

Maiden Bradley

No. 294 December 2013

Parish News

Autumn colour in
late November

Diary December 2013

1 st	Sun	Holy Communion – Church	9.30am
2 nd	Mon	Household and garden waste Bingo – Memorial Hall	7.00am 7.30 for 8.00pm
4 th	Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms	9.30 -9.55am
5 th	Thu	Welcome Club – Christmas Meeting	2.30pm
6 th	Fri	Christmas Fayre – Memorial Hall	6.30 -9.30pm
7 th	Sat	Bird club AGM	
8 th	Sun	Matins – Church	9.30am
9 th	Mon	Black Box and Blue Bins collection	7.00am
10 th	Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Memorial Hall	7.30pm
11 th	Wed	Kids@MB – Memorial Hall	6.00 – 730pm
12 th	Thu	Santa’s Sleigh Ride around the Village	from 6.00pm
15 th	Sun	Parish Communion – Church	10.30am
16 th	Mon	Household and Garden Waste Collection Book Club Meeting at Bramble Cottage	7.00am 8.00pm
18 th	Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms	9.35 – 9.55am
21 st	Sat	Children’s Party – Memorial Hall	10.45am
22 nd	Sun	Carol Service – Church	9.30am
23 rd	Mon	Black Box and Blue Bins Collection Carol Singing in the Village. Memorial Hall	7.00am 5.30pm
24 th	Tue	Crib Service – Church Midnight Mass – Church	3.00pm 11.30pm
25 th	Wed	Christmas Day Communion Service – Church	10.00am
27 th	Fri	Deadline for Parish News Articles for Jan Edition	
30 th	Mon	Household and Garden Waste Collection	7.00am
	January		
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6 th	Mon	Household and Garden Waste Collection	7.00am

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

Please note there will be no surgery at 36 Church Street on Monday Dec 23rd and Monday Dec 30th. Please be sure that you have enough medication to cover this period. The Silton Surgery will be open every day over the Christmas period except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year’s Day.

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

What's there to say at this time of year that has not been said by others before me? I can of course offer you the usual season's greetings which I do unreservedly. I could also ask at this time of conspicuous consumption that you remember others who are not as fortunate as you. Despite your personal difficulties in these current economic times, there will always be some who are less fortunate. Nevertheless, as has been seen year after year, the great British public rise to meet the challenge whatever it might be. I am thinking particularly of the response from the UK to the disaster in the Philippines when the staggering sum of £30 million was raised in a matter of days. It would be good to think that such generosity could be carried forward to the rest of the year. I remember during my time in the RAF I had to attend formal dinners in the mess. An extra place was always laid at the table but the seat was left empty to remind us that there would be some who would go hungry that evening and not enjoy the food we were about to eat. A sum equivalent to the cost of that meal was donated to a suitable charity. This was done most months. The need is great all year round and not just when disaster befalls. Let's all go the extra mile that would make such a difference however small.

Les Mayne



Dear Friends,

We are well underway in the church community with our plans for Christmas. We will have our main carol service on Sunday 22nd, then be singing around the village for you on Monday 23rd starting at the village hall. On Christmas Eve there will be the 3pm children's crib service followed by

Midnight (11.30) and 10am Christmas morning service. We would love to see you and sing with you and show you the church all decorated for Christmas.

Christmas was a lovely time when I was young. Me and my 3 brothers helped mum make 4 Christmas puddings: one each for Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day and Easter Day. That made it fair my mum would say, we all had a turn. We would have Christmas sacks in the morning and then open our main presents after lunch.

When we are children ritual and habit are so important they give us a sense of security. As adults too we like a regular pattern for our day to help with planning and give order to our lives. Christmas tradition is part of that order too for many of us be it Christmas pudding or turkey. But we know there is more to life than food and presents.

Please give time in this season to wonderings. Wonder at God taking form as a tiny helpless baby and give thanks for what you have even if it seems small. Offer God a prayer of thanks, or be more ambitious and pray for your neighbours too. Spread joy and consideration as well as gifts and cards.

May you and your family have a wonderful, joyful Christmas season.

Blessings and peace, Rev Carol

Remembrance Sunday

The Remembrance Day service this year was blessed with fine crisp sunshine with the service being led by Carol who was ably supported by a number of villagers. Special mention must go to Tim & Dee of the Somerset Arms who laid on an after-service buffet. It gave those who were able to attend the opportunity to mingle and made the day complete.

Adi Roche

Parish Council 10th November 2013

Parish Steward/Highways - The Clerk was instructed to report that the pavements are messy with lots of gravel etc and at the bridge the drainage is blocked and is now a danger to the traffic as they have to move out in to the middle now the road is becoming flooded.

If you know of any areas of the parish that require the attention of the Parish Steward please contact Wiltshire Council on 0800 232 323 or email Clarence@wiltshire.gov.uk or contact the Clerk.

Community Speed Watch Sid Deployment - Councillor Patrick Nixon reported that there will be a shared Speed Indicator Device coming to the parish in January. A site has been discussed and arranged. Councillor Patrick Nixon did try to speak with the team to say that he felt the site chosen was not preferable with the Highways Team, but they have set the site and not replied to his emailed concerns.

Swimming Pool – The Trustees and members of the Parish Council would like to ask the Parishioners in the community if anyone is interested in taking on the Swimming Pool as a Volunteer Group, to get in touch with either one of the Trustees, your local Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk. There will be a six month period from December whereby if no one comes forward the future of the pool will be re- discussed at the May Parish Council meeting and the possible disposal of the pool will be implemented.

Insurance Company Risk Assessment - a quotation for £50.00 to bring in a specialist to value the Water Trough Memorial for Insurance purposes, as advised by Came & Company during their visit to check the Assets within the parish was agreed. Council also resolved the increase costs in the Insurance cover for the Bus Stop and Notice Board.

Policy Documentation – Council agreed to the implementation of the Equal Opportunities, Dignity at Work/Bullying and Harassment Policies the Clerk had produced.

Defibrillator Project – Defibrillators Can Save Lives in Rural Communities. Defibrillators are now located in bright yellow boxes in some rural communities to help save lives. You might have seen some in Mere when over that way. The code to access these devices is given out via the 999 service. Each unit costs £1950.00 plus installation costs. Most are accessible 24 hours a day. They are mounted on external walls and need a power source to keep them operable. Each time one is used the pads need to be replaced at a cost of £36. These particular units are suitable for adults and children and the units talk the user through the process of using it with diagrammatic displays to help.

The Parish Council wishes to install a defibrillator near the village shop as the time for an ambulance to reach a casualty in this rural area can be lengthy. If you have access to the Internet do check on the link listed below to this short film to hear what the Pewsey butcher who has implemented a similar project has to say - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fmoe9y5DChw&feature=youtu.be>

If you are unable to access the Internet please do get in touch with the Memorial Hall Committee as access is available there.

A letter asking for donations toward this extremely important project have been sent out with this edition of the parish news. Please do read and take action to help this project take off.

Historical Listing re Parish Plan- Under the Parish Plan 2005 Actions re Conservation and Restoration it states: “The Parish Council was asked by the community to undertake a review of items identified in need of restoration work and/or favoured for on-going monitoring including. Listing and Prepare a detailed action plan.” Background below, for those of you who might not know, what is and what isn't listed in the parish.

There are 19 listed buildings; the 19 listed buildings mainly cluster around 4 locations, All Saints Church, Church Street, Bradley House and Priory Farm. All Saints Church is the only Grade

1 listing, dating from the 12th century. Within the church yard the Healle, Messiter and Archer monuments are Grade 2 listed. A number of Church Street buildings are Grade 2 listed. These are house numbers 12, 20, 21, 25 and 26 on the east side and on the west side the Old Vicarage, Old Dower house (formerly Seymour House) Old Manor House and House number 27 and 28. A large part of Bradley House and surrounding buildings of Bradley House are Grade 2 listed. Priory Farmhouse, cowshed and farm buildings are grade 2 listed; the cowshed and farm building incorporating the remains of the Augustinian Priory. Other listings (all Grade 2) are Grange farmhouse, Perry Farm house and the cast iron County Boundary marker (Wiltshire/Somerset) on the road bridge at the junction to Horningsham.

A few other structures that were seen as features most frequently mentioned on personal lists for restoration and protection but are not listed are the Knapp and Fountain, Village Hall, Somerset Arms, Village Shop and Bradley House walled Garden and Greenhouses.

The Actions in the Parish Plan state that the Parish Council is to initiate approaches to see if some more valued features (e.g. Fountain, Village Hall mural) can be listed. So there is a need to identify and action a photographic record of all the listed buildings within the parish and those that might require listing in the future.

A parishioner has kindly agreed to take this action on behalf of the Parish Council. The parishioner will be given a letter from Parish Council giving details of the actions of the parishioner on behalf of the Parish Council explaining the project and that photographs will be taken of the outside of properties only. The Clerk will supply a Hi Viz safety jacket and a Risk Assessment so that the parishioner is correctly covered by health and safety for the requirements of the Parish Council Insurance Company. The Parish Council hope that the community will support this parishioner in his actions.

CPRE Best Kept Village Competition – The Parish Council have agreed to take part in the possible pilot for a BBC 2 filming of a documentary on village competitions. Councillors would email the Clerk details of events and possible parishioners for the company actioning the pilot to speak to.

Items for the next Agenda: Precept Budget

Date of the next meeting- The Council agreed that Tuesday 10th December 2013 would be the date of the next Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council Meeting will start at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

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: maidenbradleyppc@o2.co.uk or phone: 01985 213436 Parish Clerk 9 Beech Grove Warminster BA12 0AB

Poppy Appeal – 2013

On behalf of The Royal British Legion, my sincere thanks for your continuing support of the Poppy Appeal particularly in such challenging times. The estimated amount raised through your generosity is £1,373.05 (including the calculated Gift Aid). As ever my gratitude to those who have so kindly given of their time in testing weather during the Appeal! Sadly The Blackmore Vale Trials Club, such staunch supporters in the past, were unable to hold their rally this year, a result of some of our indigenous trees being under attack. They thoughtfully rang to relay the news and voice their regret at not being able to add to our village donation in 2013.

Pippa Brierley

Family News

Martin and Rosie Brown of Manor Farm are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth to Mr Carlo Taczalski.

We are delighted to report that Sam and Russell Higgins of High Street have been safely delivered of a daughter Georgia. Mother and daughter are doing well but Russell is feeling a bit fragile. (Two weddings to pay for!- Ed) .

Christmas Greetings - Daisy Snook of The Square would like to wish all kind friends and relatives a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Les and Kay Mayne - In lieu of sending Christmas cards to all our friends in the village, Les and Kay Mayne shall be giving a donation to a suitable good cause or two associated with the village. We both wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year when it comes.

Welcome Club

Our Coffee Morning in early November raised the magnificent sum of £211.81; many thanks to everyone for marking the event so successfully. Eileen and Vic won the Quiz. We shall be getting together at 2.30pm on Dec 5th for our Christmas tea and for our members to collect their beautifully wrapped gift! This will be our last meeting in 2013. We shall reconvene at 2.30pm on February 20th 2014 in Horningsham Village Hall. Happy Christmas to all and every good wish for 2014.

Chris Short - 847373



Carol Singing around the Village

The Maiden Bradley carol singers will be singing around the village from
5.30 pm – 7.00 pm on **Monday 23rd December.**

We will be starting this year at the Village Hall and our route will be High Street, then The Rank including Barcroft and lastly Church Street ending at the Somerset Arms. We are reversing our route this year so that High Street can have the benefit (yes!) of a full choir and fresh voices!

We have, over the years, always ended at the Somerset Arms so for those who are not on our route why not join us there for some rousing carols.

Be prepared for the knock on the door and the sound of heavenly voices! We will be collecting again this year for the Dorothy House Hospice who are greatly appreciative of our donation each year.



If you would like to join the band of carol singers – either as singers (all ages – children very welcome) or collectors – please get in touch with Sue Priestner or Liz Nixon for more details. You just need to enjoy singing carols!

Liz: 844242 and Sue: 844244

Santa's coming to Maiden Bradley

Don't miss out on Santa's tour of the village on Thursday 12th December

Leaving Rodmead at 6.00 pm
High street via Kingston lane 6.20 pm
The Rank & Barcroft 6.35 pm
Church Street 6.50 pm
ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE



Proceeds towards the Village Christmas Party

Village Memorial Hall Christmas Fayre

Don't forget Xmas Fayre - Friday 6th December
Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall 6.30-9.30pm
Raffle, stalls, mulled wine, mince pies, and much more.
Toys still wanted for toy stall.
Some table tops still available at £10
Contact Pam Coulbert 01985 844897
We look forward to seeing you there!

Dickens Evening

I turned up at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 23 Nov not knowing quite what to expect. Billed as the Secret World of Charles Dickens, Mirth, Marvels and the Mysterious, it was indeed exactly that! A packed house was treated to a most entertaining, amusing and baffling series of stories, magic tricks and illusions which sent us home wondering if we had actually seen what we had seen if you know what I mean. Ian Keable kept us enthralled with his knowledge of Dickens and his non-literary activities, including his abilities as a conjuror, as he performed the favourite tricks of Charles Dickens and divulged the spooky practices of Victorian psychics. Punctuated with an excellent buffet and a popular bar, this was an out of the ordinary show and had it gone on longer I am sure no-one would have complained. Follow that!

Les Mayne

News from the Hall

By the time you read this we will have been visited by Ian Keable and his Secret World of Charles Dickens stage show. Hopefully it will have been a success and all those that attended have had a very enjoyable evening.

Congratulations to Sam & Russell on the birth of their daughter. Sam will be taking a break from her hall committee duties for a few months so please direct any booking enquiries to me.

We have a very busy festive season coming up with lots of things going on at the hall so please support us if you can.

2nd Dec- Xmas Bingo

6th Dec -Mendip Health Walkers lunch

6th Dec - Xmas Fayre

12th Dec -Father Christmas visits the village on his sleigh

21st Dec- Children's Xmas Party.

I have to apologise to anyone who was caused concern when last month I wrote that the Panto would be in January. I should have said February, "Sorry".

Our broadband and wi-fi is now up and running so we are moving towards the 21st century. We are looking at purchasing a projector and new sound system also.

If there is any 14-18 year old in the village who would like to take part in shaping the future of the hall we would like to hear from you, as we could do with some input from the younger generation.

Lastly I will shortly need a new Vice Chairperson to replace Kay Mayne who will be departing the village for pastures new, so if anybody would like to get involved in the running of the hall please contact me.

The committee wishes you all a Merry Xmas & Happy New year.

Mel Thomas



As we settle into autumn and prepare for the busy festive season, we often find we have very little spare time to do the little things.

One thing we should always make time for is making sure your home is safe especially in the winter months when we are using our fires and heating more frequently. This brings me onto the serious matter of fire and safety.

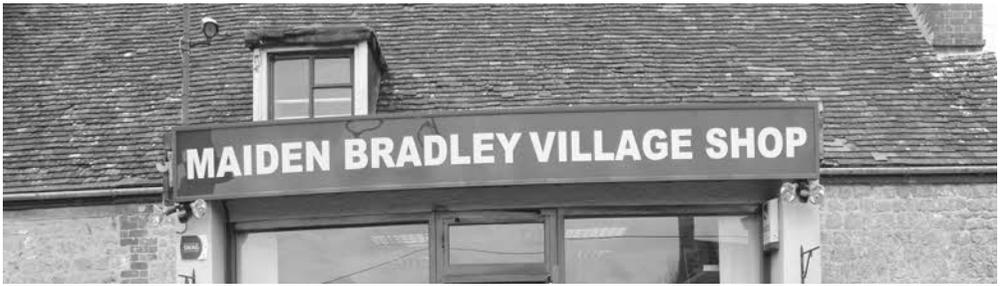
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service are anxious to prevent fires happening and can offer a free check up. They offer advice on safety measures as well as checking that your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms work.

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- Over 65
- Have under 5's in household
- Have a long term illness or physical/mental impairment
- Live in a thatched property, or mobile home
- Single occupant home

If you are interested in having a check on your home, please call me to arrange on 07557 922033.

Emma Curtis, Good Neighbour Coordinator, Warminster Rural Community Area
07557 922033, warminstergnc@communityfirst.co.uk



From Behind The Counter

Christmas. In spite of my best “bah humbug” efforts, Christmas is finally creeping into the shop. We already have wrapping paper, cards and a yule log and the mince pies and bits of Christmas cake are not far off.

By the time the magazine is out on the streets we will have the order forms in the shop for you to order all your Christmas needs. We will have lists for bread, dairy products and of course meat from both Andrew Barclay and Jon Thorner’s. Please come along and collect your order forms and get them back to us promptly.

Please see the back page of the Parish News for our opening hours for Christmas and New Year. We will have newspapers for every day that we are open.

Facebook. We now have over 40 “likes” on our facebook page and it is proving a good way of getting news out to our customers in between the issues of the Parish News.

Website. Carrie Baker, one of our volunteers, has created a new website for us. It is still a work in progress but do have a look at it, you will find it on www.maidenbradleyvillageshop.co.uk

Heating. I imagine by now that you will have enjoyed our new cosier shop! We now have heaters in the shop which will serve to keep our customers and our staff and volunteers a bit warmer during the chillier months.

That’s all folks!! On behalf of the committee, volunteers and staff at the shop may I wish you all a lovely Christmas and New Year and thank you for your loyal support throughout 2013.

Kay Mayne, 844206

See back cover for Christmas and New Year Shop Opening

Post Office holiday period opening times are -

Dec 24th - 11.30 to 12.30; closed 25th and 26th; Dec 27th - 9am to 12.

Dec 31st - 1pm to 4pm; closed Jan 1st

Regular Village Shop and Post - Office - Opening Hours

Shop

Mon – Fri	7.30am – 6.00pm
Sat	8.00am – 2.30pm
Sun	9.00 – 12.00pm

Post Office

Mon	9.00am – 1.30pm
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If you are interested in registering your child or baby with Leaping Frogs and would like to chat to someone about joining, please call Victoria or Becky on 01747 861186 or 01985 220483 or visit our website www.leapingfrogs.org for more information.

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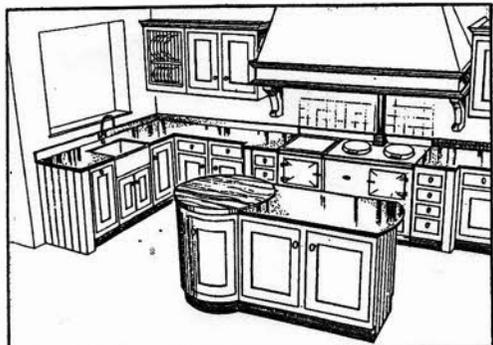
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