

Maiden Bradley

Parish News

No 332 February 2017



George Wager at 68mph!

Diary for February 2017

1 st	Wed	Prayer Meeting	7.00 pm
5 th	Sun	Holy Communion	10.00 am
6 th	Mon	Household Waste Collection	
12 th	Sun	Matins – Church	10 am
13 th	Mon	Black Box, Blue and Green Bins collection	
14 th	Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Memorial Hall Valentine’s Day Dinner at the Somerset Arms	7.30 pm
15 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	7.00 pm
16 th	Thurs	Welcome Club Mystery Outing	9.00 am
17 th	Fri	Lunch at the Hall Film Night – Eddie the Eagle	12.30 pm 7 for 7.30 pm
19 th	Sun	Sung Parish Communion	10.00 am
20 th	Mon	Household Waste Collection	
20 th	Mon	Copy day for articles for March News to pat@visa-office.com	
25 th	Sat	Creative Journaling	10.00 am
26 th	Sun	Holy Communion BCP	10.00 am
27 th	Mon	Black Box, Blue and Green Bins collection	

**Mass times: St George’s Warminster Sat 6 pm (Vigil); Sun 8 and 10 am
St Mary’s Mere – Fri 10 am; Sat 5.30 pm**

Dr Harding’s Surgery is every Monday at the Memorial Hall 5pm to 6pm except Bank Holidays. Please bring repeat prescription requests to this surgery for the doctor to process.

Refuse and Recycling collections are every Monday and for Bank Holiday changes see the Wiltshire Council website.

Mother and Toddlers is held every Tuesday in the Memorial Hall 10am to 12 noon.

Useful telephone numbers: The Village Shop 844206; The Post Office 845040; The Pub 844207;

Memorial Hall Bookings – Amanda Dye 845205 Mere Link Scheme 01747 860096

Dr. Murrison MP 01225 358584 murrison@parliament.uk

Rev Carol Wilson-Baker 01747 861859

**Maiden Bradley Parish News: contributions are welcome in any format.
Email pat@visa-office.com**

Editorial

What a fabulous sunny month this has been. Long sunshine filled days with superb sunsets, frosty mornings (defrosting the car taking ages) followed by evenings beside the log burner with a good book.

Our articles this month vary considerably, from an event in support of the Salisbury Hospice to the Mere Bowling Club and a plea from the Village Shop. Please keep your articles coming and we will print them as appropriate. Situations needing input in the village range from workers in the churchyard to more bell ringers on a Tuesday evening. If you can ring, or want to learn, please get in touch with our Bell Captain, Colin on 844303.

Very Seriously:-

Listen up its crunch time – see the article from the Village Shop.

Do you want to lose your shop? If not then start using it NOW.

Pat Kennedy 845397 pat@visa-office.com

From the Vicarage

In the autumn I bought masses of bulbs for the garden and tubs, with so many other things to do it took real will power to make time to plant them. One afternoon encouraged by promises of treats me and my teenaged sons planted bulbs everywhere. The tubs and pots went in our outhouse and a dark cool cupboard in the house. Inside the hyacinths are emerging throwing their heady scent into the kitchen, daffodils are a bit leggy but have happy yellow smiling faces. The indoor cool was too warm for the crocii and there is only one flower the rest are just greenery. There are three outdoor troughs of daffodils and it is really exciting to see their bright green heads sprouting bright in the bare soil before anything else is showing and whilst we are still in January.

Outside the earth is frozen and dull. Often human life can mirror nature as we feel barren, dark, even frosty-hearted. Winter hangs cold and dull around and things buried can hang on our thoughts too.

One of my favourite hymns is “Now the Green Blade Riseth” capturing in a haunting tune and concise lyrics the cycle of life as the “green blade riseth” from the “buried grain”. There is an inevitable cycle to human existence from life to death to life again. Christ’s life too could only reach fulfillment after being laid in a dark tomb to rise on the third day.

The hymn finishes “when our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain, thy touch can call us back to life again”. Winter is experienced in our own lives through bereavement, disappointment and pain but offered to the sweet love of Christ we are again like the “wheat that springeth green.”

So we look forward to spring knowing that dark days will soon be gone and greenery and bright flowers will return.

Blessings and prayers - Rev Carol

MAIDEN BRADLEY COMMUNITY SHOP

YOUR CHOICE!

Inserted into this month's magazine is a small leaflet explaining how and why our shop was set up as a 'community' shop. Please read it as many newcomers to the village are probably unaware of its history and why it exists. Maiden Bradley was a pioneer in Community Shops.

The leaflet explains how much it costs per month just to keep the shop open without selling anything. Over the years these overheads have been reduced to the minimum possible. Over recent months our sales have gone below our target figure of £10,000. The winter months are proving very difficult due to the absence of the passing trade which is a life line for us in the summer.

The shop offers services which people come to the shop for and often take for granted but unless people actually shop we will not be able to continue for much longer. One popular service we offer is newspapers but the shop hardly makes any profit on them due to the very low margin given by the suppliers. Tobacco and cigarettes offer no profit. So sales of these items alone do not keep the shop profitable

The main and most important service we offer is giving a home to the Post Office which, as you will read in the leaflet, does not pay us rent or costs. If its customers could buy something from the shop then that would be very beneficial.

The question we now ask is '***Does the village want to keep its shop?***' On-line shopping from supermarkets has changed the pattern of buying. The fact that we are 6 miles from any supermarket with virtually no public transport is not maybe as important a factor as it was in 2001 when the village 'saved the shop'. Perhaps the village shop has had its day and it is not needed.

Sue has been working very hard to stock the shop with goods which are asked for. She adapts and changes regularly. Sue has more ideas for the months ahead which could attract more passing trade and help local businesses but she cannot work miracles. Her purchasing ability depends on sales. Unless the people living in the village and the surrounding areas make a conscious

decision to buy regularly some items from the shop then we will have no alternative but to close. I think most people would agree that it would be a very sad day to see this happen.

Please think about this as the shop is in a precarious position. We will be having a meeting at the end of March at our AGM when we will have to make a decision.

Maybe there are some people who feel so passionately about keeping our shop that they would like to join the Management Committee. Fresh faces and fresh ideas are welcome and needed. Please get in touch if you are interested.

We want to keep the shop open and will work hard to keep it open so please help us to do so. The choice is yours.

Liz Nixon - Chairman MBVSA

Welcome Club

We had a good time at "The Bell" near Andover where we enjoyed our first ever Christmas Lunch as a club at a pub. The meal was well presented and the choice of puddings was extensive. I would say there could be every possibility that the idea would be repeated next Christmas.

Our 2017 season begins on 16th February in the Hall at Horningsham, it will be a general get-together, subs to be paid, programmes issued and of course the usual tea and raffle.

The first outing of the year will be on 25th April and will more than likely be the usual beginner – a Mystery Trip! We are hoping to travel further afield this year, having been a little restricted last year.

Looking forward to seeing you all – new members are warmly welcome.

Chris Short 01985 847373

The Front Cover photo of George Wager, skiing for his Regiment last November/December. He is traveling at approximately 68mph when the photo was taken according to his regiments timings. Something of good interest of a local lad doing well in life.

Announcing Deverills Performing Arts Series 2017

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First event: **25 March -**

Door Ajar Theatre: *Thisbe*,

Longbridge Deverills Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Tickets £10 / £5 Under-17s

The end of *A Mid-summer Night's Dream* sees the four lovers all paired off nicely. Simple. Or is it?

Door Ajar Theatre's actor-musician ensemble accompany the innocent yet complex character of *Thisbe* to the forest where she is forced to account for her actions. Can she save her parents' marriage? And does she really want to?

The performance will be BSL interpreted.

For information on all 2017 events visit

www.deverillsfestival.com | email info@deverillsfestival.com

As an antidote to the winter blues,
Jules Horn will be running a one day
'Creative Journaling' workshop on
Saturday 25th February.

Fun with collage, paint and stencils,
with added insights into stress re-
duction and
making stuff happen!

£35 for the day including lunch!

Contact Jules on 01985

845063

orjuleshorn@rocketmail.com



Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

Friday 17th February

3 Course Lunch

On the Menu: ***Local Lamb***

£8.50 pp

Book early limited places.

12.30 for 12.45 pm

Please note that there is a very good table tennis table available for use in the Memorial Hall.

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At this time of year all bowlers are looking forward to being on the green and bowling with the sun on their backs, something we have not seen a lot of during this cold and damp period, but winter will soon be over and the shivers will be a thing of the past, we hope!

Planning is forging ahead for our annual charity Barn Dance in the Grove Building, not much will change this year, in that we will still have the services of the wonderful Black Bear Band, the Fish & Chips will be as hot and nourishing as ever while the bar and raffle will be as extensive as in previous years. A date when tickets will be available will be published as soon as it is known, you can however book your tickets on 01747-860775 at any time from now until they are all sold, and you don't even have to pay for them until they are delivered.

For any other details about the Club please contact either Alan Inwood on 01985-844215, Alan Spencer on 01747-860803 or Don Butchers on 01747-860775 also don.butchers@btinternet.com

Don Butchers – Club Secretary

Parish Council January 2017

Litter Pick

Parishioners are invited to help tidy the parish. The Parish Council is arranging for litter pick equipment to be available, all ages are welcome. Parishioners are welcome to target specific areas, Hi Viz waistcoats gloves and litter pickers along with a trailer to collect any filled bags, is being arranged. Please contact the clerk if you are interested in taking part so enough equipment can be arranged.

Councillor Resignation

Councillor Jerry Rayner has given his resignation to the Parish Council. In accordance with Section 89(3) of the Local Government Act 1972, where the vacancy occurs within six months before the day on which the councillor whose office is vacant would regularly have retired, an election shall not be held under Section 89(1) of the above Act, and the vacancies will be filled at the next ordinary election of councillors on Thursday 4 May 2017.

The Parish Council have chosen to fill the vacancy by co-option for the period until that election.

If you are interested in joining the Council team, please contact the clerk for an application form. Contact details are available below or on the parish council website. You can request a form by email, by phone or write to request a form.

Parish Steward Scheme – The Parish Steward has been informed that the following requires attention: Stourhead end of the parish the bridge requires clearing and the water drained as water is pooling, the debris removed from the traffic calming islands and the new High Street sign put up, when it arrives.

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.

Precept Budget 2017/2018

The precept is a balancing figure; the calculation comes from the preparation of the planned expenditure and income. This then produces the planned precept figure.

The Council in calculating the precept required, considered the below:

- Next year's expenditure, including an allowance for contingencies;
- Outstanding expenditure incurred in previous years;
- Expenditure likely to be incurred before the precepted sum becomes available
- Payment to financial reserves. Local Government Finance Act 1972 s 49A (added by the Localism Act 2011)

It was agreed to set the Precept at £14341.78 a 1.98 % increase on last year's request. This would be an increase for the whole year on a band A of £1.38 Band B £1.61 Band C £1.84 band D £2.07 band E £2.53 Band F £2.99 Band G 3.45 Band H £4.14.

- £1000.00 would be set aside for the Community Grant Funding.
- £1200.00 would be set aside for the defibrillator replacement.
- £2000.00 would be set aside to repaint the Play area Tobac unit.
- £250.00 be set aside for the SID programme.
- £1000.00 would be set aside for Wiltshire Council Election costs

Items for the next Agenda: Grounds Tender, Register of Interests updated and Best Kept Village Competition.

Date of the next meeting- The Council agreed that Tuesday 7th February 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 can be read as they 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.

Sweet Potato and Carrot Soup

Ingredients

500g sweet potatoes peeled and cut into chunks
300g carrots peeled and cut into chunks
3 tbsp olive oil
2 onions finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1litre vegetable stock
100ml crème fraîche, plus extra to serve



Method

Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/ gas 7 and put the sweet potatoes and carrots into a large roasting tin, drizzled with 2 tbsp olive oil and plenty of seasoning. Roast the veg in the oven for 25-30 mins or until caramelised and tender.

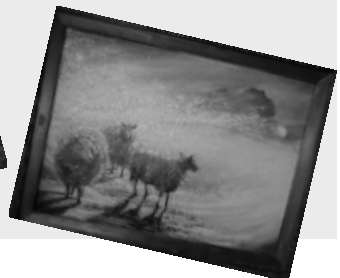
Meanwhile, put the remaining 1 tbsp olive oil in a large deep saucepan and fry the onion over a medium-low heat for about 10 mins until softened. Add the garlic and stir for 1 min before adding the stock. Simmer for 5-10 mins until the onions are very soft, then set aside.

Memorial Hall Exhibition

There is to be an exhibition of the late Brian Adams life works at the Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall on Saturday 22nd April 2017 from 10:00 – 16:00

Exhibits will include:

- *Rare experimental items of Exon Wemyss Ware
- *Production items of Exon Wemyss spanning 3 decades including the famous Wemyss pigs
- *Oil paintings of country scenes, people and fantasia
- *Examples of his pottery/porcelain literature including his major work 'True Porcelain Pioneers – The Cookworthy Chimera 1670-1782'
- *Recent examples of Exon slipware
- *A sales table of affordable items of Exon/Wemyss wares



Fundraiser for the Salisbury Hospice.

The Purbeck Hill-A-Saurus Mountain Bike Ride organised by Brian and Chris Gunter in Keith's memory to raise funds for Salisbury Hospice, took place on the 12th November 2016.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who participated in the ride and for their sponsorship, as well as all your generous donations received from Maiden Bradley Shop, collections from Hill & Son Funeral Directors and Keith's Memorial Page . The overall amount raised from your kind donations was a whopping £4,495.00 and estimated nearing £5,000 through Gift Aid.

Pictured below is the presentation at Salisbury Hospice on Friday 6th Jan 2017 with Brian, Chris, Caz and Charlotte Gunter and some pictures from the very wet Mountain Bike Ride back in November!





Also just to let you know that there is another organised event in Keith's memory featuring 'Newton Country' who have recently performed live on Dermot O'Leary's Show on BBC Radio 2. This will be held on the 18th March 8pm at Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall. This is in aid of The Pembroke Cancer Ward, Salisbury and the Dorset Air Ambulance. Tickets are £10 each which include food and are available from Brian, Steve, Chris and Caz Gunter. This will be a great evening with this young and ambitious band and not to be missed! We all look forward to seeing you there!

Caz Gunter 01985 844796



From the archive...

Opening Maiden Bradley Parish Church's Ladies Working Party annual Christmas Bazaar in the Village Hall on Tuesday, Lady Susan Seymour said that they would remember that this time last year the Church seemed to be covered in nothing but tarpaulin. There was great joy when the work was over and they were back there just in time for Easter. The net proceeds totalled £125. Lady Susan was presented with a bouquet by little Julie Cave.

The vicar, the Rev J M Wright, said the restoration of the Church had cost £3,600 and they now owed £794. They had had a loan from the Diocesan Board of Finance of £500 to be repaid at £100 a year.

There followed a surprise presentation of a basket of fruit to Mrs R Luff under whose leadership, the working party has been meeting fortnightly at her home for many years. Lady Susan made the presentation. The working party who were responsible for the sale, have recently given £500 towards the cost of the restoration work.



Thanks to Julie Cave (now Cullen) for submitting this lovely picture and newspaper cutting from December 1965. Julie is known to many of you as the recent 'Saturday Girl' in the village shop.

If you have any old pictures you would like to share on our 'from the archive' page, please contact the editor.



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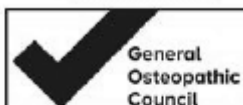
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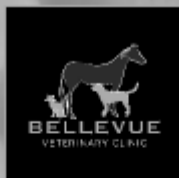


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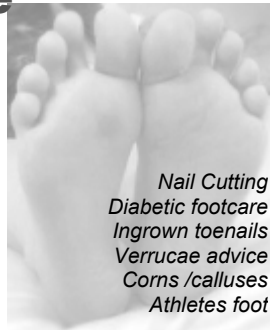
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