

The Pennant



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St Mary's Community Trust Saturday 14th September - "THE LAST RAYS OF SUMMER"

A celebration of local musical talent will be held in the village playing field (entry in Westbury – just up from the school) on Saturday 14th September.

There will be a bar serving a wide range of drinks, including chilled draught Madri lager and Thatchers Gold cider. Please don't bring drinks from home – instead please buy your drinks at the bar. You are welcome to bring picnic food from home but we'll be running a BBQ so you can leave the catering to us.

Come and enjoy a great day with family and friends. Music from 4pm to 9pm. You might like to bring garden chairs or a blanket to sit on. We don't charge a fee to come into these events, but we will ask you for a donation (by cash or card) to help cover the costs of staging the even

Did you know that the SMCT pays for the annual leasing costs of our village's two defibrillators? We are also happy to receive requests for grants from village groups and organisations. If your group has a project which needs a little help to get it done, please get in touch.

Saturday 5th October – HARVEST BREAKFAST

Join us in the church (9am to noon) for a delicious cooked breakfast.

See you soon.

Jo, Alan, Rob, Ruth, Trevor and Gary

The ST MARY'S COMMUNITY TRUST team

Important message - Wyke Solar Farm Proposal

The power generating company, RWE, is proposing to build a large solar farm to the east of Bradford Abbas. Please go to this website for details: <https://uk.rwe.com/project-proposals/wyke-solar-farm/>.

Please note, the company will be holding the following public 'in-person' consultation events when we will have the opportunity to make comments about the proposal:

- 1.00pm – 6.00pm, 2nd September 2024 at Yeovil Golf Club, BA21 5BW
- 4.00pm – 7.00pm, 16th September 2024 at Bradford Abbas Village Hall, DT9 6RF

RWE states that 'the consultation period will close on 23rd September, after which we will carefully review comments made, and incorporate feedback into our final application'.

Bradford Abbas Parish Council will be discussing this proposal at its next meeting on 3rd September 2024.

Petanque

Hi to all Petanque players. The weekend games, which alternate Saturdays and Sundays from 2pm, continue to be well supported. Anyone interested in having a go would be welcome (boules can be borrowed at the club).

We have arranged a trip to Abergavenny and will be welcomed by the Petanque group there for an informal game with approximately 16 of us making the trip. As usual anyone needing more information on the Petanque group contact Bob on 07840 340799.

Village Hall Committee AGM Wednesday 9th October 7.30 in the Village Hall

The Village Hall is owned by the Community for the benefit of all and everyone is welcome to attend the AGM on 9th October.

Some of the long-standing members of the Committee will be standing down and it is time for new members of the community to come forward and contribute their enthusiasm and expertise to the running of the Village Hall.

Joining the Committee is not an onerous task – we meet every two months and the simple regular routines and tasks are shared by the Committee members. This is an opportunity to connect with the Village Community and make a small contribution of your time with an informal friendly group. Please come and support this valuable village asset.

Bernard Hunt, Chair, Village Hall Management Committee

Bradford Abbas History Society

This month's meetings are on Tuesday afternoon 24th September, at 2.00 pm or the same presentation is also on Thursday evening the 26th September at 7.00 pm. Both meetings are in the Village Hall. The presentation will be by Jasmine Ely on the **History and Heritage of HAM HILL**. This should be an interesting presentation as Jasmine is the Ham Hill Ranger for South Somerset Council.

Next month's presentations will be by Tony White who will be speaking on events in Bradford Abbas and some of the residents in the mid 1800's.

We are still looking for nominations for the Chairmanship of the Society. Please contact Tony White, 01935 424441.

The Friendship Club

Our next meeting in the village will be on Tuesday 3rd September at 2pm at Bradford Abbas Sports and Social Club. 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. As mentioned before, we always meet on the first Tuesday afternoon of the month.

Yeovil Railway Centre

- Sunday 1st September: Steam train Day with 0-4-0 *Pectin* travelling in our coach (which is accessible for standard wheelchairs). Joining us is Garwynne Reptiles and Bugs – come and meet them and handle some of them, if you dare. Spoiler alert, they have been fed before you handle them so they won't eat you!
- Sunday 8th September: Model Railway Swapmeet, 10.30am to 2.30pm
- Sunday 15th September: Steam Train Day with 0-4-0 *Pectin*. This is our second Comi Con event. Come along and join the fun as your favourite Comic Book or Sci-Fi character!
- Saturday 28th September: Main Line Steam - Merchant Navy Class 35028 *Clan Line* with the Atlantic Coast Express excursion from London to Exeter returning via Taunton. Time at Yeovil Junction 11.20 to 11.28
- ALSO - 61306 *Mayflower* from Paddington to Exeter via Brunel's Great Western Railway and returning along the West of England, passing Yeovil Junction. Times to be advised.

Further information on Train Days at www.yeovilrailway.freeservers.com or on our Facebook page.

Friends of St Mary's Churchyard

Many thanks to those villagers and other families from outside of our community for helping with the improvements in our churchyard. Folks are taking responsibility for clearing various areas, preparing for planting and improving surfaces of the older and longer graves. Linings and chippings are available at church for anyone who wishes to adopt and care for a grave. We also need advice and support in using materials to clean headstones. Ian and Liz Ward have started valuable work with the older and longer graves.

As Autumn approaches, Saturday mornings from 10am onwards looks the best time for working together at various task. The church is open throughout the week for tea and coffee, extra goodies on a Saturday! We encourage volunteers to come along at anytime during the week. There's a plan in church near the Font illustrating ideas for upkeep and improvements.

Please contact Jenny Thomas, Gary Siggins or Alan Fall if you would like to help in anyway.

Mixed Ability Yoga

Saturday morning yoga has moved to a new time at Bradford Abbas Village Hall on Saturday mornings, now from 8.30am--9.30am. So come along and join us! These are friendly and fun classes, suitable for most. Start your weekend with movement and relaxation. £9 per session.

September dates - 7th / 14th / 21st / 28th

Emma Riley

<https://www.facebook.com/Emma-Riley-Yoga-112642420645325>

https://www.instagram.com/emma_riley_yoga/

Bradford Abbas Variety Club

The funds raised from this year's Show have now been distributed to the various Village Groups and we have already received some great feedback and appreciation on how it will be or has been spent.

Club members had a social get-together BBQ during the brief sunny spell we had and already the ideas for next year's show were being actively discussed – new members and ideas always welcome!

Our annual AGM will be held at the Bradford Abbas Sports & Social Club **on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at 7.30pm**, all welcome.

Bridge

We play duplicate bridge in the Village Hall every Wednesday at 2.00pm.

If you would like to join us please contact Chris Jones 01935 47500 for more information.

Sherborne Bradford Abbas Camera Club

We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday in the month at the village hall, time 7.30pm

- Tuesday 10th September: AGM plus viewing members digital images for consideration for the Bradford Abbas Shield.
- Tuesday 24th September: members evening with the theme of Summer. Each member can share up to three digital images taken during the summer break.

Further information on our smart new web site 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**.

Monday Night Bingo

Every Monday at Bradford Abbas Sports and Social Club at 6.45pm 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.

St. Mary's Church, Bradford Abbas

UPCOMING SERVICES - EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

- SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 10am Patronal Service - celebrating St Mary (lay-led)
- SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 10am Holy Communion (led by David Dunning)
- SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 10am Harvest Service (details TBC)
- SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 10am Morning Service (details TBC)

On Sundays when we are without a service here in Bradford Abbas, we encourage villagers to take in a service at one of our neighbouring churches. There is always a list of these on display in the church porch.

