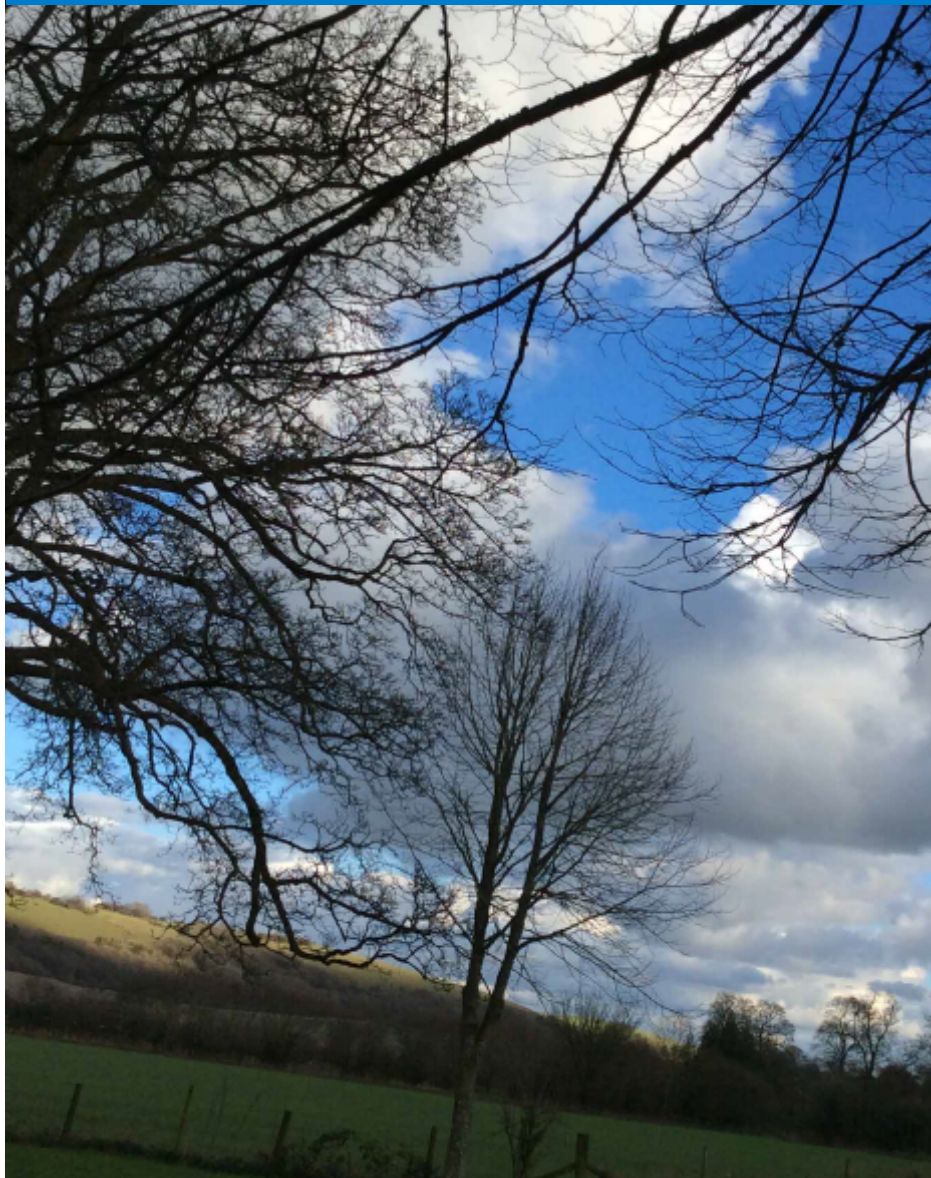


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View from Back Lane by Pat Kennedy

Diary March 2016

2 nd	Wed	Lent Lunch – Autumn Stead	12.30 pm
		Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
		Stretch & Recharge – Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
5 th	Sat	Creative Workshop – Jules Horn 845063	
6 th	Sun	Mothering Sunday Service – Church	10.00 am
7 th	Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
		Bingo – Memorial Hall	7.30 for 8.00 pm
8 th	Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
9 th	Wed	Lent Lunch – Autumn Stead	12.30 pm
		Kids@MB – Memorial Hall	6.00-7.30 pm
		Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
12 th	Sat	Film Night “Robot and Frank”	7pm for 7.30 pm
13 th	Sun	Matins – Church	10.00 am
14 th	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bins Collection	7.00 am
16 th	Wed	Lent Lunch – The Old Vicarage	12.30 pm
		Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
		Stretch & Recharge – Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
17 th	Thu	Welcome Club Meeting – Horningsham Hall	2.30 pm
18 th	Fri	March Lunch – Memorial Hall	12.30 for 12.45 pm
20 th	Sun	Palm Sunday Service - Church	10.00
20nd	Sun	Copy Day for articles for April News to pat@visa-office.com	
21 st	Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
22 nd	Tue	W.I. Meeting – Stourton Village Hall	7.30 pm
23 rd	Wed	Lent Lunch – 76 High Street	12.30 pm
		Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
24 th	Thu	Shop A.G.M. – Memorial Hall	6.30 pm
		Book Group Meeting – 1, Barcroft	8.00 pm
27 th	Sun	Easter Communion – Church	10.00 am
28 th	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bin Collection	7.00 am
30 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	

**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 – Mel Thomas 845111 ; 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

The long autumn will soon be over, spring flowers have been with us for some time and the buzz of life in Maiden Bradley continues with lots of activities and interests. My particular hobby is bell ringing (as you all probably know already) but what is your hobby? Please write, email or phone and let me know what printable interests you may have, others may be interested enough to join you! I have at last sighted the ravens flying across the road to Warminster but still fail to find the illusive tree sparrows can anyone assist here? The Community Garden awaits some newcomers, the Village Shop and Memorial Hall need more volunteers so why not get involved – you have nothing to lose and so much to gain!

Pat Kennedy pat@visa-office.com 845397

Response to February Editorial

A timely reminder - or nudge to their consciences? - to those people who are careless in their driving along Back Lane...but do such people read the Parish News, or bother to take note? We can only keep trying. I'd like to add two further reminders/nudges: drivers far too often speed along Back Lane in particular, to the peril of walkers including children; and dog walkers forget/don't bother to clean up after their dogs. If you've ever trodden in dog mess you'll know what a horrible smelly job it is to clean your shoes/boots afterwards - and what about pushchair wheels, and children's bikes, scooters etc.? Apart from the unpleasantness, it is a health hazard. For goodness' sake, dog owners, it only takes a few seconds to clear up, poo bags only cost pennies, no one is asking you to climb Mount Everest or beat climate change! If I can do it, aged and decrepit as I may be, so can you! Why is it apparently necessary to keep on reminding and asking people about these surely obvious things? It's a matter of good manners as much as anything else - a "doasyouwouldbedoneby" situation.



Sue Loudoun.

February 16 News From The Hall

This has been a pretty quiet month. The showing of "The Love Punch" was really enjoyed by those that braved the atrocious weather and ventured out to watch it. The Fish and Chip Lunch saw 30 sit down to it, my thanks go to Kim Mattia for stepping in at the last moment, when I was unable to cook, due to unforeseen circumstances. By the time you read this we will have had the 1st production of the Maiden Bradley Players, I hope you gave it your full support. New ventures like this will be the life blood of the hall in the years to come.

Jules Horn has tried to get Yoga exercise classes going to no avail, come on ladies and gents where else are you going to get such good value exercise at £2 a session. Contact Jules.

March upcoming events are:

Film Night is a comedy called "Robot & Frank" this I am informed is a very funny film to suit all ages. So put Sat 12th March in your diaries, doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm

The March lunch will be "Faggots or Sausage and Mash" this 2 course meal will be on Friday 18th 12.30 pm for 12.45pm book early as this is another very popular menu.

The weekend of Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th June, is the official "Queens Birthday" weekend and we are working hard at putting plenty of Community based events on in the Hall, so please put a note in your diaries to keep it free.

Mel Thomas

Memorial Hall Lottery

January

1 st A. Glastonbury	£22.63	2 nd Shelia Aston	£11.35
3 rd Robert Morris	£6.90	4 th M. Thomlinson	£4.50

February

1 st Wid Graham	£22.50	2 nd J. Knight T	£11.25
3 rd Mrs J Lucas	£6.80	4 th Mr R. Stevens	£4.45

Since 1998 the lottery has brought in a total of £19,0167.00 to help maintain the Memorial Hall. Therefore £9,508.50 has gone to the Memorial Hall and the same amount in prize money, up to last December.

If you would like to help support your Memorial 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.

From the Vicarage

This year Heytesbury Deanery (our local group of churches) is having a Year of Prayer. We started recently with a visit from Brother Sam of Hillfield Friary near Dorchester. He is a “real life” holy man complete with habit, girdle (rope round his middle) and sandals, living in community with 6 brothers and lay people too. The Friary is a Franciscan Order following the teaching of St Francis of Assisi and is open, so takes visitors. I’ve been there several times and their welcome is warm and genuine. The brothers gather 4 times a day for prayer, starting at 7am for half an hour of silent prayer. Br Sam is the leader of the community but he also takes a hand in cleaning, cooking and preparing accommodation for visitors together with planning and organising the direction of the community.



There was a real sense in listening to Br. Sam that here was a man very much in touch with God. His very presence was an encouragement to pray, even before he opened his mouth. Most people pray at some time in their lives, it can be a spontaneous expression of need or just joy. It is my experience that God answers prayer though not always in the way we would think. Maiden Bradley is blessed to have a midweek prayer group which meets every week to pray for the Village, for those in need both locally and further afield. (Celia Blay can give you details 844817). If during this period of Lent you would like to follow a daily reading and prayer time please email me on vicar@stmichaelsmere.org.uk and I will send you material from Salisbury Diocese Pray Serve Grow reflection.

Blessings

Rev Carol

Community News

Thank you so much to the person who left a ‘Secret Santa’ gift outside my door. I was very moved to think that someone had thought of me, and needless to say I enjoyed the lovely goodies very much.

Thank you.

Barbara Golledge

Parish Council February 2016

Litter Pick – The litter pick will be the 5th March 2016, meet at 10.00am at the community Garden where equipment to litter pick and Hi Viz Jackets supplied. There will be Councillors collecting the filled bags and assisting where required.

This is the weekend highlighted for the countrywide project Clean for the Queen's birthday.

Highways - Councillor Patrick Nixon reported that he had spoken to the Parish Stewart in the parish last week as they were actioning basic clearing. He reported the good news that Ringway have been reinstated as the Wiltshire Council Highways Contractor. It was noted that it might take until August 2016 for the company to settle in.

Councillor Sebastian Seymour reported that a road plough is need to get the back lane/Kingston lane back to its original width. The clerk was instructed to log this issue on the Wiltshire Council system. The recent flooding issues were discussed, it was felt that the level of flooding down Kingston lane was less than in previous years, Councillors would continue to monitor the issue.

Councillor Patrick Nixon reported that the Fly tipping reported in Frome road layby, has been collected. It was noted that several Caravans have been dumped in the area but have been swiftly collected for disposal.

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.

Forces March - the Forces March will be using the recreational area on the weekend of the 28th May 2016 for this year's event. The event is in its 7th Year.

Annual Parish Meeting - Tuesday 10th May 2016 7.30pm (Meeting of Electoral not a Full Council meeting)

Dates of Full Parish Council Meetings 2016-2017 - Tuesday 12th April 2016 7.30pm, Tuesday 10th May 2016 8.00pm Annual Parish Council meeting (Following on from the Annual Parish meeting), Tuesday 14th June 2016 7.30pm, Tuesday 12th July 2016 7.30pm, There will be no meeting during the August Summer break, Tuesday 13th September 2016 7.30pm, Tuesday 11th October 2016 7.30pm, Tuesday 8th November 2016 7.30pm (Budget meeting), Tuesday 13th December 2016 7.30pm, Tuesday 10th January 2017 7.30pm, Tuesday 7th February 2017 7.30pm Tuesday 14th March 2017 7.30pm and Tuesday 11th April 2017 7.30pm.

Village Shop Grant Application - the Village shops grant application, for £500.00 towards the replacement cost of a motorised awning was approved.

Campaign to Protect Rural England Best Kept Village Competition – Council decided not to take part in this year's event.

Items for the next Agenda –

Date of the next meeting-

The Council agreed that Tuesday 8th March 2016 will 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 Southwilts.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 shop.

Sarah Jeffries can be contacted by email: maidenbradley@virginmedia.com or phone: 01985 213436 Parish Clerk 9 Beech Grove Warminster BA12 0AB

Community Garden

Get gardening!

The absence of true winter is to say the least disorienting and makes the preparation for the spring somewhat difficult to gage. But assuming that 2016 spring is to follow from the long lasted 2015 autumn, then now is a good time for anyone interesting in a little (or lots) of gardening, to join us at our fantastic walled community garden. For more information, please do not hesitate to contact me on 844907 / no. 3 Kingston Lane.

Franck on behalf of
the community garden
group.

Thank you!



Welcome Club

Our 2016 season began on 18th February, 21 members paid their annual dues, for various reasons a few people were unable to attend and will do the necessary at a later date.

We were issued with the new programme which had a good reception, and also the new list of trips for the summer were approved.

True to form we had tea and raffle and left the meeting looking forward to the March get-together which will be on 17th March and will be something new to our schedule when one of our members will be entertaining us, embarking on 'Story Time' telling us a tale of his choice. Do come along and support us.

Our trips begin next month, details in the April issue. Just a reminder that all trips are avail to all-comers, you simply need to ring the telephone number as below to book your seat, fares are taken on the trip day.

We are really looking forward to the new season – if you feel you might like to come along and give us a try you would be most welcome and can be assured of a friendly reception.

Chris Short 01985 847373

The Parish Council would like to invite all parishioners to join in a

Community Litter Pick

to help improve the appearance

of the Parish.



Saturday 5th March 2016

10.00am at the Community Garden

High viz waist coats, gloves, litter pick tools

and waste bags have been organised

Save the date in your diaries.

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In the last newsletter, Melanie Collins talked about the birth of her baby and wanted to know of any other Maiden Bradley home births, so I thought I would tell you what I know about my birth.

I was the fifth child in the family. My other brothers and sisters had all been fairly straight forward births but things were not going well with this labour at our home in Trow Lane (off Frome Road) on a cold wet night in 1951. One of the family was despatched to the phone box in Church St (a home phone was a rarity in those days) to summon Dr. Ellis. When the doctor arrived he found that mother was in a bad way and that I was upside down and backwards (a state that has continued ever since, some might say!). Mother's brothers and sisters were called to the house as the doctor thought that neither she nor I would survive, but a miracle must have happened as mother pulled through and I eventually emerged in the early hours of 2nd November. After such an ordeal, mother asked Dr. Ellis to name me. As we lived "down the lane" he decided to name me after the little boy in the nursery rhyme, Christopher Robin. Mother obviously wasn't deterred by this bad experience though as she went on to have a further four children at home!

Chris (Robin) Downes.

Creative Workshop

On Saturday March 5th, I will be running a one-day Introduction to Creative Journaling workshop in Maiden Bradley Village Hall.

What is Creative Journaling? I hear you ask...It is a process of making a small book of deep personal resonance using scrapbooking, craft and journaling techniques. It allows us to take a journey into our interior world using delightfully simple and fun methods (playing with paint, glue, scraps and cuttings!) and to use these in our lives to inspire us, to explore ideas and to get clarity on problem solving. We will not be making 'art', we will be taking delight in art supplies though!

The cost will be £30 for the day, including coffee and a light lunch.

This is going to be a really enjoyable day and I hope you will be able to join us.

Email juleshorn@rocketmail.com or phone 01985 845063 to book or for more details.

Jules Horn



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Thursday, 24 March at 6.30 pm

Village Hall

Please note that there has been a change of date. This will be an opportunity for everyone to come along and hear how the shop is doing and to let the committee have your comments and suggestions. We will be voting in the members of the Committee. If you are interested in being part of the Committee please let me know and I can discuss it with you. **The shop cannot operate without a committee to run it. We need your support!**

Liz Nixon

ernixon66@gmail.com

Tel. 844242

The Appliange of Science - at Whitesheet Academy.



Whoosh, Bang, Fizz and Pop were the names given to the four groups of children taking part in Whitesheet Primary Academy's Science Day. Each of the groups were accompanied by members of staff or governors. "It was difficult to tell who was the most excited," said Mel Vincent class teacher science subject leader, "them or the children!"

Live experiments and demonstrations continued throughout the day. These included such fascinating subjects as Candle Vacuum Demonstration, Make

a hoop out of A4 paper, Lava Lamp Demonstration, Milk Kaleidoscopes, Marsh Mallow Structures, Ooblick and Rockets, Chemistry – chromatography and PH value, Electricity – Build and test your own Circuits, Volcano Explosions, Centre of Gravity, Paper Structures and Flowers in Water. "The children were totally adsorbed in learning so many new, interesting and worthwhile ideas." said Mel Vincent, "It really was the appliange of science for the children".

All the experiments went according to plan - and there were plenty of oohs and ahs throughout the day. All the groups were of mixed years, with siblings together. This enabled the older children to assist and guide the younger ones.

"It was such a fantastic day." said the science leader at the end of the day. "All the children were so well behaved and excited. The team of children, staff and governors worked so well together giving such a vibrant and enthusiastic learning experience. It was truly Whoosh, Bang, Fizz and Pop!"

The children clearly had a very good day. Here's what some commented afterwards.

"My favourite activity was setting off the rockets. I learned to wait for the gasses to fill the chamber before it popped, it was so much fun"

"I really enjoyed the structure building with marsh mallows and also watching the oil separate from the water when making lava lamps. I learned that the oil is lighter than the water."

"I liked it when the volcano exploded. I learned that bicarbonate of soda fizzes when it is mixed with vinegar, red paint and washing up liquid. It looked like a real volcano"

"My favourite experiment was the lava lamp experiment. It was nice to look at because the water was coloured and the bubbles went through the oil"

"I loved the oozy gloop. I learned that if you mix corn flour and water together you can make a solid and a liquid. It felt really gooey."

" I loved the blast off rocket it went higher and higher. It was fun shouting 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, ZERO! Blast off!"



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- Advise, mentor and guide the management team.

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Contact

Informal discussions with our Chief Executive, Leanne Hubbard, are welcome. Expressions of interest and CVs should be emailed to lhubbard@wiltshiresight.org



This
Month's
Recipe

Ingredients for Bang Bang Chicken

- 2 shallots, finely sliced
- 35g/1¼oz chopped fresh coriander
- 1 cooked chicken breast, shredded
- ½ lime, juice only
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 1 tsp sesame oil
- 1 tsp soy sauce
- 25g/1oz cashews, toasted
- 1 tbs vegetable oil
- 2 pak choi leaves, shredded
- 1 lime, halved, to garnish



Method

1. Mix the shallots, coriander and chicken breast in a bowl.
2. In a mini blender, blend the lime juice, garlic, sesame oil, soy sauce and toasted cashews.
3. Place into a frying pan and cook gently until golden. Toss the sauce with the chicken salad.
4. Heat the vegetable oil in a wok and stir fry the pak choi for one minute.
5. To serve, pour the warm salad onto the pak choi leaves on a large plate and garnish with lime halves.

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