Maiden Bradley

Parish News

No 345 March 2018



Goodbye to Maiden Bradley Village Shop





Diary for March								
	2 nd	9.30am	Old Kitchen Store opening - Hall					
	4 th	10am	Parish Communion					
	6 th	12.30	Lent Lunch at Sue Priestner's					
	11 th	10am	Mothering Sunday Service					
	13 th	12.30	Lent Lunch at Sue Priestner's					
	16 th	7/7.30pm	Film Night 'Victoria and Abdul'					
	18 th	10 am [.]	Holy Communion					
	20 th	10am	Church cleaning day					
	21st		Copy deadline for Parish News					
	24 th	9.30am	Village Litter Pick					
	25 th	10am	Palm Sunday Service					
	26 th	7pm	Easter Bingo					
	27 th	12.30	Lent Lunch at Di Stevens'					
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	1et	10am	Easter Day Service					

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3 rd	2.30pm	Wid Graham's Service of Thanksgiving
21 st	12md	Wellie B-B-Q Community Garden

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. 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 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.

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 pat.kennedy6093@gmail.com.

Editorial

We have hit a cold spell in the weather and I am concerned that I cleared the dead leaves away from the new shoots, just a month too soon. However, I am relieved at having some dry weather to change the condition of the roads, with so many banks trashed by heavy vehicles driving over them the roads were full of wet mud making everyone's cars dirty.

There are new security measures to be installed by companies regarding the internet and due to the nature of our business we are putting in those measures. This means that I am unable to continue with my old email address so in future please send all email correspondence to my gmail account: pat.kennedy6093@gmail.com. Thank you.

Pat Kennedy 845397

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Church News

Mothering Sunday Service

On March 11th at 10 am Jane will be taking the Mothers' Day service in the church;this is a service for all the family and all mums will get a posy of flowers.

There are three more Lent Lunches in March on the 6th and 13th at 48 Church Streetand on the 27th at Autumnstead, all at 12.30. Please come and enjoy a bowl of homemade soup with a roll and cheese and make a donation to Christian Aid.

On the 20th March at 10am everyone is invited to help clean the church ready for Easterand Wid's memorial service.

Celia Blay

Jim Golledge

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all the cards and kind words, when Jim passed away on 31st January. Jim loved living in Maiden Bradley, especially being involved with the Village Hall, Garden Club ad helping to run the Show. It was a great sadness to us both, when he had to leave, due to his illness. Thank you also to everyone who came to Semington on 20th February. I was overwhelmed and very touched to see you all.

Love and best wishes

Barbara

Rear Admiral Wilfred Jackson-Graham

Affectionately known by everyone as 'Wid' as named by his young sister, Wid Graham died on 2nd February.

Following a successful Naval career, Wilfred Graham spent ten years as The Director of the RNLI and presided over the Penlee lifeboat disaster. He greatly enjoyed visiting all the lifeboat stations across the country, having loved the sea from when he was very little.

There will be a private cremation then a Service of Thanksgiving at All Saints' Church, Maiden Bradley on Tuesday 3rd April at 2.30pm.

Victoria Graham



News from the Hall

It's been a busy month at the hall.

The new <u>"OLD KITCHEN STORE"</u> is in the process of being readied for it's opening on <u>FRIDAY MARCH 2nd</u>, we hope to see you there.

We are still looking for volunteers to help run the shop so if you can give 1-2 hours per week please get in touch.

We have had our new cooker installed in the kitchen, so don't forget we can cater for your needs if you would like to throw a party or company event. New electrical (usb) sockets around the hall will enable you to plug in your Laptops, phones and I players.

The new lending library is up and running so why not come along and see what books are on offer. All we ask is for a small donation each time you take out a book to help cover the running costs.

Please DO NOT donate any books without first talking to Sheila Foley.

We are also pushing the Post Office to site the Out Reach Post Office Service in the hall, hopefully we will have some good news for you shortly about the restoration of a service to the community.

> The Film night on **Friday 16th March** will see the showing of *"Victoria and Abdul"*



<u>Monday 26th March is Easter Bingo</u> Please come along and support this fun packed evening.

The 2nd stage of the Roof Project is making progress so hopefully some time in the near future we will see a new look to the hall.

To contact the Hall Manager call 01985 844512 for bookings 01985 845111 / 07846725209

Mel Thomas

Goodbye to Maiden Bradley Village Shop

Shop volunteers past and present gathered at Sheila Foley's house for a very special afternoon tea.

In order to celebrate many years of our Community Village Shop and to thank everyone involved, Sheila laid on a wonderful spread. There was plenty of conversation and laughter as anecdotes were shared, although also much sadness at the shop's recent closure.

Flowers were presented to Sue Worrall for her role as manager and also to Liz Nixon, for her unwavering support and hard work as Chairman of the shop committee.

Elaine Lavender



A photo from one of the many fundraising events - Alan, Sheila, David and Sue.

January Lottery Result

1 st	Lisa Cripps	£4.25	2 nd Jamie Smart	£12.10			
3 rd	Alan Brierley	£7.35	4 th Tom Blay	£4.80			
February							
1 st	Nick Olding	£24.25	2 nd Polly Ciolli	£12.10			
3 rd	Jan Davis	£7.35	4 th Robert Morris	£4.80			

Since 1998 the lottery has brought in a total of £21191.25 to help maintain the village hall. Therefore £10595.62 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.

Parish Council February 2018

Speed Indicator Device -

Parishioners will have noticed the Speed Indicator Device has not been in place. Sadly the Speed Indicator has developed a fault and there seems to be an issue with the Company who supplied the machine. The Parish Council is working towards a solution.

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: <u>http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysst</u> <u>reetcare/mywiltshirelogin.htm</u>

Litter Pick -

The Community Litter pick will be held on the **24th March 2018** and will now start at the Community Garden **at 10.00am**. Councillor Simon Wager will be present to hand out equipment and note areas parishioners would like to clear.

It was agreed that if Dog Walkers wished to borrow equipment on a regular basis before this date they could, do contact Councillor Simon Wager if you would be interesting in borrowing some equipment and actioning adhoc litter picking to help enhance the appearance of the parish.

Items for the next Agenda:

¹/₄ Budget Report, Asset Register Review, Corporate Governance Review 2017-2018, Accounts and Audit Regulations Review, Annual Parish meeting arrangements and Village Hall Noticeboard Refurbishment.

Date of the next meeting- The Council agreed that **Tuesday 13th March 2018** 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 <u>www.maidenbradley.org.uk</u> 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 the clerk can be contacted by email: <u>maidenbradley@virginmedia.com</u> or phone: 01985 213436 or by mail to Maiden Bradley Parish Clerk 9 Beech Grove Warminster BA12 0AB

COMMUNITY GARDEN - MARCH 2018

We welcome back Franck Baudrain from his recent lengthy trip on duty in Africa, I am sure we shall hear more of his exploits there in due course.

However, we return to fact that spring approaches and there is the need to get out and do a bit of gardening as the days seems to be warmer and certainly the daylight hours are lengthening. We welcome our new gardeners and we hope to see you with your garden tools in action as we approach the planting season. Franck has a plan for the seeds order and if you are member of the group and fancy something a bit different to grow, drop him an email at <u>franckbaudrain@hotmail.com</u>.

We shall plan a get together at some point soon, it is likely we will need to be prepared for variable weather. Therefore maybe a BBQ in Wellies will be the order of day and if necessary we can have a brew in the poly tunnel. All are welcome and a donation will be expected for the BBQ rations. We would be pleased show you around if you have not previously visited us and like the idea of growing your own or just having a wander round this quiet place.

Regarding the poly tunnel, we have started planting, a row of first early potatoes, ambitious but we may have some new potatoes by the end of April. We have also sown Radish (French Breakfast) Lettuce (Little Gem) and Rocket with the expectation we will have an early crop of these salads. One or our team has already sown courgette seed, which are germinated and these will go into the border for cropping until June. With successional sowing we cropped courgettes up until October last season.

The vintage Hayter mower which has served us for 6 years, around the garden for rough cut mowing has expired after a total of 50 years of work since 1968. However, this fault is a minor setback apparently and it may be back in service for another 50 seasons after an engine transplant. We have acquired a fairly decent strimmer and the appropriate strimmer cord. The machine is currently being serviced and made ready for the coming season as well.

The plans are interesting for the garden and we are keen to equip each plot with gravel boards to keep the weeds and moles at bay and to hold the soil back as with regularly manuring we have significant land rise. Contributions to this cause we would be grateful for or Second hand building/scaffolding planks 3 metres or more in length would be ideal we need 8 for each plot.

The installation of two ponds in the garden to encourage wild life is shortly to happen, if we have any budding environmentalist who would like to help Franck please make contact with him.

The top end of the garden we know as the meadow, is quite fallow, and we have plans to top the field area this spring but ideally it needs to be grazed off, any orphan lambs perhaps? We will then sow it with wild flower seeds and then top it again in September. The plan being to encourage the insect population, particularly bees, with flowering wild plants. We have an ambition to have some bee hives in the garden when the habitat has been established.

Lastly and where you can help us, we want to create a herbaceous border across the garden and to do this we want perennial plant roots, that you may have divided and thrown part away to compost. All additions gratefully received however some idea of what they are would be useful, drop them around to the Community Garden, if the gate is locked from the inside then leave outside. However, we do not want Macleaya or Japanese Knot Weed or any plants which are known to be invasive and notifiable. We could do with 30metres of 12 mm garden hose. Couple of loads of FYM well-rotted funds are available for the purchase. Lots of help from more gardeners or those who just want to exercise rather than going to the gym.

Happy growing!

The MB Community Gardeners



For the sponge:

200g/7oz soft dried pitted dates, roughly chopped 200ml/7fl oz water from a freshlv boiled kettle 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda 75g/21/2oz unsalted butter, softened, plus more for greasing 2 tbsp black treacle 50g/1¾oz dark muscovado sugar 2 large free-range eggs, at room temperature 150g/51/20z plain flour 2 tsp baking powder For the sauce

150g/5¹/₂oz unsalted butter, softened 300g/10¹/₂oz dark muscovado sugar 1 tbsp black treacle 200ml/7fl oz double cream, plus more to serve

Sticky Toffee Pudding

Recipe Tips

t shouldn't be eaten piping hot, b it cut from the dish tastes like the st magnificent sticky gingerbread.



- 1. Preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4 and lightly grease your dish.
- 2. Put the chopped dates, boiling water and bicarbonate of soda into a bowl, stir and then leave for 10 minutes.
- 3. Cream the butter and black treacle together in a stand mixer until well mixed, then add the sugar and mix again, beating out any lumps. Beat in an egg and keep beating - scraping down as necessary - until completely incorporated, then do the same with the other egg. Beating more gently, add the flour and baking powder until you have a smooth, thick batter.
- 4. Using a fork, stir the soaked dates, squishing them a bit, then pour the dates and their liquid into the batter and beat gently to mix in.
- 5. Pour and scrape into your prepared dish or cake tin and bake for 30–35 minutes, or until a cake tester comes out clean.
- Meanwhile, to make the sauce, melt the butter, muscovado sugar and 6. treacle over a very low heat in a heavy-based saucepan. Once the butter's melted, stir gently until everything else is melted too. Now stir in the cream, then turn up the heat and when it's bubbling and hot, take it off the heat.
- 7. As soon as it's out of the oven, prick the cooked sponge pudding all over with a cocktail stick and pour about a guarter of the warm sauce over, easing it to the edges with a spatula so that the sponge is entirely topped with a thick sticky glaze. Put a lid on the remaining sauce in the pan to keep it warm.
- 8. Leave the pudding to stand for 20–30 minutes, then take to the table, with the rest of the sauce in a jug, and cream to serve.

Annual Planning and Transportation Seminar Dark Night Skies— the facts you *really* need to know

ACHIEVING tangible benefits from dark night skies will be the message delivered at the latest planning seminar organised by Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). A quintet of inspirational and distinguished speakers will reveal why dark night skies are vital for human and animal wellbeing, how a darker environment can lead to boundless benefits, and how you can help the AONB to achieve prestigious International Dark Sky Reserve status for the benefit of all.

The event, held on Tuesday 20 March at Dinton Village Hall (SP3 5EB), is being aimed at policy and development management planners, landscape architects, tourism and biodiversity officers, lighting engineers and community health officers in public service and commercial consultancy, together with developers and their agents, health practitioners, and community members and local and parish councillors.

The speeches and the speakers :

Bob Mizon/Speech: What are Dark Night Skies?

Bob Mizon is a co-ordinator of the British astronomical Association's Commission for Dark Skies, which aims to turn back the tide of light pollution that has seriously affected night skies for more than 50 years. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society in 1985, and has been associated with the Wessex Astronomical Society in various offices for many years. In 2010 Bob, a former French teacher, was awarded an MBE for his work in astronomy and environmental education. He is a STEM* Ambassador, seeking opportunities to bring astronomy to adult and young people's groups in the south. More than 136,000 people have experienced a tour of the universe via Bob's mobile planetarium, which he takes into schools.

Prof Martin Morgan-Taylor/Speech: Why are dark night skies important?

Martin Morgan-Taylor, Associate Professor Leicester De Montfort Law School and Vice President International Dark Sky Association 2011-2013, researches the legal impact of light pollution, namely the wasted carbon emissions and wasted money from wasted light, harm to human and animal health, as well as the loss of the night sky and the creation of dark sky places. He also acts as a consultant to Defra. He has received several awards for his dark sky work, including the Joy Griffiths Award (2007) and the Galileo Award (2011) for legal efforts to protect the night sky from light pollution.

Sean Beer/Speech: The benefits of DNSs to wildlife, human health, carbon savings and tourism

Sean Beer is a Senior Academic in the Faculty of Management, Department of Tourism and Hospitality at Bournemouth University. This involves teaching, consultancy, research, publication and broadcasting. His principle research interests include rural business, society and development. Sean has been awarded a Rotary Foundation Scholarship, a Winston Churchill Fellowship and he is a Nuffield Scholar. He is also a regular commentator on rural and environmental matters on the radio and television.

Duncan Wise/Speech: Making it all happen

Duncan Wise is Visitor Development & Marketing Manager for Northumberland National Park Authority, responsible for destination marketing, visitor information, transport and travel and developing visitor experiences that are based on the Park's special qualities. These include nature-based and heritage-tourism, cycling and walking and, more recently, dark skies. Duncan was the Authority's lead officer on the joint collaboration with Kielder Water & Forest Park, securing the designation of International Dark Sky Park (Gold Tier) for both the National Park and most of Kielder Water & Forest Park in 2013. Since then he has worked with and supported local tourism businesses to make them more aware of the opportunities of developing astro-tourism experiences, and of promoting the installation of fully-shielded and appropriate outside lighting to minimise light pollution. Duncan is also a member of the International Dark Sky Association's Dark Sky Places Committee.

Malcolm Mackness/Speech: Lightscape Management Plans - what are they and how to make them work

Malcolm Mackness spent most of his early professional life in the public lighting departments of Leicester City, Leicestershire and Wiltshire. For 20 years he was county lighting engineer in Gloucestershire. He was always an advocate of good lighting design and for many years was involved with presenting lighting training for the Institution of Lighting Professionals (ILP). In 1998 he moved to the private sector, joining Jim Paterson as a partner at Lighting Consultancy & Design Services in Coventry. Malcolm subsequently worked with Jim on the first UK Dark Sky project in Galloway Forest and following that on many more Dark Sky projects in England, Scotland and Wales. Although now semi-retired, Malcolm, who has a BA(Hons) from the OU and is an Associate of the ILP and an Incorporated Engineer, is continuing to assist with the Cranborne Chase bid for International Dark Sky Reserve status.

The seminar runs from 9.30am to 4.15pm. Tickets cost £48 [including VAT] and include lunch and refreshments provided by local caterer Mary Yorke.

To attend, download a booking form from <u>www.ccwwdaonb.org.uk</u> and return the completed form to Shirley Merrick, email:

<u>shirleymerrick@cranbornechase.org.uk</u> or by post to Cranborne Chase AONB, Shears Building, Stone Lane Industrial Estate, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 1HB.



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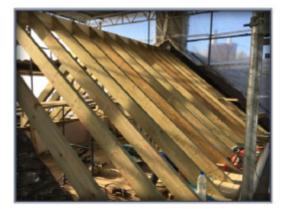
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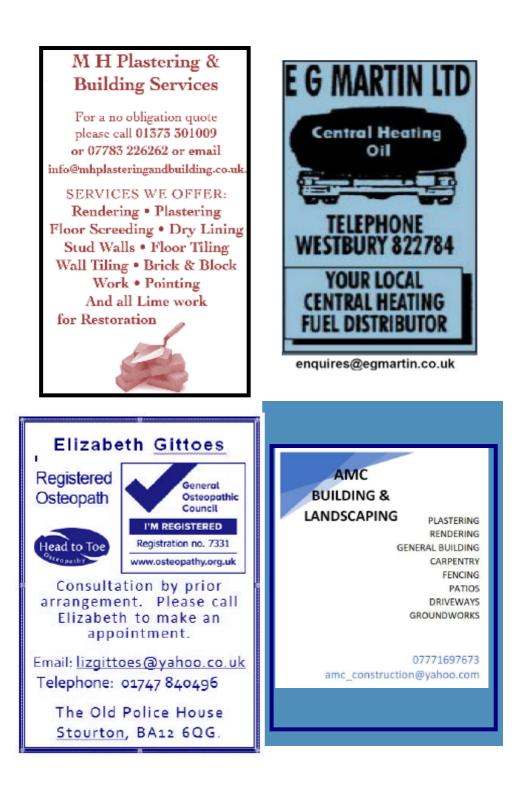
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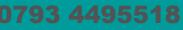


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