

Maiden Bradley

Parish News

No 328 October 2016



Balloons over Maiden Bradley

Diary October 2016

2nd	Sun	Holy Communion – Church	10.00 am
3rd	Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
		Bingo – Memorial Hall	7.30 for 8.00 pm
4th	Tue	Welcome Club Outing to Winchester & New Forest	9.00 am
5th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
7th	Fri	Fish & Chip Lunch – Memorial Hall	
9th	Sun	Harvest Festival – Church	6.00 pm
10th	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bin Collection	7.00 am
11th	Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
		Book Club Meeting – 1, Barcroft	8.00 pm
12th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
16th	Sun	Parish Communion – Church	10.00 am.
17th	Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
19th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
20th	Thu	Copy Day for articles for November News to pat@visa-office.com	
22nd	Sat	“The Full Motley” – Memorial Hall	7.15pm
23rd	Sun	Holy Communion – Church	10.00 am
24th	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bins Collection	7.00 am
25th	Tue	W.I.Meeting – Stourton Village Hall	7.30 pm
26th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
28th	Fri	Quiz Night – Memorial Hall	7.30pm
30th	Sun	All Saints’ Patronal Festival – Church	10.30 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 – Amanda Dye 845205 ;

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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Editorial

No doubt many of you witnessed the fabulous balloon flights and landings here in Maiden Bradley, during the Balloon Festivities being held at Longleat a couple of weeks ago. Sarah Neish managed to hitch a ride in one of the balloons and took the picture on the back cover, whilst taking off. The 'Air Safari' organised as part of Longleat's 50th Anniversary celebrations took place over four days and each morning, because of the wind direction, Maiden Bradley was granted fly overs. On the Sunday morning over 57 balloons joined the festival, many landing in fields at Dangel's Farm.

A polite reminder to check your boundaries for foliage overhang. Many walking along our narrow paths are accosted by spiky brambles and plants, so please find your shears and clip them away, or tie the offending items back. Thank you.

Have you got an interesting topic you would like to tell the villagers about? Why not write a short story or poem? We at the News would love to hear from you

Advance notification:

We may not be able to publish the magazine for January or August in future due to lack of funds to print editions. Do you know of anyone who would like to advertise in the News? If so please let me know?

Pat Kennedy 845397

Welcome Club

Lucy, Emma and Little Pooch paid us a visit on September 1st, the girls were very enthusiastic about the work of the Dogs Trust and the Little Pooch (Otto) was very sweet.

We had a great trip to Swanage and Poole and the weather behaved itself again!

Tom Allday gave us another very professional reading at 'Story Time', most enjoyable so 'Thank You', Tom.

We are off to Winchester and the New Forest for our final trip of the season on October 4th and we will be eyes down at 2.30pm in the Horningsham Hall on 27th. Prizes of course!

A date for your diary – our Coffee Morning will be between 10am and 12 noon on Saturday 5th November. A chance to bring all the family to Horningsham, we give free coffee top-ups and there will be lots of other interesting things to see, do and buy.

See you soon! Chris Short 847373

September 2016 News From the Hall

We held the hall's AGM this month, unfortunately not one member of the community attended so once again we can only assume that we are doing things right. The hall's management committee, work very hard on your behalf, so that you may have a hall to be proud of, without expecting constant praise or thanks, but they would greatly appreciate your input into what we can provide to encourage you to make more use of the hall.

In October we have 3 events for you.

Friday 7th We have a 2-course lunch with Fish & Chips on the menu

Saturday 22nd is the return of "The Full Motley" who are a top quality local 60's cover band. Tickets are on sale now from the shop or from any member of the committee and at coffee mornings. Tickets are just £7.50 pp.



Friday 28th is Quiz Night so gather some of your friends, form a team and come and enjoy a fun night. Its not the winning that counts it's the taking part. (Tell that to some of the losers)

Friday 11th of the 11th at the 11th hour will see us gathering at the hall's War Memorial to remember all those that sacrificed their lives for their country. The coffee morning that day will be in aid of SSAFA the oldest Forces charity that supports our Armed Forces and their Families.

Christmas will soon be upon us and preparations are under way to arrange a Village Christmas party, Partytime Productions will be in the hall on Sat 17th December performing for the children. If enough interest is forth coming we will follow on with entertainment for one and all.

The village Christmas lunch will be on Friday 16th so watch this space for more details.

There is to be a Christmas Bazar at the end of November more details to follow, contact Brenda Smart or Kim Baker if you would like to be included in it.

Mel Thomas 845111

Check out the Village Hall's new look website
www.maidenbradleyhall.co.uk



Poppy Appeal 2016

It is 100 years since the Battle of the Somme was fought at such a terrible cost that it has come to symbolise the tragic futility of the First World War. Its first day of conflict remains the bloodiest day in the history of the British Army and it was felt deeply at home. Many of the soldiers who had signed up were everyday young men from close-knit communities across the UK who subsequently suffered horrible losses.

They were good friends, neighbours and colleagues who signed up together on the promise they would serve alongside each other. It sounded easy. These patriotic volunteers were sold on the romance of war, "Your Country Needs You", and became known as the 'Pals' battalions.

The 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme provides an opportunity to commemorate the Service and sacrifice of those who lost their lives in the battle, to reflect upon the human cost of conflict and to have hope for a more peaceful world.

The Royal British Legion was formed on 15 May 1921, bringing together four national organisations of ex-Servicemen that had established themselves after the First World War.

The main purpose of the Legion was straightforward: to care for those who had suffered as a result of service in the Armed Forces during the war, whether through their own service or through that of a husband, father or son. The suffering took many forms: the effect of a war wound on a man's ability to earn a living and support his family, or a war widow's struggle to give her children an education.

The support continues to this day to currents and past members of the Armed Forces or their families. The Legion's website gives excellent information as to where the money raised during the Poppy appeal is spent.

The house to house collections are licensed to start on 27th October and continue until 11th November. Those kindly collecting are Davis Morse (High Street, Frome View), Mary Stevens (The Knapp, Bancroft and Frome Road), Diana Stevens (Church Street, Somerset Arms side) Sarah Neish (Church Street, Village Shop side, outlying farms). The village shop will have one static point and the Somerset Arms, two.

Please remember that if you are a taxpayer and use a Gift Aid Envelope, the Royal British Legion can reclaim from the Inland Revenue 25p in every £1.00 given. Over £200 was raised in this way during the 2015 Appeal. The Collectors have a supply of Envelopes, so do ask for one.

Sarah Neish



MAIDEN BRADLEY VILLAGE SHOP

There have been quite a few changes in the shop this month. I have had some wonderfully positive feedback after the rearranging of the shelving. The shop is now more open and much easier to move around in. We have also reduced the bottleneck by the Post Office which I know was quite a hindrance at busy times. The final phase of rearranging will soon be completed and the pet food and newspaper area will be opened up to make access easier for all. The stockroom is also due an overhaul.

The new mini café is now up and running with just a few finishing touches before it's official opening on Saturday 8th October at 1.30 by our local MP Andrew Murrison. Please come along between 1.30 and 2.30 for a free coffee from our new bean to cup machine. This has proven very popular so far – and I can personally recommend the Americano - it's gorgeous!

The new range of Andrew Barclay meats has proven very popular, so much so that at times we have almost been in danger of running out. So to avoid disappointment, why not place an order for as much or as little as you like. I will need your orders by Tuesday for delivery on Friday. If needed, I can order on Monday for a Wednesday delivery.

We now have a new vacancy for a paid assistant on Mondays. The hours will initially be 9 to 3 with possible extra hours to cover holidays and other absences. If you are interested, or you know someone who may be interested, please either apply in the shop or email me at mbvillageshop@gmail.com.

And finally, I have had many enquiries about our short term lodger during September. For those who hadn't heard, we had a racing pigeon decide to take up residence in the shop for a few days. Our new lodger seemed determined that the shop was his new home, helping himself to the rabbit food and on one occasion even bringing his friend into the shop. If you are wondering, this was a pheasant that walked in with the pigeon and also helped himself to the food. It seems that the message that all are welcome in Maiden Bradley Village Shop has now crossed the species barrier!

After a few days, it became obvious that the new lodger was intending to make his stay a little more permanent than we expected, so he was temporarily detained whilst we contacted his home. It transpired that he had been released in Swindon and should have been on route to Swansea – but heard a rumour of a lovely little village south of his route so decided to take a detour, perhaps to sample the new coffee! Thanks to a few friendly BT engineers, he was safely transported first to Chippenham and then on to Newport before being released. He arrived home just a few hours later to a very appreciative owner who told me he could tell he had obviously been very well looked after and must have enjoyed his holiday.

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Cranborne Chase
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



Cranborne Chase AONB ranks 8th darkest out of the 34 AONBs

New interactive maps offer most detailed ever picture of England's light pollution and dark skies

The most detailed ever satellite maps of England's light pollution and dark skies, were recently released by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE). They show that 52% of Cranborne Chase AONB is in Band 1 – which is the darkest category.

The maps, produced using satellite images captured at 1.30am throughout September 2015, show that as well as having 52% of the AONB in the darkest category, 40% of the AONB is in the next darkest category. This makes the Cranborne Chase AONB one of the darkest places in England!

Bid for International Dark Sky Reserve status

Cranborne Chase AONB is working towards International Dark Sky Reserve status and this new research provides clear evidence that this nationally Protected Area does indeed have some of the darkest skies in the land. There is, however, no legislation that can be enforced to protect dark night skies. To achieve Reserve status, all those responsible for lighting (Local Authorities, Highway Departments, businesses, parishes and individual residents) need to ensure that light pollution (light escaping sideways and upwards) is reduced to an absolute minimum. This is not about turning lights off; rather shining them only where needed.

Benefits of dark night skies

- ❑ People: At its simplest, our sleep can be disrupted by too much light at night. At worst, it can lead to more serious health issues
- ❑ Wildlife: Many birds and animals are affected by stray light at night, affecting their breeding cycles and feeding habits. Controlling stray light helps bats, birds, moths and other nocturnal creatures to thrive
- ❑ Enjoyment and education: There is increasing interest, wonder and amazement at the incredible array of stars above us. Stargazing is a fabulous educational activity
- ❑ Money: Substantial savings can be made by Local Authorities, businesses and individuals from turning off or dimming down unnecessary lighting
- ❑ Saving energy: There is no point shining light into the sky. Energy wastage can be considerably reduced by ensuring light is directed only where it is needed
- ❑ Rural tourism: Areas designated for their dark skies have seen greater visitor numbers, even in winter, leading to increased business for B&Bs, retailers, and caterers
- ❑ AONB: 50% of the AONB is above us! Dark night skies are definitely outstanding, historic, natural and beautiful, and should be conserved and enhanced along with the rest of the AONB

Cranborne Chase AONB Partnership is working closely with the British Astronomical Association's (BAA) 'Campaign for Dark Skies' and Wessex Astronomical Association to achieve International Dark Sky Reserve status. Stargazing events begin again this coming season at The New Remembrance Hall, Charlton, along the A30 just outside Shaftesbury at 7pm on Friday 21st October. Go to <http://www.ccwmdaonb.org.uk/our-work/dark-night-skies/>. Please sign the 'Dark Sky Pledge' if you love the starry skies and would like to support this work: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NL375VD>

DEN DAY DELIGHTS AT WHITESHEET

For their first theme day of the new school year the children at Whitesheet Primary Academy spent an exciting day enjoying 'Den Day' in the wonderful grounds of the Infant Centre at Kilmington.

The children worked in mixed age teams building dens from a wide variety of materials. This included tarpaulins, curtains, sticks, pallets, branches from trees and other useful material and objects they could collect or find. The activities brought out team work, resilience, patience, practical skills and were designed to give all the children, both big and small, a real sense of achievement. 'The children had a super day and really enjoyed solving problems and then overcoming them. They made some amazing dens - all different and unique to each team', said Headteacher Karen Brooker.

During the day the theme of den building enabled the children to spent time learning all about the lives of refugees - both past and present - and used their dens to reflect on a day in the life of a refugee and how they cope.

At the end of the day the parents were invited to view all the dens. The teams had small pots outside each den for parents to donate money and all proceeds will go to Save the Children.



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The next Wylve Valley Art Trail will be held for 9 days from Saturday 27 May until Sunday 4 June 2017.

Artists and craftspeople who are interested in participating, or anyone who would like to be involved in any capacity are invited to apply. We are also looking- out for possible exhibition venues. The art trail is open to any artist who lives, works or has a strong interest or connection with this area.

The Wylve Valley Art Trail covers Warminster, Westbury, Wylve, Maiden Bradley, Mere, Hindon, Tisbury and the villages between. It consists of open studios and workplaces, group exhibitions by art groups, schools and colleges and other exciting events including 'hands on' activities, demonstrations, workshops and talks. It is an opportunity to see the high standard of visual arts and crafts currently being carried out in the area, across a wide range of skills, from painting to print-making, furniture making to photography and sculpture to ceramics. It offers the chance to meet the artists and, in a lot of cases, see where and how they work.

Contact: Laura Rich (Co-ordinator)

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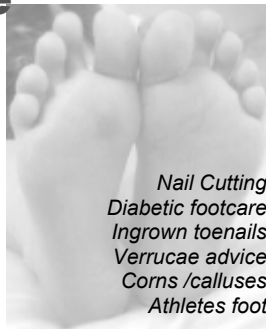
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