

Maiden Bradley

No. 278 August 2012

Parish News



**Ray Kenzie does it!
See back cover.**

Diary August 2012

1 st	Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms	9.35-9.45 am
2 nd	Thurs	Village Hall Committee, Village Hall	7.30 pm
5 th	Sun	Holy Communion – Church	9.30 am
6 th	Mon	Black Box & Blue Bins Collection	7.00 am
12 th	Sun	Benefice Service – St. Mary's, West Knoyle	10.30 am
13 th	Mon	Household & Garden Waste Collection	7.00 am
15 th	Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms	9.35-9.45 am
19 th	Sun	Parish Communion – Church	10.30 am
20 th	Mon	Black Box & Blue Bins Collection	7.00 am
21 st	Tue	Welcome Club Outing to Seaton & Sidmouth	
23rd	Thu	Deadline for Contributions to September MBPN	
25 th	Sat	Village Produce Show – Village Hall	
26 th	Sun	Holy Communion – Church	9.30 am
27 th	Mon	Household & Garden Waste Collection	7.00 am
29 th	Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms	9.35-9.45 am

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 – Mrs Lisa Cripps 844956; 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: Pat Kennedy: 845397; Meg Oliver: 844317; Treasurer Les Mayne; 845235: email; lesmayne@hotmail.co.uk.

Family News

Church Street has experienced something of a mini baby boom this last month. On July 11th Christian Rowan was born to Mel and Liam Collins who live at No. 22 Church Street. And then on July 16th Aimee Webb and Rory Kelly, who live at No. 12, became the proud parents of Bertie! Our congratulations and very best wishes go to both families.

June Heaslip

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of June at The Lodge, Kingston Lane, on July 10th, aged 86. After a career as an airhostess with BEA and TWA she lived and worked for many years in Mill Valley, California. When we were hosting American visitors for our Parish Holidays June was always pleased to meet them and reminisce about her life in the US. One year she actually found a couple who also lived in Mill Valley!

Her funeral was held in Oxfordshire on Friday, 27th July.

Meg Oliver - 844317

Editorial

Many attended the July Village Hall Committee meeting where discussions about whether to repair the old village hall or plan for a new Community Centre on the Recreation Ground, took place. The Parish Council have taken an interest in the discussion and I draw your attention to the PC Minutes in this issue. On behalf of the Parish Council, I also draw your attention to the appeal for volunteers to engage with the Community Emergency Plan.

Sponsored events can raise funds, as Ray Kenzie found out on his recent bike ride from John O'Groats to Lands End supporting Save the Children; so in order to find out how much he raised, read his and Carol's last report in this edition of the News.

The flowers and ideas behind the arrangements for the Flower Festival at Bradley House were excellent and raised funds for All Saint's Church. We send our thanks to the Duke of Somerset for the use of his home for the weekend.

My favourite activity is walking, so it is no surprise that I will be going on the Walk Ten event at Stourhead, on 1st September. This evening walk raises money for Marie Curie nurses who give nursing care for those suffering with cancer. Should anyone like to join me for this event, please phone me as I will have three spare places in my car to take you to and from the event. Pre-event registration is £10 or £20 on the night.

Finally, I can confirm that there is NOT going to be a three day music festival this September at Bradley House as advertised on Treat Festivals Ltd website.

Pat Kennedy 845397, pat.kennedy6093@gmail.com or editor@maidenbradley.net

News From All Saints'



I am delighted to have been asked to be the Priest-in-charge of Mere with West Knoyle and Maiden Bradley. We are planning to move into the Vicarage during August and I will start work after the licensing on September 13th, 7pm at St Michaels at Mere. I am married to Neil who is a house husband and we have two sons Toby 13 and Guy 10, who are looking forward to moving to Mere and being back in the countryside.

The boys were delighted to find a donkey and ram living in the field adjoining the Vicarage garden.

I was ordained deacon in Truro Cathedral in 2003 and served as a curate in the Godrevy Team in Hayle, Cornwall for four years. The Team had 5 churches all different in character and churchmanship which was an enjoyable and stimulating way to learn about ministry. From there we moved to the Parish of Hale with Badshot Lea, Farnham, Surrey where I've been Team Vicar for 5 years. In ministry I have particularly enjoyed working with children and families and have a passion for collaborative ministry and encouraging others to develop their giftings. Following the Christian faith can be a serious business at times but it's important not to take ourselves too seriously and have some fun too. For relaxation I like to stitch, do some walking and sing or play the saxophone and violin - not at the same time!

We're looking forward to getting to know the area, meeting people and making friends whether you are a church-goer or not.

Reverend Carol Wilson-Barker

Carbon Diversity and all that - Or should it be Politics by any other name?

Having sat and read the article several times. I found it be not thought provoking, rather the political views of one man, who I might add is perfectly entitled to his views and opinions as is his right in a democracy. Although there are certain comments reading between the lines that tend to say that planning permission was given not on a flat playing field. That however is a matter for those concerned to pursue.

One final point before I come to the real matter of the article, Solar Panels, take a look at Crockerton next time you drive through. As for Carbon Free and Carbon Neutral, come on wake up and smell the coffee. The main reason however behind my putting pen to paper is this. Maiden Bradley Parish News is a valuable and important part of our community and has been and is enjoyed by many over the years. It is for the community and run by the community. It was and should always be non political in every respect. Sadly the article on Carbon Diversity being published has broken that rule and caused a lot of bad feeling towards the magazine in many areas including some who wish not to give any further support or help with the distribution of the magazine. The loss of this support could bring an end to the magazine.

So come on Maiden Bradley Parish Magazine back to the basis of being completely unbiased or political, it will bring far more respect and understanding. Remember the W.I Conference when a certain leading politician tried to politicize the meeting. He was slow hand clapped off the stage. Perhaps that should be the right response to the Carbon Diversity article.

Simon Wager

Welcome Club

Our trip to Weston on June 24th was under unusual circumstances, it rained! However it was only a fine drizzle and in no way dampened our spirits. We called into Cadbury Garden Centre for our coffee stop and took a look around the maze of departments afforded there.

On arrival at Weston, we each found our various places for lunch and then visited the Pier, the sand sculptures, train rides and of course, the shops followed. It had been arranged to have our tea at the Burrington Inn, most of our number chose cream teas and the remainder enjoyed liver and bacon, salads, steak or cottage pie. The raffle was held in the coach after tea and then we were homeward bound, looking forward to our next trip to Swanage on July 24th.

John Craig, a former fire officer, gave an excellent talk about his life in the Fire Service; his delivery was most amusing and caused much laughter, giving us a delightful afternoon. John won a prize in the raffle which is quite unusual for a speaker to do.

There will not be a Hall meeting in August but we shall be taking a trip on August 21st when we will be going to Seaton and Sidmouth. The trip will include a visit to the donkey sanctuary. Names of those wishing to attend will be taken on the Swanage outing but if you do not attend that trip and want to join us, please phone me.

Chris Short - 847373

Young People's Group

There will be no Young People's Group meetings on 2nd or 4th August as we are closed for the holidays.

Trish Cox - 845043

Parish Council 10th July 2012

Parish Steward. The weeds in Church Street have been sprayed. If parishioners know of any other areas that need de- weeding please contact the Clerk.

Community Emergency Volunteer Plan. The Clerk has had no contact from anyone willing to offer their services should an emergency ever occur in the parish. She is desperate to put a plan together so that the parish would be well prepared in the case of an event. Please contact her If you feel you could help in an emergency or could supply equipment like generators, water pumps, etc. or would be willing to help the infirm.

Co-option LGA 1972 s16A. Council agreed to Co-opt Sarah Fry onto the Council. The team are looking forward to working with her.

Localism Act 2011 – Code of Conduct. Council agreed to adopt and abide by the Wiltshire Council Code of Conduct. Details of the Code can be found on the Wiltshire Council website if you wish to know more about it.

Village Hall. Following long discussions on the different views that were brought to the meeting the Parish Council have agreed it would be appropriate for the Parish Council to arrange a consultation exercise with the village as a whole, to look at the future of the village hall premises and the proposal for a community centre to be built on the recreational area. The Clerk will seek advice on consultations and report back to Councillors by email. They will then approve the booking of the Hall and any other items required for a consultation exercise. Parishioners will be informed of the arrangements in the Parish News and on the noticeboards.

Grant Applications LGA 1972 s137. Only one application was received and the Parish Council agreed to match fund the Youth Club up to £200 for the sponsored cycle ride they are to hold.

Recreational Area Football Club. Council confirmed it was happy for the football team arrangement to continue as per the previous year. If you have a child that is interested in football and would like to take part in the club, go to the Recreation Ground on a Sunday and speak to the coaches.

Mendip District Council. Appeal put into the Secretary of State regarding Land at Bunns Lane West Woodlands Nr Frome Proposal Erection of Poultry Buildings etc. The appeal reference is APP/Q3305/ A/12/2176896/NWF. The Parish Council agreed to still support the refusal of this application.

Planning. S/2012/902/FUL 18 Church Street Maiden Bradley Full Planning Single Storey Rear Extension

The Parish Council agreed to support the application.

Items for the next Agenda: ½ year budget review Parish Footpath Standard Review (Deferred till September).

Date of the next meeting. The Council agreed that the **11th September 2012** 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.

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

The Community Games

The YMCA & Community Sports Partnership Network (CSPN) have been granted £2 million by the Cabinet Offices Big Society Fund to deliver Community Games in England in 2012 & 2013. The ethos of the Community Games is to engage with local communities and encourage them to host events to provide opportunities for local people to celebrate sport & culture in a fun & safe environment. Community Games are delivered in local parks, schools, sports clubs or even as street parties. These can be existing fetes, events and festivals or new events. We can offer support for your games in a variety of ways; up to £400 funding, a community games toolkit, training (running an event, marketing and engaging volunteers) and some marketing materials including posters, leaflets, stickers, bunting and t shirts! For more information and to register your Games please visit www.communitygames.org.uk. Once your games have been registered, please visit our website - www.wiltssport.org to download a grant application form and guidance notes. Further details from Ben Maxfield: 07907 030 947, ben@wiltssport..

Forthcoming Events at the Village Hall.

Saturday 22 September: JUMBLE SALE /AUTUMN FAYRE. We want your jumble, clothes, books, shoes, children's toys in fact anything you do not want we will take. Just contact Pam 844897 or Brenda 844512.

Table tops/car boot £10 a pitch contact Pam (844897). Further details to follow

Friday 5th October: CURRY NIGHT. Details to follow

Bingo

Monthly Bingo Evenings will be starting again on Monday 3rd September, 7.30 pm for 8 pm start, to raise money for village funds. As always, any donations or prizes would be gratefully received so please leave them at the Village Shop or with me at 31 Church Street, Maiden Bradley. Thank you for your support. Pam Coulburt (844897).

Help To Live At Home

The Help to Live at Home Service has been created by Wiltshire Council for older people and others who require support, including families and carers. A leaflet has been produced which explains the service and includes a number of contact details of services that can be of assistance. If you would like to receive hard copies of this leaflet please contact Dee Horscroft on 01225 712553 or email careathome@wiltshire.gov.uk

The Nijmegen March 2012

George Wager, a Maiden Bradley lad whose ambition is to become a regular soldier, took part in the March this year with great success.

Corporal George Wager of Normandy Co. Frome ACF, part of the Somerset ACF Team taking part in the Nijmegen March 2012, won the day bringing back the cup to Somerset. They won against teams from all over Europe, the USA, Canada, South Africa and Japan. They should be, and are, very proud of themselves as it is no mean feat. 100 miles over 4 days in timed stages. Wearing uniform + at least 10*kg backpack for water and rations.

Simon Wager

We have received the following about the Bradley Estate September event -

To the Villagers of Maiden Bradley

I am writing first to apologize for causing you alarm after having heard second hand about the proposed Treat Festival and secondly I would like to take this opportunity to explain a little more about the event. Treat Festival is a company set up by young professionals, to celebrate Performance Art and give opportunities to young acts and artists from across the country.

The proposed event is to take place on the 14th - 15th September, in the woods nr Gare Hill for 499 people over 1 day, with two nights of camping. We will be hosting 1 main stage on which we will show case 9 talented musicians and artists from around the country. The only other stage will be the Gypsy Stage, this is an acoustic stage show casing unplugged folk musicians. The rest of the event's activities will take place off the stage and will consist of walk about theatre performances.

The main stage is scheduled to close around 12 am - subject to licensing and planning - and will start at 8pm on the Friday and 4 pm on the Saturday. The 12am cut off point will see the end of amplified music. However, throughout the hours in which the main stage will be operating any houses within the proximity will be monitored carefully for any sound pollution.

The local community is one of our biggest priorities. We will be taking measures to make sure no one in the local community will be disrupted from the event and had been planning to try and devise some plans in which Maiden Bradley could also benefit - we will be charging two pounds for car parking all of which will be given to the Parish Council as well as advertise the local Pub and Village Shop to the people attending the event. Local residents will of course be given the opportunity to gain free entry to the festival and we plan to use local produce where ever possible.

I would like you all to know that this is not a money making venture; this is a festival set up by passionate young individuals wanting to provide something for our generation as well as create an innovative experience for everyone.

We apologize for the alarm we have caused but we have held back from any formal communication whilst we have been setting the ball in motion - they idea has been slowly evolving over the last 8 months.

Finally none of this has been approved by the local authorities and until you and they are happy we will not be moving any further with this event so please if you have any queries or question get in touch.

Elizabeth West, Treat HQ, treatfestival@gmail.com

Walk Ten Stourhead Saturday 1st September 2012

Walk Ten in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care is a 10K twilight walk through the grounds and parkland of Stourhead after the visitors have gone home. Don't forget your torch as you explore the woodland and gardens of this stunning property, and bring along your tasty twilight picnic to enjoy after your 10K walk to the sound of local jazz band Eschers Staircase. At 10pm there will be a dramatic fire dance performance to mark the time when Marie Curie nurses begin their shift in homes across the county, introduced by Marie Curie nurse Catherine LeRoy.

Registration is £10 per person, or £20 on the night. Children under 16 (and dogs) walk for FREE! Call 01884 703536 for more information or register online at www.mariecurie.org.uk/walkten

Matt Carruthers, Regional Events Officer - Marie Curie Cancer Care

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cold drinks

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kebabs, chicken pieces
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barbecue sauces
ice cream



No time to cook?



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sirloin steak
fresh vegetables
strawberries and cream
bottle of wine (*good choice*)

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

Shop Matters (it really does!!)

We were all heartened by the positive response towards the shop that was highlighted by the recent Parish Plan Survey. It therefore seems only right that we take some time to keep our loyal supporters informed of how the shop is doing. As you know, ours is a community shop and it has been saved several times by the kindness of villagers buying various issues of shares and bonds to help it through sticky patches. I am pleased to say that, after the last issue of 10 Year Bonds and a couple of interest free loans the shop is once again emerging into the sunshine. Our shelves are full, our customers tell us they can buy more of their weekly shop in there now and we are getting a few folks coming in from outlying villages where they do not have their own shop. It reminds us we are how lucky we are to still have ours. So many thanks are due to committees, volunteers and staff past and present for the fact that our shop continues to be at the heart of our community. So to keep you interested and coming through the door I thought I would explain a few things.

Staff. We currently have 3 paid members of staff: Anne Sercombe, Sam Higgins and me. Between us we are paid for 44.5 hours per week. We are now open 59 hours per week. We have a lovely band of volunteers who fill in the gaps and to an extent “double up” with paid staff in order to allow the paid person to do some ordering, pricing, putting away deliveries etc at our busiest times. We also have volunteers who help with the fruit and veg orders and display, shelf cleaning and the collection of supplies. On the paid staff side, Anne is still the general manager and I am, for want of a better way of putting it, in charge of strategy. The Committee has tasked me with bringing the shop into profit and I am trying to build on the hard work of all who have gone before me, to make that happen.

Pricing. We want more people to use our shop and to spend more when they do. To bring more people in we must have an attractive shop that is stocked with good quality everyday items that are competitively priced. Small shops tend to be overpriced because they cannot get the turnover so feel they must have a bigger margin to compensate for that. I am trying it the other way round and we are reducing some of our prices in order to give people a better deal and to increase turnover. Our lovely free-range eggs are an example of this. We have reduced the price by 50p per dozen (now £2.50) and we are now selling twice as many. Word will spread about this outstanding price and we hope new customers will come to the shop for the eggs and spend on other things too. In the meantime our loyal Maiden Bradley customers get a better deal on an everyday staple. We are also buying more price marked items. This assures people that the price they pay in Maiden Bradley is the same as they would pay in much bigger shops. We get a smaller margin on those items but if we can achieve better turnover then we arrive at a better profit anyway and our customers feel good about what they are paying. This will only work if you keep coming in, spending your hard earned cash and telling us what you want.

Stock. Stock is a surprisingly difficult area. We must stock the basics, the things that will stop you needing to go to Sainsburys! We also like a few luxury or gift items for you to treat yourselves or take to friends. We have limited shelf space and we don't want you to get bored with the same old stuff every time you come in. We are trying some different items and we respond to requests wherever possible but we really need you to keep telling us what you want to see in the shop and what you want to buy.

Please keep using the shop if you already do. If you don't currently use the shop then please come and have a look at what we can offer, we hope you will be pleasantly surprised.

I am in the shop every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon so please come and give me your thoughts on how best I can achieve my goal of making this shop not just survive but THRIVE!!

Kay Mayne





August Poem - There's a Hole in my Sidewalk by Portia Nelson

I walk down the street
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk
I fall in
I am lost..... I am hopeless
It isn't my fault
It takes forever to find a way out

I walk down the same street
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk
I pretend I don't see it
I fall in again
I can't believe I am in the same place
But it isn't my fault

I walk down the same street
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk
I see it is there
I still fall in; it's a habit
My eyes are open, I know where I am
It is my fault
I get out immediately

I walk down the same street
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk
I walk around it

I walk down another street



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Saturday 8th September 2012 - between 10.00 am and 6.00 pm

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Details and sponsorship forms available from: Victoria de Maré - 844695

Recipe of the Month - Chicken Breasts

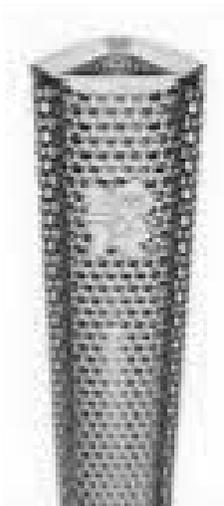
Ingredients:

- 4 chicken breasts, boned and skinned
- 1 small onion chopped finely
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled and sliced
- 1cm (1/2-inch) piece fresh ginger, peeled and chopped
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon dry sherry or white wine
- 5 green cardamom pods – seeds only
- 2 teaspoons concentrated apple juice(or clear honey)

Method

Preheat the oven to Gas mark 4/180C/350F. Remove any fat from the chicken breasts. Mix together the onion, garlic, ginger, soy sauce, sherry/wine, cardamom seeds and apple juice or honey in a bowl. Add the chicken breasts, turn the well, cover the bowl and marinate for anything between 30 minutes and 24 hours. The longer the chicken breasts are marinated, the better they taste once cooked.

Arrange a large sheet of kitchen foil in a flat baking dish and place the chicken breasts on top, making sure they do not touch each other. Pour over the marinade and fold the foil back over the chicken. Seal the edges tightly, but leave a room for a little circulation of air inside the parcel. Bake the chicken for 30 minutes. Serve the breasts with the marinade as a sauce.



Olympic Torch

Villager Adi Roche and colleagues managed to snatch a picture with the Olympic torch as it passed close to their place of work with 16 Air Defence Regiment in Rutland.





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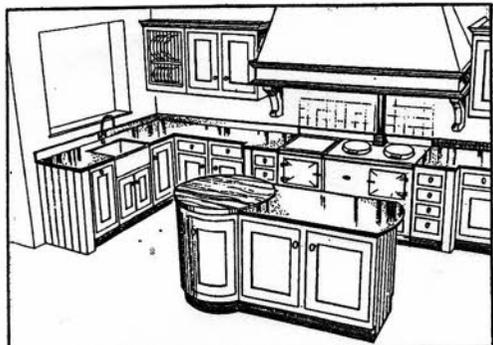
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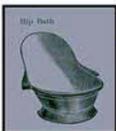
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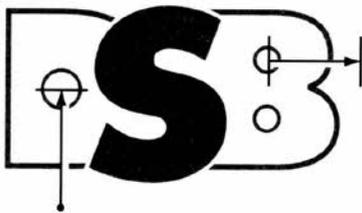
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Leaving the Highlands

From Ray Kenzie -

Hi folks. I have just completed a bike ride from John O Groats to Lands End. Many thanks to those of you who sponsored me for my chosen charity Save The Children. So far I have raised over £1200 and if you have not already covered your kind donations (or wish to make one) I would be grateful if you could do so in the village shop so that I can close the charity account.

My route covered 1014 miles cycling and was more tortuous than those often used because I tried to use National Cycle

Routes and "traffic free" routes wherever possible. The best bit was undoubtedly through Scotland, where I biked down the middle over mountain passes and through glens but was rewarded with breathtaking scenery (at least I think that's what was taking my breath). Lancashire, the Northwest and the Midlands were fairly uneventful, but still enjoyable apart



Cornwall – nearly there!



At last!

from getting hopelessly lost leaving Preston and worn out going up and down the sides of the Severn valley. We managed to spend several nights at home while passing through Avon and Somerset before tackling the seemingly unending "switchback" that is the countryside of Devon and Cornwall.

Needless to say, I could not possibly have completed more than the first morning without the support and constant TLC of my "crew", who you will all know was my lovely, patient and long suffering wife Carol, who never failed to cheerfully hide her dismay when I turned up at the allotted place at the end of each day, in the knowledge that she would have to spend many more days driving to and fro across the countryside of the UK.

Thank you all once again for your support.