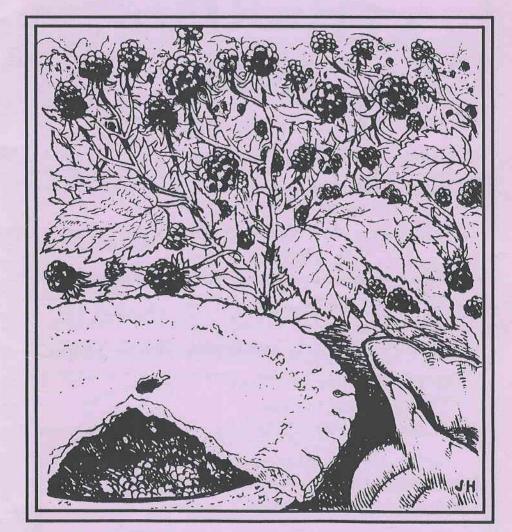
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BROADOAK SCHOOL

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Recently the Education Committee decided to make the current Broadoak Site the preferred site for the new school building. with the Hutton Moor site as a reserve, in case the preferred site is 'called in' by the Secretary of State for the Environment. This is a distinct possibility, since development within the 'green corridor' has recently been refused. The third site, adjacent to the Sixth Form Centre is currently in abeyance, so the planning application will not be progressed.

The latest costing indicates that the additional cost of the Broadoak Site is about £300,000. which is less than the addition cost of highway improvements (such as a cycleway along Winterstoke Road and underpass under Herluin Way) that I believe would be essential should the Hutton Moor site be used.

PLANNING ISSUES

My main concern, presently, is the proposed golf course off Roman Road I am opposed to this major development which lies outside the 'village fence'. However an outline planning application was granted in 1991 that was not implemented within the 5 years allowed. A new application will be considered at the end of September. This application may be treated as a continuation of the previous permission. If so I shall endeavour to ensure the club house is built on the Weston side of Bleadon Hill. I still hope to defeat the new application.

Bryan McGrath



CRICKET, LOVELY CRICKET

It was not at Lords that I saw it but at Lympsham, where assorted regulars from the Queens Arms did battle three times this summer with their equivalents from Lympsham club. The first match resulted in a narrow win for Lympsham, the second in a tie, and the third in a two-wicket victory for Bleadon, making the honours even so far. All three occasions were convivial to say the least, and Bleadon enlivened two of them with some imaginative costume and make-up, courtesy of Skipper Nipper (Jim of that ilk). Sterling contributions were made by Bill Blackwell, Mike Clarke, John Katesmark, Mark Poole, Stuart Rhodes, Adrian Wall and Steve Webber, while John Sexton did his bit as umpire.

In return for all this hospitality, the Queens gave the "Lympshamites" a lesson in skittles, and further indoor fixtures are planned. Are there any offers from the Whist, Bridge and Short Mat bowls clubs ?

Les Masters

P.S. Bleadon Chain Gang lost the decider on 22nd September.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

Bleadon contains many attractive, well-kept gardens, providing pleasure not only for their owners but also for passers by. There are also several spots in the village that do not belong to the adjoining residents but are nevertheless looked after by them, the appearance of the village thus being greatly enhanced. Let me assure all these good people that their work does not go unnoticed and the Editor, at least, is most grateful.

South Hill Cottage, Shiplate Road. tel: 815363/811388

On Tuesday 2 July one of our cats, a little long haired tabby and white called Flossy, was run over in Shiplate Road outside Heathfields. The RSPCA were called by a neighbour but before they could arrive a local resident, as yet unknown but whose name could be Mr Bryant, put Flossy into a box and took her to Furniss & Morton the vet in Summer Lane, Worle.

Flossy was quite severely injured but survived and is enjoying life again although she has some permanent disability.

Flossy is very dear to us and we are deeply grateful to all those who helped her and in particular to her unknown saviour. We have tried in vain to find him and if he should read this, or if any reader knows who he is, then we ask that he contact us so that we might be able to thank him properly for his efforts which undoubtedly saved her life.

Alex and Mike Bath

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1st BLEADON BROWNIES

We asked the Brownies which Brownie Interest Badge they would like to gain. Many said they would like to take the Science Investigators Badge. After Easter the Brownies learned about magnets and how to make an electric circuit that could be used in a torch. They had great fun adding different things to yoghurt and watching the reactions. The Brownies each grew a pea plant from seed. The tester was very impressed with the Brownies' scientific knowledge and everyone was successful.

We welcomed four new Brownies this term; Natalie joined our pack from 1st Yate Brownies; Caroline and Victoria joined us from Lympsham and made their promise in June. Mary joined at the end of June.

This is to be my last article for the Village Newsletter. My family and I are leaving the area in November and moving to New Zealand. I have enjoyed running the Brownie pack and was concerned that the pack would be suspended if a leader could not be found. I was very pleased when Natalie's mother, Ruth Lang, offered to help with Brownies. When I explained the situation I was delighted when Ruth agreed to take over the running of the unit. Ruth has asked that I appeal for someone to help her with the unit, as I know from experience, it is a much easier task if you have someone to work with.

It just remains for me to thank everyone who has helped with the unit and say farewell to all the Brownies who have been associated with the unit in the past four years.

Karen Wheeler - 517150

The Bleadon Brownies meet on Tuesday evenings at the Church Meeting room, Bleadon, between 6.00pm and 7.15pm. If you are interested in helping or wish to put your daughter on the waiting list please contact Ruth Lang - 750827

Karen has done an excellent job for several years. The Village is greatly indebted to her and I am sure everyone wishes her well in her new venture.

Ed.

POWEROBICS FOR A SOUND MIND AND BODY

Starting on 2nd October, Aerobic classes will be held at Coronation Hall, Bleadon every Monday and Wednesday at 6pm. This one hour class is packed full with enjoyable cardiographic exercise and a well balanced strength segment. This is a class for both men and women, so for a sound mind and body why not come, and join in the fun?

For more information please ring Anne on 814813

THE RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION

A postscript to summer walks from Bleadon.

The first of our summer evening walks was memorable but for all the wrong reasons, thunderclaps, lightning strikes over the Mendip Hills and heavy rain seeming to follow the course of our walk. However, our intrepid band of five walkers still enjoyed the evening as we sauntered across the Somerset Levels between Bleadon and Eastertown.

Better weather, dry and breezy, encouraged twenty four walkers to join us for the second of our walks. We climbed Hellenge hillside to Roman Road and after exploring Hutton hillside, we returned to Bleadon and the "Queens Arms" via the slopes of Purn Hill.

It would have been difficult to improve on the weather nature provided for the third of our walks. No less than forty nine people savoured a most enjoyable evening. We strolled across the Bleadon Levels to the River Axe and onward to the Boatyard at Uphill. Our return to the village was along the West Mendip Way and as we walked over the crest of Purn Hill, the sun made its grande finale behind the welsh mountains, on this evening a beautiful sight.

Many thanks to all who supported our walks. We hope to share three more evening walks with you next summer.

Pat and David Slater



PANTOMIME TIME AGAIN

This winter's production by Bleadon Players is "The Sleeping Beauty" by Norman Robbins. Performances will be Friday and Saturday evenings, 17th and 18th January with a matinee on the Saturday, Last year's production was almost a sell-out so note the dates in your diary and get your tickets in good time.

BLEADON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Programme for October, November and December 1996

OCTOBER	4th 6th 11th 18th 25th	"Avon Independence" - Fiona Shergold. Church Harvest. Club Harvest" with the Rector. "Japanese Jaunts" - Mr. Porton. Music Russell Rogers and Friends.
NOVEMBER	1st 8th 15th 22nd 23rd 29th	Somerset. Folk Lore - Rev. A. Holt. Gypsy Folk Lore Pat Atkinson. "Beetle". "Crown Jewels" Lt.Col. and Mrs Wynn. Coffee Morning. Bingo - Jack Thorn.
DECEMBER	6th 13th 19th	*CHRISTMAS CARDS IN BOX PLEASE* Music - Russell Rogers and Friends. National Trust - Wales and South Midlands Mr. Steel. Christmas dinner at the "Commodore"

- 19th Christmas dinner at the "Commodore".
- 20th "Anything Goes"

Sylvia and Joan



"TAKE ART" WITH "THE GENTS"

Despite the title, this article is about jazz music and not a complaint concerning graffiti in our local public conveniences. One side effect of our transformation to North Somerset is that "Take Art" (Somerset's Rural Arts Development Agency.) has now offered its support to Bleadon. Your ever-enterprising Parish Council has taken up the offer by promoting a performance at the Coronation Hall by "The Gents" - a four piece jazz outfit, playing 30's to 50's music - on Saturday 2nd November. Tickets now available from the Post Office.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The May meeting of the Women's Fellowship was well attended. Mrs. Ruth Dyer was the quest speaker and the main theme of her talk was "Pentecost" which was very interesting and informative. Mrs. Dyer, who is a Lay reader at Wedmore, used to reside in Bleadon. On 25th June we held our Annual General meeting whereby all serving members of the Committee were re-elected. Afterwards tea was served by the committee. Our new fellowship year commences with a service in the Church, to be conducted by the Rector at 2.30pm on Tuesday 24th September, followed by tea and biscuits in the Church Room.

The programme for the next four meetings is as follows:-

October 22nd - Mrs. Todd - "Travels, Salvation Army Style" November 26th - Mr. & Mrs. H. Beeby - "Cruising" December 5th - 10.30am - Christmas mini Bazaar January 28th 1997 - Lt. Col. & Mrs. Wynn - "Glastonbury Abbey"

New members would be very welcome to join our meetings which are held in the Church Room at 2.30pm on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

M. Elliott.

BLEADON CORONATION HALL

As I write this, with the summer sun still shining brightly, it seems somewhat inappropriate to be mentioning Christmas. However, this is the last chance to remind you all that we shall be holding our pre-Christmas coffee morning on Saturday 7th. December. This is always a great social occasion and an opportunity for villagers to come together for coffee, mince pies and a good old natter. We also have a variety of stalls.

The coffee morning raises money towards the upkeep and improvement of YOUR village hall. Our funds are depleting rapidly due to the various improvements in hand and our share of the cost of the hall extension. Please do take this opportunity to come along and enjoy yourselves, while making a useful contribution to funds.

N.B. There are various dates available for booking, including New Year's Eve.

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BLEADON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A riot of colour greeted all those who came to the Bleadon Horticultural Summer Show this year on September 7th. Indeed, the 'Vaux Cup' for the most outstanding exhibit in the show was deservedly won by Mr H Toogood for his wonderful display of garden flowers in a bowl. Standards were exceptionally high once again and the show gave a lot of pleasure to a lot of people. Many, many thanks to all those who took part and congratulations to the following cup winners.

> The Vaux Cup The Warwick Cup The Galpin Cup The Frank Thorne Memorial Plate The Committee Cup The Snelgrove, Newman-Phillips Cup The Snelgrove, Newman-Phillips Cup The Wiltshire Cup The Chairmans Cup The Chairmans Cup The Edna Murphy Plate The Kenneth Ham Memorial Cup The Bowerman Cup The Cudlipp Cup Year of the Child Cup

Mr H Toogood Mr S Hartree Mr S Hartree Mr S Hartree Mr J Thomas Mr S Hartree Mr J Thomas Mrs B Butler Mrs C Fisher Mrs C Fisher Mr J Thomas Tommy Fisher Brian Fisher Karis Dunstan

We look forward to seeing you all again on Saturday March 15 1997. New exhibitors are always welcome so make a date in your diary and start planting your bulbs now. For further information ring:-

Chris Cudlipp on 813152 or Sue Court on 813343



Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

WORSHIP

Commemoration of the Departed

The Annual Act of Worship during which we remember by name those of our loved ones who have died, will be at 6,30pm on Sunday 3rd November. If you want someone's name to be included on our list, please let me know in writing. The form of Service will be Evensong and you are invited to attend.

Remembrance Sunday is 10th November and our traditional Act of Remembrance will be at the conclusion of the Sung Eucharist (Holy Communion) which begins at 10.15am.

CONCERTS IN CHURCH

We are again privileged to be taking part in the Weston-Super-MareArts Festival with a Concert by the Weston Choral Society and the Clarendon Recorder Group at 7.30pm on Thursday 10th October. Tickets £3.

The Friends of the Church have arranged a Brass Band Concert to be given by Weston-Super-Mare Brass on Saturday 7th December at 7.30pm. Tickets will be on sale during November. £2.50.

BARN DANCE AND AMERICAN SUPPER

Organised by Friends of the Church and Mr John Thomlinson - 7.30pm, Saturday 9th November - Coronation Hall. Tickets £2.50 on sale shortly.

David Parkinson, Rector Tel: 812297



BLEADON CHURCH CLOCK RESTORATION APPEAL

At the time of writing a sum of £1,700 has been raised from generous donations. Sincere thanks to all who have sent cheques or cash. There is still a long way to go to reach the target of £3,500. It is clear from notes enclosed with donations how valued the clock is and how much it is missed. On the evening of October 19th there will be a 50/50 sale in the Coronation Hall. Thank you to those who have already offered items for sale. Many more are needed. Look through your cupboards and send along those surplus bits and pieces that you would like to turn into cash. The organisers would be glad to have details well in advance of items to be sold in order to prepare the necessary paper work.

We are very grateful to Mr. John Hobbs for undertaking the auction. It is regretted that electrical items (unless new), clothing and large items of furniture cannot be accepted. Further details will be circulated on posters nearer the date of the sale.

R. James & M. Cullen

BLEADON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

During the summer break we have held two social events. On the first occasion, Friday 12th July, club members went to the Toby Inn at Catcott where we all enjoyed a pleasant supper. An equally enjoyable occasion was a get-together at Joan Diment's farm. This was held on Friday 16th. August and we had an open air buffet supper, prepared by our committee lady members. This was preceded by an enjoyable walkabout treasure hunt spread around the farm.

We begin our new season on Friday 27th September at the usual time of 7.30pm. We shall have a few vacancies for new members. If you are not a member but would like to enjoy a social meeting coupled with some bowling please drop in and see us on any Friday after 7.30pm. or Sundays after 3.00pm. You can be assured of a welcome.

Members are asked to note that, due to committee members' holidays and a probable delay in completing the accounts, we need to postpone our Annual General Meeting until Friday llth. October 1996, at 7.30pm. This will, as always, be followed by competition trophy presentations and then a normal evening's bowling. In the meantime please give thought to the various committee vacancies which have to be filled. We certainly have need of a new treasurer this year and I feel that, after six years in the job, it is surely time for a new chairman.

Doreen and I look forward to seeing you all.

John Ward

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CORONATION HALL PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY!

N	iun Ion iat	6th 14th 16th	Oct Oct Oct	7.30pm 7.30pm	Harvest Festival Lunch Parish Council Meeting QUIZ in aid of CLIC	Bleadon P.C.C.
	at	2nd	Nov	7.30pm	THE GENTS - SWING/JAZZ CONCERT	Parish Council
N	at Ion at	9th 11th 23rd	Nov Nov Nov	7.30pm 10.00am	BARN DANCE Parish Council Meeting Coffee Morning	Friends of Church
	at	7th	Dec	10.30am	Christmas Coffee Morning & Fair	Hall Management Committee
	lon un	9th 15th	Dec Dec	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting CHRISTINGLE PARTY	Bleadon P.C.C.
FS	ri at	17th 18th	Jan Jan	7.30pm 2.00pm & 7.00pm	PANTOMIME PANTOMIME	Bleadon Players Bleadon Players



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REGULAR EVENTS IN THE CORONATION HALL

MONDAYS				
10.30 - 12.00	Sept - May	Gentle Exercise Group	Mrs P Dain	812859
2.00 - 5.00pm		Bleadon Bridge Club	Mr D Gardiner	812041
6.00 - 7.00		NEW Exercise Class	Mrs A Bird-Kellogg	814813
	from 7th Octo	ber		
7.30pm	1st Monday	British Sugarcraft Guild W.S.M. Branch	Mrs J Garrad	632632
7.30pm	2nd Monday	Parish Council		
TUESDAYS				
	2nd Tuesday	Bleadon Ladies Group	Mrs J Wilkes	812783
7.30pm	lst, 2nd , 4th & 5th	Weston-super-Mare Camera Club	Mr K Tapley	623877
WEDNESDAY	5			
10.00 -noon	2nd & 4th	Infant Welfare Clinic and Toddler Group	Mrs J Morant at the Clinic	
2.00 -4.00pm	Feb - May	Painting Class Painting in Watercolour	Mrs K Panes A.C.E. WSM College of F.E	
6.00 - 7.00	from 2nd Octo	NEW Exercise Class	Mrs A Bird-Kellogg	814813
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7.30pm		Bleadon Players	Mr L Masters	812200
THURSDAYS				
2.00 -4.00pm	Sept - May	Painting Class Painting to extend your abilities	Mrs K Panes A.C.E. WSM College of F.E	
8.00pm	1st & 4th Sept-June	Folk Dancing	Miss B Snelgrove	812226
FRIDAYS				
2.00 -4.00pm		Friendship Club	Mrs E M Tucker	813940
7.30pm	Sept - May	Short Mat Bowling Club	Mr J Ward	812136
SUNDAYS				
3.00 -5.00pm	Sept - May	Short Mat Bowling Club	Mr J Ward	812136
The H	all is available	for hire by any private indiv	vidual or organisation,	

ENQUIRIES TO: Mrs J Jones - 812370

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BLEADON SCOUTS

The Scout troop had a very good summer camp at the Northamptonshire Nailer which was an international jamboree. The Scouts met people from all over the world and learned about Scouting in other countries.

In July we invested the first two girls into the troop and we marked the event with a fun afternoon in the village car park. The Bleadon Players have very generously bought a fourteen foot Patrol Tent for the troop which means we now have enough sleeping canvas to enable us to take the whole troop to camp. There are now twenty one scouts in the troop - seventeen boys and four girls.

We are busy planning our Autumn camp at Bishop's Lydiard near Taunton which is going to be on a "Backwoods" theme, cooking on an open fire without utensils, learning survival techniques and learning about trees etc. The Patrol Leaders are also very busy planning the programme for the coming months and forward planning for the progressive training awards and proficiency badgework.

Lesley Hunt

1st BLEADON (St PETER & St PAUL) CUB SCOUTS

Our summer camp this year at Old Cleeve was highly successful and included a varied selection of activities which contributed towards the boys gaining their Explorers badge. Our journey on the steam train to Bee World was plotted by the older cubs while the younger members learned all about Tracking. Our thanks to Hilary Sexton for giving up her weekend to cook for us. We really appreciate it.

GOOD NEWS - We are hoping to start a Beaver Colony in January' 97 for boys between 6 and 8 years old. Please contact any of the scout group leaders if you require further information.

Due to the fact that we do not have a scout hall at the moment we are struggling to find accommodation to hold our pack/troop evenings so therefore the degree of scouting we would like to give the boys and girls is very restricted. We were grateful to the Youth club for allowing us to use their hall during the past three months, but unfortunately we cannot continue to use this facility as other activities take place there on a Thursday evening. Thanks to the Rector we are meeting in the Church rooms but they are not really big enough for us as our group is growing so much.

We had four new boys start cubs on Thursday 12th September. Welcome to Matthew, Ben, Daniel and Luke. The pack now has 15 cubs.

Betty Paterson (AKELA) 812183

Steve Rhodes (BALOO) 813497

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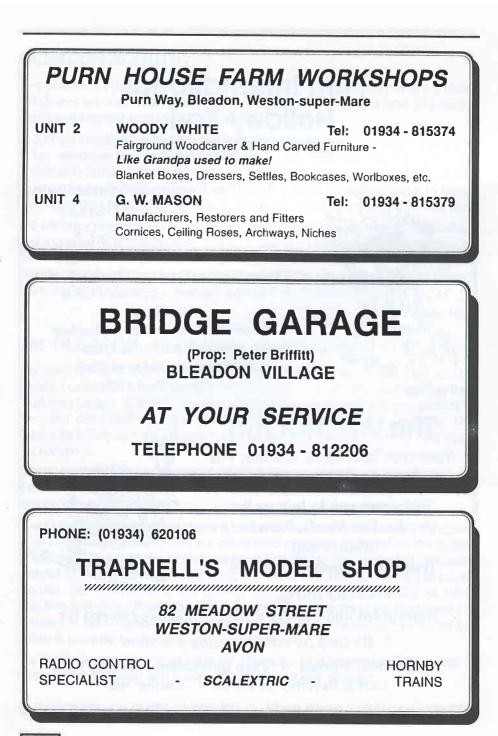
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Royal British Legion Lympsham & Bleadon

We were represented at the following events: Dedication of New Standard at St. John's Church Weston super Mare on June 30th 1996. Open Day at Dunkirk House on July 6th. R.B.L. Family Day at Weston Park, Shropshire on July 20th. The Weather was very hot, and the Standard Bearer found it very difficult being one of 800 Standard Bearers.

The flower and vegetable Show held at the Manor Hall on August 3rd was a successful shows although the entries were down in the Vegetable Class owing to the difficult weather. Congratulations to the children and the homecraft classes for the high standard of the entries. Also to all the Cup and Class winners. Profit was put to Branch Funds.

Forthcoming Events

Oct. 12th 7.30 p.m.	R.B.L. Men's Branch Race Night. Lympsham Manor Hall, Raffle. Bar. Refreshments. Everybody Welcome.
Oct. 21st	Men's Branch Annual General Meeting, Manor Hall 7.45 pm
	Festival of Remembrance Winter Gardens 7 p.m. Tickets £2.50. Tickets available from Mrs. Clarke tel no. 750351 a.s.a.p.
Oct. 28th	Annual General Meeting Women's Section Manor Hall 7.30 pm.
Nov 30th 10 a.m. to 4 30 p.m.	Somerset & Avon South County Conference Winter Gardens W.S.M. Women's Section. Members Welcome. Please let Mrs. Clarke know if attending.
Dec. 2nd	Men's Branch South Mendip Group Meeting Manor Hall 7.30 pm.
Dec. 7th	Christmas Bingo Women's Section Manor Hall 7.30 p.m. All Welcome. Bumper Prizes & Raffle. Free Refreshments.

WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATIONS

Once again, Bleadon has produced another fine professional, this time in the form of a vet to help our less fortunate and often forgotten family members - our pets. After six years of hard study at Cambridge, Jenny Munro from Pear Tree Gardens has now become a qualified Veterinary Surgeon. Within only a few weeks she has managed to join a practice in Devizes and seems very happy in her chosen vocation. I know that her Mother - Kath, her Father - Jim and her Brother - Alistair are all very proud of her as are all of us that have the pleasure of knowing this family. We all wish her well in her new career and I know it will give hope to all the other hard working young pupils and students in our village.

David Andrew

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BLEADON LADIES' CLUB

There has been a good attendance at meetings through the summer in spite of holidays. The meeting in July was an opportunity to appreciate and admire the high standard reached by members pursuing their hobbies. Exhibits ranged from Bonsai to orchid growing, African violets, spoon collecting, tapestry pictures, needlework, painting and several more. It was interesting to be given an insight into how to go about these hobbies. The outing in place of an August meeting was greatly enjoyed. Arriving at Gloucester Docks in time for a welcome cup of coffee, members went their separate ways until after lunch. Some took a boat trip, some explored the exhibitions and shops on the Docks while others visited the Cathedral or shops. The weather was perfect and the afternoon drive through the Wye valley to Tinterne Abbey for tea was delightful. Thank you to the organisers. The September meeting was entertained by Mr. Les Masters who gave a most interesting and at times, hilarious account of some of his experiences on becoming a Postmaster. The speaker on Oct 8th will be the Rev. Mitchell's Magic Show. New members are always welcome.

M.W.C.



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