The Pennant



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Please email your entries for the October 2026 issue to: ThePennant@mail.com by 21st September 2026

Bradford Abbas Variety Club

We will be holding our AGM at the Sports & Social Club on: Sunday 6th September at 1700hrs. Everyone welcome.

ST MARY'S CHURCH, BRADFORD ABBAS

CHURCH HEATING

We are delighted to confirm that our new heating system is scheduled to be installed at the end of September. Installation should take about a week, and we will have to restrict public access while the work is going on and probably for a few days before when preparations are being made. We may need to use the heating from time to time in the autumn, but we are planning a formal launch and blessing during our Carol Service on Saturday 19 December. Of course, everybody in the village is invited to join us that day, but we especially hope that everybody who has been instrumental in helping with our heating project (personal donors, event organisers etc) will want to be with us.

CALLING ALL CYCLISTS - RIDE AND STRIDE – SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Dorset Historic Churches Trust – which has kindly supported our heating project with a grant – organises an annual sponsored cycling event to raise funds for the great work it does. We are looking to put together a team of cyclists to ride on our behalf as part of this year's fund-raiser. Riders are asked to obtain sponsorship and to stop off at a number of local churches to record their efforts. Might you be willing to take part? Please email us on BradfordAbbasChurch@gmail.com of call Gary Siggins on 07799 430400 for details.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We have an informal monthly bible study group in the village which meets on a Friday afternoon. If you think you might like to give it a try, please contact Gary for details.

SERVICES MOST SUNDAYS

We continue to offer services four Sundays a month here in Bradford Abbas. We hope you will find time to join us. There are also plenty of other services at nearby churches and we always have a list of services available in the church porch.

UPCOMING SERVICES AT ST MARY'S - EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER	6pm Holy Communion (led by James Clark)
SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER	10am Morning Worship / Patronal Service (lay-led)
SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER	10am Holy Communion (led by Rector George Moody)
SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER	10am Holy Communion (led by David Dunning)
SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER	6pm BCP Holy Communion (led by Rector George Moody)
SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER	10am Morning Worship (lay-led)
SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER	10am Harvest Service (led by David Dunning)
SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER	10am BCP Morning Prayer (lay-led)

Mixed Ability Pilates at the Village Hall, Mondays 6-7 pm

Come and join this friendly class, all abilities and ages welcome. Equipment supplied (mats excluded). All sessions £10 Pay as you go. Lisa Brett 07760-169707 *befitbewellwithlisa@gmail.com*

The Chatty Crafters

Our crafting group generally meets on the third Friday of every month at 2-4pm. New members are always welcome. Please contact Brenda Gosney on 07970159093 or Sue Gully on 07812430092 for further information.

Bradford Abbas and Clifton Maybank Village Hall - Bookings

Bradford Abbas Community Village Hall, with its central location opposite the St Marys Church, is a cosy space for Birthday Parties, young & older, family get togethers, wedding receptions and anything else you may be celebrating. Check the website for availability *https://bradford-abbas.uk/,* or email *bacmvh@gmail*.com and complete the booking form, or ring 01935 602279 for a form. A form must be completed to finalise booking the hall for insurance purposes.

Sherborne Bradford Abbas Camera Club

We meet on the second and fourth evenings of the month in the village hall, starting at 7.30pm from September through to May.

September 8th: AGM followed by members evening with the theme of Summer. Members may submit up to three photos taken during our summer break, why did you take it and where.

September 22nd: Stephen Wilcox will give an insight on judging photographs. Judging is not easy; Stephen will explain what they are trained to look for in a photo and to give feedback. Members may submit a single photo for this interactive discussion.

More information at sbacameraclub.co.uk or on the Facebook page.

Yeovil Railway Centre

September 6th: Model Railway Swap meet is a good old-fashioned event to buy, sell or exchange your model railway items.

September 13th: A Train Day on the theme of Sci-Fi/Fantasy, come dressed as your favourite character. Because of the current severe fire risk in the drought, Pectin will be replaced by one of our diesel engines.

More information at yeovilrailwaycentre.co.uk or see our Facebook page.

Monday Night Bingo

Every Monday at 6.30pm with eyes down at 7.00p.m at Bradford Abbas Sports and Social Club. Everyone 18 and over is welcome to our weekly light-hearted evening which also includes a small draw, a chance to win the SNOWBALL and, of course, a laugh and chat. We finish at about 8.30pm.

The Friendship Club

Our meetings are usually on the first Tuesday afternoon of the month at Bradford Abbas Sports and Social Club. Doors open at 13:45 for 2pm start. Our next meeting, however, will be Tuesday 8th September as we are away. There is Bingo, a small draw, tea & biscuits and a chance to have a chat and a laugh with fellow villagers. New members are warmly welcomed.

Feel Good Fitness Classes in the Village Hall

One hour of full body work **every Thursday in the Village Hall 6.30 – 7.30 pm.** Any level of fitness. £6 per person. Bring a mat and lots of enthusiasm. We would love to welcome you and grow the group. Let's get the village fit!!

Mixed Ability Yoga on Saturdays 8.30am-9.30am Bradford Abbas Village Hall

If you'd like to give Yoga a try, classes are held at Bradford Abbas Village Hall on Saturday mornings 8.30 to 9.30 am - come and join us. £10 a class Emmarileyyoga@gmail.com.

Rose & Crown News

Opening Hours

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	Closed
Wednesday lunch:	Closed
Wednesday:	5.00pm - Close
Thursday:	12.00pm - 3.00pm and 5.00pm - Close
Friday:	12.00pm - Close
Saturday:	12.00pm - Close
Sunday:	12.00pm - 6.00pm

Restaurant

Food is served:

Wednesday:	5.30pm - 8.30pm
Thursday and Saturday:	12.00pm - 2.00pm and 5.30pm - 8.30pm
Sunday:	12.00pm - 3.00pm

All meals are also available as takeaway.
Weekly Specials: Be sure to check out our specials board, available Wednesday to Saturday (subject to availability).

Wednesday - Pie Night
Enjoy a delicious pie for just £12, served from 5.30pm.
Thursday - Grill Night
Two grill meals and a bottle of wine for £35, from 5.30pm.
Friday Lunchtime - Fish & Chips
Friday Evening - Curry & Pint for £15.

Sunday Carvery
Booking is recommended as availability is limited.
Sunday Meat Draw 4.30pm

Monthly Breakfast
Our popular breakfast morning takes place on the first Saturday of every month.
Saturday 5th September 10.00am - 12.00pm.

Quiz Night
The third Thursday of every month.
Thursday 17th September, from 8.15pm.
Teams of 4–6 people, £2 per person. The winning team hosts the next quiz!

Music Quiz - Hosted by Sue and Dave Drayton
Saturday 26th September 8pm
£2pp
Teams of 6
Cash Prize
Join us for an evening of music, fun, and friendly competition!

Future events:

Halloween
Saturday 31st October
In response to feedback, we have decided to host a Village themed Murder Mystery Night
Join us for an evening of murder, mystery and intrigue, featuring local residents! Free entry! Bookings essential!
From 7pm

Christmas
Christmas Parties - look out on our social media for our Christmas Party Menu!

Looking ahead to Christmas Day?
Please contact us to register your interest in our popular Christmas Day Carvery.
More information to follow.

Skittle Alley Hire
Our skittle alley is available to hire for parties, events and gatherings. Please pop in or contact us to discuss your requirements.
Contact Us
☎ 01935 423199
✉ roseandcrownba@outlook.com

The Sweet Escape Cake Shed
Located in the front porch of the Rose & Crown, The Sweet Escape Cake Shed offers a selection of homemade treats.
Opening Hours
Friday: 12.00pm - 8.00pm
Saturday: 10.00am - 8.00pm
Sunday: 10.00am - 8.00pm
Both card and cash payments are accepted.
The Cake Shed operates on an honesty payment system and helps raise funds for our daughter, Millie, who is preparing for her Camps International Borneo Adventure.

Bradford Abbas Village Hall Music Night 10th October; Save The Date!

Saturday 10th October, a date to remember!! Come and join us at the Village Hall for a Music Night, with our good friend **Ian Houston** and his ever-popular Jazz Band, **The Jazz Standards Trio.**

Tickets are £9.00 and include a light finger supper buffet. Beer, cider and wine plus soft drinks will be available for a small charge from the cash bar. Book your ticket early, to ensure your table. Book your tickets via bacmvh@gmail.com or text Tricia Chapman on 07760 225880.

Hall opens at 18.30, time to buy your drinks, raffle tickets and get comfortable as the music begins 19.30. Lots of fun with lots of friends!!

Funds raised will go towards upgrading essential services in our Village Hall.