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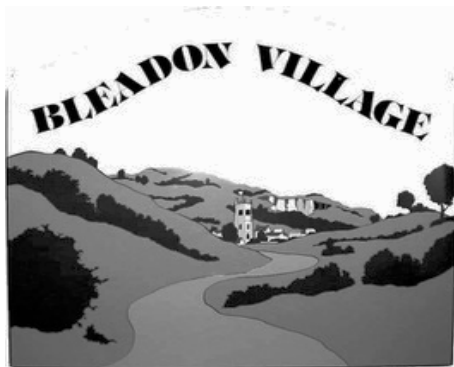
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### Ringling for Peace Armistice 100

Did you know that 1,400 bell ringers lost their lives in The Great War of 1914 - 1918?

The aim is to recruit and teach at least 1,400 bell ringers nationally by 11th November 2018.

The ringers in Bleadon need you!

As a new ringer you will be able to take part in the ringing on Armistice Day 2018, to remember those who died and commemorate the end of the conflict.

If you would like to ring for Armistice Day 2018 please contact Peter Maffey on 01934 813285



## Welcome to the Summer edition of Bleadon News

Hello to all Parishioners of Bleadon and indeed to all readers of this Magazine. My name is Jim Baines and I recently volunteered to be a Parish Councillor little knowing that within two weeks I would be voted in as Council Chairman, so I beg your forbearance whilst I try and come up to speed with the tasks, responsibilities and processes that form the work of your Council. I am pleased to say that the Council is now back to full strength of nine Councillors with new members bringing a wealth of skills, perspective and enthusiasm to work on your behalf. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the three ongoing Councillors Mary Sheppard, Ray Blezard and the outgoing Chairman Steve Hartree for their sterling efforts in managing the work of the Council on their own for many months, I know the new Councillors will be relying heavily on their knowledge and experience in the months to come.

Now to the future, your Councillors represent a wide range of both age and background and wish to maintain, improve and innovate. We are actively seeking to resolve the Road Traffic problems on the A370 through the village with a Public Meeting arranged for Monday August 13th in the Coronation Hall at which we are promised North Somerset Councillors and hopefully the Police will attend. This will be a great opportunity for all Parishioners to have their say. We will also be actively exploring the possible benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan. Initial plans and discussions are underway to enter the village into the Village in Bloom competition next year and any/all who are interested are welcome to participate... please contact any Councillor. The Parish website is undergoing a full revamp to make it more interesting and informative under the guidance of Kirsten and Jo. Ray is continually lobbying Marshalls to ensure their vehicles adhere to agreed protocol, Steve is liaising with the Trustees of the Youth Club which do brilliant work in catering for the needs of young people.

All in all, things are busy, vibrant, challenging and rewarding - why not come along to one of our Council Meetings on the second Monday of the month. They are informative, sometimes heated but definitely never boring !

See you there...

Jim Baines, Chairman, Bleadon Parish Council

## Meet your Parish Councillors



**Jim Baines**  
Chairman  
Bleadon Parish Council

I was born in Clifton, Bristol in 1950 and won a scholarship to St. Brendan's College. That was followed by several short-lived jobs before settling into a 37-year career with Lloyds Bank, becoming an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers and a specialist in Corporate Securities managing a team of 24 specialists.

My wife Marion and I moved here in 2006 following my early retirement and I can be seen most days walking my dog, Eric, around the village. As a Councillor I hope to preserve the beauty and autonomy of the village we have come to love so much.



**Mary Sheppard**  
Vice Chairman Bleadon  
Parish Council

I am a semi-retired farmer. My mother and grandfather were both farmers before me.

I have lived in or very near Bleadon most of my life and have been a parish councillor for nearly 30 years.

In my time serving as a Councillor I have been Chairman and served on the Youth Club, Open Spaces and Planning Committees.



**Ray Bleazard**  
Councillor

Although relatively new to Bleadon, I have lived in villages for most of my life; and I recognise Bleadon as being a special place in which to live. Recently retired, I now have time and energy to put at the service of our village.

The Parish Council has a key role to play in the future well-being of our village; and it must respond with energy, imagination, and creativity to the challenges that Bleadon will face. It is important that ALL in the community feel their voices can be heard.

With a degree in Economic and Social Studies, majoring in Geography, my career was mainly in education, with some experience of retailing and selling. I have worked with diverse groups of people to achieve goals. I believe one of my strengths is to look at issues, sometimes with a different perspective, and generate ideas to help create solutions.





**Steve Hartree**  
Councillor

I moved into Bleadon in 1994, though my wife Barbara was born and grew up in the village. I have been employed in, or associated with, local government for over 40 years (including Clerk to a Parish Council for five years), and was ordained in the Church of England in 1999.

I was elected to Bleadon Parish Council in 2013 and I have served on the Finance & Personnel, Planning and Open Spaces Committees in addition to being Chairman of the Council on two occasions.

Bleadon is an excellent place to live with a lively community spirit. My concern is to serve the parish, to protect and to promote the aspirations of parishioners. I support the establishment of a Neighbourhood Plan both to place planning issues firmly in the control of the parish as well as to explore and document the wishes and aspirations of parishioners.



**Kirsten Hemingway**  
Councillor

I moved to Bleadon from Isle of Arran in Scotland in 2003 and got straight in with supporting the Toddler Group, the Hall Committee, the school (as a governor of Lympham), the pre-school and the Sunday School. As the children have grown up I have had less to do with the village and I am on the Parish Council to support the village, the way of life we have and the people who contribute to that.

I work from home as a writer mainly for NHS organisations but I also write creatively and have published a children's book based on animals that live in Bleadon.

I serve on the Planning, Vexatious, and Communications Committees and I am the councillor for Footpaths and Bridleways as well as our representative at ALCA (Avon Local Councils Association). With Cllr Richardson I manage information for the website and Bleadon News.



**Jo Richardson**  
Councillor

I have lived here in Bleadon since 2010 and have come to love not only the rural aspect of my home village but the wonderful community spirit that exists here. I am passionate about retaining this and nurturing it for future generations to enjoy.

Using my adept ability at being able to address people from all walks of life, regardless of age or gender, I hope to be an effective councillor; one who listens and one who enables local parishioners to have a voice.

I strongly believe that the Parish Council should work together as a team with enthusiasm, vigour and passion, be open and transparent, approachable and beyond all else deliver what is best for the people that live here.

My background is in education as I am a professional Space Outreach Educator and I run my own company, working in schools, colleges and community groups across the South West. I am also one of the nine UK Space Ambassadors working for ESERO-UK (the UK space Education Office).



**Andrew Scarisbrick**  
Councillor

I first moved to Bleadon in 1979 as a teenage schoolboy and lived here till 1982 when I started work in Newport. For the next few years I was in the village most weekends eventually moving to Newport but I returned at least once a month to see my parents. Liz and I moved back to Bleadon over 3 years ago and we have no plans to move again.

I've been married to Liz for nearly 24 years and we have 23 year old twin sons, who spent a lot of time with their Grandma in Bleadon as children. I'm a railway signalling engineer, having started with British Rail, and test altered and new signalling before it is brought into use.

I was a Group Scout Leader in Newport for 10 years and still help out as a member of the District Executive.

I enjoy village life, gardening, beekeeping, walking, the village market and village events and I hope to do more in the future.

I believe the Parish Council should represent and work for the good of the Parish as a whole. We should try and protect the best parts of our community but need to be aware that the world is changing around us.



**Anne Selway**  
Councillor

I have enjoyed living in Bleadon for 30 years and recognise that it is a very special place. My background is in finance, payroll, HR and project management and I currently work at an Academy primary school in South Bristol.

I feel strongly that the Parish Council must ensure the future of the village is protected and respond to challenges when they occur. It is essential that all in the community are consulted and their opinions heard on all matters that affect our lovely village.



**Gill Williams**  
Councillor

I have lived in the village since September 2000 although I have been singing in the church choir since 1997 and been involved in the May Fayre every year since 1998.

Although very involved in church activities as choir mistress, editing the magazine for the last 15 years and at various times member, secretary and chairman of the PCC, I have also contributed to village affairs e.g. organising Singalong Suppers, Sausage Sizzles and the Village VE 70 years celebration in 2015. I am currently responsible for the distribution of the Bleadon News.

My hobby is choral singing and I have been a member of Weston Choral Society since 1997, it's secretary for 12 years and am currently its chairman.

My career was in education first as a teacher then as a trainer of teachers. I have a B. Education degree, a joint honours degree in History and Music and an MA in Language Development. I have examined for the universities of London, Birmingham and Durham and, at the time of my retirement, as Dean of Studies at Roehampton University I ran a department of 126 lecturers. Committee and communication skills were key to these jobs and I look forward to being able to offer these skills and my experience to the work of Bleadon Parish Council.



**Marian Barber**  
Parish Clerk

Doug and I moved to Weston from Portsmouth in 2003, having moved there from Cornwall in 1997. We have four children and six grandchildren all living in the south west. I'm a member of Weston Rotary (just coming to the end of my year as President), Weston Choral (sing tenor) and Weston Athletic Club (really need to get back into training!).

I've worked for various organisations, mainly public and third sector, most recently as Head of Economy and Regeneration for North Somerset Council and as Chief Executive for a resource reuse community interest company in Bristol.

I started as Clerk in February and am enjoying the job immensely as Bleadon is a very interesting place with a long history and a bright future. My particular thanks go to Councillors Steve and Mary whose knowledge and tenacity helped me to get up to speed quickly.

The council is now up to full strength and so many of the issues and aspirations of the village can be progressed. Thanks also to my predecessor clerks Tony, Maria and Kevin who kept good records and gave me comprehensive handover notes. I still find the odd surprise but it could have been much worse!

I work 18 hours per week, usually on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and endeavour to answer phone calls and emails within five working days.



The final member of the team will be our Parish Ranger. We are currently recruiting for this position.



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## Somewhere for our young people

On Thursday evenings from 7 'til 9 the youngsters of Bleadon and it's neighbouring villages have a safe place to call their own. Somewhere to chat, play and learn with friends. For many youngsters this is a first chance to begin growing up and becoming independent.



Most of the youngsters (between 10 and 17 years) just want somewhere safe and welcoming to hang out with their friends. Maybe play a game of table tennis, pool or dodge-ball. Or just chat over a soft drink and a chocolate bar.

The young YMCA staff that run the Thursday evening sessions like to offer a low key sociable atmosphere where the young members lead the agenda, but with skilled and qualified support from the YMCA youth workers.

If you have a son or daughter who wants to start standing on their own two feet pop along and see May (our YMCA youth leader) on a Thursday evening. For youngsters the drop-in youth club sessions are just £1.50 per week. The first trial session is usually free. It often helps if newcomers come with a friend or two to start.

## PLUS somewhere for our young at heart

The youth centre building is available for hire for other activities too. We already have a couple of U3A groups running weekly activities, a consortium of childminders who use the building every Wednesday, plus a table tennis club twice weekly.

The building is simple, colourful and ideal for kid's parties and other celebrations.

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### Mark Howe

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Find Bleadon Church at BS24 0PG

# See Bleadon

## from the Top!



**Bleadon Church  
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8th July, 12th Aug &  
9th Sept: 2-4pm**

Plus Tea and Cake, and ground level quiz / all age activity.  
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## Chris Cudlipp is Bleadon's very first 'Valued Citizen'!

Chris Cudlip has been presented with the Parish Council's very first Valued Citizen Award. The award recognises Chris's 40 years of service with the village Horticultural Society and is very well deserved.

Chris says that it is a great honour and truly humbling to receive the award.

Congratulations, Chris and thank you for your huge contribution to the life of our village.



# Bleadon Acting Together



Bleadon Acting Together started as a small group of people concerned about a planning application in Purn Way. Purn Way has a closed end and we are often seen in the road talking to each other about Bleadon issues.

Then we heard that there was going to be an application for 250 houses and a school on the fields at the front of the village. We didn't see anything being done except some people doing a survey and we forgot all about it. The group in Purn way concentrated on a housing development behind us. We got information from Bleadon BOB and from the campaigners who fought the application at the top of the hill. We also had a lot of local knowledge as some of the people had lived in the village all their lives.

In the next couple of weeks, the public meeting was advertised for the 200 houses and we went to find out more at the hall. Once again, we all met each other in Purn Way and swapped stories about who was doing what. We felt that there was an uncoordinated effort, so we formed Bleadon Action Group to bring our knowledge to support the fight and help the village decide what we needed to do to show solidarity against the developers. We arranged a public meeting of our own.

The issues became apparent at that meeting and we could see that there were some parts of Bleadon not working together. We had our own challenges in this regard and emotions were running high. Lots of people with excellent intentions were not pulling together.

Action was our intention, so we started to communicate and to gather a petition. We created a network around the village so that information could get to people quickly. Meetings were huge but done in houses and we all brought chairs. We thought seriously about what people would get from our communications and sought only to inform and help.

The planning application arrived, and we set to work with our network to alert people in the village to the application. Many of the people in the parish felt strongly that we needed some formal representation, so we collected a fighting fund and hired a specialist. This process took some time as we stuck to a formal procurement process where possible and looked at several options. We applied for an extension to the process and we were fortunate enough to get one. The Bleadon Objection was published on the North Somerset Council Planning site.

At the same time the Parish Council had been struggling for members and it became obvious that our best course of action was to bring the village together by joining the Parish Council. Jim Baines, Anne Selway, Joanne Richardson, Andy Scarisbrick and Kirsten Hemingway-Arnold all agreed to apply for co-option. Kirsten was initially rejected by the sitting parish council but was elected at the next meeting.

With five of the team now part of both organisations and with public opinion that our name implied we were rebels or activists we decided to change the name of Bleadon Action Group to Bleadon Acting Together. We went from BAG to BAT and added a beautiful new logo.

You can get in touch with us via the Bleadon BOB website([bleadon.org.uk/actiongroup](http://bleadon.org.uk/actiongroup)) and via our Facebook Group (@BleadonAG) or via email at [BleadonActionGroup@gmail.com](mailto:BleadonActionGroup@gmail.com) - we are always looking for new members.

Kirsten Hemingway



# Large-Scale Planning Application



It is fair to say that the vast majority of planning proposals that the Parish Council is called to comment upon, whilst obviously of importance to the applicant (and perhaps to neighbours), have little impact upon the village as a whole. This is clearly not the case with the planning application submitted for the fields bounded by Bleadon Road, Bridge Road, and the A370 Bridgwater Road.

The application for outline planning permission for up to 200 dwellings, health centre/doctors surgery, retail outlets and office space clearly has the potential to radically change the character of Bleadon.

North Somerset Council has, through its 'Core Strategy' and the 'Joint Spatial Plan', set out its strategy for expansion of housing development in the area. The proposal for Bleadon runs contrary to these plans.

This large-scale development is inappropriate for an "infill" village. The rural character of the village will be submerged in an unsympathetic suburban development. There are many issues regarding the ecological, environmental, and drainage implications of such development. The potential damage to habitats of a wide variety of mammals and birds (including those protected by law) is a very real concern. The impact on the wider landscape is significant with Bleadon's close proximity to an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Deep concerns are held regarding the likely impact of a sizeable increase in traffic on already dangerous roads.

The Parish Council has, robustly, objected to the proposal on behalf of the village. It is also gratifying to note that a great many residents have taken the trouble to demonstrate their desire to protect their village from inappropriate development; through their on-line comments on the North Somerset planning portal, or through their letters. It is noted that of the 391 emailed and written responses made by individuals regarding the plans, to date, only 3 are in support of the development. The Bleadon Action Group (now Bleadon Acting Together) has also been active in its objections to the scheme; and has secured valuable local press coverage.

As the deadline for this article approaches, no decision has yet been reached by the planning authorities. It is to be hoped that North Somerset Council will remain true to its own planning policies; and furthermore, that it will take into account the very articulate and, in many cases, well-researched objections of the residents of Bleadon. We live in an attractive village, set within a beautiful landscape. It is hoped that the people of Bleadon will continue to fight to preserve this environment; and to ensure that their Parish Council has a full complement of councillors to represent them.

Ray Blezard

## Neighbourhood Plan for Bleadon?

### Be part of the solution - sign up to help explore the options

On 11th June the Parish Council resolved 'to facilitate the establishment of a Neighbourhood Plan Working Group to formulate a Neighbourhood Plan and to submit appropriate funding application(s). Parishioners supportive of a Neighbourhood Plan to be invited to apply to the Parish Council to be members of the Working Group.'

The process will bring out the aspirations and fears of residents as well as identifying the threats and opportunities for the village.

It is not a 'done deal' - a final draft of a plan has to be passed by a referendum of the electorate - but doing nothing will get us nowhere.

Councillors Gill Williams, Andy Scarisbrick and Anne Selway have agreed to co-ordinate the group and it is expected that the first meeting will be held by early September.

In the first instance please contact the Clerk, Marian, on 07453 358318 or [parishclerk@bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk)

We need as many parishioners as possible to be involved, so why not volunteer and help to shape the future of our village?

## An Evening of Music with the Bleadon Belles and Friends

On 24th March the Bleadon WI choir organised a sell-out charity concert of light music and song in aid of the Weston Hospital Scanner Appeal, held in the Coronation Hall. They were accompanied by a variety of talented local artistes, including pianist Richard Lennox, Worle Community Choir, The Reflections trio, crooner Jordan Evans, The Brass Quartet, songs from the Belles' choirmaster Andy King, and duets from choir members Jill Walford and Liz Butt. With an appreciative audience of villagers and friends the concert raised an amazing total of £1,650 for the charity.

The Concert Committee would like to thank all the artistes, friends and WI members who made the event such a success. The photos taken by Simon Walford show the Bleadon Belles with choirmaster Andy King, Liz Butt and Jill Walford, and also members of the Choir Committee presenting a cheque for £1,650 to June Stephens, Chair of Weston Hospital League of Friends.



Jo Jones



## Bleadon WI

The WI gets women involved in a wide range of activities and issues including social campaigning, education in the arts, sciences and crafts, the promotion of health and sustainability and much, much more.

To this end, our programme for this year has so far covered a number of these aims and all in a sociable and entertaining fashion. We learned from Zoe Richards how she was inspired to establish her own business making cakes and confectionery, with the added bonus of sampling some of her wares! Belly Dancing with Saeeda Jameel was of health and cultural interest, improving our physical mobility and knowledge of the history of this dance - all followed by celebrations of our 9th Birthday in our usual fashion. Spring Flower Arranging with Karen Orme sent members home with some stylish arrangements which made a beautiful display.

Health and social issues were addressed by a talk from Alan Richardson on the work of the Alzheimer's Society and how this condition impacts on people's lives. The timing of this talk was apposite, since the Resolution going forward for discussion at our National Annual Meeting will be 'Mental Health Matters' - to raise awareness of mental health issues and lobby for greater support. With Pilates, a talk from Emma Britton, the history of Georgian Bath and how to wear a sari to look forward to, some interesting meetings have been planned.

Alongside our meetings we continue to be involved in a range of activities including,

- researching how to reduce the impact waste plastic has on the environment,
- enjoying walking in our beautiful countryside and dining in local venues,
- we have some avid readers in three book clubs,
- our craft club members have made countless hats, blankets etc. for neonatal units,
- our choir has trained hard and performed beautifully on many occasions,
- we have supported the May Day Fayre, have representation on the Village Hall Committee and make monthly collections for the Weston Food Bank.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that, thanks to the hard work of our members, we have donated over £10,000 towards the Weston Hospital Scanner Appeal - and enjoyed tea parties, coffee mornings, pottery classes, a fabulous Ball and a musical extravaganza - a huge 'thank you' to everyone who has supported us.

Libby Lockyer





## Bleadon Short Mat Bowling Club

The 2017-2018 Season ended in May with the Annual General Meeting, where members of the Romans team were presented with Runners Up trophies for the league competition for the season just ended.

With summer ahead the club's format will change and instead of opening three times per week it will only be once, on a Friday evening, until September. However outdoor bowling will take place on a Tuesday afternoon at Clarence Park Bowling Club and Boules/Petanque on a Wednesday afternoon at Bleadon Croquet Club.

In addition there will be social activity during the summer, which will include a meal out in July and a Coach Trip on the 15th August. The latter will be to Topsham and Exmouth. After reaching Topsham a ferry boat will be taken down river to Exmouth where the afternoon will be spent before returning home. The trips are open to non-members - contact Malcolm Gammon on 07807 381820 if you are interested.

The new season will commence on Tuesday 11th September, with the hall being open on Tuesday and Sunday afternoons and Friday evenings, and will continue throughout the winter. We are open to new members of all ages, experienced or new to the game, both male and female. Equipment is available to borrow and all you need is a pair of soft shoes with flat soles. Contact Chairman, Graham Rogers or Secretary, Leoni on 01934 811571 for further information.

Graham Rogers

## Bleadon Village Market

New times for the Market mean a bit of a lie in for volunteers and stallholders!

January saw new times brought in for the Village Market, which now runs from 9.30 am until 12 noon. There has been no adverse impact for stallholders and the market continues to be busy and a monthly social hub for the village, where you can shop for supplies and gifts and meet for a hot snack and drink.

New to the market is Shawn Goodman and his amazing fresh fruit and vegetables from The Veg Shed of Wells. The market continues to supply much delicious local produce including Mike's free range pork, Nut Tree Farm goat products, Hills Bakery, Pat's sweet and savoury pies and preserves, Sam's flavoured gins, sauces and dips, and much more. Why not try Mike's sausage in a roll with bacon from the Coronation Kitchen?

It's thanks to the hardworking band of volunteers that the market can continue. If you feel you can help, please phone Jo on 812370. All proceeds go to our village hall improvements

Jo Jones



## Hall News

One of Bleadon's anti-loneliness hubs, the Coronation Halls, continues to thrive, to the benefit of large numbers of people from the village and a good distance round. The halls are regularly used by a range of clubs and classes, the monthly markets provide a meeting place for many who do not belong to organisations, and the facility is frequently used for special occasions, happy or sad.

A recent one in the latter category was the wake for Len Chamberlain, who died in April. He had served on our committee for over thirty years, presiding over enormous changes while chairman, especially the construction of the Jubilee Room. It is hard now to imagine how the village made do with one hall for so many years, and those of us who were even slightly involved can testify to the scale of the achievement. Harry Chatterley and Barbara Snelgrove, the other main drivers of the enterprise, have their portraits in the Jubilee Room and we are going to place a photograph of Len alongside them. For all of them "Si monument requiris circumspice" is appropriate.

In my last report I explained that we were exploring the idea of somebody to fill a new role on the lines of a caretaker/premises supervisor, and it seems very likely we have found the right person in the shape of Bill Blacklock, a Bleadon Mill original. So far he has taken on the responsibility of letting in and showing round our many occasional hirers, he makes regular checks on the building, and he sees that the rubbish and recycling are disposed of. There are still details to be worked out, but the signs are that we shall soon have a very good team in place.

The maintenance of such a large building always needs attention and two significant items are planned for this summer. We intend to replace the fire doors near the stage in the main hall and those at the north end of the Jubilee Room. This will not be cheap, but the mechanisms on both sets are causing far too many problems for hall users and a radical solution is necessary. In addition we are having the walls and ceiling of the Jubilee Room repainted. A number of organisations take a break for the summer, especially in August, and we hope that when normal service is resumed in September the difference will be noticed.

For Hall Bookings please contact Kate James on 07775 795977 or [bleadoncoronationhalls@gmail.com](mailto:bleadoncoronationhalls@gmail.com)

Les Masters



# Fayre's fair

**Blue skies and warm sunshine helped ensure that this year's Bleadon May Day Fayre was a joyous and blessed day for everyone involved. Around a thousand visitors came through the gates on the day and stayed to enjoy all the Bleadon fun, food and entertainment on offer.**

After months of planning and work preparing for Bleadon's annual celebration of May Day it's reassuring and rewarding to see the smiles and hear the laughter of people enjoying themselves. It makes it all worthwhile.

## **Thank you to all those who helped**

A great many people are involved in working to make the day a success, so a very big THANK YOU is sent to all those who gave so generously of their time, effort, muscle, patience and gifts. On the day, preparing for the day and clearing up after the day. Without you this important community celebration of village life would not happen.

## **Thank you to those who came**

A big thank you too goes to the hundreds of visitors who came from near and far, spent generously and helped raise almost £5000 to be shared by our parish church and Bleadon youth club. For both of these village organisations the May Day Fayre provides very significant funding that helps ensure their continuance.

## **Some highlights**

- The Chalice Morris Men entertained us twice on the day in traditional Somerset style
- Smokestax, our very own local R&B band kept things hot, hot, hot
- The Tombola raised £443 thanks to the generosity of Adrian at Giftworks and Anna's barrow-boy skills
- BBQ raffle raised £414 thanks to Miles's generous gift of the new BBQ and Rob's competitive determination to try and out-sell Anna. He was £30 short.
- John conjured up some popular new stalls to help the fun fair atmosphere and get the punters digging deep
- In spite of being donated 160 bottles of cider the bar had to send out for more Thatchers to help slake some serious thirsts.
- The wonderful floral arrangements and music in the church ensured a steady stream of visitors to our lovely church throughout the day and raised £142.
- Tim's colourfully packed plants stall was a sell out before 1 o'clock
- The WI cakes and produce stall was a sell out. More cakes needed next time please
- The Bleadon Art Group showed off their creative talents in the Jubilee Room
- In the Cory Hall Liz, Chris and the team conjured up a catering sell-out and kept the volunteer staff nourished
- The ever enthusiastic YMCA team provided the bouncy inflatable, face painting and family games to round off a perfect day
- The Bric-a-brac team raised over £1173 in the youth club. Thank you if you donated items or helped in any way

## **Fresh ideas and new helpers needed for May Day 2019**

If you have some ideas to freshen up our Bleadon May Day Fayre or wish to get involved in ensuring its continued success we should love to hear from you.  
Call Keith on 01934 813127  
or email: [keith.pyke@btopenworld.com](mailto:keith.pyke@btopenworld.com)

# The Queen's is not dead - long live the Queen's!

Bleadon's second anti-loneliness hub now seems set to continue for a good number of years following the arrival of Chloe Parrott and Josh Walton to run it. They are managers employed by Josh's father Mark, who runs the Queen Victoria at Priddy and has taken a ten-year lease on The Queen's from Butcombe. Barring the usual unforeseen eventualities this should ensure a decent period of stability -always a good thing in a village pub.

One does not expect to please everybody, but the start is promising. As a geriatric with a reduced appetite I welcome the option of smaller portions, and chef Josh is steadily tweaking and extending the menu. By the time you read this they will have held a Father's Day Barbecue, with live music - when is somebody going to launch a Grandfather's Day?

As Bing Crosby might have sung

Oh give me a pub where they serve decent grub  
And the drinks make you glad that you came.  
Where the prices are low and the service not slow  
And the staff all remember your name.

One has to aspire.

Les Masters



## Thank you Ruth

Ruth James, well known to many in the village, has recently moved to Weston having spent her whole life in Bleadon. She was born in Kozy Kot in Shiplate Road, moving to Mulberry Lane soon after WW2. Her father died of T.B. caught from one of his cattle and she was again bereaved when her husband died. She then met Derek through the Back to Somerset campaign.

Bleadon will always be in her debt. She was a stalwart of the church, as bell ringer, choir member and co-organiser of the appeal for the conversion of the clock to automatic winding. She served many years on the Parish Council, being involved in the rearrangement of the Coronation Hall entrance and stage and planting the now mature trees in the play area. She was a founder member of Bleadon Players, quite uninhibited about wearing outrageous clothes and make-up.

She loved catering, organising food for the church, the hall and Bleadon Players with great thoroughness, always leading from the front and insisting on a high standard of presentation.

Thank you Ruth for all you have done for Bleadon. We all wish you well for the future.

Steve and Barbara Hartree

## A370 Road Safety Concerns

### Public Meeting 13th August 2018

7pm to 8.45pm  
Monday 13th August 2018  
Coronation Hall

A plan for improving road safety at this junction has been drawn up by North Somerset Council.

The plan, costings and road safety statistics will be on display.

## ALL RESIDENTS WELCOME

Your views and suggestions will be given to Bleadon Parish Council at their next meeting.

Contact: Jo Richardson 07859066400  
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Bleadon Parish Council meets on the second Monday in the month.

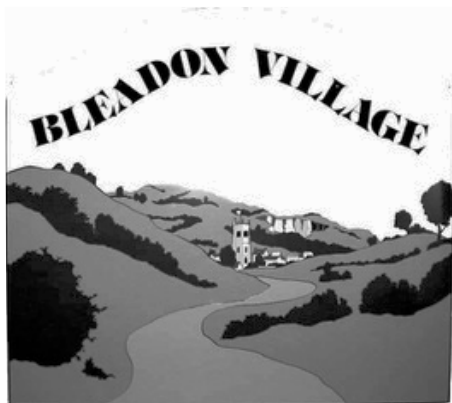
The next meeting will be on Monday 10th September at 7.00 pm.

Please check on [www.bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk) for meeting dates, agendas and minutes.

Agendas can also be seen on the four village notice boards.

We welcome parishioners to attend meetings. At the start of each meeting you are able to talk briefly to the council about any issues you have.

If there is a particular issue you would like to raise please let the Parish Clerk know by the Friday before the meeting. This will give us the chance to collect the most up-to-date information. If it's a last minute issue you wish to raise, you can still ask to address the council but they may not have the answers immediately.



To contact the Parish Council please email: [parishclerk@bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk)

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## A Final Note from the Editor

Over the past two years it has been a pleasure to be the editor of Bleadon News. Not only that but it has been a privilege to be the latest in a long line of people stewarding this valuable village institution.

Sadly, I can no longer continue to edit the magazine due to family and work pressures, if you are able to help in any way the Parish Council would love to hear from you, especially if you have desk top publishing skills! If you enjoy a challenge, would like the chance to put your creative stamp on the magazine and want to get to know your fellow villagers very, very well - this might be the role for you!

Two years ago, the Parish Council conducted a communications survey which showed that villagers overwhelmingly supported the magazine. For many it was their main source of village news, followed by word of mouth. They liked receiving a printed copy and many read it from cover to cover. Most wanted that to continue, with very few supporting a move online.

Bleadon News is also popular with advertisers. In fact, advertising revenue covers the cost of printing. As writing, design and distribution is carried out on a voluntary basis the magazine, effectively, costs the village nothing.

And those largely unsung volunteers make a huge contribution to our village life. Les Masters is our eagle-eyed proof reader, myself and Gill Williams look after distribution, ably assisted by 14 distributors. They all deserve a vote of thanks, as do our regular contributors.

Like our village, our magazine is thriving and I wish the next editor every success in taking it forward.

Claire Gutsell

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## LYMPSHAM PRE-SCHOOL AND HOLIDAY CLUB

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#### PRE-SCHOOL SESSIONS

We are open from 8am - 6pm Monday-Friday, term time. Our core Pre-school sessions are 9.00 am – 12pm and 12pm – 3.00 pm with flexible wraparound care offered before and after these times.

**Early Years Childcare funding can be used from 8.00 am – 6.00 pm**

**Eligible children can access up to 30 hours of funding per week**

**We also accept children in receipt of 2 year old funding**

#### BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We also offer a **Breakfast Club** and **After School Club** for children attending Lympsham C of E Academy

#### HOLIDAY CLUB

Our very popular **HOLIDAY CLUB** is open for all children age 2 - 9 years during the school holidays from 8.30 am - 5.30 pm Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays and Christmas).

#### PLEASE CONTACT US FOR MORE DETAILS

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## \*\*\*BREAKING NEWS\*\*\*

### Bleadon Post Office and Shop are not going to close!

We are now under the previous management, we are pleased to be able to announce that the shop will be restocked to earlier levels. There have already been some positive changes to the shop but, please bear with us whilst we make some more. We are happy to welcome Heather Bowman back to the Post Office and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible back to the shop. Along with a few extra services, the Post Office and Shop will be back to its former self, with a good range of local services. If anybody growing fruit or veg has any surplus, then we would be happy to sell them on your behalf.

Remember John Thorner's fresh meats, pies, quiches, Rose Farm's Jams & pickles, Miles tea & coffee and Border biscuits they are all coming back and, for those of you who smoke we have cigarettes & tobacco back in stock.

A range of Post Office facilities, which effectively brings the local branch of a National Bank to your doorstep - a rare commodity these days - it has been quoted as adding up to £5,000 value to a house in a village which has a Post Office!! Please give it your support...

To help it survive, the Post Office has offered the opportunity for Bleadon to provide counter services to a range of other local villages and towns where there is no provision under a scheme called 'outreach'. These villages only get 2-3 hours of counter service per week-just imagine how long those queues are! Let's not let Bleadon end up where those villages are. Please consider getting your Euros there the next time you travel abroad!

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