

Maiden Bradley

Parish News

No 318 December 2015



Diary December 2015

1 st Tue	Owlets' Craft Morning– Memorial Hall	10.00 am-1.00 pm
2 nd Wed	Prayer Meeting– Condlyffe Cottage	6.30 pm
	Budget Stretch & Recharge– Memorial Hall	7-8.00 pm
3 rd Thu	Welcome Club Christmas Tea- Horningsham Hall	2.30 pm
6 th Sun	Holy Communion– Church	10.00 am
7 th Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bins Collection	7.00 am
	Bingo– Memorial Hall	7.30 for 8.00 pm
8 th Tue	Parish Council Meeting– Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
9 th Wed	Kids@MB– Memorial Hall	6.00-7.30 pm
	Prayer Meeting– Condlyffe Cottage	6.30 pm
11 th Fri	Panto DVD– Aladdin– Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
13 th Sun	Matins– Church	10.00 am
14 th Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
	Book Group Meeting– Selwood, Frome	7.30 pm
16 th Wed	Budget Stretch & Recharge– Memorial Hall	7-8.00 pm
	Prayer Meeting – Condlyffe Cottage	6.30 pm
17 th Thu	Shreen Singers Concert– Church	7.30 pm
18 th Fri	Village Christmas Lunch– Memorial Hall 12.45 for...	1.00 pm
18th Fri	Copy Day for articles for January News to pat@visa-office.com	
19 th Sat	Decorating All Saints' for Christmas! At Church	10.00 am
20 th Sun	Service of Lessons & Carols– Church	6.00 pm
21 st Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bins Collection	7.00 am
	Carol Singers in the Village	from 4.30 pm
24 th Thu	Crib Service– Church	3.00 pm
	Candle-lit Communion Service– Church	11.30 pm
25 th Fri	Family Communion – Church	10.00 am
27 th Sun	No service at All Saints' Church	
29 th Tue	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am

**Mass times:- St.George's, Warminster– Saturday 6 pm (Vigil); Sunday 8 am 10 am
St. Mary's, Mere– Friday 10 am; Saturday 5.30 pm**

Dr Harding's Surgery every Monday at the Memorial Hall except Bank Holidays 5-6 pm.
Due to pressure of work the Surgery at Silton, Bourton, is unable to accept repeat orders for medication by telephone. Please bring your orders to Memorial Hall Surgery the week before they are due so that the Doctor can collect them.

Dustbin Day every Monday for Bank Holiday changes see Wiltshire Council website.
Mother & Toddlers every Tuesday 10.00 am to 12 noon.

Useful telephone Nos.: The Village Shop: 844206; The Post Office: 845040; 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 Maiden
Bradley Parish News: contributions are welcome in any format.
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From the Editor

Like me, you are probably looking forward to Christmas and being with family and friends over the festive season. One weather forecast shows a prolonged period of cold weather to hit us fairly soon so stock up with matches, firelighters, candles, kindling - all available at our very own village shop.

Four fire engines attended the chimney fire at the racing stables on Thursday 18th November, just outside Maiden Bradley but unfortunately I didn't have my camera with me to record it for you. Driving by next day, I could see that the thatched roof was still intact (roadside) and trust that damage was minimal and no one was injured, animals not disturbed by the noise and activity.

We were sorry not to see more villagers at the Race Night in the Memorial Hall on 14th November. Mel cooked a wonderful supper, we bet on eight thrilling horse races and even won a raffle prize— most of my horses came last— but the company and evening made for a very successful event. Thank you Mel.

From all of us at the News, we wish you a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year for 2016.

Please note that the January edition will be early due to the close down period over Christmas at the printer's, so the closing date for copy will be 18th December.

Pat Kennedy– 845397 pat@visa-office.com

All Saints



It is to be hoped that when you read this we shall all have enjoyed an enjoyable and successful Christmas Fair. If the News gets to you before the 27th November then I hope this will act as a reminder to come along to the Hall at 6 pm to join in the fun and support your Hall and Church!

The Christmas entertainment will continue on 17th December when Shreen Harmony will be at All Saints' with a varied programme of songs and music. Our very own Jules and Tim will be among the star cast so please come along to support them and enjoy a relaxing evening— wine and other refreshments on offer. All details on the back cover.

Soon after that we shall be gathering in All Saints' to decorate it for the Christmas season and all the wonderful traditional services that will be held there. The days and times are all listed in the Diary so do please keep that by you so that you don't miss anything. This is when we can forget all the tasteless commercialism which has bombarded us for weeks and come to the real meaning of Christmas. Unfortunately, due to recent tragic events, thoughts of peace are difficult but at least here in Maiden Bradley there is good will! Please come and enjoy what is offered to help you all have a H:

Meg Oliver- 844317



News from the Bell Tower

On Tuesday 17th November, a group from the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Bell ringers, rang a full Peal of the bells at All Saints' Church, Maiden Bradley.

Tuesday, 17 November 2015 in 2h 48m (13–2–7 in F)

5040 Grandsire Doubles

(Morris 240 and 40 extents)

1. Sally N Griggs
2. Judith J Williamson
3. Maryan E Jenner
4. Robert J Wellen
5. Malcolm J Penney (C)
6. Jonathan M Maguire



The Peal was dedicated to the memory of Henry Crabbe, tower captain at this church, who died earlier this year. First Peal: 1 & 6. First Peal of Grandsire Doubles: 2, 4 & 5. 400th Peal and completes Grandsire family: 2. First peal of Grandsire Doubles as conductor.



Parish Council 10th November 2015

Planning - 15/10614/FUL Location Yarnfield Manor, Dukes Lane, Maiden Bradley BA12 7HX

Proposal: Installation of solar panels on agricultural building. Resolved: Supported

Recreational Area Update - The replacement of the broken wooden fencing at the play area has been approved by the Parish Council. It is to be replaced with a continuation of the metal fencing already in place. The spring on the entrance gate is also to be replaced at the same time. Councillors will remove and dispose of the wooden fencing to bring the cost of the work down by £250.00. The final cost will be £984.00. Work will take place from the 23rd November 2015. Parishioners are also asked to note that as the swimming pool has been filled in, the risk re-kite flying has been removed and so kite flying can now take place in the vicinity.

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, the Wiltshire Council App or on the landline number 0300 456 0105.

Items for the next Agenda – Budget, reserves and contingencies, 1/4 budget check and report, VAT claim, recreational lease, play area costings, Link Scheme grant request, clerks salary, internet banking and business continuity plan.

Date of the next meeting- The Council agreed that Tuesday 8th December 2015 will 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 Southwilts.com (Maiden Bradley) can be accessed to read a copy of the Agenda and Minutes electronically or copies are displayed on the Community Notice Board at the village shop. Sarah Jeffries can be contacted by email: maidenbradley@virginmedia.com or phone: 01985 213436 Parish Clerk, 9 Beech Grove, Warminster BA12 0AB

Village Hall Lottery

September

1 st	Kim Baker	£22.00	2 nd	Richard Morris	£11.00
3 rd	Henry Sheppard	£6.70	4 th	Mike O'Bryan	£4.30

October

1 st	Dave Francis	£22.00	2 nd	Caroline Male	£11.00
3 rd	Beth Stevens	£6.70	4 th	Henry Sheppard	£4.30

Since 1998 the lottery has brought in a total of £17,962.00 to help maintain the village hall. Therefore £8,981.00 has gone to the village hall and the same amount in prize money since last December.

If you would like to help support your Village Hall, please get in contact with John Priestner on 844244 who has some spare numbers. Only 50p per number per month, you can have more than one number. Half the draw's income goes to the Village Hall and half goes in prizes.



MAIDEN BRADLEY VILLAGE SHOP

Retail Ramblings

By the time this hits your doormat someone, somewhere, will have reminded you of just how few shopping days remain before Christmas arrives like a runaway train... Since we are open every day of the week here at The Shop, we can now rank ourselves alongside every other major retailer, just on a rather more intimate scale.

At some point very soon the order forms for Christmas meats etc., should be available, and we'll make sure that the final order and collection dates are loud and clear. This year we have the added bonus of some extra help from Bruton Dairy, who will have their awesomely good organic cream available in half-litre and one litre tubs, for those of us who feel an overwhelming need to swamp the occasional mince pie...

Speaking of which, Taylor's are now ready for us to order their fabulous mince pies, and we shall be selling the individual ones very soon. Closely followed by their boxes of six, packs of four, and handfuls of two.

If you'd like to buy in larger quantities please ask, and we can sort out a price.

•Our latest new venture is a trial run of late night openings! Beginning on 4th December the shop will be open until 7.30pm on Fridays, so please take advantage of this, and let us know what you think.

With regards to shop opening times over the Christmas and New Year period, please keep an eye out for a notice on the shop door, and full details on the shop website and Facebook page. We'd be loath to have you miss anything!

If there's anything that you'd like us to get in for you, whatever it may be, please ask and we'll do our best to come up with the goods if we can. Or suggest an alternative perhaps?

We're making some small changes to some ordering procedures at the moment, and generally tweaking things here and there, so along the lines of the spirit of Peace & Goodwill to all, please gently let us know if we've made any mistakes... We try not to, but it happens once in a while!

Our Big Christmas Raffle will be launched at the Christmas Fair on Friday 27th November, so you can start to buy your tickets early this year. Lots of marvellous prizes up for grabs, including a luxury hamper donated by Derek and Eve James from Chefs on Stage, and several other special items. All the sorts of things you never knew you needed, until you have them in your hands.

Let us help make this Christmas very special; you make the shop, we just run it for you.

Amanda

<i>Opening Times</i>	<i>Shop</i>	<i>Post Office</i>
<i>Monday</i>	8am – 5.30pm	9am – 1.30pm
<i>Tuesday</i>	8am – 5.30pm	1.30am – 4.30pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	8am – 5.30pm	9am – 12noon
<i>Thursday</i>	8am – 5.30pm	9am – 12.30pm
<i>Friday</i>	8am – 7.30pm <i>from Dec 4th</i>	9am – 12.30pm
<i>Saturday</i>	8am – 2.30pm	Closed
<i>Sunday</i>	9am – 12noon	Closed



November News from the Hall 2015

Our Fish & Chip lunch was well attended, we even had people in from Dilton Marsh, who had seen the advertising boards when passing.

The Remembrance service was also very well attended a big thank you goes to all who turned out for it. The children of Whitesheet and the cadets from Kings School Bruton were a credit to their schools. We had representatives from the Royal Engineers Association & the RBL, the service was broadcast live by BBC Wiltshire and is well worth a listen, on iPlayer. A big thank you also goes out to Reverend Carol and her verger for helping to pull it all together.

The Race night on the 14th November

Although this was not a full house (otherwise poorly supported) those who came along, had a very enjoyable night. There was a great deal of shouting and egging on of horses throughout the evening and all the winners were greeted with whoops of joy. But the real winners were those who attended.

Christmas Lunch

The main event we have in December is the Christmas Lunch which is on Friday 18th, 12.45 pm for 1.00 pm, cost is £12.50 for a four course lunch, if you wish to attend please get your name down by Friday 11th December, places are limited.

Films

On Saturday 9th January we will be showing “[Love Punch](#)” this is a very funny Romcom and suitable for all.

February’s film will be “Robot & Frank” yet again this is a comedy.

On Saturday 23rd January we will be holding a “Boys” film night, we will be showing “[One Flew Over The Cuckoo’s Nest](#)” by request. More details to follow.

Mel Thomas

The Hall committee wishes you all a
“**Very Merry Christmas**”
Good luck and Health in the
“**NEW YEAR**”



Defibrillator training

There was a healthy turnout of parishioners at the Memorial Hall on 16 November when Julia Dole of the South Western Ambulance Service came back to give us another first aid training session on the defibrillator sited at the village shop. For those who missed it this time – and those who need to have their memories refreshed regularly on this important topic - there will be another session next winter.

Patrick Nixon- 844242



“Uplifting” local remembrance service broadcast live on BBC Radio Wiltshire.

A live broadcast, as part of a special BBC Wiltshire Armistice Day programme, featured the Service of Remembrance held at Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall on Wednesday 11th November. The service, lead by the Rev Carol Wilson-Barker, was held in the recently refurbished Maiden Bradley village hall to a full congregation including children from Whitesheet Primary Academy together with Army and Navy Cadets from Kings School, Bruton as well as local ex-servicemen and members of The Royal British Legion.

The Whitesheet Primary children sang their own special remembrance song accompanied by their music teacher Mrs Jenny Lucas on piano and the school’s musicians on ukulele and recorders. The children also read out the names of all those from Maiden Bradley who had fallen in both World Wars.

“The children did really well today - beautifully behaved, read and sang very well. People said it was uplifting and made extra special because they were there.” said the Rev Carol Wilson-Barker after the service.

Whitesheet Primary pupils of all ages had made poppies for the beautiful homemade poppy wreaths which were produced individually by Woodpeckers, Skylarks and Kestrels classes- and laid by children from each class.

Lee Stone of BBC Radio Wiltshire had, earlier in the week, interviewed the Rev Carol Wilson-Barker with the children from Whitesheet, about the service and what it meant to them, to accompany his live broadcast on 11th November.



“It was a wonderful occasion attended by many people from the village, and our Whitesheet children, staff and parents.” said a very proud Catherine Spencer, Chair of Whitesheet Primary.

“They stood quietly during the two minutes silence and those who read the names of the fallen read absolutely beautifully– reverently, clearly and at a good pace- they did really well.”

For more information contact Karen Brooker, Head Teacher at
Whitesheet Primary Academy via
office@whitesheet.wilts.sch.uk or tel: 01747 840394





Great War Project

The Society wishes to honour all local people who lost their lives in the First World War, covering Warminster and the Surrounding Villages. The project has two parts –

Monthly Display Board

Each month the board in the Warminster Library will display the events that occurred 100 years ago during the War. It will feature the names of those who died in the month, the deployment of the Battalions of the Wiltshire Regiment in that month, events in the progress of the War, events at Home that month, international news, as well as posters, cartoons and adverts. It will cover every month from August 1914 to December 1918.

Books of Remembrance

A separate page is devoted to each of those who gave their lives in the service of King and Country during the Great War. We have sought to give their family details, their military service, and facts about their death and burial, wherever possible. We give details of medals awarded and memorials that honour them. Many of the names we have found of men who died do not appear on local War Memorials.

We value the help of families in assembling this information, and would like to add photographs wherever possible. Our display is only as good as the information that we receive.

The Monthly Display Board and the Books of Remembrance are on show at Warminster Library during their normal opening hours. This project will continue until the end of 2018.

Poppy Appeal- 2015

On behalf of The Royal British Legion, my very sincere thanks for your incredible support for the Poppy Appeal. The estimated amount raised through your generosity is

£1,098.45

(including the calculated gift-aid).

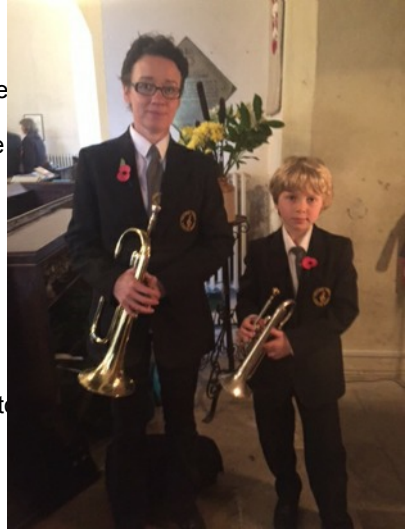
Many thanks for all those who kindly gave their time during the Appeal.

Sarah Neish



Remembrance Sunday

We were very fortunate to have two members of Frome brass band attend the Remembrance service in church on Sunday the 8th of November. Kate Adams was assisted by a young apprentice, Charlie Ballamy aged 8. for the playing of the Reveille and Last Post.



Church Flowers

Firstly, a huge thank you to all our flower arrangers, the differing styles have helped to keep All Saints looking good all year. I know it's difficult, especially at Christmas, to find the time to meet up to decorate the church for this festival but do please try this year. We will meet at 10 am on Saturday 19th December so please bring along some well conditioned (good long drink of clean water) foliage and a few flowers to get creative with. I will bring hot drinks and festive goodies to make a merry party. However, we do have a little issue to address at the same time and I would very much appreciate your suggestions. Hoping to see familiar and new arrangers then. Thank you.

Sally Higgins- 844221

Welcome Club

Many thanks to all those who came to the Coffee Morning, whilst it was not possible for many of you to make it, those who came certainly did themselves proud. £205.15 was raised for our funds, what a marvellous result!

News of the Quiz, Bradley Bingo and Christmas tea will appear in the January issue.

May I take this opportunity to thank all members for your support over the year and also to thank those of you who joined us as 'extras' on our trips. Looking forward to seeing everyone in 2016, the date to remember is February 18th. Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, to you all.

Chris Short- 847373

Maiden Bradley Pantomime Group

We are holding the DVD Premier of our last pantomime "Aladdin and his Magic Lamp" in the Memorial Hall on Friday 11th December at 7 pm. **(OH YES WE ARE)!** We hope all those who were in the Pantomime will come along and bring any friends who are interested in taking part in our next production which will be for the 2016/17 season.

There will be light refreshments in the interval and a chance to talk about **your** ideas for our next show.

Anyone who wishes to be involved please come along or if you would like any further information about the Pantomime Group telephone either; **Carol Kenzie 844745** or **Tom Allday 844468**.





CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE
in aid of Dorothy House Hospice
Monday 21st December

The Village Carol Singers will be singing around the village and collecting for Dorothy House Hospice.

We are starting a little earlier this year at 4:30 pm as we really want children and young people to join our group. We sing for some of the elderly and housebound in the village and they especially enjoy hearing the young children singing. The children who sang last year loved it and kept going all the way round! All age groups are very welcome and you really do not have to be a good singer to join us. It is all good festive fun!

The planned itinerary is: **4.30 pm start** outside The Somerset Arms, Church Street, The Rank, Barcroft, High Street, The Square. There will be a list in the shop for all those who would like to join us. Or you can e-mail me. ernixon66@gmail.com

PLEASE JOIN IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AND SUPPORT A WORTHY CAUSE!

Maiden Bradley Players- 'Deckchairs'

It has become common knowledge over the recent weeks that there will be a gap in the events calendar of the village at the end of February 2016 where normally we would be preparing to be entertained by the MB Panto Group. There will be no Panto!

However, there may be a drama production of three plays of one act by the brilliant author Jean McConnell, and being performed by the newly formed Maiden Bradley Drama Society. The first production by the group (containing some familiar and some new faces!) will be staged at the same time the panto would have been- Wednesday 24th February through to Saturday 27th February 2016 inclusive- in the Memorial Hall and will consist of three, twenty minute, one act plays. Not really suitable for children under fourteen however all are welcome. Each story is independent of the others but something humorous, something mind teasing, may be a bit spine chilling. There is a common theme, namely a bright, sunny, summer's day on a colourful seafront promenade at a well-known resort on the South coast of England and two 'Deck Chairs'. Perfect for February blues so come along and enjoy the evening!

Tickets will be priced at £8 and will go on sale after Christmas. The evening will include a bar, with drinks, ice cream and confectionary available before the performance and during the intervals. We will be holding a raffle at each performance.

We hope for a very successful production run and are already considering another production in October, possibly a Noel Coward, allowing Panto fun to return in February of the following year. Something more for October 2017.

Proceeds, after all expenses have been paid may be dispersed locally as decided by the members, however the Players reserve the right to retain funds for future productions.

Lastly we do need more members to join us, either in support role or on the stage, so if you would like to join in, drop us an email directorjwk@gmail.com.

Maiden Bradley Drama Society



December Recipe- Festive Stuffing

Christmas dinner is not the same without homemade stuffing. Try this simple festive recipe which can be made the day before if you are organised enough!

Ingredients

- 100g dried cranberries
- 50ml ruby port
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 rashers unsmoked back bacon, cut into strips
- 50g butter
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 450g sausagemeat
- 140g fresh white or brown breadcrumbs
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
- ½ tsp chopped fresh thyme leaves
- 140g peeled, cooked chestnuts, roughly chopped
- 1 medium egg, lightly beaten



Method

1. Soak the cranberries in the port for an hour. Fry the onion and bacon gently in the butter, until the onion is tender and the bacon is cooked. Add the garlic and fry for another minute or so.
2. Cool slightly, then mix with all the remaining ingredients, including the cranberries and port, adding enough egg to bind – I find it easiest to use my hands. Fry a knob of stuffing in a little butter, taste and adjust the seasoning if necessary.
3. To Cook: This stuffing can be baked in a dish, or rolled into balls that will be crisp on the outside and moist inside. To bake, press the stuffing into a greased ovenproof dish in a layer that is around 4cm thick. Bake at 190C/gas 5/fan 170C for about 40 minutes, until browned and, in the case of sausagemeat stuffing, cooked right through. Alternatively, roll into balls that are about 4cm in diameter. Roast the stuffing balls in hot fat (they can be tucked around the turkey or done in a roasting tin).



Owletts pre-school playgroup

On December 1st Owletts will be holding a Christmas craft morning. We will be open from 10am-1pm and will be doing a range of Christmas crafts along with tea, coffee, cake and a Christmas dinner (of sorts!!) for the children. Please, please come along! Bring friends, grandchildren, your children, and get in the festive spirit with us. Even if you don't have children feel free to come along and have a slice of cake and cup of tea with us. Excuse the glitter, we'll try not to get it in your tea!!

Love from, The Owletts Mums xx





The Cinnamon Trust Volunteer Appeal Maiden Bradley

The Cinnamon Trust is the only specialist national charity for the terminally ill and people in their later years and their much loved, much needed companion animals. We urgently need dog walking volunteers in Warminster for a beautiful 9 year old Japanese Spitz who would love to go for a good walk.

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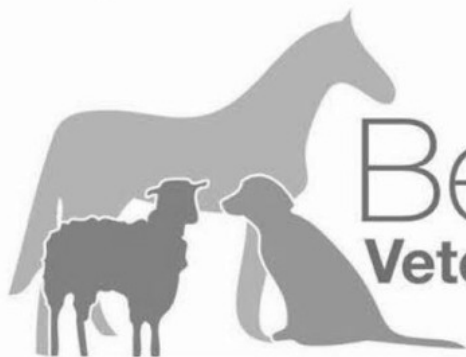
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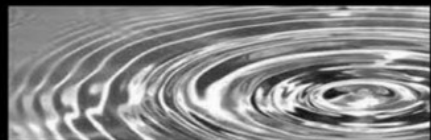
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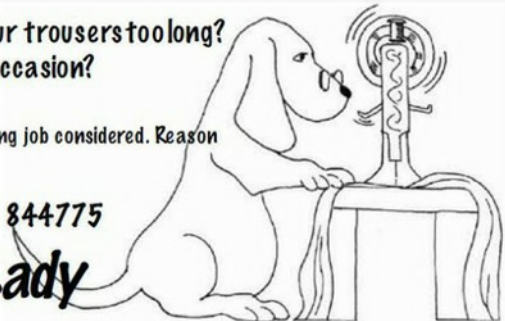
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