

## Diary February 2011

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wed	Mobile Library – Village Hall	9.30-9.45 am
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Holy Communion – Church Messy Church - Village Hall	9.30 am 4.30 pm
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Black Box & Blue Bin Collection P.C.C. Meeting – Old Vicarage	7.30 am 7.30 pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall	7.30 pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	“Dick Whittington & his Cat”- Village Hall	7.00 for 7.30 pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	“Dick Whittington & his Cat” – Village Hall	7.00 for 7.30 pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	“Dick Whittington & his Cat” – Village Hall "Dick Whittington & his Cat" – Village Hall	2.00 for 2.30 pm 7.00 for 7.30 pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Matins – Church	9.30 am
15 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	Book Club Meeting – 69 High Street	8.00 pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Mobile Library – Village Hall	9.30-9.45 am
17 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Welcome Club Meeting – Horningsham Hall	2.30 pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Benifice Communion – Church	10.30 am
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Deadline for Contributions to March MBPN</b>	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Mon	Black Box & Blue Bin Collection	7.30 am
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tue	W.I. Annual General Meeting – Stourton Hall	7.30 pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Litter Pick Tactics Meeting – 37 Church Street	7.30 pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Holy Communion – Church Bird Club Meeting – meet Village Hall Car Park	9.30 am 10 am.

Dr Harding's Surgery every Monday at 36 Church Street except Bank Holidays 5-6 pm.

Due to pressure of work the Surgery at Silton, Bourton, is unable to accept repeat orders for medication by telephone. Please bring your orders to 36, Church Street the week before they are due so that the Doctor can collect them.

Dustbin Day every Monday. See Bank Holiday changes on Wiltshire Council website.

Mother & Toddlers every Tuesday 10.00 am to 12 noon, Village Hall.

Useful telephone Nos.: The Village Shop: 844206; The Post Office: 845040; The Pub: 844207; Village Hall bookings – Mrs Lisa Cripps 844956; Dr. Andrew Murrison MP: 01225 358584 or murrisona@parliament.uk; Revd. Paul Barnes 01747 863313 or paulnbarnes@hotmail.com; Mere Link Scheme 01747 860096

Maiden Bradley Parish News: contributions are welcome in any format. E-Mail: news@maidenbradley.net or contact: Bryan Glastonbury: 844345; Meg Oliver: 844317; Russell Fisher: 214025.

## Editorial

An email has arrived which is probably intended for the Family News section, but its contents made me sit up and take notice. It came from Pearl Hudson, and here it is – “Many people will be sad to hear the news that Gwyneth Jones has left the village from her home at 63 The Rank. We believe she was born there and her family rented the house for over ninety years. She has now moved into sheltered housing in Warminster, because the house became too big for her. Once again an older person has had to leave because there is no suitable housing here. This is the second in just over a month with Marie Daish leaving early in December to the same sheltered housing. Marie’s husband’s family ran the village bakery, and when I came to the village Mrs Daish Snr ran the village shop and delivered all the local papers. So it is sad that these two people who spent most of their lives in the village have had to leave.”

Why did I sit up? Because over the years we, especially our Parish Council, have talked endlessly about how to respond to pressures to put up ‘affordable homes’. Now Pearl has challenged that priority, provided evidence, and suggested that a better fit for our community would be some sheltered housing for older people. That seems to me an idea well worth looking into.

*Bryan Glastonbury - 844345*



## News From All Saints'

### Vicar's Letter

This year, as I am sure you are already aware, is the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James, or Authorised Version (AV) of the Bible. To celebrate this fact BBC Radio 4 dedicated a whole day to broadcasts of famous actors reading some of the King James Bible’s most poetic passages. Although the reason the BBC devoted so many hours of precious air time to those Bible readings was to remind their listeners of the literary splendour of the AV, it was still a great joy for those of us for whom the Bible is more than beautifully written literature to hear Holy Scripture being broadcast to the whole nation. It is undoubtedly true that no book has had a greater influence on the English language than the King James Bible, and today people continue to use phrases such as ‘nothing but skin and bone’, ‘I escaped by the skin of my teeth’, ‘a drop in the bucket’, ‘twinkling of an eye’, ‘rise and shine’...and many, many others without realising that those sayings originated in the AV.

I do hope and pray that the publicity surrounding this special anniversary, and the broadcast of those beautiful passages will encourage people to seek out their Bible (if they have one?), blow off the dust, and read some of the epic and timeless story it tells of humankind’s quest for God and search for meaning in life, and God’s faithful, loving relationship with all of creation.

The Bible is not always an easy read. It requires the reader to treat it with respect, time and thought before revealing its treasures. It is a book for life, not like a novel that you can read and then discard. In order to understand the bible we need to ‘stand under’ it, to continually return to it, to spend time chewing over what God, through the story, might be saying to us. When we are able to do that we discover why it has been called the ‘living word’, because it can speak to us

about situations we are facing in our lives today as clearly as it spoke to those who first heard the AV read 400 years ago.

Something that saddens me greatly is the fact that the majority of children and young people today are biblically illiterate. They don't know, because they haven't been told even the most 'famous' Bible stories, the stories those of my generation and older often learned at Sunday School, or if we were very fortunate, on our mother's laps. The fact that children are not familiar with such stories as Noah's Ark, Moses in the bulrushes, David and Goliath, and Jesus' parables of 'The Good Samaritan' and 'The Prodigal Son', fills me with despair. These are not simple stories; they contain within them lessons for life, and to deprive children of these spiritual pearls is to deprive them of a source of food that can truly last a lifetime.

One of the reasons we run **Messy Church** for the children of our village is to try and share with them some of the wonderful stories the Bible contains. The 'story time' is often the part of **Messy Church** that the children who come most enjoy – well to be honest it comes second behind tea! **Messy Church** happens on the first Sunday of the month at 4.30pm. This month (Feb 6<sup>th</sup>) we will be meeting in the Village Hall because it's a bit warmer than in church. Please bring your children, and also encourage others who have children to come, and help us to share with the next generation some of the greatest stories ever told.

*Paul Barnes – 01747 863313*

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## **Parish Council 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011 meeting & update on December's meeting**

**Public Questions.** The Chairman informed Council that he had received a letter from the Duke of Somerset passing on a communication regarding the setting up of a beacon along with a Parish Party celebration for the Queens Diamond Jubilee in June 2012. The Chairman informed Council that he was happy to organise this event. Council unanimously approved.

**Volunteers for the Litter Pick.** The litter pick date will be on **Saturday 5th March 2011**. The Parish Council would like to ask those parishioners willing to give up part of this day to help improve the look of the parish to pop into the village shop and add their names to a list, so that a note who would be available to take part and arrangements could be made for car sharing to reach the furthest areas of parish. Councillor Angus Neish agreed to bring his Land Rover and trailer to collect filled bags. Hi viz jackets would need to be worn, and will be supplied by Wiltshire Council for use on the day - hence the need for the list showing how many parishioners would be willing to taking part.

**Planning/Solar Panels.** Following a parishioner's written question, the Council agreed to approach Wiltshire Council for general guidance on solar panels in conservation areas.

**Parish Steward.** Council discussed and compiled the following list of works required, ready for the next Parish Steward's visit. The traffic island cleared of debris and the Stourhead end of the Parish cleared. The Clerk reported to Council that she had notified the Highways of the con-

dition of the drain covers in Church Street that had sunk by two inches. She could confirm that this had been placed on the Highways work list.

**If you know of any areas around the parish that require the attention of the steward please contact the Clerk.**

**Recreational Play Area.** The Parish Council would like to ask parishioners to complete a consultation sheet on the present play area and its use. It will be circulated with the Parish News. Following the replies the Parish Council will then be able to assess the use of the play area and the possible need for equipment. Please do make an effort to return the replies even if you do not have children, but have any ideas for the recreational area as the Parish Council is interested in hearing back from all sections of the parish. All replies help towards the backing of any applications for grants to help provide new equipment.

### **Items discussed at the December meeting:**

**Mendip District Council.** Proposal for the erection of Poultry Building with associated feed bins and waste water collection tank, detached office/generator building, concrete apron and alterations to existing access. Location: Bunn's Lane West Woodlands Nr Frome. Council discussed the new planning application on this site. Council unanimously agreed on its decision to ask the Clerk to write to Les Kimberly and oppose the application on the grounds of the increase in HGVs, as not getting the weight limit implemented it will compound the problems with traffic.

**Budget** Council discussed the Draft budget produced by the Clerk. Council resolved the amount of £9,977.83 for the Precept for 2011/2012. This would mean the precept figure for 2011/2012 would remain the same as last year.

**Items for the February Agenda:** Play Provision, Review of Website and Grounds Maintenance.

**Date of the next meeting.** The Council agreed that the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011 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: maidenbradleypc@o2.co.uk or phone: 01985 213436 9 Beech Grove Warminster BA12 0AB

### **Family News**

There were celebrations in the Priestner family at the birth of another grandchild for Sue and John. Amy Charlotte was born to James and Natasha on 20th January, a brother for Oliver. Our

best wishes go to all of them! And also celebrations at the Crabbes as Mark and Katie have a second son, Isaac, brother to Lucas and grandson for Christine and Henry. Best wishes to all their family too!

On 9th January Mary Prowse celebrated her 90th birthday and we would like to send our congratulations and good wishes to her on this important occasion. *Mary Prowse writes:* I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, good wishes and presents for my 90th birthday.

We are pleased to welcome new arrivals in the village, James and Pat Kennedy, who have come to live at Box Cottage, The Rank, and we hope that they will be very happy here. They have asked us to pass on their thanks for the warm welcome that they have received.

It was sad news that Mrs. Clark, Pippa Brierley's mother, had suffered a broken leg following a fall. We send our best wishes and hope that the operation will have been successful in getting her on her feet again.

### **All Saints' Church - Electoral Roll**

The electoral roll is being revised ready for the annual parochial church meeting and needs to be completed by March 4th. The Roll is used to determine eligibility for attendance and participation at the annual meeting and for election to the parochial church council. If you are already on the existing roll you need take no action but if you would like your name entered on it please ask me for a form of application. Those on the roll have access to approved minutes of the PCC (unless deemed confidential). If you are on the roll but resident outside the parish you may participate alongside registered (resident) parliamentary electors at the meeting when the Churchwardens are chosen. The church electoral roll is available for inspection by bona fide enquirers.

*Chris Oliver 844317- Church Electoral Roll Officer.*

### **Maiden Bradley Village Shop**

February already and Christmas a distant memory – only the bills to remind us! But thank you for supporting us with your orders and shopping over the festive season. The ever increasing cost of fuel makes it even more important that we keep this wonderful shop. At long last we have received the grant cheque towards the cost of a new freezer/display unit and we hope we shall see it installed this month.

We should like to ask those of you who drive to the shop to be aware that Simon Eades at The Old Manor next door has a right of way to his garage and we would request that you do not park in any way that would obstruct this. I know that old habits die hard after twenty plus years of non-use so we have placed a billboard notice to remind you!

The Shop A.G.M. will be held in March and we will welcome nominations for the Management Committee. New blood and ideas are essential to the organisation so please watch the notice board for date and time at the Village Hall – for a start you will need a new Chairman!

*Alan Inwood – 844215*

### **Baked Custard with Toffee Apples** *from Lady Anne Seymour*

A sticky apple compote to eat with a simple baked pudding; you can substitute bananas for the apples if you like. (Serves 6)

*5 egg yolks  
2 whole eggs  
1 tbsp plain white flour  
1 tbsp caster sugar  
200ml single cream  
250ml whole milk  
A few gratings of nutmeg*

For the toffee apples;

*4 new season British apples, peeled, cored and sliced  
100g butter  
100g golden syrup  
100g demerara sugar*

Pre- heat oven to 200c/gas mark 6 and butter an ovenproof dish (about 20cm). Put the eggs and yolks in a bowl and beat in the flour and sugar until smooth. Heat the milk and cream together with the nutmeg and then whisk it into the eggs. Pour through a sieve into the ovenproof dish and bake until yet slightly wobbly in the centre – about 20-25 mins.

Meanwhile prepare the toffee apples. Put all the ingredients into a pan and cook allowing the mixture to bubble for about 5 minutes. When the apples are tender remove from the heat.

Serve the baked custard immediately, with the apples on top and a little crème fraiche to lighten the flavour.

### **Castle Hill Quilters**

A good number of the group met for a special day entitled “Ladies who Lunch and Sew” on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January. An opportunity to sew all day, chat to new friends and enjoy delicious homemade soup for lunch and homemade Dorset Apple Cake with clotted cream or Coffee and Walnut sponge with afternoon tea, prepared by the committee. What a wonderful start to the year.

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February there will be another day of sewing but this time Jan Paesano of "Cottage Patchwork" will be bringing her beautiful fabrics, kits, threads and quilting haberdashery. We are opening our meeting to anyone who would like to enjoy some retail therapy between 2.30 – 3.30pm or simply to meet the quilters and see what we do and maybe enjoy a cup of tea as well.

Our other meetings will take place at the normal time. We are planning a visit to the South West Quilt Show to be held in Exeter, on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March, travelling by coach. There are still a few seats available and for more information please contact June Holdom our Treasurer on 01747 860185.

More details are available on our website: [Castlehillquilters.org.uk](http://Castlehillquilters.org.uk) or by telephone: Carol Lord 861923.

### **Village Litter Pick**

The litter pick is to take place on Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>. The aim is to cover picking rubbish from several areas of the village – the B3092, High Street, Back Lane, Kingston Lane, Bradley Lane and Recreation Ground. A meeting will be held to discuss tactics on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> at 37 Church Street at 7.30pm.



Hopefully we will have enough teams of volunteers to cover most of the village. It would be brilliant if we could include children in the project. We would expect picking to start at 9.30am, but any time during the day is OK. The Council will provide bags, gloves, litter picking tools and fluorescent jackets. If anyone feels unable to take part in the main litter pick, but could do the area around their house, this would be a big help.

Please contact me in the Shop or on 844524 if you are willing to take part. Many thanks.

*Kim Piwowarski*

### **Christmas**

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank everyone who came to the Christmas party on December 18<sup>th</sup> and supported Father Christmas' float on its visit to our village. We hope that you all enjoyed it and had as good a time as we did! Special thanks to Richard Cripps, Richard Stevens, Geoff, Esther and Elsie, Trisha and Tracey for helping to make the village celebrations such a success, despite the adverse weather conditions that could have de-railed the festivities. If I have missed anyone out my sincerest apologies – your help was greatly appreciated. We hope you all have a healthy prosperous 2011.

*Samantha Hayes*



### Send us Words and Pictures!

We miss a lot of local news because there aren't enough of us in the editorial team to get around to all the things that are happening. The pre-Christmas celebrations are an example. So please send us newsy items and photos of things you think will interest the rest of the parish.

### Village Hall Lottery

#### November

1 <sup>st</sup>	Matt Thomlinson	£23.88	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kiera Stevens	£11.95
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kim Baker	£7.23	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Hartnell	£4.70

#### December

1 <sup>st</sup>	Chris Oliver	£23.88	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ian Henry	£11.95
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rob Green	£7.23	4 <sup>th</sup>	Jessica Johnson	£4.70

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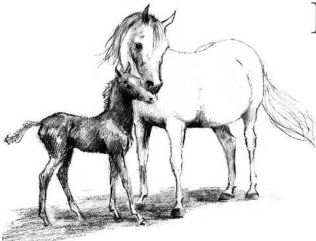
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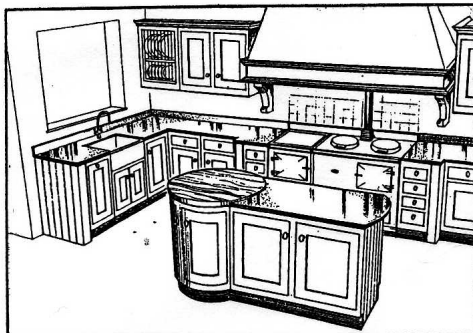
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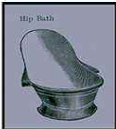
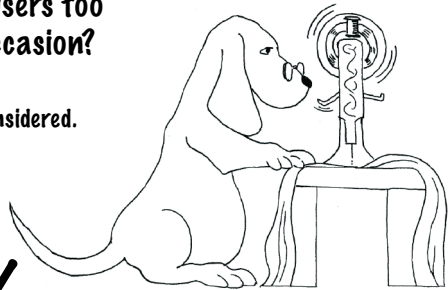


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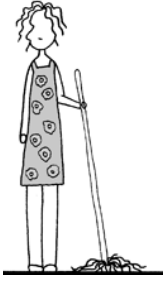
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