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Dear Parishioner

My major concern before the Gypsy Site Meeting was quite simply - would enough people turn up to fill the Hall. I need not have worried, the Coronation Hall was full to overflowing. I do not intend to repeat the points of objection raised at the meeting, but I do feel confident that we shall not now see a site in Bleadon. However, we must not be complacent, we must keep a close watch on this subject at all times until we know for certain that we succeeded. To all who attended the meeting, thank you, in particular I wish to thank Mrs Corder and all Parish Councillors who have worked so very hard to oppose this plan.

I feel sure that you are all aware of the proposed plan, by Wessex Water, to build a Sewage Treatment Works on Bleadon Levels. There is very little that the Parish Council could do to oppose this proposal. We have been in constant correspondence with Wessex Water over the past five months, and have made a number of suggestions about landscaping, etc. Some of our suggestions have been included into their plans. Should approval be given, work will commence in 1992 and continue for 30 months. There will be considerable disruption to Accommodation Road during the period of construction. I do believe that once the work has been completed we shall all rapidly come to accept its presence. Wessex Water have assured us that the finished plant will cause very few, if any, problems for Bleadon.

I reported in the last issue of the Village Newsletter that the planning application for the Honda sign had been refused. The latest news on this is that Honda (UK) Ltd have appealed against the decision to the Department of the Environment. I quote the words of Councillor Strode, "It seems that a company which spends millions of pounds advertising safety has a total disregard for the safety of our Village". I assure you that your Parish Council will do everything in its power to have this appeal rejected.

Judith and I wish each of you a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Brenig Evans
Chairman

BLEADON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The club welcomed several new members during November,

The coffee morning on November 14th was a very happy and successful occasion. The Christmas lunch at the Kirkwood Hotel is on Thursday December 19th.

Friday December 20th will be the last meeting in 1991. Home made mince Pies will be served with tea and entertainment will be provided by a party of singers with Mr. Hector Riley. Christmas cards will be distributed to members; thanks to Mrs. Bunty Foreman and Mrs. D. Thompson for collecting and sorting these.

The club reopens in January.

E.M.T.

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CALLING ALL BUS USERS

I propose writing to the Badgerline office concerning the following matters :

1. That an official bus stop be placed either at the Queens public house or a little way past the Post Office on the 83 route **FROM** Weston.
2. That the surly uncivil behaviour of **SOME** of the drivers on this route be dealt with by their superiors.

If anyone has any comment to make on either of these points and, in particular, if you have had unsatisfactory service from drivers on this route, please get in touch with me at Bleadon Rectory (Tel. 812297).

Angela Parkinson

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BLEADON YOUTH CLUB PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is for children aged three and above. We meet in the Youth Club hall every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, during term time, from 9.30 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. The cost is £2.00 per session.

Further details are available from Playgroup leader, Mrs. Cynthia Richardson (Tel. 812704)

CORONATION HALL MANAGEMENT

We now have ten new lightweight folding tables, each 6' x 2'6", which will be a great asset to the hall and reduce the task for everyone who gets involved in lifting and carrying tables in preparation for an event.

New stage curtains, made up by Marion Perkins, were hung in time for Bleadon Players' production of "Aladdin", at the beginning of the month. The same weekend saw our annual Christmas Coffee Morning, which was a cheerful and well attended occasion that raised £142.50 for hall funds. We are all most grateful to Eric Goodwin and his Group who provided the musical entertainment. Our thanks also to our Parish Councillors, who donated the raffle Prizes, and to all those who helped make the occasion so successful.

The coffee morning was also the launch day for a new map of Bleadon and District, compiled and produced by Mr Peter Lindsay. Copies, at 30p each, are now available at the Post Office, all proceeds going to the Coronation Hall funds. We strongly recommend this map to all who live in or around the village.

As previously stated, there will be no Christmas dinner dance this Year. We are, instead, running a function for New Years Eve. This will be a fun party and dance, with a buffet supper and fancy dress, if you like, with a prize for the best. The event will start at 8.00pm and continue to 1.00am, with a fully licensed bar until 12.30am. There will be music to suit all tastes. The really good news is that the tickets will only be £6.00 each, which has to be a bargain for such a New Year's Eve occasion. However, at this price, they are sure to be in great demand, so get yours now from Les Masters at the Post Office, or from me or other hall committee members. Let's celebrate the coming of the New Year with a real "Village Event" - join with your family and friends for a memorable night.

Len Chamberlain (Chairman) Tel: 814517

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GUIDE AND SCOUT BUILDING FUND

Mrs Jill Hobbs and Miss Snelgrove would like to thank all those friends who came to the whist drives in aid of the above fund. As a result £81.65 has been handed to the Treasurer, Mr K Minett.

There will be another series of six drives next Year, beginning Wednesday January 15th, in the Coronation Hall, from 2 pm to 4 pm. The cost will be £1.00, to include tea and biscuit.

We hope to see you all, and some more of your friends, in the New Year.

A Happy Christmas,

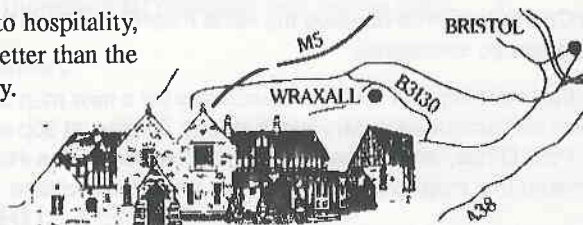
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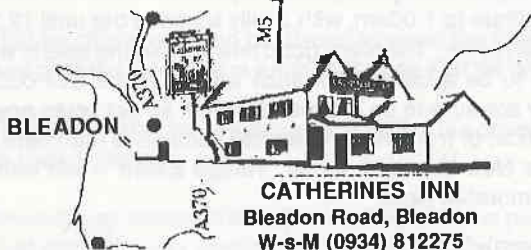
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St. PETER & St. PAUL, BLEADON WOMAN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship New Year commenced in September with a short service in Church taken by the Rector.

In October Mr and Mrs Hinton, from Sidcot, showed their beautiful slides taken on a trip, through Sweden and Norway, to the North Cape.

Mrs Watkins, wife of the Commissioner of Weston Salvation Army, and Jenny, a fellow Salvationist, entertained with songs and anecdotes, in November.

The Christmas coffee morning and mini-bazaar was a very enjoyable occasion and raised over £100.

At the November meeting Rev. David Parkinson was presented with a boxed communion set for taking to housebound or sick communicants. This will be blessed at a church service in December.

The Fellowship does not meet in December but at the meeting in January, on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 2.15pm, members look forward to a talk on "Hearing Dogs for the Deaf".

New members are always made very welcome at our meetings in the Church Room, the annual subscription being only £1.00.

Barbara Hillier

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BLEADON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Although it is now the middle of Winter don't forget that Spring is just around the corner, with lengthening days and the splash of yellow forsythia and daffodils in our gardens. The 18th Spring Flower Show will be held, in the Coronation Hall, on Saturday March 21st with exhibits of bulb culture, handicrafts, homecrafts and floral exhibits, as well as classes for the juniors. Schedules will available nearer the date from the usual sources, including the Post Office. There will be a bring-and-buy stall as well as a raffle and refreshments. The 18th Summer Show, held this year, was really successful so let's make the Spring Show even more colourful. Flower arrangements will include some titles for the beginners.

Chris Cudlipp

BLEADON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

The club now has as many playing members as it can comfortably accommodate for bowling. We have also introduced Sunday afternoon play in addition to our regular Friday evening sessions. Sunday play begins at 3.00pm.

The club played an away friendly match with Banwell S.M.B.C. on Thursday 5th December. Our thanks go to the Banwell club for a thoroughly enjoyable evening. We just managed to beat them, over the eight or so 5-end games, by a final score of 34 to 30. We are due to play another away game, against Kewstoke, at a date to be arranged early in the new year.

Our congratulations go to John Wilkes and Harry Maughan, who won their second round pairs match, in the St. Loye's Trophy competition, by a significant margin. They were matched against players from Winterbourne S.M.B.C. More recently, Eddie Payne and David Driver played their second round match, also against players from Winterbourne. The match was very closely played, until the last few ends, when Eddie and David went ahead to win by 9 to 6. The proceeds of this national competition go to the benefit of the St. Loye's College, Exeter, where disabled people are trained for open employment.

Friday 13th December saw us enjoying our annual Christmas buffet, prepared by the ladies of our committee. Members voted this a most enjoyable evening. Our thanks to Lynn Riding, Barbara Driver and Doreen Ward. The meal was preceded and followed by bowling.

Our last playing date before Christmas is Friday 20th December and we shall start again on Friday 27th, followed by Sunday afternoon play (3.00pm) on 29th December.

Our knitted jumpers, with embroidered club motifs, will be despatched by the manufacturers just before Christmas.

John Ward

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BLEADON VILLAGE BRIDGE CLUB

The club has met on Monday afternoons throughout the Summer (even on Bank Holiday Monday), with an average attendance of 38 out of 46 members.

On Monday December 9th we held our annual lunch, followed by a full bridge session, 44 members being present. All in all a most encouraging start for the club.

We are, as always, indebted to the Coronation Hall management, for their ready assistance and the Christmas decorations, which put the finishing touch to our lunch party.

Don Gardner

FROM OUR RECTOR

CHURCH QUESTIONNAIRE

I am very grateful indeed to all who have completed the questionnaire sent out by the Church Council in recent weeks. We hope that, as a result of the information provided, the church in this parish will be better able to meet the needs of the 90's.

CRIB SERVICE

In addition to the usual Christmas Services, there will be a Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 5pm - specially for children - but adults very welcome.

MONEY

We have just heard from English Heritage that they agree our proposals for the long-outstanding repair of the chancel and south porch roofs. It is estimated that the work will cost in the region of £100,000 with English Heritage providing 40% after 1st April 1992. In recent years, the PCC has accumulated £30,000 towards this work which means that, in 1992, we must aim to raise £30,000 in addition to the £20,000 pa required simply to "keep the business going".

All contributions gratefully received!

Happy Christmas,

David Parkinson, Rector

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YOUR HELP IS SOUGHT

One of the principal fund raising activities of the Youth Club is collecting waste paper and storing it until we have a saleable quantity. Many of you may know that the skip for this paper is situated at the right hand end of the Youth Club Building. Whilst we actively encourage all the paper collections that we can manage, we have encountered a problem recently in that the unauthorised tipping of household and garden rubbish into this skip is destroying all our paper collection efforts.

What we ask is your help in two different ways. Firstly, the continued saving of your daily newspapers to help with our fund-raising and secondly, that no rubbish of **ANY** other type is placed in this skip.

Best wishes for a Happy Christmas and good New Year from all the members of the Youth Club Committee.

Richard Strode

THE MORE WE ARE TOGETHER

Most people like getting together with others, but often it is difficult to find suitable occasions for doing so. It is therefore heartening to see how many opportunities Bleadon gives its residents to gather and enjoy themselves.

Elsewhere in this issue are reports from the Bridge Club and the Short Mat Bowling Club, both founded in the last couple of years and both thriving. Here are two forms of recreation new to the village, open to all ages and both sexes, requiring no special skills or experience from the beginner and particularly valuable in that they offer social opportunities to the single and widowed (no, I do not mean they are marriage bureaux).

They also, of course, provide steady extra income for the Coronation Hall.

A couple of weeks ago I took part in Bleadon Players second pantomime, "Aladdin", and really enjoyed the response from the audiences, who obviously came determined to have a good time. Every one of Bleadon Players' shows brings a flood of congratulations and thanks, and I find it particularly pleasing that we can entertain elderly people who could never make the trip to the cinema or theatre in town. Each show is a great occasion of togetherness.

The next such show will be at the Pancake Party on March 3rd (note the date now), which is of course one of the social occasions organised by the Friends of Bleadon Church. These are by no means confined to churchgoers and certainly add to the fabric of village life. By the time you read this the Punch and Pie Party will have taken place at Purn House Farm, and the Harvest Lunch is of course an established favourite. I wonder what they might organise to celebrate the summer solstice.

Moving from the sacred to the profane, let me end by putting in a word for the "Queen's Arms", a great centre of **local** togetherness. Because of the manoeuvrings among the big breweries, some villages have lost their local pubs. The good news is that Bleadon is not going to be one of them.

Les Masters

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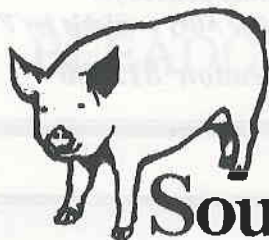


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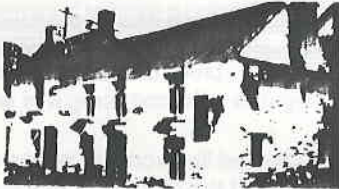
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BLEADON W.I.

The Institute continues to flourish having just completed its fifty-third year. Each monthly meeting has had a good attendance and there have been quite a number of visitors, some of whom hopefully will be joining.

There have been interesting talks and demonstrations, including among others, a very amusing talk on Jumble Sales, flower arranging and sugarcraft demonstrations, a description of a Kenya Safari with many fascinating slides of animals and birds in their natural habitat and a concert by the Broadoak School orchestra.

A patchwork class was held in April and those who attended spent an enjoyable and profitable day, as witnessed by the excellent work turned out. Members and friends held a Skittles evening at the Queens Arms, and look forward to the next one.

The Annual General Meeting followed the ordinary monthly meeting in November, when the Treasurer's and Secretary's reports gave indications of a successful year. In her Presidential address Mrs. Pat Brent thanked the members of the Committee for their hard work and loyal support throughout the year. Mrs. Brent has agreed to continue as President for the coming year and all the Committee members have also agreed to continue in office.

Instead of a Christmas party a luncheon has been arranged at the Beachlands Hotel in January next.

The 1992 programme promises to be very interesting and we hope to welcome existing and new members

Mary Wellum

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