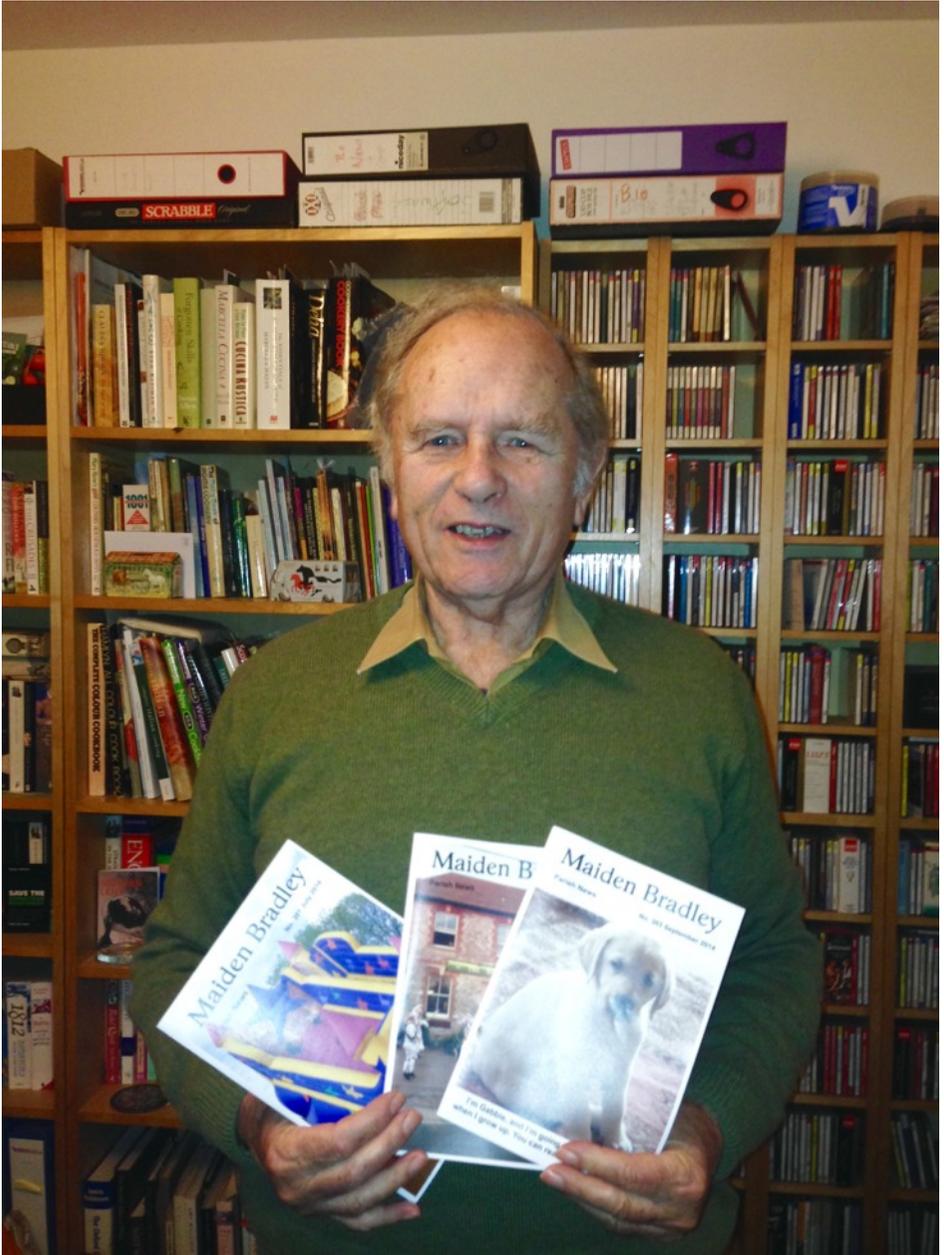


# Maiden Bradley

Parish News

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## Diary December 2014

1 <sup>st</sup> Mon	Household & Garden Waste Bingo – Memorial Hall	7.30 am 7.30 for 8.00 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms Kids@MB – Memorial Hall	9.35-9.45 am 6.00-7.30 pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Welcome Club Christmas Tea – Horningsham Hall	2.30 pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Memorial Hall Christmas Lunch	12.30 pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Christmas Fair – Memorial Hall	4.00-6.00 pm
7 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Holy Communion – Church	10.00 am
8 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Black Box & Blue Bin Collection	7.00am
9 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Santa's Tour of the Village leaving Rodmead	6.00 pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Cinema Club – Memorial Hall	10.00 am
14 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Matins – Church	10.00 am
15 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Household & Garden Waste Collection Book Club – The Old Vicarage	7.00 am NB 7.30 pm
17 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms Kids@MB – Memorial Hall	9.35-9.45 am 6.00-7.30 pm
20 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Children's Christmas Party – Memorial Hall	2.00 pm
21 <sup>st</sup> Sun	Carol Service – Church	NB 6.00 pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	Black Box & Blue Bin Collection Carol Singers around the Village	7.00 am from 5.00 pm
24 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Crib Service – Church Candlelit Midnight Mass – Church	3.00 pm 11.30 pm
25 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Christmas Day Communion Service	10.00 am
28 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Holy Communion – Church	10.00 am
	<b>Last date for magazine submissions</b>	
31 <sup>st</sup> Wed	Household Waste (not Garden) New Year's Eve Family Party – Memorial Hall	7.00 am 7.30 pm

### 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 – Mel Thomas: 845111; Dr. Andrew Murrison MP: 01225 358584 or [murrisona@parliament.uk](mailto:murrisona@parliament.uk); Mere Link Scheme 01747 860096; Rev Carol: 01747 861859.

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

## From the Editor

This month there is plenty of seasonal activity going on in the village for all ages, so please check the Diary listing and make sure you don't miss out on the fun of this busy and festive time.

Christmas can be quite a challenging time as new gifts and decorations have to be housed somewhere soon after the New Year arrives. Cupboards, attics, sheds and garages soon become over burdened with items we may never use again. So, in the New Year, why not have a clear out of all those unwanted items and advertise them in this magazine – alternatively, if you need something why not flag it as 'Needed'. If there is a demand in the village for a Sale/Need page each month in this magazine, we will print it.

Every village attracts individuals who like to contribute to the activities and clubs that are generated and so it is with grateful thanks that Bryan Glastonbury came to Maiden Bradley and played such an important part in the life of our village. Bryan has been instrumental in keeping this magazine going over many years and we thank him for his expertise and continuity.

Did you know that the Christmas cracker was invented by an Englishman, Tom Smith in 1847? "He got the original idea from seeing bon-bons – sugared almonds sold in twists of tissue paper – on sale in Paris in 1840, and although he experimented with the idea for a few years, he was inspired to invent the essential 'snapper' after seeing a log crackling in the fire. The new Christmas novelty was an immediate success, and the firm of Tom Smith's was the leading cracker manufacturer in Britain for the next 150 years, with countless variations on the basic design." Quote from the English Year Book by Steve Roud.

From the team at the News, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

**Pat Kennedy - 845397 or [pat@visa-office.com](mailto:pat@visa-office.com)**



It is always interesting to see how our Christian heritage has been absorbed into everyday life. One of our November prayers includes the phrase "stir up...the wills of your faithful people...to bring forth the fruit of your good works". "Stir up Sunday", as it is known, became a reminder to people to make their Christmas delicacies. But it isn't just fruit in the Christmas pudding that needs "stirring

up" it can be us in our daily living too.

Christmas is such a good time for making good in all those relationships we take for granted. Parents, in-laws or relationships with our children and other family members can all benefit from a bit of love and extra thought. Perhaps we can get in touch with someone at Christmas and build bridges? The message Jesus brought was one of peace and love and that is always something that our world can benefit from.

We are very excited this year in Maiden Bradley church because we will have a Candlelit carol service (6pm Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> December) as well as Midnight Mass (11.30 pm 24<sup>th</sup> December). Please come along and soak up the wonderful atmosphere and hear again the wonderful story of Christ's birth. There is also a 3pm crib service on Christmas Eve and 10am Christmas morning communion service. The Christingle will be on 18<sup>th</sup> January.

With all good wishes for a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

**Rev Carol**

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT MAIDEN BRADLEY CHURCH



### Sunday 21 December

6 pm CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE

Traditional Lessons and Carols

### Wednesday 24 December

3 pm CRIB SERVICE  
Young children especially welcome

11.30 pm CANDLELIT  
MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

### Thursday 25 December

10 am FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

### Sunday 18 January

10 am CHRISTINGLE SERVICE  
Children and young people welcome

### Recipe - Chocolate Brownies

2oz plain chocolate 75% cocoa solids  
4oz butter  
2 eggs  
8oz granulated sugar  
2oz plain flour  
1 level tsp baking powder  
Pinch salt  
4oz mixed nuts (unsalted)

Roughly chop the nuts, place on a baking tray and toast on all sides, for a few minutes.

Melt the chocolate and butter in a bowl over a pan of simmering water, mix lightly until combined, remove from the heat and then add all the other ingredients. Mix well. Pour the mixture into a shallow baking tray lined with parchment paper. Bake for 30 minutes at 180 C or gas mark 4. When cooked, allow to cool before cutting it into squares.



## Bryan Glastonbury –Editor & Technical Director of MBPN

It was a great stroke of good fortune for Maiden Bradley and its News that Bryan moved here when he did! It was barely two years after his arrival that Eileen Seal and Tim Thomas retired as editors and a call went out for a new editorial team. He had already become a Parish Councillor and that parish involvement, as well as his love of writing, persuaded him that he might enjoy the challenge of editing the News and especially of writing the editorials.



The technical side of things was the responsibility of Paul Byard at that time and he had the skills to modernise our product using desk top publishing. After he left the village Russell Fisher was able to take that on for about 7 years but when we heard that he too was leaving us we feared big problems ahead. However we need not have worried! Although Bryan's position before retirement was Professor of Social Work, training students in those areas, it had involved a good deal of IT and he had enjoyed the challenge of that. Once he had purchased the necessary software he was able to take over as our 'techy', seemingly without any difficulty, and the News continued to be the professional-looking production that we now expect.

We are so very grateful to Bryan for his involvement with the News - for the 96 editorials that he wrote and after that the 30 issues that he put together ready for the printers. It is no exaggeration to say that we couldn't have managed without him. For his part he has said that he enjoyed doing it and we hope that there may possibly be contributions from him in the future when the spirit moves him!

**Meg Oliver**

## **CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE** *in aid of Dorothy House Hospice*

**Monday 22 December**



The carol singing group will be again walking around the village and collecting for Dorothy House. We would like to welcome anyone who would like to join in – especially the children and young people in the village.

The planned itinerary is:

**5 pm start** on the corner of Chestnut Close, The Square, Upper High Street, Frome View, Lower High Street, The Rank, Barcroft, Telephone Box, Church Street, corner of Kingston Lane.

We hope to be at the Telephone Box by 6.15 pm and finish at Kingston Lane at 7 pm.

Do listen out for us when you think we will be passing by your houses.

If you would like more information or would like to join in please contact Sue Priestner or myself.

**Liz Nixon 844242**

## News From the Hall

We started off with the Chick Flick & Chardonnay Night which turned out to be a very good night 26 ladies sat down to watch "About Time" and the feedback received was lets do it again. The Car Boot and Table Top sale was well attended and the bacon butties went down well.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> November we had the opening of the Doctors Consultation room, there was about 30 of you who attended, along with HG the Duke of Somerset, Andrew Murrison MP, Dr. Neil Harding and the guest of honour Eileen Seal, whom the room has been named after. Eileen was presented with a bunch of flowers by Dr Harding. All those there were offered a Bucks Fizz, The plaque above the door was unveiled by Andrew Murrison. Dr Harding will start using the room in January for his Monday evening surgeries.



We have taken delivery of the Memorial Bench and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that have made donations towards it, no matter how big or small every penny is much appreciated. If as I expect we will exceed the amount needed the excess will be put towards the War Memorial that is being designed and made by David Ogilvie who designed the bench. We hope to have the Memorial Garden completed by the end of March. I hope all those that use the hall will notice how fresh and clean it looks, thanks to the community payback team who have been working very hard on our behalf.



On December 20<sup>th</sup> we have the Children's Christmas party and pantomime, plus on Dec Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Father Christmas will be touring the village so he tells me. You are all invited to our New Years Eve Family Party, bring your own drinks & a plate of food, for the kids there's a fancy dress competition (costume must be home made). So come along and lets party our way into the New Year.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> Dec we have what looks likely to be a sell out Christmas Lunch, check in the shop to see if there are any places left, if you wish to come.

The Hall committee wishes to thank you all for the support you have given over the last 12 months and to wish you all

"A Merry Christmas & Happy New Year"

**Mel Thomas**

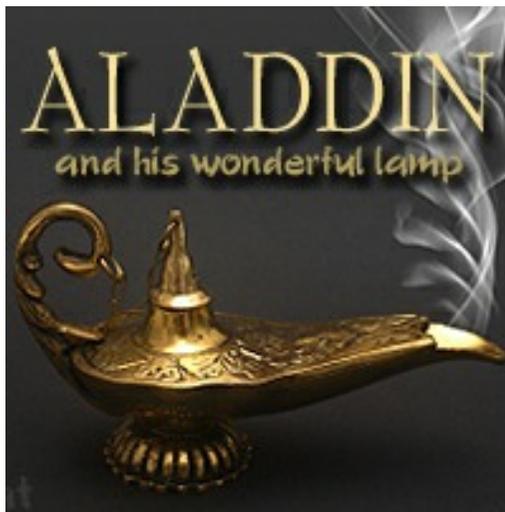
## Village Pantomime

Once again Maiden Bradley Pantomime Group is going to be putting on a Panto in the New Year.

Our choice this year is Aladdin and his Magic Lamp and rehearsals will start in early January. The performances will be held on Thursday 26th, Friday 27th and Saturday 28th of February including a Matinee on the Saturday afternoon.

Details about ticket sales will be in January's Parish News Letter.

Any further information please contact Tom Allday on 844468 or Carol Kenzie on 844745.



## Poppy Appeal 2014

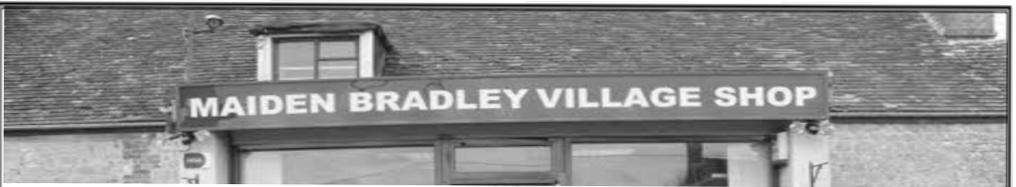
On behalf of The Royal British Legion, my very sincere thanks for your continuing support of the Poppy Appeal. The estimated amount raised through your generosity is £1,251.39 (including the calculated Gift Aid). As ever my gratitude to those who have so kindly given of their time during the Appeal.

**Pippa Brierley**

## Community stars

This month's star in the community is Pete Dean for taking the time and initiative to revitalise the bench on back lane. Previously covered in moss and looking very sad as you can see in the picture below, probably without having anyone seated there enjoying the wonderful views of Brimsdown for some time. Now thanks to Pete we can again enjoy this bench with a view. Top Man!





## **Christmas Retail Ramblings... from the Village Shop**

So, by the time this edition hits the streets we'll all be ready for the deluge of tinsel and turkey that heralds the arrival of Christmas.

Naturally your shop is up there with the best, shelves groaning with all those bits and pieces that you never knew you needed, yet suddenly decide you can't possibly live without.

Firstly the meats, the centrepiece of Christmas lunch, and the precursor to that gentle and extended nap that follows.

We now have order forms for turkeys, crowns, geese, ducks, barons of beef, and gallons of ham, from both Andrew Barclays and also Jon Thorners. Please ask at the till for the appropriate paperwork.

There will also be the opportunity to order some rather special and exotic edibles from La Chasse, so keep an eye on the board for news of these. Super-size prawns, fabulous cheeses, some wonderfully cosmopolitan ice cream (Cosmopolitan ice cream is entirely possible, and indeed desirable..) and a number of other goodies.

Mince pies and marzipan from Taylors bakery, and some fabulously beautiful gifts from James Chocolates will be arriving within the next few days.

Our Christmas Draw has a super-deluxe hamper as a first prize, a wicker basket packed full of almost too many good things. Almost, but not quite... This will be displayed in the shop so that you can buy just a few more tickets than you intended, after all there's more than one prize, and this is the season to be jolly, and tempted.

Last dates for bread, milk and cream deliveries, and dates for meat collection will be posted up in the shop as soon as we have them.

I'm hungry already...

Opening times over the holiday are as normal, excepting the following days:

Christmas Eve - 8-4.30

Christmas Day – Closed (Sorry)

Boxing Day – 9-12 midday

### **Shop**

Monday to Friday	8am to 5.30pm
Saturday	8am to 3.30pm
Sunday	9am to midday

### **Post Office**

Mon	9.00am – 1.30pm
Tues	1.30pm – 4.30pm
Wed	9.00am - 12.00pm
Thu	9.00am - 12.30pm
Fri	9.00am - 1.00pm

## Opening of New Surgery at the Memorial Hall

It is not often that there is such a memorable and important occasion in Maiden Bradley and, although there has been much to wonder at in the Memorial Hall recently, the official opening of the new surgery so far ranks highest among its spectacular improvements.

A good crowd gathered to witness it including the Hall Trustees, our Council representative on the Area Board, Fleur de Rhe Philipe, Dr Neil Harding, who was consulted on the design of his new outreach workplace, as well as Ray Kenzie its architect, and Fran Pearson who represented the Fudge Trust, a major financial contributor to the development.



Mel Thomas and his energetic team were all there to make us very welcome and offer refreshments as we awaited the big moment – Dr Andrew Murrison first of all unveiled the brass plaque with the name of the room – The Eileen Seal Room - and then opened the door to expose the wonderfully bright new Surgery. Eileen had not wanted to come and be part of it all but Pete and Wendy Dean had made sure they brought her. After the many, many years that she has hosted the weekly surgeries in her house it was a wonderful idea to dedicate the new venue to her!

## Welcome Club

(Picture of Weymouth trip - courtesy of Mike Lucas)

Many thanks to all those who came along to our Coffee Morning, the hall at Horningsham was a veritable buzz with chat and laughter and also the odd cry of delight as prizes were won! Mike won the Jar of Sweets (just one sweet away from the total number of sweets in the jar.) Ann Trollope went home with the Christmas cake and many others had chosen gifts from the raffle. The various stalls amassed £234.28 for Club funds, so thanks to all for your help, the coffee was delicious, Mo, as ever, coming up trumps.



Our Christmas Tea will be on 4<sup>th</sup> December at Horningsham and we will meet at 2.30pm. Tea in the form of a buffet will follow a little later. Any members who would like to create Christmas style goodies to include in the buffet would be much appreciated so please bring any donations with you on the day of the event.

The next issue will have reports on our November happenings, namely our visit from Mr Brockman, the Auctioneer, and our Bingo evening in the Hall at Maiden Bradley. The Tea Party will be our final meeting of 2014, closing the year, a very happy one, on a happy note. We shall meet again for the start of the 2015 season on 19<sup>th</sup> February when the new programme will be available.

Every good wish to all our members for Christmas and the New Year, see you in the new season.

**Chris Short 0895 847373**

### DINOSAUR GALORE!

Earlier this month the students of Whitesheet Primary Academy went on an exciting trip; first to the well-known Dorchester Dinosaur Museum; then to Charmouth Beach to try our own hand at searching for fossilised ammonites and belemnites. Boarding the South West Coach, we prepared for a journey that would seemingly last for ever – and it did!

Fighting off cramp, we escaped the bus in excited haste. We rushed in through the door to be confronted by rows of teeth in the mouth of a giant carnivore that stood before us, teeth glistening in the lamplight. Sidestepping the 'gaping jaws', we proceeded more carefully this time, looking around at all we could see before being briefed on our mission – to complete the question paper we were given.

After exploring every room in the museum, the Anning Room, the Discovery Room and various other rooms we went around just exploring this fantastic place. We resentfully left being careful to avoid bumping into the terrifying skull. Excitedly we boarded the bus ready to have our own adventure at Charmouth Beach.

After being briefed and having a short lunch we set off to hunt for dinosaur fossils. My first victory was finding half a belemnite shell embedded in a soft rock. I was hammering the soft rock as much as I dared without getting too close. Curiously I was scouring the ground for any sign of a fossil when suddenly I spotted a round pointy stone which was black against the other rocks. I grabbed my new find and rushed to show my friends.

As we regrouped on the bus we compared our finds and all agreed it had been a fantastic fossil finding field trip.



**By Alexander Cox, year 6**

## Gabbie the Guide Dog Puppy at 5 months

Gabbie has now been with us for 3 months and she has just turned 5 months old. Her training is continuing in earnest and she is already showing herself to be an intelligent and confident dog. As well as regular repeats of the basics of sit, down, stay, wait and come we are now widening her experience of the world at large. I now regularly take her on the bus to Bideford, a trip of about 20 minutes and last week we got on and off a train. The next step is to take her on a train journey. The gap between platform and train was high and left a visible gap so that she could see onto the tracks. This could have made her very nervous but she had no hesitation in getting on and off and I am sure she will take the train journey as just another adventure. We have been up and down all sorts of types of steps and the non solid type that she can see through do make her hesitate.



However, after some encouragement from me she has a go and quickly finds they are not as scary as she thought.

We are concentrating on lead training, which is proving a bit of a problem. She is so excited by the world around her that it is hard to keep her attention. She is also 50% Labrador so is keen to Hoover anything and everything on the pavement! I have just about managed to stop her lunging at people in a sort of “love me, love me” frenzy but stopping her lunging at

other dogs in a “play with me, play with me” frenzy is proving more difficult. My puppy walking supervisor has suggested taking her to a dog class, just to watch the dogs, in the hope that after a while she will get the message that other dogs doesn’t always mean play time.

Last week about 50 puppy walkers from all over the region, were invited to a day organised by Guide Dogs. No puppies were allowed so we were all able to enjoy a lovely informative day without our unruly pups in tow. It was an interesting day with informative talks and some demonstrations with fully trained Guide Dogs. A blind guide dog owner also came along to tell us how much having his dog means to him. It seems that 1300+ puppies are born each year to just under 300 Guide Dogs owned brood bitches. The brood bitch holders are also volunteers so it is quite a team. Each brood bitch has 5 litters. At any one time Guide Dogs has approximately 8,000 dogs in its care as puppies, in training or as guide dogs and finally in retirement (they retire at 10 and enjoy the rest of their lives as “just dogs”). It really is a mammoth enterprise.

If anyone would like to think about becoming a puppy walker I would be happy to chat it over with you.



## **An Allotment Gathering for Maiden Bradley's youngest...**



...took place on 1st November 2014 with lots of seasonal activities such as apple-bobbing, marshmallow toasting, sparkler twirling and doughnut eating. Many thanks to all who organised, attended and supported the event; much fun was had by all.

By Tonia Gunstone



## Christmas Party

Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December

2pm

Entertainment from Partytime

### Puss in Boots

Adults £3.00      Children £2.00

To include a hotdog buffet and a present for children 12 years and under

Drinks available

Vegetarian option available - please book when purchasing your tickets

Tickets available from the Village Shop in advance only by the 6<sup>th</sup> December

All children must be accompanied by an adult



## The Somerset Arms Santa's Grotto

On 21<sup>st</sup> December 3pm-4pm

Santa invites children of all ages to visit him in his grotto at the Somerset Arms!



All children must be accompanied by an adult

£2 Entry fee

All children receive a festive goodie bag and get to meet Santa



The Somerset Arms

New Year's Eve party

Red Carpet Themed event

FREE ENTRY

FREE BUFFET

RED CARPET PHOTOGRAPHER

LIVE MUSIC

CHAMPAGNE AT MIGNIGHT

6PM TILL LATE

## **It's FAMILY PARTY Time** **New Years Eve**

**Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall**  
**Invites you to a Free Family Night Out**

**7.30 till Late**

**Bring your own drinks**  
**and a plate of Food**  
**Kids get Mom or Dad to**  
**make you a Fancy Dress**  
**costume, prize for best**  
**Boy and Girl**  
**(must be home made)**

**RAFFLE PRIZES TO BE WON**  
**"LETS PARTY"**

## Parish Council 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014

The Swimming Pool Trustees addressed Council on the position of the swimming pool trusts wish to wind up the Trust. The trustees spoke on their communications with the Estate the land owner, and the training they had undertaken regarding amphibians and the movement of them. The Trust informed Council that the months to move any amphibians are during the November December months as advised by English Nature. They have identified a new site for them to be moved to but obviously this has to be subject to English Natures approval of this new possible habitat. The letter received from the Estate to the Parish Council on the Swimming Pool was read out to the meeting.

The Swimming Pool Working Group spoke to Council and mentioned that they had investigated the costs of restoring the Swimming Pool but as they were in excess of £80,000, raising the capital for this along with finding the running costs in the future they had concluded that it was not viable. They agreed with the Trustees that the pool should be closed and in filled. The Chairman thanked everyone for their input and that it would now be left for the trustees to take action.



Mr Franck Ellis from CPRE addressed Council on the recent Best Kept Village Competition; he thanked the Parish Council for its application and the work parishioners had actioned for it. He hoped that the Parish Council would enter next year as it was so close to winning some of the monetary awards, being placed in fourth place for the county judging. The Chairman thanked him for coming the below photograph was taken of the presentation.

**Planning** - 14/09571/FUL Location: Grange Farm Maiden Bradley Warminster BA12 7HX Proposal: Retrospective application for retention of earth bund in field, creation of new access onto classified road. Relocation of entrance gate & provision of piers, Erection of fencing to south of buildings Council agreed to support the application but commented that the height of the bund was acceptable at its present height but Council felt that this should be maintained and not increased in height in the future. The change of the access entrance was not seen as an issue. No comment was had re the gates installed, No issue was had with the change in position of the fencing. The re-routing of the drive was approved.

**Election Notice** – Council noted that the date of the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014 was the election request deadline following that the Co-option process would be actioned, if no election was called for by 10 electors. Council approved that the Clerk sent out application forms to any who is or has shown interest to join the team, following notification from Wiltshire Council Electoral Team of non-election rather than wait till the next meeting.

**Parish Steward/Highways – Council** Instructed the Clerk to report to Wiltshire Council that a drain in Church Street was blocked but remarked that the other drains had been addressed. The leaves and pavements are still in a very poor state the Clerk was instructed to inform the Community Coordinator.

If any Parishioner sees or is aware of anything which they feel needs attention in and around the parish highways, they are requested to contact Clarence from a Wiltshire landline number, call 0800 232323 From all other numbers, including mobiles, call 01225 777234: Or you can email [clarence@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:clarence@wiltshire.gov.uk) you can also contact Sarah Jeffries the Clerk.

The correspondence the Clerk had received from Lord Seymour regarding Flooding in Kingston Lane was highlighted and the Clerk informed Council that she had forwarded it on to Wiltshire Council and was awaiting a reply from David Button the Area Highways Engineer.

## Parish Council- continued.....

Council noted that the Clerk had received updated Flood Risk information from Wiltshire Council, re ditch maintenance GPS Flood and asset identification, the parish emergency assistance scheme and repair. That renewal grants were now available to properties where the interior of their home or business had been damaged by flooding between December 2013 and March 2014. Do contact the Clerk if you want more information on these grants.

**Community Litter Pick for 2015** – The Clerk would like to apologise the date of the litter pick is the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015 not the 14<sup>th</sup> March as stated in last month's Parish news. . Please do pop the date in your diaries for next year if you haven't yet, this Community event is invaluable.

**Woodland Trees Trust** – The Trees have been delivered and had been handed to the Village Hall Chairman. The poster that had been displayed in the village shop for parishioners to mark their suggested planting sites had had two sites identified by parishioners. One was Back Lane and near the Recreational Area Gate, it was mentioned that the corner of the recreational area would also be a suitable area. Do if you visit the village shop pop your suggestion on the map which is situated between the counter and post office.

**Listed Building Review** – Council instructed the Clerk to action her recommendation that she actions the Listed Building review as part of her development work. This will then enable the project to be completed off the parish plan actions list. Council also instructed the Clerk to support the Village Halls listing by giving administration assistance.

**Filming, Photographing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a parish Council meeting by any means is permitted.** A person may not orally report or comment about a meeting as it takes place if he is present at the meeting of a parish council or its committees but otherwise may:

- A) Film, photograph or make an audio recording of a meeting;
- B) use any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear proceedings at a meeting of a parish council as it takes place or later.
- C) Report or comment on the proceedings in writing during or after a meeting or orally report or comment after the meeting.

**Neighbourhood Watch** – There is also still a vacancy for the post of Neighbourhood Watch Representative for the parish. If you would be interested in taking on this post not only representing the Community but helping coordinate issues from the rural policing unit to all. The Rural Policing unit have one meeting every 3 months in Bishopstrow Village Hall with the other representatives in the area. It is a very friendly meeting with everyone working together. They have an email warning system re incidents in the area and it can be a very rewarding position. Do get in touch with your local Councillor, the Clerk or take a look at <http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/> for more details on Neighbourhood Watch.

**Items for the next Agenda** - Standing Orders, the ¼ Budget report, the Draft Budget, agree the level of General Reserves, Good Neighbour Grant request letter and Kingston lane Flooding Issues.

**Date of the next meeting**- The Council agreed that Tuesday 9th December 2014 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 Southwilt.com (Maiden Bradley) can be accessed to read a copy of the Agenda and Minutes electronically or copies are displayed on the Community Notice Board at the village shop.

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

The team at Maiden Bradley Parish News would like to thank all the contributors over the year, our previous editorial team, Stationary Plus – our printers, and everyone who has helped and continues to keep our village magazine going

We welcome new contributions in 2015 & are always pleased to receive your articles & photographs from local news, events and gatherings



**Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year to all**



# Pilates

Beginners / Novice class

Starting – 1230

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**Maiden Bradley Village**  
**Hall**

The perfect class to improve suppleness and well-being with experienced, and understanding instructor Pip Cheek – tel 07875 059549.

£8 per class, first week pay as you go, then 6 week course – come and join us and don't be shy this is the perfect opportunity to reap the benefits of this gentle and rewarding exercise class. Mats, Bands and Balls all provided.

For more information call Instructor Pip on 07875 059549 or village contact Lucinda on 01985 844017



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