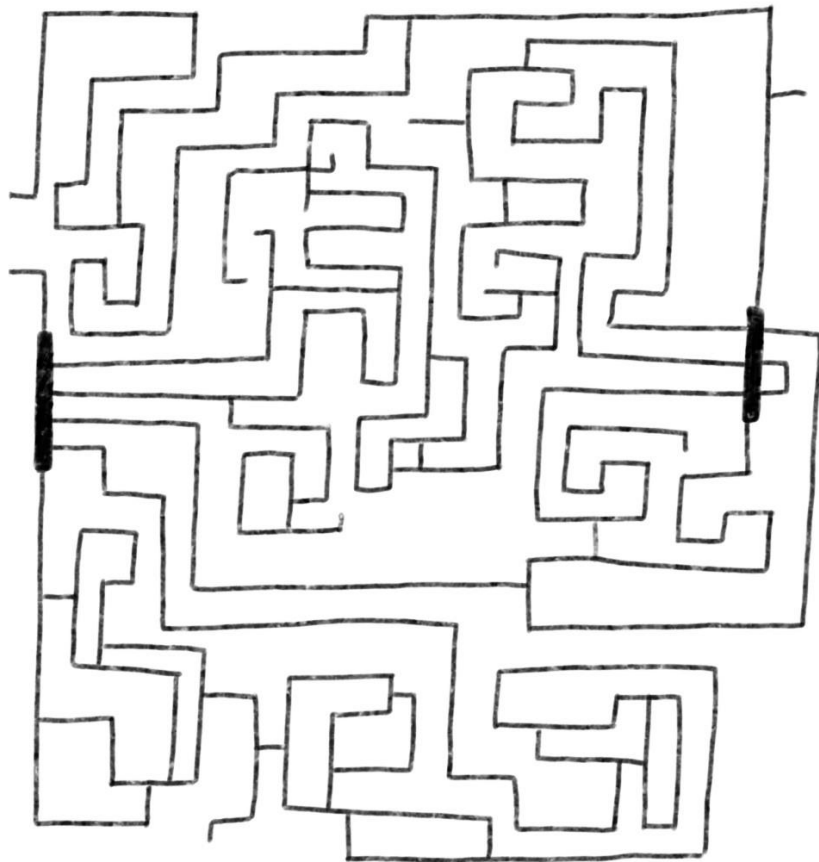


Bleadon Parish News



Historic Bleadon Maize Maze Map

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Co-option Vacancy	
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Contact the Clerk	
Craig Bolt	parishclerk@bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk Tel: 07453 358 318 (Mon, Tues & Thurs am) C/O Coronation Halls, Bleadon. BS24 0PG
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,

At the council meeting last month I was re-elected as your Chairman of Bleadon Parish Council and Cllr Andy Scarisbrick as vice-chairman. I can now report that Bridge Road at the west end of Bleadon Road is now open.

We are now awaiting a response from the Church Commissioners regarding the resurfacing through the allotments. When we receive a reply then the work can be completed. The layby at the east end of Roman Road is to be upgraded/repared in readiness for the holiday season. We have engaged two new contractors to replace Mark Howe and Adrian Leonard. They are Russell, and Craig and Lisa a husband and wife team. All are very keen and willing.

Finally, may I congratulate everyone who participated in the Mendip Challenge.

Cllr Mary Sheppard (Chairman)

Newsletter Update

This edition sees the return of local history information in advance of the new residents' Contactus meeting in September.

The cover image is a map of the historic Bleadon maize maze, that was located opposite the Croquet Club on Bleadon Road. The lines indicate the pathways through the maize and the black rectangles indicate the raised viewing platforms used to help lost explorers (also see [BPN86 Autumn 2010 pg 15](#)).

This edition also contains annual reports from the Coronation Halls, Market, Church, What Instead Group and parish council.

Cllr Jo Gower-Crane (Editor)

Deadline for mid- September to mid-December 2024 edition is **17 Aug 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

Our Developing Parish

It will not be long before the population of Bleadon increases by perhaps a hundred as the development of the Marshalls site in Bridge Road is completed. What kind of village will these newcomers find compared to the one Glenise and I encountered in 1987? As far as I am concerned it will be a considerably improved one.

When they walk out and turn left they will very soon come to Escape, now a much appreciated facility that did not exist in 1987. Turn the corner to the A370 and they will find a tarmac path leading to the bus stops, with a traffic island enabling a safe crossing of this busy main road. Most readers know that these were only recently provided - better late than never. The crossing gives walkers safe access to the footpath alongside the river, which many residents only discovered during lockdown and have treasured ever since. They will benefit from the new timber walkway, which does away with problems involving river levels, and be able to follow the river bank past Riverside, a delightful, peaceful route. They will not realise that this became possible only quite recently, when the present owners of Riverside reshaped the landscape and created the fishing lake, itself a pleasure to look at.

What if they turn right? They will come to the Coronation Halls, a village amenity that has been transformed in the thirty-seven years we have been here. In 1987 there was just the one hall, which looked decidedly tatty, and not much went on there. Now there are two, with very tidy exteriors and an impressive range of internal features, and a great deal goes on there. Part of this is due to new organisations being set up and becoming long-standing regular users: the short mat bowls club, the bridge club, Bleadon Players, keep fit classes, art classes, the W.I. and its choir. All these contributed to funds, and the icing on the cake has been provided for about twenty years by the monthly village markets.

On dark evenings they will be able to see their way round that area because of our street lights, of which there were none in 1987. I was a member of the parish council that installed these lights in batches over several years, and as I have grown older I have come to appreciate them more and more. The lighted area extends to the Queen's Arms, another village amenity which has improved over all through many ups and downs. In 1987 the pub

atmosphere was fine and the place was deservedly popular, but the interior was grotty. Heaven knows when the owners, Whitbread, had spent any money on it. About 1990 it became a free house, and the landlord set about the dingy old tap room to expose the old hearth and hack off the plaster, making it a very attractive room as it is today. He sold to a brewery, who predictably spent nothing, but it became a free house again when the Sanders bought it. They commissioned the merging of the two rooms at the other end into the present restaurant. The pub is certainly more up-market than it used to be, which is not to everyone's taste, but circumstances and the market have changed (think - all day opening) and you cannot run a business on nostalgia.

Les Masters

Can you help with watering?

You will probably have noticed that the planters around the Parish have been planted up in readiness for the Summer. Our huge thanks to the dedicated team of volunteers who 'make this happen' each year. Watering the planters remains a challenge so if you are able to help with this could you please let us know. There are a couple of 'hot spots' at the junction of Bleadon Road and the A370 and Bleadon Mill where it would be great if one or two people could undertake to water the planters on a regular basis.

We also have quite a lot of planters in and around the village centre and could do with some more volunteers in this area to help spread the load. To the many dog walkers in Bleadon perhaps we could also ask that you carry a small bottle of water with you on your walk and empty the contents in one of the planters as you pass by – it can't hurt.

If you are able to offer some assistance with watering please email the Parish Clerk at parishclerk@bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk

Craig Bolt (Parish Clerk & RFO)

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/>.

Current general consultation: **Changes to Home to School Transport Policies** closes 15th July 2024.

Summer planning policy consultation: The last round of **Local Plan responses** have been published by North Somerset Council with over 2,000 respondents, and can be found on their website as seen above. The current timetable is to present to the NSC Executive Committee on 19th June 2024, with Public consultation on the new Pre-submission Plan in July/August 2024. The Submission for examination is planned for October 2024, the actual Examination in Spring 2025 and final Plan adoption at the end 2025.

Cllr Jo Gower-Crane (Consultations)

*To all new residents of the Parish
since October 2022
An Invitation
to a **Contactus social get together**
at the Coronation Hall
On Monday 30th September 2024
from 7pm*

*Come along and meet each other,
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) email anndavies@bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk

Improving Play

The Parish Council has set aside £10,000 to improve play facilities across the Parish and is also actively exploring other funding opportunities to increase the amount of money available.

We would really like your views on the sorts of things we could do to improve play facilities for children and young people in the Parish – even better would be to get the views of children and young people themselves!

The money doesn't have to be used solely for the existing play area in the village centre, so please don't feel that you need to limit your suggestions.

<p>What's good about play provision in the Parish at the moment? What should we keep?</p>
<p>What could be improved?</p>

Craig Bolt (Parish Clerk & RFO)

Bleaton Players

in yesterday's...
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

...We don't get nightly interference 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 transmitter."

...that our lack of them in joy...
...the only people in this area to invite us in regularly for a glass of beer.
...We always had the women the women at No. 43 noticed...

'REAL NICE'

"Come in the'd say, very friendly, and got 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 jumpy 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 bed.
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

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

Tickets still only £10* per person
*small ticket charge for online



26th - 28th September 2024

THE BLEADON PLAYERS

Coronation Hall, Bleaton
www.bleaton-players.co.uk

CONCORD

Dog Bins

The Council currently has 5 bespoke dog bins across the Parish and there are two general litter bins which can also be used for dog waste. The cost of emptying these bins is more than £2,000 per year, so we want to be sure that we're spending this money wisely and that the dog bins are in the right locations and being emptied at the right intervals.

As a consequence, Councillors will be looking at this issue over the coming weeks. If you have any views on this topic, please do email the Parish Clerk at parishclerk@bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk so that these can feed into the work of Councillors.

Craig Bolt (Parish Clerk & RFO)

Jubilee Gardens Wall and Planter

The Jubilee Gardens planter was emptied earlier in the year to enable the Council to assess the state of the natural stone wall along the boundary of the car park. Although stable, the wall does need some work – particularly to the inside face of the wall. A tendering exercise has been completed and the Council has awarded a contract to undertake works to the wall to a Weston based firm of Stonemasons. The work will involve remedial work where there are some bulges, significant re-mortaring and a new 'cock and hen' capping to reflect the finish on other walls within the vicinity. The curved section of the wall entering the car park will also be rebuilt out of natural stone as it is currently a mismatch of different bricks. The works will involve the use of traditional lime mortar.

Because of this, the works will be scheduled for September – as the Summer is not the best time to apply lime mortar. In the meantime, the Council would like to hear from anybody who has thoughts or ideas in relation to the future planting scheme for Jubilee Gardens. The planting scheme proposals will be developed by the Council's Open Spaces Working Group which meets once a month. This is usually on the third Thursday of each month and alternates between a morning and evening meeting. Further details are available from the Parish Clerk at parishclerk@bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk

Craig Bolt (Parish Clerk & RFO)

Coronation Halls Trust - Chair's Report ([Chairty No. 1042602](#))

I am pleased to report that this past year has been a very good one. With bookings up quite a lot, we are doing very well.

The Coronation Hall was re-painted in September and the foyer area in the new year. I'm sure you will all agree that they look so much brighter and cleaner.

Also in September we were sad to hear of Steve Hartree's resignation from the Hall Committee, due to ill health. Steve was a valued member of the Committee and we thank him for his contribution during his time with us.

In October we had a very successful Table Top Sale in the hall, raising £426 for the hall funds.

We welcomed a new member to our committee in November, Sue Arnold, representing the Parochial Church Council. I hope Sue will enjoy her time with us and bring some new ideas also.

We have had a clear out of all the toys that had been stored under the stage for a number of years, and not been used. The toys were donated to the Early Living Centre on the Bournville, and were most gratefully received. Now we have space under there, we are putting our heads together to think how we can make good use of it.

Cleaning our chairs is our next project, this will be undertaken in the spring.

Unfortunately our proposed Quiz Night in April had to be cancelled due to lack of support, but we are looking to hold a fundraising event in the autumn.....watch this space!

My thanks to Robin, Bill and Abbe for all their hard work over the past year.

A special thanks to all the Committee for your valuable support over the year, I appreciate it very much.

Thank you.

Betty Paterson

(Chair of the Coronation Halls)

Bleadon Parish Church Regular Events

If you want to book a place or need transport to and from any of these events please ring Sara Hughes (a Churchwarden) on 811008 or contact her on sara.hughes6@btinternet.com



SUNDAY at 10.15 am.

Sunday Services in Church, a variety of different types of Service on each Sunday.

MONDAY - 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

Craft & Chat from 10.00 am until 12.00 in the Church Room. Bring your own portable project or come and see what is happening on the day. There is no obligation to do craft-just come along for a chat and a cuppa.

TUESDAY - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month.

Community Craft from 2pm until 4pm in the Church Room. No previous skills required. We often make Dog Bed Cushions for a local charity but sometimes we make things for our Church Christmas Craft Sale (in November).

WEDNESDAY - 1st Wednesday of each month

12 for 12.30 pm at Riverside Holiday Park Club House. Our Lunch Club-booking essential.

THURSDAY - 3rd Thursday of each month

2pm until 4pm at Riverside Holiday Park Club House. Caring & Sharing Group-for carers (with or without their vulnerable person) to chat, share useful information and support one another. Booking essential. Usually a theme for each meeting.

SATURDAY - 3rd Saturdays

9.30 until 12.00. We do a pre-loved books and jigsaws stall for at the Bleadon Market for Church funds.

Sara Hughes (a Churchwarden)

Planning applications

The Parish Council receives a weekly register of applications within its boundary. Site visits are arranged and we try to speak to applicants and other affected parties. The applications are considered by the Council and anybody has the right to attend and listen to the Council's deliberations. The Council can support, object or simply note an application. If it objects, it should give reasons for objecting.

The Parish Council is a consultee, so its decisions aren't binding and it is North Somerset Council which makes the final decision. We have had an interesting and diverse year - along with a selection of the normal extensions and conversions a few more interesting ones have come our way- equestrian buildings, a dog boarding business, listed buildings and a livestock building to name a few. This year we received 50.

Applications from NSC – 14 of these were requests to discharge conditions previously imposed by NSC (mainly from Bleadon Quarry). Almost all of our recommendations have been in accord with NSC. Sincere thanks to all the Parishioners whose doorsteps we have turned up on unannounced, whose friendliness and helpfulness have helped us enormously in our task.

Cllr ID Clarke (Planning)

Parish Precept and Budget for 2024/25

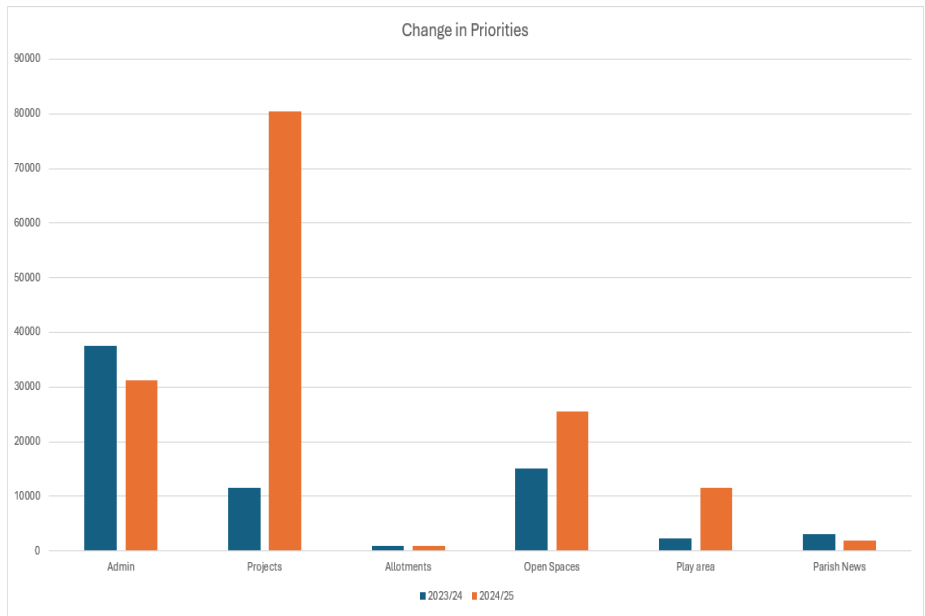
At the 2023/24 financial year end, recorded expenditure was £70,664, against a budget of £85,454. The primary reasons for the difference in actual spend against budget can be summarised as follows:

- Known delays in the project to regild the Parish Clock
- Works undertaken in the 2023/24 financial year being invoiced in 2024/25 (or the Council's payment arrangements falling in 2024/25)
- Efficiency measures introduced by the Council mid-way through the financial year to reduce expenditure and redirect funds to other priorities.

The budget for the 2024/25 financial year has been set at £145,387. The main reason for the increase relates to a number of projects the Council has initiated. These projects are largely funded from the Community Infrastructure Levy (which is funding the Parish Council receives as a consequence of residential developments within the Parish boundary) and some successful funding applications. We set out the full range of projects in the last edition of Parish News.

The general day to day running of the Council is funded by way of the Parish Precept. The Precept for 2024/25 increased by 4% from the previous year to £67,800. This increase was half the average level of increase for Town and Parish Councils across the former Avon area.

In setting the budget for 2024/25 the Council took a conscious decision to reduce the amount of money it spends upon administration and increase the amount of money available to support improvements in and around the Parish. The graph below provides a simple summary of the change in emphasis and funding from last financial year to this one.



Ann Davies (Lead Councillor for Finance) and **Craig Bolt** (Parish Clerk & RFO)



Bleadon Market



Bleadon Market Volunteers



What Instead
Group



Bleadon Players



Bleadon Belles

Say Hello to Our New Contractors

The Parish Council has recently appointed new contractors to undertake a range of services across the Parish.

Craig and Lisa (JAR Home and Garden Maintenance) are a husband and wife team who are undertaking a large part of what used to form part of the Ranger role, with a particular emphasis upon litter picking and street cleaning. They are also undertaking a number of improvement projects in and around the village centre. Their business is relatively new, but both bring many years of experience working in and for local councils.

Russell and his team (We Dig It SW Ltd) are our new grounds maintenance contractors. Russell comes with more than 30 years of experience in grounds maintenance with most of his customer base being schools and sports clubs.

In welcoming our new contractors, we'd also like to express our thanks to our previous contractors - Adrian and Mark - for their many years of service.

Craig Bolt (Parish Clerk & RFO)

Market Report

The Village Market continues to do well. It has many supporters from the village and further afield, who enjoy a morning out browsing the stalls and meeting friends for a cuppa and a bite to eat.

Pop along once a month to meet our stallholders and buy some delicious local produce as well as interesting gifts and crafts. The market is an important social hub for the village, and all profits go towards improvements to the halls. We have a great band of volunteers who keep it running smoothly.

See the notice boards for the date of the next market or follow us "Bleadon Village Market" on Facebook, on Instagram and on www.bleadon.org.uk/market.

Jo Jones

Bleadon Midsummer Fest

What summer? Hopes for a Bleadon Midsummer Fest have been abandoned for this year. We had hoped that as an alternative to the Bleadon May Day Fayre it might have gathered enough support and the essential helping hands to make it happen. Sadly, that has not been the case.

There have been expressions of interest and support from the Coronation Hall, the Bleadon Art Group, the Queens Arms, the Parish Church, some residents and craft traders. That's not enough to stage a successful event with attractions and activities that will entice and entertain people in the hundreds.

Maybe we were being too ambitious. I don't believe so. If we want to raise significant funds for our local charities then we have to be ambitious. The May Day Fayre and Royal celebrations have been doing so successfully for years, raising tens of thousands of pounds for our community and having a lot of fun doing it.

All is not lost. The fresh initiative under the stewardship of Sarah Hughes has succeeded in bringing together community groups and individuals who are keen to enable a co-ordinated plan of community events on the Bleadon calendar. Maybe over the coming months we can develop partnerships and welcome newcomers that will enable the return of some major festivities for next year.

One thing is for sure - the grandads and grandmas still putting in the effort won't be able to carry on without the support and help of the younger members of this community. We know that people enjoy these events and want them to happen, but we need more people to help support these events and share the workload.

You can help make it happen. Starting with support for the village events planned around the end of August into September.

Keith Pyke keith.pyke@btopenworld.com

Report on What Instead Meeting

A “WHAT INSTEAD” (of the May Day Fayre) Meeting was held on Wednesday 22nd May to discuss and exchange ideas about community event/s in Bleadon for 2024.

Individuals and representatives of local businesses/organisations were all invited as was anyone who wished to be involved in some way. There was a really good turn out which was very encouraging and lots of suggestions for various events this year leading to more ambitious events in 2025, which will take more planning.

It seemed bringing the community together was more meaningful than the fundraising aspect, although this is always a welcome bonus! The consensus seemed to be a series of events (rather than a one day affair) over a period of time, beginning Saturday 31st August 2024 with The Horticultural Show in the Coronation Hall and an Art Exhibition to run simultaneously in the Jubilee Room. Event Day 1.

Other suggestions, going forward, were Bleadon Church to organise something in the Church, Harvest Home (Sept/Oct), looking to a larger event in 2025. The Queens have offered to possibly organise a BBQ or Hog Roast but also a live music event. A scarecrow competition was also suggested.

Thank you to all those initial offers to get involved but as a work in progress (**Working Group due to meet again on Wednesday 19th June in Church Room**) we would love to hear more and for others to get involved and move this forward.

Please feel free to contact either Sue Arnold (suedav1948@icloud.com) or Sara Hughes sara.hughes6@btinternet.com with thoughts, suggestions etc.

We are Bleadon Church Wardens but in this instance not Church Wardens!!!

Sue Arnold and Sara Hughes

Bleadon Girlguiding Volunteer Request

After many years Bleadon Brownies is sadly going to be closing in July.

It would be great if volunteers could come forward to create a new unit by September, for girls aged 7 to 10.

If you are interested and willing, please get in touch with Chloe Poole, the District Commissioner via Westonmendip@girlguidingwsm.org.uk, who will be happy to offer you guidance and support.

(For general information on Girlguiding see www.girlguiding.org.uk/volunteers)



The Bleadon Belles

The Bleadon Belles, the Bleadon WI Choir, took part in the Highbridge Festival in March. It was the first competition in a very long time for the choir and a new experience for many members.

**THE
BLEADON
BELLES** THE WI CHOIR



However, we all enjoyed it very much and held our own against some very experienced choirs. We were pleased to come away with two bronze medals with a distinction. A big thank you to our Musical Director, Naomi and accompanist Kevin.

We are now preparing for our **Summer Tea Party on 14th July in the Coronation Hall**. Tickets available soon.

Membership of the choir is open to WI members, from any WI - no audition, just enthusiasm!

Jo Jones

Bleadon Church Report

Did you know that as your Parochial Church Council we are required to produce an Annual Report which is made available to all members on our electoral roll?

This year we thought we would also like to include the local community in the distribution so that they too know what, as a church, we have done throughout the year for the village.

As the annual report is a very lengthy document we have tried in this article to let as many people as possible know what we have been doing.

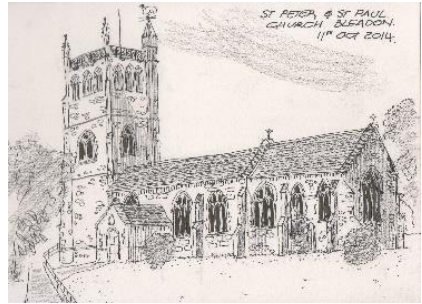
The report covers the church's activities regarding worship, membership, financial challenges, building upkeep, new community outreach efforts and environmental initiatives during 2023.

A new Reader, David Hughes was licensed in October. He not only takes on some of our services but has become Church Treasurer transitioning to a new accounting system.

Membership recorded on the Electoral Roll went down this year but we have some new villagers joining us at services and we hope they will become permanent members of our community.

A variety of worship services were held during the year with the average attendance being 20 for regular Sunday services. For other services of celebration e.g. the Civic Coronation Service, the Civic Remembrance Day service and the Christmas Crib Service, we were delighted that numbers filled the church.

Fundraising activities for the village, included our contribution to the modified May Fayre, a sold out Richard Lennox concert in the church, a Christmas Bazaar and several coffee mornings raising funds for the church and a variety of charities we supported. This year we raised over £2000 for them.



A variety of new initiatives included setting up a community warming space in the church room for the needy during the coldest winter months, a caring and sharing group for carers, increased social media presence and an eco church programme which was part of a Bronze medal winning award.

The churchyard volunteers continued maintenance work and received an award from the Royal Horticultural Society.

Partnership with Bleadon in Bloom allowed growing and sharing of fruit and vegetables. Boxes of these were delivered weekly to the Food Bank at Bournville from the end of May to September and boxes were also left in the church porch during this period for any villagers to pick up.

Our church building is a beautiful village landmark and has been for over 700 years. It is a Grade 1 listed building so we as a church have a requirement and duty to provide ongoing care and maintenance. This has to come from our limited resources raised from church collections, donations and fundraising activities.

This year we carried out an electrical survey, an investigation into the safety of the bell frame in the tower, radiator removal and general repairs and ongoing health and safety issues.

We just wanted to give you a brief picture of what your village church of St Peter and St Paul have to do each year to help keep us open for the needs of the whole village.

This is your church, why not come and be part of it and keep it going as a beautiful village centre.

Sue Arnold (Church warden) & **Gill Williams** (Vice Chairman PCC)

Quarry Development Update



Our road works to the entrance of site are now complete with the road closure finishing today (24/05/25). Our intention is to open our sales area late June/early July which includes our show home. I would like to thank the local residents for their patience while this work went on but it was very necessary and we don't now have any more planned road closures. We are due to start the rock works after postponing it late last year. We are using a slightly different technique and hope this will slightly reduce the timing of this works so fingers crossed.

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

Hellenge Hill Nature Recovery Project Proposal

Avon Wildlife Trust is looking to secure up to £50K to enhance this popular site in the local community. The calcareous grassland of Hellenge Hill supports rare plants such as honewort and Somerset hair-grass which are only found on the hot southern scarp of the Mendips. Look out also for green-winged orchid, common broomrape, yellow-wort, carline thistle and autumn lady's tresses. Gorse and hawthorn provide good habitat for birds and invertebrates. You may see adders basking on the slopes. Hellenge Hill is a Site of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCI). The reserve was purchased with funding from HLF, Wyvern Waste and public donation.

Avon Wildlife Trust

Bleadon Farm Shop

We will have Wimbledon Platters served with Pimms - between July 1st – 5th and 8th-12th
Book on 01934 815584.



There will be Fathers' Day goodies for June 16th.

We can put on bespoke dos for baby showers, special birthdays, leaving do or wake.

Look out for the Somerset Wildlife Trust open day over the summer
(date to be confirmed)

Coming to a Noticeboard Near You ...

The Council has very recently decided to replace the noticeboards across the Parish.

Some of you may be aware that the noticeboards at The Veale and on Bleadon Road were removed. This was because the high winds earlier in the year caused some damage to these noticeboards. The one at The Veale will be replaced. The one at Bleadon Road won't be, purely because there is another noticeboard just around the corner at the Coronation Halls.

The two other existing noticeboards – one at Celtic Way bus stop and one adjacent to the Farm Shop – will both be replaced. In addition, the Council would like to install a new noticeboard somewhere within the vicinity of Bleadon Mill/the end of Bridge Road.

The noticeboards are likely to be smaller but still with ample space to advertise the many community events as well as communicate Council business.

Craig Bolt (Parish Clerk & RFO)

BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL
2023/24 OUTTURN

RECEIPTS

Precept	£64,653
CIL	£64,737
NNDR	£1,392
VAT (Reclaim)	£589
Miscellaneous income*	£3,740
SUB TOTAL	£135,111

*Miscellaneous income includes bank interest,
allotment rent, small grants and advertising

PAYMENTS

Allotments	£569
Clerk & Administration	£33,902
Open Spaces	£27,288
Play Areas	£765
Village Improvements	£1,067
Parish News	£1,507
VAT on Goods and Services	£5,567
SUB TOTAL	£70,664

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY

Opening Balance	£57,525
Add Total Receipts (as above)	£135,111
SUB TOTAL	£192,636
Less Total Payments (as above)	£70,664
CLOSING BALANCE	£121,972

FUNDS HELD

Current Account	£14,550
Deposit Account	£107,424
TOTAL	£121,974

RESERVE BALANCES:

EARMARKED RESERVES (EMR)

Election	£3,258
Churchgrounds	£5,500
Neighbourhood Plan	£2,711
Children's Playground	£1,370
Regilding Church Clock	£7,000
CIL Receipts 2023/24	£63,237
Allotment Deposit	£150
SUB TOTAL (EMR)	£83,226
GENERAL FUND	£38,748

TOTAL	£121,974
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Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Talk to us

Join your Neighbourhood Policing Team at **Riverside Holiday Village Bleadon**

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 until 13:30

Date: Wednesday 3rd April Wednesday 1st May
Wednesday 5th June 3rd July 7th August

Location: Riverside Holiday Village lunch
Bridgwater Rd, Bleadon, Weston-Super-Mare BS24 0AN

For more information please visit:
www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area

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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

15th

June

20th

July

17th

Aug

21st

Sept

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, Lamb. Bakery. Eggs.

Pies. Savouries. Preserves. Cakes. 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

Your Chance to View
Bleadon Parish Council's
Governance and Accountability

Commencing on 4th June 2024
and Ending on 15th July 2024

The AGAR or Annual Governance and Accountability Return is a set of documents and financial statements that local councils are required to prepare and submit each year. It is an essential part of the external audit process and ensures public transparency of the council's decision making processes and financial spending.

The AGAR typically consists of various sections, including the Annual Governance Statement, Accounting Statements, and an Internal Audit Report. Each section requires specific information related to the council's governance arrangements, financial transactions, assets and liabilities, income and expenditure, and other relevant details.

Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection by any person interested. For the year ended 31 March 2024, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to the clerk.

Current and previous information can be found in the 'Financial & AGAR' section of the council's website at

<https://www.bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk/financial-reports/>. Also in the 'Agenda & Minutes' section at <https://www.bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk/agendas-and-minutes/>

If you have any questions, or if there is anything specific you would like to discuss, or information that you require, please let Craig know via email at parishclerk@bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk or Tel: 07453 358 318