

BLEADON

VILLAGE

NEWS

No. 7.

Dear Parishoner,

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking my vice-chairman, Mrs. Corder, for helping me collect the material, and Mr. Kelley, our editor for compiling this - the Parish Council's first Newsletter. I hope that everyone will benefit from it and, should anyone have any comments or criticism to make, please feel free to do so.

We are issuing the newsletter quarterly at first, so advance warning of forthcoming events is assured. There may, of course, be an event that is missed, but we will do our best. All the public meetings relating to the Parish are published in the Post Office so, if you are in any doubt, please see your friendly Postmaster.

Finally, may I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous 1989, and cordially invite you to a social gathering at the Coronation Hall on Friday 20th. January at 7p.m. when our guest speaker will be Mr. Bush, Archivist at Taunton (details further in the newsletter).

The Parish Council and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in 1989.

Best Wishes,
W. E. Sheppard,
Chairman.

BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

Sub-committees

Chairman -	Mrs. M. Sheppard	812921	Churchyard.
Vice-Chairman -	Mrs. J. Corder	814719	Planning
	Mrs. R. Han	813444	Open spaces, Churchyard Hall Management.
	Mr. G. Wall	812203	Open spaces, Churchyard.
	Mrs. E. Wilkinson	812427	Assn. Local Parish Coun.
	Mr. C. Hart	813055	Britain in Bloom, Best kept village, Open spaces.
	Mr. M. Doolan	814104	Youth Club, Open Spaces.
	Mr. R. Goodman	8120769	Hall Management, Open spaces
	Mr. P. Kelley	812107	Youth club, Open spaces.

RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 1338/88 Golf Course & Clubhouse, Totterdown Farm, Roman Road.
- 2782/88 Golf Course - Roman Road (Christon/Loxton).
- 2856/88 Pear Tree Cottage, Rectory Lane - Extension and alteration.
- 3135/88 8 Bridge Road, Extension.
- 3214/88 Manor Farm Purn Way - Erection of conservatory.
- 3271/88 Highcroft, Roman Road - Detached dwelling and garage.
- 2877/88 Scrapyard - Wayacre Drive.
- 2880/88 Perivale, Bleadon Rd. - Two storey extension.
- 3411/88 Sacha, Ash Tree Close. - Conversion of garage to bedroom.
- 3186/88 12 Purn Rd., - Garage extension.
- 3484/88 Hope Cottage, Purn Way. - Residential Home.

Planning applications are discussed fully and plans are on view, at Parish Council meetings. (2nd. Monday in the month).

Your criticisms and objections are welcomed, for they help the Council to form its' recommendations to the South Area Planning Committee.

If there are any planning related problems, or rumours of potential development, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Planning issues are, and will continue to be, of paramount importance if Bleadon wishes to preserve its status and characteristics of a village. In order to achieve this we need your support, encouragement and co-operation.

Mrs. M. B. Corder.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

We all know Shakespeare's opinion. Have you ever wondered why this little corner of England is known as Bleadon? Not a very comfortable name in some respects, as it is a gift to humourists.

In the Charter of 956 it is spelt Bleadone. John Rutter suggests that the name derives from the Celtic Bleon - dun, meaning the hill at the end of the range - which certainly applies here. Knight concludes that, in common with Blagdon, the name comes from the Celtic Bleo - dum meaning Wolf Hill. The impressive list of bones found in Bleadon cave certainly includes wolf.

The most popular theory is that following a particularly bloody battle with the Danes, the area was called Blood Down. Again there is a legend which supports this.

The choice is yours. I often think of the Romans who having landed at Uphill faced the march over the hills to Priddy. Perhaps they "christened" Bleadon Hill - Who knows?

N.W.C.

VANDALISM

The recent disturbances and vandalism amongst the youths in the area are NOT going to be tolerated by the Parish Council, and anyone seen disrupting the village will have their names published in the next newsletter - parents must be aware of their children's actions.

" AT HOME "

At Home - Social Evening with wine and refreshments to meet members of the Parish Council. The invited guest is Mr. W. Bush. To be held in the Coronation Hall at 7.30p.m. on Friday 20th. January. Please R. S. V. P. via the box in the Post Office by the 12th. January.

To- The Chairman, Bleadon Parish Council.

* I / We will be pleased to attend the "At Home" on Friday 20th. January.

Name _____

*Please state number
of people.

WOMENS INSTITUTE .

On October 5th. this year, Bleadon W.I. celebrated it's Golden Jubilee. On the second Tuesday of each month for the past fifty years, a group of women has met in the village hall in the name of the W. I.. It must be more than Jam and Jerusalem which sustains them.

It is not always realised that in joining the local meeting each member is also part of the West Mendip Group, The County Federation and ultimately, the National Federation of Women's Institutes. There is also an international aspect through the Associated County Women of the World to which all W.I.'s are affiliated.

Opportunities exist to study a wide variety of subjects, ranging through arts, crafts, cultural courses and leisure activities at Denman College. Tuition is of a high standard, accommodation and food are first class ensuring that a residential course is a delightful experience.

A monthly meeting commences with a short period of necessary business, followed by a Speaker or Demonstration. After a cup of tea and a biscuit, the afternoon ends with a social time which can take the form of an organised competition or quiz or simply entertainment by members.

Anyone contemplating becoming a member is entitled to attend two meetings as a visitor before becoming liable to the annual subscription which from January 1989 will be £6.10.

There is much more to W. I. than is contained in this brief outline. Come and join us! You will be assured of a warm welcome.

M.W.C.

MAY DAY FAYRE 1989

The next May Day Fayre will be held on Monday May 1st. 1989. To ensure the success of this event, the Social Events Committee is appealing for volunteers to assist with the selling of programmes, running the games stalls and supervising the car parking arrangements. Anyone interested in helping in this unique village occasion should get in touch with one of the committee, or telephone Peter Hore on 813962.

There may be vacancies for covered market stalls at a cost of £15. If anyone would like to run a stall please contact 813962.

All profit from the fayre is donated to Bleadon Parish Church.

BLEADON VILLAGE HALL

-EVENTS IN DECEMBER-

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-Get your tickets now to avoid disappointment.

Hall Management Committee.

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The CORONATION HALL is pleasant and warm with a well equipped kitchen and ample parking.

There are lower rates of hire for residents of the village and those living in the near vicinity (including Bleadon Hill).

Evening party	£30
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CONTACTUS

Everyone involved in the Contactus Scheme is very proud to have won an award, a framed photograph and a certificate in the recent Village Ventures competition. There were 38 contestants from throughout Avon. The £100 prize money will be used for the benefit of the village and the running of Contactus.

To ensure that this Scheme is successfully maintained, it is essential that every road in Bleadon Village and on the 'Hill' has someone to keep our committee informed in cases of illness, bereavement, loneliness, being temporarily housebound- or in fact needing any practical assistance whether young or old.

If you would care to help in this way, please ring the Chairman, Edward Musselwhite - Bleadon B12566.

A "Welcome to Bleadon" information pack is presented to every newcomer from outside the district. In order to ensure that no one is missed out, please ring Bleadon B12667 whenever you know of new arrivals.

M. E. A.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

In April of this year, Sgt. John Brown was invited by Contactus in conjunction with Bleadon Parish Council to address a public meeting on the subject of Neighbourhood Watch. As a result of this there are now several schemes in operation. These cover Hillcote, Wentwood Drive, Birch Avenue, Willow Drive, Ash Tree Close and parts of Leighton Crescent and Bleadon Hill.

In view of the rising crime rate, the whole village should be covered. It is surprising that nothing more than being a watchful neighbour is required.

If you are interested in forming a scheme amongst YOUR neighbours, ring Sgt. Brown at Weston Police Station, tel 625411. He will then visit you in your home, bring information leaflets, show a V.H.S. video and explain exactly what is involved in the setting up of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

- Don't delay - phone today - TOMORROW MAY BE TOO LATE!

WELCOME TO THE PARISH CHURCH OF St. PETER & St. PAUL, BLEADON.

You will always be made welcome at the Parish Church, but especially at Christmas time.

Services with a special Christmas flavour are as follows:

Dec. 11th. 3.30p.m. Christingle with a special collection for the Children's Society - followed by refreshments for all (but especially children) in the Youth Centre.

Dec. 18th. 3.30p.m. The Traditional Service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas

Dec. 24th. 11.30p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE / DAY
MIDNIGHT MASS OF CHRISTMAS

Dec. 25th. 10.15a.m. CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY COMMUNION- to which children are invited to bring a toy to show to the congregation.

Jan. 1st. 10.15a.m. Sunday after Christmas - Family Carol Service.

Family services are usually held at 10.15a.m. on the first Sunday of the month, and on most other Sundays in term time there is a Sunday School at 10.15a.m. in the Church Room (in front of the Rectory). The next Family Service on February 5th. will include a special celebration of Candlemass. If you don't know what that means, come and find out!

David Parkinson, Rector

BLEADON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

As 1988 draws to a close members can look back on a year of pleasant meetings, delightful outings, and above all happy companionship with each other.

There have been some sad occasions too, with the loss of several well loved and respected members.

Our harvest meeting gave many of us the opportunity to meet the new Rector, Rev. David Parkinson who conducted a short, but pleasant service before auctioning members gifts of produce etc., the proceeds of which were donated to the Hospital League of Friends.

We look forward to another happy year. New members are always welcome.

E. M. T.

1 ST. BLEADON SCOUT GROUP

Our winter programme got off to a roaring start when many parents and children came along to our bonfire night, and enjoyed the fireworks and barbecue.

The patrol leaders as part of their leadership training have organised a number of events including- a day hike, 26 mile bike ride, a barbecue and coffee afternoon, and a swimming event.

Sadly we have had to say goodbye to two of our team- Mike Southwell, our group Scout Leader has resigned due to family commitments. He has held our group together during difficult times and will be sorely missed. Chris. Jones, one of our Scout Leaders has been posted to the Outer Hebrides for 18 months. Chris' sense of humour will be missed by the boys.

Once again we are taking our Christmas float around the village and surrounding areas on the 19th, 20th, and 21st. of December. We know that many people look forward to this seasonal display and we thank them for their support.

New scouts are always welcome on Friday night, and cubs on Monday. Both groups meet in the Guide Hut.

Wishing all our friends, supporters and parents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

David Boley. (Edingworth 666)

1 ST. BLEADON GUIDES & BROWNIES.

The 1st. Bleadon Guides and Brownies would like to thank everyone who helped and supported their Jumble Sale on November 12th.. We made a profit of £177.34, which will help with the running costs of the units.

J. B. Higgins Guide Guider

J. Morgan Brownie Guider

SPRING NEWSLETTER

Copy for the Spring edition of this Newsletter should be recieved by the last week in February. Distribution should take place in the first week of March. Advertising space will be available at £2.50 per quarter page.

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