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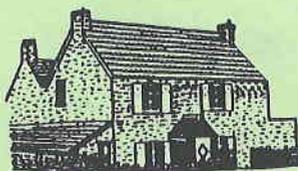
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AVON LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION

The following abstracts are taken from the most recent meeting of the above association:

S.W.E.B.

The meeting was addressed by Mr. Culverwell, Engineering Support Manager, S.W.E.B. He dealt principally with supply breakdowns. Failures on their high voltage supply lines (11 kilovolts and above) are automatically signalled and pinpointed by their computer system. Remedial action is thus easily launched. However, on low voltage supply lines, they have no way of identifying where, or possibly if, a fault exists. They therefore depend on customers calling them to report a supply failure. This is the situation in Bleadon. It follows that if you and your immediate neighbours experience a supply failure you should call S.W.E.B. on their 24hr. emergency line on Bristol 770471.

POLICE

All 999 calls to the police are routed to Taunton. They are dealt with by civilians with appropriate local knowledge. There are continuing problems with the service, which is handling about 5,000 calls per day. It follows that the public should only use the 999 service for genuine emergency situations.

Theft in our Police area (principally cars) is down by 25%, although 400 cars per month are still being stolen. Crime within Weston-super-Mare accounts for about half that in the Woodspring area.

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B.T. offer a new free guide for the elderly and disabled. It contains many helpful aids for almost any form of disability, whether hearing, sight or dexterity problems. For more information and a copy of the guide call Freephone 0800 800150.

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A PROBLEM NEARING SOLUTION

All who drive into Bleadon from the A370 opposite the Anchor Inn will be relieved to learn that a revised planning application for the car park extension at Catherine's Inn has been approved. Work cannot start soon enough.

WELCOME BACK!

At the June meeting of the Parish Council we were pleased to co-opt former chairman Brenig Evans. A change of job has removed the pressure from him, so that he now has the time and energy to renew his service to the village.

COCK AU VIN

Readers may recently have seen in the "Weston Mercury" a photograph of the weathercock that used to perch atop our church. A project is under way to restore and reinstall this local landmark, and Bleadon Players are supporting it, firstly, by donating £400, and secondly by presenting an entertainment with food and drink at the Coronation Hall on Saturday 30th July, punningly entitled "Cock au Vin". Tickets will be available from the Post Office in due course.

WHIST DRIVE

Once again, I am pleased to report another successful and happy session of drives and have been able to give Mr Minett, Treasurer of the Fund Raising Committee, the sum of £1111. 28p to date.

We had a very special birthday to celebrate on 22nd June, Mrs Lillian Noddings was 90 years young, and we all joined that Wednesday to enjoy a slice of her birthday cake with our 'cuppa'. We express the hope that we shall enjoy her company at many more drives, starting again on Wednesday 7th September, after the July and August summer break.

Another highlight of this session was our drive at Joan Diment's home on June 8th. We had hoped to play in the garden but the wind decided otherwise... but the sun shone and we had lots of food, lots of fun prizes, lots of fun and somehow we made a profit of £36. 00. **Thankyou Joan.**

Our thanks to the church for the sum of the church room, and to our members who come so regularly and play with such enthusiasm!!

Barbara Snelgrove

BLEADON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Many members enjoyed a visit to the Weston Playhouse Theatre to see "Barnum", arranged by Mr H Christian. A recent coffee morning raised £103 after expenses which was an excellent result and all helpers were warmly thanked.

On Friday 17th June Mrs K Bradford gave a talk on 'The Hospital League of Friends'. This was followed on Thursday 23rd June by an excursion to Tewkesbury and Stratford-Upon-Avon. Visitors and new members always welcome.

E.M.T.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS

Several people have commented that the Jubilee Garden and the area round the car park are not as presentable as they should be. They now have a chance to help put matters right. Charlie Rose, who looks after the gardens at Rockville and is a member of the Royal Horticultural Society, has offered to take on the improvement of this area. He obviously needs help, however, so volunteers should ring him on 815148. I would hope the Parish Council would fund the purchase of plants and so forth.

At this point it is also appropriate to thank those residents who tend patches outside their properties and plant the roadside verges.

BLEADON VILLAGE BRIDGE CLUB

The club held its AGM on the 9th May which was very well attended. The chairman reported that we had met on 50 Mondays during the year, with an average attendance of 44, 4 up on the previous year. There were no vacancies for membership. The Treasurer reported a credit balance up on last year, which would be a useful buffer against future increases in costs.

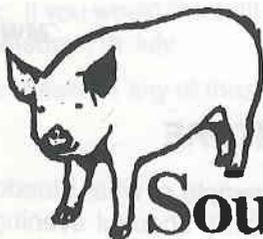
There being no other nominations, the existing committee was re-elected 'en bloc' and thanked for their work during the year.

Don Gardner

ST PETER AND ST PAUL WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Since last writing our May Day Fayre has been and gone. We were blessed with a sunny day for the occasion. It was very well attended indeed and everyone had a good time. Happily there was a record total taken in aid of Church Funds. Many thanks to all who contributed and helped with the book stall which was very well patronised. At the time of writing our next meeting will be the AGM on 28th June and as stated many times, new faces are always most welcome.

MJB



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BLEADON LADIES CLUB

Meetings have been well attended with evident pleasure and enthusiasm. At the May meeting ten members brought examples of favourite and unusual dishes for which they gave the recipes and methods. Everyone was given a taste. Dishes ranged from soup, savoury, main course, sweet to cakes. Bleadon families will be enjoying quite a few new dishes following those demonstrations.

In June, Mrs Wendy Thompson talked about English and Welsh surnames and members were given the opportunity to discover the origins of their own names. It proved to be a fascinating subject. Mrs Thompson explained that there is a very good "Family History " section in Weston library and suggested that we go along and make use of the reference books.

It is hoped to arrange a trip on the newly opened Bridgwater-Taunton canal on August 9th. Anyone wishing to come should get in touch with Mrs Lynne Riding as soon as possible for further details. Husbands and friends will be most welcome to join us. At the meeting on July 12th, Mrs. Julia Webber will talk about jewelry making and care of jewelry. The competition will be "A piece of old jewelry."

There will be no meeting in August as the Coronation Hall is not available due to pack holidays. We look forward to September when it is hoped to have a talk from a Veterinary Surgeon. If you haven't plucked up courage to join yet, do come along you will be assured of a friendly welcome.

MWC

A SUCCESSFUL JOINT VENTURE

"The Drunkard" at the Coronation Hall was a great example of what Bleadon people can do when they get together. Two uproariously cheerful evenings resulted in a remarkable profit of £476 for CLIC, for which thanks are due to many people. Pride of place must go to the audiences who turned up in large numbers, participated enthusiastically, drank copiously and invested generously in the raffle. Of course the cast did their bit nobly, struggling with much that was unforeseen, and Pat Dain and her team from CLIC looked after the front of house very efficiently. Len Chamberlain, as ever, ran a smooth and profitable bar. Finally, I am very grateful to Woody White and Derek James, who constructed and painted the scenery, and Janet Carter, who crowned her backstage help by supporting a fractured tree for two scenes.

L.M.

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH NEWS



What a day we had for the May Day Fayre! The weather was wonderful, we were crowded out with queues forming well before the opening time and it all went with a swing resulting in a thoroughly successful Fayre realising over £4,500 profit. Well done everyone! and our special thanks to all those who helped on the day.

Our next big event is a new one for the village - a Garden Party on the Rectory Lawns on Saturday 2nd July from 2.30 to 5pm. There will be live music by the Keynsham Band, some stalls and games, and of course, cream teas and home-made cakes will be served throughout the afternoon. Entry will be only 20p by lucky ticket.

Each month throughout the Summer Woody White hosts a Wednesday Social at Purn House Workshops. Here you can see our famous woodcarver at work and perhaps even try your hand at it yourself! Refreshments are available and there is entertainment in the form of fairground organ music and sometimes even some juggling etc! The time is from 7.30pm and the forthcoming dates are Wednesdays 13th July, 17th August and 21st September.

Our next Coffee Morning will be at Burnham-on-Sea at the home of Barbara Hillier. There will be home baking, a raffle and bring and buy stall. Entry 50p for coffee etc. If you would like a lift please be in the Coronation Hall Car Park at 10am on Thursday 7th July.

For details of any of these events please ring Sylvia Ewin on 814739.

Tony Ewin

POST OFFICE POINTS

The latest from the Government is that post offices are not to be privatised, but Royal Mail, the organisation that collects and delivers letters and packets, might well be. Whether this would adversely affect the post offices is a matter for speculation.

A new facility available at post offices is the payment of gas bills, by cash or cheque, with no fee. On the other hand, don't expect the National Lottery to be available at your village post office for some time, if at all. Only 1500 offices (out of 20,000) are to be involved at the launch, and these will obviously be large ones.

L.M.

1st BLEADON (ST PETER & ST PAUL) CUB PACK

We have had a super year so far, now having 20 cubs and two leaders. Steve Rhodes joined us in March from Hutton cubs, and is a very experienced leader with many years Scouting experience behind her and I am sure with her dedicated help we will go from strength to strength.

Our parents evening on the 31st March, arranged by two of our sixers, was a great success. They designed the invitations and welcomed everyone as they arrived. There were 69 badges given out on this occasion.

We held a painting evening as part of the village May Day Fayre. Two of our pack had pictures displayed on the day and were awarded with a gift from the judges. We also had a £5 gift voucher for the pack for entering the competition which we were grateful for.

At present time we are planning our summer camp to Coalpit Heath on the 16/17th July. Our theme is "The Olympics" and the cubs will be trying to achieve their Athletes badges.

Four of our cubs should be joining our Scout Troop later in the year, so hopefully we will have a fully trained leader by then. It would be an awful shame if they have to leave the village to join another Scout troop.

Betty Paterson - AKELA

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Mark Howe

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1st BLEADON BROWNIES

This year is the Brownies' 80th Birthday. Brownies, first known as Rosebuds, were formed by Agnes Baden Powell in 1914. The Brownies have been learning about life 80 years ago and carrying out some of the tasks the first Brownies had to do. In June all the Brownies in the Division are celebrating by having a Birthday Party at Worle. In July the Brownies are taking part in the Family Service at St Peter & St Pauls Bleadon to give thanks for Brownie Guiding. The Brownies helping me organise this will earn their Quest Badge.

The Brownies have been very busy recently. They raised almost £90 in a sponsored swim for the Lions Club, and £45 will be donated to the Rebuilding Fund. We also spent a very enjoyable day at the Bleadon May Day Fayre running the "Lucky Dip", several Brownies having their picture in the local paper. We are now looking forward to our trip to Red Road Farm in July when several Brownies will also take their Animal Lovers Badge.

This term we welcome Hannah and Alex who were enrolled on 20th May.

Brownie Badges	May	Amy Burrell	1 Year
		Hannah Lewin	1 Year
	June	Claire Blatchford	1 Year
		Chloe Barker	1 Year

Anyone wishing to help with Brownies or wanting to put their daughter's name on the waiting list please contact me.

Karen Wheeler Brown Owl
0934 632514

BLEADON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

The club has now finished its 1993/4 season. We shall reopen for the 1994/5 season on Friday 30th. September. Our A.G.M. is to take place on the following Friday, 7th. October 1994.

Our last game was a friendly, at home, against some sixteen visitors from Puriton Bowling Club, which we won. Although the club has closed we are due, at the time of writing, to play one more friendly away game at Street.

I am pleased to confirm that we were the winners, for the current year, of the Woodspring Short Mat Bowling League.

ManY club members enjoyed, for the third successive year, a weekend break, with bowling included, at Sidmouth at the end of March. We are now looking for new pastures for a spring break next year.

John Ward

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CORONATION HALL

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY!

Saturday	30th July	7.30pm	VARIETY SHOW	Bleadon Players
Saturday	20th Aug.	2pm - 4pm	JUMBLE SALE	Church Friends
Saturday	3rd Sept.	2pm - 4pm	AUTUMN SHOW	Horticultural Society
Sunday	2nd Oct.	7am - 10pm	HARVEST LUNCH	Church Friends

CORONATION HALL

Quiet on the Committee front, but busy on the bookings front I am pleased to report, which is perhaps the object of the exercise!

At the Hall's AGM. the four principal officers were re-elected, namely P. Lindsay as Chairman, L. Chamberlain as Vice Chairman, Mrs A Box as Treasurer, and Mrs S. Ripley as Secretary. Mrs Sarah Osborne joins as a PCC Representative, and John Rhodes joins as a Parish Council Representative.

The new chairs have now been introduced, so you can all sit safely! A quantity of the old chairs have been stored in anticipation of the extension coming to fruition, and some have been sold to help defray our costs.

The proposed extension has gone into limbo for a while whilst the Guides and Scouts authorities peruse their lease proposals now received from the Parish Council.

Thanks to all who supported and helped at our recent Jumble Sale which swelled the coffers by some £135.

Peter Lindsay
Chairman

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MONDAYS

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	<i>Sept - May</i>			
2.00 - 5.00pm		Bleadon Bridge Club	Mr R 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	
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 Tech College	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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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Lympsham & Bleadon Men's and Women's Branches

The Somerset County Total of Money for the Poppy Appeal has reached the magnificent sum of £304,704. This is the most money ever raised since records began. Many thanks for your contributions. You know that it will be used wisely. The Women's Section was represented at the South Mendip Group Meeting held at Brent Knoll Parish Hall on April 11th. A certificate was gained in the Handicraft Competition.

We must thank Sander's Super Store for organising the D. Day Draw and providing the Prizes on June 4th. The proceeds of £160 will be used for Royal British Legion Charities.

Men's Branch Social and Supper held at the Manor Hall on May 20th. Many thanks to all who helped, the Women's Section for organising the Catering, those who gave Prizes for the Raffle, and all who attended.

D. Day Searchlight Tattoo Bath and West Ground June 3rd.

This was a very impressive occasion and will be remembered by all who attended.

Dates to be remembered

October 30th Festival of Remembrance
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Nov. 30th. Somerset & Avon S.
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BLEADON CHURCHYARD

Since the closure of the churchyard to new graves in the early 1980's, it has been the policy of the Parochial Church Council to provide places for the burial of cremated remains, each burial plot marked with a memorial tablet. The present Garden of Remembrance for the Burial of Cremated Remains is nearly full and the PCC has been considering what to do next.

We are aware that there are residents of the parish who, in due course, would wish to have their cremated remains buried in the churchyard and we hope to be able to receive the necessary planning permission through the Faculty Jurisdiction for another part of the churchyard to be set aside for this. The problem is 'where' and 'how', bearing in mind the limited space in the churchyard and the need to avoid making it more difficult to be maintained.

The advice from the Archdeacon is that a space should be set aside for unmarked burials with, perhaps, a central memorial or (as at Hutton) a Book of Remembrance in Church.

I am aware that this is not entirely satisfactory, but it may be all that we can expect in the circumstances. In the meantime, be assured that this matter is being pursued with the greatest care and sensitivity and with the aim, as always, of being of service to the local community in the best possible way.

CHURCH RESTORATION

I regret that the third stage of the restoration (the tower) has been delayed because of the death of our architect, Mr Joe Roden. The PCC hopes to appoint a successor in the near future. Additionally, we are still waiting for English Heritage to look at the scheme as no work may be started without their approval. I hope to give more information in the August edition of the Church Magazine. (If you do not receive our monthly magazine (price 30p) and would like to do so in future, please let me know).

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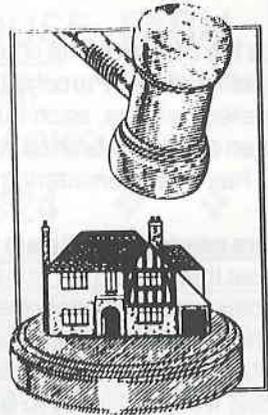
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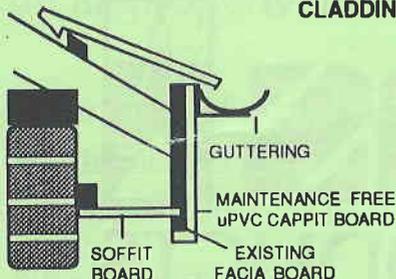


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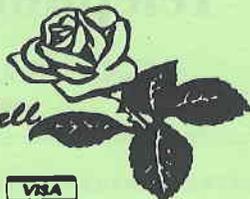
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