

Maiden Bradley

Parish News

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New bench unveiled at Memorial Hall

Diary April 2016

3rd	Sun	Holy communion (BPC)	10.00am
4 th	Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
		Bingo – Memorial Hall	7.30 for 8.00 pm
6 th	Wed	Kids@MB – Memorial Hall	6.00-7.30 pm
		Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
10 th	Sun	Matins – Church	10.00 am
11 th	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bins Collection	7.00 am
12 th	Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Memorial Hal	7.30 pm
13 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
		Stretch & Recharge – Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
14 th	Thu	Welcome Club Meeting – Horningsham Hall	2.30 pm
		Scrabble - Sue Loudon's	7.30pm
15 th	Fri	Film Night – The Lady in the Van	7pm for 7.30pm
17 th	Sun	Parish Communion with hymns	10.00am
18 th	Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00am
19 th	Tue	Welcome Club Outing	8.45 at H and 9am at MB

20nd Wed Copy Day for articles for May News to pat@visa-office.com

20 rd	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
22 nd	Fri	April Lunch – Memorial Hal	12.30 for 12.45pm
23 rd	Sat	Coffee Morning and Craft Fayre	10am to 2pm
24 th	Sun	Holy Communion – Church	10.00 am
25	Mon	Bookclub at Sarah Neish's, Rodmead	8pm.
		Black Box, Blue & Green Bin Collection	7.00 am
26 th	Tue	WI Meeting Stourton VH – Lebanese Cookery	7.30pm
27 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	
		Stretch & Recharge – Memorial Hall	
28 th	Thu	Scrabble - Sue Loudon's	7.30pm

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 in the Memorial Hall.

Useful telephone Nos.: The Village Shop: 844206; The Post Office: 845040; The Pub: 844207; Memorial Hall bookings – Mel Thomas 845111 ; Dr. Andrew Murrison MP: 01225 358584 or murrisona@parliament.uk; Mere Link Scheme 01747 860096; Rev. Carol Wilson-Barker 01747 861859

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

Editorial

This morning is truly a spring morning. The sun is shining, the oil beetles are out of their winter hibernation and the birds are making their nests from the straw fallen from the bails as they were transported from field to farm. Probably like most of you, I enjoy the rural aspects of living in this relatively remote English village. However, it is impossible to live on a view and it is the people of the village who bring it to life.



There is a particular group of individuals who have lived here for many years and understand the needs of the community. They are supportive and instigators of many fundraising and social activities appealing to the majority of local inhabitants and they need applauding. The latest community event was the unveiling last week, of a very special bench located to the rear of the Memorial Hall. It was designed and made by John Priestner and sponsored by Tom Allday. It is specially designed to enable sitters to either view the activities in the Hall garden or to take in the views across Longleat Forest to Frome.

So thank you John and thank you Tom for your contribution and enhancing the lives of us all, here in Maiden Bradley.

Pat Kennedy pat@visa-office.com 845397

News from the Vicarage

Spring is well upon us now and the daffodils in our garden which were amplified by a major bulb-planting last autumn are looking lovely. Soon the clocks will change and the evenings will be lighter for longer. The new life brought by the seasons underline the new life that Christians feel at the hope from Jesus' resurrection. The idea of Jesus resurrection seems such an enormous concept to hold in mortal heads but new life can come in so many ways. It can be from the desire to move on and draw a line under a big family argument. It can be after a bad day on your diet, forgiving yourself the indulgence and starting afresh the next day.

The church is cared for by a really dedicated group of volunteers who freely give their time to raise money, look after the building and grounds, help at services and make the church look beautiful. I want to take this opportunity to thank them all for their hard work. We soon have our church annual meeting and we look back and review the past year and look forward and plan for the year ahead. The meeting this time is on 17th April, do hope you can come along at about 11am.

Blessings,

Rev Carol

March News from the Hall

The month's high point was hearing that the Warminster Board have granted the hall £5000.00 towards the Hall Renovation Project. This is down to some hard work put in by Pat Kennedy and Sarah Jefferies on our behalf, our thanks go out to both of them.

More graft on behalf of the hall has been put in by John Priestner who has given up his time to replace most of the fencing at the rear of the hall, he has also made a new bench, which overlooks fields towards Frome, thank you John.

The Maiden Bradley Players who put on their first production as a group deserve all the praise they earned, well done to all concerned, it looks like they will now go ahead with further productions.

The new lighting provided by the panto group worked really well and showed off the stage and those on it to great effect, thank you Neil for your labours.

Faggots or Sausages seems to be one of the most popular menus along with Fish and Chips, both last month's and this month's lunches have been very well attended and around 30 have sat down to enjoy not only the meal but also the social aspect of the gathering. April's Lunch will be on Friday 22nd menu yet to be decided.

The Film night next month will be on FRIDAY 15th April when we will be showing "The Lady in The Van" starring Maggie Smith based on a true story. Future films already in the pipeline are "45 Years" with Charlotte Rampling & Tom Courtenay, this will be followed by "Dads Army" once it is released in June.

On the downside I have to bring to your attention, the problems we are having with Car Parking at the hall. The parking provided is for the hall patrons and their guests it is not a public car park. If you do use it, it is Your Responsibility to find out when the hall is in use and ensure that you remove your vehicles. Mothers were having to off load their children on the road when attending the Mother & Toddler group earlier this month, this is not acceptable.

Mel Thomas

THE LADY IN THE VAN

DIRECTED BY NICHOLAS HYTNER

SCREENPLAY BY ALAN BENNETT FROM HIS MEMOIR



Parish Council March 2016

Litter Pick – The litter pick took place on the 5th March 2016. The Parish Council wish to thank the eight parishioners who turned out to help improve the visual appearance of the community. They are to be commended for their community spirit. The Parish Council were pleased that Ten Large bags of litter were collected, these were taken away by Wiltshire Council Highways Team. The Litter pick weekend had been the highlight of the countrywide project Clean for the Queen's birthday.

Highways - Councillor Patrick Nixon will be meeting with the Highways Engineer to look at sites within the parish where the Speed Indicator Devices can be placed. No issues were highlighted for the 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, the Wiltshire Council App or on the landline number 0300 456 0105.

Items for the next Agenda – Internal Audit, Year End Accounts, May Annual Parish meeting arrangements, May Annual Parish Council meeting, review of Parish Plan and a review of the Policy & Documentation list, Easement Recreational Area and Speed Indicator Post.

Date of the next meeting- The Council agreed that Tuesday 12th April 2016 will be the date of the next Parish Council meeting.

As always, the Parish Council meeting will be open at the start with an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or make comments on any matter. The website Southwils.com (Maiden Bradley) can be accessed to read a copy of the Agenda and Minutes electronically or copies are displayed on the Community Notice Board at the village shop.

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

COFFEE MORNING AND CRAFT FAIR

Charity event in aid of Dorothy House Hospice Care.
Maiden Bradley Village Hall 23rd April 2016 10am-2pm

Come along for a cup of tea, slice of cake and browse the stalls offering a range of crafts. Raffle tickets on sale with some fantastic prizes being donated including: A magnum of Champagne, Family Day pass to center parcs, Tea for Two at Bishopstrow House, Family day pass to Stourhead House and Gardens, gift vouchers for Sports Massage by Claire McFarlane and a hair treatment by Simply Hair (Warminster) and many more besides.

If you want to purchase raffle tickets please contact
Christine Crabbe 01985 844517 or Maiden Bradley Village shop.



Maiden Bradley Shop

www.maidenbradleyvillageshop.org.uk

As you will have seen from the various notices at the Shop, on Facebook and on the Website it has been a busy month for the shop.

The explanation of the shop hours changing is twofold. First of all, in line with the new Government rates of pay which come into play on 1 April, the committee concluded that it had to cut the paid staff hours. The wage bill is the largest overhead in the budget and at the present time the shop cannot sustain a large increase in the wage bill. Unfortunately we do not have enough volunteers to keep the shop open to compensate for reduced paid hours. Maybe if more volunteers come forward we can reinstate the Tuesday afternoon. Secondly, we decided to close on Tuesday afternoons as the Post Office is able to change its 3 hour slot from the afternoon to the late morning. This will probably be more beneficial to the Post Office as mornings are always busier than the afternoons. We will, of course, keep this change under review.

The next big announcement this month is that we are in the process of recruiting a new Manager to start on 1 May. Amanda Dye has decided that she would like to move on to other things. Amanda took over the reigns as Manager at the end of 2013 and has given a great deal of thought and time to making the shop as welcoming as it is today. She has brought in new stock and tried hard to satisfy the shopping needs of the changing populations of Maiden Bradley, Horningsham and the surrounding areas. Thank you Amanda for all your hard work.

Running the shop is a challenge but an exciting one and can be very rewarding. It is very important that the Manager understands the ethos of the community shop and is flexible on all fronts! A detailed job description and application form are available in the shop but can also be obtained from me on-line. ernixon66@gmail.com. I look forward to receiving applications and hope we can have a new Manager in place on 1 May.



And on a final note. I am hoping that in April we will be able to install a smart new awning for the shop. The Maiden Bradley Parish Council, the Warminster Area Board and the Fudge Trust have all given grants towards this. I need just a little bit more to cover the full cost so there is a collection box in the shop – all donations gratefully received!

Liz Nixon

JOB VACANCY

SHOP MANAGER

MAIDEN BRADLEY COMMUNITY SHOP

The Shop Committee is looking for a new paid Manager to run the Community Shop from 1 May, 2016. The Manager will be required to work approximately 26 hours per week during the week (mostly mornings) and also be available to work on Saturday mornings if necessary. The Manager should also be available to open the shop on at least 2 mornings per week.

The position requires flexibility and understanding of the ethos of a small village community shop. Retail experience is an advantage.

A detailed job description and application form are available in the shop or contact

Elizabeth Nixon

Tel: 01985 844242

e-mail: ernixon66@gmail.com

This month's Charity

No doubt you will agree that the plight of the refugees trying to enter Europe, is tragic and an estimated 60 million persons around the world are considered to be displaced, that is roughly the same number as the population of the United Kingdom. A problem too large for individuals to solve, a problem for governments to tackle....but could you open your home and give refuge to and financially support one of these families? You won't have to but if you wish to assist via a financial donation The British Red Cross make giving online very easy.

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ACT 1 – MAIDEN BRADLEY PLAYERS – “DECKCHAIRS”

Thank you for being supportive of this new venture into drama at the MB Memorial Hall. Many of you have written and sent good wishes having enjoyed our production and have wondered what we have in mind for the autumn. This is currently under discussion but we will let you know when we plan to audition for casting our next outing, which we hope will be next October/November.

We are pleased to confirm that the production of Deckchairs, covered its costs and has produced a modest surplus for our efforts, which is most gratifying. This success allows us to consider something perhaps a little more adventurous.

However, we need more actors and technical support if you would like to join in let us know by email to: maidnbradleyplayers@gmail.com.

Welcome Club

We enjoyed listening to Tom Allday's rendition of his reading of 'Oliver Twist' as he brought the characters to life so skilfully. We look forward to more readings from him next September.

Our first trip will be on April 19th, a mystery day out and I'm sure that our driver will come up trumps as usual. We leave Horningsham at 8.45am and from Maiden Bradley at 9am. If not already done, let me have your name to add to our outing and **everyone** is very welcome.



The next meeting in Horningsham Hall will be a quiz with prizes on April 14th, 2.30pm start, so do join us.

I would like to give you an advance notice concerning the trip planned for next month on May 17th. Last year members requested a longer stay at a garden centre so that they could have a good look around at the plants etc. with a view to purchasing items for their gardens. With this I mind, we will have a long stay at Cadbury Garden Centre on 17th and hope that this arrangement will be found to be satisfactory.

Chris Short 01985 847373

Scrabble

Why not join us? Next Thursday, 31st March (too late probably).....April 14th and 28th. 7.30 at my house; £1 a time, tea and coffee provided, and biscuits (no alk, sorry). All welcome, just let me know in advance if poss.

Sue Loudon



Setting young minds racing

Wincanton Race course was the exciting and unusual destination for a maths lesson for Year 5 and 6 of Whitesheet Primary Academy in Zeals. The visit was organised and funded by 'Racing to School' (formerly the British Horseracing and Education Standards Trust) and former jump jockey John Pritchard was the group's guide.

The children investigated weights and measures and how they 'weigh in' in the Weighing Room, then they measured the perimeter of the parade area and calculated distances between jumps. "Few other settings could offer children and young people so many exciting ways of practising their school subjects and applying them to real life settings," commented subject leader Helen Walter who organised the visit on behalf of the school.

But the highlight of the day was a close up view of the races. "You'll be surprised what pupils and students can learn from an educational day at the races – from practical Parade Ring maths to the design of racing silks. It all helps to keep young minds racing!" exclaimed John Pritchard.

'Racing to School' is racing's education programme offered free to schoolchildren and students, delivered at racecourses, trainers' yards and studs across Great Britain. The practical, lively approach enriches a range of National Curriculum subjects and is intended to spark interest in the sport of horseracing. The context of racing offers many opportunities for exploring school subjects in a practical way. "It also opens minds to the many different future career opportunities within the industry," said the ex-jockey.



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