

# The Pennant



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Hi to all,

We are now going into Autumn... Summer is nearly over, and here at the Rose and Crown we are planning some exciting changes to our menus. Inside we are well equipped to seat everyone when we cannot use the garden, and we are all well distanced from each other and safe. Dogs are still welcome

Deliveries are still going well and collections are available lunch and evening.

We are now open:

## **Tuesday mornings**

Exercise sit & stretch class

*(no need to book, just come and join in. Helps us keep our joints moving and supple, and it's fun too)*

## **Thursday afternoons**

Coffee or tea, and a natter

## **Saturdays at 11am**

Come and join us and be sociable!

Many thanks for your support

from Mary & the team at the **Rose and Crown**

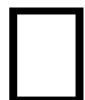
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The **Post Office** is open in the village hall Tuesdays & Thursdays 1300 to 1600.

## **Bradford Abbas History Society**

Regrettably we have had to cancel all meetings for the the rest of the year because of restrictions imposed by Covid-19.

**CALL FOR ACTION:** Would you like to see a bus serving this village once more? If so, please call Elaine on 07745 639 533.



# NEWS FROM THE SHOP

*To the occupants of Bradford Abbas,*

*We hope to announce the result of the petition in the October Pennant – there's still a chance to sign the slip below if you haven't already. We are still operating our one person/family policy in the shop and while we appreciate that the bad weather is coming, we want our customers to stay safe.*

*We will be reducing our opening hours - with limited volunteers the shop is getting very quiet, so Wendy will be able to cope with shorter hours.*

*So what's new?!*

*The in-house milk machine - Bruton dairy semi-skimmed (the real milk!), and we still stock the normal milk.*

*More updates in the next issue and thank you to all our volunteers for all your support over the last few months and to our amazing customers who come to us rain or shine.*

*Best wishes and stay safe,  
Alan & Wendy*

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*✂* ..... *please cut or tear along this line and return to the village shop*

## **SAVE OUR VILLAGE SHOP**

Please fill in your details and return to the shop as soon as possible

I, ..... (NAME) of ..... (ROAD) of Bradford Abbas village, would like our Village Shop to remain open as an essential service for our community. By signing this slip, I consent to my name being added to a petition stating the same.

Signed .....

Date .....

## ST MARY'S WEEK 2020

We're back! Put us in your diary now. **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September** is the date for **THE CHURCH THAT ROCKS**. To comply with the Govt announcement on 9<sup>th</sup> July, we are planning a day of outdoor, socially distanced musical entertainment. Details will be released via social media once finalised. We're all looking forward to a fun day. Tell your friends, and come and enjoy it with us. You will also be helping us raise the funds needed to renew the village's defibrillator leases which expire in October. Like us on Facebook to make sure you don't miss future announcements. If you might be able to help us on the day, please email us or speak to one of the team - Jo, Alan, Rob, Ruth, Trevor and Gary.

from the **ST MARY'S WEEK** team

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**CHURCH NEWS**



Services for September. All start at 10.00am.

*Valerie Holdsworth, Church Warden, 01935 421 936*

August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Bradford Abbas, <i>Holy Communion</i>
August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Beer Hackett, <i>Family Service</i>
August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thornford, <i>Holy Communion</i>
August 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bradford Abbas, <i>Harvest Family Service</i>

All benefice – Gifle Valley - Services

*Dear Friends,*

*People often find the Old Testament difficult because of the violence and cruelty they find in it which then leads them to discount God as being the same. This misunderstands what the Old Testament is. It is true that the Old Testament is the story of a nation's history but unlike modern history the writers sought to find God's workings within it. There are many aspects and perspectives to be found including those of groups as well as individuals, also often editorial comment and individual thoughts about events. All had in common the view that God was leading His people and that a great purpose was being worked out. We find little of what we would regard as 'Objective History'. Indeed, the Old Testament writers would have been puzzled at the very concept of 'Objective History'.*

*The writers took the view that all the peoples on Earth (knowingly or not) could be used by God to further His purposes. Thus, when the Israelites were carried into exile in Babylon the writers wrote about God punishing Israel, for not obeying him, through the actions of his tool the Babylonians. The prophets who lived at the time also had this understanding and so we read such things as:*

*The word of the Lord came to a second time saying 'What do you see?' And I said, 'I see a boiling pot facing away from the North' Then the Lord said to me, 'Out of the North evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. For lo, I am calling all the tribes of the kingdoms of the North, says the Lord; and they shall come and every one set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all its walls round about and against all the cities of Judah. And I will utter my judgments against them, for all their wickedness in forsaking me; they have burned incense to other gods and worshipped the works of their own hands.'*

*Jeremiah 1 vs 13 to 16*

*Each book in the Old Testament tends to deal with several subjects at once and it is not always easy for people trained in twentieth century ways of thinking to deal with. Each writer wrote about God and society as seen through the lens of the society he or she lived in. It was not God that was cruel and violent but the society God sought to teach.*

*Yours*

*Tony Gilbert*