

Maiden Bradley

Parish News

No 358 April 2019

Remembering
Eileen Seal
1925 - 2019





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Diary for April

1	Mon	Household waste collection – Special collection of coffee grounds for Mushroom growing in Wylve – in plastic containers please.	
2	Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Hall	7pm
3	Wed	Prayer Meeting, for venue please phone 01985 844817	
6.30pm			
7	Sun	Catch-up Sunday in the Hall – coffee, croissants and chat	10am
8	Mon	Black box, Blue and Green Bin collection	
10	Wed	Prayer meeting – 844817	6.30pm
11	Thur	Prize Bingo – Welcome Club in Horningsham Hall	2.30pm
12	Fri	Film Night in the Hall – Bohemian Rhapsody	7 for 7.30pm
13	Sat	Military Wives’ Choir – Hall	7.30pm
14	Sun	Palm Sunday Service	10am
		Kids for Cancer – Coffee Morning in the Hall	10 – 12 am
15	Mon	Household waste collections	
17	Wed	Prayer Meeting – 844817	6.30pm
20	Sat	Easter Church Decorating 84424	10am
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21	Sun	Easter Day Eucharist at the Churc	10am
22	Mon	Black box, Blue and Green Bin collection	
23	Tue	Welcome Club Mystery trip departs Horningsham 8.45am and MB at 9am	
24	Wed	Prayer Meeting – 844817	6.30pm
28	Sun	Parish Communion	10am
29	Mon	Household waste collection	
MAY			
11	Sat	Parish Development Plan Consultation in the Village Hall	2-5pm

Dr Harding’s Surgery every Monday at the Memorial Hall except Bank Holidays 5-6 pm.
Please bring your orders to Memorial Hall Surgery the week before they are due for the Doctor to process.

Refuse & Recycling Collections every Monday, for Bank Holiday changes see Wiltshire Council website.

Mother & Toddlers every Tuesday 10.00 am to 12 noon.

Useful telephone Nos.: The Pub: 844207; Memorial Hall bookings – Mel Thomas 845111 ;

Dr. Andrew Murrison MP: 01225 358584 or murrisona@parliament.uk:

Mere Link Scheme 01747 860096; Rev. Carol Wilson-Barker 01747 861859.

Bell Ringing every Tuesday 7 pm in the Bell Tower at the Church.

Beginners welcome 844475

Coffee Mornings every Friday in the Hall 10 am till 12 noon

Maiden Bradley Parish News – contributions are welcome and preferred in WORD format.
Email pat@visa-office.com

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Editorial

Easter is just three weeks away and I am already planning the annual Easter Egg Hunt through my house and garden for the grandchildren to enjoy. The decoration of the Church for the Easter festival is on April 20th, ably organised by Sue Priestner who is looking for flower arrangers to assist her. Please support our enterprising young fundraisers on their Coffee Morning and bring your ideas to the consultation with the Parish Council on the Parish Development Plan. It's your village, now and in the future, shape it as you would like it to be.

Pat Kennedy 845397 pat@visa-office.com

Family News

We would like to thank Eileen Seal's children Anthony, Geoff and Hilary for letting us print Eileen's eulogy and some family photographs in this month's News. Eileen was a respected and loved member of this village and for all those who knew her, she will be sadly missed. For those who didn't know her personally, we know that we have all benefited from the legacy of service Eileen gave to the wider community.

Pat Kennedy



FLOWER ARRANGERS for EASTER

On April 20th we will be decorating the church for the Easter Service. We meet from 10 am onwards and so if you could spare an hour please bring what you can to contribute to making the church look festive for Easter. Any further info needed then please ring Sue on 844244.

April News From The Hall



We should have the Post Office service up and running by the end of the month, so I have been informed. It will be open between

2.00pm & 4.00pm on Tuesday afternoons.

Along with the PO the hall's café will be open for Tea/Coffee so make your visit a social one at the same time.

FILM NIGHT

WE WILL BE SHOWING BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY
ON FRIDAY 12TH APRIL DOORS OPEN AT 7.00 PM

The Military Wives Choir

Will be here for your entertainment on **Saturday 13th April** tickets are on sale in the shop and from Mel Thomas, Adults £8.00 under 16 £5.00, doors and bar are open from 7.30 pm

Kids for Cancer

Come and support 4 of the youngest members of our community who want to raise money for Clic Sargent and Leukaemia.

They are holding a Coffee morning on

Sunday 14th April

They have on offer Tea, Coffee, homemade cakes and a raffle, please come along and support their efforts.

I would like to congratulate and thank the Pantomime Group for the excellent show that they put on in February - we are looking forward to their next production already.

Look out for **fresh veg** and marked down **bargains** in

The Old Kitchen Store

Thank you to the Pantomime Group:

I was so lucky this year to have some amazingly talented people to help turn my script into an entertaining couple of hours. Sam Ribeck and Ben Gunstone directed, snipped, added, pummelled and polished until it turned into an amazing little show.

No small thanks go to the very talented and brave people who took up the parts on offer and made the characters uniquely their own - Tom Allday (our perennial and untiring Dame Heidi Hubbard), Ollie Mead the smooth and charming Piper. Christina Day – the whacky Professor Brainstorm and James Kennedy the stumbling, bumbling Mayor “**mind the step**” and who will forget Tonia Gunstone as Madam Rosa with her funky sunglasses and pink hair? Laura Rayner never fails to delight with her beautiful voice and smile and the other young members of the cast – Elsie Swan Stevens whose interpretation of Bingo the Dog was quite wonderful; Phoebe Cross and Florence Gunstone who brought so much enthusiasm and new ideas to their characters (Florence also helped with the Children’s Choreography) and Millie Barnes and Jessie Betts who showed hidden depths of comedy and timing.

No Pantomime would be complete without children on the stage and in the audience and those on the stage Annie Betts, Lila Gunstone, Charlotte Higgins and Georgia Higgins stole the show with their dancing, comic rat antics and cool asides (all from their own imaginations).

The back stage people are the unsung heroes of any production and Neil Scheurmier worked for weeks painting, creating props (including the infamous door) and goodness knows what else, the man never stops and never gives in or gives up on anything.

I could write another page on these wonderful people but I must stop or Pat will not find room so thanks again Sue Priestner for the music, John Priestner for stage and general hall know how, Sheila Foley for sourcing costumes and props and Pat Kennedy for her patient prompting and Sam Higgins and Wendy Gardiner for getting everyone on stage at the right time. Also the ladies and gentleman who helped with the door, raffle tickets etc, Pearl Hudson, Sarah Muir, Mary Stevens, Ester Swan and Geoffrey Stevens. Andy and Lyn at the Somerset Arms and Brenda the other ladies in the Old Kitchen Store for selling the tickets and of course all those who came to watch.

Once again a great big heartfelt

“THANK YOU” *from Carol Kenzie.*

Children supporting cancer charities!

On Sunday 14th April, four young village children, Max, Charlotte, Hollie and Georgia are running a pop up cafe in the Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall, 10-12. They will be serving up a range of delicious home made cakes, soft drinks, teas and coffees.

They have decided to do this to raise money for CLIC Sargent and Macmillan. All proceeds will be split 50/50 between these two amazing charities. There will also be a raffle, so if you can't come on the day you can contact Sam Higgins on 844671 or Jamie Smart on - 845322 and purchase your tickets through them.

Any donations of cakes or raffle prizes are greatly appreciated but most importantly, please come and support the children and these amazing charities!

WELCOME CLUB

Please find below dates for our meetings at Horningsham Village Hall.

11th April	Prize Bingo
16th May	Bring & Buy
20th June	Musical Memories
18th July	t.b.c
<i>No meeting in August</i>	
19th Sept	Prize Bingo
17th Oct	Prize Quiz
21st Nov	A.G.M
2nd Dec	Christmas Bingo Maiden Bradley Hall 7.30 for 8.00pm start

All meetings start at 2.30pm

Membership of Welcome Club is £5 per year. We invite guests to join us for any meeting. Tea/Coffee and biscuits are supplied.

Our coach trips this year are as follows:

23rd April	Mystery trip
28th May	Hereford & Tintern Mill
25th June	Broadwindsor Craft Centre & Lyme Regis
23rd July	Lyndhurst & Bournemouth
20th Aug	Sidmouth
24th Sept	Dorchester & Weymouth
22nd Oct	Lacock & Cirencester

Fares are Members £12.00 Non-members £15.00

Coach leaves Bath Arms Horningsham 8.45am and Maiden Bradley 9.0am

Anyone is welcome to join us for our meetings and on our outings. Please contact Pearl on 01985 844779 to book a seat on any trip.

We look forward to seeing you.

EILEEN SEAL

Eileen was born in Beaumont Road, Acton on Jan 14th 1925 two years after her elder brother Stan. At the age of two the family moved to Montgomery Road Chiswick. She attended infant school at the age of four, junior school at seven and on passing the eleven plus attended Chiswick County School for girls. After leaving school she trained as a secretary but in 1943 got the patriotic bug and applied for and was accepted into the Land Army. After working on two other farms in Wiltshire she was then posted in 1944 to Newmead farm in Maiden Bradley. It was on a bus back from Frome one Saturday night that she met her husband to be Bob. It was also in 1944 that Eileen helped to found the Maiden Bradley cub group which consisted of about thirty boys including evacuees.



After the war in 1946 Eileen and Bob married here in All Saints Church and returned to live in London but after a few years Eileen was desperate for village life again so in 1951 with their eldest 5 week old son Anthony moved back to Maiden Bradley. In 1951 she joined the village work party and at each jumble sale without being a particularly good sales person she invariably found herself with limited success on the jumble stall. She was also voted on to the PCC on which she served for 44 years, 9 of which as treasurer. She was also a founder member and secretary of Maiden Bradley Mother's Union and leader of both Young Wives Group and Women's World Day of Prayer. She also served for a period of time as Treasure of the Hall Committee. Bob and Eileen also extended their family with Geoff being born in 1953 and Hilary in 1962.

She nursed her husband Bob in his final years and in 1988 the year after his death Eileen volunteered to the doctor the use of rooms in her house for his weekly surgery, This continued until around 2014 when the doctor moved into a new room in the village hall. Eileen's family know that she was extremely proud and honoured to have the new surgery in the hall named after her.



It was also during the late 80's and 1990's that Eileen became a co-editor on the Maiden Bradley news. She was also a member of the East Knowles handicap club and the Maiden Bradley Garden club and in 2002 was awarded from Wiltshire County Council a Good Neighbours award. Her long overdue Land Army medal was awarded to her in 2009. She didn't always enjoy the best of health, she had cancer of the thyroid gland in 1948 and in 1975 had a major operation for cancer of the colon but had great faith and was convinced this helped her during these times, the church and the lady chapel in particular played an important part in her life especially when it was her turn to do the lady chapel flowers. She loved her sport, football and Chelsea in particular, Cricket and Rugby and in the last few weeks of her life enjoyed the Golf. She knew she had wonderful neighbours, Steve and Zena were always on hand to help and Peter and Wendy were unbelievably helpful and patient with her. She loved her family, she loved her friends and she very much loved Maiden Bradley.

Parish Council February 2019

Highways - If any Parishioner sees or is aware of anything which they feel needs attention in and around the parish highways, they are requested to contact Wiltshire Council using either the online website above, the Wiltshire Council App or on the landline number **0300 456 0105**.

The Wiltshire Council app can be used to report Highways issues or online at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/mywiltshirelogin.htm>

Weight Limit - The Parish Council received the below briefing from Fleur De Rhe Phillippe, following the Parish Councils request for an update. Council noted the content of a parishioner correspondence also received. Council reviewed the below reports from Fleur De Rhe Phillippe and Parvis Khansari, Director of Highways Wiltshire Council and taking in to account the content of the correspondence from a parishioner, Council commented that it is aware of the slowness of the movement on the weight limit, it resolved not to take further action at this moment in time but will continue to monitor progress and invite the parishioner to speak at the April meeting.

Fleur De Rhe Phillippe

The below confirms that Wiltshire Council is very aware of problems of HGVs in Maiden Bradley and has every intention to implement a weight limit as soon as possible. As far as the crucial improvement to the A303/A350 junction is concerned, this project is included in the second batch of schemes. This does at least give confidence that the work is in government plans. I am personally involved in pursuing the improvements to the A303 as hard as I can. Work to progress the first three schemes is already underway including the Stonehenge stretch. Hope this helps. Please let me know if there is anything more the Parish Council feels I can do. It is an issue I have been pursuing for nearly 20 years!

Below briefing from Parvis Khansari, Director of Highways Wiltshire Council.

"The proposed weight limit in Maiden Bradley is part of a wider package of weight restrictions in western Wiltshire. The reports which considered this proposal can be found on the council's website at: Weight Limits in Western Wiltshire - Decision

The proposed weight limits for Maiden Bradley, Corsley and Chapmanslade are environmental weight limits. As a direct consequence of implementing these environmental weight limits, the council's consultants forecast an increase in right turning HGV movements at the A303/A350 junction. This junction already suffers from a poor accident record and has been identified as an accident cluster. Without significant improvements at this junction an increase in HGV movements arising from one, or all of the proposed weights limits in western Wiltshire would have a detrimental impact on road safety. In addition, implementing only part of the weight limit package for this area is likely to result in an increase in HGV movements through the unprotected villages. This position is untenable.

The Government has a long term commitment to creating a new Expressway to the South West. The A303/A350 junction falls within the section between Chicklade Bottom to Mere. The long term proposal for this section includes a combination of on-line and off-line widening to create a dual carriageway throughout the section and includes a bypass around Chicklade and a grade-separated interchange would be introduced at the A350.

Highways England is currently considering potential improvements for the next round of the Road Improvement Strategy 2. During the consultation period, Wiltshire Council has highlighted the wider importance of improvements to the A303/A350 junction which would then allow the environmental weight limits in western Wiltshire to be implemented."

Community Speed Watch Volunteers - The Community Speed Watch Volunteers forms have been scanned and sent to the Policing Team to enable them to process the Background checks as soon as these have been completed the team will be invited to a training session and will then be able to go live.

Planning – the below applications were discussed

Application Ref: 19/01666/FUL, Application for Full Planning Proposal: - Alter cottage to form two separate dwellings. At: 15-16, Church Street, Maiden Bradley, BA12 7HW Resolved: supported.
Application Ref: 19/01539/TCA Application for Work to Trees in a Cons Area Proposal: - T1 Beech situated close to boundary wall. Fell At: 82 High Street, Maiden Bradley, BA12 7JG Resolved: supported. **(Please note: in planning matters the Council acts as the consultee of the Principal Authority. The Principal Authority being the deciding body)**

CPRE Wiltshire Best kept Village Competition- the Parish Council is seeking a volunteer to action the Wiltshire Best Kept Village Competition for 2019. Please note also that the Competition is for the best kept village, not for the prettiest village. The Parish Clerk has copies of previous year's entries and can assist with the entry documentation. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested in leading the Competition.

Entry is open to all villages/parishes with a population not exceeding 3500 as stated on Wiltshire Council's database or in Swindon Borough Council's area. Any village with a population that exceeds this figure is welcome to apply to enter if there are reasonable circumstances, such as a large housing estate in the parish that is effectively separate from the historic village and which would not be included in the judging area. A parish council that covers several villages is very welcome to submit separate entries for one or more of those villages (and an individual or group from that village could submit the entry directly), as several have been doing for many years.

Please note the following:

- There is no cost to enter. Prizes of £200 to £30, sponsored by The Hills Group, are available for each of the three village size categories.
 - There will also be a prize of £150 for the "Best Newcomer", sponsored by Haine & Smith, (open to any village that has not entered the BKVC in the previous 5 years i.e. since 2013).
 - There will also be a Merit Prize (also of £150) for the village that does not win a major prize this year but which has entered for every one of the past 5 years and has achieved the best overall results in that period.
 - Entries can be by email and/or paper.
 - The work required to prepare entry documents need not take long and can of course be shared amongst parish councillors and other villagers.
- The timings for this year's competition are similar to those of recent years:
- The entry deadline is 22nd April
 - Judging for the first (District) round will take place from 13th May to 9th June.
 - Judging for the second (County) round and for the Laurence Kitching Award will take place in July.
 - The Presentation Day for the major winners will be on Sunday 15th September.

Date of the next meeting- The Council agreed that **Tuesday 2nd April 2019** would be the date of the next Parish Council meeting. As always, the Parish Council meeting will be open at the start with an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or make comments on any matter. The website www.maidenbradley.org.uk can be accessed to read a copy of the Agenda and minutes electronically or copies are displayed on the Community Notice Board at the Bus Stop. If you have access to Facebook, there is a Parish Council Facebook page do sign up and join the Community Information Board.

Sarah Jeffries the clerk can be contacted by email: maidenbradley@virginmedia.com or phone: 01985 213436 or by mail to Maiden Bradley Parish Clerk 9 Beech Grove Warminster BA12 0AB



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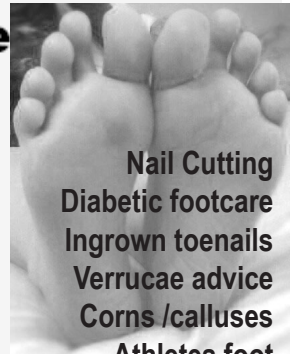
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Rev. Bernard Joy

I was born and brought up in the post war London slums. A place where the Krays and the Richardsons fought their bloody turf battles. My street was typical of so many around us. We had perhaps more than our fair share of brothels and Dickensian thieves' kitchens, where everyone in the household was involved in some form of criminal activity, however minor.

I fell in love with Jesus at primary school and just knew, that if everyone did the things he suggested, our world would be a much better

place. But the church never sounded much like the Jesus of the Bible. Nor did it look like him. Since I could not believe in the God they so often represented, I could not be a Christian. But on behalf of children everywhere, I kept asking where the church was on our street?

It wasn't until my thirty-second birthday, just before Christmas that God literally forced me into church and a period of exploration which led to membership. And it was only a few year later that he dragged me, kicking and screaming into ministry. But after 35 years of ministry in a variety of parishes, mostly the ones that no one wanted, I now realise that for a long time, I have not been asking the question, but answering it for thousands of young people around the country.

In preparation for the Easter Day Eucharist that I will celebrate with you in April, I encourage you to consider that Jesus is not risen, because it says so in the Bible, but because there are folk who even today, meet him in the midst of their own lives. The acclamation, "He is risen", can only come from our heart! Not our service book.

alleluia!
Christ has Risen!

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APRIL 21ST

10AM

