

Maiden Bradley

Parish News

No 340 October 2017



**Sue Loudon cuts the cake at her birthday
celebration in the Village Hall**

Diary October 2017

1 st	Sun	Holy Communion – Church	10.00 am
2 nd	Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
4 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting – Details 844817	6.30 pm
8 th	Sun	Harvest Festival – Church	10.30 am
9 th	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bins Collection	7.00 am
10 th	Tue	Welcome Club Outing to Lymington & Christchurch	9.00 am
		Parish Council Meeting – Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
11 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
13 th	Fri	Film Night – ‘Ghost’	7.00 for 7.30 pm
15 th	Sun	Parish Communion - Church	10.00 am
16 th	Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
		Additional Parish Council Meeting re Village Opinion Poll re Precept	7.30 pm
18 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
19 th	Thu	Welcome Club Meeting – Horningsham Hall	
		Antiques Roadshow	2.30 pm
20th	Fri	<u>Copy Day for articles for November News to pat@visa-office.com</u>	
		Ancient Tree Forum Walk – Longleat	10.00 for 10.30 am
22 nd	Sun	Holy Communion - Church	
23rd	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bins Collection	7.00 am
25 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
28 th	Sat	Poppy Appeal Collections start	
		Warminster Military Wives Choir - Hall	
29 th	Sun	All Saints’ Patronal Festival Benefice Service	10.00 am
30 th	Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am

Mass times: St George’s Warminster – Sat 6 pm (Vigil); Sun 8 am 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 10 am to 12 noon. Useful telephone numbers: The Village Shop 844206; The Post Office 845040; The Pub 844207; Memorial Hall Bookings – Mel Thomas 845111 Mere Link Scheme 01747 860096 Dr. Murrison MP 01225 358584 murrison@parliament.uk Rev Carol Wilson-Baker 01747 861859

Bell Ringing every Tuesday 7pm in the Bell Tower at the Church. Beginners Welcome - 844475. Coffee Mornings every Friday in the Hall 10 am till 12 md

Maiden Bradley Parish News:

email contributions are welcome and preferred in WORD format.

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Editorial

It seems to me that it is always the same few people in this village who work for the good of all. Very few new volunteers come forward to help with the Church, Shop or Hall and much help is needed to keep these facilities open and working for the community. I have selected a thought provoking poem by John Donne (1573 – 1631) which I feel is appropriate and would like to add “ Your Village Needs You”.

Pat Kennedy 845397 pat@visa-office.com

No man is an island,
Entire of itself,
Every man is a piece of the continent,
A part of the main.
If a clod be washed away by the sea,
Europe is the less.
As well as if a promontory were
As well as if a manor of thy friend's
Or of thine own were:
Any man's death diminishes me,
Because I am involved in mankind,
And therefore never send to know for
whom the bell tolls;
It tolls for thee.

John Donne



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News from the Vicarage

The recent Heritage Weekend at Maiden Bradley was really enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to Celia in particular for putting it together and to Tom for his constant encouragement and practical backup. The photos of old Bradley were fascinating and a real draw to people and the archived books (especially with white gloves to hand) were fascinating. Richard Lawrence the photographer came back a second day with his tripod to get some better shots. The church is always there and we can take it for granted but seeing the documentary history deepens an understanding of its long time presence and permanence in the community.

Also thanks to Jane and Kate for their hours of hard work, being in the church and “sponsoring” the toilet - what a great asset that was. Jane carefully crafted worship to reflect the generations of people’s experience of attending church to reflect the heritage theme. Thanks also to Sue for various roles – playing music and doing tours up the tower. It was lovely to see Shannon and her siblings who made some lovely artwork in church.

We have just had a baby baptism in church and will have another of 2 children later in the month. They are families who got married in Maiden Bradley in the past and it is lovely to welcome them back for this special time. The confirmation group is meeting in the Bradley Arms from 5-6 on a Sunday evening and you are welcome to join it if you can (belatedly doesn’t matter).

I have been on a reflective prayer day today, helpful in these challenging times by Pepe Hughes

Living in the present time:

In living now this does not mean rejecting all from the past but instead being open to change and alteration – as the seasons change so could we:

Mourn with the mourner

Rejoice with the glad

Respect what unites

In humility, leave divisive issues out.

Mutual vulnerability commonly share brings healing.

With love in Christ

Rev Carol

News From the Hall

We started the month with the Produce Show. Although entry numbers and visitors were down on previous years, it was a very successful day, to all those involved in the organising it, "a big thank you".

The August Bank holiday Art Festival proved once again to be very popular and drew good numbers over the three days. It now looks like it will become a permanent date in the calendar. Again, many thanks to the organisers, artists and workers.

The new all-round sound system fitted in the hall, is a great improvement on the previous system, thanks to John Priestner. The difference was very noticeable in the showing of "La La Land" although the film did not live up to all the hype that it received according to most of the 26 who attended its showing.

The Film for October will be the classic "Ghost" with Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore and will be shown on Friday 13th. (Make of that, what you want.)

**Saturday 28th October is the evening we will be entertained by the
Warminster Military Wives Choir**

Tickets are now on sale and the costs are Adults £10 Child £5 in advance and £12 and £6 on the door. There will be a bar and raffle. Doors open 7.00pm and curtains up at 7.30 pm. Advance ticket sales are going well, so please get your ticket early to ensure entry, as we are restricted in the number that can attend.

Contact Mel Thomas, Sheila Foley or Sarah Muir to book.

On September 11th we held the Hall's AGM. I would like to thank all 3 members of the public who attended.

I'm afraid we lost Brenda Smart from the committee after many years, but she will still be around to help organise the Xmas Bazar and Bingo. Brenda put more than a shift in at the hall and many of the improvements are thanks to her contribution. She will be missed.

Saturday 11th November at the 11th Hour. We will be holding our remembrance service at the hall. ALL ARE WELCOME.

On the evening of Friday 10th November, we will be showing the film "War Horse".

We should know by the end of September if we have been successful with our third bid for Lottery Funding for the new roof. If we don't get it then our troubles are only just beginning.

If there is anyone willing to partake in fund raising events on behalf of the hall we would love to hear from you. Our latest venture is to open the "Pit Stop Café" on a Sunday mornings for cyclists, bikers and passing traffic, but if you would like to come along for a tea or coffee and to catch up on village gossip, please do so. Watch this space for news of a new lending library coming to the hall.

Mel Thomas

Memorial Hall Chairman's Report 2016-17

We've had a mixed bag of a year since our last AGM.

We have had committee member changes, Amanda Dye came and went and we thank her for her time. Brenda Smart will no longer be an active committee member from this evening. Brenda has served this committee for several years now and as never shirked her duties even when not at her best, and at times she has done more than expected in order to support the cause. Brenda will still be around to help out at times. Brenda we thank you sincerely and wish you all the best. We also lost the service of Pat Kennedy as Vice Chair.

This means that at the time of writing this report I know we are going to be 2 members of committee short, putting even more of a burden on those who remain. We still have no Treasurer, Bookings Clerk or Vice Chair.

We have been knocked back by the National Lottery twice and all our applications to smaller grants have also been turned down. Unless we can raise the money for a new roof soon the hall is in danger of closure if the fabric of the building is compromised. We do have a 3rd lottery application in and expect an answer by the end of this Month.

That's the negatives out of the way. On the positive side of things we have increased our annual income (even without the Pantomime).

We have amassed £ 5140.00 in the Project Fund and the General fund stands at £ 15,500.00. We have had a complete inspection of the electrics and have a new Certificate of Safety, the all-around sound system is near completion thanks to John Priestner, our outside space and gardens are a constant source of praise thanks to Graham Smart.

We have some new initiatives in the pipe line, from this coming Sunday the PIT STOP CAFE will be open 10.00 am - 1.00 pm in the hope of catching trade from the many cyclists that pass through the village. Local clubs have been made aware of this and think it's a good idea.

From October we will be holding a Film Matinee (Golden Oldies) on a Wednesday afternoon once a month, for those who don't like to come out on dark and cold evenings.

Please, if you can support the Hall in anyway it will be greatly appreciated. It appeal to the younger generation to become involved otherwise you will end up without this magnificent hall to use.

One last thing this will be the LAST term that I serve no matter where we are with the restoration of the hall.

Mel Thomas

Church Heritage Weekend

The photo is of Bradley's medieval archers at the Heritage Days. Our Harvest Festival is on October 8th at 10 a.m. We are collecting food for the Food Bank, tinned and dried food, if anyone can't get to the service their donations can be left in the church. Fresh food is also welcomed and will be auctioned off after the service with the money being given to the Food Bank.



Celia Blay

Family News

We extend a warm welcome to Sarah Ward and Christian Trevelyan, and Scott Hobson and Amy, who have recently come to live in Maiden Bradley.

Gwyneth Jones

The family of Gwyneth Jones would like to thank all who attended her funeral on Tuesday 5th September. She sadly passed away unexpectedly but peacefully on Monday 21st August. As many of you will already know Gwyneth was born in Maiden Bradley at 63 The Rank and continued to live there for over 70 years. Maiden Bradley was the one place she truly called home and the family take some comfort in her being laid to rest in All Saints' Churchyard, alongside her mother and father, who she looked after for many years. She was a much loved mum and nanny and will be deeply missed.

Shaun Jones

We extend our Congratulations to Sue Loudon on reaching her 90th Birthday. Sue celebrated with a wonderful tea party in the Hall full of her family and friends.

Parish Council September 2017

Speed Indicator Devices – The Parish Council are delighted to inform Parishioner's that it was successful in its Grant Application to Wiltshire Councils Warminster Area Board. The Parish Council will now move forward to purchase the Speed Indicator unit.

Village Shop Consultation- There will be an additional Parish Council meeting on the 16th October 2017 at 7.30pm to hear the results of the consultation and to give an open forum for parishioners to speak further on the consultation. The results will be published in the Parish News, on Facebook, on the Community Noticeboards and on the Parish Council website.

Community Grant Applications – Groups and clubs are asked to make any grant applications for 2018/2019 to the clerk. This will enable the Parish Council to plan its budget for 2018/2019. Application forms can be obtained from the website maidenbradley.org.uk, by emailing the clerk maidenbradley@virginmedia.com.

Highways - 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 above, the Wiltshire Council App or on the landline number 0300 456 0105.

The Wiltshire Council app can be used to report Highways issues or online at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/mywiltshirelogin.htm>

Items for the next Agenda: Community Grant applications, Village Design Statement, Objectives for the following year re budget preparations and Review closedown of the year-end .

Date of the next meeting- The Council agreed that Tuesday 10th October 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 www.maidenbradley.org.uk 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.

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or by mail to Maiden Bradley Parish Clerk
9 Beech Grove Warminster BA12 0AB

Cycling Around Lake Constance

Due to popular demand (ie persuaded by the editor), the following is a brief account of our cycling holiday earlier this year.

This time we decided to cycle approximately 250 miles around Lake Constance (The Bodensee) which is

bordered by Germany, Austria and Switzerland and is almost as big as a small sea. After driving down through France and Germany with the bikes on the back of the car we left the car in Konstanz and set off around the larger Northern part of the lake, only to discover on the second day that we had chosen the time of a national holiday in Germany – we have never seen so many bikes and pedestrians crammed onto cycle paths! However, this was more than compensated for by the stunning scenery and wonderful views across the lake to the Austrian and Swiss Alps. We passed through the lovely lakeside cities of Friedrichshafen, Lindau and Arbon before arriving a week later back at Konstanz via Austria and Switzerland, for a rest day and then setting off around the smaller Southern part of the lake.

This part of the tour in the second week took us through some smaller towns, from Germany into Switzerland and included a detour down the banks of the Rhine via the beautiful town of Stein-am-Rheine to the Rhine-falls, apparently the largest waterfalls in Europe, before returning to our car at our base hotel in Konstanz.



Ray Kenzie

Maiden Bradley Community Shop and The Post Office

The Village Shop Committee met on Sunday 24 September to make a final decision on the best route which the shop could take following the Post Office branch closure on 5 October. We invited Paul Cox to attend the meeting so we could be fully briefed on the Village Meeting held on the 20th and take into account views expressed at that meeting. We all recognised that there were only 4 options left open to us:

1. Full Post Office Local offering limited services during the opening hours of the shop (7.30am – 5.30pm). The shop taking financial responsibility.
2. Post Office Outreach. Once a week in a place to be determined offering full PO services as now. PO responsibility.
3. Reduced hours PO local using a 'special case' plea involving a lengthy application procedure with no guarantee of success. Shop taking financial responsibility.
4. Post Office Outreach to be put in place with continued investigation into a reduced hours contract.

After a full discussion looking at all the facts and information now given to us by the Post Office, the Committee voted for Option 2 – POST OFFICE OUTREACH. Financial risk being the prime consideration. The lack of staff and volunteers was also a major consideration. Paul was not able to vote but he also gave his opinion that Option 2 would be the best solution for the village.

The Committee recognise that, due to the very short notice period given by the Post Office, the Village was left in the dark about the situation. The Shop's intention had been to put the position to the Village once all the necessary information had been received from the Post Office and we could make an informed decision on whether the shop could take over any of the services.

The Shop wants to involve its shareholders and customers as much as possible and we hope that everyone will come forward with ideas about how they would like to see the extra space utilised once the 'fortress' has been dismantled. Sue has already been thinking about this and will share her ideas with everyone and listed to all your thoughts.

In future the Committee will display its Minutes of Committee Meetings so they are available to anyone who would like to see them. The monthly accounts – profit and loss and balance sheet- are also available for all to look at.

Everyone agreed at the meeting that it has been very regrettable that over the last 3 weeks there has been disagreeable talk and speculation. This has been bad for the shop, but also for the village community. We all want to draw a line and work positively together to keep the shop going as a village amenity.

At the end of the meeting Paul Cox was formally invited to be co-opted onto the shop committee. We are very pleased that he has agreed to do so.

If anyone has further questions, please talk to Sue or anyone on the Committee. We will of course let you know as soon as we have information about the Outreach Service. A notice will be put up in the shop , on Facebook and on the Website. www.maidenbradleyvillageshop.org.uk

The Village Shop Committee

Your shop is open 7 days per week:

Monday - Friday	7.30am - 5.30 pm
Saturday	8.00 am - 2 .00pm
Sunday	9 00 am -12 .00am

**NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS
NEEDED**

Please help us keep our shop open.



Photos from the 2017 Produce Show



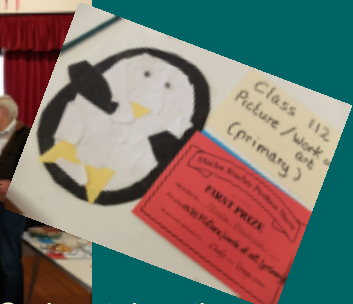
Phoebe Plowman - winner of the Children's Cup



Sara Muir - winner of the Lady's Cup



Lucinda Stokes takes the cup on behalf of the Best Village Dog



James Kennedy winner of the Men's Cup



Pearl, Vera and Tom provided some excellent tea and cakes



Stuart and Caroline Male - proud winners of this year's Rose Bowl for Village Garden

Poppy Appeal

World War I caused widespread devastation to areas of Northern France and Belgium, but the *poppy* flowered every year. It brought colour and hope to the devastated landscape.

Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a doctor serving with the Canadian Armed Forces was deeply moved by what he saw. Inspired by the *poppies*, he wrote the poem – ‘In Flanders’ Fields’.

Poppies were first suggested as a symbol of Remembrance in the USA by Miss Moina Michael in November 1918. They were adopted by the American Legion in 1920.

In August 1921, Madame Guerin introduced her *poppies*, made by a French-American charity's widow, to the British Legion. The next suitable occasion for a poppy-linked *appeal* was Armistice Day, and so the first *Poppy Appeal* was born.

Maiden Bradley house to house collections are licensed to start on 28th October and continue until the Saturday 11th November. Those kindly collecting are David Morse (High Street, Frome View), Mary Stevens (The Knapp, Bancroft, the Rank, 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 for every £1.00 given. The collectors have a supply of envelopes so do please ask for one.

If there is anyone in the village who would like to help collecting (this year or next), please get in touch with Sarah Neish:
(sarah.neish@hotmail.co.uk)



Hello Villagers

Exercise which does not include running or going to the gym, provides amusement and entertainment all the year round is hard to come by. However, you can find this type of entertainment if you come gardening with us at the Community Garden and you can harvest and eat what you grow, just by having your own vegetable plot 27' long X 7'6" wide or thereabouts.



Enough garden to grow your own veg. We have two, possibly three plots coming available for next spring, which have been cultivated over the recent years, well manured and each will probably have a top dressing of well-rotted FYM during the winter.

We ask you for an annual payment of £25 to cover costs of insurance, fuel for the mowers, cultivator and maintenance of equipment, seed stocks and fertilizer. If you know nothing about gardening there is plenty of help from the other members of the Community Garden.

We have a poly tunnel where we grow the early crops and tomatoes, courgettes, lettuce, dwarf beans and cucumbers. There are two greenhouses for potting and bringing on plants and more special crops such as gourds, melons and basil.

Interested? Call James on 01985 845397 or Franck and we will arrange to show you where the garden plots are and you can choose the one you want. Or if it's too much we can divide a plot into two and share with another gardener or just join in and garden the community plots which produce everything from garlic, broad beans, spuds, artichokes, spring cabbage, parsnips and carrots; or just take charge of a couple of corners and grow lettuce or radishes or maybe spring onions.

If you just want exercise, plenty of mowing to be done!

Another thing most of us gardeners try to assist nature with in some way, is by improving habitat for the insects and particularly bees. We have some resident hedgehogs and we would like to encourage them to breed and populate the garden, which would help to keep slugs under control. We have a plan to dig two ponds to improve the opportunity for amphibians. Therefore if there is an aspiring ecologist/environmentalist who would like to do a project on the garden, maybe as an 'A' Level Study or Degree Project, they could meet with us to start putting forward ideas and plans. We should point out that financial resources are very limited but Franck is the knowledgeable one in this field should there be any searching questions.

Autumn is a busy time for harvesting and preparing for next year but if you just want to join in, call me and we will provide you with a small project to help out.

Happy gardening

James Kennedy and Franck Bourdrain

Serves 2 : Prep time 30 mins :

Cooking time 30-60 minutes

75g/2½oz wholegrain long-grain rice

- 2 tsp medium curry powder
 - 100g/3½oz long-stem broccoli, trimmed and cut into short lengths
 - ½ chicken stock cube
 - 1 chicken breast, boned and skinned
 - 1 small onion, half thinly sliced, half finely chopped
 - 1 bay leaf
 - low-calorie cooking spray
 - 15g/½oz flaked almonds, toasted
 - 1 small eating apple, cored, halved and thinly sliced
 - 100g/3½oz cherry tomatoes, halved
 - 3 heaped tbsp roughly chopped fresh coriander
 - ½ lemon, juice only
- salt and freshly ground black pepper

Curried Chicken and Rice Salad



Method

Half-fill a medium saucepan with water and bring to the boil. Add the rice and one teaspoon of curry powder. Cook for 25 minutes, or until tender. Add the broccoli and cook for a further two minutes. Drain in a colander and rinse under cold running water until cold.

Meanwhile half-fill a small saucepan with water, add the stock cube and bring to the boil, stirring until the stock dissolves. Add the chicken, the sliced onion and bay leaf and reduce the heat. Simmer for 15 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through. Drain in a sieve, reserving the cooking liquor. Set the chicken aside to cool.

Return the pan to the heat, spray with oil and add the chopped onion. Cook over a low heat for three minutes, stirring. Add the remaining curry powder and stir for a further few seconds.

Pour 200ml/7fl oz of reserved cooking liquor into the pan and bring to a simmer. Cook the onion for 5-6 minutes, or until most of the liquid has evaporated, stirring occasionally. Remove from the heat, spread across a plate and leave to cool for five minutes before transferring to the fridge until cold.

Tear the chicken into pieces and place in a bowl. Tip the rice and broccoli on top, add the cooled spiced onions, almonds, apple and tomatoes. Scatter with the coriander and sprinkle with lemon juice. Season to taste and serve.

Welcome Club

October already! How time flies! We had a good trip to Minehead last month and we have also had another episode of Oliver Twist, courtesy of Tom and so engrossing even though we know the story,

Tom manages to add his own touch. We are off to Lymington and Christchurch on October 10th, a little earlier in the month to make sure we arrive home before it turns dark. Usual departure times: 8.45 am from Horningsham and 9am from Maiden Bradley. Do let me know if you are coming.

Gordon Brockman will join us on October 19th at 2.30pm in the Horningsham Hall. Mr Brockman will be taking a Roadshow theme and will look at antiques or similar treasures supplied by us, so please do bring him many items in order for him to make the afternoon fun. There will be more details soon about our Christmas Lunch, the first one of what we had last year, its success has led to us doing it again – probably to the same place at £12 to £15 or so per person, with the coach fare as a treat from the Club. Names will be taken soon and I will be around with my pen and notebook! All are Welcome!

Chris Short 01985 847373

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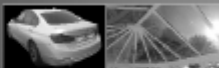
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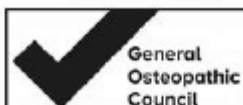
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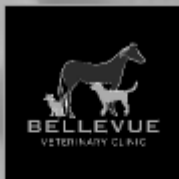


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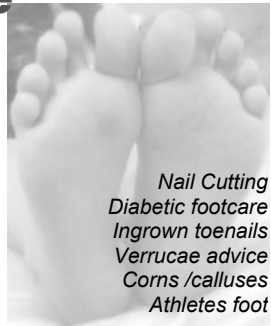
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