

Diary September 2013

1st Sun	Matins - Church	9.30 am
2 nd Mon	Black Box & Blue Bins Collection	7.00 am
	Bingo – Village Hall 7.	30 for 8.00 pm
6 th Fri	Zumba at the Village Hall	12-1.00 pm
8th Sun	Holy Communion – Church	9.30 am
9 th Mon	Household & Garden Waste Collection	7.00 am
10 th Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall	7.30 pm
11 th Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms	9.35-9.55 am
	Kids@MB	6.00-7.30 pm
13 th Fri	Zumba at the Village Hall	12-1.00 pm
14 th Sat	Bird Club – meet Village Hall Car Park	10.00 am
15 th Sun	Parish Communion – Church	10.30 pm
16 th Mon	Black Box & Blue Bins Collection	7.00 am
19 th Thu	Welcome Club Meeting – Horningsham Hal Susan Marshfield	l 2.30 pm
20 th Fri	Zumba at the Village Hall	12-1.00 pm
22nd Sun	Holy Communion – Church	9.30 am
23 rd Mon	Deadline for contributions to October Mi	3PN
23 rd Mon	Household & Garden Waste Collection	7.00 am
24th Tue	Welcome Club Outing to The Mumbles	
	Horningsham dep	8.45 am
	Maiden Bradley dep	9.00 am
24 th Tue	W.I. Meeting – Stourton Village Hall	7.30 pm
25 th Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms	9.35-9.55 am
	Kids@MB – Village Hall	6.00-7.30 pm
27 th Fri	Zumba at the Village Hall	12-1.00 pm
29 th Sun	Benefice Service at St Michael's, Mere With the Bishop of Ramsbury	10.30 am
30 th Mon	Black Box & Blue Bins Collection	7.00 am
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Please note variation of All Saints' Services highlighted, 1st & 8th September

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

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; Rev Carol: 01747 861859.

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

Editorial

It's that time again and I think sometimes that I would prefer to undergo root canal treatment without anaesthetic – or become a grandfather – rather than dredge the depths of my ever decreasing pool of interesting things to say about anything. Inspiration has deserted me; no change there then I hear you cry! But it is difficult when I am trying to keep up with England's efforts in the Test Match, bake cakes and prepare judges' lunches for the Village Produce Show, keep up with the washing and ironing, turn my garden into something resembling an oasis rather than a desert and feed and water 'she who must be obeyed' when she returns from a hard day at the shop face. Am I turning into a wife?? Well, that's enough of that I suppose. I do not believe any sympathy will be forthcoming. Besides, I have to go now; the washing machine is beeping at me, I have to defrost the freezer and sew on a number of buttons so that I do not get arrested when I go out to do the shopping for the guests who are arriving in the middle of Village Show mayhem. Better think of something to feed them rather than left-overs from yesterday's lunch.

I feel better now and I would draw your attention to the item about Community First which appears later in this issue. There is insufficient room here to detail what they do and what they offer. Suffice to say they have expertise in a wide range of activities which could benefit either groups or individuals. Please take a moment to look at their website. It may be one of the better things you have done.

Somerset Arms. Once again the pub has been left in the lurch – this time by Carole and Meg who left one night after only a few weeks in place. Karen Chilcott and her family are currently "holding the fort" for the time being. The pub is open for food both at lunchtime and in the evenings and is also taking Bed & Breakfast bookings. The food is good "pub grub" at a reasonable price and Karen is doing her best to keep the pub open. Your support would be very welcome. Goodbye, see you next month unless I am at the dentist.

Les Mayne



Vicar's Letter

We have now lived in this lovely area for a year and are beginning to feel that we are finding our way around. One thing our family is particularly enjoying is the wide open countryside and the friendliness of the people. Recently a young friend of our sons stayed and couldn't stop talking about how everyone greeted him in the street.

In the Christian tradition friendliness to strangers is something which is thought to be of great value. The story and practice of the Good Samaritan is firmly lodged in the very fabric of our culture. Churches pride themselves on being friendly places. Sometimes though our worship practices and the way we take services can seem quite incomprehensible to strangers, although they give members great inspiration and comfort.

To try to make church more accessible we are trying some new things in this Benefice. From the 1st Sunday in September (1st Sept) we are having a Praise service in Mere church which will last about 30 mins with singing, prayers and learning together. It is for all the family to gather together and starts at 10.30. On Sunday 8th Sept., West Knoyle church is having a Pet Service at 3.30 where you are invited to bring your pets for a short services of singing and blessing. And in Maiden Bradley...well we are making plans for something more informal too. Watch this space.

Love in Christ. Rev. Carol

PS there is a Vicarage Garden Party on 1st September at 3-5 please come and enjoy scones, tea and cakes in the Vicarage Garden in Mere.

Family News

We are pleased to welcome Sam and Kate and the family, including, Sam(26), Hattie(19), Imogen(7) and Amara(4) who have moved from Trowbridge to live at 59 The Rank. We hope that they will be happy here and enjoy living in Maiden Bradley.

There is good news from the Bradley Bassets again! Pam Coulbert tells us that Houndstone Queen Boudicca won 2nd at the Bournemouth Championship Dog Show on August 12th. So she's keeping her record up, following her win at Crufts. She now has to enter the higher Qualification classes with older bitches, so her second at Bournemouth against 2-3 year olds was a good one considering that she is only 20 months!

Congratulations to Jack Gunter on winning the Frome Junior Golf competition 2013 at his first attempt!

From Pearl Hudson

I would like to thank everyone who sent me Get Well messages after my recent fall at Horningsham Hall. A special message goes to Pam Thomlinson (Post Office Pam) who organised calling the ambulance, getting my car back to Maiden Bradley with other villagers help, and bringing my toilet-bag clothes etc to Salisbury Hospital. A proper Good Samaritan, and friend when you need one. Thank you Pam and everyone else, all I can say the Community spirit is alive and well in this village.

Thanks. Pearl Hudson

News from the Village Hall

At last we will have a properly working and efficient heating system. With the aid of a grant from the Warminster Area Board we have been able to have a new system installed and by the time you read this it will be up and working.

On the 23rd November we have The Secret World of Charles Dickens. This is a show that has been playing in London for the last 2 years and is now being rolled out to a wider audience using village halls and community centres. The evening (7-10 pm) will include a light buffet during the interlude and tickets will cost £12 pp.

The Warminster Area Board has chosen our hall to hold its next meeting on Thursday 5th September; members of the public may attend if they wish.

The litter bin in the car park is not a dog litter bin so please do not deposit your dog litter there. Take it With You

At our next committee meeting on 14th Sept we will be discussing the parking of residents' cars in the hall car park; anyone concerned who wishes to come along may do so.

Most of you will have noticed a great improvement to the outside of the hall over the past months. This is all down to the hard work of one person, Mr Tom Blay. We the committee would like to say "thank you Tom", and if you see him out and about we hope you do also.

If you have any skills that you think may benefit the hall during its renovation and, hopefully, extension program we would really appreciate your involvement

Mel Thomas Hall Chairman

Welcome Club

This month we shall be having a visit from Susan Marshfield who will be giving a talk mysteriously entitled "Barefoot to Buckingham Palace". Do come and discover the content! This talk will be given at our meeting on Sep 19th in the Horningsham hall beginning at 2.30pm.

After some discussion since it was discovered that our extra trips – Dawlish and the Luncheon Club visit to Sidmouth – took us to the same area of South Devon, an alternative destination for our next trip was agreed. Instead of going to Exmouth, we would go to The Mumbles near Swansea where we had enjoyed a visit last year. So, on 24th Sep we shall be taking a trip there leaving Horningsham from the pub at 8.45am and from the bus shelter in Maiden Bradley at 9.00am. Once again we are inviting anyone, young, old or middling, who would like to join us. The cost will be £12 per person. Simply 'phone me to book your seat. If you find you are unable to make it after having booked your place, please ring me and let me know. I hope to see you at one or both of our September dates.

Chris Short - 01985 847373

Dawlish Outing

The Kath Trollope Memorial trip to Dawlish on Tuesday 6th August proved to be anything but sombre. Kath's family had expressed the wish that it should be a happy occasion as Kath herself had always taken great delight in the outings organised by the Welcome Club.

We set off in high spirits and made our coffee stop at the Eagle, only to discover we were about half an hour early. Nonetheless, we were made welcome while the manager chased around for staff to attend to our requirements. Waiting for a pub to



open may be familiar routine for one or two of us, but for the majority it was most definitely a novelty.

One of our greatest pleasures of the day was the company of young Theo and Lucy Knight both of whom were very well behaved but, hardly stopped talking the entire trip. How nice to have young families with all their enthusiasm mixing with those of us who are used to a more sedate pace.

In Dawlish the sun shone but a gentle breeze kept the temperature from soaring too high. It was a perfect day for a leisurely amble along the promenade, or a walk around a very attractive little park.

We made a return visit to the Eagle on our homeward journey for a delicious cream tea before taking our seats once more for the last leg of our day out. No trip would be complete without a raffle, and all the prizes were generously donated by Kath's family. There can be no doubt that Kath Trollope would have been very happy that her request to have day out in her memory proved to be so successful. Our sincere thanks to all her family who helped make it a very special day.

Luncheon Club Annual Trip

On August 15th 40 members set off in an Andrews coach driven by Peter, destination Sidmouth and Seaton. Fine rain in the warm air didn't dampen anyone's spirit. Sun peeped through the dark clouds now and then.

Our refreshment stop was at Otter Nurseries and Garden Centre, Ottery St Mary. A walk among garden ornaments near the toilet facilities, into the Centre and at the far end there was the restaurant - at last. The much needed coffee was full of flavour.

En route to Sidmouth we hit a snag because the police had closed the road. So Peter backtracked and found another way, finally, Sidmouth – hurrah! The weather now was dry and sunny with sea breezes spiced with seaweed.



Everyone disembarked rapidly lunch-hunting. Chris, Barbara and I found the Pynes Restaurant and Bar which overlooked the Promenade. We enjoyed good food and beer served by waiters in white shirts and dark trousers, very smart. Afterwards Chris and Barbara went to seek a bench facing the sea. I strolled along the Prom watching families at play. At the far end was the RNLI Lifeboat Station which I visited. Returning, I saw Leonie and we leaned on the sea wall chatting before joining the waiting throng for the coach home.

Peter drove us to Seaton where there was a bit of a walk to the sea and then beach time again. Sitting watching life go by with lovely warm air embracing our relaxed bodies and the sound of surf on the pebbles in our ears. Time for a cuppa in a smart café "The Gallery" then back on the coach at 5.30 p.m. for raffle time. Prizes had been selected and prettily wrapped by Tom and tickets sold by Glenda. Tom thanked Pearl on our behalf for organising the trip and Peter for driving us. Lucky winners smiled their thanks.

The journey home was a beautiful early evening of warm light.

Chrissie Buttery

The Luncheon Club reopens on September 5th. Don't forget that we welcome guests and new members.

Mere Bowling Club

A Date for your Diary – Saturday 5th October 2013 - we shall be holding an Autumn Fair in the yard of the Old Ship Hotel starting at 10.00 a.m. As well as a plant stall there will be a stall selling home-made bread, cakes and preserves and also a book stall, all proceeds are in aid of the Bowls Club who are planning to install changing rooms at the bowling green.

We continue to have a good season, currently top of the Westbrook League and winning more friendlies than we lose. Next season we intend to add to the competition by joining the Wessex League where we would compete against teams who are based mainly in Somerset, apart from Gillingham and Sherborne who are in Dorset.

Why not come and give us a try? All you need to start is a pair of flat soled shoes and some enthusiasm, we can supply every thing else.

For any information regarding the club or the sport of Bowls please contact Alan Inwood on 01985-844215, Jeff Vigars on 01747-860976 & jeffcarolvigars@hotmail.co.uk, or Don Butchers on 01747-860775 & don.butchers@btinternet.com

Rayners' Tour de France

Being keen cyclists, we liked the idea of a challenge so decided to cycle from St Malo in France to Santander in Spain creating our very own Tour de France! It was inspirational to discuss our plans and route with experienced cyclists Ray and Carol Kenzie who completed the route prior to us at a much more sensible pace. However, due to Jerry's busy work schedule we only had 8 days to complete the trip!

After debating a lot about camping, Jerry had to give in and booked hotels along the route resulting in a comfy bed, glass of wine and a shower after every days epic ride! In actual fact we couldn't have taken a tent as we had no room in the panniers even with just one evening



outfit, one pair of shoes, toothbrushes and NO hair straighteners!!

Having spent the first day cycling 108 miles into a relentless head wind, lashing rain and a thunderstorm over head, spirits were low, and seeing the French weather forecast that evening with the red weather warnings did not help. After a typical French welcome, a 3 course meal and a confident, positive team talk by Jerry, there was no going back.

As the mileage cranked up and we got further south towards La Rochelle we saw a lot more sunshine and were beginning to enjoy ourselves. The route that Jerry had planned took us along flat cycle paths following the coast through the beautiful French market towns where we stopped for lunch and calories didn't matter!

Towards the end of the journey, the cycle paths took us through beautiful forests and past several beach resorts, one of which took us by surprise as we felt very out of place with our clothes on! The last day took us into Spain where we started to see signposts for Santander and after cycling just short of 600 miles, 70 miles felt like a breeze! However 70 miles in the foothills of the Pyrenees was not so easy, especially for Jerry who carried the panniers (yet he still overtook Spanish cyclists with ease, Chris Froome eat your heart out!)

We arrived in Santander feeling tired (and sore) but with a huge sense of achievement and spent that evening celebrating our epic trip which was mentally and physically testing. What a fantastic way to spend our first wedding anniversary.



Day 1: St Malo- La Grigonnais

Day 2: La Griggonais- Les Sables-d'Olonne

Day 3: Les Sables-d'Olonne – Marans

Day 4: Marans- Royan

Day 5: Royan- Andernos- les Bains

Day 6: Andernos- les Bains – Leon

Day 7: Leon -Biarritz

Day 8: Biarritz- Santander.

Total Mileage: 648

Jerry and Laura Rayner

Welcome Club Outing - Minehead

On 23rd July with coach driver Will at the wheel we sped through sunburnt countryside. The morning was cool and misty, much to everyone's delight after days of heat. Our refreshment stop was at Taunton's Monkton Elm Garden, Craft and Pet Centre. Terry and I sat together in the spacious restaurant sipping our hot drinks and chatting. We all meandered afterwards, I checked out the Pet Centre and delighted in the busy aviary, the "small section" of cuddlies – rabbits, hamsters and guinea pigs. The reptile area held me in wonder as I eyeballed bearded dragons.

On to Minehead where the coach emptied like magic, most members flowing towards the town centre. By 12.40 I was sitting in the Hobby Horse, an old hotel that looks out over the beach and distant sea. A local, on his corner seat at the bar, made me welcome with yarns of "Graco and his brothers"? A half of Trelawney's Ale in my hand and Surf and Turf to eat, I spent an enjoyable lunch. A gentle stroll alongside the sea wall as far as the old Quay then a visit to the RNLI station followed by a Craft Exhibition in an ancient cottage used up half the afternoon. I started to retrace my steps around 3.30 p.m. and the sea, no longer a distant blue line, flowed towards me. I explored the railway station then had a cuppa in a sea-front café. Back over the road to see how the tide was progressing and sat on a bench with Ann, Vic and Jean chatting about the day. They had enjoyed themselves too. Will arrived at 5 p.m. so it was all aboard and homeward bound. Final stop at Piper's Inn for nightcaps and the raffle. The latter was run by Mo and Tom so thank you to them and thanks to Will for his friendly care of us.

Lastly but by no means least, a big thank you to Chris for organising our trip and the raffle prizes. We missed you, and Barbara too.

Chrissie Buttery



Community First is Wiltshire's Rural Community Council, a charity that works at the forefront of community development to help improve the quality of life and economic well- being of people and local communities throughout Wiltshire and Swindon.

We have been a dependable source of support to communities in Wiltshire and Swindon since 1965. Our extensive networks involve parish and town councils, village and community hall committees, youth clubs, community transport and community leaders across the county.

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From Behind The Counter

As I write this I can say that July was a good month financially, and August is shaping up quite well too. We have definitely noticed that some of our regulars have been on holiday and we look forward to seeing them back in the shop. The increase in passing trade, brought about by summer visitors and assorted travellers, has helped to fill the gap.

So, what is new in the shop this month?

Chillers. I am delighted to say we are now the proud owners of 2 brand new chillers. We received a generous grant from the Warminster Area Board and raised £1,000 from Simon Nixon's talk in Bradley House. The balance we have been able to fund from our own resources. We are still figuring out how to fill them as they have more shelves than the old ones, so do let us know if there is anything you would like us to stock. Although they do still make a noise, they are a little quieter than the old ones and we are hoping they will be more energy efficient. Time will tell.

Entertainment Centre. We have now created a proper "entertainment centre" out of the mish-mash of books and DVDs that were previously tucked away in the corner by the computer. They are now together on shelves by the chillers, with a small selection of sweets and drinks, which we hope will give you some ideas for a cosy night in as the evenings get shorter. Books are 50p each and DVDs are £1. We will need to have a steady supply of books and DVDs to keep the selection fresh so if you have any, in good condition, that you would be happy to donate do please bring them in.

Kay Mayne, Manager - 844206

Countryside Alliance Awards - The Rural Oscars

Once again the Countryside Alliance is running its annual competition that has become known as the "Rural Oscars". This year, as before, there is a category for Best Village Shop/Post Office. I am very keen that we enter this award this year. I believe we have a shop to be proud of and it would be a great reward to the many who volunteer in a range of ways to help keep the shop running if we were to get somewhere in this competition. As ever, the greatest benefit from these awards is excellent publicity. People are still coming into the shop to "see what an award winning shop looks like" as a result of our last success in 2010.

The competition is nomination led so the more we get the more likely we are to get through to the regional finals. To vote for our shop go to www.countrysideallianceawards.org.uk and you will see a "nominate now" section. It will ask for the shop address (on the drop down list it says Post Office – use that one) and e-mail address which is maidenbradleyshop@gmail.com . Our website is still being built and we will be entering the website address as soon as we have it up and running. The shop phone number is 01985 844206. I will leave the reasons for nomination up to you but the more glowing they are the more eye-catching they will be when the judges come to shortlist!

Get voting!!





Recipe - Balsamic Chicken Salad

1 chicken breast, cut into 4 lengthways

2 cloves garlic, finely chopped 1 sprig thyme, chopped

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1 ciabatta loaf 1 young cos lettuce

parmesan, shaved, to serve

For the dressing -

olive oil

2 tbsp balsamic vinegar

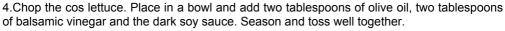
1 tbsp dark soy sauce

Preparation method -

1.Put the thyme, garlic and two tablespoons of olive oil into a bowl and mix well.

2.Brush the chicken with the mixture and place on a griddle pan for one and a half minutes on each side.

3.Rub the ciabatta with garlic and olive oil and place on the griddle next to the chicken.



- 5. Take the ciabatta off the griddle and place on a plate next to the salad leaves.
- 6.Add a splash of balsamic vinegar to the griddle pan to de-glaze and coat the chicken.
- 7. When the chicken is well coated, remove and place on the salad leaves.
- 8. Serve with shaved parmesan.

Stay warm & healthy this winter

As the summer begins to draw to a close, some of us anticipate the darkening evenings, warm fires and hot chocolate drinks with a sense of comfort. For others, however, the concerns of increased difficulty in getting around, more time spent alone at home and the worry of rising fuel bills brings on a gloom that is hard to lift. There <u>is</u> action that can be taken to guard against these fears becoming realities, and with a little extra information older people can face the long winter months with a renewed sense of hope.

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- The cheapest energy deals for your usage are available to you, calculated by a third party!
- There is help if you're struggling to pay your energy bills!
- There are insulation grants! Every home in Wiltshire may apply for a quotation, and in some cases installation is free.
- There are tips available on keeping homes warmer!

Contact me with regard to any of the above and I will do what I can to provide information and put you in touch with the right people.





Fond farewell to Year 6 at Whitesheet

In a delightful and touching Leaver's Service held at St Martin's Church in Zeals on Wednesday 24th July, Year 6 pupils at Whitesheet Primary bid farewell to their teachers and school friends. The service marked the completion of their primary education.

A full congregation comprising the school's children, parents, staff, friends and governors were welcomed to the ceremony by both the Rev'd Chris Moorsom and Interim Headteacher John Kimberley. Following a splendid hand-bell recital by Year 4 boys and girls the much anticipated prizes and trophies were presented by John Kimberley. The 'Contribution to Sport Trophy' was awarded to James, Adam won the 'Allfrey Trophy for Creative Writing', Alexis received the 'Art Prize' whilst the overall winner of the 'Whitesheet Shield' was a beaming Ashton.

Each Year 6 pupil then, from the pulpit, relayed their fond, inspiring and frequently amusing 'Memories of Whitesheet' to the congregation.

Catherine Spencer – Chair of Governors - gave each a signed Bible as a keepsake to remind them of their time at the School.

The anecdotes of each pupil presented by Helen Walters – their Year 5 and 6 Teacher – caused much hilarity, if not a few nervous moments, amongst the gathered Year 6 youngsters.

The School has just received an excellent and highly encouraging Ofsted Inspection Report and this was celebrated in the closing words of Catherine Spencer who thanked all those present for their undoubted contributions towards this important goal. Very special thanks for their sterling and diligent work on the School's behalf went to the two Interim Headteachers Mary Murray and John Kimberley who received gifts of thanks from the School. Catherine, in turn, was presented with a large bouquet of flowers from the School's Governors in appreciation of the outstanding work she has done in leading the Governing Body's successful campaign to remove the School from Special Measures in record time.

Village Hall Lottery

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1 st	P. Ciolli	£22.00	2 nd	S. Neish	£11.00
3^{rd}	Karen John	£6.65	4 th	Melanie Earl	£4.35
August					
1 st	Karen Jenkins	£22.00	2 nd	Ali Higgins	£11.00
3 rd	Julie Knight	£6.65	4 th	P. Ciolli	£4.35

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.

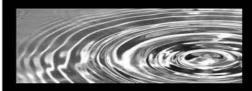


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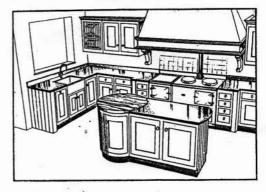
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