

Maiden Bradley

Parish News

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The Right Reverend Edward Condry Bishop of Ramsbury
visits Maiden Bradley

DIARY FOR MAY

1 st	Mon	Household Waste Collection Bingo – Memorial Hall	7.00 am 7.30 for 8.00 pm
7 th	Sun	Rogation Service at the Bison Farm, West Knoyle	10.30 am
8 th	Mon	Black Box, Blue Bin Collection	7.00 am
9 th	Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
10 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting details 844817	6.30 pm
14 th	Sun	Matins – Church	10.00 am
15 th	Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
17 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
18 th	Thu	Welcome Club Meeting – Tom Allday	2.30 pm
19 th	Fri	Copy Day for articles for June News to pat@visa-office.com	
21 st	Sun	Rogation Service at Rodmead Farm	3.00 pm
22 nd	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bin Collection	7.00 am
23 rd	Tue	Welcome Club Outing to Bognor Regis	9.00 am
24 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
27 th	Sat	Opening of Wylve Valley Art Trail	
28 th	Sun	Holy Communion – Church	10.00 am
29 th	Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
25 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
28 th	Sun	Holy Communion - Church	10.00 am
29 th	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bin Collection	7.00 am,
31 st	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 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 Holidays 5-6 pm.

Due to pressure of work the Surgery at Silton, Bourton, is unable to accept repeat orders for medication by telephone. Please bring your orders to Memorial Hall Surgery the week before they are due so that the Doctor can collect them.

Dustbin Day every Monday for Bank Holiday changes see Wiltshire Council website.

Mother & Toddlers every Tuesday 10.00 am to 12 noon..

Useful telephone Nos.: The Village Shop: 844206; The Post Office: 845040; The Pub: 844207; Memorial Hall bookings – Amanda Dye 845205 ; Dr. Andrew Murrison MP: 01225 358584 or murrisona@parliament.uk; Mere Link Scheme 01747 860096; Rev. Carol Wilson-Barker 01747 861859

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

Editorial

Now into the fifth month of the year, soon someone will tell me how many days it is until

But until that date arises again, we are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Swifts back into our nesting boxes in the top of our house. The boxes were installed by our predecessor, who was quite a champion of wildlife and filled the garden with a vast variety of insect appealing flora and plenty of habitats for garden and visiting birds. Apart from a visiting rat over the winter (now disappeared) we have seen a yellow necked mouse, frogs and toads but sadly despite making new habitats, we have yet to encourage slow worms to venture in. The greater spotted woodpecker makes a daily fly-in to feast on the nuts and we hope that the wrens will have better luck this year in raising their brood as last year something wrecked their nest and destroyed their young.

What wildlife do you enjoy in your garden? Do let us know.

Pat Kennedy 845397

pat@visa-office.com

PS The portrait of Edward Seymour is on public display at Longleat House, in the corridor just outside the great hall, hung underneath a portrait of Henry VIII.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Andy and Maggie and family, the new landlords of the Somerset Arms and wish them a successful stay in the village.

Family News....

Congratulations to Kiera Stevens on her marriage to Mark Holbrook in the All Saints' Church, Maiden Bradley. The weather was perfect and a reception for family and friends was held afterwards at Wanstrow.

News from the Vicarage

We were delighted to host a visit by our local area bishop Bishop Ed Condry to Maiden Bradley just before Easter. He wanted to encourage and support all the good things that go on in the village. He first visited the shop and was shown round by Sue the shop manager who explained the challenges of manning and stocking the shop but how it with the PO is a wonderful asset for people who live locally. Then he had a Lent lunch at Liz Nixon's house where he met church council and other members of All Saints. He listened with sympathy to the stories of people who have worked hard over many years to maintain the church and pay their way. He encouraged us with stories of other churches he knows who have overcome difficulties and promised his continued support and prayers. He then went to the Higgins' Farm to hear and see the cows and newborn calves to appreciate the joys and frustrations of dairy farming. Following this we were invited with Patrick Nixon a parish councillor to meet with Lord Sebastian at Bradley House, hearing about the extent of the estate and how forestry has changed over the years. Lord Sebastian spoke of the challenges of managing all the aspects the estate comprised of. At the village hall, Mel showed and explained the work that had gone into renovating the hall and Bishop Ed was particularly impressed with the doctors' surgery room. Finally it was back to the Old Vicarage for refreshments where Liz got the chance to say both "more tea Vicar?" and "more tea Bishop?". Bishop Ed passes on his thanks to everyone for their kind hospitality. He is inviting church council members back to his house in Warminster for supper in June.

Rev Carol



April News from the Hall 2017

A big thank you to all who attended both the Easter Bingo and the Quiz night, it was good to see new faces supporting both events. The quiz was a joint effort between the Hall & the Shop both of which need to raise funds. A big thank you goes to Brenda and her team for the Bingo and both Pam & Brenda for the fun filled quiz.

May will be a fairly quiet month but don't forget to use your vote at the local elections on May 4th and the General Election on June 8th.

The Parish Council will be holding its AGM on Tuesday 16th May at 7.30pm all are welcome to attend

May 27th sees the opening of the Wyle Valley Art Trail, with exhibitions by Steve Gunter and Tonia Gunstone on show. There will be cream teas and refreshments available on both week-ends of 27th/28th/ 29th and again on the 3rd/4th June.



On Friday 9th June we have part 3 of Oliver Twist read by Tom Allday.

“A Night with Tom Allday”

The doors and bar will open at 7pm and the performance will begin at 7.30pm. All funds raised will go to the repairs of the roof.

We need your support so please join us. Tickets £5

Don't forget if you are planning a family party, need somewhere to hold a training day or meeting, the hall offers some of the best hire rates for many a mile.

Mel Thomas

MAIDEN BRADLEY SHOP Outcome of Village Meeting and AGM

The Village meeting held in March after the AGM was extremely well attended and very positive. The Committee was much reassured that the Village Shop is still wanted and considered a vital asset to the village. After a very clear presentation of the financial position by the Treasurer and a precise report by the Manager of what the problems are, there was a constructive discussion and many valuable recommendations offered.

The main points raised:

- The Shop should improve its signage outside the Shop and on the approach roads to the village. The passing trade is vital and increasingly becoming the main income during the summer months. Car parking signs to be clear.
- Light the sign and forecourt in the winter months
- Improve and maintain the quality of the fresh fruit and vegetables
- Improve advertising of our range of stock and advertise that we sell wine, beer and cider.
- Ensure that fresh sandwiches, etc. are always available to the passing trade
- Let villagers know that house prices benefit considerably from having a shop in the village.
- Ask Parish Council to look into the possibility of it taking over the lease

These recommendations are now in hand and you will be seeing shortly, if not already, some results. Due to the generosity of a villager we are working on a full set of signs and the Parish Clerk is looking at the legalities over the PC taking on the lease.

Already the Shop is busier and we are looking forward to a successful summer season.

Committee:

The new committee elected at the AGM are:

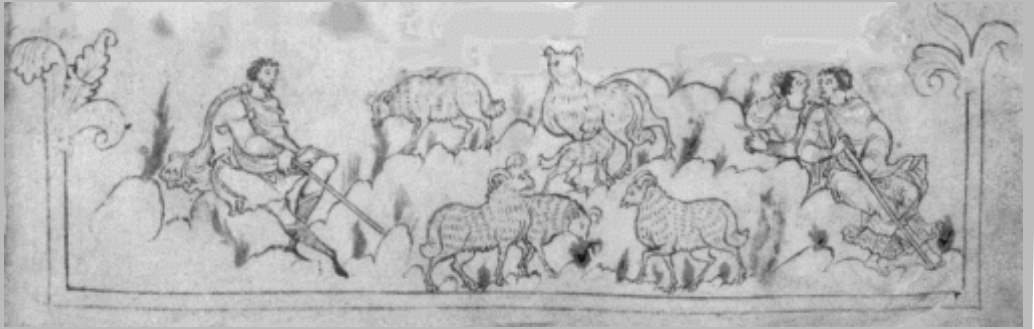
Chairman: Liz Nixon

Vice chairman: Philip Henry

Treasurer: Elaine Lavender

Secretary: Sheila Foley

Committee members: Simon Wager (advertising and marketing brief), John Somerset and Sam Higgins. (Sheila Foley has also taken on the role of Volunteer coordinator).



Rogation

This year we have the chance of going to two Rogation services, both in lovely locations, on May 7th at 10.30 there is a communion service at the bison farm in West Knoyle and on May 21st we have our own traditional Rogation service at Rodmead Farm at 3p.m. Both are events suitable for all the family. To find Rodmead go towards Mere and take the track on the left just outside the village. Please come and share in asking God's blessing on the land and the animals.

In the year 900 King Edward gave a parcel of land to the bishopric of Winchester. The bishop of Winchester at the time was Denewulf who was said to have been an illiterate swineherd who had helped King Alfred when he was fleeing the Vikings. Tucked inside this charter was found the earliest known English document listing the duties and rights of serfs. After a long list of the work they should do for their master the document ends, "They must wash the sheep and shear in their own time and work as instructed all but three weeks, one at mid winter, the other at Easter and the third in Ganddagan." 'Ganddagan' was a rogationtide holiday and is roughly translated as 'the enchanted days.' The Anglo/Saxons called the month of May 'Three Milk' because the cows could be milked three times a day; May was for them a time of earthly and spiritual beauty. Illustrations for May, such as the one from the Julius Hymnal shown above, made around a thousand years ago, almost always show a shepherd and his flock. A close look at such illustrations shows that there is more to them than a pleasant pastoral scene, the clothing and bare feet of the observers on the right indicate that they are a monk and a priest while the beard of the shepherd hints at this being Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Rogationtide is the week leading up to Ascension day and was the time when the beating of the bounds took place and the priest would bless the land. In Wiltshire, in the 12th and 13th c. the procession round the village would be led by a dragon representing Pontius Pilate who was followed by a lion that represented Christ then villagers with banners singing hymns. The celebrations weren't entirely pious. Our Rogation days are likely to be rather less energetic but we hope they will still be enjoyable.

It's here!
www.maidenbradleyvillage.org.uk



I have launched a new community website which I hope will evolve to become a really useful addition to our village network. In outline, it will cover the following:

- Welcome and village information
- News / events page
- Village History / Bradley House
- Village amenities (shop, hall, pub, church with links to their websites)
- Local businesses – adverts , website links and features for our local tradesmen / suppliers.
- Local artists – a gallery section featuring the many local artists, photographers, crafts people etc .
- Accommodation available in and around MB
- Parish council – information , downloadable minutes etc
- Downloadable editions of this Parish Newsletter
- A village forum for chat / for sale/ wanted etc

Please take a look at www.maidenbradleyvillage.org.uk and let me have any thoughts, ideas and contributions.

Email me at elainelavender1@outlook.com or call me on 844637

Elaine Lavender

Parish Council April 2017

Chairman Councillor Angus Neish being thanked by Mr Alan Inwood for the £250.00 Grant Award to the Mere Link Scheme.

Councillor Vacancy –Mr Melvyn Thomas signed his declaration of acceptance of office and undertaking to observe the code of conduct. The Chairman welcomed him on to the Council Team.

Parish Steward Scheme – The Parish Steward has been informed that the following requires attention:

- Clearing storm debris from the roads and footways
- Hand treatment of weeds in rural areas
- Clearance of encroaching growth and soils from footways pavements through Church Street
- Clearing the road of debris from the Crossroads to the Village Hall entrance



The Wiltshire Council app can be used to report Highways issues 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 above, the Wiltshire Council App or on the landline number 0300 456 0105.

Speed Indicator Devices – Council approved moving forward with the project to purchase a Speed Indicator device to be used in the Parish. The clerk was instructed to seek funding match, it was thought that Budget funding might be vied from the granting budget as this was a high priority project. Councillor Melvyn Thomas spoke on possible fund raising with the community if further funds would need to be sought.

It was agreed that a Battery operated SIDS would be the best solution as the Frome end post is sheltered under trees. Two mounting brackets to enable the SID to be rotated fortnightly were agreed. A risk assessment would need to be drafted making sure tools are handled correctly, safely, when fixing up of the units etc. The clerk was instructed to seek quotations from the recommended suppliers. It was agreed that Councillor Patrick Nixon and Councillor Simon Wager would work on the project.

Planning - Application Number: 17/02624/FUL

Site Location: 18 Church Street Maiden Bradley Warminster Wiltshire BA12 7HW

Proposal: Detached garden room as ancillary residential structure

Resolved: Supported

(Please note: in planning matters the Council acts as the consultee of the Principal Authority. The Principal Authority being the deciding body)

Village Shop - following the resounding support at the Village Shop AGM to the suggestion put forward by a parishioner that the Parish Council seeks to assist the Village Shop financially, it was agreed that Council would look into the possibility of a sub-lease from Sydenham's. A consultation on the proposal would be put to the community. It was agreed that supporting the shop with the whole amount of the lease would be the proposals outline.

The clerk was instructed to investigate subletting of the lease and any possible legal issues. It was agreed to speak to the Village Shop Committee and Sydenham's.

The clerk was instructed to arrange for a public meeting, at the start of the June Council meeting. A leaflet drop with the Parish News would be actioned at the end of May consulting with parishioners. The comments received would then be collated with the June meeting which would be held to report and discuss the findings in a public forum

Dates of Full Parish Council Meetings 2017-2018 - Annual Parish Meeting: Tuesday 9th May 2017 7.30pm (Meeting of Electoral not a Full Council meeting) Tuesday 11th April 2017 7.30pm, Tuesday 9th May 2017 8.00pm Annual Parish Council meeting (Following on from the Annual Parish meeting), Tuesday 13th June 2017 7.30pm, Tuesday 11th July 2017 7.30pm, There will be no meeting during the August Summer break, Tuesday 12th September 2017 7.30pm, Tuesday 10th October 2017 7.30pm, Tuesday 14th November 2017 7.30pm (Budget meeting), Tuesday 12th December 2017 7.30pm, Tuesday 9th January 2018 7.30pm, Tuesday 13th February 2018 7.30pm, Tuesday 13th March 2018 7.30pm and Tuesday 10th April 2018 7.30pm

Separate Planning meetings will take place as and when required: The Clerk will issue a separate summons to Councillors and they will be displayed on the Parish Notice Board and on the Parish Council Website.

Items for the next Agenda: Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman, Review Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, Review of delegation arrangements to committees, sub-committees, employees and other local authorities, Review of the terms of references for committees if required, Appointment of any new committees, confirmation of the terms of reference, the number of members (including, if appropriate, substitute councillors) and receipt of nominations to them, Review of representation on or work with external bodies and arrangements for reporting back, Council's period of eligibility to exercise the power of General Competence expires the day before the annual meeting, to review and make arrangements to reaffirm eligibility.

Date of the next meeting- The Council agreed that Tuesday 9th May 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. **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

Asparagus Flan

METHOD

First, make the pastry by rubbing the butter and lard lightly into the flour, then add the cheese and salt, plus enough cold water to make a smooth dough – about a tablespoon. Then place the dough in a plastic food bag to rest in the fridge for 20 minutes. After that, roll it out and line the tin with it. Be careful to press the dough firmly into the tin. Prick the base all over with a fork, then pre-bake in the oven for 20 minutes. After that, paint the inside of it with a little of the beaten egg (from the filling ingredients) and let it cook in the oven for a further 5 minutes. Meanwhile, prepare the asparagus. Take each stalk in both hands and bend and snap off the woody end, then arrange the spears in a steamer and steam over simmering water for 4-5 minutes (just to half-cook them). Then chop the spears into 1½ inch (4 cm) lengths and arrange them over the base of the pre-baked pastry case. Next, beat the eggs together with the cream and grated Cheddar cheese and season with salt and pepper, then pour this mixture over the asparagus. Finally, sprinkle the Parmesan over the top. Place the tart on the baking sheet in the oven and cook for 30-40 minutes – until the centre feels firm and the filling is golden brown and puffy.

INGREDIENTS

12 oz (350 g) asparagus
1½ oz (40 g) Cheddar cheese, finely grated
1 level tablespoon freshly grated Parmesan
2 large eggs, beaten
284 ml carton single cream
salt and freshly milled black pepper
For the pastry:
1 oz (25 g) butter
1 oz (25 g) lard
4 oz (110 g) plain flour
1 oz (25 g) Cheddar cheese, finely grated
a pinch of salt



Pre-heat the oven to gas mark 4, 350°F (180°C). Put the baking sheet in the oven to heat up

You will also need a 7½ inch (19 cm) flan tin with fluted edges and a removable base, lightly greased, and a 10 x 12 inch (25.5 x 30 cm) solid baking sheet.

Newton Country Play Maiden Bradley Village Hall

On the evening of Saturday 18th March, friends, relatives and the local community came together in Maiden Bradley Village Hall to listen to an



'up and coming' Country Band; 'Newton Country'. This group of three Bath University Music Students already have a claim to fame - they have played a live session on Dermott O' Leary's Radio Two Show!!

As a family friend of Keith Gunter, who sadly succumbed to Cancer last year, Joe Coombs, one of the band members, offered to play a concert in order to raise money for Pembroke Ward, Salisbury District Hospital and Dorset Air Ambulance in memory of Keith.

What a fantastic evening everyone had in an incredibly packed Village Hall!

The amazing cover versions of Johnny Cash classics, guitar solos and performances of their own hauntingly familiar country tunes had everyone spell bound! Those who had space, were unable to prevent their toes tapping and many 'groupies' gathered at the front of the stage. A stunning guitar solo played by Joe on a guitar once owned and played by Keith was a poignant reminder of a past friend.

Everyone was entertained by the enthusiasm and professionalism of Newton Country and calls for 'more' at the end of the evening was a testament to how good this band is.

A massive thank you has to go to Mel Thomas for cooking and serving delicious food and for his kindness in helping the family coordinate this event; to Tom Allday who skillfully managed the bar and kept the drinks flowing all evening; and to everyone who willingly 'lent a hand' at what turned out to be a fun filled, crowded, hectic, busy but very successful event.

The Gunter family have been truly overwhelmed by the kindness, generosity and support from people in the village and the wider community. The money raised from the evening and from generous donations by those who were unable to attend, raised a staggering £1900! This has been shared between the two charities in the memory of Keith Gunter.



Thank You!

Welcome Club

After the odd hiccup for various reasons, very minor ones, we have now returned to our programme and have had our Bingo and Prizes Games chaired by Tom Allday and now look forward to hearing more of Oliver Twist's adventures on May 18th 2.30pm at Horningsham.



Our trip in May will be a visit to Bognor Regis – we haven't been there to stop although I recall driving though some years ago. Please give me your names as soon as possible if you want to go.



May I remind you that our June meeting is on 8th for our Bring and Buy Sale, to line up with our usual donation of goods to the Bric-a-Brac stall at the Fayre on June 11th.

Now is the time to clear out those cupboards and drawers!

Chris Short 01985 847373

Village Hall Lottery

March

1 st	Tricha Cox	£22.00	2 nd	Fiona Russell	£11.00
3 rd	Richard Morris	£6.65	4 th	Sue Loudoun	£4.35

April

1 st	Mr Inwood	£22.00	2 nd	Ben Gunstone	£11.00
3 rd	Mrs V. De Mare	£6.65	4 th	S. Neish	£4.35

Since 1998 the lottery has brought in a total of £20105.25 to help maintain the village hall. Therefore £10052.62 has gone to the village hall and the same amount in prize money up to last December. If you would like to help support your Village Hall, please get in contact with John Priestner on 844244 who has some spare numbers. Only 50p per number per month, you can have more than one number. Half the draw's income goes to the Village Hall and half goes in prizes.

“Storytime with Tom”

Continuing Charles Dickens' epic story “Oliver Twist”.....we have learned that Oliver escaped the clutches of the evil Fagin only to be recaptured by Nancy in a cruel twist of fate. Discover how Oliver's life becomes even more chaotic when the cruel Bill Sykes involves him in a robbery that goes tragically wrong.

Friday 9th June, in the Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall is the date for the next instalment. The doors and bar will open at 7pm and the performance will begin at 7.30pm.

All funds raised will go to the repairs of the roof.

We need your support so please join us. Tickets £5

Tom Allday

WYLYE VALLEY ART TRAIL

The wait is nearly over: the **2017 Wylve Valley Art Trail** is nearly upon us. Painters, sculptors, potters, glass artists, jewellery and furniture makers, photographers and even a milliner are throwing open their studio doors to the art-loving public from **27th May until 4th June**.

The **Wylve Valley Art Trail** is the largest and most diverse open studios event in Wiltshire, and takes place in some of the most gorgeous countryside this beautiful county has to offer. There are 73 venues in locations from tiny rural outposts to bustling market towns, all within a ten-mile radius of the centre of the Wylve Valley in south Wiltshire, including **Maiden Bradley**. Some artists are exhibiting in their own studios, others have grouped together to show in larger spaces, such as village halls and even galleries. There are award-winning artists with an international clientele exhibiting close by others who are only just starting out along their creative path, traditionalist landscape painters near abstract digital artists, glassblowers not far from scrap metal sculptors, potters hard by jewellers: there's something to suit every taste and, if you're in the market to buy, every budget.

Artists are, in the main, a fairly reclusive bunch, working as they often do in splendid isolation; the **Wylve Valley Art Trail** offers both the visitor the chance to meet the artist and discuss their creative world, and the artist the chance to get direct and hugely helpful feedback on their work. Many artists will be demonstrating their working techniques, and may even be encouraging visitors to have a go themselves in **'take pArt'** sessions. It's easy to find out where you can 'take pArt' and how to plot your route around the venues: attractive brochures, available free from many locations (April onwards) from Tourist Information Centres to shops and pubs, list all the venues and artists, giving directions, opening times and an illustration of what's on view where. If you can't get out to find a brochure, there's always the website: www.wvat.co.uk which will have all the brochure bumf, plus links to artists' websites and the Wylve Valley Art Trail Facebook page.

Need any further encouragement to go out and hit the Trail? It's free!
The Wylve Valley Art Trail is an artist- led, non- profit project, organised by an enthusiastic team of volunteers.

For further information contact WVAT Coordinator, Laura Rich:

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Mark Nevin came to prominence in the late 80s as the founding member, guitarist and songwriter of **Fairground Attraction**, with whom he enjoyed the number one single *Perfect* and multi-platinum album, *First of a Million Kisses*.

He went on to collaborate as co-writer to **Morrissey**, **Kirsty MacColl** and **Lloyd Cole**.

Now Mark has a brilliant live band which features his fellow Fairground Attraction band-mates, Roger Beaujolais, Simon Edwards and Richard Marcangelo. He's coming to The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill on Saturday 24 June 7.30pm

The band will play some familiar favourites as well as songs from Mark's new album, *My Unfashionable Opinion*.

Margaret Smith Rose Bowl for the Best Village Garden competition.

As per usual we have tried to think of a slightly different theme in order to tempt more of our villagers to enter each year. So this year we will invite you to choose one part of your garden where you love to sit and unwind. That is where the judge will also sit and will choose the spot he or she prefers. Therefore we could call this year's competition 'Your favourite spot!'

If you have lots of seats in your garden, we have also thought of that. Just place a hat on your favourite seat as a marker. Judging will take place at the beginning of July and the entry list will be in the village shop at the start of June.

The show schedule committee. 844244



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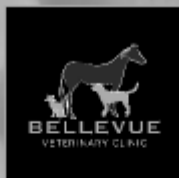


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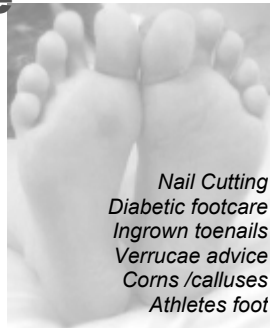
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