

The Pennant



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Bradford Abbas Parish Council

Gollop's Ground update;

Following the unsuccessful attempt to have Gollop's Ground designated a Village Green, the Chair and Vice Chair and two other residents met with the landowners on Friday 3rd September in Gollop's Ground. The landowners rejected the Parish Council's proposal to lease or purchase the field for the continued use of the community.

The Parish Councillors argued vigorously for the reinstatement of the amenities that have been enjoyed by the village for many generations but the landowners were equally adamant that Gollop's Ground was to be used for their personal use going forward and that it made no sense to them to split up their demesne. The landowners are fully aware of the depth of feeling in the village as it loses its accustomed access to the river but asserted unequivocally that access to the water itself was out of the question both as the usual access location at the bend in the river would spoil their enjoyment of the field, and open them to liability for accidents that unrestricted access could incur.

A working group consisting of a number of parishioners under the auspices of the Parish Council will gather the reactions of the wider community to a compromise access plan to be put forward by the landowners. If you have any contributions you wish to make to the working group, then please use the Parish Council website to contact the Parish Clerk.

Flytipping/ Pothole reports: Please report any road issues online

at: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/roads-highways-and-maintenance>. A link will be available from the Parish Council website: <https://bradford-abbas.uk>.

Sincere apologies if you received your Pennant late last month and thank you for your patience.

Village Hall AGM

The Village Hall AGM will be held on Thursday 28th October in the Village Hall, at 7.30. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Telephone Box News

We hope that you have enjoyed our summer selection of books. As autumn draws on we will have a good selection of inspirational cookery books, plus a wide range of fiction books. Books for children are extremely popular and do not stay long on the shelves so we would be very grateful to receive more books for children and teenagers.

Many people have commented on how lovely the flowers in the area have looked so we will be replanting

the troughs etc. and would be grateful to receive any donations of spring bulbs. We will also continue the work of brightening up other areas around the village and hope to plant a large quantity of daffodils. We are sure that you will agree that seeing 'a host of golden daffodils' gladdens the heart and spirit after what will be a dull winter period. If you would like to bring some rays of sunshine to the village we would love to receive daffodil bulbs ...a handful or a sackful! Please leave bulbs in the telephone box or phone 413119 or 706419 and of course we would be grateful for offers of help with this project.

Thank you for all your encouragement.

The Telephone Box Team

Bradford Abbas History Society

There will be an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society on Tuesday October 12th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. It would be appreciated if all members would attend.

Rose and Crown, Bradford Abbas

The first five weeks have gone really well and thanks to all our customers for your support.

We have had a quiz, music, skittles, rooms let, motorhomes parked up, coffee mornings, happy hours, meat draws and more yet to happen as we move forward.

We have supplied some great food and new beers and will continue to evolve with your support.

New hours for the coming autumn and winter are in place but we will still be open 7 days a week for limited hours going forward.

Shouldn't mention it, but Xmas menus are nearly ready so keep an eye out!

Thanks again for your support

Mark, Karen and all the staff here at the R & C.

(Contact details: Tel 01935 474506; email roseandcrownba@yahoo.com)

Bradford Abbas Variety Club

Bradford Abbas Variety Club has been putting on an annual production every year for the last 40+ years. It took a pandemic to stop the cast, crew and committee from treading the boards in 2021.

We are hoping to be back in business for 2022, so are calling all interested parties to come along to our AGM, which will be held in the Rose and Crown at 7.30pm on **Saturday 9th October**.

For those that don't know what we do, we put on a Variety show over three nights during February half term - any proceeds we collect from sponsors and our audiences are distributed to various village organisations.

We were proudly able to donate £2000 after our last show in 2020.

So, to get us back up and running again any help/involvement from new and existing members would be extremely welcome. There is a role for everyone; from actually being on stage, to being part of the crew or committee to sketch writers/producers. We are always looking for new ideas and new talent.

Please come along and find out at our AGM. We need you!

If you need any further information, please contact Merys on 07834 547578

Tuesday Afternoon Market Stalls

Don't forget, the Tuesday Afternoon Market is now held in the car park of the Rose and Crown. Many thanks to Mark, the new landlord, who has also offered the use of the skittle alley for the market when the weather becomes more inclement.

Friendship Club

The **Friendship Club** meets on the first Tuesday afternoon of the month at 14.00 hrs in the Village Hall. There is Bingo, a draw, Tea & Biscuits and a chance to buy Eva's cakes and quiches from our trading table. Also, there is the opportunity to have a chat and laugh with fellow villagers. Everyone is welcome.

Monday Night Bingo

Monday Night Bingo every Monday at 7.00 pm, with eyes down at 7.30 pm, at Bradford Abbas Sports and Social Club. Everyone is welcome to our weekly light-hearted evening which also includes a chance to win the SNOW BALL, and of course a laugh and chat. We finish at 9.00 pm.

Bradford Abbas Sports and Social Club

Saturday 30th October - Family Halloween Party, 6pm til late. Games, music, hot dogs and even a Halloween punch. Come dressed up in your Halloween costumes!

Saturday 6th November - enjoy some live music with The Diamonds from 7pm. Food will be available to book prior to the event

Saturday 20th November - Black Tie Dinner. Booking details to follow

Saturday 27th November - ABBA Night!! Get your chic on and let's dance

Saturday 11th December - children's Christmas party

Saturday 18th December - Christmas Skittles

Full details of all of these events and more coming soon!!

Sherborne Bradford Abbas Camera Club

Our regular meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesdays in the month and are currently being held on Zoom:

- **Tuesday 12th October:** "Brief Encounters" with Paul Harris, whose experience is steeped in the traditions of Cultural, Documentary and Adventure travel and will take us on an international journey with his outstanding images.
- **Tuesday 19th October:** Creative Flower Photography with Colin Harrison. The object of his talk will be to show how you can easily produce creative flower images. He has a different approach to still life photography which he will explain covering a variety of techniques, including how to frame an image, the best use of lighting, even making your own equipment. Post processing will also be covered including the use of some lesser-known software.
- **Tuesday 26th October:** Bradford Abbas Shield Competition judged on Zoom by John Tilsley.

New members are always welcome. If the event is held on zoom you will be able to request the joining URL at sbaclub@yahoo.com. As usual further information can be found on our website sbacameraclub.co.uk

Bradford Abbas WI

The WI holds its regular meetings in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month, so do come along and find out more. Further details available from Debbie Rylands, Secretary, 01935 473334.

Yeovil Railway Centre

Friday 29th October and Saturday 30th October Halloween evenings – 5pm to 9pm with free horror bags for the children, and Halloween themed food on sale – you have been warned – whoooooo.....

Friday 29th : Disco and Ghostly Steam Train rides into the night; **Saturday 30th**: Halloween evening and Ghostly Steam Train rides into the black night. Saturday night only, Fancy Dress Competition for the best dressed – for under 7 years, 7 to 14 and Adult. Admission £6 all ages pre booked or £7 on the night.

Bookings are now open for the Santa Specials, please see our website yeovilrailway.freeservers.com or on Facebook. Please follow the latest government Covid guidelines.

St. Mary's Week 2021

In the run up to Christmas, the St Mary's Week Team is planning the following events:

- SATURDAY 4th DECEMBER evening – CHRISTMAS SINGALONG (Would you like to sing or lead a song or two? Please let us know.)
- FRIDAY 10th DECEMBER evening – CHRISTMAS WREATH-MAKING (with Prosecco and Puddings)
- FRIDAY CHRISTMAS EVE from 5:30 – OUTDOOR CAROLS AND NATIVITY (in front of the church)

In January (exact date TBC) we are also hoping to hold a wassailing evening with mulled cider and songs. Look out for posters and notices on the Pennant's Facebook page for details of all these.

If you can help with any of these events, please contact us.

Jo, Alan, Rob, Ruth, Trevor and Gary, The ST MARY'S WEEK team

email on info@StMarysWeekBA.org.uk.

Social media: @BradfordAbbasStMarysWeek

St.Mary's Church, Bradford Abbas

Café in the church

The café area in your church remains open every day. It's a good place to arrange to meet a friend for a chat or you could use it as a rest stop in your walk. Help yourself to tea or coffee.

On Saturday mornings, we have young people from the village who are volunteering to do waiter/waitress service – and they often bring cake!

Services in September

We have the following services in Bradford Abbas this month:

SATURDAY 2nd OCTOBER – Harvest Service at 4:30 – followed by a light supper. If bringing harvest gifts, please help us by bringing dry, tinned or packet goods which can be handed on to local foodbanks.

SUNDAY 10th OCTOBER 10am – Welcome to Worship (lay led)

SUNDAY 17th OCTOBER 10am – Holy Communion (led by David Dunning – please bring your own glass to receive communion wine)

On weekends when we are without a service in Bradford Abbas, we are encouraging villagers to join a service at one of our neighbouring churches. Nearby services you might consider joining in October include::

SUNDAY 3rd OCTOBER 10am at Thornford – Harvest Service

SUNDAY 24th OCTOBER 10am at Thornford – Village Communion

SUNDAY 31st OCTOBER 10am – Holy Communion at Bradford Abbas, Beer Hackett or Thornford (venue to be confirmed – look out for news on the Pennant's Facebook page)