

# Maiden Bradley

Parish News

No 346 April 2018



Sapper George Wager (front centre) a member of the winning team in the Army downhill competition held in Austria in February



## Editorial

Normally by the April edition of the News, we would be featuring some wonderful spring photos but this year at time of writing, we have snow. Two spells of very cold weather, the first saw an Armishaws' trailer blocking the entrance to the Rank and causing problems at the crossroads. Fortunately the second bout of snow was somewhat short lived and a little earlier experience meant drivers were coping better with the weather conditions.

Our Editorial Team is to expand and we welcome Sheila Foley and Neville Dean to the committee. Neville kindly assisted us last month when our publishers went out of business at print time (without letting us know) and Neville did our print run at very short notice and will continue to print the News in the future.

Please send any copy for inclusion in the May edition to  
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**Pat Kennedy 845397**

Thanks go to Pearl Hudson (MB) and Leonie and Helen Taylor (Horningsham) for their donations to the Maiden Bradley Parish News.

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## Diary for April

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	Easter Communion – Church	10.00 am
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tue	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Prayer Meeting – details 844817	6.30 pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Sunday Worship – Church	10.00 am
9 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bins Collection	7.00 am
10 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Matins – Church	10.00 am
16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Household Waste Collection</b>	<b>7.00 am</b>
18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>
19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Welcome Club Meeting – Horningsham Hall</b>	<b>2.30 pm</b>
20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Copy Deadline for May Parish News to pat.kennedy6093@gmail.com</b>	
20	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Film Night at the Hall ‘Murder on the Orient Express’</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Parish Communion - Church</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>
		<b>Followed by A.P.C.M.</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Black Box, Blue &amp; Green Bins Collection</b>	<b>7.00 am</b>
24	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Welcome Club Mystery Trip</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>
27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Quiz Night – Memorial Hall</b>	
29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Parish Communion – St Michael’s, Mere</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
		<b>NO Service at All Saints</b>	
30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Household Waste Collection</b>	<b>7.00 am</b>

**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 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](mailto: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](mailto:pat.kennedy6093@gmail.com)

## Maiden Bradley Community Social Media



With the modern world in which we live social media is becoming a significant part of our lives; there are some who embrace and love it and others who feel it can be invasive and intrusive in our lives. I am one with mixed views but having been persuaded to look after the compliance of one of my clients Facebook pages I moved into the world of social media. I have seen both its positive affect and negative; I do believe a small rural community like Maiden Bradley could truly benefit from a sensibly run, and administered, Facebook page to help bring the village together and work alongside our brilliant Parish News monthly magazine – mainly for events within the village, to support businesses with our village and local area, to help villagers find lost dogs, possessions etc, and in light of our recent bad weather provide a central point to share information like which roads are clear, offers of shared lifts in 4x4s when snow is an issue, and many other helpful hints and information.

To that end I have set up a Community page on Facebook – Maiden Bradley News to give it a trial and see if we can bring the village together to support the events and activities more widely and provide a sensible central forum. The community page will be administered in the first instance by me so that posts and those joining the page have to be checked to ensure they are for bonafide reasons etc.

Ideally this page will bring together all the activities of the village, notably at the village hall and our village pub and help encourage both those within our village to support and those from surrounding areas. The idea, like the Horningsham news, is that the Facebook page will sit alongside the our wonderful Parish News magazine and help enhance and swell numbers and support at events, or provide short notice information if events change etc. If anyone wants to post events etc or photos can you please either email them to me on [maidenbradleynews@gmail.com](mailto:maidenbradleynews@gmail.com) or post to the Maiden Bradley News page on Facebook which will be live by the time you read this.

I am particularly keen if any villagers have some good photos they are happy to share to put on an album of interesting photos, old and new so please do email me any photos you may have.

Social media only works well when lots of people join a group and share it. So please if you are on Facebook join the group, and if you don't yet have a Facebook page I am very happy to help you set one up. Please feel free to call me on 01985 844017 if you have any queries etc.

***Lucinda Stokes***

## March 2018 News from The Hall

Back on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March we opened “The Old Kitchen Store” for the first time. We’d had a considerable fall of snow and did not expect to do a great deal of trade that morning, but surprisingly trade was very brisk and we soon sold out of essentials - bread, milk & eggs.

Trade has been very steady over the last 3 weeks and the figures show we are on the right track and we hope it keeps going in the same direction.



### Film Night

The last 2 film nights have been very well attended , long may it last. The next film to be shown is “**Murder on the Orient Express**”

So put Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
in your diary.

### Quiz Night

Get your team together for our next night of quizzing which is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April. This is a fun night for all the family so no need to leave the older children at home, you never know their youthful knowledge may be of benefit to your team. Cost of entry is £2 per team member regardless of age. There will be a pay bar.

We now have a very good selection of reading materials on the shelf's of the Library, so why not pay it a visit, and see if we have something there for you.

The Outreach Post Office will be with us shortly and will operate on Wednesday Morning's . As soon as we have a date we let you know.

The Roof Project steering committee are making progress with our stage 2 application and will have it ready for submitting shortly.

The shop , hall & library need your patronage to work

**Please give them your Support**

Mel Thomas

**Speed Indicator Device** - Parishioners will have noticed the Speed Indicator Device has not been in place, it has developed a fault. Sadly the Clerk has confirmed with the Gazette Website that the Company Thermotor LTD the company the SID was purchased from have gone into Voluntary Receivership. The Clerk has contacted the Liquidators, listed and registered the Parish Council as a Creditor. It has been agreed that the Clerk will report back to Council by email as soon as she receives any communication from the Liquidators. In the meantime, the Parish Council is working towards a solution to reinstate the Speed Indicator Device.

**Highways** - If any Parishioner sees or is aware of anything which they feel needs attention in and around the parish highways, they are requested to contact Wiltshire Council using either the online website above, the Wiltshire Council App or on the landline number **0300 456 0105**.

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

**Defibrillator** – Parishioners need to be aware that the Defibrillator has been moved to the Village Hall. It is on the outside wall at the front of the Hall. It is still accessible to all, the Village Hall Committee have kindly taken on the responsibility for the checks actioned on the unit.

**Dates of Meetings** - Annual Parish Meeting: Tuesday 8th May 2018 7.30pm (Meeting of Electoral not a Full Council meeting)

### Full Parish Council Meetings 2018-2019

All Parish Council meetings will have an opportunity at the start for parishioners to ask questions or make comments on any matter.

Tuesday 10th April 2018 7.30pm, Tuesday 8th May 2018 8.00pm Annual Parish Council meeting (Following on from the Annual Parish meeting), Tuesday 12th June 2018 7.30pm, Tuesday 10th July 2018 7.30pm, There will be no meeting during the August Summer break. Tuesday 11th September 2018 7.30pm, Tuesday 9th October 2018 7.30pm, Tuesday 13th November 2018 7.30pm (Budget meeting), Tuesday 11th December 2018 7.30pm, Tuesday 8th January 2019 7.30pm, Tuesday 12th February 2019 7.30pm, Tuesday 12th March 2019 7.30pm and Tuesday 9th April 2019 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.

**Items for the next Agenda:** Approve the Year End Accounts and Nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman for the Annual Parish Council meeting in May.

**Date of the next meeting-** The Council agreed that **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 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 [www.maidenbradley.org.uk](http://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. If you have access to Facebook, there is a Parish Council Facebook page do sign up and join the Community Information Board.

**Sarah Jeffries the clerk can be contacted by email: [maidenbradley@virginmedia.com](mailto:maidenbradley@virginmedia.com) or phone: 01985 213436 or by mail to Maiden Bradley Parish Clerk 9 Beech Grove Warminster BA12 0AB**

## Cranborne Chase AONB one of 20 protected landscapes to scoop tourism award

THE South West's 20 protected landscapes, including the Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), have been awarded the Outstanding Contribution to Tourism accolade at the South West Tourism Excellence Awards.

The award was presented at a gala evening, held at the Riviera International Centre in Torquay earlier in the month. Victoria Graham of BBC Spotlight hosted the event.

The South West's Protected Landscapes consists of 13 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, two National Parks, the South West Coast Paths, the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site, the Cornwall & West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site and the UNESCO Global Geopark and Biosphere Reserve. None of these charge an entry fee, yet they remain one of the primary reasons why visitors choose the region as a destination, contributing significantly to the visitor economy.

The award recognises the volunteers and key staff that manage the assets of some of the region's most beautiful countryside under the constant pressures of having to retain funding in order to give visitors the best possible experience.

Linda Nunn, Director of the Cranborne Chase AONB, said: "We are delighted to be recognised along with the other jewels in the crown of tourism in the South West. We know that the many gems within our own AONB are a magnet for tourists, but this award principally shows that collectively the value of protected landscapes really is appreciated.

"At Cranborne Chase AONB we are not standing still, however, as we have been working hard to achieve International Dark Sky Reserve status. If we achieve this incredible accolade it would encourage ever more visitors to our wonderful AONB to view our incredibly dark skies – indeed we have some of the darkest skies in England – and this would further boost revenue for local accommodation providers and other related businesses," continued Linda.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has reported that parts of the country's natural capital, including Protected Landscapes such as those in the South West, contributed £16bn to the economy in 2015, with an estimated contribution of £761bn forecast over the next 100 years.

The full list of Outstanding Contribution to Tourism winners are: Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site, Dartmoor National Park, Exmoor National Park, Isles of Scilly AONB, Cornwall AONB, East Devon AONB, North Devon AONB, South Devon AONB, Tamar Valley AONB, Dorset AONB, Cranborne Chase AONB, Mendip Hills AONB, Blackdown Hills AONB, Quantock Hills AONB, North Wessex Downs AONB, Cotswolds AONB, North Devon UNESCO Biosphere, The Cornwall & West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site, English Riviera UNESCO Geopark and South West Coast Path.



To find out more about some of the places to visit within certain areas of the Cranborne Chase AONB, see [www.discovernadder.org.uk/](http://www.discovernadder.org.uk/) and [www.discoverchalkevalley.org.uk/](http://www.discoverchalkevalley.org.uk/) to find out more about our bid for International Dark Sky Reserve status, visit [www.chasingstars.org.uk](http://www.chasingstars.org.uk).

## Welcome Club

There was a smaller number than usual at our March meeting due to several members not being well – hope you are all feeling much better by now. The meeting took the form of some games of bingo plus prizes and all went well with Tom doing a sterling job.

Next meeting will be on April 19<sup>th</sup> when we will welcome ‘The Sing Alongs’ to entertain us, they haven’t been to us before but their reputation goes before them and we are assured of an enjoyable time. 2.30pm on 19/4 is the note for your diary at Horningsham.

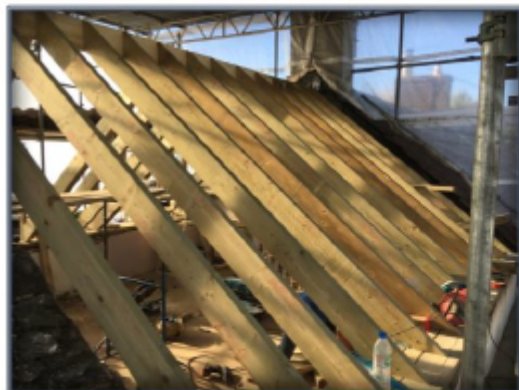
Our first trip is a Mystery on 24<sup>th</sup> April, Horningsham departure at 8.45am and Maiden Bradley at 9am. All are very welcome so if you want to join us please phone me and book your place.

See you! **Chris Short 01985 847373**





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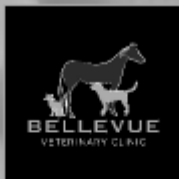
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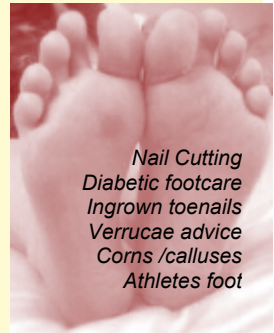
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## Family News



## Welcome!

We would like to welcome Ronnie and Esme Channer and their dog Fred to the village. They have just moved into 79 High Street and are parents of Alex Channer. They arrived on 7th March having moved back to the UK from Malta where they lived for about 20 years. Ronnie is a retired colonel in the Royal Highland Fusiliers and Esme is the mother of 5 children and loves

singing and walking. They are looking forward to meeting everyone and getting involved when life becomes a bit more sorted!

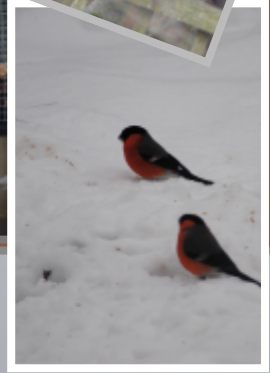
## George Wager - our cover photo

Following a successful transition through basic Army training George joined 23 Parachute Engineer Regiment based in Suffolk 3 years ago. From the outset George took full advantage of the opportunities on offer in today's modern Army. As a member of the Support Squadron it was necessary for him to gain qualifications that would enable him to quickly become an effective member of the support team. This led to a succession of upgrades to his driving license and is now qualified to drive a variety of heavy military vehicles including articulated lorries.

Soon after joining his unit George had the opportunity to go skiing in Austria and he did so well in his first year he was invited back the following year and again this season where he progressed well enough to be selected firstly to represent his Regiment and then on to represent the Royal Engineers in at the prestigious Army Winter Sports event in France, where the Royal Engineer team virtually swept up all of the prizes on offer. George also received a special award for displaying 'the most courage and commitment' which I believe is Brigadier speak for displaying a 'clear disregard for life and limb'.

Adi Roche

# SNOWY



*Some of the bird species seen around the village - photographed by Fe Roche  
Robin, Tree Sparrow, Bullfinch and Redwing*



Matthew the Snowdog



The Old Kitchen Store opens just in time to serve those cut off by the snow!