

The Pennant



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Improving the Street Scene in Bradford Abbas

With the wonderful restoration of the phone box, success of the little library and establishing the three planters, Churchwell Street has been enhanced alongside the pub.

Thanks to generous donations work is now in progress to clear and replant the area of “no mans land” by the entrance to the playing field. There is still more to be done there, and weeding and watering are ongoing requirements. Help would be appreciated – many hands make light work, and much can be achieved with great results – gardening with chums is fun and provides an opportunity to meet others and catch up with local news.

With a willing team of “weeders and planters” in future it would be great to target other untidy areas round the Village - perhaps we could even achieve Bradford Abbas in Bloom eventually!

Surplus plants and seeds would be gratefully accepted!

If you would like to get involved please contact:

07899 657490

07961 877929



Bradford Abbas Sports and Social Club

Happy hour is Every Hour! Every Sunday, 12.00 noon – 5.00 pm.

All beers, wines and spirits £3. Soft drinks and snacks available. Bring all the family and enjoy the beer garden with extra outdoor seating and, of course, those views!

The club are always looking for enthusiastic people who are able to support the club in various ways. Currently we are looking for people to help support the bar function at the weekends. Full training will be given. This is a paid opportunity, for more details please contact Phil Howe at phowe75@hotmail.com or Garry Newton on 01935 431366

Telephone Box News

We hope that you enjoyed our Open Gardens afternoon. Thanks are due to so many people, our keen gardeners who worked so hard, our brave badge and raffle ticket sellers who battled the elements with great good humour, our catering volunteers and cake makers, our printing team, our allotment holders etc. etc. Thank you to all of them.

A brilliant total of £641 was raised which will go towards the replacement of some playing field equipment that our children so enjoy using. The true British Spirit prevailed as rain started two minutes past noon, just as we opened and then continued off and on all afternoon. However, nothing deterred our villagers from touring the beautiful gardens and taking tea, scones with jam and cream or cake under umbrellas as the rain continued to come down!! The raffle hamper was won by the mother of one of our local families.

(Editor's note: A special thanks must go to Jenny for inspiring us all to take part and for organising such a successful event.)

Crime month proved to be very popular indeed. Thank you for all the books that you donated. At present we have a healthy stock of books and do not need any more until the autumn. For the summer we will have our usual wide range of categories and then in September we will have a cookery and hobbies theme. Thanks for your support.

The Telephone Box Team.

Sherborne Bradford Abbas Camera Club

Although we are on our summer break there will be a club photoshoot on Wednesday 18th August at Frome. Meet for coffee and explore quirky streets. It's market day, perhaps stay for lunch.

Regular club meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month will resume in September, on Zoom until the New Year.

Yeovil Railway Centre

Sunday 1st August: Steam Train, Tractor and Land Rover Day. Take the train, hauled by *Lord Fisher*, our resident 0-4-0 Andrew Barclay steam engine, down to the Wilderness field where there will be a display of tractors and Land Rovers of various types and vintages.

Wednesday 18th August: (UK Railtours) Main Line Steam with 35028 Clan Line "The John Farrow Salute" from London Victoria to Sherborne for a memorial service to celebrate and remember the life of John Farrow at Sherborne Abbey. The train continues to Yeovil for turning, servicing etc 13.29 to 16.40.

August Diesel Days: Every Tuesday throughout August there are unlimited rides in a historic brake van hauled by a diesel engine. Open 11am to 3pm. Adult £4, children 5 – 15 £1, one child free per paying adult. Under 5's are free; an adult should accompany all children.

Santa Specials: It seems bizarre to be writing about Santa Specials in the middle of a heatwave, but bookings will soon open for this very popular event. Details soon on our website. See also our facebook page about "Tea with Santa"

More information: yeovilrailway.freesevers.com and on our facebook page

The Church That Rocks

Many thanks to everybody who came to enjoy a day in the sun with us last month. We'd like to send a special thank you to all the performers, to Brian Lock for lending us trailers for a stage, to Mill Farm Music for the loan a PA system and to all those who gave an hour or two or more to help us set up, to man the entry point, to deliver drinks, to help clear up Saturday night or Sunday morning or to do any of the other unglamorous jobs. We love staging our events but nothing would be possible without the help of so many of you.

With heartfelt thanks from

Jo, Alan, Rob, Ruth, Trevor and Gary

The ST MARY'S WEEK Team

PS If you would like to help us next time (probably in September 2021) please speak to one of us or email us on info@StMarysWeekBA.org.uk.

Bradford Abbas Parish Council News

Thanks to the Open Gardens Day there as been a great start to raising funds to replace some of the equipment in the playing fields. Please contact Tricia Chapman, Parish Clerk, if you have any fundraising ideas and time to help. email: bradfordabbaspc@hotmail.co.uk or 473833.

Don't forget to subscribe to the website for all Parish Council news and updates. bradford-abbas.uk.

The Post Office is open on Tuesday afternoons from 13:00 to 15:00.

Tuesday Market at the Playing Field

Come along to the market in the Playing Field held every Tuesday, 2.30 – 3.00 pm. Stalls include:-

- Something Else Fishy
- Nick's Fruit and Veg
- Caitlin's Deli
- Orchards Sweet Treats
- Top Edge knife sharpening
- Channel Island Meat

Every stall has contactless payment option and will take cash. They all have hand sanitiser for both their own and customer use. Between the stalls we have a good selection of everyday favourites, essential items and of course a few treats on the way round. We attend 19 different pop-up markets around the local area, all of which have and continue to be very well supported by the locals.

Any further questions or information regarding the market please message or call me 07771 831832.

Nick Else

Bradford Abbas Gardeners' Club

We will be holding an extraordinary general meeting on Wednesday 8th September at 2.30pm in the village hall. This is because the committee has come to the conclusion that the club is no longer viable with so few members. It is hoped all current members will be able to attend this meeting.

Milk Delivery

With the village shop now shut we have lost the help yourself milk machine. However, if you still have the bottles, we discovered Liberty Dairy near Halstock, a small organic farm, that delivers milk into our own bottles. They have provided the following details if anyone else might be interested in using the service. We have found the milk to be very nice. Lynne and Dick Bennett.

Liberty Dairy

The cows at Liberty Dairy are milked once a day in the morning. The milk is then immediately pasteurised, and we produce Whole Milk, Semi Skimmed and Cream. Milk will be delivered to your area in the afternoon/early evening twice a week, currently Monday and Thursday.

Milk costs £1.30 per litre.

After your initial purchase, we will refill your clean bottles if you leave them on your doorstep on the allotted day. The bottles have a long life and can be used again and again. Before you put the bottle out for refilling, make sure the bottle and cap are cleaned in hot water. The bottles are dishwasher safe. We simply refill any clean, empty bottles put on the doorstep. Invoices are sent out monthly by email, with payment made by direct bank transfer or cheque. As well as milk we have a limited supply of super gorgeous organic cream, we can deliver to your door along with Free Range Eggs from WestLeaze farm in Dorset. Remember the milk you buy in the supermarket may be up to 10 days old when you purchase it. Our milk could not be fresher!

Contact Judith : Judith.libertydairy@btinternet.com or visit www.libertydairy.co.uk for a free trial.

St.Mary's Church

Glenfall Oct 2006 (a retreat House) -- Some thoughts on the limitations of Theology

I watched the sun go down on distant hills
The Glory of God in Gold, Rose Red, Blue and Green
Theology was spoken in that room
Words flew to and fro like jugglers' props in a circus ring
The voices raised in skilful talk of God
But what was said I neither know nor care
They could not let go nor would they see
As you took my hand and showed me your Glory
In Gold, Rose Red, Blue and Green
When together we watched the sun go down on distant hills.

Tony Gilbert, Team Rector

Services at St Mary's Church during August:

Sunday 15th August, 10.00 am, Holy Communion