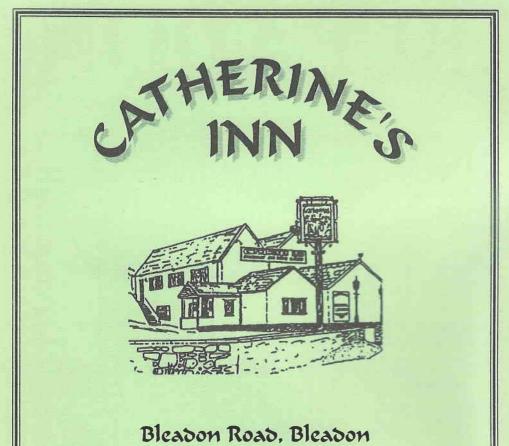


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The Parish Clerk (to whom all correspondence should be addressed) is: Bruce Poole 10 South Street, Burnham-on-Sea

Council Meetings are normally on the second Monday of the month, at 7.30pm in the Coronation Hall.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

BUS SERVICE

This is a subject of great concern to those residents who do not have access to motor transport, especially since the closure of the Sanders Supermarket at Lympsham. I have received many complaints about the lack of a service in the evenings.

Recently the government granted £41 million for 'improved travel opportunities in rural areas', of which £130,000 has been allocated to North Somerset Council. Bleadon Parish Council have been approached for ideas and suggested a weekday evening service between Weston and Bleadon and an occasional service to Loxton. I certainly agree that the service to Weston stops far too early in the evening, especially in the summer months.

The Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions (DETR) have stated that the funding is intended to encourage motorists to use public transport where possible. Their intention is to improve evening services and 'journey to work' services.

At the last Planning Highways & Transport Committee meeting, we were informed that Somerset County Council had received £1.03 million under this scheme. It is hoped that many of the new services to be provided will be 'cross boundary', typically between North Somerset and Somerset. Given that Somerset got a lot more money, this seems a good idea!

It occurred to me that a bus service from Weston to Cheddar, via Bleadon and Loxton, would meet the criteria outlined above. I proposed that such a service should be considered: subsequently I have written to Loxton Parish Council, in the hope of gaining their support. I have already gained the support of the North Somerset councillors for Loxton.

M.P. SURGERY

Brian Cotter held a surgery in Bleadon on 16th May between 10.00 and 12.00 at the Coronation Hall. Although it was not well attended, Brian expressed his delight at spending a pleasant Saturday in the village.

B. McGrath

PLANNING

Since my last report, the planning front has been fairly quiet with only two new applications which the Parish Council and the District Council refused. They are:

- 1. 98/726. Change of use from agricultural to commercial at Bond's Ground, Accommodation Road (behind Purn Farm). The District Council felt there was not sufficient agricultural use at this moment and the use of HGV and a new vehicular access was not acceptable.
- 2. 98/0744. Extension to Wonderstone Cottage.

This property has already used its permitted development rights and the extension would be intrusive in relation to 100 sq. metre rule on small rural properties.

Other items:

- 3. 98/0480. Implement shed at Hillfield Farm, Shiplate. This application has been withdrawn.
- 4. 98/0620. Wessex Water new sea wall.

The applicants wish to replace the existing sea wall, which is in a bad state of repair, by flooding a further 40 acres of the levels thus increasing the width of the river. The Council felt a further encroachment of land unnecessary and voted against the proposal with two members of the Council abstaining. A decision has yet to be received.

There is another application in the pipeline for a new coastal path to be constructed along the riverbank from Uphill to Brean using the sluice gate bridge at Diamond Farm, Brean. This is intended for the use of walkers, horseriders, cyclists and the disabled, and will eventually link up with the coastal path along the Bristol Channel to Portishead.

Finally the result of the Appeal **96/1849** resulted in it being upheld. Our fears of it being implemented may be groundless, since the owner has now purchased a neighbouring property with land and buildings.

One last thought. The Public Shelter will be erected by the Autumn since we do not need planning permission. The stumbling block is getting the quotations from the builders.

Planning Leader MES

PS: The contract for the rebuilding of the Public Shelter has been awarded to R. H. Warner. If the job is done as quickly as the Post Office wall, bus users will not go unprotected much longer.



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RECTORY GARDEN PARTY

Poor weather on 27th June meant that the Garden Party didn't take place quite as we had planned. But we still enjoyed the music of the Keynsham Brass Band in Church and that is where the stalls were as well. The Folk Dance Group performed outside the West Door of the Church, refreshments were in the Church Room and £250 was raised for Church Funds which, following the £2900 raised at the May Fayre will help greatly. Very many thanks to the Friends of the Church and to all who contributed to the success of both events.

At this time of writing, we are looking forward to the Cheese and Wine Party at Harry and Margaret Beeby's on 11th July. This has been timed to mark the 10th Anniversary of my installation as Rector here. Angela and I are most grateful to all who have made our (first) ten years in Bleadon such happy and interesting ones.

Finally a reminder that our Sunday Services are at 10.15am and 6.30pm (also 8.00am on 1st Sundays) and 9.30am on most Tuesdays. The Sung Eucharist on Sunday August 30th (10.15am) will have our former Rector, the Revd. Douglas Scholar, as celebrant and preacher.



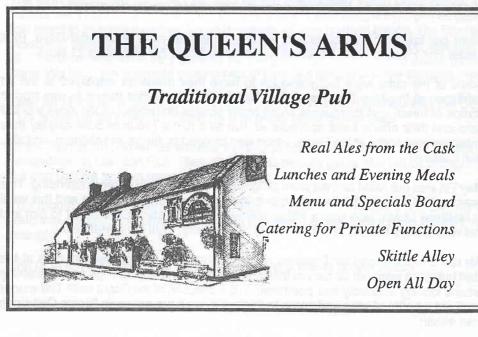
THE RENDEZVOUS SINGERS

On Saturday 26th September there will be a concert in the Parish Church at 7.30pm. This will be given by the Rendezvous Singers, a group who come together to give occasional concerts. The members have two things in common first, a love of singing and second the fact that they have all sung with me at some time in the last 35 years. Most of them live in Weston, but others are friends I have made in the various places I have lived; some of them will be travelling from Hampshire and Sussex to sing.

The music will be varied, some serious and some **definitely not** serious. There will be something for everyone, so please make a note of the date and come along to listen. Tickets will be available from Bleadon Post Office and from the Friends of the church.



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BLEADON SCOUTS

Summer so called is here!!

Well never mind. Scouts are tough. We have been on three camps so far this year and on August 10th we are off to Bournemouth for our Summer Camp where we shall be doing canoeing, abseiling and water sports amongst many more activities, so it should be great fun.

Most of the scouts have earned themselves badges this year so we have a few sleeves filling up now.

Rebecca is well on target for the Chile trip, thanks to many supporters, we are very grateful for your support. She has been on seven weekend camps and hikes to get the group to mix and know each other well before they go on Boxing Day. Her last trip was at the end of June when Dartmoor was her destination, poor girl came back with huge blisters and much pain. Fair play to her not much moaning came from her. Though poor Mum had lots of muddy clothes to wash. I do feel for all you scout mums! Hopefully our next two camps will be dry ones.

Huw Boyce

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

Since our last report we have had another three new cubs, Alexander Boyd, Paul Fester and Howard Tratt. Welcome to the pack, boys. We now have 21 cubs.

Some of the cubs were lucky enough to have their drawings displayed at the art exhibition at the May Day Fayre. We had fun deciding what theme to use from a choice of three, and there were some really bizarre drawings but the boys worked hard and their efforts were appreciated. We also had a group of cubs display their entertainment ability at the Fayre, which was enjoyed by the young children, and also 'old' children!

May 7th was our AGM and we were delighted to see so many parents attending. This year we had a trophy for the best cub in the pack throughout the year and this went to Matthew Lewin, who was a willing helper whenever any task was put to him and this was always fulfilled to the very best of his ability. Well done Matthew.

We ran a fundraising Car Treasure Hunt on 11th June. There were 20 cars at the start but there were not 20 cars at the finish, so if you see any strange people walking around looking decidedly lost, point them in the direction of the Scout hall!! The winner received a bottle of wine and come to think of it, we have not seen Brown Owl since then either!

We have also had an evening on First Aid, a visit to the Fire Station and of course our Cub Camp this term to The Methodist Centre at Chew Stoke 3rd-5th July. We were very lucky with the weather. We worked on our Astronomers Badge this year, setting up our own solar system, observed the moon, discussed comets and black holes also the difference between a star and a planet, built space rockets. The only star we could see was the Pole star, all the rest had gone on holiday I think! All the cubs went home on Sunday very tired, the sign of a very good camp ...

This week, 16th July, is our last evening of term when we are having a sausage sizzle and sandcastle competition on the beach, and hopefully the Beavers will be joining us. We will start the Autumn term on 10th September '98.

We would just like to thank all those people who have helped us this term and long may you continue to help, especially Hilary Sexton for her undaunting efforts in producing a selection of wonderful meals during our camp.

Betty Paterson and Stevie Rhodes

BLEADON BROWNIES

As usual Bleadon Brownies have been very busy again this year.

The term started with an open evening for the Wednesday Whist Drive group. The visitors were put into groups with the Brownies where they sang songs, played games and learnt to tie knots together. Some Brownies did their hostess badge. The Brownies made and served cups of tea to get their badge. An enjoyable evening was had by all. The Brownies were very grateful for the generous gift the Whist group gave to them. We have since bought several sets of bats and balls and some skipping ropes.

Later on in the term, the Brownies had a sponsored knit competition with the Cubs. This proved to be great fun, resulting with many holey dishclothes!

In the Spring the Brownies worked hard to produce some super work for the art competition at Bleadon Fair. They also ran the marble game stall which brought out the competitive spirit in many scouts!

This month we have been working towards the Agility badge and the Brownies will welcome a tester from Monkey Business next week to see if they have worked hard enough.

The term will be rounded off with a barbecue and sports on the beach.

BLEADON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

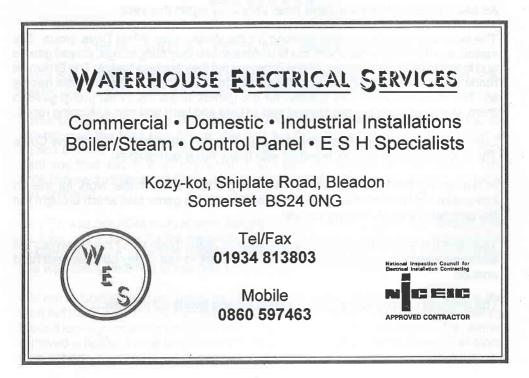
Celebrate with us the Silver Anniversary of the BLEADON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW on Saturday 5th September

There will be the usual Vegetable and Fruit Section, Flower Section, Homecraft, Floral Exhibits and Junior's Section SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Doors open at the Coronation Hall at 2.30pm There will be the usual Bring & Buy stall, raffle, as well as tea & biscuits

Schedules are available from our local Post Office We look forward to seeing everyone and extend a warm welcome to all new exhibitors

M.P.



BLEADON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We meet every week in the Coronation Hall, 2.15 to 4pm. New members and visitors will be warmly welcomed.

Our programmes are varied and entertaining. Outings have been well supported and enjoyable, to the Quantock Hills, Penarth and in July to Plymouth. Members enjoyed a strawberry and cream tea one afternoon.

A coach is booked for a visit to Cadbury Garden Centre and tea before we close for the Summer break. The Harvest afternoon on October 9th will be an open meeting with everyone welcome. All produce, cakes, fruit and vegetables etc. will be auctioned for a charity.

Joan Diment

PROGRAMME FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 1998

Sept 4	'I take up my brush' - Mrs. Kinsman
11	Bingo - Jack Thorne and Friends
18	'Plants and Gardening' - Mr. Don Everitt
25	'Nepal' - Video and Talk - Mrs. S. Cope
Oct. 2	Beetle - Sylvia
4	Church Harvest
9	Club Harvest and Auction - Open meeting
16	'Bristol' - Slides and Talk - Mr. Porton
23	'Town Crier' - Mr. B. Venn
30	Music and Singing - Russell Rogers and Friends

WHIST DRIVES

Continuing Miss Barbara Snellgrove's aims, the Whist Drives continue to be enjoyed by a small number of members. Although averaging only 12 each week. Since September last year, we have been able to make donations totalling £250 to 1st Bleadon Brownie pack - in return we were entertained by the Brownies at one of their meetings and we all enjoyed the evening very much. We are also donating £50 to Miss Boyce of 1st Bleadon Scouts to help with her trip to the Scout Jamboree in Chile.

We are only a small, but friendly, group and would welcome any new members when we restart on September 9th. We meet in the Church Room on a Wednesday afternoon between 2 and 4 pm.

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BLEADON ALLOTMENTS

Many residents, especially new ones, may be unaware of the location, or even the existence of the parish allotments. They are to be found at the top of the lane leading from the eastern end of Purn Way, and a visit will show that they are extremely productive. Rents are only a few pounds a year, so keen gardeners looking for extra growing space in a very pleasant location need only contact George Wall (811273) for details of vacant plots.

CHARITY WALK

As last year, Weston Hospice will benefit substantially by money raised by the Queens Arms team in the charity walk along the West Mendip Way in early June. I am most grateful for the sponsorship of over £240 from my customers at the Post Office (all unasked) and Mark Talrett deserves special mention for raising £116 with no such catchment area. It seems certain that last year's team total of £1100 will be beaten.

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QUEENS ARMS CRICKETERS SURPASS ENGLAND

After three games against South Africa, England are still without a win. After three games against Lympham Club (all away), The Queens Arms have won one, lost two. Should England send for Jim Nipper?

PREHISTORIC BLEADON

The many residents who watched the 'Meet the Ancestors' programme will doubtless recall the remarkably detailed drawing by Jane Brayne showing the settlement as it might have been. Prints of this, approx. 17" x 12" are now available at Weston Museum price £4.99 (including explanatory booklet). This is an interesting, high quality print - excellent value.

NOT QUITE PREHISTORIC BLEADON

A videotape of reminiscences by Bleadon natives Ruth James (60+), Stan Nipper (70+) and Ron Goodman (80+), intercut with old photographs and present day scenes is available from Mike Doolan (814104) or the Post Office. Price £10, of which £5 goes to Church funds.

VISIONS OF CALM AND PEACE

A further opportunity to raise funds for Rebecca Boyce will be presented in the Scout Headquarters at the new Coronation Hall extension, in August. From Saturday August 1st an exhibition of paintings will be held beginning with an opening at 1.30pm, at which there will be cheese and wine, until 4.30pm. The entry fee for the opening day will be £1.50. Further opportunities for you and your friends to see the show are on Sunday from 1.30 to 4.30pm and from Monday to Thursday from 10.30am until 4.30pm. The exhibition will also be open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 7.30pm and on Friday from 10.30 am until noon. During the Sunday and weekday showings the entry fee will be 50p.

Several people from Bleadon who saw the major part of this exhibition in Bristol have pressed me to show it 'at home' and what better excuse could be found than to support Rebecca? If you all come and pay 50p who knows - we might even raise enough to give the surplus to Weston Hospice. I have added a few paintings to the central theme of 'Saxon Round Tower Churches' to give variety and there will be a chance to win an original oil painting offered as a raffle prize.

Warren Storey

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION Lympsham and Bleadon

Mrs. Clarke represented the Branch at the National Conference of the Women's Section at Blackpool on April 22nd and 23rd. She was very proud to receive the Certificate of Merit in the Haig Cup for all round Efficiency and Progress. This is the first time this has happened to our Branch, and it is owing to the help of all Members that the Branch has done so well. Also Mrs. Clarke was present to see Mrs. P. Whitehead re-gain the National Standard Bearer's Cup, and will be the National Standard Bearer for the next twelve months.

Both Branches were represented at the following events:

The 65th Birthday of Winscombe Branch at the Parish Church on May 10th.

Dedication of a new standard of the Cheddar Branch at Cheddar Parish Church on May 17th.

The South Mendip Group meeting was held at Winscombe on April 6th, a certificate in recognition of 40 years continuous service was presented to Mrs. M. Sims our Branch Chairman. Seven members and the Standard Bearer attended, including two from Bleadon. Certificates were received in the Handicraft Competition. We were advised that a Third Place Certificate has been gained in the Houlden Cup for General Progress and this will be presented at the County Conference at Weston-super-Mare on November 28th.

It is with great regret that the Branch will be losing Lady Jean Galsworthy as she has sold her house (Blue Coat Farm) and is moving away. She has been Poppy Appeal Organiser for Lympsham for many years and she will be greatly missed. We hope she will be very happy in her new home.

Forthcoming Events:

Celebration day, Ilminster on Sunday July 19th. Lucky number programme. All members welcome.

RBL Flower and Vegetable Show at Manor Hall, Lympsham on August 22nd at 2.30pm. Schedules available, all entries staged between 7am and 11am. Entry forms in Thursday August 20th.

Festival of Remembrance at Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare on October 25th 1998.

BLEADON CORONATION HALL

New Hall

Most of you probably attended the May Fayre at the end of May. You will therefore almost certainly have visited the Art Exhibition in the new hall and perhaps had your first view of the interior of this hall. It is now in regular use, although there are still a few small decorating and other finishing jobs to do. I hope you were pleased with what you saw, certainly the various scouting groups are well pleased with their new premises.

Main Coronation Hall

The old toilets have now been dismantled and a temporary route opened through to the new toilet areas. These are fully in use although there is still a lot of decorating to do. At the time of writing we are waiting for plumbers and electricians to disconnect various fittings from the old toilet areas. Once this is done we can pull down remaining walls and cut through the remaining wall to the main hall. By the time you read this, I hope this will have been done. Once again we ask all hall users to be patient with us regarding the inevitable general 'mess' and dust that will be temporarily present.

Marian and Lynda, our hall caretakers for the last eighteen years or so, have decided, to quote their words 'to hang up our mops'. We thank them for their many years of service. The management committee have decided to employ contract cleaning services, initially on a mutual trial basis. If there are any aspects of hall cleaning on which you wish to make constructive comments we shall be pleased to hear from you. If you are a regular hall user please do this through your group's representative on the management committee.

Dates For Your Diary

The following fund-raising events for the hall have been scheduled. Since the next Newsletter may not reach you before the first event, please note them in your diary and give us your support.

Jumble Sale Saturday 26th September

Jumble to the hall during the morning as soon as possible after 9.00am.

Christmas Coffee Morning Saturday 12th December

Items for the Bring and Buy Stall would be welcomed.

John Ward (812136)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CORONATION HALLS

Please make a note in your diary!

Saturday 1st -Friday 7th August

Wednesday 5th August 10.30am

Saturday 5th September. 2-4pm

10/11/12 September

7.30pm

Art Exhibition in New Hall **Bleadon Scouts**

Coffee Morning in aid of WSM Lifeboat

Autumn Flower, Craft and Produce Show

Play/Review

Parish Council Meeting

Saturday 26th September

Monday 14th September

Jumble Sale

Saturday 3rd October

Monday 12th October 7.30pm

Saturday 24th October 7.30pm

Monday 9th November 7.30pm

Saturday 14th November 10.30-noon

Saturday 21st November 7.30pm

Saturday 12th December 10.30-noon

Monday 14th December 7.30pm

7.30pm

Parish Council Meeting

Silent Auction in New Hall

Church Social Evening

Parish Council Meeting

Coffee Morning

Quiz in aid of CLIC

Christmas Fayre & Coffee Morning

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 31st December New Ye

New Year Dance

Bleadon PCC Church Friends

The Management Committee would like to apologise to all Hall users for any inconvenience caused during alterations to the toilet/lobby areas

Horticultural Society

Bleadon

Bleadon Players

Hall Management Committee

Bleadon Cubs & Scouts

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Church Friends

Bleadon PCC

Friendship Club

Mrs. Pat Dain

Hall Management Committee

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE CORONATION HALLS

MONDAYS

2.00-5.00pm		Bleadon Bridge Club	Mr. R. Gardiner	812041
7.30pm	1st Monday	British Sugarcraft Guild, W.S.M. Branch	Mrs. J. Garrad	632632
7.30pm	2nd Monday.	Parish Council		
TUESDAYS				
2.00-4.00pm	2nd Tuesday	Bleadon Ladies Group	Mrs. J. Wilkes	812783
7.30pm	1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th	Weston-super-Mare Camera Club	Mrs. G. Taylor	812475
WEDNESDAY	S			
10.00-noon	2nd & 4th	Infant Welfare Clinic and Toddler Group	Health Visitor at the Clinic	
10.00-noon	1st, 3rd & 5th	Toddler Group	Mrs. J. Hammond	513448
2.00-4.00pm	Sept-June	Watercolour Painting (Post Beginners)	Mrs. K. Panes A.C.E.621301	
7.30pm		Bleadon Players Rehearsals	Mrs. S. Kelly	812419
THURSDAYS				
2.00-4.00pm	Sept-June	Watercolour Painting (Experienced)	Mrs. K. Panes A.C.E.621301	
8.00pm	1st & 4th Sept-June	Folk Dancing	Mrs. J. Thorne	814007
FRIDAYS				
2.00-4.00pm		Friendship Club	Mrs. J. Diment	812217
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
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