutes he'd discovered: furniture, crockery, bundled uniforms, machine tools and three 'Green Goddess' fire engines flanked by hundreds of barrels of foam. Six dispatch rider's motorbikes on flattened tyres leant together for mutual support surrounded by a mountain of faded blue RAF fitter's toolboxes; and he'd only just begun. Behind him wind gusts probed the hanger doors, they chattered irritably as if wanting him gone. Soon, such was the gloom, Dave decided he'd had enough and he promised himself he'd come back tomorrow, earlier perhaps and bring his battery lantern. He began to make his way back to the thin grey strip that marked the gap in the hanger doors and it was then he saw the light. No more than a glow, faintly tracing a ghostly outline about ten yards away. He shivered despite the warmth of his thick work jacket. Yes, he would definitely come back tomorrow, bring someone and they'd investigate together. But drawn by a fearful, fateful curiosity he edged slowly towards it.

Boxes spilling tubes, hoses, rib boned wires and a multitude of green-faced dials were stacked around a large desk console. The console edges had been burnt as if by a cutting torch and several sections of the desk had been similarly removed. The area was being eerily lit by something hidden inside one of the boxes and Dave hesitantly looked inside. The light shone steadily from an object the size and shape of a cricket ball tightly bound in fabric tape. He bent to read the attached label: *Ball, Light Emitting, Craft XK6, Area 51, Rosewell AFB, USA.*

He took the ball with him, still wrapped, and kept it in the van telling the others there was nothing of use to them in H6. He'd been severely spooked and there was no way he was going back. Later one of the committee members said a farmer friend would lend them his carnival float generator, putting peoples' minds at rest on that score. Time was pressing and Dave was also put in charge of the fireworks so what with that and Christmas approaching he'd forgotten all about it until the doorbell summoned him one evening.

It was a neighbour, "Van interior light's on Dave."

Dave thanked him and going out as if to investigate removed the ball and put it under a bucket in the greenhouse

As soon as he had some time to himself Dave took the ball and gingerly removed the tape, wiping all traces of glue from its surface with cleaning fluid. It was a truly wonderful thing, glasslike but clouded through with a smoky haze like a huge pearl, its perfectly rounded shape broken only by two inset silver buttons. With the harsh covering removed its light was appreciably brighter, bathing his hand chalky white even in daylight. Amazed and fascinated he realised he possessed something way beyond his understanding something that he should not, could not, keep. Among the keys bequeathed the Residents Committee were the ones for the station water tower and borrowing these, with the excuse of inspecting a possible firework-launching site, he climbed the tower. Clearing rubbish from an open space out of view of occupied houses he reverently laid the ball down.

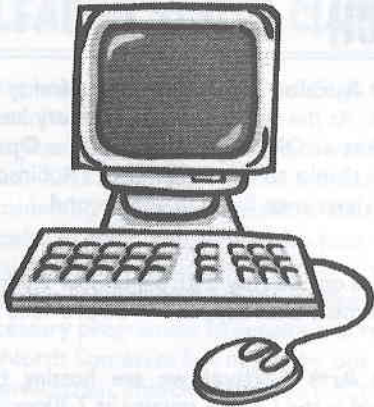
Christmas came and went and then the countdown to the new Millennium. The light from the ball was visible if you knew where to look but unnoticeable if you didn't. Luckily people's eyes were firmly fixed elsewhere; preparations for the New Year celebration. The generator trailer had arrived and been wired to serve the Officers Mess but was causing problems. The machine itself made such a racket that it was audible throughout the site. Power output was unstable to say the least, the building fuses kept blowing and there was a worrying smell of burning rubber. Taff the electrician despaired that it would ruin the evening and the afternoon of New Year's Eve he shut the generator down to redo the connections when, miraculously, the camp lights began to come back on.

First the empty buildings; bare bulbs gleamed in bare windows and through chinks in boarded offices. The party venue was suddenly illuminated and, with Taff juggling the fuses, mains power was quickly restored. Come evening all the streetlamps lit, as did the disused airfield perimeter lights. Across the airfield the lights of hanger H6 glittered like the beckoning signs of distant planets. And so it remained into the night, the night that heralded year 2000. A few thought that the power company had benevolently restored electricity to acres of defunct buildings to assist the celebrations but Dave certainly didn't, one look at the water tower convinced him. There alongside a trio of relit anti-collision beacons the light ball was beaming its signal skywards.

New Years morning found Dave wandered around clearing up after the fireworks. Scrambling up the tower he discovered that the ball had gone, he'd guessed it would be. As he was leaving the watery sun brought a gleam from amid the debris. It was a small silver plaque and he picked it up. He's tried to fathom the engraved symbol it carries, even read some books on extra-terrestrials much to Shirley's amusement, but he's sure it's a token of thanks. He'd like to have made it into a bracelet but the drills at work wouldn't touch it. He keeps it, carefully wrapped, in his toolbox.

Did we enjoy the Millennium? I'll say, had a super time. Everyone on the camp was there and dozens from the town, Mum and Dad came and Dave's lot. Everything went well until he tried to set off the fireworks at midnight and couldn't get them going 'cos the matches were damp; he had to borrow a lighter from the crowd. Still, we had a laugh about it. It was funny about the lights too. Dave said connecting the generator must have kick-started the system somehow but they never came on again. 'Hoppy' Rogers swears he saw something on the water tower just before they finally went off, mind he'd been to the pub and they don't call him 'Hoppy' for nothing. The housing people weren't pleased about us using the Officers Mess though, wrote the Committee a snotty letter. A couple of months later all the hangers had been cleared and they started demolishing the camp, a shame because the Officers' place would've made a good club. Dave was quiet at the beginning of the year, thinking about the baby coming I suppose and he began to get books out the library about UFOs.

"You've changed your tune," I said, "thought you didn't believe in that sort of thing."
Our Martin's four now, wants to be an 'astrynot' he says, and I'm expecting again. We've put the house here at Swanton Camp, sorry, 'Swanton Castle', up for sale and Dave says we'll get a good price for it. With a family and all it is a bit out of the way.



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FRIENDS OF BLEADON CHURCH

Our last two events were a great success. The **Silent Auction** in July attracted a frenzy of bidders who later enjoyed a supper of sausages and mash. At the end of July we were very lucky with the weather which helped to make the **Cream Teas** at Old School Lane and the **Open Church Tower** a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon. Our thanks to Brian and Glenys Robinson. The Tower is well worth climbing to get the wonderful views over Bleadon and beyond.

Make a special note in your diary for our next events:

Our **Harvest Supper** will be held in the Coronation Hall on Saturday 24th September 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale at £9.00 each. Entertainment after supper will be provided by Mr Roger Smith with his own style of music.

On Saturday, 8th October as part of the **Weston Arts Festival** we are hosting the **Llantrisant Male Voice Choir**. The concert will be held in the Church starting at 7.30pm. As many of you know, this is an opportunity not to be missed. The Choir was with us just two years ago and we could not wait to invite them back. Tickets at £5.00 each are now on sale from Graham Rogers on 811571, Members of the Friends on 813636 or from the Village Shop.

The New Society Jazz Band will be playing on Saturday, 29th October at 7.30pm. You enjoy them at the May Day Fayre and now you can enjoy their special brand of jazz in the Church. Tickets at £5.00 each on sale beginning of October from Friends on 813636 or the Village Shop.

"Brass Attack" are a Brass Band With a Difference! They will be playing in the Church on Saturday, 10th December starting at 7.30pm. Tickets at £5.00 will be available at the beginning of November from Friends 813636 or the Shop.

Our annual **Punch and Pie Party** will be held in the Rectory on Friday, 16th December from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Start your Christmas with an evening of hot punch, mince pies and Carol singing! Tickets on sale at £2.50 mid-November from Friends 813636 and the shop.

Watch out for posters for these, and many other events, on the Village notice boards.

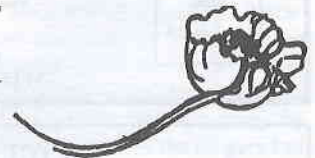
Tickets for all events organised by the Friends of Bleadon Church will always be available from any committee member and most times from the village shop.

I have just taken over as chairman of the Friends Committee and I would like to invite anyone who is interested in arranging fund raising events or, in fact, having any new ideas to come along and be part of the team. Our next meeting is in the Church room on Tuesday 11th October at 10.30am. Or give me a call on 813636. Your services will not be wasted.

Brian Drinkwater 01934 813636 or [email bleadonchurch@aol.com](mailto:bleadonchurch@aol.com)

IN REMEMBRANCE

As this year marked the 60th anniversary of the end of World War 2, there has been more than the usual emphasis on the sacrifices made by so many members of the Armed Forces, sacrifices which have continued on a smaller scale ever since, via Korea, Northern Ireland, the Falklands, the Gulf War and now in Iraq. I hope that Bleadon residents will be more willing than ever to support the Royal British Legion's annual Poppy Appeal, starting on October 29th. Our local collectors will do their best to call at every house, but you will also have a chance to contribute at the Church, the Post Office and the village pubs. Is £1 per person too much to ask?



BLEADON YOUTH CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as chairman of the Youth Club Management Committee for the past year.

The year has been one in which we have seen great progress in the development of the Youth Club. Membership has increased and the programme of activities has expanded considerably under the excellent leadership of Geoff Sharpe and Anne Fortune. I am most grateful to them, and those who have worked with them, or who have been brought in for particular activities and interests.

We have a small, but excellent, Management Committee which has embarked on a very necessary programme of repairs and restoration of the premises and facilities, funded partly by North Somerset but mainly by our own funds. This work includes much electrical work, a new kitchen, improved storage facilities and repairs to window frames. Plans to redecorate both inside and outside are being made and this will be done as circumstances permit.

In July of this year, we were saddened to learn of the death of Gordon Howe, following illness. Gordon has been a great servant of the Club, having been a Trustee as well as being chairman at various times. His association with the Club goes back to his teenage years. He will be missed.

At the time of writing, we are making plans for the Club's Annual General Meeting (22nd September). There will be much to celebrate and we enter the new year full of optimism. What we do need is more parents of members to offer to serve on the Management Committee for the benefit of their children and their children's friends. We hope that this will happen.

Best wishes,

The Rev'd David Parkinson, Chairman

Tel: 01934 812297, email: Dtparkinson@aol.com



BOOKS WANTED

I would appreciate any unwanted books for sale on my regular stall at the Village Market and other charity events in the coming year. For collection please ring Pete Williams (812020).

STEPPING OUT FOR CHARITY

Despite this year's arrangements being decidedly last-minute, the Queen's Arms team made a substantial contribution to the annual charity walk in aid of the Weston Hospice. They only filled a mini-bus (rather than a coach), but still raised a highly creditable total of over £1700. The Burrell Family walking for another team added a further £185, so altogether one can say that Bleadon really did its bit for a very deserving cause.



This LETTER was received by the Editor:-

Bleadon Village Shop, Post Office and Coffee Shop

As a regular user of the new village shop I would like to use this media to thank Alistair, Andrew and all the staff for providing an excellent facility for all the Bleadon residents. As the very vocal residents who crowded into the village hall stated "the closure of the old Post Office/Shop will rip the heart out of the village". We are fortunate that the Parish Council supported by several other villagers who cherish the way of life afforded to them by living in Bleadon were determined not to allow that to happen. At the critical moment when it looked as though it would be impossible to find suitable premises Alistair saved the day and has breathed new life back into the village.

The new shop and post office premises are superb and a credit to all those planned, designed, built and equipped them. Alistair has succeeded in blending traditional and modern design together to produce a shop environment which is inviting and pleasure to visit. The old Post Office building was quaint and more central to the village but even with a complete refurbishment it could not have matched the ambience and facilities provided by the new shop.

Obviously a village shop cannot replicate the huge range of products provided by the supermarkets but it can and does provide a good selection of essential supplies. For example: cooked meats, bread and cakes, milk, cheeses, groceries, fresh vegetables, household products, cigarettes, ice-cream, wines, beers and spirits, stationery items, greetings cards, newspapers and magazines and specialist local farm products such as: Rose Farm pickles and jams, Miles tea and coffee.

Andrew is a very experienced retailer and his selection of products to sell in the shop is very carefully chosen to meet customer needs. So far I have not failed to find what I need at a very competitive price.

One great misconception is that all the prices in a local shop are much higher than in the supermarket or Tesco local. Yes the supermarkets do have loss leaders and other marketing gimmicks to give the impression that all their goods are cheap. Discerning shoppers know when they are being conned and independent surveys have highlighted the best prices are to be found in specialist local shops.

Apart from the price issue recent surveys have shown that many of the supermarket food products contain harmful additives. It is an absolute pleasure to go to a shop which has locally grown produce rather than a supermarket supplying extortionately priced pre-packaged produce sprayed with unhealthy preservatives.

So I want a loaf of 'real' bread, a litre of milk, a newspaper, strawberries, cheddar cheese, pickle, a kilo of broad beans, fresh eggs, a lettuce, toilet rolls, dishwasher tablets, a birthday card, a bottle of red wine, where do I go? The supermarket, Tesco local, or the village shop? Petrol is 90p a litre, a ten minute queue at the supermarket, and no parking space at Tesco local, car in danger of damage by inconsiderate drivers? There is no contest the village shop every time!!!

I also need to get some cash and send a letter to New Zealand. I can do both at the village shop. After all that shopping I could do with a cup of coffee and a snack so a visit to Tiffins is the next item on the agenda. Depending on the time of day I can choose from the breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea menu. While I am drinking my coffee I quickly go into the Internet and check my e-mails and the weather for the weekend.

This really is a ONE STOP SHOP. Village Shop, Post Office, off-licence, Cyber Café.

Thanks to Alistair and his merry men and women, Bleadon is an even better place to live and as a by-product the value of our properties has been enhanced.

Alistair deserves all our support see YOU there, for coffee?

Clr Ray Hicks, Fiddler's View, Hillcote, Bleadon

THE PENSIONER'S TEA DANCE

It is the Sunday Tea dance and they'll all be here today,
Aches and pains forgotten, dance the afternoon away.
Foxtrots, quicksteps, waltzes,- some are slow and some are nifty,
With memories of how it was, back in 1950!
Norman's in the toilet and he's struggling to pee.
He's got trouble with his prostate, and he'll likely miss his tea.
Eddy's got a new love who he met at Thornton Heath,
She does a lovely tango, but hasn't any teeth.
His latest fancy footwork nearly broke his partner's neck,
She mistook his outside swivel for a travelling contra-check!
Ida's had her hair done and she's ready for the saunter;
But she had a curry supper and it's coming back to haunt her.
Florrie's mini-skirt's revealing when she's spinning in the jive,
She really shouldn't wear a thong approaching 85!
They've had their tea and cake and chat, enjoyed a little laugh
And gamely rise with creaking knees to face the second half.
Norman's made it back in time for rumba number one,
His cucaracha's very neat, but he's left his flies undone.
Vera's fallen over in a massive crimplene heap,
Bert's got indigestion and Mabel's fast asleep.
It's last Waltz time and up they get for Humperdink's old tune,
And then, 'Goodbye, Good Luck, Take Care, and God willing, see you soon!'

Seen in Civil Service Pensioner Magazine

ANOTHER WALK DOWN MEMORY LANEin the company of Sylvia Bird

Going to school from Purn we sometimes walked through the Pathfields past Bleadon House emerging at the bottom of Rectory Lane, on other occasions we walked along the road. After Whitegate Farm where the Amesbury family lived, there was a small orchard and the bus shelter, and next came the Parish Room which was entered by steps at the front. At that time the stage faced the entrance with the kitchen behind; later the layout was changed and so the present Coronation Hall came into being. Behind the Hall in those days was a well used skittle alley.

In the grey stone cottages opposite lived the Hill family and Mr and Mrs Wride with their sons Denis and John. Next was the Well House and the village pump in regular daily use. Opposite lived Mr and Mrs Parker.. he was the blacksmith and she was the school teacher. Up Mulberry Lane was the bakery and dairy owned by Mr Purnell.

Along the road from there Mr Carter ran the Post Office, very small in those days, but enlarged in later years to sell groceries.

Near to the village cross and Church are Church Cottages (we used to visit the dentist in what is now Margaret Cullen's front room), and behind them were petrol pumps and Wallflower Cottage where Aunt Bessie (Miss Taylor) lived. On the other side of the Road was the old Rectory, behind a high wall with an arched doorway and when I was young the Rev. Powys David was the incumbent living there with his wife and her sister.

The road turned sharply right just before The Queen's and on the corner was (and still is) Quantock House, home of the Maunsell family. School Lane and the School itself came next, then a barn and the Methodist Chapel.... then nothing else. (The Veale came into being in the late 1940s.) Just opposite were Manor Villas then The Mount, where Mr Over lived. As children we spent hours there gardening, picking fruit and vegetables, and the boys digging potatoes; we all enjoyed our time there but if you didn't behave you were sent home! You were always given something to take home, a lettuce, tomatoes, a cabbage or some fruit, and at Christmas the trees came from The Mount. Just a bit further along were Eastfield Cottages and beyond was Wonderstone and eventually Loxton.

BLEADON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



The Plant sale and social in May was yet again very successful thanks to our stalwart sales team under the guidance of our very own "Auntie Wainwright!"

Our thanks go out to all the people who brought plants to be re-cycled and also to Sander's Garden World who generously gave us several bedding plants.

On mid-summer day evening we were treated to the expertise of Chris Webber, the parks superintendent, and Cindy Tratt, a local nurserywoman, who answered various questions during "Gardeners Question Time". Topics covered included problems with blind bulbs, disappearing carrot seedlings, pollination of fruit trees, training and pruning trees and shrubs, plus various topical tips.

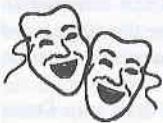
The coach trip to Wisley RHS gardens in Surrey in July saw a 7.30am departure in glorious sunshine and then a trouble free journey along various motorways to RHS headquarters. The weather was perfect for exploring the vast acres of roses, herbaceous borders, various greenhouses, fruit and vegetable plots, demonstration gardens, field trials of towering delphiniums and sweet peas as well as huge old trees and the comparatively young jubilee arboretum. I plan to be showing slides of the visit during the plant sale next May. Next year we will be off to Rosemoor RHS gardens in Devon.

The new season of talks kicks off with a talk on Clematis given by Maureen and John Hudson on Tuesday October 18th at 7.30pm. then Paul Gilmore with 'Preparing for Christmas - part 3' on Tuesday November 22nd.

All meetings are open to anyone for £1.00 entry and you don't have to be an expert, as each evening is designed to be informative in a relaxed friendly atmosphere.

Before all this takes place we shall have had the Annual Summer Flower Show ... for some of us that will be the culmination of the growing season.

Chris Cudlipp



BLEADON PLAYERS

This year The Players have decided against staging an autumn production, in favour of devoting more rehearsal time to the Pantomime, and bringing the performances forward into early January.

So make a date with 'Puss in Boots' for January 5th, 6th and 7th 2006.

Anyone wishing to join us please contact Sandie Gibbon (01934 645135).

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Coronation Hall.

SPEEDWATCH

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BLEADON LADIES CLUB



The first item on my report must be to thank the members of the committee

who organized our Summer Outing. Well done; you even arranged the beautiful weather. We all enjoyed the trip. Bradford-on-Avon was a very interesting place, with a Market, a lovely river, and some nice shops. Our Canal trip was relaxing and we enjoyed a Cream Tea on board.

The coming meetings will appeal to all. Visitors are most welcome.

October 11th
“Chocolate Éclairs at the Berkeley”
Mr. Mike Bradley

November 8th
Annual General Meeting followed by
“The Story of Irving Berline”
Mr. Terry Merrett-Smith

December 13th

Christmas Lunch at Batch Farm where we are always assured of an excellent meal. There will also be a large Christmas raffle and entertainment

As you can see the autumn programme is an interesting one, so please come along and join us. Have a chat, cup of tea and biscuits and enjoy the speakers. We are a very friendly club and you will be made most welcome.

For more information call Barbara on 814362.

THE VILLAGE NOTICE BOARDS

I think you'll all agree that it's great to have somewhere to put your village notices and this is the reason that the Parish Council decided to invest in them. In the main they are being used quite rightly for that purpose, but space is limited so we would ask that commercial advertisers refrain from using them. If at all possible it would also be a good idea if those notices that are placed in the holders are put in plastic pockets or laminated so that they aren't subject to rain damage! It is also a good idea to remove your notice once the advertised event has passed.

Thank You.

BLEADON POST OFFICE AND COUNTRY STORES

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The shop has expanded its shelf space to include more fresh, local and organic products and with the summer approaching we shall be pleased to sell your surplus garden or allotment produce too. We stock a large range of greetings cards and stationery as well as all your favourite magazines and newspapers, and of course there is a wide range of sweets, cigarettes as well as beers wines and spirits.

We welcome your input, so if you have any suggestions to make, as to how our range of goods may be improved just let us know; we want this to be your shop, so we need to meet your requirements if we possibly can. We hope that we shall soon earn the reputation of stocking those rare items, value and quality!

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BLEADON BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We have had a great summer term, with lots of children and mothers attending every Wednesday morning! If you would like to give your child a chance to play with lots of other children and meet other mothers in the village you will be very welcome. We have a Health Visitor at the sessions on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in the month. She can weigh and measure your baby, answer questions and give advice.

We had an outing to Court Farm in July, when the sun shone and all the children enjoyed themselves taking part in activities, feeding the animals and going on tractor rides. The picture shows three of our group driving a bus in the playground.



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BLEADON PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP



My word, where has the summer gone. After a break of three months while we all took a breather, Bleadon Photographic Group convenes on 27th September to start another year of workshops, lectures and competitions and would welcome new members especially from the village.

Many of our group have learned the intricacies of digital imaging and photo manipulation through the monthly workshops in the programme. Go on be honest, how many of you have taken a photograph and been unable to produce a final image worthy of your efforts all because you are insufficiently au fait with image manipulation programmes. Digital cameras and computers are not cheap and many of us invest our hard earned money in this technology and then get results that do not do justice to the trouble and expense. So why not come along and find out how to improve your technique and protect your investment and at the same time enjoy the many facets of photography in general. You might even end up not cutting the heads off your subject or having to look at your prints through a magnifying glass because they were too far away. You might improve your overall enjoyment of photography by talking to like minded people, or pass on some particular technique to other group members who are always keen to improve and learn. So much for the commercials, now for some background information. The Group started life back in 1948 as Weston-super-Mare Cine and Camera Society and through various changes has become the Bleadon Photographic Group but the original aims and objectives have remained unchanged over those 57 years. We still strive to promote all aspects of photography and to provide the atmosphere for the improvement of our photographic skills. The move to Bleadon came about some years ago when we were seeking better accommodation and facilities for the Group activities and the Coronation Hall met all our requirements coupled with the fact that we were made to feel so welcome. Our concern now is that we have very few Bleadon residents as members, so why not give us a try. For a very modest sum you could enjoy all aspects of the group and for more information give our "tame" secretary a ring on 813320 and lets hope we can welcome some of you at future meetings. Enjoy your photography.

Ken Tapley.
Chairman, Bleadon Photographic Group.

HELPLINES

Advice and Counselling on Alcohol and Drugs:

55a Oxford Street, W-s-M (01934)415376.

Age Concern: 23 Boulevard, W-s-M - (01934) 629192.

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.

Carer 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 BS1 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.

RELATE: (marriage guidance) (01934) 627206.

R.S.P.C.A. 172 Locking Road, W-s-M (01934) 627000 or (08705)555999.

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.

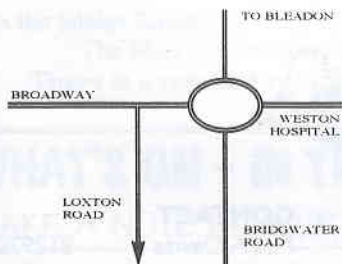
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For details, including telephone numbers, of pharmacies in your area that are open after 5.30pm on weekdays and open on Sundays, please call NHS Direct on 0845 4647.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

North Somerset Council: (01934) 888888.

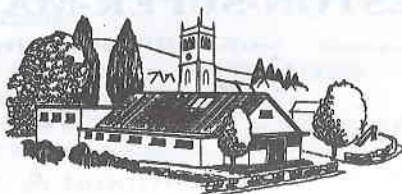
Sedgemoor District Council: (01 278) 435435.

Somerset County Council: (01823) 333451.

HOSPITAL

Weston General Hospital: Switchboard - (01934) 636363.

A LIST OF ORGANISATIONS WHICH REGULARLY USE THE CORONATION HALL



MONDAYS

1.15pm	NEW! Ladies Self-Defence**
2-5pm	Bleadon Bridge Club
7-9pm	Exercise Class **
7.30pm	British Sugarcraft Guild
1st Monday	W.S.M. Branch
7.30	Bleadon Parish Council
2nd Monday	

CONTACT

Mrs A Davies	812920
Mr D Munden	812772
Mrs M Keele 07939 038 071	
Mrs R Heath	627163
Mr B Poole, Clerk	
01278 787555	

TUESDAYS

2-4pm	Bleadon Ladies Group	Mrs B Pugh	814362
2nd Tuesday			
2.30-4.30pm	Bleadon Short Mat Bowling Club**	Mrs J Tiney	813893
1st,3rd,4th	Oct-June		
6-7.30 pm	Brownies**	Mrs B Ware	811545
7.30 pm - Sept-May	Bleadon Photographic Group	Mr K Tapley	623877
1st,2nd,4th,5th			
7.30 pm	Bleadon Horticultural Society	Mr C Cudlipp	813152
3rd - Oct-May			

WEDNESDAYS

10am-noon	Infant Welfare Clinic	The Health Visitor at the Clinic	
2nd & 4th	& Toddler Group		
10am-noon	Toddler Group	Mrs E Knight	625089
1st,3rd & 5th			
1.30pm	Yoga Class	Mrs D Marsh	750438
7.30pm	Bleadon Players/Rehearsals	Mrs S Kelly	645135
7.30pm	Come Dancing	Mr L Masters	811976

THURSDAYS

10-12 noon	Art:Watercolour painting class	Weston College 01275 810659
8.00pm - Sept-June	Bleadon Folk Dancing Group	Mrs J Thorne 814007
1st & 3rd Thurs		
7.30pm	Bleadon Sugarcraft Club	Mrs P Webb 01278 684484
4th Thursday		

FRIDAYS

2-4pm	Bleadon Friendship Club	Mrs J Diment	812217
7.00pm - Sept-May	Short Mat Bowling Club**	Mrs J Tiney	813893

SUNDAYS

2.30 - Sept-May	Short Mat Bowling Club**	Mrs J Tiney	813893
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Date	Time:	Event:	Contact:
17th Sept	9am-12.30pm	VILLAGE MARKET	Hall Management Cttee 812370
24th Sept	7.30pm	HARVEST SUPPER	Bleadon Church 811490
15th Oct	9.30am-12.30	VILLAGE MARKET	812370
22th Oct	7.30pm	VILLAGE BARN DANCE	Hall Management Cttee 811976
5th Nov	10.00am	COFFEE MORNING	Friendship Club
19th Nov	9.30am-12.30pm	VILLAGE MARKET	812370
26th Nov	7.30pm	QUIZ IN AID OF CLIC	Mrs P Dain 812859
3rd Dec	9am-12.30pm	**BLEADON CHRISTMAS MARKET** Lots of Festive Stalls, Bumper Raffle, Coffee & Mince Pie, something for everyone!	812370
11th Dec		CHRISTINGLE PARTY	Bleadon Church 811490
4th,5th,6th Jan		PANTOMIME!	Bleadon Players 645135
21st Jan		VILLAGE MARKET	812370

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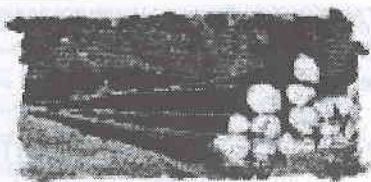
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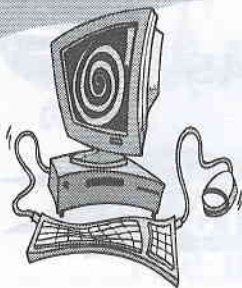
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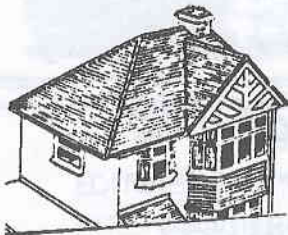
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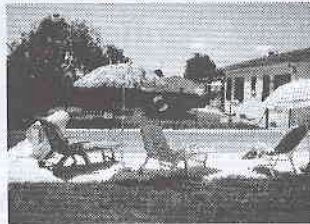
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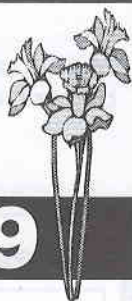
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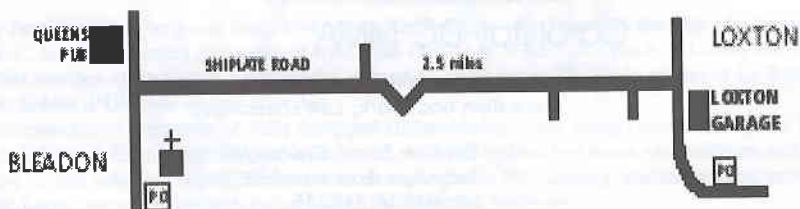
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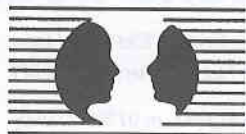
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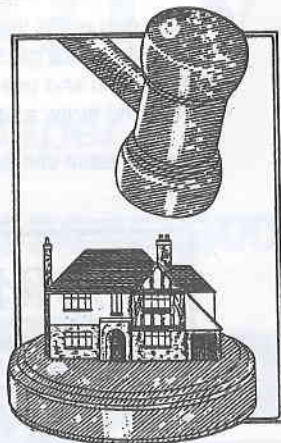
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