

The Pennant



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St. Mary's Bradford Abbas Heritage Fund: Annual General Meeting

Help preserve our cherished St. Mary's Church, a peaceful retreat and historic landmark at the heart of our village. Since 1995, the Heritage Fund has supported the maintenance of this gem for future generations. Join us by attending our Annual General Meeting on **Thursday, June 4th, at 8:00 PM** in the village hall. Support our cause with an annual subscription or one-time donation. Membership forms are available in the church.

Let's ensure St. Mary's continues to be a pillar of our community!

St. Mary's Primary School Summer Fair

Friday 12th June, 3.00 – 5.00pm

Are you ready for a fun afternoon in the sun?

We look forward to welcoming you to the school's Summer Fair on Friday 12th June 3.00 - 5.00 pm, where there will be fete-style games and activities including Hook the Highland, Splat the Rat, Dig for Diamonds, Donkey Grooming, Penalty Shoot Out, Goat & Poultry Corner, Bouncy Castle & Forest School Fun. There will also be local community stalls (handmade children's clothing, meat boxes & charcuterie, local honey & crafts) plus food and refreshments. So come along for a couple of hours of fun for all the family!

St. Mary's CE Primary School PTA

Bradford Abbas Open Gardens 2026

Sunday, June 14th, 2026, 1-5pm

After the much-appreciated garden openings in 2021 and 2023, we are opening gardens again in 2026.

Come and enjoy a special afternoon in our beautiful village and bring your friends and relatives to visit a wide variety of interesting and much-loved hidden gardens throughout the village.

You will be asked to sign in outside the village hall, pay £4 in aid of the church heating fund, with children free. You will be given a badge to wear and a map. Each garden will be identified on the map as well as by balloons outside the house. Six of the gardens are opening for the first time. Ice-creams, teas and cream teas will be available with Prosecco available from 5pm to finish off a fabulous afternoon!

So do join us, rain or shine, and enjoy an afternoon in the varied and lovely gardens of our village.

Upcoming events at Mill Farm

Jinder Live at The Omelette Club – Mill Farm – Friday 19th June

We're thrilled to welcome acclaimed singer-songwriter Jinder to The Omelette Club at Mill Farm for an intimate live performance you won't want to miss.

Known for his rich, soulful voice and beautifully crafted songs, Jinder brings heartfelt storytelling and timeless melodies to every stage he steps on. You may recognise him from the 2019 hit film *Fisherman's Friends*, where his music featured on the soundtrack — a testament to his authentic, roots-inspired sound.

Blending folk, Americana and classic singer-songwriter influences, Jinder's live shows are warm, engaging and deeply memorable. In the cosy setting of The Omelette Club, this promises to be a truly special evening of music up close and personal.

Tickets for this event are available from the Mill Farm website: <https://www.millfarmmusic.com/events/>

The Chatty Crafters

The next meeting of The Chatty Crafters will be held on Friday 19th June, between 2-4 at the Rose & Crown, Bradford Abbas. New members are very welcome to come and join us for crafting and chatting.

We are planning our fundraiser for 2026 with kind permission from the Rose & Crown on behalf of The Alzheimer's Society, which I think you will agree is a very good cause indeed. This will be held on Friday 21st August, more details to follow. Please put this date in your diary.

Mixed Ability Yoga

Saturdays 8.30am-9.30am Bradford Abbas Village Hall

Come along and join us! These are friendly and fun classes, suitable for most. Start your weekend with movement and relaxation. £9 per session. Email emmarileyoga@gmail.com for further details

The Friendship Club

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 2 June at 2.00 pm at Bradford Abbas Sports and Social Club. 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. Generally, our meetings are always on the first Tuesday afternoon of the month.

Feel Good Fitness Classes in the Village Hall

No class on the 4th of June due to prior bookings but, after that, 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

We are continuing 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, we know that some people can't or don't want to travel outside the village for their worship. So, 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 7 JUNE 10am Morning Worship (lay-led)
SUNDAY 14 JUNE 10am short Morning Prayer service
SUNDAY 21 JUNE 10am Holy Communion (led by Joe Edwards)
SUNDAY 28 JUNE 10am short Morning Prayer service
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

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.

Bradford Abbas Variety Club

After our very successful Christmas Special Show before Christmas, we have now distributed the funds back into the community for many of you to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who was able to support us and the community.

We will be holding our annual BBQ at the Sports & Social Club on Sunday **5th July** at 1530 to 1930 hrs. We hope you will be able to join us for a hot dog or burger and contribute your ideas or offer of help to participate in this year's show! There will be a donation box.

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

Rose and Crown, Bradford Abbas

- **Opening hours:** Tuesday 5- close; Wednesday - Thursday 12-3 & 5-close; Friday 12-close; Saturday 12 noon – close; Sunday 12 noon – 6pm.
- **Restaurant:** Wednesday – Friday 12 noon - 2pm & 5.30pm - 8.30pm; Saturday 12 noon - 2pm & 5.30 - 8.30pm, Sun 12 noon - 4pm
- **Specials:** Pop in to see our specials board! Served Wednesday - Saturday (limited availability)
- **Pie Night** – 2 meals and 2 drinks for £35! Every Wednesday from 5.30pm
- **Grill Night** – 2 meals and a bottle of wine for £35!! Every Thursday from 5.30pm
- **Fish & Chip Friday:** Served every Friday lunchtime 12 noon - 2pm
- **Curry night** – Curry and a pint £15. Every Friday from 5.30pm
- **Sunday Carvery** - Limited availability, please contact us to book
- **Meat Draw** every Sunday at 4.30pm

June events:

Breakfast: The first Saturday of every month, Saturday 6th: served 10am -12 noon.

Quiz Night: The 3rd Thursday of every Month. On Thursday 18 June come and test your knowledge! Teams of 4-6, £2pp. From 8pm. The winning team hosts the next Quiz!

Future events:

Father's Day - book in now for Father's Day Carvery on Sunday 21st June

June 28th - 90's Garden Party with DJ Emma

Rose and Crown Big Summer Party - Saturday 8th August, more information coming soon

You can hire our skittle alley - please pop in or contact us to discuss further.

Contact us on: 01935 423199, email info@therosecrownbradfordabbas.co.uk. Visit our website <https://www.therosecrownbradfordabbas.co.uk>

Bradford Abbas Sports and Social Club

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

Message from the Editor:

Hello. I'm following on from Jo after her many years of editing The Pennant, and I'll do my best to maintain her high standards, but please bear with me. If it's easier, feel free to send your news to my personal email at bjs7796@gmail.com, but do include "News for The Pennant" and the relevant month in the subject line so I can find it easily, as messages can sometimes get buried. Many thanks, Belinda Stephens