Diary August 2010

Ist	Sun	Holy Communion – Church	9.30 am
		Community Garden Open Day Picnic	2.00-6.00 pm
4 th	Wed	Mobile Library – Village Hall	9.30-9.45 am
8 th	Sun	Matins – Church	9.30 am
9 th	Mon	Black Box & Blue Bin Collection	.30 am
15 th	Sun	Benifice Communion at St. Mary's, West Knoyle	10.30 am
18 th	Wed	Mobile Library – Village Hall	9.30-9.45 am
20 th	Fri	Deadline for Contributions to September MBPN	
22 nd	Sun	Holy Communion – Church	9.30 am
23 rd	Mon	Black Box & Blue Bin Collection	7.30 am
24 th	Tue	Welcome Club Outing to Portsmouth	9.00 am
		Book Club Meeting – The Old Forge, Kilmington	8.00 pm
28 th	Sat	Maiden Bradley Village Show — Recreation Field	1.00 pm
		Fish & Chip Van on Recreation Field	from 5.00 pm
29 th	Sun	Village Show Service – Recreation Field	10.30 am

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Parish News: contributions are welcome in any format. E-Mail: **news@maidenbradley.net** or contact: Bryan Glastonbury: 844345; Meg Oliver: 844317; Russell Fisher: 844405.

Editorial

It's easy enough to tell that summer is here. Everyone seems to be out and about – parish visitors, Welcome Club trips, long distance biking and cream teas for good causes. Harvest has started in local fields, though sadly the vintage red harvester has been put to rest. Top quality produce from local gardens is in the village shop. Schools have broken up, and people have gone or are getting ready to go on holiday. In the News the Diary for August is always the shortest of the year, though it ends on a high with the Show.

Here's hoping every parishioner has something to smile about in the coming month.

Bryan Glastonbury - 844345



Maiden Bradley Parish Holiday 2010

Once again those of us who had the privilege of spending time with our American visitors during their Parish Holiday week in Maiden Bradley realised what a wonderful idea it is.

What other scheme would make it possible to greet complete strangers from another country and within seven days come to think of them as good friends? Jim and Abbie stayed with Diana and Derek where they felt so very much at home and Jim enjoyed being able to wander up to the shop. Fred and Ann greatly enjoyed their stay with Wid out at Yarnfield and especially watching the birds at breakfast time and getting to love his dogs! Once again enormous thanks to their hosts for making by far the greatest contribution to the success of our Parish Holiday.

However, so many other past and present Maiden Bradley residents were wonderful in the way that they contributed and it would be hard to mention them all, so I hope that the latter will forgive me if I only name the former! Every year since our first effort in 1992 our former Vicar, Ben Elliott, has acted as guide in Salisbury Cathedral and once again he led our visitors this year, with fascinating detail and immense knowledge about it all. Not far away from there, on another evening, we were welcomed to Wilton by Mark and Stella Wood and their family, After a quick look at the amazing Italianate Church where Mark is now Vicar we were entertained in their home and given a wonderful supper before returning to the Church for a terrific concert given by the Farrant Singers from Salisbury. That whole evening must have been one of the highlights of the week for our guests.

We try to make the week's programme as varied as possible so as well as Wilton Church they saw several others; we visited three castles (all ruined!) as well as the ancient site of Old Sarum; they were welcomed on several Maiden Bradley farms including a sheepdog demonstration by Martin, and also increased their knowledge of local agriculture by being taken round Frome Market on Market Day; the towns of Shaftesbury and Bradford-on Avon had much worth seeing; and our beautiful countryside had them in raptures!

All our visitors were in their eighties and I'm happy to say that, even after all that, they left us in good spirits and, as far as I know, in good health. We were blessed with the best weather that we've ever had for our Parish Holiday and with that and the welcome that they received from everyone here I know that they will always have very happy memories of Maiden Bradley. They were particularly impressed by the congregation at All Saints' when they attended Parish Communion on Sunday and said that they had never experienced such warmth and friendliness anywhere. Since they are all well travelled people that is a great compliment and shows that our community is a perfect one to organise Parish Holidays – here's to next year!

(Their visit raised £1220 towards our fund to redecorate All Saints', as well as paying for our entry in next year's brochure.)

Meg Oliver, Parish Holiday Co-ordinator – 844317

Parish Council 13th July 2010

Public Questions time. Vicky Pegrum informed Council that she had visited the Village shop at the request of the Clerk and given them the new contact details for the Rural Police following an incident with a customer that had required police attention. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to report the new telephone numbers in the Parish News.

A Parishioner addressed Council on the traffic issues they were experiencing with traffic speeding into Kingston Lane, and also that there was a loose broken manhole cover outside the Old Dower House. The Clerk informed Council that she would report the broken manhole cover to the Highways. Re. speeding, Vicky Pegrum reported that her speed gun is back and advised the Council that if this matter was reported at the Rural Tasking meeting and it was agreed by the committee Maiden Bradley could be a priority case for the speed camera.

Council was asked what the situation was with the Swimming Pool and responded that the trusties would be the people to approach for an update. The Clerk would supply the names of the Trustees.

Council was approached by a parishioner asking if there was a possibility of planting fruit trees around the parish. The Clerk informed Council that the Council did not own any land within the Parish Boundary and that she would advise the parishioner to approach the Duke of Somerset with the idea.

Police contact numbers. Please note the emergency contact for the police is still 999 but if it is a non-urgent matter please contact the Rural Police via PcVicky Pegrum, Community Beat Manager, Warminster Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team on 0845 408 7000 ext.726818/817

Councillor Vacancy. Council discussed the application received for the vacancy. Council resolved to co-opt Karen Richardson the applicant. Karen will be signed in officially as a Councillor at the September meeting.

Parish Steward. Council instructed the Clerk to ask for the clean-up of Church Street to be actioned on the next Parish Steward's visit. If parishioners know of any other areas that need the Steward's attention please contact the Clerk who will inform the Highways.

Equipment Loan Scheme for Waste and Litter Collection in the Parish. Council discussed the letter received from Wiltshire Council offering to loan the equipment to litter pick. Council instructed the Clerk to contact the parishioner who had shown a particular interest in this matter to see if he would consider taking the lead of a yearly litter pick around the Parish. If agreed the Clerk would request the equipment.

Village Hall Committee Member. Council discussed the vacant position and resolved on a rolling agreement that each Councillor would take it in turns to attend the Village Hall Committee as the Parish Councils representative.

Maintenance quotations for the Bus Stop. Council discussed the quotation received to date. It was decided that as only one quotation had been received they would wait for the other quotations to arrive. The Clerk was also instructed to research the costs on the internet and look into possible grant funding so that all options were covered.

Reducing Unnecessary Street lighting. Council discussed the letter received from Wiltshire Council Community Leadership & Governance regarding the proposal to reduce the times the street lighting is on in the night. Council resolved that as the Parish already had low voltage lights put in for the traffic calming it was an impractical proposal as the savings were negligible. It was agreed that it did not wish to have them turned off but agreed they would look again at the subject next year. The Clerk was instructed to contact Wiltshire Council with the Parish Council's comments

Meetings for members of the Parish Council to Attend. Council confirmed that the Clerk would attend the Rural Police Task meeting on the 19th July 2010 at Longbridge Deverill Village Hall and highlight the need for the speed camera to visit the Parish.

Items for the next Agenda: Standing Orders, $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly Budget review and increasing the number of Bank signatories.

Date of the next meeting. The Council agreed that the 14th September 2010 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. Sarah Jeffries can be contacted by email: maidenbradleypc@o2.co.uk, or phone 01985 213436, or post to 9 Beech Grove Warminster BA12 0AB.

Family News

On 4th July Richard Andrew Morris, Kim Baker's son, was married to Francesca Anne Marie Scruton at St Mary's Church Devizes and, although very sadly without his stepfather Richard, Kim says it was a wonderful day! The flowers in the church had been beautifully done by Diana and Sally and after the service the bride and groom were driven to the reception at the Bear Hotel in a horse-drawn carriage. We would like to send Mr and Mrs Morris our very best wishes! After the wedding they spent their two week honeymoon in Egypt.

And news this month of a future wedding! Our congratulations to Jerry Rayner and Laura Ridgers-Steer of 17 Church Street on their recent engagement and our best wishes for every happiness in the future!

Don Newbury

Donald Charles Newbury was born at 49 Church Street, Maiden Bradley on 3rd August 1913. He went to the village school, leaving at 14 to work for Basil Leather, the local carrier and coal and wood merchant. Don began his working life driving the pony and carriers van to Warminster, progressing to motor vehicles with the Model T Ford and charabancs and then to more modern vehicles. In 1936 he married Elsie Yerbury who came from Frome and they moved into 38 Church Street where Sylvia was born. They lived there until 1975 when they moved to High Street. It was in



1950 that he collected the new Bedford OB from the factory which is still owned by the family today! Don took over the coach business from Basil Leather in 1962 but still retained the name of Leathers Coaches. Len and Sylvia joined Don in the business in 1974 and ran it until January 1998 when they retired.

Don had a long and happy life and died in his own home on 26th June. He will be sadly missed by his family and everyone who knew him. Len and Sylvia would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards and messages of sympathy that they have received and to all those who attended the Memorial Service at All Saints' Church on Thursday 8th July. They even gained a few passengers, eager to ride in the old Bedford one more time, on the return journey to the Village Hall! Don would have been so please to see so many friends, family and villagers all gathered together to celebrate his life.

Margaret and Sylvia Cooper

Maiden Bradley Community Shop

Local produce from various Maiden Bradley gardens and the Community Garden is now being sold in the shop. The idea is for anyone who has some surplus produce (vegetables, fruit or flowers) to bring it to the shop. We are once more selling Maiden Bradley milk - the non-organic Somerset Dairy milk comes from Church Farm. We are also now selling award winning Freedom Food Free Range eggs from Charles Spencer at St. Martin's Farm, Zeals. Country Life ran a competition in 2009 for the best breakfast ingredients. Top food critics and chefs judged items from

many suppliers and producers. St. Martin's eggs were awarded top prize! Mere Fish Farm products are also in stock (if you haven't ever tasted the Trout Terrine you have missed a treat), and for those with a sweet tooth the packets of sweets are now available again. There are other new items in the pipeline so keep an eye on the board outside the shop!

I would like to thank the Focus Group for their valuable suggestions; Mr and Mrs Nixon for the Open Garden at The Old Vicarage – the shop is now £360 better off; and the anonymous donor of the sign advertising our success in the Village Shops Competition which David Morse kindly put up.

We advertise in Horningsham and our recipe has been circulated in the Deverill Valley. We welcome ideas for wider advertising.

Alan Inwood - 844215

Swifts in Maiden Bradley

Our swifts are southern African birds that come to Europe and Asia for three months to raise their young. The nests are in loose colonies beneath the roofs of (generally) taller buildings into which the birds gain access through small holes and crevices in the masonry and woodwork. The flimsy nests are made from feathers and other bits of material collected in flight. Food is entirely insects caught in flight.

Our small colony is centred on the crossroads. The first birds appear in late April or early May and most nests are occupied by mid May. Eggs are laid towards the end of the month or early June, hatching mostly from the second half of June. There is then a notable increase in numbers and activity as the incubating birds join their mates to feed their two or three young. This hot summer insects have been in good supply and the pairs have been foraging around the village. If possible they like to collect food within about 100 miles of the nest but in very poor weather they may have to go much further and leave the chicks for days on end while the parents keep themselves alive.

The first young birds leave the nests towards the end of July at around six weeks of age when they are ready to fend for themselves. In bad years this might take eight weeks. The young start feeding on their solo flight and within one day they start the 6000 mile journey to Africa ahead of their parents who remain to tend any less well developed chicks. Astonishingly this first flight may last up to 2 or 3 years until they are ready to start breeding.

Maiden Bradley Birdwatchers have been aware for ten years that the nest sites can be destroyed by reroofing and other maintenance work. We have been able to co-operate with owners during potentially damaging work by attempting to save the nest entrances. In 2005 we supplied three nest boxes to Matthew in the Rank and this year they have been used for the first time. We aim to build on this success by having more boxes ready when the Swifts return in 2011. We need to hear from families who would like to 'adopt' a nest site and keep a weekly note of what is going on during 2011. Please get in touch.

Welcome Club

Forty-nine members set off for Minehead on June 22, weather glorious, the plan being to travel by steam train from Bishops Lydeard. We arrived at the station with plenty of time to have coffee and look in the gift shop before boarding the lovely old train and trundling through the beautiful Quantocks countryside for about 1½hours, reaching Minehead in time for lunch. After there was plenty of time to explore until the coach arrived to take us home, stopping at The Pipers Inn at Ashcott for a nightcap and the raffle, then back to Wiltshire complete with happy thoughts of a lovely day.

Over 30 friends and members invaded Kath's pretty garden in Chapel Street, Horningsham for the long-awaited garden party. The weather was good, not too hot, and everything went well. Eric, Kath's brother, his wife Sally and their son Jack rushed around tending to everyone's needs. We had a lovely tea, raffles, bring and buy section, name the teddy bear (Ted won it!) and there was a large fruit basket (Chrissie B walked away with that!). Kath and family donate the takings from the garden party to Club funds. This time they presented us with £150, a wonderful result, and our heartfelt thanks to all concerned. Kindnesses like this ensure that we can have a good party at Christmas and also the odd 'treat' from time to time.

Another boost for Club funds was held on July 15 - our Bring & Buy sale. Lots of items were presented by members and the result was a satisfactory £85.45 which again will be used for the benefit of members. Thanks to all for efforts made.

Our latest trip was on July 20, to a very misty Weymouth via The Shooting Lodge in Evershott for elevenses. On to Weymouth for lunch, walks, shopping, Punch & Judy and of course the inevitable ice cream! We got back onto the coach at 3.30pm and drove to Portland Bill where we all had afternoon tea at The Lobster Pot restaurant and enjoyed the sea views. Then in the coach for the journey home, with a stop in a large lay-by for our raffle. It was a good day out even if the sunshine had abandoned us!

There will not be a meeting in August but we are going to Portsmouth on a coach trip on 24 August, leaving Horningsham just before 9am and Maiden Bradley slightly earlier than 9.15am. If there is anyone who would like to join us and has not been able to put names on the list, please phone me as soon as possible.

Chris Short, 8477373

Luncheon Club Annual Outing

On a warm cloudy morning in July, Thursday 8th, 24 members went to Bristol. We arrived at 10.30am and some of us headed towards the water and the restaurants that line the quayside, passing the bronze figures en route, life sized and catching the attention. Cary Grant's statue had us being photographed with him. We had our coffee sitting by the water at Bordeaux Quay, then some of us went aboard a small ferry to see the sights as far as Hotwells and back. We thoroughly enjoyed our cruise. The S.S. Great Britain looked elegant, sitting in her dock. Quayside lunch then back to the pick-up point.

Portbury and the Oakham Treasures Museum and Farm Shop was our next stop. It was, indeed, a treasure trove of memories. "Ooh! do you remember that?" was heard constantly. On now to Burrington Inn and our cream teas. The Inn sits in a steep valley where dinosaurs once roamed, and now white goats stand browsing on impossible ledges high above our heads.

A return home through the early evening countryside. What a pleasing Annual trip, I'm sure everyone enjoyed it. Thank you to Doris for organizing the outing and Gwyneth for selling the raffle tickets.

Chrissie Buttery

New inscriptions in the village hall.

If you happen to visit our village hall you may notice a new welcome sign above the inner lobby door and the aphorism, "The Path to a Friend's House is Never Long", filling the long-vacant spot high up on the north wall in the main hall. The inscriptions are not the result of someone tapping the keys of a computer keyboard but are the work of a skilful signwriter, Darrol Holt of Church Street, Maiden Bradley, to whom the management committee offer their sincere thanks.

Ian Henry – 844623 Secretary, Management Committee

From Stourhead to Istanbul - by bicycle

Two newly graduated students are setting off from the National Trust's Stourhead House at the start of a 4,500km trip by bicycle to Istanbul. Flora Spencer, who lives on a National Trust tenanted farm at Stourton, has just graduated from Bath Spa University and will be joined by George Howard who has graduated from Leeds University. Together they will be raising money for Help for Heroes and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal. Many of you will know Flora as Catherine's daughter, and for her work in the Somerset Arms.



Flora says "We aim to cycle I 30km a day, with an occasional rest and refuel day, so the trip should take us at least 5 weeks. We are both training hard for this trip and I have just completed a second trip from Land's End to John O'Groats as a training run. We've done enough to think that I 30km a day is a realistic goal. We will be travelling on a very limited budget, which will mean wild camping and hoping for strangers' hospitality along the way."

The plan is to travel from Stourhead House to Dover and then through France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Czech Republic, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, Romania, Serbia, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Greece and finally to Istanbul in Turkey.

The official send-off was on Satturday 17th July at Stourhead House with friends and family gathering to see the pair off. Flora and George thank all their sponsors. They have a web site with links to the charity donation pages, a route description and a photo gallery and blog, which they will update as and when they can. It is ww.wix.com/GeorgeHoward/Home2Istanbul.

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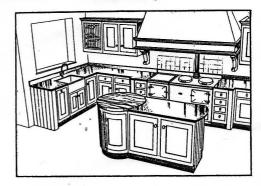
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