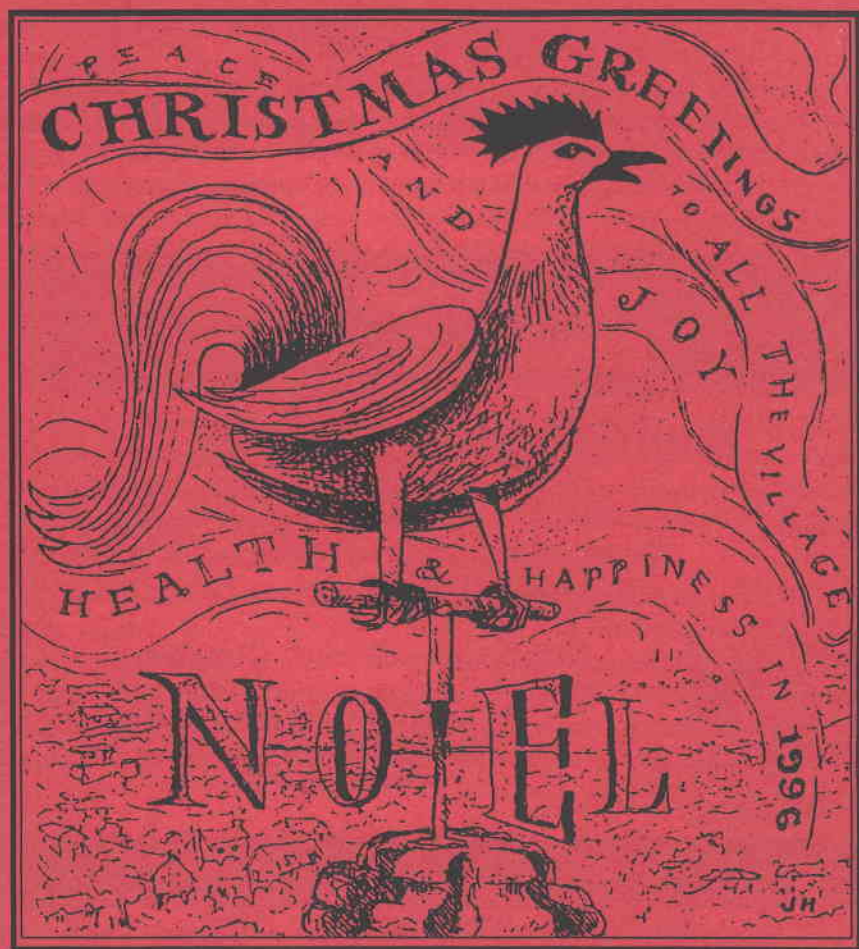


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FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Many people will now know that Wessex Water have started work on the water treatment works to be built on the Bleadon levels. However, I expect it will come as a surprise that building work will take up to four years! This is due to additional work that is in the 'pipeline'. However, some progress has been made, in that some of the proposed overhead cables will now be buried, approximately 1200 metres of cabling on the land owned by Wessex Water. Where the cable leaves the site in the Uphill direction (over the railway) will still be overhead. I would like to thank those villagers who wrote to SWEB about the overhead cables. This was mentioned by SWEB at a meeting I had with them, which proves that public pressure can have an effect.

Wessex water have submitted a revised planning application in respect of one of the lagoons which form part of the plant. This is required because the National Rivers Authority (N.R.A.) have decided to incorporate the earth mound, known as a bund, into the sea defences: the lagoon is now planned to be closer to Uphill and of a different shape. Finally on the Wessex Water situation, they have offered to issue a quarterly bulletin, which I hope will be published in the Bleadon Village News.

I have received the last Avon Area Transport Policies & Programme Submission (T.P.P.), which includes a section on 'Villages on Roads Between Main Urban Areas', which identifies Bleadon as a candidate for speed reducing measures. This means we have a chance that the proposed speed limits for the village and the A370 may be carried out by North Somerset in the financial year 1996/97. You can rest assured that this will be high on my action list when the budget for highways is set early in the new year.

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TRAFFIC IN BLEADON

At its November meeting the Parish Council decided to request from the Highway Authority (at present Avon, from next April North Somerset) the following measures :

1. A 30 mph speed limit throughout the village, ie; Bleadon Road, Bridge Road, Celtic Way, Coronation Road and Shiplate Road to the top of The Veale.
2. A 40 mph speed limit on the A370 for its whole length within the Parish.
3. Traffic islands on the A370 at the Bridge Road/Bridgwater/Bleadon Mill junctions.
4. A ban on heavy vehicles using Celtic Way, Coronation Road and Shiplate Road (except for access).

The idea of a one-way system at the junction of Bleadon Road and Bridgwater Road was rejected.

THEIR CUP RUNNETH OVER

Customers of the Queens Arms who manage to lift their gaze above the barrels at the back of the bar will notice a large new item of silverware. This prestigious looking trophy is the "Whitbread's" 7-a-side U.K. Open cup, won last month by the Queens Arms team after battling through six rounds. The entry of 63 teams covered an area from Cornwall to Gloucestershire, so the good name of Bleadon has been spread pretty widely.

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VILLAGE RECREATION AREA

Because of the circular following the public meeting on the subject in September, more or less the whole village knows that the field alongside Bridge Road went to auction on October 3rd. The appeal for donations towards the purchase of the field brought in £4,185, which has of course been returned to the donors.

In parallel with this effort a number of residents clubbed together on a loan basis and went to auction in partnership with the Weston Angling Club, who wanted the other field contained in the lot. Between us we were prepared to go to £38,000 for the 16 acres but we were almost instantly left behind in the bidding, which ended at £51,500 pounds. The purchasers are the Sanders Pension fund, who obviously see it as an investment because that is a pension fund's *raison d'être*. To those who visualise a housing estate on the site in a couple of years I can only say that in my opinion no development will be allowed there for much longer than that. Eventually there may well be a trade-off — recreation land in exchange for development next door — but only when there is much greater pressure for development over the whole district

L.M.

1ST BLEADON BROWNIES

During September the Brownies worked on their Animal Lovers badge. Samantha from the P.D.S.A. came to test the Brownies and they all passed. Everyone really enjoyed talking to Samantha and seeing her Spaniel "Molly" being bandaged up. We are going up to Bristol after Christmas to visit the P.D.S.A. animal hospital.

We welcome Emma and Lynsey to the Brownies. They joined the unit in September and made their Promise on 20th October.

A few weeks ago we went ice skating in Bristol. What a great time everyone had! The Brownies found it very easy and were soon skating like professionals. Angela and I ventured onto the ice somewhat cautiously. A big thank you to the parents who helped with transport.

We are now busy making Christmas decorations which we will be selling at the Guide and Scout Christmas Fayre on December 16th at the Coronation Hall 10.30am till 3pm.

Angela has been helping me run the unit for two years. She will be leaving us at Easter so there will only be Joanna (Young Leader) and myself to run the unit. The Pack is thriving and we have a long waiting list, I will need help if the Pack is to continue successfully. Is there anyone out there?

Karen Wheeler 632514

1ST BLEADON (ST PETER & ST PAUL) CUB SCOUTS

Our summer camp this year was held at Bishops Lydiard at their Scout Headquarters. We arrived there on Friday evening, 22nd September, and until we departed on the Sunday, 24th September, we were busy little "cubs". Our weekend was based on our Naturalist badge. On Saturday morning we travelled to Minehead by steam train and we walked along the promenade to visit the Life Boat station. On the way back to the train the boys did a beach survey. They had to find three different kinds of seaweed and stones. We walked quite a long way and by the time it came to catch the train for home we were all a bit tired. We didn't have any problems getting them to bed on the Saturday!!!. We did tree rubbings, made book marks, looked at spiders and bugs through a microscope, had a barbecue, camp fire and cubs own. All in all it was a GREAT weekend. As you know our hut came down in October so we had to find somewhere to hold our cub evening. The Rector very kindly offered the church rooms and although the cubs would not be allowed to kick a football, we were very grateful for his offer.

In November we visited the Sea Life centre. What a fascinating place it is! I think the adults enjoyed it as much as the cubs. Also in November we held our usual badge evening when we awarded the boys with the badges they had been working for over the past three months. We gave out 43 altogether, and invested two new cubs; welcome to Richard Tratt and Sam Vigar. December has been very busy. We have been visiting a few Nursing Homes in Weston singing Christmas carols and we have two little 'special' songs we sang to them also. We hope to get a concert party together in January and carry on with our 'good deeds'. We have had great fun, and the old folks love the boys and join in with the carols.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us.

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CONTACTUS BLEADON

Since we held our last welcome party in November last year some 3 dozen families have moved into our parish. We hope that all have been provided with "Welcome Packs" or have been individually welcomed by our members. If there are any newcomers who have been overlooked accidentally then please contact us on one of the phone numbers below so that we can rectify our oversight - and please accept our sincere apologies! All newcomers will shortly be receiving an invitation to a "welcome get together" on Wednesday 31st January 1996 at 7.30pm. Please be kind enough to reply fairly promptly so that we can plan our catering. At this gathering you will have an opportunity of meeting representatives of some of our main village organisations and thus forming a better picture of the many activities taking place in Bleadon. Our annual Barn Dance will be held in the Coronation Hall on Saturday 9th March at 8.00pm. Tickets will be £3.50 each to include quite a lavish buffet supper. This is a very popular fun evening and we need to limit the number of tickets sold to 80. We advise the early purchase of tickets as soon as they become available, probably in late January.

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BLEADON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Christmas shopping trip to Cardiff was the last of many enjoyable outings in 1995. Sincere thanks to Mrs. P. Hoffman who has worked so hard to make these a success. Members look forward to the Christmas lunch at the "Commodore Hotel" on December 14th. At our final meeting before Christmas on 15th December we will welcome Russell Rogers and friends - always a delightful musical afternoon.

Sadly we shall say farewell to an old friend, Mrs. Betty Knowles, who will be leaving the village to join her family in Loughborough. We shall miss her and hope she will be happy in her new home.

The Club meets again on January 19th, Sylvia and Joan have already produced an interesting programme of entertainment for the coming months.

E.M.T.

Club Programme until April 1996

Jan	19th	Club re-opens with bingo - Jack Thorne.
	26th	"The Lions of Weston" - Mr.R.J. Spriggs.
Feb	2nd	"The Two of Us" - Mr. & Mrs. W. Cooper.
	9th	"It Shouldn't Happen to a Vicar" - Rev. A.L.Holt.
	16th	A.G.M. - Bingo - Jack Thorne.
	23rd	"Hong Kong" - Talk and slides - Mr. A. Procter.
Mar	1st	Russell Rogers and friends.
	8th	Bingo - Jack Thorne.
	15th	"Cheese and Milk" - Mr. G. Poole.
	22nd	"The Banjo and Music" - Mrs. J. Routley (with recordings by Mr.H. Craddy).
	29th	Beetle Drive and Hot Cross Buns
Apr	5th	Good Friday - No meeting.
	12th	"Norway and Finland"-Talk & slides-Mrs L. Green.
	19th	Bingo - Jack Thorne.
	26th	Russell Rogers and friends.

You would be very welcome to join our Club. We meet at the Coronation Hall on Friday afternoons - 2.15 - 4.00pm. We look forward to making new friends.

Sylvia and Joan





Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

CONCERTS IN CHURCH

The third in the present series of Concerts in Church was a great success, The Pontnewydd Male Choir continued the high standard of musicianship and quality of entertainment that we aim to bring to Bleadon and I am most grateful to the Friends of the church for organising the visit. The next concert will be on Saturday 10th February at 7.45 pm when our guests will be the Weston-Super-Mare Light Orchestra. It is to be hoped that increasing numbers of villagers will enjoy future concerts in our acoustically excellent and lovely Parish Church.

IN THE MEANTIME, The Friends of the Church are organising their annual Punch and Pie Party at Purn House Farm on Tuesday 19th December at 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale - £1.50 - from the Post Office or members of the Friends Committee. Forward planning for the 1996 May Fayre is now under way. Anyone interested in helping to plan this grand village occasion should speak to David Elliott (tel 814642) or myself.

WORSHIP

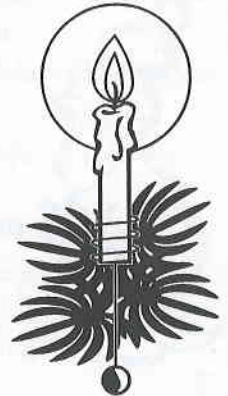
Christmas Services are at the usual times and are well-publicised, but if you are not sure about the time of, or the arrangements for, a particular Service, do ask.

RESTORATION/CLOCK/MONEY

The greater part of the 3rd stage of the restoration of the Church is now complete. However, a shortfall in funds means that there must be a delay in the repairs necessary to the windows in the Chancel. If you are able to help in any way, please do. The clock still awaits repair and consideration is still being given to its conversion to automatic winding - when money is available. **VERY MANY THANKS** to all who gave so generously to my appeal in the last Village News. Some £2,000 has been raised so far towards the £4,000 we need in order to meet our commitments for 1995. If you value the presence of our lovely, historic Parish Church - the fabric itself, as well as the worship - please consider making a contribution if you haven't already done so.

Very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

David Parkinson, Rector Tel. 812297



BLEADON CORONATION HALL

At the time of writing we have just held our Christmas Coffee Morning. This was very well supported and everyone present seemed to thoroughly enjoy the very sociable atmosphere, not least the coffee and mince pies. Our provisional figures indicate a net contribution to hall funds of £178. Many thanks to all those people who supported us.

We have been having more than our share of problems with the hall heating. Faults, where present, have been rectified but we are still troubled by some hall users who do not read the instruction notices when turning the heaters off. Each heater has a rotary switch to adjust the heat. This is the only control that should be used to turn off the heaters. I would appeal to all users not to press any other buttons on the control panels. If these are used they can extinguish the pilot flame which means that subsequent users may not be able to use the heaters — not a comforting thought now that spells of cold weather are with us.

Those of you who have recently walked through the public car park by the hall will have noticed that work on the extension has commenced. The footings have been dug out and the concrete foundations laid. The weather has not been kind to us since the work began and this slowed things down. We are relying on a great deal of voluntary assistance with the construction. Contributions by way of construction materials would also be most welcome. Our finances, including grant aid, are not sufficient to support the cost of using contractors for all of the work. Professional persons will be used for roofing, plumbing, heating and electrical work. We still hope to see the scouts, guides, cubs and brownies meeting in this new facility around the middle of next year.

On behalf of the Management Committee I wish all our readers and especially our hall users, a very Merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year.

John Ward



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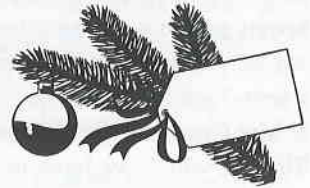
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Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

Women's Fellowship

Our first meeting this autumn on 26th September 1995 commenced with a Service in the Church conducted by the Rev. D. Parkinson. This was followed by tea and biscuits in the Church Room.



We held a successful Jumble Sale in the Coronation Hall on the 7th October.

Lt. Col. and Mrs J Wynn were the speakers at our meeting on the 24th October, their subject being "Escapes from the Tower of London". We heard of dangerous, daring and romantic escapes of some very notable persons down through the ages.

At our meeting on the 28th November, Mrs. M. Cullen gave a demonstration of fudge and sweet making, which proved very popular, especially as we were able to taste some of the "goodies".

A mini-Bazaar and Coffee Morning was held on the 30th November 1995 in the Church Room, which was a very enjoyable event.

We have an interesting and varied programme in early 1996, as follows:

January	23rd	Mr. D. Lowton,	"My life of Music"
February	27th	Mr. S. Hartree,	"Flowers, Fruit & Vegetables"
March	1st	Women's World Day of Prayer. Brent Knoll Church at 10.30 am.	
March	7th	Spring Coffee Morning Church Room at 10.30 am.	
March	17th	Mothering Sunday Corporate Service for Members at 10.15 am.	
March	26th	Mrs. M. Armstrong.	"Weston Hospice Care"

New members are very welcome at our Meetings, held in the Church Room at 2-30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

M.I. Elliott.

BLEADON SCOUT TROOP

The Scouts have had a good few weeks since September. We have 3 new scouts, bringing the numbers to 13. Robin Pudney has gained his Explorer Award and we had a parent's entertainment evening on the 8th December where the Scouts put on a presentation for their Entertainers Badge. We were able to carry our new scout flag, donated by Mr & Mrs Coombe, grandparents of one of the scouts, to the Remembrance Day service in church. We are all very grateful to Mr & Mrs Coombe. Our Christmas party is on the 15th December at the Bristol Ice Rink, to which we have invited families.



We had an Autumn Camp at Huish Woods, Taunton at the end of October, the theme being backwoods and survival skills. It was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We entered the district B.P. (Be Prepared) Competition and came 8th from 12 which was very good considering we are a young and new troop, many of the scouts gaining experience from it. We are now busy planning for the new year and we have entered the district Handball Competition which starts in December.

Lesley Hunt

BLEADON LADIES CLUB

Our November meeting of the Ladies club was well attended. It was our A.G.M. All officers stepped down and then were reelected. A new member to the committee is Mrs. Molly Lewis, whom we welcome warmly. At least six of our members are willing to "chair" a meeting during the next year, which we are very pleased about. Also at our November meeting, a lovely demonstration on Christmas decorations was given by Mrs. Lorraine Parkin.

December is our "do it yourself" luncheon headed by Mrs. Doreen Ward and her band of helpers.

Happy New Year to everyone and we hope to continue to see new faces.

L.R.

..... and so it is over for another year! All the quizzers of the village (and beyond) gathered to test their wits yet again and a good time was had by all.

Never mind that volleyball teams have suddenly increased to eleven and that the flag of Sweden is green and yellow, this just showed how inventive people can be. I may not be able to pronounce "Anemometer" but I had a lot of fun trying,

Everyone was ready for the "Ploughman's" and the lassies from the Exercise Group did a great job getting them out to the starving hordes.

When it came to the wartime songs little pockets of sound issued forth from all parts of the hall, which suddenly ceased as they came to the vital words and answers were hastily scribbled. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening and it was suggested that I do two a year. Should that be required I shall emigrate! Needless to say the evening was highly successful in that I am able to send off a cheque for £423 to CLIC.

I wish to thank Len and Roy for their sterling work behind the bar, to all the people who helped to serve and clear up after the meal, all those generous folk who gave us such super raffle prizes and, last but by no means least, all who came and enjoyed themselves. Book up November 16th 1996!!!



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Last month four of your Parish Council attended a liaison meeting with members of neighbouring Parish Councils, several District Council members and some of the newly appointed officers. Personally I felt very encouraged by the style of the people we shall be dealing with next year.

There seemed to be a real willingness to listen and take note, and I think a key point for us all to remember is that from April we only have to go as far as Weston to find somebody who is responsible for any Local Government matter relating to Bleadon.

Our present County Councillor has never attended a Bleadon Parish Council meeting, so it will be a relief to know that Bryan McGrath will be our channel for problems or queries of whatever kind.

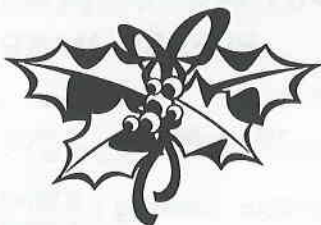
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Fri	19th	January	7.30pm	PANTOMIME	Bleadon Players
Sat	20th	January	2.30pm 7.30pm	PANTOMIME	Bleadon Players
Wed	31st	January	7.30pm	CONTACTUS Social Evening	
Sat	9th	March	7.30pm	CONTACTUS Barn Dance	
Sat	16th	March	2.00pm - 4.00pm	SPRING SHOW Horticultural Society	



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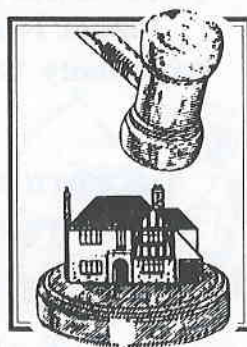
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MONDAYS

10.30 - 12.00		Gentle Exercise Group	Mrs P Dain	812859
	<i>Sept - May</i>			
2.00 - 5.00pm		Bleadon Bridge Club	Mr D Gardiner	812041
7.30pm	<i>1st Monday</i>	British Sugarcraft Guild W.S.M. Branch	Mrs J Garrad	632632
7.30pm	<i>2nd Monday</i>	Parish Council		

TUESDAYS

2.00 -4.00pm	<i>2nd Tuesday</i>	Bleadon Ladies Group	Mrs J Wilkes	812783
7.30pm	<i>1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th</i>	Weston-super-Mare Camera Club	Mr K Tapley	623877

WEDNESDAYS

10.00 -noon	<i>2nd & 4th</i>	Infant Welfare Clinic and Toddler Group	Mrs J Morant at the Clinic	
2.00 -4.00pm	<i>Feb - May</i>	Painting Class Painting in Watercolour	Mrs K Panes A.C.E. WSM College of F.E.	621301
7.30pm		Bleadon Players Rehearsals	Mr F Davies	812858

THURSDAYS

2.00 -4.00pm	<i>Sept - May</i>	Painting Class Painting to extend your abilities	Mrs K Panes A.C.E. WSM College of F.E.	621301
8.00pm	<i>1st & 4th Sept-June</i>	Folk Dancing	Miss B Snelgrove	812226

FRIDAYS

2.00 -4.00pm		Friendship Club	Mrs E M Tucker	813940
7.30pm	<i>Sept - May</i>	Short Mat Bowling Club	Mr J Ward	812136

SUNDAYS

3.00 -5.00pm	<i>Sept - May</i>	Short Mat Bowling Club	Mr J Ward	812136
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BLEADON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

Our 1995/6 season is now well under way and we have welcomed several new members. Most of them have already overcome the usual problems that beset members new to bowling. Some are demonstrating real skill. We still have room for two or three more members. Please come along if you are interested. We promise to make you most welcome.

The new season for the Woodspring Triples League is now under way. We have had to postpone our first two home games due to the unavailability of the hall on the Sundays in question. We have played two away games. We won our match against Tickenham (last years champions) but lost the match against Banwell "A" Team. We have 8 out of a possible 16 points so far. This year the league comprises eight teams.



Friday 5th January will see us starting our club evening with our annual supper followed by bowling. This is always a popular evening and I look forward to seeing everyone there. In the meantime I hope you will all have a very happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

John Ward

Glenise and Les Masters

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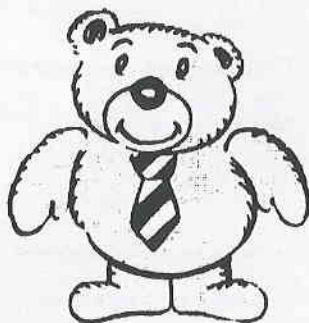
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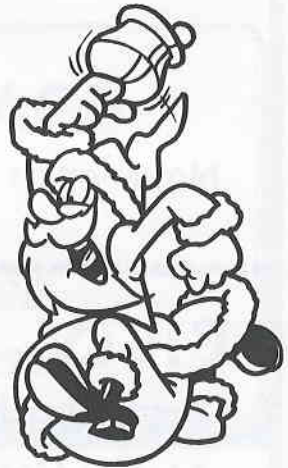
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WHIST DRIVES

First of all - a very happy Christmas and New Year to all our members and thanks to you all from the Fund Raising Committee for the new Guide & Scout building for contributing £1,457.82 towards the project. I expect you will have noticed that a good start has been made and we just hope the weather will not hinder operations!

We have had another good session and an important occasion to celebrate. Mrs Molly Lonsdale had her 90th birthday and is still a very active member of our club. We wish her well and many more happy birthdays.

We thank Mrs Doreen Moody for preparing the room for us *every* week and Mrs Barbara Spackman for giving birthday cards to our members when these are due.



The club is now three years old and looking forward to 1996 - 1st Drive January 10th.

Barbara Snelgrove

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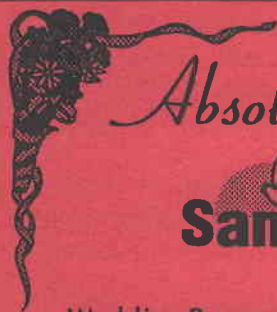
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