

The Pennant



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Bradford Abbas Art Exhibition 18th–19th November

The Bradford Abbas Art Exhibition will take place at The Mill, Mill Lane (just past the school), on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th November, 10.00 am – 4 pm. This will be rare opportunity to view the work of all the amazing artists, young and old, who live in the village! This is an exciting new event in the village and open to everyone.

Entrance is free but we will be asking for donations towards the St.Mary's Churchyard restoration and maintenance fund. Should you decide to purchase any of the works on display, a proportion of the price will go towards the fund.

If you are an artist residing in the village and would like to contribute one or two of your works to the exhibition, we would love to hear from you. Please call Jenny, tel 07961 877929.

Bradford Abbas Parish Council

You may already be aware that there has been some damage to equipment in the park. All the damage including the graffiti has been reported to the police and PSCO. One of the picnic benches has been damaged beyond repair. Currently the Parish Council is hesitant to replace it. Should it be replaced? Please contact the Clerk Sandra Hillier (bradfordabbas@dorset-aptc.gov.uk or 07885371101) with your views concerning replacing the picnic table.

A note of thank you to those residents that wrote to Mr M Prosser at Dorset Council to request the footpath application T725 is prioritised. Disappointingly, it has been "prioritised" for the second half of 2024. The Parish Council will also write to Dorset Council to request it is re-prioritised.

The Parish Council is very grateful to John for the top shelf book end he made from horseshoes and donated to the village to stop the articulated arm on the phone box door knocking the books from the top shelf.

The Parish Council has been made aware of, and objected to, an application to remove the current post box located on Church Road from service. It has been proposed a post box will be installed on Churchwell Street. This is not a public application, and the Parish Council will keep the residents informed of the outcome.

Bradford Abbas Variety Club - Annual General Meeting

The Variety Club will be holding our AGM at Bradford Abbas Sports and Social Club on Wednesday 4th October at 7.30pm.

If you'd like to join the club, become a committee member, help with the show, get on stage, write a sketch etc etc then please come along, we would love to have you on board.

St. Mary's Community Trust

Thanks to everyone who joined us in the playing field for The Church That Rocks 2 on 9th September. The weather was hot and our three music acts were all great. Our 50/50 raffle resulted in a prize of over £100 which was won by Suzanne C.

COMING UP:

Saturday 7th October 9am to 12 noon – The Big Harvest Breakfast. in the church.

Friday 8th December – Wreath-making evening in the Village Hall, with Prosecco and puddings.

Sunday 24th December 5:30pm – Outdoor Carol Service in front of the church.

See you soon.

Jo, Alan, Rob, Ruth, Trevor and Gary

The ST MARY'S COMMUNITY TRUST team

Telephone Box News

We would like to thank you for your continued support and say thanks especially this month to John, one of our residents, who has created and donated a wonderful horse-shoe bookend to stop the articulated arm knocking books off the top shelf.

We do appreciate your help and encouragement.

Look out for special weeks this autumn including mysteries and crime, romance, cooking and hobbies , autobiographies, jigsaw puzzles etc etc

With best wishes as we look forward to autumn with earlier nights, a comfortable chair, a glowing fire, a glass of something specialand a good book.

The telephone box team

Mixed Ability Yoga

Saturday morning yoga continues at Bradford Abbas Village Hall on from 9.15--10.15 am. So come along and join us! These are friendly and fun classes, suitable for most. Start your weekend with movement and relaxation. £8.50 per session.

October dates - 7th* / 14th / 21st (*7th October class runs 8.45am-9.45am) No class on the 28th October
November dates - 4th / 11th / 18th / 25th

For more information email emmarileyyoga@gmail.com, message on Facebook @emmarileyyoga or call/text 07884246550.

Bradford Abbas Petanque Group

Petanque at the Sports and Social Club - dates for October:

Every Wednesday at 11.00 am

Every Thursday at 2.00 pm

Sunday 8th 2.30 pm

Saturday 21st Pub and Piste (venue to be arranged) 12.30 ish.

Hello everyone, we do so hope you will come along to any of these sessions, even if it's just to have a look and ponder on whether you would like to have a go. You would be very welcome.

Any questions, please ask Zoe 07743277656

Pop-up Market

A huge thank you to everyone who's supported the pop-up monthly market since we started back in February. We generally have about 4 to 8 stalls, including local meat, jams, chutneys and honey, cards and gifts, and cakes.

The next dates are:

21 October, 18 November, 16 December.

We run from 11am until 1 pm, in the village hall. Why not have a coffee and a natter in the church first?

If you'd like to have a stall or have any questions, please contact me on 07805 605887.

Bradford Abbas History Society

Our meetings this month are in the Village Hall on either Tuesday 24th October at 2.30 pm or Thursday 26th October at 7.30 pm.

The talk will be "With a Glance into the Village in 1850s", presented by Tony White on his research into "Interesting records of 19th century Bradford Abbas".

MEMBERS FREE, VISITORS (WELCOME) £2 each.

Monday Night Bingo

Every Monday at Bradford Abbas Sports and Social Club at 6.45 pm with eyes down at 7.15pm. Everyone 18 and over 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 9.00 pm.

Bradford Abbas Camera Club

Tuesday 10th October: Jane Tearle, a local photographer from Cerne Abbas. Her talk is "Vietnam, a Sense of Place". Her Facebook page tells you all you need to know about her outstanding photographs.

Tuesday 24th October: Bradford Abbas Shield on the theme of "Sky" judged by Norman Marsh, with 5 digital images and 5 prints per club.

We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the village hall starting at 7.30pm. Why not come along and see what we do. Further details on our contact page at sbacameraclub.co.uk.

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 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 8th November, in the Village Hall, at 7.30. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Rose and Crown, Bradford Abbas

Opening hours:

- Monday CLOSED;
- Tuesday 5 - Close (Drinks Only)
- Wednesday 12-3 & 5-close (Drinks), 12-2 & 6-9 (Food)
- Thursday 12-3 & 5-close (Drinks), 12-2 & 6-9 (Food)
- Friday 12 - close (Drinks), 12-2 & 6-9 (Food)
- Saturday 12 - close (Drinks), 12-2 & 6-9 (Food)
- Sunday 12 - 6 (Drinks), 12-4 (Food)

Yeovil Railway Centre at Yeovil Junction

Saturday 28th and Tuesday 31st October: Halloween Evenings – Saturday is Disco plus Steam Train. Tuesday is Halloween evening and Steam Train. Take a trip down to Castle Scary, be afraid, very very afraid. Whoooo... Visit yeovilrailway.freeservers.com for further information, also our facebook page.

The Friendship Club

The next Friendship Club meeting is at Bradford Abbas Sports and Social Club on Tuesday 3rd October at 2.00 pm.

There is Bingo, a small draw, Tea & Biscuits and a chance to have a chat and laugh with fellow villagers. New members will be warmly welcomed.

St. Mary's Church, Bradford Abbas

ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD

We have now had five volunteer sessions to help improve the look and feel of our churchyard and our thanks go out to everyone who has come along to help out.

On 20th September, we held an open meeting to discuss the plan to set up a Friends Group with the aim of making it a more beautiful place to spend time and a better tribute to those who have their final resting place there. Wind and rain sadly kept some people away, but we made some progress. If you are interested in this project but were unable to come to the meeting, please contact Gary S to make sure he has you on the list of potential friends (call or text on 07799 430400 or email garysiggins@hotmail.com).

SERVICES IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER - EVERYBODY IS WELCOME.

SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER 10am Morning Service (lay-led).

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 10am Harvest Service (led by Tony Gilbert).

SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER 10am Holy Communion (led by David Dunning).

SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 10am Morning Service (lay-led).

FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 10:50am Act of Remembrance for pupils and staff of St Mary's School (led by Tony Gilbert) at the War Memorial.

SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 10:50am Act of Remembrance (lay-led) at the War Memorial.

SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 10:50 am Remembrance Service (led by David Dunning) starting at the War Memorial, then in church.