

Maiden Bradley

Parish News

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*All Saint's Flower Festival - Winner of the Visitors' Choice
Royal Ascot by Sue Priestner*

Editorial

I hope that you are enjoying the warm summer weather as much as I am especially as it is only 5 months to Christmas. Schools are now on their summer recess and families will be going on holiday. If like us, you are travelling by car, do make sure that your car has a current MOT certificate. Dates for insurance, tax and MOT rarely coincide and don't get caught out like we did, on the side of the French motorway, a car without power. The petrol pump decided to die as I was overtaking a lorry with several cars following me – I managed to switch on the hazard warning lights and drifted behind the lorry onto the hard shoulder, and stop. Recovery was excellent, spare parts available and in three days our wheels were restored to us. Despite paying our tax and insurance, our MOT had already run out leaving us without cover – all now rectified.

Since last month, we have a new Prime Minister and Cabinet with a mandate to take us out of the European Union. Whichever way you voted, I am sure that you would agree with me in not envying Boris Johnson and his team in trying to unravel over 40 years of trade agreements, production directives and laws, and produce an improved trading platform for our industries without damaging the economy.

Each year that goes by there are local individuals who spend time quietly working voluntarily, in support of this village. We all know of the support groups for the Shop, Church and Hall but there are others who spend significant hours working for the continued enjoyment of our environment: who do you think looks after the Hall grounds, the Knapp, the churchyard? I know that these villagers would be mortified to be named and therefore we would just like to send our grateful thanks to them for their continued efforts on all our behalf's.

The Flower Festival was wonderful. Thanks to all those involved in creating the magnificent displays and raising over £1000. We have included as many photos of the event as possible, all taken by Steve Gunter. Special congratulations to Sue Priestner for her portrayal of Royal Ascot, she was Winner of the Visitor's Choice and her display is our cover picture this month.

Situation Vacant: Voluntary book keeper for the Magazine

if you can spare a few hours a month, please contact me.

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News from the Vicarage

What a wonderful weekend we had in Maiden Bradley Church recently. A real celebration of the talented, imaginative and resourceful people in the village as their skill was shown at the flower festival weekend. Then on Sunday afternoon a combined service of celebration for the flower festival and the Licensing of Pastoral Assistants to work in the Heytesbury Deanery. The service was led by Bishop Edward Condry and the Rural Dean Pauline Reid. Bishop Edward talked about the life in the rural church and far from being in decline more people come than in the so called heyday of the church in the nineteenth century. He gave figures for local churches which show higher attendance now and that churches and Vicarages are kept in a much better state of repair than perhaps at any time in their history.

After worship we shared refreshments, drew the raffle and shared stories with people from local churches. The festival and service raised over £1200 for church funds which is much appreciated. A big thank you to the organisers and our lovely visitors. The church mice were out in force (for the children to find) we hope they have now left the church for the sake of Sue's organ which otherwise they might nibble.

We are all now looking forward to participating in the Maiden Bradley Show and our worship there will be at 10am as usual. We look forward to seeing you then.

With every blessing for the summer,

Rev Carol

Service details in August

7th August Holy Communion CW

14th August No service in MB please gather at St Mary's West Knoyle at 10.30

21st August Show Service in Village Hall at 10am

28th August HC BCP

MAIDEN BRADLEY VILLAGE SHOP

Hello again from the Village shop

The promised order forms are now available for meat, fish and vegetables. To ensure your requests arrive in time please place fish orders by Monday am for delivery on Tuesday. Meat orders need to be in by Wednesday am for delivery on Friday and veg orders can be ordered any weekday am for next day delivery.

If there is anything you are looking for that we don't currently have in stock please don't hesitate to ask and I will try to source it for you. If I get enough requests for an item it may even become a new line for the shop that everyone can enjoy.

The new line of Sausage Shed products are being well received and have now been expanded to include their locally produced bacon. I can thoroughly recommend it for that bacon roll that we all know and love.

A couple of tasting days are arranged in August so please come along and try the new products lines we are looking at. We would really appreciate your feedback and orders if you like the product with suggestions for alternative tasting days also gratefully received.

Saturday 13th August 10:00am to 12:00pm. An array of meats from local butcher Andrew Barclay.

Saturday 27th August 10:00am to 12:00pm. Pies, pasties and cakes from Country Choice.

Due to some rather long outstanding personal accounts I shall be resuming the issuing of invoices in the 3rd week of each month. Please ensure that all balances are fully cleared by the end of each calendar month. This will assure the financial health of the Village shop and ensure a long and prosperous future for this valuable local resource.

Unfortunately this month we have had a few setbacks, not least of which was the breakdown of one of the chillers. Closely followed by the shop vacuum cleaner giving up after many years of hard labour. Any donations to help fund replacements will be gratefully received.

Finally I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to George Jones and Suzanne Wiltshire for their donation of a parasol for the shop garden table. I'm sure that this will enhance the garden area and make it more comfortable for everyone. Also to Elaine and Nigel Lavender for the vacuum cleaner.

Sue

News from the Hall

We have now submitted our First Stage Bid for a lottery grant to enable us to put into action the renewing of the roof and toilets. We should know if we are successful in the next few weeks, so watch this space.

“Dads Army” was enjoyed by all who turned up to watch it, the next film night is yet to be set, so keep an eye on the notice boards. We hope to be able to show “AB FAB” the movie soon.

To anyone who has not been along to a coffee morning on a Friday why not give it a go, its very sociable gathering and all are welcome. Bingo on the 1st Monday of the month could do with some support so once again why not come along and give it a go.



Bookings for the hall by villagers are growing, with our modern kitchen, which now boasts a Dish/Glass washer and new freezer it is well equipped to cater for your needs.

Amanda Dye is now the bookings clerk, so if you would like to book the hall please contact her -845302.

On August 18th we have arranged a coach trip to Weymouth there are still some places available so please contact Pearl Hudson or pop into the coffee morning to book your seats.

Mel Thomas

Welcome Club

Mr Brookman was unable to come to our July 7th meeting where he had planned to do an Antique Road Show. His wife was very ill in hospital, our thoughts are with him. He has promised another date later, probably next year. Our grateful thanks to Pam Tomlinson who stepped in at a moment's notice and gave us an excellent talk on horses.

Our trip to Abergavenny and the Wye Valley was most enjoyable and the coach was nearly fully booked with just three empty seats. No trip or meeting this month for the Welcome Club although the Luncheon Club will have their annual trip, this time to Exmouth on 4th August.

The first September meeting will be on September 1st at 2.30 pm in Horningsham Hall when Lucy Hooper will join us to talk about The Dog's Trust and she will be bringing a four legged friend with her.

At the end of the month on 29th, Tom will treat us to another story. Our September trip will be to Swanage and Poole, on 6th, with the usual departure times: 8.45am from Horningsham and 9am from Maiden Bradley.

All are welcome to join us.

Chris Short 01985 847373

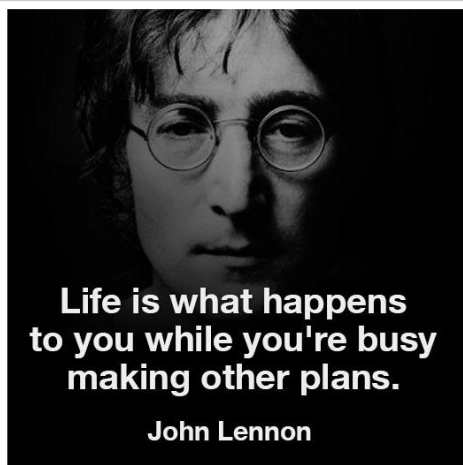


This a picture of a bracket Fungus that has grown on the Insect tree at our railway in West Huntspill. You cannot really see the size in the picture however it is 31 inches across and grew from nothing to the size it is when the photo was taken "in three days".

The Flower Festival at All Saints Church

Wow! Any of you not able to get to the church in early July missed a great floral display. There is so much talent in this community! The displays were beautiful and so well thought out, covering many aspects of the Queens busy diary. The organisers would like to send a HUGE THANK YOU to all our arrangers, bakers, helpers and to those who donated prizes, etc. All of the displays were captured on camera by our own Steve Gunter – a special thank you to him for all his time and expertise so generously given. Thank you also to His Grace The Duke of Somerset who kindly allowed us to display his Parliamentary Robe. Very special and very heavy. We were joined on Sunday evening by the Bishop of Ramsbury who led a special thanksgiving and licensing service. The packed church enabled Sue Preistner to pull out all the stops on the organ as everyone enjoyed the hymns! The event enabled us to raise a spectacular £1225. THANK YOU.

Sally Higgins



Group Heating Oil Order

Would anyone who would like to join a group order for heating oil let me know by 8 August the quantity which they require.

Patrick Nixon

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Mini Pizza Quiches

Prep: 10 mins **Cook:** 15 mins - Easy - Makes 6

Use tortilla wraps and a muffin tin to make individually portioned egg, salami and tomato bites - ideal for lunch boxes or picnics

Ingredients

- 2 large tortilla wraps
- 4 eggs
- chopped vegetables (optional)
- 6 slices of salami
- 3 cherry tomatoes, halved,
- plus extra to serve
- handful basil leaves
- vegetable sticks, to serve



Method

1. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Using a 12cm cutter (or a small plate) cut circles from the large tortilla wraps – you should get 6. Use the circles to line 6 holes of a muffin tin, pushing them into the holes to make cases.
2. Beat the eggs and pour into the tortilla cases (you can add some chopped vegetables too, if you like). Top each case with a slice of salami and 1/2 a cherry tomato. Bake for 15 mins until the egg has set.

Hope - Emily Dickinson

Emily Dickinson published very few poems in her lifetime, and nearly 1,800 of her poems were discovered after her death, many of them neatly organized into small, hand-sewn booklets called fascicles. The first published book of Dickinson's poetry appeared in 1890, four years after her death; it was a small selection, heavily edited to remove Dickinson's unique syntax, spelling, and punctuation. A family feud led to dueling and competing volumes in subsequent years, and a complete, restored edition of Dickinson's poetry did not appear until 1998, more than 100 years after the original publication.

Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops at all.
And sweetest in the gale is heard;
And sore must be the storm
That could abash the little bird
That kept so many warm.
I've heard it in the chilliest land
And on the strangest sea;
Yet, never, in extremity,
It asked a crumb of me.

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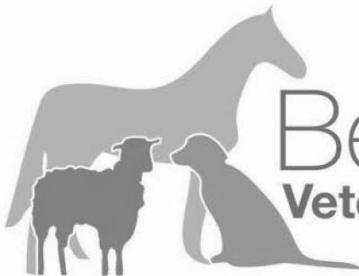


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