

Bleadon Parish News



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Weekly Opportunities to Visit the Clerk	
Bleadon Café every Tuesday, 9am-12pm	
Monthly Opportunities to Raise Questions and Listen to Discussions	
Full council meetings <u>every second Monday</u> of the month at the Coronation Hall at 7:30pm. Residents have 3 minutes each to speak with the council.	
Extra-ordinary Meetings – ad hoc dependent on issues raised	
Can be called by residents or BPC. <u>Dates</u> will be displayed in advance on noticeboards and BPC website	
Residents Annual Parish Meeting 2024 (APM)	
28th April 2025, 7:30pm at Coronation Hall - A meeting held for residents to openly discuss any parish issues and concerns, likes and dislikes. (This is NOT a council meeting) Key issues raised can be fed into the council's AMPC in May.	
Bleadon Parish Council's Annual Meeting 2024 (AMPC)	
May 2025, 7:30pm Similar format to the monthly meetings.	

Parish Council Chairman's Address



Dear Parishioners,

The summer is almost over and it hasn't been kind to many growers and farmers. However, we may be able to enjoy a better autumn before the clocks return to normal.

Speaking of which, you will have noticed the clockface on the church has been removed and taken away for regilding. We, the Parish Council, have been promised it will be ready and installed in October.

You will have seen the progress taking place at the old quarry site, with the show home now open. Negotiations regarding the play area equipment are taking place between North Somerset Council and our clerk, and will be discussed at our next council meeting. Comments would be helpful for future improvements to the play areas.

I am pleased to report that the layby at the east end of Roman Road has been upgraded and looks much tidier. Let us hope it does not get damaged by people doing wheelies. Our thanks goes to the Mendip Hills for contributing £2,000 for the project.

The footpath from Rectory Lane to Purn Hill has been resurfaced by Edenstone and looks to be better for walkers during the winter. Thank you. Unfortunately, not all the landowners gave their consent for this to be done, hence a gap in the middle.

The most recent improvement is the Jubilee Garden walls and the widening of the pavement next to the Gent's lavatories. This will be resurfaced making it safer and easier for pedestrians and buggies alike.

Cllr Mary Sheppard (Chairman)

Parish Planting Scheme



Our thanks to all of the volunteers who have helped keep the flowers blooming over the Summer. We are going to start the process of planning for the planting scheme for next year much earlier, so we will be formulating our ideas over the Autumn and consider whether we might be able to use the polytunnel at the allotment site more effectively. We've taken a step towards this by

bringing the water supply at the allotments to the rear of the polytunnel.

Cllr Andy Scarisbrick (lead for Planting Schemes)

Newsletter Update

This edition marks a year in my role as the council's Editor. Thank you to all who have made its production and distribution possible. What a busy and interesting year it has been, with numerous well attended parish activities, and more to come. Please continue to let me know of any future events you'd like to share with residents.

This month the council will be undertaking its annual review of the Parish News. The main focus this past year was on reducing the cost of the Parish News, whilst improving public awareness of our governance and financial accountability to you. I hope that over the course of the year you have gained a better understanding of what the council is doing on your behalf, its plans for the future and how it has spent public money.

Cllr Jo Gower-Crane (Editor)

Deadline for December 2024 to mid-March 2025 edition is
01 Nov 24. Please contact: jogc@bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk

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NB: This newsletter can be found in colour with links, on the BPC website at www.bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk/news-and-events/newsletters, with editions from Issue 1 onwards on Bleadon BOB at www.bleadon.org.uk/villagenews

Have you thought about becoming a Parish Councillor?

The Parish Council currently has three vacancies for Parish Councillors. All Councillors volunteer their time to work hard on behalf of parishioners, much of which is carried out behind the scenes and often goes unrecognised. However, I hope they would say that it is a rewarding task.

Parish Councils don't have many statutory duties but they do have quite a lot of powers and can exercise those powers for the benefit of parishioners – you might be surprised to learn the extent of the Council's powers. The Parish Council also manages a sizeable budget and – together with parishioners – can exercise influence over the District Council and other statutory bodies.

If you are interested in becoming a Councillor you would go through a process of co-option (rather than election). This would involve you attending at least two meetings of the Council (as an observer) and then submitting yourself for co-option at a parish council meeting. This would then be voted upon by existing Councillors. If accepted, you will be asked to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form, and take up the position as a holder of public office in a local authority, albeit unpaid, with all the responsibility that comes with it. Please feel free to contact me or our clerk for further details.

Cllr Mary Sheppard (Chairman)

Mobile Library Update

The mobile library service is currently disrupted, due to our vehicle being unavailable. We are trialling a return to our regular timetabled stops in a new vehicle from Tuesday 30 July (week 1 in the timetable pattern). From this date, customers can place orders, collect their reservations and return books at their normal mobile library stops. We will be delivering this service using

- a white van marked with North Somerset Council logos and;
- displaying the mobile library A-Frame sign, which we'll park in the usual location at local stop(s)

If you need any assistance, please contact the mobile library team using the details on this page. [The NSC website](#) will be updated when the situation changes.

North Somerset Council

Our Developing Parish

The time is drawing near when the first residents of Eden's Green arrive. In the last issue I wrote about some of the improvements they will find in Bleadon that have taken place in the thirty-seven years we have lived here, ending with the positive changes at the Queen's Arms. It is only fair, however, to record a negative change made there soon after Butcombe took over, namely the removal of the skittle alley. The fact that there is no longer anywhere in Bleadon to play skittles has to be counted as a loss, and I know a good number of locals who would endorse that.

Let us get back to the positive. From 1987 till 2000 Glenise and I ran the village shop and post office in what is now a private house just in front of the church. When the then owners closed it at Christmas 2003 everyone was worried that the village would lose this amenity. Out of the blue Alistair House rode to the rescue, converting farm buildings to provide a bigger and better replacement, with the addition of a cafe and function room. This could never have been done at the old premises, and I welcome the sight of people eating and drinking outside when I collect my daily newspaper. It is worth noting that today's post office offers a much wider range of facilities than the one in 2000, and the traditional butcher's shop now flourishing there is a really exceptional feature.

Another exceptional feature of quite a different kind is the croquet field opposite the cafe. The Weston club relocated there from a town park and its membership shot up, including a number of local residents. I gather it is not an expensive sport, and I like to see this activity on sunny days in season. Compare this with a better known sport now available in Bleadon - golf. The nine hole course on Roman Road has offered recreation and social life to a surprising number of locals, leading to greatly increased sales at the Queen's on Tuesday evenings. The lack of a membership requirement is a considerable advantage. Interestingly, up to WW2 Roman Road was called Golf Course Road, being home to an eighteen hole course. The latter was taken over for defence purposes during the war and did not re-open. The recent replacement is undoubtedly an asset to Bleadon.

Some improvements took place so long ago that we forget how things

used to be. It seems hard to believe that there were no dog bins, for example, or that there were no speed or weight limits on our roads. I remember when the speed limit on the A370 was 60 m.p.h. and there were no traffic islands or street lights by the Anchor. Things will never be perfect, but they can be far better than they used to be.

Newcomers in various waves since WW2 have contributed to life in Bleadon. The most recent influx was at Bleadon Mill in 1994 - thirty houses. The residents of that development have been enormously influential in various ways, helping to improve the village for everyone's benefit. It is remarkable how many of its original inhabitants are still there after thirty years. I hope these new residents will appreciate the improvements made by their predecessors and go on to make their own.

Les Masters

Bleadon Farm Shop

We have been very busy at the Farm Shop over the summer with record numbers of customers in the cafe!

In the shop, new features include potted plants and 'new look' gift and greeting cards range. Our homemade strawberry jams sold well, and we served several successful private bookings with full homemade buffet



Events coming up:

- w/b 9th September - Wine sale
- Fri 8th Nov at 7:30pm - Wine Tasting evening with charcuterie & cheese board and dessert. £40 per person, book tickets on 01934 815584 and ask for JS
- Fri 6th December 4pm-8pm Christmas late Opening Craft stall, carol singing, Christmas Elf, mince pies and mulled wine.

Charly

In and Around the Car Park

There's been quite a lot of activity in and around the car park over the last few weeks, with more planned for the months ahead.



The Jubilee Garden walls have been renovated with a new 'cock and hen' top to reflect the style of many of the surrounding walls. The wall itself required extensive rebuilding in some areas and we also took the opportunity to replace some of the brick-built sections with natural stone.

Over the coming months the planting area will be filled and replanted. A planting scheme has not yet been finalised but it will be a low level, low maintenance scheme with – as far as possible – year round colour and interest.



The Council also took the decision to try and address the access problems by the toilet block. With the support of the wall owners – and we would like to publicly say 'thank you' to the wall owners – we were able to both remove a section of wall which jutted out into the pavement and remove the large stone planters.

There is now unrestricted access for wheelchairs and buggies. The next stage of the works will be to level out and resurface the pavement area. The next stages of work will include looking at alternatives for the car parking barrier – which is looking a little tired – and tackling the overgrown areas to the rear of the Coronation Halls.

Craig Bolt (for Halls & Car Park Environs)

Market Report

The Market said a sad goodbye to Mike Smith of Mike's Pork this month. Mike started small with just a few Gloucester Old Spot pigs, selling his excellent pork products at local markets. He started winning prizes at country fairs with his pigs, and with the support of his family could be found at many markets and festivals around Somerset.

He early on joined Bleadon Market and has been a loyal stallholder for many years. Business boomed in lockdown as Mike would deliver to village car parks and isolated individuals. Good luck in your retirement Mike, you will be missed. The good news is that New Manor Farm will be attending the market with all their excellent local meat products so you can still stock up.

We needed to do a shout out for more volunteers recently on the In and Around Bleadon Facebook Page and were so pleased to get more offers of help. The more helpers we have before, during and after each market the better, so that the workload is shared. Anyway, a big thank you to our new and current happy band of helpers. You do a great job, and are a great team. If you want to join us, don't be shy, contact Jo.

All profits from the markets got to the upkeep of our village halls, and the market itself is an important social hub for the village and great fun.

Jo Jones

Planting Hope:

Spring Colour, a smile, new life,

Bleadon Church offers you

14 Tête à Tête Daffodil Bulbs for you to plant.

Suggested donation £5 per pack.

(Flowers 10-20cm high. Good in pots or direct in the ground)

By donating you are helping Bleadon Church run its services and activities. Thank you.

Available at church and village events and from a selection of village businesses from late August or to order email revtimerridge@gmail.com

A thought as we plant:

**As we plant a bulb,
as we bury it below the ground,
make it invisible, we trust!**

**We trust that unseen, roots will grow.
We trust that in time, green shoots will rise.
We trust that in time, a colourful flower
will burst open on a bright spring day!**

**What else are we trusting for?
What other buried hopes rest in us now,
waiting to be watered,
waiting for their season?**

**As we plant a bulb,
We act out something so much bigger,
We act out our hopes and our trust.**

Let's plant bulbs today.



WHAT INSTEAD (of the May Day Fair)

Bleadon Events Day 1 was on the 31st Aug with a precursor event by the Friendship Club on the afternoon of the 30th Aug. We do hope that you were able to enjoy some of the many opportunities to get together with others across these two dates.

Bleadon Events Day 2 is on the **6th October** when Bleadon Parish Church will hold its Harvest Service at 10.15 am followed by a Carvery meal at the Riverside Holiday Park 12.15 for 12.30. There will be a speaker from Ripple Effect talking to us all after our lunch (there will be a collection for this charity). To book tickets please contact Sue Arnold (814275) or myself (Sara Hughes) on 811008 to reserve you a place/es- no ticket = no food! This is to control numbers for catering purposes.

1 course is £12.50 and 2 is £14.75. Pay Riverside Holiday Park after you have eaten please.

Over that weekend we hope you will take part in our Harvest themed display in Church. This could be a flower/veg arrangement, plant, photograph, art work or collage- any way you choose to interpret this subject. Exhibits to arrive after 4 pm (but before 7 pm) on Friday 4th or on Saturday morning (5th) before 10.00 am. Please do take part if you can.

That Saturday there will be music and some sort of quiz/treasure hunt to get involved in throughout the day and refreshments will be available in the afternoon. We do hope to see you sometime over this weekend.

The Bleadon Event Days are opportunities to get-together as a community, to support each other and to grow resilience locally. Please support these events in every way you can and please share what is happening with your friends and families. Thank you.

The Bleadon Churchwardens

(Sara H and Sue A)

Next Years Budget & Precept Setting

Although we're only halfway through the current financial year, we've already started the planning for next financial year.

From the Parish Council's perspective, most of the variables which affected the budget for this year have been addressed so we hope to enter a period of stability. We've previously signalled that we would like to be in a position to freeze the Parish Council precept for the next 2/3 years and we will be entering into our budget discussions for next financial year on the presumption that there will be no rise in the local precept.

One of the issues we will be considering as part of the budget setting process is the likely impact of North Somerset Council budget cuts. North Somerset Council has indicated that it is under significant funding pressures which will force it to prioritise statutory services. As such, North Somerset Council has indicated a wish to discuss with Parish and Town Councils whether there are opportunities for different service delivery models to enable the continuation of non-statutory services.

Craig Bolt (Responsible Finance Officer)

Roman Road Layby Update



The layby at the east end of Roman Road has been resurfaced.

Thank you to Mendip Hills for contributing £2,000 for the project and Edenstone for donating chippings.

Cllr Steve Sugg
(lead for Laybys)

The Bleadon Belles

The summer concert in July was a sell out and a most enjoyable event for all. There was great singing from the Bleadon Belles, the talented guest performers and audience. Delicious cakes supplied by WI members were enjoyed during the interval. Thanks to all who supported this event which raised £648 for Children's Hospice South West.

The Belles also sang at the Village Event on 31st August, and are back to rehearsals in September to prepare for the **Christmas Carol Service on 6th December**, and the **SS Great Britain Christmas Event on 8th December**. This event is open to anyone visiting the ship on the day. The Belles will be singing between 12 and 2pm. Usual SS Great Britain entry prices apply.

Jo Jones

Improving Play Provision

Thank you to those of you who responded to the article in the last edition of Parish News regarding play provision. We are optimistic that the Parish Council will secure some significant additional funding to enhance play provision within the Parish, although there is still some way to go before this can be finalised.

We know that the 5-12 age range is generally well served by the existing play area in the village centre and that Under 5s and over 12s are less well served.

We also know that there is little in the way of accessible equipment for children with additional needs. As a consequence, we will formulate our proposals with these gaps in mind – whilst recognising that we are a relatively small Parish and don't have access to a lot of land!

Craig Bolt (Parish Clerk)





Local Farming & Food Security Concerns



Residents have raised concerns with North Somerset Council about the reducing land available for food production.

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Executive Meeting 17 July 2024

NSC has declared a Nature and Climate Emergency (2019). Food production and its security depend on both nature and the

climate. Therefore, a member of the public, addressed the Executive and asked it to declare a **Food Security Emergency**. See also NSC Youtube <https://youtube.com/live/IJAlginS6Qg> at 13:55 mins. The Chair, Cllr Bell, stated that an Executive member would be asked to contact him with a response.

Transport, Climate and Communities Policy and Scrutiny Panel 25th

July 2024 – NSC's Climate Emergency Action Plan (pg 49) says,

“Enclosed farmland makes up 68% of all land in North Somerset” It also goes on to say that the council needs to “Identify more areas of council land for re-wilding/management for biodiversity and manage 30% land for biodiversity by 2030” in order to replenish its carbon stores, along with planting “50,000 trees and introduce tall grass manage to 40 hectares of open space”. Its Local Plan press release states “Around 85 per cent of our land is at risk from flooding, part of the Mendip Hills landscape, high-quality Green Belt or protected in other ways for environmental or heritage reasons” **Where will NSC permit the 23,805 dwellings proposed to be built in North Somerset over the next 15 years via its Local Plan?** I

asked the panel for an update on how local food production has been protected over the last eight months, and what the future plan is to protect it. The Chair, Cllr Bridger, stated that he will ask Cllrs Canniford and Waite for an update following my January meeting, where they proposed a Local Plan Supplementary Planning Document to the Local Plan.

North Somerset Council Health and Wellbeing Board 29 July 2024 – A member of the public addressed the board regarding **diary, farming and nutrition of alternative food**. She asked for information on the long term health effects of eating ‘alternative’ foods, with less dairy and meat. She also asked NSC to prioritise and protect farming, dairy production and related land, to deliver natural food that is key to health and wellbeing, and to include this in all North Somerset Council policies, plans and activities (including health education)

Cllr Jo Gower-Crane (lead for Food Security)

Affordable Housing Survey

All Bleadon households will shortly receive a survey form from a company called Arc4 regarding affordable housing needs. We realise that the temptation may be to think that this survey doesn’t affect you or your family. However, we would urge you to take some time to look at the form and think about the long term needs for yourself and your family. For instance, you may be of an age where you are starting to think about more accessible housing e.g. a home without stairs or have teenage children and be thinking about whether there will be options for them to stay within the Parish in their own accommodation when they reach adulthood.

The outcome of the survey will help the Local Planning Authority (North Somerset Council) in assessing whether there are particular requirements which need to be addressed in the context of any future housing developments. If, for instance, there is sufficient evidence (through this type of survey) for particular types of property or models of home ownership, then the Local Planning Authority can require that developers build these into their plans.

Although the current version of the approved North Somerset Local Plan would not support significant housing development in the Parish, this position could change over time. In this event, being able to influence the type of housing is an opportunity we would urge residents to take.

Craig Bolt (Parish Clerk & RFO)

Footpaths and Public Rights of Way



As the weather has improved people have been using the many footpaths and rights of way in and around the Parish. One of the questions we are often asked is ‘who is responsible for clearing away vegetation and maintaining the footpaths?’ The general ‘rule of thumb’ is that most footpaths are ‘permissive’ paths which cross over private land so landowners are responsible for, and need to be consulted about action affecting, their property.

However, North Somerset Council also has a responsibility for ensuring and maintaining access in respect of many of these footpaths as they are pedestrian highways. As such, North Somerset Council manages improvement and maintenance schemes across the network of footpaths. Two very recent examples of this work in and around the Parish are the works at South Hill, Purn Hill and the allotments.



Vegetation from neighbouring sites which has overgrown and is affecting the footpath is technically the responsibility of the neighbouring site. The same principle applies as it would in your own garden if your neighbour’s plants are crossing your fence line – you are able to cut the plants back but the offcuts are technically their property. So, there is no problem with vegetation being cut back along footpaths as long as you respect the fact that the cuttings belong to somebody else.

In some cases, the vegetation growth is more than just a couple of brambles and we've had some reports of heavily overgrown areas in the vicinity of Shiplate Road and Roman Road. In these cases, the best thing to do is to report the issues direct to North Somerset Council using their online reporting tool <https://forms.n-somerset.gov.uk/report-request/form/publicrightsofway#/1>

Cllr Steve Sugg (lead for Public Rights of Way)

Quarry Development Update



Our Sales Office & Show Home at Eden's Green opened in late July.

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to the countless visitors from across the Parish who called in to see the Sales Team over our launch weekend to take a look around and enjoy the hog roast, as well as those since who have dropped by to take a tour around the show home.

If you haven't made it yet, our show home is open 7 days a week, 10.30am-5.00pm. The team are available on 07392 090258 if you have any queries. Visitor parking is available.

Dave White (Head of Construction – Southern – Edenstone Group)

Churchyard Memorial Testing



As part of its responsibilities for maintaining the enclosed churchyard, the Parish Council must undertake 5 yearly tests of the memorials (headstones).

This was undertaken earlier in the Summer. The test involves checking the condition of the memorials and whether they are at risk of toppling if sufficient force is applied.

Unfortunately, the test revealed that a number of memorials require work. The memorials are the responsibility of beneficiaries of the estates of the deceased. However, it is often hard to track down surviving family members. For this reason, notices have been placed adjacent to the memorials in question to ask anybody who might be affected by the outcomes of the testing to contact the Parish Council.

The responsibility of the Council is to make the memorials safe and the conventional way of doing this is to lay the memorials flat. However, this is something we'd rather not do as it feels a little disrespectful. So, we are looking at some different solutions and with the support of Reverend Erridge, we are in discussions with the Diocese of Bath & Wells to try and secure their support for solutions which would meet safety requirements and avoid laying down memorials.

Cllr Mary Sheppard (lead for Churchyard)

Parish Clock Update



The eagle-eyed among you will have noticed that the clock dial has been removed for restoration. It's fair to say that it's taken longer to get to this stage than originally anticipated but the restoration is now well underway.

When the dial was removed, we found a large dent on the raised rim. The mallet shaped dent would suggest that somebody missed when hammering in the fixings when the dial was last installed! We won't have this problem when it is reinstalled as it will be fixed in place with stainless steel screws and resins.

We're anticipating that the dial will be put back in place mid to late October – weather dependent!

Councillors are also making arrangements for a plaque to recognize the many public and business contributions.

Craig Bolt (lead for Parish Clock)

Public Consultations & Resident Meetings

All general and planning policy consultations can be found on the North Somerset Council's (NSC) website at <https://n-somerset.inconsult.uk/>.

National Consultation NPPF - Deadline 11:45pm on 24 September 2024

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government states, "This consultation seeks views on our proposed approach to revising the National Planning Policy Framework in order to achieve sustainable growth in our planning system.

We are also seeking views on a series of wider policy proposals in relation to increasing planning fees, local plan intervention criteria and appropriate thresholds for certain Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects."

This consultation, and resulting planning reform, will have '**major implications**' for North Somerset Council's Local Plan, as indicated in its press release below. **which will affect all future development in Bleadon,**

North Somerset Council Local Plan Press Release 31 July 2024

"Following the launch of consultation on the government's proposed planning reforms, North Somerset Council is reviewing its draft Local Plan. The plan – which was first consulted on in 2020 and has been shaped by three more rounds of public consultation – was set to go out for a final round of consultation later this year, before being submitted for independent examination. This consultation will not now take place, pending consideration of the updated government guidance and any further work which may be required.

Councillor Mark Canniford, North Somerset Council's executive member who is responsible for spatial planning, placemaking and economy, said: "The government's planning reforms have major implications for our proposed Local Plan. **"The new standard method is 23,805 dwellings in North Somerset over the next 15 years – that's nearly 9,000 dwellings more than our current Local Plan target.** This figure also doesn't take into account the needs of our neighbours, as the government has asked all

councils to work together to jointly address unmet need.

“In light of this, we will not be proceeding with our planned final consultation on the Local Plan. We’re working hard to review our draft plan in the light of the government’s announcements, and hope to progress this as quickly as we can. “As a council, we support the government’s commitment to growth and meeting the housing need of our communities. All our communities will need to play a role in helping to meet this challenging housing requirement, and we’ll work closely with them as we develop a revised plan.

“However, we want to create a Local Plan that also reflects the needs of our environment. **Around 85 per cent of our land is at risk from flooding, part of the Mendip Hills landscape, high-quality Green Belt or protected in other ways for environmental or heritage reasons.** This is a practical geographic constraint on the amount of development that’s possible in North Somerset. “New homes also need to be supported with the right infrastructure, so communities have access to the services they want and need. We want to make sure that infrastructure challenges are being met before we consider further development.

“We appreciate that this has been a long process. It’s really important that we get our Local Plan right, as this will shape development in our area for the next 15 years. Thank you to our residents for your patience, and to our officers for their continued hard work.”

NSC Street Trading Policy Review Consultation

“The proposed Statement of Principles is designed to offer clear guidance and support to anyone looking to hold an event, organise a market, or establish a permanent trading pitch in North Somerset.

It also serves as a framework for decision-makers, helping them assess whether a trading proposal is safe and suitable, and outlining how concerns and complaints will be addressed.” Visit <https://n-somerset.inconsult.uk/STR/consultationHome> to reply to the consultation.

Cllr Jo Gower-Crane (lead for Public Consultations / Engagement)

In yesterday's edition
prams were talking about th

CRANLEY DRIVE

THE BLEADON PLAYERS & CONCORD THEATRICALS PRESENT

Pack of Lies

Directed by
Charlotte House

Based on a true story

Written by
Hugh Whitmore

...submitting
...outside the
...Cranley-
...it was not long before
...I realised just how much hos-
...pitality the couple must have
...lavished on local people to
...ing their trust.
The dustcart stopped by

...that one lock
...them in joy.
...the only people in
...than us to invite us in regu-
...larly for a glass of beer.
...We always had the where
...the missus at No. 43 noticed
...ed.

'REAL NICE'

"Come in, she'd say, very
friendly, and put would come
the bottles of lager. It was a
regular Thursday thing. We're
going to miss it."

He added: "You must judge
as you find. And they were
real nice to us."

As an odd reminder of days
gone by, a crate of rumper lager
bottles was propped up against
the wall beside the bungalow.

PROOF OF MRS. Kroger's endless patience with the garden was easy to see.

The well-trimmed flowering
cherry trees and a glorious
magnolia tree were in bud.

Perennials and bulbs planted
by Mrs. Kroger in the autumn
were just beginning to show
through in the neatly-kept
flower-beds.

Next-door neighbour Mrs.
Joan Kent was a little sad.
"I shall miss them. I'll

"We don't get nightly inter-
ference on our television set
any longer."

"It had been going on for
years, and nobody had got to
the bottom of it. It has
stopped since the Krogers
went, as it looks as if it must
have been their radio trans-
mitter."

A NOTHER neigh-
bour who used to
get a regular supply of
bones for her dog from the
Krogers passed a rather
bitter comment.

"I've passed many pleasant
times in Mrs. Kroger's house
over a glass of gin," she told
me.

"What upsets me is that
we were all taken in by them
—all fooled while they were
betraying us."

FOR SALE?

Naturally everybody in
Cranley-drive is wondering
who is going to buy the
Krogers' attractive bungalow,
one of the nicest properties
in the road.

An estate agent said:
"Can't you just imagine the



Dustman Ernest
Lavender.

Tickets still only £10*
per person

*small ticket charge for online



THE
BLEADON
PLAYERS

Coronation Hall, Bleadon
www.bleadon-players.co.uk

CONCORD

26th - 28th September 2024



Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Talk to us

Join your Neighbourhood Policing Team at |

Drop in and speak to PCSO Steve Hemmett, whether you want advice on how to protect your belongings, arrange for free bike security marking, more information about the work we are doing in your area, or you want to raise a concern about an issue in your community.

Time: 12:00 till 13:30

Date: 4/9/24 2/10/24 6/11/24 4/12/24
5/2/25 5/3/25

Their will be no attendance in January 2025

Location: Bleadon Riverside Holiday village
Bridgewater road BS240AN

For more information please visit:
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Cllr Roles & Responsibilities for the New Financial Year

Portfolio Responsibility	
Affordable housing	All Cllrs
Allotments	Cllr Sheppard
Bus Stops	Cllr Sugg
Churchyard/Church Walls	Cllr Sheppard
Climate Change & Biodiversity	Cllr Gower-Crane
Contactus/Social Activities/Targeted Support/Grants	Cllr Davies
Drains	Cllr Sugg
Finance	Cllr Davies
Food Security	Cllr Gower-Crane
Halls/Car Park Environs	Cllr Davies
Highways – Safety/Signage/Parking/PC laybys	Cllr Sugg
Historic Structures – Market Cross, Pump/Well	Cllr Sugg
Neighbourhood Watch & Community Safety	Vacant
Open Spaces Working Group Joint Chairs	Cllr Clarke & Cllr Sheppard
Parish Clock	Parish Clerk
Parish News Working Group Chair	Cllr Gower-Crane
Planning	Cllr Clarke
Planting schemes	Cllr Scarisbrick
Public Engagement/Consultations	Cllr Gower-Crane
Public Rights of Way	Cllr Sugg
Public Toilets	Cllr Davies
Outside Organisations	
ALCA North Somerset Group	Cllr Clarke & Cllr Gower-Crane
Bleadon Youth Club	Cllr Scarisbrick
Church Liaison	Cllr Clark
Coronation Hall Management Committee	Cllr Davies & Cllr Sheppard
NSC Standards Sub-Committee	Cllr Clarke
Play Area	All Cllrs as Trustees

Bleadon Village

MONTHLY

MARKET

Saturday

21st

Sept

19th

Oct

16th

Nov

7th

Dec

Coronation Hall and Jubilee Hall

BS24 0PG

9.30am – 12 noon

30+ stalls with:

Fresh local produce. Old Spot Pork & Sausages.
Goat Meat, Milk, Cheese, Local Beef, Lamb, Bakery. Eggs.
Pies. Savouries. Preserves. Cakes. In Season Veg. Plants.
Books. Crafts. Jewellery. Collectables. Gifts. Toys.

Bric-a-Brac.

Something new every month.

Delicious locally sourced refreshments.

Find us on Facebook, Instagram and www.bleadon.org.uk/market

New to the Parish since October 2022?

Don't miss the Contactus informal get together

At The Coronation Hall

On Monday 30 September 2024

Time 7.00pm –9.00pm

Come along and meet each other, Parish Councillors, representatives of the various clubs and activities on offer and find out details of local services and much more.



Light refreshments will be provided

We look forward to meeting you

Cllr Ann Davies (Contactus)

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