

The Pennant



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Bradford Abbas Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan

The Bradford Abbas & Clifton Maybank Neighbourhood Plan has now been submitted to Dorset Council for examination. Dorset Council, as the local planning authority, is required to carry out a consultation on the submitted Plan. This will run from Monday, 20th July until the end of Monday, 31st August 2026.

More information about the consultation and how to comment, together with links to the relevant documents can be found on the Dorset Council website:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/bradford-abbas-and-clifton-maybank-neighbourhood-plan>

Paper copies of the draft Neighbourhood Plan and the supporting documents will be available to view in St Mary's Church, Bradford Abbas and the Dorset Council Offices in Dorchester during the consultation period. Extra paper copies of the draft Plan can also be viewed at the Rose & Crown Pub and the Sports and Recreation Club.

20mph scheme

The Household Survey, conducted as part of the Neighbourhood Plan process, highlighted how road safety is an urgent issue for residents with 83% survey respondents expressing concerns about speeding traffic. The Neighbourhood Plan identifies those roads with speeding issues and proposes that the Parish Council explores the possibility of a 20mph speed limit within the village.

This matter was discussed at the last Parish Council meeting, and it was decided to apply to Dorset Council to carry out a feasibility assessment for a potential 20 mph scheme and this will include undertaking speed surveys. Once this process has been completed the community will then be consulted on the proposed scheme. Watch this space!

Gollops Ground

On behalf of the village community the Parish Council would like to thank Councillor Dave Furby for clearing the fenced-in path at Gollops Ground so that it is now passable.

Upcoming events at Mill Farm

Friday 21st August: Big Jo Bone. Pete Robson Blues. The Pico Pizza. Twisted Cider Festival. For further details and tickets, please contact music@millfarmdorset.com

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 befitbewithlisa@gmail.com

ST MARY'S CHURCH, BRADFORD ABBAS

SERVICES MOST SUNDAYS

We continue to offer services four Sundays a month here in Bradford Abbas. Our normal pattern is that we have a lay-led Morning Worship service on the first Sunday of the month (lasting about 45 minutes) and a clergy-led Holy Communion service on the third Sunday of the month (lasting about an hour). On other Sundays, we encourage villagers to take in a service at one of the nearby churches (typically at Beer Hackett, Thornford or Yetminster) and we always have a list of services available in the church porch. However, because some people can't or don't want to travel outside the village for their worship, on the second Sunday and the fourth Sunday of the month, we are now offering a short Morning Prayer service with no hymns and no sermon – just a simple 20-minute service. You are welcome to come and join us for any (or all) of our services. We hope you will enjoy the experience enough to make you want to keep coming back. We look forward to seeing you there.

UPCOMING SERVICES - EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 10am Morning Worship (lay-led)

SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 10am short Morning Prayer service

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST 10am Family Holy Communion (led by TBC), 11:30 Baptism

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 10am Holy Communion

I'm about to head to one of our primary schools to deliver an assembly. The topic of the day is Thankfulness (AKA Gratitude). I have prepared something I hope will give the children something to think about. Getting into a habit of thankfulness is a sure-fire way to improve your quality of life.

I don't need to be a psychologist, or a mindfulness guru, to know that this is tried, tested and true. All I have to do is remember that folk of my grandparents' generation used to advise me to 'count my blessings'.

I have had to remind myself of this advice recently. My wife and I have just returned from a short holiday in Germany; somewhere I have never been. I loved it. Germany surprised me.

Three days in vibrant Berlin was followed by three days in the picturesque south; the food was delicious and the company even better. In fact, the whole trip was really a chance to catch up with old friends.

BUT... three flights were cancelled and two were delayed, so we missed connections and had to spend the night in a hotel as a result. I caught myself muttering: "I'll never fly again!"

Perhaps I should be talking to the children today about the virtue of patience rather than gratitude? In the face of repeated frustration, my reserves of patience wore thin.

Luckily, when I was gnashing my teeth, my wife managed to count our blessings, and when she struggled, I returned the favour. So, we managed, between us, to hang on to our sense of humour.

It made me think that we need to count each other's blessings from time to time. It often can't be done alone.

God bless you all.

The Reverend George Moody.

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

Yoga will return on the 29th of August. If you'd like to give it 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 Emmarileyoga@gmail.com.

The Chatty Crafters

On Friday, 21st August we will be holding our Afternoon Tea fund raiser on behalf of The Alzheimer's Society. Tea and cake will be served, and we also will be holding a raffle. There will be a craft table for the children to be creative and a tabletop sale, plus a table with some products crafted by the group. All funds will go to The Alzheimer's Society. Please come and support this very worthy cause. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Brenda on 07970159093 or Sue 07812430092.

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.

Rose and Crown News

Opening Hours

- **Monday:** Closed
- **Tuesday:** Closed
- **Wednesday lunch:** Closed
- **Friday:** 12.00pm–Close
- **Saturday:** 12.00pm–Close
- **Sunday:** 12.00pm–6.00pm

Restaurant

Food is served:

Thursday- Saturday: Rose & Crown News

- 12.00pm–2.00pm and 5.30pm–8.30pm
- **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 Thursday 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

Served from **12.00pm–2.00pm**.

Friday Evening – Curry & Pint

Enjoy a curry and a pint for **£15**.

Sunday Carvery

Booking is recommended

Sunday Meat Draw

Join us at **4.30pm** for our weekly meat draw.

August Events

Children eat for £1 during the Summer Holidays (Friday and Saturday lunch times only) *with a full paying adult meal

Monthly Breakfast

Our popular breakfast morning takes place on the first Saturday of every month.

Saturday 1st August 10.00am–12.00pm.

Quiz Night

The third Thursday of every month.

Thursday 20th August, from 8.15pm.

Teams of 4–6 people, £2 per person. The winning team hosts the next quiz!

Rose & Crown Big Summer Party Charity Fundraiser, raising money for Bliss

Saturday 8th August 2.00pm–8.00pm

Join us for a fantastic afternoon of family fun featuring **live music, a magic show, face painting, children's stalls, delicious cakes and fantastic food**. There's something for everyone to enjoy, so be sure to save the date!

60s, 70s, 80s Themed Music Bingo

Saturday 29th August - Fancy dress encouraged!

Future events: Christmas Day

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**. During the expedition, she will take part in humanitarian and conservation projects, making a positive impact on local communities and the environment.

Monday Night Bingo

Every Monday at 6.30pm with eyes down at 7.00pm 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 generally on the first Tuesday afternoon of the month at Bradford Abbas Sports and Social Club and our next meeting will be Tuesday, 4th August. There is Bingo, a small draw, tea & biscuits and a chance to have a chat and a laugh with fellow villagers. New members will be 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!!

