

Maiden Bradley

Parish News

No 330 December 2016



Bumper Christmas Edition!

Diary December 2016

4 th	Sun	Holy Communion – Church	10.00 am
5 th	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bin Collection	7.00 am
		Bingo – Memorial Hall	7.30 for 8.00 pm
6 th	Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
		Welcome Club Christmas Lunch departing MB	11.15 am
7 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
9 th	Fri	Story Time with Tom – Memorial Hall	7.00 for 7.30 pm
11 th	Sun	Matins – Church	10.00 am
12 th	Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
14 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
15 th	Thu	Book Group Meeting – The Old Vicarage	7.30 pm
16 th	Fri	Christmas Lunch – Memorial Hall	12.30 pm
17 th	Sat	Children’s Christmas Party – Memorial Hall	4pm for 4.30pm
18 th	Sun	Carol Service – Church	6.30 pm
19 th	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bin Collection	7.00 am
20 th	Tue	Copy Day for articles for January News to pat@visa-office.com	
21 st	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
23 rd	Fri	Carol Singing at the Village Shop	5 pm to 6 pm
24 th	Sat	Nativity Service – Church	3.00 pm
		Candlelit Midnight Mass – Church	11.30 pm
25 th	Sun	Family Christmas Day Service – Church	10.00 am
27 th	Tue	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
28 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm

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 Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

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. E-Mail:
pat@visa-office.com

Editorial

Welcome to your Christmas issue of the News. We have been financially challenged over the last few months and have had to keep to a tight budget for the printing costs. As we have now received revenue from our advertisers to year end, and also taken on some new ads, we are able to produce a bigger and more colourful edition this time. It is totally down to the advertisers that we are able to continue to produce the magazine at all - so please consider advertising with us if you have a business or service to promote. Our rates are displayed as a quarter page ad at the back of this magazine.

The News Committee - Elaine, Meg and myself - would like to thank our advertisers for their continued support this year and to wish them and our readers a very Happy Christmas and healthy New Year.

Chris Downes and ourselves send our apologies to those who did not have their magazine delivered last month. We are revising our procedure for cover when our dedicated band of deliverers take a holiday.

Pat Kennedy 845397 pat@visa-office.com

Events from the Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall for December.

Don't forget that on Friday 9th December Tom Allday will be entertaining us with his readings from Dickens. 7pm for 7.30pm start, tickets available from Tom Allday.

Our Christmas Lunch is being held on Friday 16th December at 12.30 pm and will cost £14.50, please book your places soon as numbers are limited. List in Memorial Hall or phone Mel 845111.

The Children's Christmas Party is being held on Saturday December 17th Start time 4 for 4.30pm please see notice in this News from Sam Higgins.



News from the Vicarage

We are getting ready to celebrate Christmas in All Saints Maiden Bradley. This year on Colin Dowson's suggestion the village's very young residents are helping to decorate the church Christmas tree. Colin and helpers will erect the tree as usual on 17th December and then members of the toddler group will help beautify it with their own handmade decorations at 10.30 in the church (please come along for refreshments and celebrations).

I wasn't always a Christian though was brought up with the Christmas stories. I just drank up the romanticism and wonder of the nativity story: a baby born in a manger, the shepherds, angels and wise men. I couldn't quite get the "light in the world" bit and "God with us" nor the "new hope." I couldn't see how would that be sensibly explained from a helpless baby in straightened circumstances?

But now years later and having had the experience of accepting Christianity into my life I see things differently. Faith is in hearing stories of the bible and knowing them by heart, but it only comes to mean something when those stories are living in our lives to give guidance and hope.

In the Christmas story deprivation and anxiety surround the birth of the Son of God. Yet in the midst of this there is joy and excitement. That is so much like daily life with its ups and downs. I think if faith means anything to me personally it is about Hope and I see that as expressed in light in dark places and in a belief that however tough things become God gives us hope for new beginnings.

I would like to wish you and your family and loved ones a wonderful Christmas filled with joy, hope and peace.

Blessings Rev Carol.

We look forward to seeing you at All Saints over Christmas

18th December

6.30 Candlelit Lessons and Carols Service
with Grace Notes choir

Christmas Eve

3pm Simple Nativity Service for young (lasting 30 mins).
Children help tell the story to us and sing
favourite carols

11.30 Candlelit Midnight Mass

Christmas Morning

Family Christmas Service 10am



Parish Council November 2016

Longleat CEO Bob Montgomery & Geoffrey Wheating addressed Council with an update on Longleat Estates Plans/Developments for the future

Geoffrey Wheating spoke on the Estates Longer-term Strategic Development Plan; the first stage is a concept stage Longleat wishes to be more open and broader in its development. An Economic Impact Plan has been actioned and they are analysing this data.

Longleat is the second biggest attraction in the county and brings 115 million pounds of spend from the visitors to the area.

CEO Bob Montgomery spoke on the increase on attendance; this has increased by 50% since his arrival. New staff, investment in the estate and an event based strategy has occurred, November, December are now bigger than the July August times, which has made a big change to the estates management.

Simulator rides and attractions of this type have been removed as they did not have a connection to the Heritage site and the Safari park. The estate has changed to an outward looking estate, they are project working in china and the USA to extend the brand of Longleat.

Geoffrey Wheating spoke on the value of the attraction costs, and the extended stay that the new tickets now give visitors. It is now known that 7 hours are spent on the estate by the average visitor, and that visitors travel more than 2 hours to attend. A third of the guests stay in a hotel locally to attend and spend one night here in the area. This means there is a pinch point for arrival times and it is now understood that the stretch point for capacity over the opening period has nearly now been reached.

They recognise they need a hotel of scale and size to take the business forward; they want to create a 250 bed Hotel. This would also accommodate business delegates, smaller animals will be a large part of the experience. Day ticket facilities and a water park are also part of the new project. The build will take two years to build and two years to reach capacity.

The site identified is outside the AONB and conservation areas. It is a site called Tas-croft Cross Farm. It has unique topography to hide the site well within the area it requires. Mapping was shown to Council of the area to be developed. The view from Cley hill and the relief re traffic issues were mentioned. It was highlighted that this would be an asset to the region as the visitors could stay in a cost effective base.

The intention is for outline planning to be actioned first and they are looking for mid-January, February. Full planning would follow once an agreement has been met. The construction would be two years from full planning. It is felt that the impact in the community will increase on employment and spend within the county. They feel that this project will sustain the estate for the next 50 years.

SID Project –The Parish Council noted that there was a problem with the software in the SID units. It was noted that the Co-ordinator is investigating grants for new SID units, if they are unable to sort the issue with the software.

Parish Steward Scheme – The Parish Steward Scheme started in October and the Parish Council have highlighted to Ian the Parish Steward areas it wishes him to work on. Clear pavements in Church Street of weeds, grit and leaves, Clear vegetation from road signage, Council noted that the Highways had highlighted using the Community Pay Back Teams to action the painting of the Church Street railings. Council instructed the clerk to contact the Community Pay Back team to see if they would be interested in taking on the painting of the railings near the church.

Any issues found by parishioners still need to be reported using the Wiltshire Council app or online at

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/mywiltshirelogin.htm>

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: Clerks Salary Review, Reserves & Contingency, ¼ Budget report, 2017/2018 Budget

Date of the next meeting- The Council agreed that Tuesday 13th December 2016 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 Southwilt.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 Memorial Hall.

Sarah Jeffries 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

Horningsham Events

December 8th: Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" - A Candlelit Ghost Story told by Pip Utton. Tickets £10/adult, £5/child, family of 4 £20.

Refreshments available on the night. Play starts at 7pm. Doors from 6:30pm.

Horningsham Village Hall. See our Facebook page for more details.

December 10th: Horningsham School Christmas Fayre: 11:30am - 2:30pm hot food, mulled wine, Santa's grotto, Neals Yard, Fruitilicious, Chocoholics and many more gifts ready for Christmas. Free entry.

December 10th: Christmas Bingo - Festive prizes as well as cash prizes and a great family night out. £9 for 6 games including all specials. Refreshments served. Doors open 6:30pm, Eyes down 7pm. Horningsham Village Hall.

See our Facebook page.

December 18th: Coffee Drop In - Festive coffee morning at Horningsham Village Hall. Drop by for a mince pie and some mulled wine. Coffee and tea will also be available! 10:30am - 12noon.

Caroline Dykes

07779 121228

Skype: carolinehb73

Village Hall Lottery

September

1 st D. Barnett	£22.75	2 nd A. Brierley	£11.35
3 rd Henry Sheppard	£6.90	4 th Chris Brigden	£4.50

October

1 st Tom Allday	£22.75	2 nd George Jones	£11.35
3 rd Mrs J. Lucas	£6.90	4 th Richard Cripps	£4.50

Since 1998 the lottery has brought in a total of £190167.00 to help maintain the village hall. Therefore £9508.50 has gone to the village hall and the same amount in prize money up to 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.

Seasonal News



There is going to be a very special visitor at the children's party on December 17th, if your child/children would like to meet this special person and receive a gift please put their name and age on the form that's up in the village shop before December 6th. It will be £2 per child (please pop your money in the tin in the shop) and that will go towards their gift.

Thank you, looking forward to seeing you all!

Sam Higgins

Family News

Alan Stook wrote to me this week to let me know that sadly, his father Reg Stook of Fourwinds, High Street, passed away on Saturday 19th November. He was 88 years old. We send our condolences to Alan and his family.

Welcome Club

Despite a small turnout for our Coffee Morning on 5th November we took £127.85 towards club funds. Many thanks to all contributors.

On December 6th we are off to The Bell near Andover for our inaugural Christmas Lunch. We leave Horningsham at 11am and Maiden Bradley at 11.15am and should be dining by 12.30pm. Monies in advance please, so could you pay me £12 per person BEFORE 6th December if possible, otherwise it will have to be on the day.

Our lunch will be the final get together for 2016. We meet again at 2.30 pm on 16th February 2017 at Horningsham.

Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2017 – see you then!

Chris Short 847373

Christmas and New Year waste and recycling collection changes

There will be no waste or recycling collections on Monday 26 December 2016.



All collections during this week will be one day later than normal, with a collection on Saturday 31 December.

Collection days will return to normal from Monday 2 January 2017.

Garden waste collections will be suspended from Monday 26 December and restart on Monday 9 January.

If you have paid for a garden waste collection you can leave your real Christmas tree alongside your garden waste bin on your first garden waste collection day in January and we will ensure it is composted.



To check your collection days at anytime visit: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-collection-days

Normal collection day	Revised household waste, black box, plastic bottles and cardboard collection day	Revised garden waste collection day
Mon 26 December	Tues 27 December	No collections
Tues 27 December	Wed 28 December	No collections
Wed 28 December	Thurs 29 December	No collections
Thurs 29 December	Fri 30 December	No collections
Fri 30 December	Sat 31 December	No collections
Mon 2 January	Collections as normal	No collections
Tues 3 January	Collections as normal	No collections
Wed 4 January	Collections as normal	No collections
Thurs 5 January	Collections as normal	No collections
Fri 6 January	Collections as normal	No collections
Mon 9 January	Collections as normal	Collections as normal

Household recycling centre opening hours

All household recycling centres will be closed from 1pm on 24 December and all day on 25 December, 26 December and 1 January. At all other times normal opening hours will apply, 10am – 4pm, five days per week.

Visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres to check which days your local centre is open.

Chris Downes

The photograph shows the presentation made to Chris Downes to mark his retirement from the Maiden Bradley Estate after 45 years. He has worked together with David Barnett on all aspects of Estate maintenance and the Witham Water Supply nearly all his working life. The Estate is incredibly grateful for his hard work and dedication and we wish him well for a long and happy retirement as he pursues his hobbies of birdwatching and travelling.

The Duke of Somerset



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REFRESHMENTS SERVED



Mulled Wine

Preparation time less than 30 mins Cooking time less than 10 mins

Serves 6 - An easy mulled wine recipe for the festive season, brimming with Christmassy spice and a kick of sloe gin.

Ingredients

- 1 bottle red wine
- 60g/2oz demerara sugar
- 1 cinnamon stick
- grated nutmeg
- 1 orange, halved
- 1 dried bay leaf
- 60ml/2fl oz sloe or damson gin (optional)



Method

1. Put the wine in a saucepan with the orange, sugar, bayleaf and the spices.
2. Heat gently until the sugar has dissolved. Taste to see if you want the wine sweeter, and add more sugar to taste.
3. Off the heat, stir in the sloe or damson gin if you are using it.
4. Strain into heatproof glasses and serve at once.



MAIDEN BRADLEY VILLAGE SHOP

Hello all,

Well it's coming to that time of year again so why not order your Christmas meat, dairy and vegetables from the Village Shop? We will have order forms available from December 1st. There will also be a range of Christmas gifts, cards and wrapping paper available so please come and see if anything takes your fancy.

Now that the shop refurbishment is finished we will be stocking some new ranges. We already have a new supplier for cakes from Lavender Blue in Gillingham so please come in try a few. Other bakery ranges will be expanded with Taylors supplying mince pies and seasonal breads for the festive period. Please note that Taylors are closed



from 23rd of December to 2nd of January so remember to order in plenty of time. We will have some frozen rolls available for those last minute purchases. We also intend to expand the current range of frozen foods and you should soon see some more speciality and seasonal ranges in the shop soon. All our Andrew Barclay meats are selling really well with the new ordering system working very well. A current favourite is the pork chops, well worth a try.

Our opening times over the festive period are not yet fully finalised so keep an eye on the notice boards for any changes to the normal hours. The intention is to open as normal but this may change due to the availability of our wonderful volunteers. We will be closed on Christmas Day with reduced opening times on Boxing Day of 9:00 until 12:00.

So finally from all at the shop please have a very merry Christmas and very happy New Year. Also a very personal thank you all so much for your support in the last six months

Sue



CALLING ALL CAROL SINGERS!

This year the Maiden Bradley Carol Singers would like to try something a little different. We will be at one place only – the Shop – in the middle of the village and hope that every-

one will come along and listen to a few carols and make a donation to our annual cause **Dorothy House Hospice**. The Shop will stay open late and will be offering mulled wine and mince pies to make it a Christmas event. The carol singing will take place from 5 – 6 pm on Friday 23rd December.

We are looking for Carol Singers of ALL ages – children and young people especially welcome. If you would like to join the group please let me know.

Sue Priestner: Tel 844244



The MAIDEN BRADLEY CAROL SINGERS
will be singing in just one place this year



OUTSIDE THE SHOP

Friday 23rd December, 5 – 6 pm
in aid of DOROTHY HOUSE HOSPICE

The shop will stay open and will offer mulled wine and mince pies to all who come along and listen.

You can also do some last minute shopping.

Please come along and support this very worthy cause.

A Christmas Carol

Pip Utton



At Horningsham Village Hall

Thursday 8th December 7 pm

£10 per adult £5 per child £20 family of 4

Refreshments and Drinks Available

During the last twelve years of his life Dickens toured Britain and the USA reading his writings professionally to his adoring public. The most popular of all these readings was 'A Christmas Carol'. It is perhaps the most famous Christmas ghost story ever. In this almost totally candlelit performance and looking uncannily like Dickens, Pip Utton recreates the famous author's public readings using the script and directions that Dickens himself used.



We hope that families will come but it might not

be suited to very young children. We suggest 8 years and up.

Pip is generously donating all proceeds to the Hall.

Tickets from: James Osborne

Jamesosborne@btinternet.com or 07753404705

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Poppy Appeal - 2016

On behalf of the Royal British Legion, my very sincere thanks for your continuing support of the Poppy Appeal. The estimated amount raised through your generosity is £1,161.22 (included calculated gift aid). My gratitude goes to those who have so kindly given their time during the Appeal.

Sarah Neish

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All donations are spent directly on days out for Syrian families from
Orniokasto Refugee Camp nr. Thessaloniki, Greece

**Neil & Caroline are British independantly funded volunteers
in Greece until January 2017. Please email on
syrianfamilyfun@gmail.com if you have queries or wish to
donate directly to avoid Go Fund Me fees. Many thanks.**

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Horningsham residents, Caroline & Neil Dykes, are currently volunteering in Greece. They have been there since mid-October and will return in January. They are in Greece as independent volunteers and work directly with the Syrian refugees at Orniokasto Camp. The "camp" is a large unheated, isolated factory that has been filled with tents. There is no heating, hot water, kitchen facilities or dignity. The residents' basic needs are met by the Greek Army and a handful of mainly ineffective NGO's make promises every week but little happens. As independent volunteers they asked the residents what help they need. Their reply was to feel human again. So 3 times a week they take them to the city parks and for lunch. The kids play, the parents relax and everyone feels like they can breathe. Caroline & Neil are entirely self-funded; if you'd like to follow their work or donate to day out for a Syrian Family, please see their Facebook page: Syrian Family Fun.

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Christmas Day

Drinks only 12-2

Boxing Day

Drinks only 12-2

27th December

Food: 12-2

Bar: 12-6

New Year's Eve

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for further details*

7-late

New Year's Day

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2nd January

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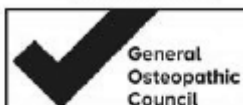
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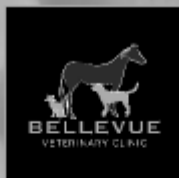


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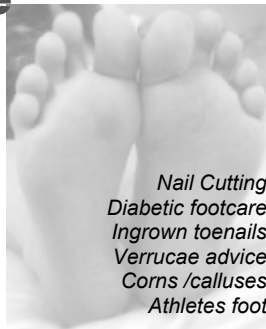
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