

The Pennant



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Open Gardens in Bradford Abbas

A huge thank you to all of those who came and supported Open Gardens on June 14th. A further huge thank you to all the gardeners, who fought the battle against ground elder, bind weed, the heat, the rain and wind in the weeks before the event to prepare the lovely gardens, allotment, churchyard etc. An enormous amount of effort was involved. Thank you also to the person who designed the fabulous map and others who made delicious cakes and scones, donated raffle prizes and sold tickets. A terrific total of £1547.50 was raised for the church heating fund through the £4 entrance fee, sale of ice-cream, afternoon teas, the raffle, and donations received for evening hospitality in one of the beautiful gardens. Dali was pleased to see so many pony-loving people visit him at home, too! So, a massive thank you to everyone involved. What a lovely place Bradford Abbas is!

(And, of course, a huge thank-you to you too, Jenny! Ed.)

Bradford Abbas Variety Club

Join us for a BBQ at the Sports & Social Club on **Sunday 5th July**, from 15:30 to 19:30. Enjoy a burger and sausage and share your ideas or support for this year's Variety Show. Fingers crossed for good weather — the marquee is now up — and, of course, the Clubhouse will be open for refreshments!

Bradford Abbas Sports and Social Club

Our AGM takes place on **Tuesday 7th July at 8pm**. Everyone welcome.

The Friendship Club

Generally, our meetings are the first Tuesday afternoon of the month at Bradford Abbas Sports and Social Club and our next meeting will be 7th July. 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.

Yeovil Railway Centre

Sunday 5th July: Model railway collectors Swap Meet - buy, sell, swap model railway items. There was a real buzz at the last swap meet in April with lots of happy visitors carrying their finds away!

Thursday 9th July: 35028 *Clan Line* visits us with the "End of Southern Steam" tour to Weymouth. Time of arrival to be advised for coaling, turning, watering and servicing the engine. Admission by donation.

Sunday 12th July: Steam Train Day and the Hogweed Express hauled by *Pectin* - plus School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, 9.30 to 3.30pm.

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th July: Tractor weekend with Steam Train rides with our 0-4-0 Peckett steam engine *Pectin*. Further information for all these events at yeovilrailwaycentre.co.uk

Upcoming events at Mill Farm

Thursday 2nd July: The Wife – outdoor theatre brought to us by The Rude Mechanicals.

Saturday 25th July: Mill Farm Party Line-up – The Clean Up. Sorry About Shaun. Pylon Poets. Rocket Repair Kit. The Ducks. Conor Smith. Steel Leaf.

Sunday 26th July: Mill Farm Folk Festival Line-up – Swamp Stomp String Band. The Lost Trades. The Ducks. K D Rivers. Wavestones. St Fian. Tor.

Friday 21st August: Big Jo Bone. Pete Robson Blues. The Picolo Pizza. Twisted Cider Festival.

For further details and tickets, please contact music@millfarmdorset.com

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!!

ST MARY'S CHURCH, BRADFORD ABBAS

THE CONTINUING HEATWAVE

As the summer weather puts us all in a sweat, it is all too easy to forget about the struggles many of us face during the winter months. At St Mary's we have been acutely aware of the effects of cold for some years. We are therefore delighted to inform you all that our long campaign to secure approval from the church authorities for a new heating system in church has finally achieved its goal. Now that we have approval, we are working with suppliers and installers to make sure that – inside the church at least – the heatwave will continue all year. We owe a great deal to everyone who has helped make this possible. This includes individual donors (from eye-wateringly large sums to a few coins in a jar); people who have attended our fund-raising events over the past 18 months or so; the managing trustees of the Heritage Fund; and the Dorset Historic Churches Trust. If you would like to help us ensure the final costs can be met, any contributions at this stage will be very gratefully received. You can make donations using the online donations terminal inside the church. Alternatively, contact Gary on 07799 430400 or email the church on BradfordAbbasChurch@gmail.com for details of how to make a contribution. We will update the village about the proposed installation via future editions of The Pennant.

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 5 JULY 10am Morning Worship (lay-led)

SUNDAY 12 JULY 10am short Morning Prayer service

SUNDAY 19 JULY 10am Holy Communion (led by Rector George Moody)

SUNDAY 26 JULY 10am short Morning Prayer service

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

SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 10am short Morning Prayer service

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST 10am Holy Communion (led by TBC)

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 10am short Morning Prayer service

Mixed Ability Yoga

Saturdays 8.30am-9.30am Bradford Abbas Village Hall

Yoga is having a summer break this year - the last class before the break will be on the 18th of July and Yoga will return on the 29th of August. 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. Emmarileyvoga@gmail.com. £10 a class.

Sherborne Bradford Abbas Camera Club

There are no meetings in the village hall. We are on our summer break which means we are out and about taking photos of summer for the start of the new season in September.

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.

If you need any more information, please contact Lisa Brett 07760-169707 befitbewellwithlisa@gmail.com

The Chatty Crafters

The next meeting of the Chatty Crafters is on Friday 17th July at The Rose & Crown, Bradford Abbas between 2-4, new members are always welcome. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Brenda on 07970159093 or Sue 07812430092.

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.

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 & Crown News

Opening Hours

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

Restaurant - Our new menus are now available! Food is served:

- **Wednesday to Friday:** 12.00pm–2.00pm and 5.30pm–8.30pm
- **Saturday:** 12.00pm–2.00pm and 5.30pm–8.30pm
- **Sunday:** 12.00pm–4.00pm

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

Served from **12.00pm–2.00pm**.

Friday Evening – Curry & Pint

Enjoy a curry and a pint for **£15**.

Sunday Carvery

Booking is recommended as availability is limited.

Sunday Meat Draw

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

July Events

Watch England Matches with Us!

Join us to cheer on England throughout the tournament. Follow our social media pages for match dates and special drinks offers.

Monthly Breakfast

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

Saturday 4th July, 10.00am–12.00pm.

Quiz Night

The third Thursday of every month.

Thursday 16th July, from 8.15pm.

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

Saturday 11th July – Mexican Theme Night

Saturday 18th July – Family Karaoke & BBQ

From 5.00pm.

Wednesday 22nd July – End of Term Celebration

Join us from **3.15pm** to celebrate the end of term. More details will be available on our social media channels.

Looking Ahead

Rose & Crown Big Summer Party

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!

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 offers a selection of home-made sweet treats.

Located in the front porch of the Rose & Crown. Open **Friday: 12.00pm–8.00pm. Saturday &**

Sunday 10.00am–8.00pm. Card and cash accepted on an honesty payment system to help raise funds for our daughter, **Millie**, who is preparing for her **Camps International Borneo** humanitarian and conservation trip.

