# Maiden Bradley

#### **Parish News**

#### No 341 November 2017



**Ruth Burrows flies a Great Gray Owl** 

## **Diary November 2017**

4 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Andy & Maggie's Farewell – Somerset Arms	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Church – Holy Communion: to be celebrated	d by
		Rev. Dr. Stella Wood	10.00 am
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bins Collection	7.00 am
8 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Film Night – 'War Horse'	7.00 for 7.30 pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Remembrance Service – Memorial Hall	10.45 am
12 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Remembrance Service - Church	10.30 am
13 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
14 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
		Book Group Meeting – 1, Castle Hill Lane, M	ere 8.00 pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Welcome Club Meeting – Horningsham Hall	2.30 pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Parish Communion – Church	10.00 am
20 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Gren Bins Collection	7.00 am
Copy Day for articles for December News to pat@visa-office.com			
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
25th	Sat	Oliver Twist read by Tom Allday	7.00 for 7.30 pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Communion Service by Extension	10.00 am
27 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
		Welcome Club Bingo – Memorial Hall	7.30 for 8.00 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 Hols 5-6 pm. Please bring your orders to Memorial Hall Surgery the week before they are due for the Doctor to process.

Refuse & Recycling Collections 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 Pub: 844207;

Memorial Hall bookings – Mel Thomas 845111;

Dr. Andrew Murrison MP: 01225 358584 or murrisona@parliament.uk:

Mere Link Scheme 01747 860096;

Rev. Carol Wilson-Barker 01747 861859.

Bell Ringing every Tuesday 7 pm in the Bell Tower at the Church. Beginners welcome 844475

Coffee Mornings every Friday in the Hall 10 am till 12 noon

Maiden Bradley Parish News - contributions are welcome and preferred in WORD format. Email <u>pat@visa-office.com</u>.

Our front cover picture this month shows Ruth Burrows from Zeals, flying an owl at the Manor Farm Estate in Mere. Various falconry experiences can be booked for individuals or groups but the centre is not open on an ad hoc basis to the general public.

#### Editorial

The turnout for the Open Meeting to discuss the results of the Parish Council's Opinion Poll held recently to gauge support for a permanent financial grant to the Village Shop from the Village Precept, was very disappointing. I think I counted twelve villagers. It should be noted that only 67 of the 167 forms that were circulated, were returned and the majority of those were in favour of this type of financial support. Whatever your views are, it would be helpful to those who have to deal with these types of community issues, for you to get in touch with them and air your views. Then the Parish Council will be able to make meaningful decisions. At the January meeting of the PC, the Precept is set, so please, if you have not already done so, contact your Parish Councillors and tell them your opinion on this issue.

It is somewhat sad to be saying Goodbye to Andy and Maggie and Hailey after such a short period of time. Andy's health does not permit the family to continue at The Somerset Arms but I hope that you agree with me to wish them every good fortune in the future – I will miss their warm and friendly welcome, Maggie's homemade pies and the lovely chicken burgers as well!

Pat Kennedy 845397 <u>pat@visa-office.com</u>



Keep love in your heart. A life without it is like a sunless garden when all the flowers have died.

Oscar Wilde

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## News from the Vicarage

Communion by Extension comes back to Maiden Bradley - and no it isn't something to do with building extra parts on to your house! On 26th November Jane Hurd our experienced Licensed Lay Minister is going to lead a service which includes Holy Communion being distributed. She has had full training for this and the permission of the Bishop, church council and me the Vicar. This is not a new thing and has been around for many years, it is a way to help out the clergy but also acknowledges the very special contribution Lay Ministers make to the church life. Jane will take a service in a very similar way to usual but will bring communion blessed at an earlier service in anther church for those worshipping at All Saints. She will also take the Christmas Day morning service.

I hope you can come and give her your support whilst worshipping in our lovely old church.

Remembering your loved ones – Sunday 29th October at 4pm in St Michaels Mere hear you loved ones name read out and light a candle for them at our All Souls service.

#### With blessings Rev Carol

#### Priest in Charge of Mere with West Knoyle and Maiden Bradley

**Maiden Bradley Church Grounds** 

During the first week of October there was a break in and theft from the building where the grounds maintenance equipment is stored at the church. The lock was cut through and a green jerry can of petrol was stolen. As I am sure you can appreciate, this is extremely disheartening when I endeavour to maintain the grounds as best as possible on a voluntary basis. If anyone in the village has any information regarding this theft, I would be grateful if it could be reported to Wiltshire Police under crime reference number 54170093246. As I have now taken over the majority of the maintenance from Colin Dowson, I am aware from him that various people over the years have offered to help and have been issued a key to the store. If you have a key and are no longer able to help, I would be very grateful if you could return it to me at 37 Church Street. Then if others come forward to offer help in the future, I will have spare keys to give to them rather than having to pay to get them cut.

On the subject of help, you will appreciate that there is a lot of work for one person to do to try and keep on top of the grass cutting as well as making general improvements to the grounds, whilst working full time. If you are able to offer any help, or would like to have a chat about what is involved, please give me a call on 844917.

Carl Warner

## News From the Hall

#### (This month's Hall News is brief due to Mel currently being unwell.)

A "PIT STOP" café is now open in the Hall every Sunday morning from 9am to 1pm, in order to initially attract passing cycling traffic, but of course it is open to everyone.

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November Tom Allday will be reading the final chapters of Oliver Twist. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. There will be a bar open from 7pm.

The Welcome Club are hosting a Bingo evening on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November and everyone is welcome to join in.



Film Night is on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November and we are showing "War Horse". Doors open at 7pm for 7.30 start. Bar will open at 7pm.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Day – we are holding a Memorial Service so please assemble at 10.45am. Tea and coffee afterwards in the Hall.

Advance notice for Newton Country performing in the Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm tickets £12 to include supper.





#### Results from the Maiden Bradley Village Shop Funding Poll

## Consultation papers sent out: 167 Answers received: 67 Question 1:

With regards the idea of the Parish Council providing the flexi-grant of between £1000 and £5000 per year, please select one response below which best reflects your households view.

Our household IS in support of the idea of the Parish Council providing the flexi-grant of between £1,000 and £5,000 per year.

Our household IS NOT in support of the idea of the Parish Council providing the flexi-grant of between £1,000 and £5,000 per year.

#### Results: 83.58% ARE in support 16.42% ARE NOT in support 60% did not respond to the consultation.

The Parish Council Consultation brought forth some questions from parishioners. It was requested at the recent meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 during the public participation that an article was produced in the Parish News.

#### Question: My Council tax bill on my band C house is £1495.15 the monthly figure in the consultation does not match this? The figures below are surely wrong?

The figures in the tables on the consultation represented the Parish Councils proportion of your Council tax bill only. Your Council tax bill is the total cost which includes the cost of Wiltshire Council the Police, Ambulance and Fire Service costs per household. These are collated into a final figure that is collected by Wiltshire Council from householders and then passed onto the service providers. The Parish Council proportion is a small proportion of the monthly figure collected.

## Question: why does my statement from the Wiltshire Council for 2017-18 for a Band C house state that the Parish Council amount is £94.71. How does this relate to any of the figures on the survey?

The figures on your bill are the actual figures for your bill this year, the figures in the tables were the figure it would be if the suggested increases occurred in this year's bill.

## Question: surely the increase is £9.50 per month not a year? Your figures must be wrong?

Yes, the £9.50 figure and £39.22 is the yearly figure it could increase by, it is not a monthly figure it is a yearly figure.

## Question: If the amount payable can vary from year to year, will we go through the same process each time there is a variation of the additional amount to be paid?

The Parish Council on average supports the shop with a £500.00 grant yearly at present and this money has been used to purchase much needed equipment for the shop. The suggestion put at the shops public meeting was for the Parish Council to support the shop financially during the current period of austerity and so provide money toward the lease costs rather than for equipment. The National Association of Local Councils Legal Team and Society of Local Council Clerks Finance Team recommended that a grant system that could fluctuate would be the way forward. This money would come from its precept request.

The precept figure required is decided at the Parish Council meetings each year. The October meeting brings projects and issues to be actioned for the coming year, a budget is produced taking into account these suggestions and is discussed by the Council at the November meeting. The budget is then adjusted following discussions and a further draft brought to the December meeting. This budget can be altered again or approved at the January meeting.

The Parish Council advertises within the community for grant applications every year. These requests are considered within the budget it sets for the coming year. This consultation is to inform the Parish Council if the community wishes it to look at increasing this funding for the shop, further consultation would not be actioned each year. Parishioners will be able to comment each year when an appliaciotn is received from the village shop as all meetings of the Parish Council are open to the public and there is a section at the start for parishioners to speak to Council. This means any fluctuation each year is discussed in the public forum. The consultation is to clarify if the community wish the Parish Council to look at a fluctuating grant application for this purpose.

#### **Conclusion:**

Following the public's views given and the Councillors views discussed at the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017. It was resolved that as only four Councillors were present, the Council resolved to move this item to the next Agenda for discussion. At the next meeting Council would decide the next course of action including wider discussion of size of budget including thoughts on the amount available for grants in the next financial year.

#### Maiden Bradley Community Shop

This month we have lost the Post Office which was a massive blow for us all but one that I'm sure we can recover from. I would like to personally thank Pam for all her hard work and wish her the very best for the future.

I am looking into the viability of an ATM cash machine in the shop as this seems to be the most missed service of the Post Office. This would be a great bonus for the village and passing trade alike.

We are still waiting for a date for the commencement of the Outreach service from the Post Office but I will keep you informed of any developments. A Click and Collect service for dropping off and collecting parcels is also being investigated.

We must move forward and therefore the Post Office Fortress will be removed as soon as possible. A refurbishment plan is already in place so you should see some changes over the coming weeks.

I am determined to keep the shop running but I do know that new trends such as internet shopping and Click and Collect services offered by supermarkets are very popular. I am passionate about offering a local service for the village and surrounding areas so really need your support. We supply fresh local produce such as bread, milk, eggs and meat so you will not only be supporting the shop but also the local farmers with a better product as a bonus. Of course we can also supply those other essentials that you may have forgotten such as frozen meals which are very popular.

As Christmas approaches we will have some tasting days so you can sample mince pies, cheeses and more. The most popular will be added as new lines.

Finally please don't forget that you can special order your meat, bread and milk to avoid any disappointment as well as avoiding a long journey to collect. **Sue Worrall** 

#### Your shop is open 7 days per week:

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

#### **Family News**

We extend a warm welcome to Peter Christopher Dean who is going to be living opposite his grandparents Peter and Wendy Dean.

Another warm welcome to Ian and Maureen Ferguson who moved to the village in the summer.

We will be saying goodbye to Andy, Maggie and Hailey but thank them for creating a warm welcome at the Somerset Arms in the few months they have been here.

## **Opinion Poll - Prize Draw Results**

Selvedge Research & Consulting would like to thank all of those who completed the Village Shop Funding Poll papers.

The prize draw was completed at the Village Shop on Thursday and the winning tickets are:

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (£20.00): ticket number 228 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (£30.00): ticket number 215 1<sup>st</sup> Prize (£50.00): ticket number 124

Please could the holders of the winning tickets contact Anna via email or telephone (anna@selvedgeconsulting.com / 01985 845234) to arrange for your prize cheque.

#### **Somerset Arms**

Andy and Maggie are holding a leaving party on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 6.30pm in order to thank those villagers for their support during their brief stay at the Somerset Arms. In particular they wish to thank the "Superstars" who gave up their time to assist them in the pub during Andy's recent illness. Their thanks also extend to the many friends who sent best wishes for Andy's speedy recovery. Andy and Maggie look forward to seeing you on 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### Parish Clerk to be President

The Parish Council are very pleased to announce the fantastic news that Sarah Jefferies (our Parish Clerk) has been voted to be the next President of The Local Council Clerks Conference. It is an incredible achievement to be so highly thought of by her contemporaries that she was voted in by a landslide majority!

Maiden Bradley Parish Council are very proud to be supported by such a highly regarded Parish Clerk and this public accolade is everything that she deserves!

Angus Neish

#### Shreen Harmony Concert

Two years ago Shreen Harmony performed in our church to a very appreciative audience. We have booked them again for Thursday December 14th at 7.30 pm, so please make a note of this in your diaries. There will be another notice and posters to look out for nearer the time.

#### Newton Country back at the Hall.....

Tickets are now available for an evening with Newton Country, performing at the Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall on 16th Dec at 7.30. Tickets are £12 each which include a buffet supper and a raffle and can be purchased from the village shop or Caz Gunter on 01985 844796 or 07708 608359.

Some of you will remember when they performed earlier in the year and all who attended thoroughly enjoyed the evening, hence the reason to get them back again! So don't delay buy your tickets now, as I remember they were sold out at the last show!

This year all proceeds will go towards the Memorial Hall's 'roof fund' so if anyone would like to donate a prize for the raffle, that would be greatly appreciated and therefore you can contact me on the above numbers if necessary.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you there!

#### Caz Gunter



LOVE gazing at the stars on a clear night? Now you can do so with the experts pointing out some of the hundreds of spectacular constellations in the pristine night skies above the Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) at a series of special Stargazing Events.

Astronomer and Cranborne Chase AONB Dark Skies advisor Bob Mizon will regale the audience with stories of the astronomical wonders above their heads, while the AONB's director Linda Nunn will detail developments concerning the Cranborne Chase AONB's bid for prestigious International Dark Sky Reserve status. Afterwards, the audience will join Bob and members of the Wessex Astronomical Society outside for a spectacular stargazing experience.

The series of stargazing events during 2017/2018 will be as follows:

- Friday 20 October at New Remembrance Hall, Charlton (The Remembrance Field, Charlton, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 0PL)
- •Monday 13 November at Semley Village Hall (Semley, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 9AS) •Saturday 9 December at Sixpenny Handley 1<sup>st</sup> Woodcutts Scout HQ (B3081, Sixpenny Handley, Dorset SP5 5NW)
- •Thursday 18 January at Bishopstone Village Hall (Butt Lane, Bishopstone, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP5 4AA)
- •Thursday 15 February at Ansty Pick Your Own (Ansty PYO & Farm Shop, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP3 5PX)
- •Thursday 15 March at Sutton Veny Village Hall (High Street, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire BA12 7AP)

All events commence at 7pm and last for around two to two-and-a-half hours, depending on weather conditions. The cost for adults is £5 each (cash or cheque on the night/includes a free tea or coffee), with no charge for children. Bookings must be made in advance, tel: 01725 517417, or email: <u>info@cranbornechase.org.uk</u>.

Additionally, on Monday 19 February, renowned night sky photographer Nigel Ball will be hosting a talk on the techniques used to capture fantastic night images and star trails using a standard digital SLR. The discussion includes planning, equipment and top tips for success. The talk will be held at Woodcutts Scout HQ, Sixpenny Handley. To register your interest, email <u>info@cranbornechase.org.uk</u>.

For more information on stargazing in the Cranborne Chase AONB, log on to www.chasingstars.org.uk



#### From the archive ... (with thanks to Celia Blay)





Maiden Bradley Village Hall when used as a Red Cross Hospital October 1917. The Duchess of Somerset is in middle row.



#### Ingredients



750g/1lb 10oz pumpkin or butternut squash, peeled, deseeded and cut into chunks 350g sweet shortcrust pastry plain flour, for dusting 140g caster sugar ½ tsp salt 1/2 tsp fresh grated nutmeg 1 tsp cinnamon 2 eggs beaten 25g butter melted 175ml milk 1 tbsp icing sugar



#### Method

- 1. Place the pumpkin in a large saucepan, cover with water and bring to the boil. Cover with a lid and simmer for 15 mins or until tender. Drain pumpkin; let cool.
- 2. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Roll out the pastry on a lightly floured surface and use it to line a 22cm loose-bottomed tart tin. Chill for 15 mins. Line the pastry with baking parchment and baking beans, then bake for 15 mins. Remove the beans and paper, and cook for a further 10 mins until the base is pale golden and biscuity. Remove from the oven and allow to cool slightly.
- 3. Increase oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Push the cooled pumpkin through a sieve into a large bowl. In a separate bowl, combine the sugar, salt, nutmeg and half the cinnamon. Mix in the beaten eggs. melted butter and milk, then add to the pumpkin purée and stir to combine. Pour into the tart shell and cook for 10 mins, then reduce the temperature to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Continue to bake for 35-40 mins until the filling has just set.
- 4. Leave to cool, then remove the pie from the tin. Mix the remaining cinnamon with the icing sugar and dust over the pie. Serve chilled.

Many thanks to Pearl for her help with the trip reports throughout the season in which connection I can tell you of our Minehead trip in greater detail.

The day began in extremely misty weather but after our coffee stop, things improved and we arrived in Minehead in sunshine. All found a restaurant/pub of choice for lunch then we travelled to Dunster a little later and sought out somewhere for tea from some delightful establishments. We drove home via Canards Grove where we had yet more refreshments and the raffle! A pleasant day out for all.

Our arranged speaker for October 19<sup>th</sup> was unable to attend due to illness so Tom brought his bingo equipment and we had a few games complete with prizes!

Having previously decided not to run our coffee morning in early November, the next date will be November 16<sup>th</sup> at which time Tom will read from Oliver Twist – an enjoyable time 2.30pm at Horningsham – come and experience a taste of life in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

At the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> we will complete the Christmas Lunch list, full details still not available, we are going to the Bell at Andover on December 5<sup>th</sup> with the cost per person £12 to £15 (this is the outstanding confirmation we are awaiting) however hopefully you will pay for your lunches on the 16<sup>th</sup>, that would be good. The coach is free but we hope to have cash for the lunch by the due date.

Prize Bingo at Bradley on Monday November 27<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm for 8pm and everyone is very welcome. If you want to come to the Christmas lunch, please ring me soonest.

#### Chris Short 847373



Recital: Themes and Variations Guy Johnston (cello) & Tom Poster ano) Saturday 18 November, 7.30pm, gston Deverill Church Tickets: £15

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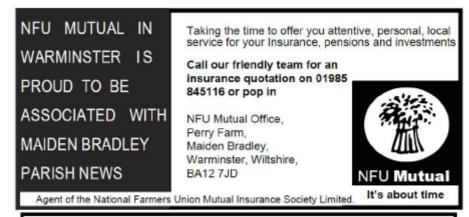


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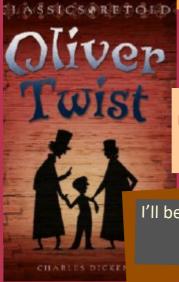
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# "Storytime with Tom"

Saturday 25th November2017

Continuing the adventures of Oliver Twist whose life is filled with sadness and misfortune but somehow keeps going. Will he ever be free of the evil FAGIN and who is the mysterious MONKS who desperately wants Oliver to be discredited? Does MR BUMBLE still have a part to play in this saga and what is Oliver's connection to MR BROWNLOW? For the moment Oliver is in the safe protection of MRS MAYLIE and her niece ROSE but why is NANCY so keen to contact them?

Why not join me and discover some of the answer in the final episode of Charles Dickens' classic story?



Doors and bar will be open at 7pm and the story will continue at 7.30pm.

Tickets £5 available to purchase at the MB Community shop, 844206 and from Pat Kennedy 845397. Also available at the door on the night

I'll be delighted to see you.

Tom Alldau

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