

# Maiden Bradley

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Parish News



## Diary February 2013

3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	Holy Communion – Church	9.30 am
4 <sup>th</sup> Tues	Black Box & Blue Bins Collection	7.00 am
7 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Jack & the Beanstalk – Village Hall	7.00 for 7.30 pm
8 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Jack & the Beanstalk – Village Hall	7.00 for 7.30 pm
9 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Jack & the Beanstalk – Village Hall	2.00 for 2.30 pm
	Jack & the Beanstalk – Village Hall	7.00 for 7.30 pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Matins – Church	9.30 am
11 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Household & Garden Waste Collection	7.00 am
	Bingo – Village Hall	7.30 for 8.00pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall	7.30 pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms	9.35-9.55 am
15 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Fish & Chip Supper - Village Hall	7.15 pm
15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup>	Village Hall and Rec consultation	
17 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Parish Communion – Church	10.30 am
18 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Black Box & Blue Bins Collection	7.00 am
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Wed</b>	<b>Deadline for Contributions to March MBPN</b>	
21 <sup>st</sup> Thu	Welcome Club Meeting – Horningsham Hall	2.30 pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	Bird Club - meet Village Hall Car Park	10.00 am
24 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Holy Communion - Church	9.30 am
25 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Household & Garden Waste Collection	7.00 am
	Book Club Meeting	7.30 pm
26 <sup>th</sup> Tue	W.I. Meeting – Stourton Hall	7.30 pm
27 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms	9.35-9.55 am

### Mass times in Warminster and Mere:-

St. George's, Warminster – Saturday 6 pm (Vigil); Sunday 8 am, 10 am  
St. Mary's, Mere – Friday 10 am; Sunday 5 pm

*About the front cover Elsie writes* - We made the snowman on Wednesday with Alexander Cox. It was really good snow for snowmen making because it had melted and frozen again so it stuck together better, also making snowmen stops flooding because it stops the snow from melting too fast. First we made a huge snow ball and built on to it and then made the head then mum made the arms then I made the snow dog and mum made the head and mum was the tallest so she made the hat and Alexander made the legs and then I made the dogs tail and mum put on the noses and mouths. It was snowing gently while we were doing this and I kept falling over because the snow was so deep! We thought someone might knock it over, but every time we have come past it is still intact.

Dr Harding's Surgery every Monday at 36 Church Street 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 36, Church Street 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; Village Hall bookings – Sam Higgins: 844671; Dr. Andrew Murrison MP: 01225 358584 or murrisona@parliament.uk; Mere Link Scheme 01747 860096.

Maiden Bradley Parish News: contributions are welcome in any format. E-Mail: editor@maidenbradley.net or contact Les Mayne; 845235.

## Editorial

The last year – 2012- has been momentous for a whole raft of reasons many of which are positive and require no further comment from me; greater, more accomplished authors have waxed long and lyrically about these events and I could not possibly surpass their descriptive efforts and erudite comment. Many of these happenings had no direct impact on our day to day lives yet they have been remembered to the exclusion of more mundane and everyday occurrences. Take the weather for example. Everyone talks about the weather I hear you say. And yes they do, but in our community it has a particular significance. We moan when it is wet; we moan when it is hot and dry. Seasons seem to have become distorted; high temperatures in March, threats of drought and hosepipe bans in spring followed by what seemed to be incessant rain throughout the summer (what summer I hear you say) that demoralised almost the entire nation. And as if that were not enough, as I write this we have been lost under a blanket of the white stuff! It looks very pretty and delights the children, some of whom are experiencing it for the first time. But there is one group particularly hard hit by all these difficult weather patterns. Not those who could not or would not go on holiday because of the rain, not those who could not water their gardens because of the perceived drought, nor those who found the snow a minor inconvenience, but those whose livelihoods depend on the right weather at the right time. I speak of the agricultural community, the farmers in our midst who strive to produce our food in ever unpredictable circumstances and without whose efforts we simply could not survive. We get our food anyway, albeit more expensive imports, while they and their businesses bear the loss that comes from fields of irretrievable, un-saleable or drowned crops. These are difficult times for them and they deserve our unfailing support. Let us hope that the coming year brings easier weather for them.

*Les Mayne*



## News From All Saints'

## Vicar's Letter

Sorry to say I missed writing this letter last month, brought on by all the excitements and new things to experience in a Wiltshire Christmas!

In January I have been along to the Kids@MB youth group run by Tricia and her parent helper friends. What good news to hear about the grant the group secured, which the children are now

deciding how to spend - a well-deserved award to help a good cause.

Also, Neil (my husband) and I have started volunteer helping in the wonderful Maiden Bradley Shop. Neil is doing a weekly Tuesday morning slot. I don't have a settled pattern yet but will let you know when Kay and I have sorted it out. We really have enjoyed the time we've spent there as everyone is so friendly. The shop has a brilliant choice of items; I never know what I might find - from basics to delicatessen items and lovely cakes. Soon on to Lent now – where are those pancakes? With Easter on 31<sup>st</sup> March, Lent begins so early. Will you give something up for Lent or start doing something instead? Maybe a daily bible reading or a daily kind act for someone?

Blessings and peace, *Rev Carol*

## Jack and the Beanstalk.

The Maiden Bradley Pantomime Group are proud to announce details of their 2013 Pantomime, the completely unique and amazing production of **Jack and the Beanstalk** which will be shown over 3 days from Thursday 7 February to Saturday 9 February with an additional matinee performance on Saturday afternoon. For the evening performances it is a 7.30 start. The Matinee is a 2.30 start. Doors will be open half an hour before curtain up. Tickets are available in the Shop; £6.00 for adults, and £4.00 for children and senior citizens. Come and see us and meet the lovely Diasybelle and be totally transported and entertained in a magical world of make believe.

## Family News

We are very pleased to welcome two new families who have recently moved here. The Grugeons - Paul, Katherine, Eleanor and Robert - have come from Horningsham to live at Barcroft. And Annie and Jon Mash moved into 44 Church Street some weeks ago, before Christmas but we failed to discover their names in time for last months Bradley News! We hope that they will all be happy here and find Maiden Bradley a good place to live.

*Meg Oliver, 844317*

## Sutton's Seed Orders

We wish to inform you that due to various circumstances this will be the last year that we are able to be the organisers. It has been a pleasure to have performed this duty over the last 10 years and thank you for your support.

*Mrs E Seal, Mr A J Seal*

## Farewell to Maiden Bradley

We came to Maiden Bradley following my medical discharge from the Army in 2011. Our stay here was always going to be temporary until our house in Scotland was renovated and now we are heading north. We have been overwhelmed by how kind and welcoming everyone has been to us as strangers to the village. In 12 months we have discovered:

- That it is impossible to simply "pop in" to the Village Shop – you always have to update on local news and the weather.
- Roy and Cate at the Somerset Arms do some of the best food we have ever tasted.
- The Bradley Woods are one of the most beautifully kept in Britain – and we are allowed to walk in them through the kindness of His Grace the Duke of Somerset.

It is with very mixed emotions that we are returning to Scotland and leaving this lovely place and its people, we shall miss it a great deal. Thank you all for your warmth and kindness, and all best wishes for the future.

*Jean and Ian Hamilton (ian.jean.hamilton@gmail.com)*

## Village Hall News

By the time you read this, any of you passing the Village Hall will notice a big difference. We will have had a visit from the Payback Scheme, members of which are all on Community service, and as part of this they will have cleared all the overgrown bushes and trees around the side of the hall and also dismantled the old shed that was used for storage. We have been allowed to store all that was in there at Home Farm.

**Tea/ Coffee mornings.** Friday is coffee morning time at the village hall. So please come along between 10.00 am and 12 noon for a chat and get together with your friends and neighbours. Whether you are 1 or 90 all are welcome.

**Forthcoming Village Consultation.** It has been agreed with the Parish Council that the consultation for the Village Hall will be on Saturday 16 February. Display boards will be in the Village Hall on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and anyone wishing to contribute may display their thoughts and ideas. As Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, I shall be available on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon – 4pm in the hall to answer any questions members of the community may have.

Please, if you have any thoughts or ideas regarding the future of the hall put them down on paper so that they may be displayed during the consultation period. Without input from you the community you might not get the outcome you wish for.

*Mel Thomas*

## **Maiden Bradley Show and Fete 2013**

It is time again to kick off organising this year's show and fete. A committee is required to take this on and meetings should start in March at the latest. Although organised by a separate committee there is a link with the Village Hall, which organises the insurance for the event, so would anyone who would like to help with organising this year's show please contact Mel Thomas by phone on 845111 or by e-mail on [melvynthomas3807@gmail.com](mailto:melvynthomas3807@gmail.com). In particular Mel is keen to hear from someone prepared to chair the Show and Fete Committee.

*Sally Rigg, Village Hall Secretary*

## **Carol Singing**

The Maiden Bradley carol singers raised £174 for Dorothy House Hospice and would like to thank everyone who donated so generously. For once it was a night when it didn't rain or snow and we didn't have icicles forming on the ends of our noses!

The highlights:

- descant singing from the Mere contingent (added class!)
- warm and spicy lubrication for our throats at The Old Dower House (very welcome)
- singing Away in a Manger for an appreciative Christian Keough (child will go far!)
- singing Silent Night for an equally appreciative Daisy Snook (looking forward to singing to her next December when she is 100!)

The lowlights:

- being terrorised by the Morse's Hound of the Baskervilles
- watching the Gunter's dog flee at the sound of our singing
- Tom Blay's decision to sing Gloria in Excelsis when we had been singing for over 2 hours. Anyone heard of the frog chorus?

See you next December!

## **Christmas Fair**

It must seem that this event happened a very long time ago now, so many apologies for not doing the report sooner. The PCC is very glad to say that including donations the Christmas Fair made £614.03 towards the cost of the church roof. Many, many thanks to all of you who supported this event, and also to the stall holders who worked hard to make the event such a success.

*Anne Sercombe and Sue Priestner*

## **Snow Clearance**

I should like to thank the people who kindly cleared and salted pavements, walkways and rights of way of snow for the older members of the village to get around.

*Pearl Hudson*

Ed. This is another example of the Maiden Bradley "Big Society" about which I wrote recently. It is heart-warming to experience members of our community doing what they can to assist others. I know who they are and they know who they are and they deserve our gratitude. I note it took Wiltshire County Council 5 days to send a team!

## Parish Council 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013

**Parish Steward:** The Parish Council asked the Clerk to report to the Steward that the Church Street traffic calming opposite the Community Garden requires the drain off clearing out.

**Defibrillator:** Richard Schofield from the Community Heart Trust was unable to make the date of the February meeting but has been asked by the Clerk if he is available for the March meeting.

**1 Tonne Salt Bag Scheme:** A Green Grit bin will be delivered to the Somerset Arms. This will be filled for use in Church Street on the paths and road.

**Consultation on the Village Hall and Recreational Area Facilities:** The dates for the consultation on the future of the village hall are as follows: the process will begin on the evening of the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013, AND WILL continue on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2013 when parishioners will be able to view the displays and vote on which option they would most like to see. Two options are going to be considered: firstly, a new build facility incorporating the existing swimming pool and additional facilities such as a doctors surgery room, or secondly, refurbishment of the existing village hall, possibly with extensions to accommodate new facilities such as the new surgery room, and bring the building up to 21<sup>st</sup> Century standards.

A voting box with a consultation paper to complete would be made available so that replies are kept private. It was agreed following discussions that two Voting Boxes should be supplied; one will be placed in the shop and one at the Village Hall. Both will be supplied by the Parish Council and also it has been decided by the Parish Council that voting would be restricted to 18 years and over.

**Emergency Plan:** The Clerk reported that she had contacted Michael Franklin Partnerships & Community Engagement Manager (Wiltshire Council) and asked for his assistance with the Emergency Plan, following the email received from the Warminster Area Board Manager that Wiltshire Council was offering assistance.

**Application to Designate Warminster Neighbourhood Area:** Warminster Town Council has applied to Wiltshire Council to designate the Warminster Parish as a neighbourhood area.

**Budget/Precept Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 reg 4:** The Parish Council discussed the budget at length. It was agreed that the Precept figure, to be requested would be £ 9757.63.

### Two Planning applications were discussed:

Application Number: S/2012/1727

Location: Bradley House Kingston Lane Maiden Bradley Warminster.

Proposal: Fell x 1 Oak. Tree overhanging B3092, large basal wound

Resolved: to support the application

Application Number S/2012/1765/FUL

Location: Long View Maiden Bradley

Proposal: Demolition of existing Bungalow and erection of a replacement.

Resolved: to support the application, as an improvement to the present building.

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

**Items for the next Agenda –** The Clerk was asked to add the Rural Housing Association, re Affordable Housing. Community Asset registration, the Draft Consultation sheet for use by parishioners to vote.

**Date of the next meeting.** The Council agreed that the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013 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 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 and the Bus Stop Noticeboard.

Mrs Sarah Jeffries can be contacted by email on maidenbradley@o2.co.uk, by phone on 01985 213436, or post to Parish Clerk, 9 Beech Grove, Warminster, BA12 0AB.

## **Maiden Bradley Village Shop Association**

### **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Maiden Bradley Village Shop Association shall take place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Maiden Bradley. All villagers are invited to attend but voting on any resolution will be confined to those who are registered members (shareholders) of the Association.

#### **Agenda**

Opening Remarks  
Chairman's Report  
Presentation and Adoption of Accounts  
Election of Management Committee  
Setting the Annual Subscription  
Any Other Business.

*K M Baker, Hon Secretary, 26 Jan 2013*

#### **Note to the Notice of the AGM.**

Items for the Agenda

Nominations for members of the Management Committee should be delivered to the Secretary in person or at the shop) not less than 7 days before the AGM.

Each nominee must be a registered member of the Association. Nominations should be in writing or on the prescribed form copies of which will be lodged in the Head Office (Village Shop). Nominations for members of the Management Committee shall not be accept during the meeting.

Any Member who wishes to put a resolution to the meeting under the heading of Any Other Business should submit such a resolution to the Hon Secretary in writing not less than seven days before the date of the meeting. No business may be conducted at the meeting other than that appearing on the Agenda or previously notified as stated above.

#### **Welcome Club**

Many thanks to Tom, Pam and Pearl who kindly ran the Bingo Night at the Hall at the end of November, raising £128.70 towards Club funds. We had our Christmas tea in early December but don't worry if you haven't collected your Christmas gift as these will be available in February.

We lost dear Kath Trollope in December. She was a staunch member and even when she took to a wheelchair a family member, usually Jack, brought her to Club events. Her brother Eric would like to arrange an August coach trip in her memory. Details of this will appear soon.

Unfortunately the cost of the regular coach trips will have to be increased to £10 (£2 extra for non-members) but subs will remain at £2 per annum. Our first meeting of the year will be at 2.30 pm on 21<sup>st</sup> February at Horningsham and it would be good to see a lot of you there. The new 2013 programmes will be available.

*Chris Short - 847373*

## Children's Group

For the last 18 months some of the parents, with the backing of our church, have run a "young person's group" in the village. We are open to 5-11 year olds – the aim being to have somewhere local for the children of this and nearby villages to meet and get to know each other outside the schools. We have re-named ourselves and are now called **Kids@MB**.

We have recently been awarded a sum of money from the Warminster Board and the village shop has kindly donated 2 lots of bonus ball proceeds to our group. We shall be using the last session in January for the children to decide where this is best spent.

If anyone is planning to get rid of unwanted board games, inter-active Wii games, Lego or outdoor equipment on the post-Christmas clear-out, please give us a thought.

**Kids@MB** meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month except during the holidays. When the weather allows we make use of the recreation grounds for outdoor games and Roy at the Somerset Arms has let us use the skittle alley for a change of scenery. He even offered to feed us all!

We usually have a craft activity which the children can join in and other games such as soft ball, table tennis and board games. Squash and fruit snacks are served. We charge £1 per child to cover the cost of the hall rental and heating. Please come along and see what we are up to.

*Tricia Cox*

## February Bingo

The next bingo session in the village hall will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February at the usual time. This is a change of date because of the Pantomime.

If you would like to donate a prize, maybe a Christmas present you don't require, please leave with Pam Coulbert, 31 Church Street. Thank you to all who donated/supported us during 2012. All profits go to our Village Hall.

*Pam Coulbert - 844897*



# Valentines Fish & Chip Supper

In aid of the Church Roof Fund

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February Maiden Bradley Hall

7.15 pm for 7.30 pm - Tickets £12

Bring your own drinks

Limited tickets available book early from  
Mel Thomas 01985 845111 or the Village shop

## Very positive HMI inspection for Whitesheet Primary

The report following the HM Ofsted Inspectors monitoring inspection at Whitesheet Primary, Zeals has been enthusiastically welcomed by staff and parents at the school. "The results are, once again, highly encouraging and very positive" said Joint Headteacher Mary Murray following last month's inspection.



The school has made Satisfactory Progress in all key areas. "This is a huge step forward for the school from where the school was back in the days when we went into Special Measures last year", said Mrs Murray

There are many positive comments in the report; 'Pupils across the school are making more progress from their different starting points than was seen at the last visit' and 'Pupils make stronger progress in lessons because there is more good teaching', commented HM Inspector Mr Ian Hancock following this latest inspection. Of the Reception and Year 1/2 Class he stated 'Visits to lessons confirm that younger pupils continue to achieve well on the Kilmington site'. The Inspector also spoke with the children across both sites to seek their views about the new teaching team. He commented that 'Pupils talked positively about the changes and noted that staff expects more of them'. A full copy of the report is available on <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/>

"We must none of us think of Special Measures as a negative," commented Mrs Murray. "For this school it has been an opportunity to re-evaluate ourselves and to strive towards the excellence in education that our parents have every right to expect of us for their children." She concluded, "I do not exaggerate when I say that it has turned this school around."

## Join the Whitesheet Welly Walk – Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Huge fun – open to all!

Whitesheet Primary plans a lovely morning country walk on the first Saturday in March. This friendly (gentle!) walk is open to everyone in the local villages and sets off from Kilmington School at 10.30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March

The Welly Walk – which was planned for earlier in the year but had to be delayed because of bad weather - will help prospective new parents to the school have a chance to mix with teachers, governors, parents and local folk and for their children to get to know one another in the relaxed and informal atmosphere of a leisurely stroll. Do join us!

The walk will ramble through the delightful countryside surrounding the school. It is being organised by Reception Class teacher Aimee Brown who said. "Many parents are starting to feel anxious at this time of the year about their children's start at their new school. This is a real opportunity to meet and mix – both for parents and their children - in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. It's become a regular and important Whitesheet event and we'd love as many local people to join us as possible."

All new and present parents are invited to join in the walk. They and children will be on the lookout for birds and other creatures in the countryside and pick up lots of leaves and interesting items to use in school projects.

Back at the school after the walk tasty snacks and cakes made by Helen Burton, the School's Cook, will be ready. "We're sure they'll go down a treat with the tired and hungry walkers," said Helen. She, together with Teachers and Governors from the School, will be on hand to help to serve tea, hot chocolate and squash to all - and show parents and children around the school.



*Some older residents began to wonder if 2013 snow might be like 50 years ago, 1963, when snow settled and stayed for close to three months. John Priestner came up with some 1963 photos, taken by Miss Venables*



*The photos on this page are all from 1963. All on the next page are from January 2013.*

*Do you recognise any of the children? They must all be close to or in their 60s by now. Please let us know if any of the faces are familiar.*





# THE SHOP

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## VALENTINE'S DAY

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plenty of time

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stock for that special  
romantic meal!

## SUPER SATURDAY 2 FEBRUARY

This month we are  
tasting new chutneys  
and preserves from local  
producer, Helen Abigail



Revamped magazines –  
new ones added.



**PANCAKE DAY** - 12 February  
We have all you need ....eggs, milk, flour, sugar  
and lemons. Happy tossing!

**NEW! NEW! NEW!**

**TAKE AWAY**

**BAKE AT HOME**

Croissants  
pains au chocolat,  
pains au raisin,  
rolls and baguettes

Look out for the new, dedicated  
display freezer.

**COMING SOON!**

**A larger range of in store baking!**  
*The treats keep coming!*

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**SHOP AGM AND OPEN FORUM** - Monday, 25 March - 7 pm in the Hall.

Nominations for the committee to be received by 11 March.

Proposal forms available from the shop.

Tel: 01985 844206

E-mail: maidenbradleyshop@gmail.com

Website: maidenbradleyvillageshop.posterous.com

*Maiden Bradley Community Village Shop – run by you, run for you*

## **From Behind the Counter**

Would you please all stop dieting? I am trialling a new cake supplier and we have some utterly delicious new cookies in the shop AND we are starting the chocolate extravaganza known as Easter, so I need you to give up on those New Year resolutions ASAP. I have lots of great news for you this month so I might need to exert any residual influence I might have on the editor to give me more space.

Orders. Ordering your meat (or anything else for that matter) is for life and not just for Christmas. We can carry only a limited range of meat but we get two deliveries a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays and we can get anything special in for you, including your Sunday joint (of meat that is). Anything that you can get from your butcher we can get in for you so do please remember us when you are next planning your family lunch or entertaining friends.

Magazines. In conjunction with a specialist adviser, I have conducted a full review of our range of magazines and there are going to be a few changes. Believe it or not we had 110 titles on our order but many of those titles have been foisted on us by the distributors and they don't sell. So, we are ditching 46 of the existing titles and trying 23 new ones. The eagle-eyed among you will have observed an overall decrease in titles. This should allow us to arrange the shelves better with more of each magazine front showing so that you can browse more easily. If you would like to have any magazines put aside for you we will be very happy to arrange that for you,

Posting Kit. We now have a new stand, alongside the Post Office, with all manner of post related items: sellotape, string, polythene envelopes, brown paper, bubble wrap, boxes etc etc. So all you e-Bay addicts can now get your supplies right here in MB. We haven't lost the "bits and bobs" stand with the cottons, nail clippers, can openers, hairgrips etc etc on it; it is now round the corner near the pet food.

Pet Supplies. The pet area is the next to come under scrutiny. I am getting a part rack of treats, toys etc some time in February and I am trying to figure out what else we need to put in that area so do give me any ideas you have.

BIG NEWS. I have been saving the best 'til last. We are going to be having 2 new but related services in the shop – Bake at Home and Bake 'n' Bite. By the time you get this newsletter we should have a brand new freezer in the shop with lots of goodies in it for you to take home and bake yourself as you need them. The range will include croissants, pan au chocolat, rolls and baguettes and will be stocked according to your favourites – so come in and have a look and then tell us what you like best. Following on from that, by late Feb, or perhaps early March, we will be introducing Bake 'n' Bite, a range of items that will be baked fresh every day in the shop. This will include the items in the Bake at Home freezer plus, probably, bloomer bread, French sticks, Danish pastries and other tasty goodies. Look out for that.

Thank you for your continued support; without it we could not push forward into these exciting new areas.

### **Saturday Job – Village Shop**

Thanks to some luck on the employment front, Clemency, our new Saturday lady, will be leaving us in the next month or so. If anyone over 18 (the age restriction is for alcohol sales reasons) is interested in working in the shop on a 1:3 rota with Sam and myself, please make yourself known, I would love to talk to you as soon as possible. The position can be paid but equally it would be excellent for the shop if we could find volunteers to cover this.

**Salt** - Just in case we should need it again this winter – the salt that is in the bag at the shop is provided by the County Council for the village and does not belong to the shop. In the near future it will be relocated to the pub car park where a bin is being provided. If it snows again feel free to use the salt to help clear your drive/pavement/steps.

*Kay Mayne – 845235 = maidenbradleyshop@gmail.com*



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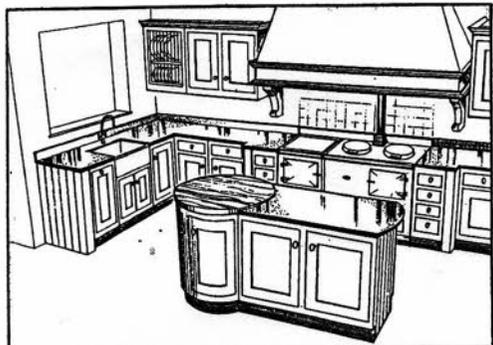
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*The Friday morning Coffee Mornings at the Village Hall have now been running for 3 weeks and, as you can see from the photographs, have been well supported.*



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