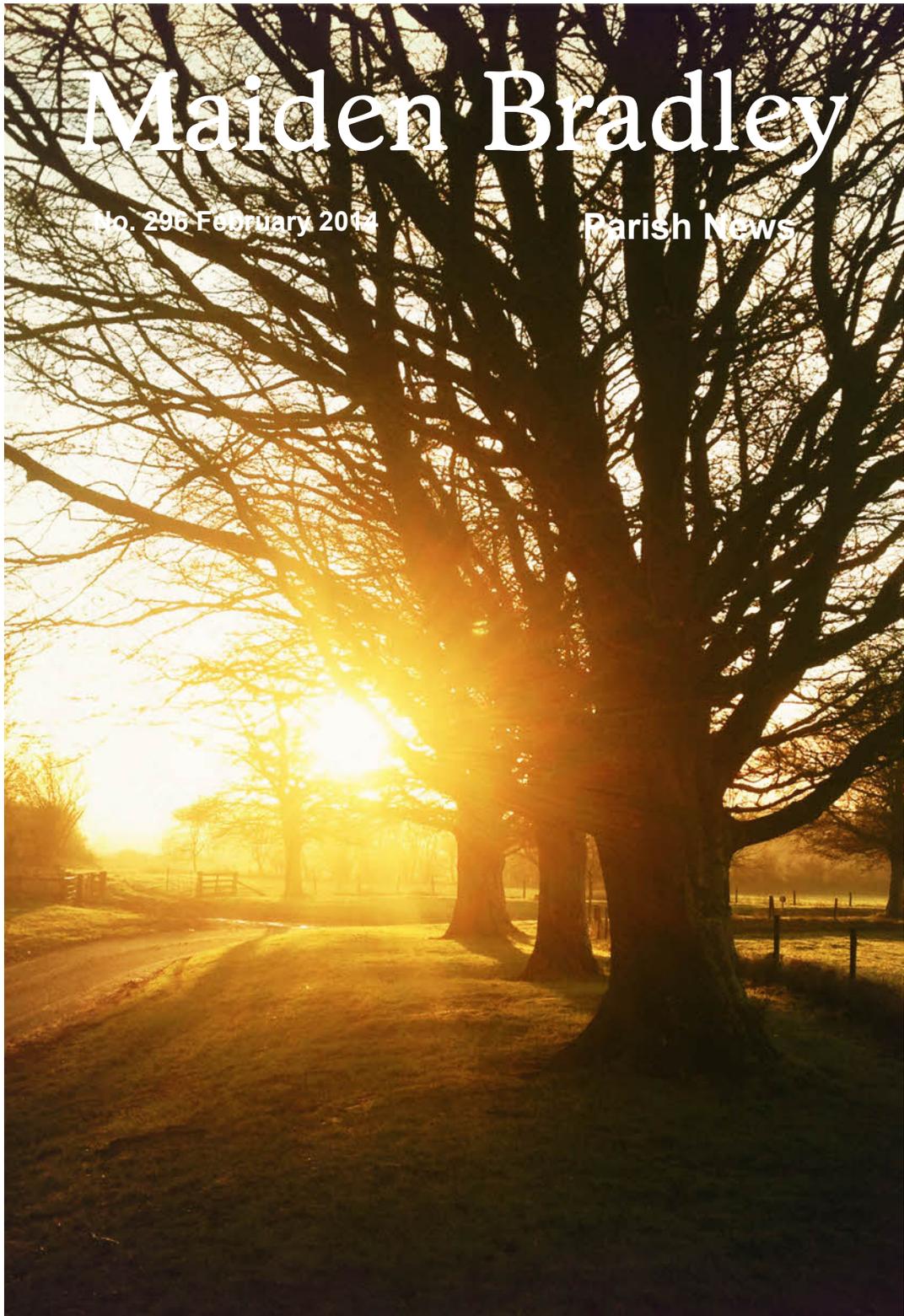


# Maiden Bradley

No. 296 February 2014

Parish News



## Diary February 2014

2nd Sun	Holy Communion – Church -	9.30 am
3rd Mon	Black Box & Blue Bins Collection	7.00 am
9th Sun	Morning Praise – Church	10.00 am
10th Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
11th Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
12th Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms Kids@MB – Memorial Hall	9.35-9.55 am 6.00-7.30 pm
13th Thu	Cinderella with a Twist - Memorial Hall	7.00 for 7.30 pm
14th Fri	Cinderella with a Twist – Memorial Hall	7.00 for 7.30 pm
15th Sat	Cinderella with a Twist – Memorial Hall Cinderella with a Twist – Memorial Hal	2.00 for 2.30 pm 7.00 for 7.30 pm
16th Sun	Holy Communion including Baptism – Church	10.30 am
17th Mon	Black Box & Blue Bins Collection	7.00 am
19th Wed	Book Club Meeting – Condlyffe Cottage	8.00 pm
20th Thu	Welcome Club – Horningsham Hall	2.30 pm
23rd Sun	Parish Communion led by the Bishop of Ramsbury	10.30 am
24th Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00am
25th Tue	W.I. Meeting – Stourton Hall	7.30 pm
26th Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms Kids@MB – Memorial Hall	9.35-9.55 am 6.00-7.30 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 – 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.

*Cover photo of sunrise on Back Lane sent in by Mark Lucas-Phillips*

## Editorial

It's that time again. The time when root canal treatment without anaesthetic becomes singularly attractive – at the risk of repeating myself. After all, what happens in Maiden Bradley in January that is worthy of comment or observation? Judging by the paucity of articles for the Parish News nothing very much seems to happen at this time of year. If I am wrong then tell me about it. We did have a significant birthday in January; that of the most eloquent and famous bard in history. I refer of course to Robert Burns; who else could it have been? Sadly, I had already eaten my haggis forgetting – how could I – the proximity of this anniversary which does much to lift the gloom of the winter days. On the other hand, it could be because of the almost compulsory consumption of whisky at this time! Anyway, I feel better already at the mere thought of a warming dram.

On a more serious note, we have a contribution about volunteering in Wiltshire. I commend it to you. The articles make the case eloquently enough and I, from personal experience at home and abroad, can bear witness to the enormous level of satisfaction to be achieved when giving of your time and experience to worthy causes. Give it some thought and while you are at it, why not think about helping out in your own village; there is always something to be done.

*Les Mayne*



## Vicar's Letter

I'm writing this article fresh from our Plough Sunday service yesterday which was held at the Somerset Arms by kind permission of Tim and Dee. Traditionally the service was held on Epiphany Sunday, at the beginning of the year and the men went out after the plough had been blessed to till the land. Nowadays most ploughing is done in the autumn, but the tradition is kept in January. Ours was a more comfortable rendering of the tradition as we sang hymns accompanied by Sue Priestner around the fire before going outside to bless the plough kindly provided by Derek Stevens.

The service words are traditional: "from God comes every good and perfect gift: The rich soil, the smell of the fresh-turned earth" but there is also the encouragement to be responsible in our care: "O God..... help us to give a good account of our management: that as we keep our land in good heart, so we may ourselves be kept rich in Christian living". After the service Tim and Dee laid on a lovely tea for us.

In the next month we have some exciting changes in our services. On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am a new service, Morning Praise, begins. It is led by one of the Benefices Licensed Lay Ministers Jane Hurd. She gives details below, so bring your friends. On 16<sup>th</sup> we are very happy to have another Higgins family baptism and then on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> the Bishop of Ramsbury Rev Ed Condry will come to take a sung communion service also at 10.30. Bishop Ed has been in the area for about 15 months he came from Canterbury Cathedral. He has been involved in Fairtrade and energy issues and is a keen cyclist. Last year he cycled many miles across Wiltshire and beyond to raise money for Christian Aid. Please come and meet him, he would be delighted to see you.

*Love in Christ, Rev Carol*

## Morning Praise

Do you think 'church' is dull and boring? We hope to prove you wrong! Do join us at All Saints' Church on **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00 am** for an informal, friendly style of worship. This short service of praise will be followed by refreshments. We hope you will come and feel free to tell us what you think!

## Future dates for your Diaries

Lent Lunches again at Condlyffe Cottage on every Tuesday in Lent, beginning on March 11<sup>th</sup>  
Collections for Christian Aid.

Spring Fayre at the Memorial Hall on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, a fundraiser for All Saints' Church.

## Parish Council 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014

**Defibrillator Project-** The Parish Council wishes to thank all those parishioners who have sent in their pledge envelopes this month. The village shop would be very pleased to receive any donations to pass onto the Clerk. The £25.00 cheque received from winning the Best Kept Village Competition has been added to the defibrillator project too. The Clerk has banked £870.00 in cheques and £90.00 in cash. £10.00 is to be made by BACs direct payment and £45.00 has been pledged so £1035.00 has been donated so far for the project.

If you wish to pay directly by BACS for ease the bank details for the Parish Council using direct transfer are **Lloyds Bank Market Place Warminster Sort code 309913 Account number 07052153**. If you could use Defibrillator and your surname as a coding the Clerk will then be able to identify the payment. There is still a further £965.00 to raise. If you still have your letter asking for donations toward this extremely important project please do take action to help this project move forward or contact the Clerk for further details.

**Parish Steward/Highways-** The Clerk was instructed to inform the Community Co-ordinator that the drains at the Stourhead end of the parish require clearing out due to flooding in front of Yew Tree Cottage, Church Street and the corner by the Walled Garden. **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](mailto:Clarence@wiltshire.gov.uk) or contact the Clerk direct.**

**13/210 Planning 13/05379/FUL** - Location: 50 The Knapp Maiden Bradley BA12 7JE Proposal: Single Storey Extension. Council fully supported the application

**Grant Applications** - £100 was granted to the Mere Link Scheme as it provides a vital service to the parishioners. The cheque will be actioned in May and presented at the Annual Parish Meeting. It was also agreed to grant £100 from the s137 Budget to the Good Neighbour Scheme as this service also benefits the parishioners directly.

**Councillor Resignation** – Councillor Franck Baudrain announced that he would be standing down due to work commitments. The Chairman and Council thanked him for his hard work during his time in office.

**Items for the next Agenda:** WW1 Commemoration, Water Fountain Quotation and procedural documentation covering the key financial procedures performed by the Parish Clerk to ensure that anyone assuming the role would be able to function effectively from the outset and Grant Applications received.

**Date of the next meeting-** The Council agreed that Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 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 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: [maidenbradley@virginmedia.com](mailto:maidenbradley@virginmedia.com) or phone: 01985 213436 Parish Clerk 9 Beech Grove Warminster BA12 0AB

## Do you want to do something new this year?

Have you thought about volunteering? Why not come along to Volunteer Centre Wiltshire's drop in session at Bradford –on-Avon Library on Thursday February 13th 10am – 12pm. If you've got a bit of spare time you like to put to good use but don't know where to start then drop in and see us to find out about all the volunteering opportunities in the area.



Volunteer Centre Wiltshire currently has over 1500 volunteering opportunities waiting to be filled across Wiltshire. There are lots of things to get involved with: for example you could help Wiltshire Blind by becoming an eBay sales promoter, support a young carer's group with Spurgeons, use your IT skills to help others get online or become a befriender for organisations such as Age UK, Splitz and Mencap. And there are plenty more opportunities to choose from covering a wide range of activities. If you don't want to make a regular commitment you can join our bank of 'one-off' volunteers and just help out at events when you are free.

Volunteering not only helps the organisation but you can get lots of benefits too. One volunteer says that volunteering makes him feel "valued, useful and part of the community". Another volunteer is sure that volunteering helped her into paid employment saying "I'm sure the confidence and skills I gained from my volunteer role played a huge part in me getting the job".

If you can't get down to see us on Thursday but want to get involved and make a difference phone our dedicated volunteering support line "Call-IT!" now on 0845 521 6224. Or visit our website: [www.volunteercentrewiltshire.org.uk](http://www.volunteercentrewiltshire.org.uk).

## Wiltshire's Voluntary and Community Groups' Promise to Value Volunteers

Wiltshire has over a hundred thousand volunteers who freely give their time to numerous activities and make a huge difference in the local community. Wiltshire's Volunteer Reference Group, of which Volunteer Centre Wiltshire is a member, wanted to demonstrate how much these volunteers are valued. The idea of an agreement emerged where voluntary and community groups would be able to demonstrate their commitment to the principles of Choice, Inclusion, Support, Safety, Reimbursement and Reward. This is now known as the Valuing Volunteers Promise and promotes the desire to ensure volunteering in Wiltshire is an inclusive activity that is available, accessible and rewarding for all of those wishing to participate. The aim is for voluntary and community groups who use volunteers in their work to adopt good practice in volunteer management and demonstrate an appreciation of the valuable contributions made by volunteers. There are currently 27 voluntary and community groups signed up to the Valuing Volunteering Promise. For more information contact the Volunteer Advisor at Volunteer Centre Wiltshire by calling 0845 521 6224 or visit [www.volunteercentrewiltshire.org.uk](http://www.volunteercentrewiltshire.org.uk).

## Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal

I am appealing to your readers to volunteer for Marie Curie Cancer Care's Great Daffodil Appeal, and help people with terminal illnesses in Wiltshire get the care they need. We're looking for people who can donate an hour of their time this March to collect for Marie Curie by simply giving out daffodil pins in return for donations. Marie Curie Nurses provide free care to people with terminal illnesses in their own homes. To ensure we can continue to provide this vital care we need people to help make this year's Great Daffodil Appeal a great success. If you're able to donate an hour of your time to help someone in their final hours then please contact me on 01179 247 275 or visit [www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil).

Thank you for your support.

*Natalie Taylor*

## Salisbury Cathedral Choir to perform at St Martins Church Zeals

### Concert of Cathedral Music – 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15

The community of Zeals and the Parish of Upper Stour is to celebrate the start of the restoration programme of their William Sweetland 1866 pipe organ in St Martins Church, Zeals. The celebration comprises a unique Concert of Cathedral Music by the Salisbury Cathedrals Boy Choristers and Lay Vicars.



Ross Coad, Chair of Friends of St Martins Church said, 'This is a real one-off opportunity to hear this wonderful choir in our delightful local church.' He went on to say, 'The choir's director David Halls has chosen music that will form a glorious celebration of the huge fund raising activity that has gone into enabling us to save this important church organ.' Over £50,000 has been raised by the Friends.

The concert will be directed on the night by David Halls with John Challenger, organist. It will feature music of Blow, Lloyd, Purcell and Vaughan Williams. We hope that many people (old and young) have the opportunity to appreciate the art of our own piece of Victorian History. Ross Coad commented, 'To emphasise this intent we are delighted that children of our own Whitesheet C of E Primary Academy choir will start the concert with their own short concert.'

Andrew Fearn, organ restorer, is planning to start the dismantling of the organ over three days in late March and opportunities will be provided for all ages to visit and see the work. The organ will then be rebuilt at his factory at Ottery St Mary and an opportunity will be made for all those interested to spend some hours in the factory, in May. The organ should be returned in late June and hopefully we will have a rededication service in September.

Tickets for the concert, priced at £10.00 – which includes a glass of celebratory wine – are available at Zeals Post Office or from Friends Trustee David Corbin on 01747 840847



### Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's vital services. You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

In 2014 SIA is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and so we want to make the matter matter and raise £25,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £12,500 from the suppers. The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury. Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email [fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk) or visit [www.siafishandchips.co.uk](http://www.siafishandchips.co.uk)

Being woken up in the middle of the night by tin cans rolling around outside the house along Church Street, kick-started this topical submission. It was quite the adventure; out in the dark and the wind and the rain - litter picking!

## **Rubbish, Wind, and Gravity**

During the recent stormy weather our village was awash (literally) with windblown escaped rubbish. And, as we all should know, escaped rubbish is litter on the run, and that untidy stuff typically ends up everywhere it shouldn't be. Particularly on rubbish collection days, when it's the turn of recycled trash for collection (every other Monday, usually), how many lids have been blown off these somewhat dysfunctional council black box things we've been given? That is to say, those lids which appear to blow off every time the wind gusts at more than a gentle breeze - which is often enough the case, up here on the billowing downs.

Of especial concern, aside from litter generation as an environmental nuisance, is that an unseen lid on the ground, and/or scattered rubbish, is a very real and present pedestrian hazard. Vehicles on the move are also placed at risk.

What can be done to contain this unacceptable situation? Some recycle box lids do their job - many do not (as a result of warping, structural damage, or simply overpacking). Weighting dubious recycle box lids down (or, lost lid box contents) with heavy rocks, fire grates, broken patio slabs, and...you name it, anything else that feasibly enhances gravity enough to stop lids and litter levitating all over Maiden Bradley (and beyond), seems the way to go. (We could try ropes; but, my bet is that this would not go down well with the bin people.) Additionally, if there are several small bins around, careful stacking (not too high against a supporting wall) has been proven to work - with something heavy on top, if needed.

To make this heavy object strategy work, though, there needs to be enough WEIGHT and STABILITY in our choice of 'gravity enhancers'. For example; if a gravity enhancer might roll off (log), or is not heavy enough (pebble), we may as well use an old roller skate, or a church crow feather; you know, for all the good it will do in securing our recycle rubbish. On very windy days and nights the big council bin lids may be a problem also; their lids blowing open, sometimes causing the bin itself to tip. Or, the bin wobbles about, rocks on its base, maybe slides somewhere else, and then sometimes over it goes. This usually tends to happen if big bins are lightly packed, or packed top-heavy. That's something worth bearing in mind; bottom-heavy is more wind resistant. But, anything can topple in a gale.

Keeping the big bins sheltered, and/or judging prevailing wind direction, is useful. Wedge them in somewhere handy (against each other even). Also, be sure to position their backs to the blast so that the wind has less chance to lift the lid's handle end (who designed these big bin lid handles with an air pocket which assists wind leverage during stormy conditions?). Or, if the weather looks fierce, put something stable and heavy enough on top of these lids too. Certainly try to avoid leaving any big/small bins in very exposed places, if at all possible. Of course, we can postpone putting out our garbage, especially when the weather is rough, until near morning collection time - or, until the last grown-up house member leaves the building, at least. But, and nevertheless, adequate security of contents still needs to be checked. It only takes a moment for lids and litter to fly willy-nilly on a windy day.

As most of us are aware, there is already quite a significant litter problem in our area generally; mainly from passing vehicles and some thoughtless walkers. Let's not make it any worse by overlooking due diligence when it comes to our own personal rubbish containment obligations. We all live in a beautiful area of the country (indeed, the world). Let's do our very best to keep our part of it as safe and tidy as we can. And, if YOU see any vagabond rubbish on your/its travels - do pick it up. Every litter bit helps!

For more info on this and other crucial topics, you're very welcome to have a pick around my Maiden Bradley site, here. . . <http://tinyurl.com/MaidenBradley>, or browse: Wikipedia - Maiden Bradley (External Links)

*John Potts*

## News from the Hall

Well Christmas seems an age ago now. The Committee wish you all a Happy New Year even though 1/12 of it has already passed.

Its been a very quiet month at the hall after a very hectic December. I would like to thank all those that gave their time and effort in making the Children's party a success especially those that toured the village with the Father Christmas sleigh; the weather was not too hospitable.

We have received a grant from the Warminster Area Board for the purchase of a projector so keep an eye out for upcoming events. It will also be available for hire by members of the parish (very favourable rates) for home use.

Panto rehearsals are well underway and from what I hear preparations and the sales of tickets are both going very well. Don't miss out. Make sure you visit the shop and get your tickets earlier rather than later.

I am sorry to say, we have lost Sam Higgins from the committee. With the arrival of Georgia, Sam has her hands full, and I would like to thank her for all the work she has put into the hall during my time as chairman. If you wish to book the hall I have taken over Sam's duties for the near future.

The Village Show is in the planning stage so if anyone has any ideas they would like to see included please let us know asp. The date for the Show is Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June and will be held on the recreation ground this year.

*Mel Thomas*

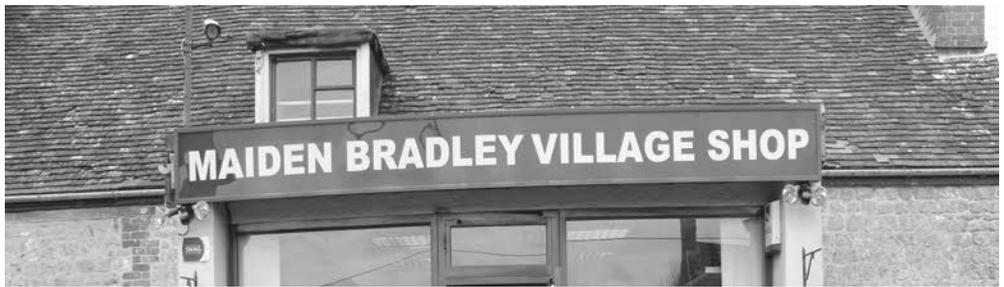
## Recipe - Roast Chicken Thai Style

Everyone likes roast chicken, but sometimes it is nice to do it a bit differently. Try this for an interesting take on your Sunday lunch.

1 onion	2 garlic cloves crushed
3 lemon grass stalks	1 red chilli
5cm piece root ginger, grated	Juice of 2 limes
1 tbsp fish sauce	Handful of coriander with stems
1 tbsp brown sugar	1 chicken, about 1.8 kg



Blitz the marinade ingredients (everything except the chicken) together in a food processor and rub all over the chicken. Leave to marinate in the fridge for at least 4 hours. Roast at 180C/gas 4 for 1hour and 15 minutes, or until cooked, basting occasionally. Deliciously different!



## Shop News

As I was away over the Christmas period this is the first opportunity I have had to thank Kay, on behalf of the committee, for all her hard work as Manager. She deserves huge recognition for running the shop so brilliantly over the last 18 months and bringing it to profitability. New suppliers, new stock, new systems and new equipment have all come in under her watch. She worked tirelessly with a mission to succeed. The power behind the throne must also not be forgotten - Les did a huge amount of voluntary work for the shop and importantly kept Management fed and watered!

I imagine most of you have met Amanda, Mary and Melanie. We were very lucky that they came forward at very short notice although between them they had little experience of working in the shop! All credit to them for keeping the shop going during the busy and tricky Christmas period – a daunting task and I am amazed that they are still smiling! As Kay said in last month's magazine there is a lot to learn and we must be understanding as the new team settles in.

Amanda has her own ideas for carrying the shop forward. She will try out new products and is very keen for you to say what you would like to see stocked in the shop. The shop has a splendid website which is updated regularly by Carrie, one of our volunteers. And for Facebook users the shop has a Facebook page with regular updates of what is happening in the shop and special offers. Check them out!

## Advance warning of Shop AGM

The shop will be holding its AGM on 25 March. Details will be put in the March Newsletter.

Committee members. At the AGM all the present committee members will stand down. Some will put themselves up for re-election but others will be leaving the committee. The committee is therefore looking for some new committee members. The committee which meets every 2 months oversees the financial position of the shop, the purchasing of new equipment and structural works. Importantly it should be representative of its customer base. It does not get involved with the day to day running of the shop. Please let me know if you are interested and would like to find out more. Nomination forms will be left in the shop. I urge you to consider this.

This is a village community shop, not ICI, and all that matters is that everyone supports this very valuable amenity. We would certainly miss it if it wasn't there!

A Happy New Year to all our customers, our staff and our marvelous band of volunteers.

*Liz Nixon, Chairman Village Shop Committee, 844242*

## Village Shop and Post Office - Opening Hours

### Shop

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Sat	8.00am – 2.30pm
Sun	9.00 – 12.00pm

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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](http://www.leapingfrogs.org) for more information.

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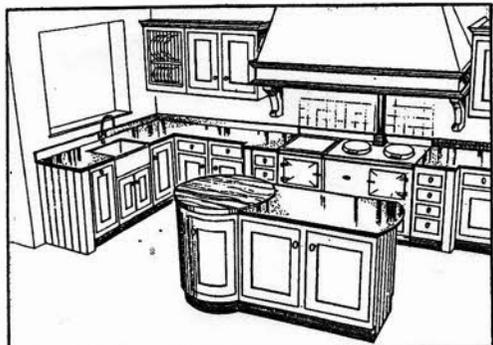
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## Fishrep from Ade Roche

**General Outline:** I usually like to take advantage of Christmas time off by getting out to sea for a bit of fresh air and perhaps a few fish but recent weather had put a stop to deep sea plans. There are a number of keen sea anglers in the village who often recount their epic adventures in the Somerset Arms. As with all anglers, the yarns get more extreme with each glass of brown lemonade and the fish grow to epic proportions to such an extent that outstretched arms are not enough to illustrate the size of the ones that got away. It was during one such in-house fishing debrief that James Kennedy mentioned that he had a trip planned out of Poole and I was hooked and booked for the 10th January. We discussed tactics and took orders for Cod, Whiting, Sea Bass and Turbot.

**Boat:** Silver Spray – A big modern catamaran with all the mod cons and an excellent skipper.

**Aim:** Deplete the English Channel of all big Cod, Whiting, Sea Bass and Turbot.

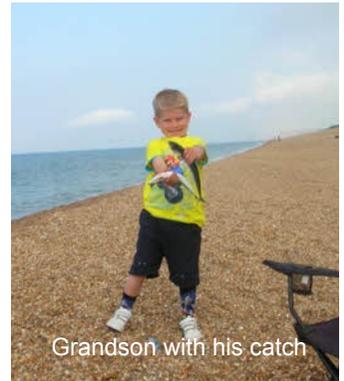
**Result:** Spent 2 hours 5 miles out in Poole Bay – caught a few Dogfish in a slight swell. Skipper decided to 'go for the big stuff' so went a further 9 miles out and endured the Ride of the Valkyries. Anchored up in a 10 foot swell and rode a Bucking Bronco for 4 hours – caught more Dogfish and a small Whiting. Others caught some Conger but no real fun.

Returned to Poole Bay and caught some more Dogfish. My body, which used to be a temple, is now a derelict shed!

**Learning from Experience:** Firstly I never learn! Only book a trip when decent weather is guaranteed. Try fishing from beneath an Oak tree!

**Opportunity:** I, James and others will be planning more fishing adventures in the future so if you would like to try and obtain your supper from a sustainable source let us know. Most of you know who we are, if not, we will be the two old codgers at the bar with outstretched arms. Note that we are also considering the more leisurely pursuit of beach fishing later in the year and offer free tuition (we'll teach you all we know - takes about 2 minutes).

**Proof (if it were needed):**



Grandson with his catch



Fe with a Sea Bass from Chesil Beach (secret mark). Note the sunshine, flat sea and stationary nature of the ground



Pillock with a Pollack