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POPPY COLLECTION 2016

The precise total for this year's poppy collection is not yet available, but it is already over £1,100, which is very satisfactory.

The greatest part by far was raised by the house-to-house collectors: Caroline Bayntun, I.D. Clarke, Ian Gibson, Gill Hobbs, Pauline Rider, Sarah Ripley and Dave Shephard.

We also appreciate the money contributed by local businesses who accept collection boxes on their premises.

Whoever takes over the organisation from me can be assured of a first-rate group of collectors.

Les Masters

The painting on the front cover is by artist Zoe Hilton, who you can read more about in our Creative Bleadon special.



Welcome to the Winter edition of Bleadon News

As you've probably noticed, we're publishing this edition slightly early. That's so that we can cover all the festive events that are taking place during

December - I hope that you are able to attend a few of them.

One of the most important events in December for our village isn't very festive - it's the Planning enquiry into the proposed 79-house development on Bleadon Hill. Although only North Somerset Council and the Action Group are allowed to speak, we can all help to demonstrate the massive opposition that exists to this development simply by turning up. That, in itself, could help to persuade the Enquiry that the development should not go ahead, so please can I urge as many villagers as possible to attend on one or more days. Please see page 14 for more details.

There are plenty of other great stories in this edition, including articles about our village's creative residents, public rights of way on South Hill and a road safety campaign, as well as the usual news from around the village.

I hope that you have a fantastic Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Claire Gutsell
Chair, Bleadon Parish Council

Thank you to Pat White on behalf of all our residents for his Remembrance Day display, which honoured villagers who gave their lives in the first and second world wars.



Bleadon Hill Planning Enquiry - make your presence felt!

The Planning Enquiry into the application to build 79 houses on Bleadon Hill has been extended and will now take place on the following dates.

In the New Council Chamber, Town Hall, Weston super Mare:

Tuesday 29th November
Wednesday 30th November
Thursday 1st December

At the Royal Hotel:

Tuesday 13th December
Wednesday 14th December



In the New Council Chamber, Town Hall, Weston super Mare:

Thursday 15th December

The morning sessions start at 10am and the afternoon sessions at 2pm.

The Wentwood Drive and Bleadon Hill Action Group, and North Somerset Council will be making the case against the development at the Enquiry.

Although only those parties are allowed to speak, it's vital that we demonstrate the huge level of local opposition that exists to this development by making our presence felt at the enquiry. Strong community support against the application could have a massive impact on the outcome, so you could have an impact just by attending. If you are planning to attend, please consider offering a lift to neighbours or other villagers.

Wentworth Drive Hearing - a great turn out

The hearing took place at the beginning of November at the Football Club in Weston super Mare, with 40 residents attending on the first day. On the second day the hearing took to the hills, with visits to the proposed site and three key vantage points that would be affected if the development was built.

The outcome of the hearing will be announced in 2017.

Bleadon WI spearheads traffic safety campaign

The WI members have raised concerns about a number of road issues in Bleadon. They include:

- speeding on Coronation Road and through the village
- the lack of footpaths and the volume of lorry movements on Bridge Road
- the number of accidents and near misses at the entrances to the village and Bleadon Mill

The WI has asked the Parish Council to join forces in campaigning for better traffic management around our village. The Council believes that these are issues of concern for many villagers and so unanimously agreed to the request.

Use and training for the operation of the Speed Watch equipment held by the Council has already been offered and further actions will be considered over the coming weeks. If you have any ideas or views on these issues, please get in touch with a councillor or the Parish Clerk.