

# The Pennant



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Please email your entries for the December 2022/January 2023 issue to:

ThePennant@mail.com by 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022

## Neighbourhood Plan – Save the Date!

Your views on the future of our community are needed – come and share them with us on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, at 7:30pm in the Village Hall!** The Working Party behind The Neighbourhood Plan now need to write the Plan, but it is not our plan, it is everyone's - the communities of Bradford Abbas and Clifton Maybank – and that means YOU! Worried about the future of businesses in the village, like the pub and the defunct shop? Are you interested in preserving footpaths in the area? Have you got views about the bus service or road safety in our locality? Alarmed by the thought of future flooding around Smith's Bridge? Whatever your thoughts we would love to hear them, so please do come along to the Public Meeting on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

## St. Mary's Community Trust

**CHORAL CONCERT – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November** 7:30pm in the church. Bar.

Look out for posters and entries on the Pennant Facebook page for ticket details.

**CHRISTMAS WREATH-MAKING – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Back by popular demand. Come and make your own Christmas wreath and enjoy prosecco and puddings while you create. All materials provided and expert guidance available if you need it (you might like to bring your own secateurs/scissors and wire cutters if you have them). Tickets £25. Contact Ruth or Trevor on 01935 700001 to book your place.

**FESTIVE CHRISTMAS TEA with BINGO – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December** 3pm in the Village Hall

Come and treat yourself or your loved ones the week before Christmas. Tickets £15. Contact Ruth or Trevor on 01935 700001 to book places.

**OUTDOOR CAROL SERVICE – Christmas Eve** 5:30pm. In front of the church (Church Road will be closed to traffic). If you have missed the outdoor carols service in 2020 and 2021, try not to miss it this year. A wonderful way to kick off your family Christmas.

**Dates for 2023:** Mark your diary now.

**Wassailing – late January 2023** (exact date and venue TBC). We had a very enjoyable wassailing evening in January 2022. Come and join us for a fun night out.

**The Big Breakfast – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023** 9am to 12 noon. Come and enjoy a top-notch breakfast.

**The Church That Rocks** with live music in front of the church and – when night falls – inside the church will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

**The Church That Rocks 2** with live music in the playing field will be on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

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

## Musical Evening

FUN MUSICAL EVENING, SATURDAY 12th NOVEMBER, 7.30pm in our VILLAGE HALL .  
Come join us and enjoy local singers , comedy and a singalong session to your favourite Beatles number.  
Book a table and bring your own food and drink.  
£5 per ticket . Contact Alan Fall 425747. All proceeds go towards a new heating system for our church .

## Bradford Abbas Parish Council

The Ordinary Parish Council Meeting scheduled for 1st November will now be held on **8th November in the St Mary's Primary School Hall**. The agendas will be available on the website (*bradford-abbas.uk*) and Church Road noticeboard.

## Bradford Abbas History Society

The next meetings of the Bradford Abbas History Society will be held on Tuesday 22nd November at 2.30 pm and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. Tony White will be giving a presentation on 'Unsettled Times in Bradford Abbas 1800-1850'.

Meetings are open to all at a cost of £2 per person per meeting or free to History Society members and to those 16 and under.

## Christmas Post Box

The post box will be in the Church from Sunday 4th of December until the last collection at 2.00pm on Sunday the 18th. The service is free, but if you feel that you would like to make a donation, please place these in the Fabric Fund box, just inside the Church door. We always need volunteers, so if you are able to help with deliveries to Bradford Abbas and Clifton Maybank , Sue will be happy to hear from you, telephone 471901. Your continued support is appreciated.

## Bradford Abbas Parish Council

We would like to welcome Sandra Hillier who has agreed to become our new Parish Clerk. Sandra has been clerk of Thornhackett Parish Council for the past year so as the two parish councils abut each other, this will be a mutually beneficial arrangement. Sandra and Tricia Chapman, our retiring clerk, have already started on the handover process which will proceed for a short time.

We wish to thank Tricia for her commitment and proficiency to the job over the past 12 years and I know we shall see her around the village and involved in village affairs.

Anyone wishing to contact the parish council should use the usual email address *bradfordabbaspc@hotmail.co.uk* as this will be picked up by either Tricia or Sandra, depending on how far they are in the handover process. Until Sandra takes over completely, you can contact Tricia on **01935 602279** (NB new number) to discuss any village matters that may need addressing.

## The Friendship Club

The **Friendship Club** now meets on the first Tuesday afternoon of the month at 14.00 hrs at Bradford Abbas Sports and Social Club. There is Bingo, a draw, Tea & Biscuits and a chance to have a chat and laugh with fellow villagers, new members are welcome.

## Bradford Abbas and Clifton Maybank Village Hall

In order to book the village hall please go to the Parish Council website (<https://bradford-abbas.uk/hall>) to see if the hall is available and how to book, alternatively please email [bacmvh@gmail.com](mailto:bacmvh@gmail.com) or ring the Booking Secretary (Tricia Chapman) on **01935 602279**. Please note the new telephone number.

### Village Hall AGM

The Village Hall AGM will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, in the Village Hall, at 7.30. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Monday Night Bingo

**Monday Night Bingo** Every Monday at 18.45 hrs with eyes down at 19.15 hrs at Bradford Abbas Sports and Social Club. Everyone is welcome to our weekly light-hearted evening which also includes a small draw a chance to win the SNOW BALL and of course a laugh and chat, we finish just before 21.00 hrs.

### Mixed Ability Yoga

Come join us at Bradford Abbas Village Hall on Saturday mornings from 9.15--10.15am. These are friendly and fun classes, suitable for most. Start your weekend with movement and relaxation. £8.50 per session. For more information email [emmarileyoga@gmail.com](mailto:emmarileyoga@gmail.com), message on Facebook @emmarileyoga or call 07884246550.

## Bradford Abbas Sports & Recreational Club

New members are always welcome. The Club Function Room can be hired for Private Parties. For bookings, please contact the club:

**Tel: 01935 420575**

[www.bradfordabbasclub.co.uk](http://www.bradfordabbasclub.co.uk)

Visit our Facebook page: Bradford Abbas Sports and Recreational Club

**Crib Morning** - Mondays from 10:15am. Tea, coffee and lots of laughs are available.

**Bingo** - Monday evenings - Starting at 6:45 pm with eyes down at 7:15pm.

**Arts & Crafts** - Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm. If you are feeling artistic, why not join like minds.

**Cycling Club** - Wednesday evenings. Meet at 6:45pm. We cater for all abilities and welcome ladies and children to join us for a leisurely cycle ride of varying distances.

**Happy Hour** - Every Sunday we are open from 1:00pm-5:00pm and we have a happy hour 3:00pm-4:00pm

On Tuesdays we are open from 7:30pm as there will be skittle matches taking place, so please do come along and support the teams. During the skittles season we will also be open on Thursday evenings for another of our skittles teams.

## Yeovil Railway Centre at Yeovil Junction

There are no public events this month. With Halloween over preparations are under way for Tea with Santa and Santa Specials.

Further details on our website: [yeovilrailway.freeservers.com](http://yeovilrailway.freeservers.com), or our Facebook page.

## Sherborne Bradford Abbas Camera Club

- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Andy Skillen Wildlife photographer on how and what it's like to work on specialist commissions.
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November - The Overton Cup annual black and white competition.
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November - Joint meeting with our Australian friends (note this is on Saturday morning due to time differences!)
- Tuesday 22 November - TBA

Further information at [sbacameraclub.co.uk](http://sbacameraclub.co.uk)

## Mill Farm Dining Society

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> November – Mill Farm Dining Society presents the 'Best of British Harbours, Ports and Shorelines' by Chef Oli Kahan.

Tickets are available at: [www.millfarmmusic.com/events/](http://www.millfarmmusic.com/events/)

## St. Mary's Church, Bradford Abbas

### SERVICES IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

EVERYBODY IS WELCOME – PLEASE DO COME ALONG.

WE ARE ALWAYS DELIGHTED TO SEE NEW FACES.

- SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 10am Welcome to Worship (lay-led)
- FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 10:50am Remembrance Service at the War Memorial.
- SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER Remembrance Service starting at 10:50 at the War Memorial then in church
- SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 10am Holy Communion
- SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 10am Welcome to Worship (lay-led)
- SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 6pm SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
- SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 10am Holy Communion
- CHRISTMAS EVE 5:30pm Outdoor Carol Service (in front of the church)
- CHRISTMAS DAY 10am Holy Communion

On weekends when we are without a service in Bradford Abbas, we encourage villagers to join a service at one of our neighbouring churches. These are posted on the notice boards outside the church.

In the middle of October, we had a special interactive event in church to tell some of the parables that Jesus told his followers. All the children from our village school came in to take part, as did the children and staff from the BA Pre-School. This was followed by two harvest services in church, one for the school on Friday, followed by a Sunday service for the regular congregation. Thanks to the generosity of the children, their parents and our parishioners, a huge haul of food was collected for the Sherborne Food Bank. Thanks to everybody who contributed to help families in need.