

Maiden Bradley

Parish News

No 331 January 2017



Winter sunshine over Back Lane

Diary January 2017

1 st	Sun	Holy Communion – Church	10.00 am
2 nd	Mon	Black Box, Blue Bin Collection	7.00 am
		Bingo – Memorial Hall	7.30 for 8.00 pm
4 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
8 th	Sun	Matins – Church	10.00 am
9 th	Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
10 th	Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
13 th	Fri	Film night: “Ab Fab” – Memorial Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
15 th	Sun	Parish Communion – Church	10.00 am
16 th	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bin Collection	7.00 am

19th Thu Copy Day for articles for February News to pat@visa-office.com

22 nd	Sun	United Service at Stourton	10.00 am
		NO service at All Saints Church	
23 rd	Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
25 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
29 th	Sun	Holy Communion - Church	10.00 am
30 th	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bin 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 – 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

2016 Reflections – Pat Kennedy

“Time it was, and what a time it was, a time of innocence, a time of confidences. Long ago, it must be, I have a photograph, preserve your memories, they’re all that’s left you.”

Simon and Garfunkel.

Like Brian Glastonbury before me, I keep each copy of the News in a box in the office and I thought to reflect on the year past just to remind me of the variety of activities this small Wiltshire village engages in.

Jeff Stevens held a competition to name the Charolais calf and James Kennedy produced “Deckchairs” both raising money in support of the Memorial Hall. Artist Jules Horn held a much acclaimed Creative Workshop and many turned out to do a litter pick of the village. News from Whitesheet Academy produced many interesting articles about the activities of the schoolchildren throughout the year and I find it hard to believe that it was last April that we watched “The Lady in the Van” at the wine club in the Hall.

Individuals have brought in much needed funds and labour to the Memorial Hall. Tom Blay worked extensively on the decoration and repair to the windows and roof and Graham Smart works constantly below radar, ensuring a seamless high standard of ‘hire’ to all. Brenda Smart has transformed the ambience of the Hall by her careful choice of décor. Mary Stevens, Pearl Hudson, Brenda and Tom Allday manage the Coffee Mornings and other events requiring refreshments, raffles etc.

The Community Shop has been transformed this year with a new awning, coffee shop and rationalisation of stock brought in by the new manager Sue Worrell. Keep supporting this wonderful amenity – use it, or lose it!

Not many of us know what the responsibility of being a Parish Councillor entails. It is not until one becomes a Councillor is it fully understood,

but we should be grateful to those who take on this role and manage the Civic duties on behalf of the village.

I suspect that like me, you enjoy the Flower Festival held either at the Church or, by kind permission of The Duke, in Bradley House. Flower arrangements by the talented ladies of the village (no men to my knowledge) bringing funds in support of the church.

The Annual Art Festival is a treat with so many talented villagers exhibiting. Paintings, greetings cards, photographs, jewellery and beautifully sculptured wooden bowls and vases – all made here in our village.

I will not forget the pageantry of the balloons as they flew overhead on several days last September, the endurance of Ray and Carol Kenzie as they undertake their cycle rides for charity, the constant support from those who deliver this magazine, the fabulous evening's entertainment from Tom Allday reciting from Charles Dickens (more PLEASE Tom) and Sam Higgins managing the very young members of the village and surrounding areas to weekly Mother and Toddler meetings and Christmas festivities.

There are other members of the village who garden outside of their boundaries, in order to keep the village looking tidy. Colin Dowson has managed the churchyard for many years and could now do with some help this coming year. Should enough people come forward to mow the churchyard, a rota could be established, thus reducing the burden on individuals.



***This is our village, the highest above sea level in Wiltshire,
a haven for wildlife and a home for us all.***



LUNCHEON CLUB

Horningsham and Maiden Bradley Christmas Lunch took place on Thursday 14th December. A large group of people, including Luncheon Club members, cooks and guests, gathered for a delicious traditional meal cooked by Kim and Rosie. As well as roast turkey, this included canapés and wine, mince pies and chocolates with a delicious steamy Christmas pudding made by Fran.

Several helpers efficiently served the food and cleared away afterwards and Grace was said by Rev Pauline.

Over coffee and mints, we were entertained to a medley of Christmas songs and carols by Horningsham schoolchildren.

The lunch finished with a raffle with a seasonal theme by Tom.

Carole Hill

I would like to say a big thank you to Hopkins of Wincanton for donating gravel for the Church Path, and also to Mike Lucy's for helping me wheelbarrow it in and laying it.

Derek Stevens

News from the Memorial Hall

The committee would like to extend its thanks to those who have supported the many events at the Memorial Hall during 2016. As a result of this support more funds have been added to the fund for the restoration of the roof which we hope will take place during 2017 with the added aid of Lottery money.

Events for the near future:

- 13.01.2017 Film Night – Ab Fab
- 17.02.2017 Film Night – Eddie the Eagle
- 18.03.2017 Country & Western evening in aid of the Salisbury Hospice
- 15.04.2017 Exhibition of Art and Pottery by Adi Roache's late father



Don't forget our weekly coffee mornings at the Memorial Hall from 10 to 12noon; Mother and Toddlers takes place on Tuesday mornings 10 to 12 noon – a good opportunity for mums of young children to get together and for the children to socialise all in a great village setting.

Mel and the committee wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year

Pat Kennedy

Village Hall Lottery

November

1 st Paul Cox	£22.50	2 nd N. Bowen	£11.25
3 rd Cas Gunter	£6.30	4 th Tom Blay	£4.45

December

1 st John Priestner	£22.50	2 nd S. Neish	£11.25
3 rd Mrs Griffin	£6.30	4 th Jessica Johnson	£4.40

Since 1998 the lottery has brought in a total of £20105.25 to help maintain the village hall. Therefore £10052.62 has gone to the village hall and the same amount in prize money up to this 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.

AN EVENING WITH LESLEY WATERS

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8 February, 2017 at 6.00 pm



A spectacular event to support our Community Shop!

The Maiden Bradley based company, 'Chefs on Stage', which stages catering events around the country will turn the Bradley House stable block into a professional demonstration area for the celebrity chef, Lesley Waters.

Lesley Waters is well known for her television appearances on *Ready Steady Cook*, *Great Food Live* and *This Morning*. She also runs a successful cookery school and has written many cookery books. She regularly appears and demonstrates at food festivals around the UK.

The Oxford Wine Company will be recommending wines to accompany her demonstration of dishes for a 3 course meal.

The evening will start with a reception at 6.00 pm in Bradley House followed by the demonstration in the Stable Block at 7.00pm. Following her demonstration Lesley will offer everyone a tasting of her dishes. The recommended wines will also be offered for tasting.

Tickets: £50. (*Price includes reception, demonstration, tasting and wine*).

If you would like to come to this event please contact Liz Nixon either on 01985 844242 or at ernixon66@gmail.com



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Parish Council December 2016

Parish Steward Scheme –the Community Pay Back team have agreed to look at painting the church street railings in the New Year. The Parish Steward has been asked to action hand clearing and cutting of growth from drainage grips and drain gully covers. Hand clearing of blocked drainage gullies, culverts, pipes and pits and the clearing storm debris from the roads and footways in the parish.

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/mywilts_hirelogin.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.

Scottish & Southern Electricity Works

They are approaching Parish Councils in the Wiltshire/Hampshire area to try to ascertain the level of people within the parish that may require a little extra help or assistance should the parish suffer a power outage in the forthcoming winter months. Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks is looking to highlight those people within the parish that would need assistance and ask them if they would like to be registered with them so they can come out and ensure they are looked after during a sustained outage. It is a free service, and any information provided is strictly confidential.

The company work closely with the Council and together have registered many people in the last 12 months but they are aware there are many more vulnerable people that are not registered. Those people they have registered will now be highlighted to the team should there be a power outage affecting them. They will ensure that every effort is made to support them and where possible provide assistance from generating their house to offering hot meals, drinks and reassurance. In addition their Emergency Service Centre will call them during the outage, checking they are ok and giving them updates on the estimated time of power restoration.

Registration is quick and simple to do and parishioners are encouraged to make contact. It can be done online, on the phone. Call 0800 294 3259 If you are calling from a mobile call 0345 072 1900 or 0800 316 5457 for text phone or on www.ssepd.co.uk/PriorityServicesRegister

You are eligible to join our Priority Services Register if you: QQ Are dependent on electricity for home medical care, for example a kidney dialysis machine. QQ Have a chronic illness or short term medical condition; for example you are recovering from a major operation. QQ Are disabled. QQ Have special communication needs; for example because you are blind, partially sighted, deaf or hard of hearing. QQ Have a young baby. QQ Receive a state pension.

We recognise there are other areas where our customers need support during power cuts. If you have other needs and feel you will need extra help if you have no electricity, please contact us to discuss. We can't promise your electricity will never go off, but when it does, we want to do what we can to make sure you have the support you need, when you need it.

Items for the next Agenda: 2017/2018 Budget, Election process for May 2017, PAYE payment due, Litter pick dates, Action Plan and request feedback on the condition of the rights of way.

Date of the next meeting- The Council agreed that Tuesday 10th January 2017 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 Village Hall and Bus Stop. 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



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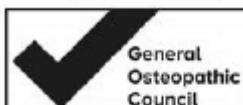
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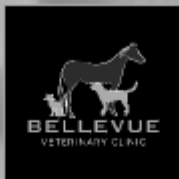


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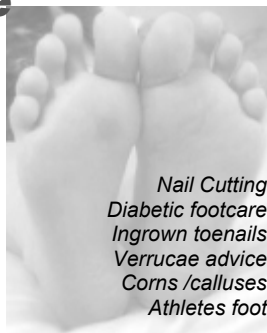
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