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*Seasons greetings to
all our readers*

A taste of Summer

As winter draws in it's good to know that soon the days will once again start to grow longer and brighter. Bringing the promise of summer. Meanwhile, here's a pictorial reminder of what the summer of 2015 brought us at the Bleadon Summer Flower Show.



Gardeners, growers, flower arrangers, crafty makers, bakers and domestic goddesses can look forward to the next Spring Horticultural Show in early March

Welcome to a new parish council from a new chairman

Dates for your diary

4 Dec. Bleadon Belles Carols at the Queens Arms

5 Dec. Bumper Christmas Market in the Coronation Halls + Youth Club

5 Dec. Punch & Pie, Coronation Hall

20 Dec. Queens Arms Panto, Xmas Jumper Competition and Lucky Draw

16 Jan. Village Market in the Coronation Halls

21,22,23 Jan. Bleadon Players Panto in the Coronation Hall

As the new Chair of the Bleadon Parish Council, I am pleased to make a contribution to this 102nd Bleadon Village News.

Firstly I must thank those who have undertaken to take on the task of producing this first edition following the May elections. Not forgetting to thank Keith for his support in producing and editing the Village News for the previous five years.

Whether the parish council will be able to continue producing a magazine format Village News is in some doubt unless we can get the support and contribution of villagers to produce it. Quite possibly we will have to turn to a simpler newsletter format if we wish to continue with a regular publication.

The result of the Parish Council elections came as a surprise, with all but three of the existing Councillors not seeking re-election. Six parish councillors chose to stand down including the long serving Chairman Penny Skelley. The hope being that some fresh young enthusiasm would bring new ideas and fresh commitment to the community.

As there were insufficient applicants, an election was not required, and Carole Findlay became the only new addition. The new Council was therefore somewhat short of sufficient members to transact business in the various areas of responsibility.

We are seeking to remedy this situation as soon as possible, and have co-opted new Councillors, Claire Gutsell and Steven Hartree.

To further compound the situation, our long serving Clerk to the Parish Council, Bruce Poole, announced his intention to resign. We are indeed fortunate to announce that his replacement Hazel Brinton has taken up her post on 1st October 2015.

We welcome Hazel to Bleadon and wish her a long and happy stay with us.

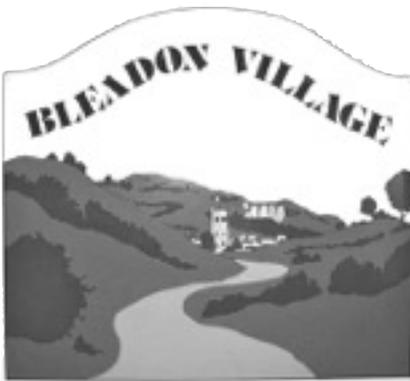
Bleadon is a fantastic place to live, with a friendly welcoming spirit. It has numerous activities, clubs, groups etc. which most of you will all be aware of. Many of these are focused in the Coronation and Jubilee Halls.

As for myself, my wife Sue and I have lived in the village for the past seven years, and have involved ourselves in many of the activities of the village.

I am retired police officer, golf club General Manager and Chauffeur company owner, and together with Sue, a retired hospital Sister, we have a broad and varied outlook on life. We have been fortunate to make friends with a lots of people, with all manner of interests, in the village, both its past and future.

In standing for election, my aim was to help to make a positive difference to the village, and to make our voice heard in North Somerset. I look forward to making the acquaintance of more of you.

Ian Gibson



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Your new Parish Councillors

As only four candidates stood for the nine Parish Council seats at the election in May this year the election was uncontested and all four candidates were elected. Since May two more councillors have been co-opted on to the parish council. That still leaves three seats to be filled. The parish council is looking to co-opt three more councillors.



ID Clarke

I grew up in Weston-super-Mare and have lived in various parts of England and overseas, returning to live in Bleadon ten years ago.

I spent most of my working life within Local Authorities, NHS and the voluntary sector, serving on a number of committees.

I enjoy being part of village activities particularly St Peter and St Pauls, Horticultural Society, Bleadon WI., various social/fundraising activities and enjoy walking my spaniels.

I am on the Open Spaces, Planning and Coronation Hall Management Committees and feel I usefully contribute to the work of the Parish Council by doing my best to involve and represent the views of the everyday people of Bleadon.



Carole Findlay

Elected to the Parish Council in May, the only new councillor to be elected this year. I feel strongly that we need a strong Parish Council to ensure that the village continues to be a safe and enjoyable place to live.

I am brief holder for Neighbourhood Watch & Community, Footpaths and Bridleways, Play Area, Youth Club, Bleadon Village News and serve on the Planning and Open Spaces Committees.

I have lived in Bleadon for over 17 years with my husband Ian, who is the Bleadon Ranger, and our two sons Adam and Dan.

I am a former police officer, however more recently I have had my own Counselling/CBT coaching business and currently practice Reiki healing.



Ian Gibson

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Could you be a Bleadon Parish Councillor?

If you want to have a say in the future of Bleadon then you may wish to be considered for co-option onto the parish council. You must be over 18 and have a passion to make things better in Bleadon. You need to live in Bleadon (or within 3 miles of it) for the last 12 months and you mustn't be a Bankrupt or a convicted criminal.

If you are interested in being a Bleadon parish councillor please contact Hazel Brinton, the Parish Clerk - parishclerk@bleadonparishcouncil.gov.uk



Claire Gutsell

I have lived happily in Bleadon for 19 years with my husband and in later years our three children. I've been involved in lots of groups in the Village, Baby and Toddler Group, Bleadon Players and Queens Treasurers to name a few. When I read about the Parish Council vacancies in the Bleadon Village News earlier in the year I put myself forward for one of the seats.

I am very pleased to be on the Finance and Personnel Committee. I plan to work with my colleagues on the committee to ensure we keep within our budget and spend our money wisely! I am also responsible for representing the Parish Council on the Youth Club committee, and hope to be able to support the Youth Club to develop and prosper.



Steve Hartree

I am delighted to serve on the Parish Council once again as I have a concern for the views and welfare of the parishioners of Bleadon to be heard. I am the Chair of the Council's Finance and Personnel Committee and also serve on the Planning and Open Spaces Committees.

Bleadon is an excellent community and I believe that it is the duty of the Parish Council to protect and promote the aspirations of parishioners.

I first came to live in Bleadon over 20 years ago, and my wife Barbara was born and raised in the village. I am a retired priest who also served in local government for nearly 40 years.



Mary Sheppard

I am a semi-retired farmer. My mother and grandfather both farmers before me.

I have lived in or very near Bleadon most of my life and have been a parish councillor for nearly 30 years. In my time serving as Chairman and on the Youth Club, Open Spaces and Planning Committees.

Interested in being co-opted on to the parish council?

You need to be willing to give up some of your time. How much time depends on you and your commitment to working for your community without being paid.

The parish council meets once a month, usually on the second Monday of the month. As a councillor you will also sit on some of the committees that manage the council's resources and deliver the services.

Introducing Bleadon's new Parish Clerk

Hazel Brinton has taken over the role of Parish Clerk from Bruce Poole, who retired in September.



I have been supporting work in local communities since I joined North Somerset Council from the private sector in 2007. Previously, I had been a Management Accountant for a number of organisations including Debenhams, SITA and First Choice.

I am also a Business Manager in a local school and when time permits, have volunteered for National Trust and the Jubilee Sailing Trust. I go to the local gym regularly, enjoy the theatre and try and get out on my road bike with the Breeze Ladies Cycle Group as often as I can (we have even attempted Bleadon Hill, some of us more successfully than others!).

I am delighted to have been appointed Parish Clerk to Bleadon and look forward to working to support the local community and its councillors.

*Miss Hazel Brinton
60 Worle Moor Road
Weston Village
Weston-super-Mare
BS24 7EG*

parishclerk@bleadonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Tel: 07341 977 235

Three more Parish Councillors needed for Bleadon

With only six out of the nine parish council seats filled, the parish council is keen to fill the three vacancies as soon as possible.

To fill the vacancies the council simply needs to co-opt volunteers onto the council. No election is required, but interested villagers will need to demonstrate to the council a willingness and commitment to work selflessly with the other councillors for the benefit of the community.

Here's your chance to start giving something back to the community you cherish. A chance to make a difference.

If you wish to put your name forward to be considered for co-option onto the council please contact the Parish Clerk at: parishclerk@bleadonparishcouncil.gov.uk

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YES

If you are over 18 and have a passion to make things better in Bleadon. You need to live in Bleadon (or within 3 miles of it) for the last 12 months and you mustn't be a Bankrupt or a convicted criminal.

YES

If you really care about the community you live in and want to see it thrive and prosper.

YES

If you want to get things done to ensure that our village continues as a wonderful place to live in.

YES

If you want to see progress and improvement, but not at any cost to our semi-rural idyl.

YES

If you want to have a say in what the council spends taxpayers' money on and are willing to work towards ensuring that the council delivers the best value services.

YES

If you have ideas that you are willing to argue for and turn into action. Working as part of the team delivering those on ideas.

What the parish council spent your money on in 2014 and 2015

Budget setting for next year

Over the next two months the parish council will be debating and deciding what money it needs from you, to deliver the services and facilities that the village wants.

In January the parish council should be finalising next year's Budget and setting the Parish Precept (the money it needs from Council Tax).

Now is the time for you to tell the parish council what changes and improvements you would like to see in Bleadon.

You can write to the Parish Clerk:

*Miss Hazel Brinton
60 Worle Moor Road
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Weston-super-Mare
BS24 7EG*

parishclerk@bleadonparishcouncil.gov.uk

or speak at the start of a Parish Council meeting (2nd Monday of the month at 7:30pm)

or talk to any of the six parish councillors.

Bleadon households in an average Band D property currently pay £73.66 annually towards the cost of services provided by the parish council.

An average of just £1.41 a week.

Bleadon Parish Council - 2014-2015		
Summary Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 31st March 2015		
Last Year Ended 31st March 2014		Current Year Ended 31st March 2015
	Receipts	
156.23	Interest Received	188.78
<u>156.23</u>	Sub Total	<u>188.78</u>
	Operating Income	
38,000.00	General Income	38,000.00
1,474.50	Other Income	1,525.80
1,837.32	Council Tax Grant	1,547.93
8,252.19	Community Asset Grant	0.00
300.00	Rents	304.50
4,331.84	VAT Data	1,943.83
<u>54,352.08</u>	Total Receipts	<u>43,510.84</u>
	Running Costs	
15,433.00	Staff Costs	15,425.46
10,150.97	Administration	11,410.75
500.00	Grants	150.00
12,586.16	Open Spaces	17,266.92
750.00	Special Projects	0.00
1,943.83	VAT Data	1,886.44
<u>41,363.96</u>	Total Payments	<u>46,139.57</u>
	Receipts and Payments Summary	
74,342.81	Opening Balance	87,330.93
54,352.08	Add Total Receipts(As Above)	43,510.84
128,694.89		130,841.77
41,363.96	Less Total Payments(As Above)	46,139.57
<u>87,330.93</u>	Closing Balance	<u>84,702.20</u>
	These cumulative funds are represented by :	
0.00	Current Account	0.00
0.00	Business Account	0.00
5,026.63	Nationwide	5,031.20
82,304.30	Current Account - Unity	77,513.88
0.00	Unity Trust Bank - Deposit	2,157.12
<u>87,330.93</u>		<u>84,702.20</u>
	Reserve Balances are represented by :	
12,968.12	Current Year Fund	-2,626.73
33,212.32	General Reserves	47,342.44
3,500.00	EMR - Staff Contingencies	3,500.00
5,000.00	EMR - Pensions	5,000.00
1,600.00	EMR - Election	2,100.00
31,030.49	EMR - Special	29,388.49
<u>87,330.93</u>		<u>84,702.20</u>

EMR = Earmarked Reserves set aside for specific purposes

NEWS

Bleadon Rights of Way Group

BROW is a voluntary organisation which aims to keep the footpaths in the Bleadon Parish clear and accessible for all. There are no specific times or weeks that they meet, it is on an ad hoc arrangement as needs arise. Sadly Andy Eddy has had to step down this year as the organiser and driving force behind the group. He is a great loss. Ian Findlay our Village Ranger has taken on the role and has organised two path clearances recently. The footpath running along the river Axe from the A370 was recut after several months of closure due to high river levels. Before and after pictures are shown below.

The group have petrol strimmers, hedge cutters and other gardening tools to use in clearing the footpaths. Some of our volunteers have attended a Council run course on the use of the strimmer in public places. All work undertaken is risk assessed and a copy kept on file. The group have also replaced styles with kissing gates, resurfaced footpaths and repaired steps used on the footpaths.

It is stressed that this is a voluntary group, thus there is no obligation to undertake the work, however those who have taken part have experienced a real feeling of satisfaction when a job is completed. By the very nature of the work undertaken a certain amount of walking and carrying equipment is required, and anybody is welcome to come and help. Thanks to Chris Butler the dates of BROW projects are usually found on the Bleadon Bob web site. If attending a path clearance suitable footwear and clothing should be worn for the weather conditions, rough terrain and brambles.

Anyone wishing to be included in the group can contact Ian Findlay on: ian.findlay@bleadonparishcouncil.gov.uk
01934 812 862



Before and after footpath clearance beside the River Axe

Your Bleadon Ranger is Ian Findlay



Ian is often to be seen around the village, in fact normally you cannot miss him in his bright orange Hi Vis clothing. Ian has a number of tasks to complete each week within a set amount of hours including litter picking, playground inspection and maintenance, notice boards, signs and bins. Ian also undertakes the strimming of the Quarry and Roman Road beauty spots and general maintenance around the village, for example, this summer the crash barrier was repainted in the Halls car park. It is not always possible to complete all the tasks every week as other demands on his time and other issues need to be addressed.

Recently Ian has had to spend time repairing damage caused by vandals, for instance, making secure buildings where an attempted burglary took place at the Jubilee Hall. The vandalism has included arson, broken crockery, broken glass, eggs and other petty acts proliferated in and around the village centre.

Ian would urge anyone who sees or knows about these incidents to contact the police and the Parish Council as this is the only way we will put a stop to it.

The village notice boards are usually updated on a Monday morning. Ian asks that any posters or notices for the village notice boards please be left at the post office prior to Monday as anything arriving after he has collected from the post office on Monday will not be put up until the following week. Please allow sufficient time for your posters to be displayed, i.e. handing them in on Tuesday for an event that weekend is too late and likely to cause disappointment!

Ian is always available for a chat while on his rounds and he is partial to a cup of coffee, white with one sugar!

NEWS

Police and Community Safety

There has been a recent escalation in crime on our beautiful village, particularly in the centre of the village around the halls and car park. The Jubilee Hall was victim to an attempted break in, various attempts at setting fire to things such as notice boards, criminal damage to vehicles parked in the car park, drugs being offered to young children and a serious assault on a young boy.

Please ensure that all crimes, even attempted crimes, are reported to police so that police resources can be targeted where they are needed most. Crimes can be reported by calling the police on 101 (999 if a crime is in progress) or via the Avon & Somerset website using the contact us tab.

To help ensure villagers safety and prevent crime we now have good quality CCTV cameras monitoring the area around the halls, car park and playground. If any further crimes are committed this will ensure those committing such crimes can be identified and prosecuted.

We have also been asked by the Community Response Team to inform you that local villages are being targeted by unscrupulous groups of criminals claiming to be offering to do various jobs around properties such as painting & decorating, roofing, driveways and handyman work.

Bleadon has a no cold calling policy, so these people shouldn't be knocking on your door. Advice is to send them away, or even

better don't even open the door to them, and call the police on 101 to inform them. If you can supply a description and vehicle index number even better.

The village still has a dog fouling problem on footpaths around the village. We know that most of you are meticulous about picking up your dog's poo, but unfortunately there are still one or two people who think this rule doesn't apply to them. Please be assured if we see those responsible for leaving this unsightly mess they will be prosecuted. I'd like to say hung drawn and quartered but sadly that's not legal nowadays!

Please ensure your poo bags are either taken home or deposited in the dog poo bins provided. Please note, the bin by the bus shelter is not for dog poo, there is a proper bin provided just a few yards along Bleadon Road.

To end on a high note the village tubs were planted up on 31st October, with a record number of helpers turning up on the day to help with planting. Thank you to everyone who came along and to Keith Pyke for organising the plants and the weather! The tubs in and around the village should provide a welcome dash of colour through to next Spring.



New CCTV cameras installed in car park

In a bid to ensure that any criminal or anti-social activity is brought to justice new hi-resolution cameras have been installed in the car park and community space at the heart of our village.

The deterrent factor of being captured on CCTV seems to have worked, as the spate of anti-social behaviour appears to have ceased for now. However, it's down to each one of us to keep a watch out for misbehaviour. Crimes can be reported by calling the police on 101 (999 if a crime is in progress) or via the Avon & Somerset website.



Stone me!

After years of debate and dilly-dallying it's good to see that the new parish council has wasted no time in getting the crumbling wall at the entrance to the car park rebuilt. For years this small section of old stone wall had gradually deteriorated until it was reaching the stage of becoming a potential danger to passing traffic.

Sociable Bleadon



Bowling Down the Tram Lines

A late start (by Malcolm's standards) from Bleadon but still we caught the Trams unaware - had to obtain a key to get the coach in. It was an open-topped double-decked tram for us with only the bravest going aloft. Most were caped and hooded against the elements as we jerked and jolted across the mudflats, occasionally pausing in loops (Swans Nest and Black Hole) to avoid approaching traffic then around Rabbit corner to Seaton. Here lurked the clue to the day's quiz: "Walk to the waters edge and look right" we were advised - much good that was.



Some sun was organised for a brief stop at Seaton and the return journey then it was off to Sidmouth by coach. An Arts Festival was in progress here which enlivened the atmosphere - streets loud with music and the sweet smell of cannabis. Observing was like Glastonbury-by-the-Sea some went to Church but there was a guitar orchestra carefully playing there and the rains still came.

On the return journey it was Quiz time (an esoteric athletic conundrum), Bingo and the Raffle. The Jones's done well, Dave solving the quiz and Jo (no relation) winning the Bingo. Raffle prizes were then distributed to the fortunate. Well Done you all and particularly to Malcolm and Grace for a different but nice day away.

Photos & text by Pete Williams



Bleadon Belles

What an exciting year for the Bleadon Belles! Since winning the WI Choir of the Century competition last November in Birmingham and being featured on local TV and radio, the Choir have sung at the Royal Albert Hall at the Centenary AGM of the WI in June. A group sang at the Veterans' VJ Day Service in Weston; they have had a day trip to Harrogate to sing at the Centenary Fair (photo) as well as smaller more local events.



Their Christmas diary is getting booked up quickly. Join them at the WI Carol Service and "**Carols at the Queen's**" on Friday 4th December, the Bleadon **Christmas Market** on Saturday 5th December, St Mary Redcliff in Bristol and Christmas Eve at The Queen's.

They are working hard on their Christmas carols and songs at Tuesday evening rehearsals in the Jubilee Room. Choirmaster Andy King continues to lead them confidently from strength to strength and they are very fortunate to be accompanied by Richard Lennox or Matthew Tilke at public performances.

There's a host of regular social activities and special events happening here in Bleadon.

Especially in December.

Keep a regular eye on the village notice boards to catch up on what's happening.

Regular Coronation Hall activities ***in the Jubilee Room*

Mondays

Westland's Retirement Assoc	10-1pm	Mr G Mills	813230
Bleadon Bridge Club	2-5pm	Mr R Cox	814186
Exercise Classes**	7-8pm + 8-9pm	Mrs M Keele	629261
Bleadon Parish Council	7.30pm 2 nd Mon	Miss H Brinton	07341 977235

Tuesdays

U3A Bleadon Latin Group	10-12 noon fortnightly		
Short Mat Bowls	2.30-4.30pm Sept-May	Mr K Barrett	811267
Bleadon Brownies**	6-7.30 pm	Mrs R Atkins	751003
Bleadon WI Choir**	8pm	Mrs J Jones	812370
Bleadon Photographic Group	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th ,5 th Tues 7.30 pm (Sept-May)	Mr C Wilson	628070
Bleadon Horticultural Soc	3 rd Tues 7.30 pm (Oct-June)	Mr C Cudlipp	813152

Wednesdays

Yoga Class**	9.30-10.30	Mrs S Sommerfield	811374
Toddler Group	10-12 noon	Mrs G Hodder	07921 254272
Bleadon Players/Rehearsals	7.30pm	Mr N Venning	814112
Bleadon Pilates**	7.30pm	Mrs C Mutlow	750006

Thursdays

Bleadon Art Group**	10-12 noon	Mrs B Mattick	813062
W-s-M Croquet Club	2-4pm Oct - April	Mrs S Norfolk	812128
Children's Dance School**	4-5pm Term time	Mrs L Furneaux	07787 338003
Bleadon WI	7.30 2 nd Thurs	Mrs M Harper	814962
Bleadon Folk Dancing Group	8pm 3 rd Thurs (Sept-June)	Mrs J Thorne	814007
Bleadon Sugarcraft Club	7.30pm 4 th Thurs	Mrs S Dennelly	812840

Fridays

Bleadon Friendship Club	2-4pm	Mr G Brown	
Short Mat Bowls Club**	7pm	Mr K Barrett	811267

Saturdays

Village Market	9-12.30 3 rd Saturday	Mrs J Jones	812370
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Sundays

Short Mat Bowls Club**	2.30 (Sept-May)	Mr K Barrett	811267
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The Halls are available for hire and there's a reduced rate for Bleadon residents. Call Joanne Jones on **812 370**.

Bleadon Youth Centre activities

Mondays

Aloha Yoga	9.30-10.45am	Ms R Miller	419749
VETs Table Tennis Club	7-10pm	Mr K Warner	629368

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Thursdays

Bleadon Youth Club (10-17yrs)	7-9pm	Mr K Pyke	813127
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Fridays

Aloha Yoga	7.30-8.45pm	Ms R Miller	419749
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The Youth Centre is available to hire. Ideal for kids' parties and activities for the young at heart. Call Keith **813127**

Sociable Bleadon



Bleadon Brownies

Ten new Brownies were welcomed to the unit this term. This maintains the unit at full capacity and there is a waiting list for joining in the new term starting in January.

The girls are busy working towards their Toymaker Badges in the run up to Christmas and getting very excited about the Christmas party on the 15th.

Beckie (Brown Owl)
07917 676 262

An alternative panto?

Meanwhile, at the Queens Arms, well oiled rehearsals are currently in preparation for a night of thespian disaster in the form of the annual **alternative al-fresco panto**.

A night of high frolics and much queening is promised on **Sunday 20 December**. Starting at around 6pm. Followed by the usual **Xmas jumper** competition and the **Big Prize Draw**. All funds raised go to the Bleadon Youth Club charity.



Bleadon Players Panto secret?

Forget Banksey, the new secret of North Somerset is the name of the next Players' pantomime. Rumour has it that they don't even know themselves...Oh yes they do...Oh no they don't.

So get in the queue and be amazed at the Coronation Hall on **21, 22 and 23 January**. Tickets available soon from the Post House Stores.

Friends of Bleadon Church

Harvest Festival was celebrated with a Supper and dancing to local Blues duo *Double Trouble*, raising £517 for Church funds. Thank you to all who helped with the supper and the many who supported a delightful evening.

Next event is the **Punch & Pie** (with carols) in the Coronation Hall on Saturday 5 December.

Christmas at Bleadon Church

Celebrating God's Love together!

Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 20th December 3pm
Carols and readings celebrating Christmas.

Crib service

Thursday 24th December 4.30pm
Young and old together, gather round the crib to celebrate Jesus birth.

Midnight Mass

Thursday 24th December 11.30pm
Celebrate together the moment of God's coming.

Informal Christmas Day Celebration:

10.15am Informal worship for Christmas morning.

For any other information about the church

www.bleadonchurch.co.uk

or contact Tim (our Parish Priest) on 01934 815 404 or revtimerridge@gmail.com

Posters for the village notice boards

If you have a Bleadon village event that needs to be publicised you are welcome to have your A4 poster displayed on the **five** purpose-built parish notice boards that are scattered around the village. Naturally, this is dependent upon there being space available. With so much going on space on the boards is frequently at a premium.

Leave your **five A4 (portrait format only) posters at the Post House Stores at Purn**. The village ranger, picks up the posters on a **Monday morning** and then distributes them around the notice boards. It isn't always possible to display all posters but Ian tries to be as fair to everyone as possible. **Priority will always go to promoting village based events for Bleadon residents.**



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Queens Arms

From the 1st October, landlord Nick Warrener took ownership of the Queens Arms from Butcombe Brewery.

It's been a busy few weeks for us here; we won two awards from the Weston Food Festival after the board of judges and the public voted the Queens 'Best Pub Food' category from a shortlist of 6 of the best pubs in the area; we've implemented new menus for the winter months and have

given the pub a much needed facelift – including the infamous men's toilets!

We aim to continue producing excellent home-cooked pub food using locally sourced, seasonal ingredients. Our staple menu will change regularly and the specials board will change daily, showcasing the freshest ingredients from our butcher and fishmongers delivered each morning.

For the fourth consecutive year we feature in the Good Beer Guide through recommendations by CAMRA members.

We pride ourselves on our well kept beer and intend to introduce a wider range of ales for our discerning ale drinkers.

The Christmas menu is now featuring on our website and we are happy to take bookings for parties up to 25 people. Our website will keep you up to date with any forthcoming events and please follow us on Facebook and Twitter for daily updates at the Queens Arms.

Nick looks forward to welcoming old faces and new over the next few months and would like to thank everyone for their support in his new endeavour!

www.queensarmsbleadon.com

Twitter: @QueensArmsWSM

Facebook: QueensArmsBleadon

01934 812080



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Kennels & Cattery, Somerset

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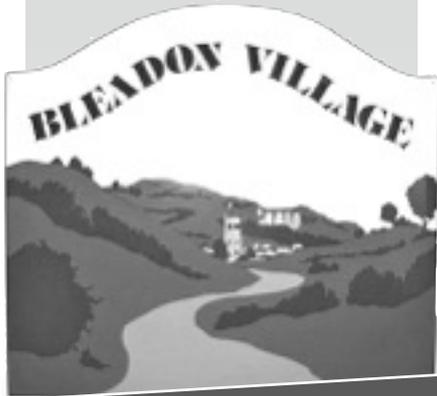
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Bleadon Parish Council

meets on the **second Monday of the month** at 7.30pm in the Coronation Hall.

An **Agenda** is published on the Parish notice boards and the website at least three days before the meeting.

We welcome parishioners to attend meetings and get actively involved in things that matter to Bleadon.



Email address for the Parish Clerk

parishclerk@bleadonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Parishioners' Voice is your opportunity at the start of each meeting for you to talk briefly to the Council about any issues you have.

If there is a particular issue you would like to raise **please let the Parish Clerk know by the Friday before the meeting**. This will give him the chance to collect the most up-to-date information available. If it's a last minute issue you wish to raise you can still ask to address the Council but they may not immediately have the answers you require.

Send all correspondence about Bleadon Parish Council matters to the Parish Clerk:
Hazel Brinton, 60 Worle Moor Road,
Weston Village BS24 7EG

Tel: 07341 977 235

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Your Bleadon Parish Councillors

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Aloha Yoga



The yoga sessions being run on Monday mornings in the Bleadon Youth Club by Becky Miller are proving to be a real benefit for villagers of all ages and gender.

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