

Maiden Bradley

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Parish News



Diary July 2012

1 st Sun	Holy Communion – Church	9.30 am
2 nd Mon	Household & Garden Waste Collection	7.00 am
7 th Sat	Bird Club Meeting – meet Village Hall Car Park	10.00 am
8 th Sun	Matins – Church	9.30 am
9 th Mon	Black Box & Blue Bins Collection	7.00 am
10 th Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall	7.30 pm
	Garden Club outing to Frome – meeting at Village Hall to car-share	6.40 pm
11 th Wed	Young People’s Group – Village Hall	6.00-7.30 pm
	Village Show Meeting – Village Hall	7.30 pm
15 th Sun	Parish Communion – Church Led by Revd. Dr. Stella Wood	10.30 am
16 th Mon	Household & Garden Waste Collection	7.00 am
18 th Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms	9.35-9.55 am
19 th Thu	Welcome Club Meeting – Horningsham Hall	2.30 pm
21 st Sat	Flower Festival – Bradley House	10.30am-5pm
22 nd Sun	Holy Communion – Church	9.30 am
	Flower Festival – Bradley House	10.30am-5pm
23rd Mon	Deadline for Contributions to August MBPN	
23 rd Mon	Black Box & Blue Bins Collection	7.00 am
24 th Tue	W.I. Meeting – Stourton Village Hall	7.30 pm
25 th Wed	Young People’s Group – Village Hall	6.00-7.30 pm
	Book Club Meeting – 64 The Rank	8.00 pm
29 th Sun	Introduction to Taize Worship – Church	9.30 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; 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 – Samantha Haynes: 844671; Dr. Andrew Murrison MP: 01225 358584 or murrisona@parliament.uk; Mere Link Scheme 01747 860096.

Maiden Bradley Parish News: contributions are welcome in any format.
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Treasurer Les Mayne; 845235: email; lesmayne@hotmail.co.uk.

Editorial

Whilst talking to villagers, family and friends, I am left with the overwhelming confirmation of a highly successful Jubilee weekend of celebrations marking 60 years of the Queen's reign. The Somerfest music festival at the pub, Lighting the Beacon with barbeque and the Village Hall Children's Picnic were enjoyed by many, as I trust the articles in this month's News will portray.

We have a very active population here in Maiden Bradley, people willing to get involved in a variety of activities and as such, opinions must vary a great deal. If you have an opinion about any aspect of life in this village and would like to share it, please write to the Editor and the Editorial Team will publish sensible comment – please see Bryan's comments in this month's edition.

Pat Kennedy: phone 845397: email pat.kennedy6093@gmail.com or editor@maidenbradley.net.

News From All Saints'



Until we are blessed with a new Priest-in-Charge, and a regular letter here from them each month, Kim has asked me to try and fill this space! It occurred to me that, as I hand over the Churchwarden's reins, it would be a good time to reflect on what All Saints' means to me and, I'm sure, to a good many of you.

As a building it is a familiar landmark in our village which can be seen from many viewpoints and inside it is a wonderful place of peace and prayerfulness – open every day for the benefit of all, thanks to the kind people who open and close it. Since we first joined the congregation 56 years ago its members have constantly changed but the wonderful feeling of fellowship amongst them never does. This can be felt on so many occasions of celebration but recently I have been very conscious of it as we had to accept the loss of a much loved Vicar and welcomed all those who have rallied round to help us. On a personal level the love and support for Chris and I during his illness has been really wonderful. We have so many family memories connected with All Saints', baptisms of 3 sons and 4 grandchildren and a service of thanksgiving for our Golden Wedding in particular.

The cost of its maintenance and the amount paid to the diocese for its ministry continue to increase, and their payment to cause greater worries for the P.C.C. May we all reflect on the memories that we have and the loss that all in the parish would feel if failure to pay were ever to mean its closure

Meg Oliver - 844317

Family News

Sue and John Priestner's son James was married to Natasha Penny on June 9th at Wardour Castle, the sun shone!!

Pat and James Kennedy would like to thank all the family, friends and neighbours who attended their 40th Wedding Anniversary Tea Party at Stourhead, for their cards and presents on such a happy occasion.

Parish Council 12th June 2012

Parish Steward. The Parish Council have asked that the Parish Steward to spray the weeds in Church Street. If parishioners know of any other areas that need weeding please contact the Clerk. The issue with overhanging hedges on pavements was discussed following complaints received. If parishioners could make sure that if they have a hedge bordering a pavement that it is cut back in line with the pavement and does not overhang causing an issue for pedestrians and vehicles, it would be appreciated.

The Best Kept Village competition is due to be judged in the next 6 weeks so it would be appreciated if everyone could look closely at their surrounding areas and inform the Clerk of any areas that require attention.

Community Emergency Volunteer Plan. Councillors will be contacting parishioners to ask if they would be willing to be listed on the Initial Response Plan. If you feel you could help in an emergency or could supply equipment like generators, water pumps etc. or would be willing to help the infirm, please approach your local Councillors or Clerk

Parish Plan/Handbook. The Parish Council took delivery of the second Parish Plan and was delighted with the result. A resounding vote of thanks was had for Bryan Glastonbury who has spent many hours producing the final copy. A vote of thanks also goes out to the Parish News Team who helped compile the Handbook section. It was felt that this invaluable document, providing the thoughts and aspirations of the Parish, would be a good base from which to link into the Warminster and Villages Community Plan over the next few years. This foundation document provides any groups or clubs the establishment from which to apply for grants to Wiltshire Council. It also highlights the wishes of the people living in the area.

The Clerk will now send out copies of the Parish Plan/Handbook to the following: Jane Scott leader of Wiltshire Council, Warminster Area Board, Warminster & Villages Community Partnership, and Neighbouring Parish Councils, the Rural Policing Unit, Highways Department, Local Medical Practitioners and the Media.

Village Hall. The Parish Council heard a report from Councillor Kay Mayne who attended the recent Village Hall meeting. The Parish Council will eagerly await the result of the consultation the Village Hall Committee had agreed to action and then look at how to support the Village Hall Committee in the future.

Grant Applications LGA 1972 s137. The Clerk was instructed to send Grant application forms to groups highlighted to her as requiring equipment in previous correspondence, but if you belong to a Group or Club that needs funding and who haven't previously been in contact with the Clerk, please contact the Clerk for an application form before the 5th July 2012.

Jubilee Parties. The Parish Council wish to congratulate not only Councillor Ben Gunstone and the team of parishioners who organised the events but also to thank Councillor Angus Neish for organising the BBQ; it was seen as a really nice day which brought community cohesion. The only negative comment referred to the difficulty of accessing the event for the elderly. The parishioners who helped make the events memorable must be commended for their hard work.

Recreational Area Playground Signage. The Clerk reported to Council that the Highways have ordered two playground warning signs to be installed on the C41 Bradley Lane, Maiden Bradley. The warning signs depict two children hand in hand and the word 'Playground'. It is expected that all site work will be completed by the 16th July.

Parish Council Logo. The Parish Council noted the kind actions of the Spurcroft Company, who had produced a draft logo for the Parish Council. The Parish Council members felt

something more specific to the parish should be used so it has instructed the Clerk to approach Bryan Glastonbury for a photo for a Letterhead Logo, because he has many local pictures available which he has taken for the Parish News.

Localism Act 2011 - New Standards Framework Proposals – Consultation. The Parish Council has agreed to resolve to continue to operate and comply with existing Code of Conduct arrangements until such time as the new requirements become finalised. They will then adopt the new Code as soon as possible after July 1st 2012.

Items for the next Agenda: VAT Return, Councillor Vacancy and the Parish Footpath Standard review

Date of the next meeting. The Council agreed that the **10th July 2012** 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.

Mrs Sarah Jeffries can be contacted by email on maidenbradleyipc@o2.co.uk, by phone on 01985 213436, or post to Parish Clerk, 9 Beech Grove, Warminster, BA12 0AB

Meg Oliver. Church Warden

As well as being a full time wife, mother and grandmother Meg Oliver became a Church Warden in 2000. For sometime she was the only Church Warden (there are always meant to be two). At the Vestry meeting in 2005 she gave notice that “I will be retiring at the end of the year”. The retirement finally took place this year, 2012.

In all those years Meg has been a pillar of strength to the Church and Parish of Maiden Bradley (as well as many other outside interests). She has seen Vicars come and go and been deeply involved in the prolonged business of selecting new incumbents. So many meetings to attend, so much paper work, so many people to be consulted



The duties of Church Warden are laid down by the Church of England and are manifold. They include possession of the Church and Churchyard jointly with the Vicar; legal ownership of the moveable furniture and ornaments of the Church; keeping order in the Church and Churchyard, especially during divine service; making arrangements for the efficient running of the Church routine.

A prime concern is raising money for the upkeep of the Church fabric and the payment of the Parish share to the Diocese of Salisbury. One of her most successful ploys has been arranging Parish holidays. This was time consuming and complicated, needed hours of work and tactful dealings with foreign guests and local hosts. Meg succeeded, year after year, raising thousands of pounds and giving satisfaction to guests and hosts alike.

In her role as Church Warden, Meg showed great enthusiasm and dedication, was hugely conscientious and utterly reliable – Church affairs always seemed to run like a well oiled machine. She is going to be a hard act to follow but the village is fortunate that she will be amongst us and doubtless her wisdom will be sought on numerous occasions.

MAIDEN BRADLEY FLOWER FESTIVAL



'PRIDE OF BRITAIN'

BRADLEY HOUSE

21/22 JULY

CHILDREN'S FLOWER ARRANGEMENT COMPETITION



Children are invited to take part in the Flower Festival and prizes will be awarded to the most imaginative arrangements reflecting the theme 'Pride of Britain'.

There are 2 categories for prizes:

- § under 8 years
- § 8 – 12 years

Arrangements must be delivered to Bradley House on

Friday, 20 July - no later than 6 pm.

Each arrangement must be accompanied by a card with the name and age of the entrant. On the back of the card please write address and telephone number.

The Duke of Somerset will give away the prizes on Sunday, 22 July at 3 pm in the Dining Room of Bradley House

The Flower Festival is open to visitors each day from 10.30 am – 5 pm

Coffees, teas, ice creams, Pimms, Ploughman's lunch in the Stable Block on both days of the Festival



HAPPY FLOWER ARRANGING!

Thank you to the Duke and Duchess of Somerset for the use of Bradley House

All proceeds of the Festival will go to All Saints Church, Maiden Bradley

Ray Kenzie writes -

Hi Fellow Villagers. As some of you may be aware, I am about to start (on 18th June) a sponsored cycle ride from John O Groats to Lands End (1090 miles by my route) in aid of SAVE THE CHILDREN and I would be very grateful if you would consider sponsoring me. I hope to do about 22 days actual cycling plus 3 or 4 rest days, so finishing hopefully about Thursday 12 July. My route, which uses mostly national cycle routes, off road on traffic free cycle lanes where possible, and my average will be about 50 miles per day.

I am doing the ride solo and Carol is my support crew and will pick me up when I've had enough each day and return me to the same spot the next morning. We will be staying in hotels and B&B's and for a few days when I pass near here (Cheddar is the nearest) we will stay at home.

I am probably not clued up enough for a "blog" but I will be posting things on my facebook page and also on my charity link page. More to the point, the Village Shop and the Somerset Arms have kindly agreed to display my information and to collect donations, or if you wish to donate online, my charity page link is <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RayKenzieJOGLE> (Virgin Money giving is non profit and all the money goes to the charity). I'm sorry it's a bit of a chore donating by computer but it also allows them to add tax relief to the donation. Our phone contact is me 07801067411 and Carol 07745222705.

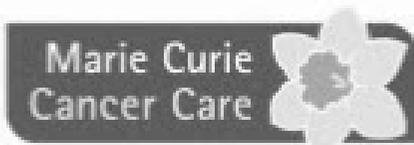
Thanks a lot, if I am not too exhausted I'll try to find a way of keeping folks informed of my progress (or otherwise). You might even get to see a photo of me in Lycra – which I promise is very amusing!!

July Charity - Walk 10k for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Walk Ten at Stourhead is back for its third year on Saturday 1st September, and we would like you to join us on this magical evening! Walk Ten is a 10k twilight walk in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care. The walk will take you through the 2650 acres of ancient woodland, fairytale temples, beautiful countryside and a mystical grotto, as the sun sets over this stunning estate... don't forget to bring your torch! There will be entertainment throughout the night and we invite everyone to bring along a picnic to enjoy by the lake after you've completed the walk. At 10pm Marie Curie nurse, Catherine LeRoy, takes to the stage to pay tribute to the free service our nurses provide. 10pm is especially poignant as this is when many of our nurses begin their night shift – providing care and support to people with terminal illnesses, and their families in their own home.

All money raised from this event will go towards the Marie Curie Nursing service in your local community. Early Registration is recommended at the discounted price of £10 (under 16's go free!) and dogs are welcome to join in the twilight walk as well. Every walker will also receive a Walk Ten T-shirt to wear on their 10K challenge.

Contact events organiser Matt on 01884 703536 for more information or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/walkten



Community Speed Watch

Since the Maiden Bradley Community Speed Watch group was formed last August we have monitored traffic passing through the village in 60 one hour sessions and passed details of speeders to the police. We have asked to be allowed to use another site on the Frome Road to monitor traffic at the north end.

Unfortunately the number of trained and active volunteers has dwindled recently. To be effective we need more people to come forward who can spend one or two hours in every 3 weeks going out with another team member. Would anyone willing to join us please contact me.

Patrick Nixon - 844242

Welcome Club

Glyn Evans joined us on June 21st and passed on some useful information available from Age UK. Insurance, wills, household safety (in conjunction with the Fire Brigade) were some of the issues covered. There were many useful leaflets and we were advised to telephone for any copies required.

The Weston trip will be reported next month, however, this month we are visiting Swanage on July 24th, with the usual pick-up points and times.

Our speaker for July 19th should be interesting: Mr John Craig, a former fire chief, has entitled his talk "Going To Blazes", which explains itself and promises to be both fascinating and amusing.

Chris Short - 847373



The Forces March leaves the Village Hall

Maiden Bradley Village Show 2012

The last show meeting was held on the evening of Wednesday 20 June 2012. There were 5 persons present. This further demonstrated the palpable lack of support from within the village and it was reluctantly but unanimously decided that it would not be possible to host a Village Show this year and thus the event has been cancelled.

In its place will be holding a 'Village Produce Show'. This will be held in the village hall on the same date as the planned Village Show, that is Saturday August 25th. As the cunningly simple title would imply, the event will revolve around the exhibition of village produce but there will also be a variety of other competitions in such fields as photography, cake making, flower arranging etc. Further details, entry criteria etc. are as published in the loose leaf flyer distributed within the June edition of this magazine.

It is intended also to have a cake stall along with a tea stall, bouncy castle, skittle alley and other similar attractions. As ever, volunteers to run 'side stalls' would be very much appreciated. It is not too late to bring your ideas to the table. The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 11th July in the Village Hall starting at 19.30pm.

For further information please contact: Paul Cox 01985 845043 or paul3664@aol.com or Sue Priestner at johnpriestner@yahoo.co.uk

Somerfest 2012

Cate and I would like to thank everyone in the village for their support and in particular our neighbours for their understanding. We couldn't have held our 2nd Somerfest without your enthusiasm. Very special thanks to Jeff and Esther Stevens for the use of their field. They played a huge part in us being able to offer a completely free festival weekend which is a rarity these days and of course Colin Dowson, who has become a celebrity with our campers. Indeed we had people asking if Colin was going to be the campsite steward when they were phoning to book!

This year was twice as wet, twice as busy and the atmosphere, and people's commitment to enjoying themselves regardless of the weather, was absolutely marvellous. The highlight of the weekend was without doubt our local hero Jon Kenzie as well as The Mankinis and not forgetting the Scottish contingent and their ability to create a party regardless of the rain; even our favourite Blue Grass band 'The 32-20s' had people dancing in a storm! The quality of music throughout the whole weekend was superb and considering all 25 bands gave up their time and travelled here to play for free is testimony to what a great little festival we have all created.

Thanks also to all our friends who travelled far and wide to come and help us for the weekend, again without your support and commitment Somerfest would not be possible! A CD of some of the music played over the weekend will soon be available and all proceeds will be donated to The Veterans Charity. Next year's Somerfest will be the same weekend as the Forces March which is the 24th, 25th & 26th May 2013 subject to a few final checks.

In the meantime please feel free to come and enjoy our regular Folk Nights every Tuesday, Quiz Nights every second Wednesday and Steak Night every Thursday. Details of our band nights and events throughout the year are available on our website www.thesomersetarms.org.

Roy MacAskill

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Vacancy on the Parish Council!

Maiden Bradley Parish Council needs a new team member; if you think you would like to take the wishes of the Parish Plan forward are over 18 years of age contact the Clerk on 01985213436 or email maidenbradlypc@o2.co.uk

Who is a councillor? Councillors are elected to represent an individual geographical unit on the council, known as a ward or - parish – in Maiden Bradley it is the entire parish. They are generally elected by the public every four years, but there is a Co-option space available on the Parish Council at the moment as no Election has been called for in the parish.

What do councillors do? Councillors have three main components to their work:

1. Decision making - Through meetings and attending committees with other elected members, councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.

2. Monitoring - Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.

3. Getting involved locally - As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations. These responsibilities and duties often depend on what the councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available, and may include:

- Going to meetings of local organisations
- Going to meetings of bodies affecting the wider community
- Taking up issues on behalf of members of the public

How much time does it take up?

Quite often councillors say that their duties occupy them for about an hour a week. Obviously there are some councillors who spend more time than this - and some less, but in the main, being a parish councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community, and helping to make it a better place to live and work.

Garden Club



In June the Garden Club had a wonderful visit to the Mead Nurseries at Rudge. The rain stopped, the sun came out to provide a beautiful evening, perfect for the visit. The nursery is lovely, the plants are shown off to perfection in beautifully laid out beds giving the visitor the chance to see plants in situ and to be able to visualise what they will look like as established plants in the garden.

The owners of the centre were on hand to give advice and help, especially with the more unusual plants. In addition the stock for sale is extremely healthy and prices are very competitive, well worth a visit and we all came away clutching our new plants. The next garden club meeting is on July 10th, meeting at the village hall to car share at 6.40 pm. We are going to a garden in Frome (Carol Wase's brother) that is part of the National Garden Scheme. Price per head is £2.50, all proceeds go to a Cancer Charity.

Carbon, Bio-Diversity and All That

What sparked me to put thoughts into words was the June Editorial in the News, and especially being told that I need not be alarmed by what is happening in the farm buildings down by the corner of Kingston Lane and Church Street. So why am I alarmed? After all, planning permission has been given for something which we should welcome as desirable bio-diversity.

Two answers to my query came quickly to mind. First of all, that nagging question as to whether bio-diversity is always desirable. Isn't there a clear pecking order of types of carbon-free project (in operation rather than construction), some very obviously more desirable than others? At the top of the pile, the premier league if you like, are schemes that generate power every minute of every day, endlessly, with little or no unpleasant impact on anyone. Right up top are the imaginative hydro-electric projects, like Cruachan, in Scotland, on the road to Oban, which would be quite invisible if it weren't for the visitor centre inviting people to come and have a look. Then there are some beautifully designed dams around the UK that enable power generation and enhance natural beauty.

Lower in the order we get schemes that work regularly, but less than full time, and maybe have some disadvantages. Solar panels come to mind. Down a bit further are less predictable projects, with often more obvious downsides, like wind farms. Right at the bottom are developments that aren't carbon-free at all, but use the questionable label of 'carbon-neutral'. Isn't that where wood chip burners come in? They are desirable because they only send out carbon up to the volume previously absorbed by the growing wood. Coal, of course, also started life as plant growth, but so long ago that we now choose to put it in the undesirable category of fossil fuel.

So, if some forms of power generation are rather better than others, and have fewer downsides, is it sensible to label all those who raise objections to subsidised low end projects as Luddites or NIMBYs? Might they have a point worth making? Perhaps in the not too distant future we can find a form of nuclear power that is definitely safe, and wholly unconnected with the Bomb.

Next the notion that something must be OK because it's got planning permission, as if our planners are the most rational and wise people around. Suffice to note that as far as planning decisions for Maiden Bradley are concerned, the planners have ordained that wood chipping and burning is acceptable (S/2012/0057), but solar panels are not (S/2010/1016). Work that one out!

Bryan Glastonbury

Village Hall Lottery

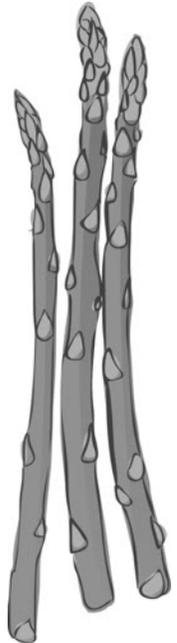
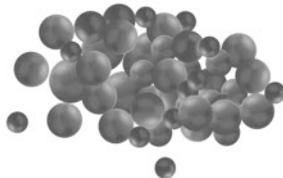
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2 nd	Carolyn Aish	£10.85	2 nd	Sue Loudoun	£10.85
3 rd	Nick Morgan	£6.60	3 rd	Sandra Grimstead	£6.60
4 th	Bryan Glastonbury	£4.30	4 th	Pat Kennedy	£4.30

July Recipe - Easy Asparagus Frittata

Ingredients:

- 1 medium courgette
- 6 fresh asparagus spears
- 1 medium onion
- 1tbsp each oil, lemon juice, water, mixed
- 1 dessert spoon chopped fresh coriander
- 3 large eggs
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 good-sized head of broccoli
- Handful of French beans, trimmed
- 2 cloves garlic
- Handful frozen broad beans or peas
- Large handful of fresh spinach
- 3 large egg whites

Chop the courgette, broccoli, asparagus, French beans, onion and garlic and cook gently in a small, non-stick frying pan with the oil, lemon and water mixture until they start to soften. Add the frozen broad beans (or peas), coriander and spinach and allow the beans to cook and the spinach to wilt. Ideally, there should be no moisture left in the pan. If there is, bump up the heat. Beat together the eggs and the egg whites until they are frothy, season to taste and pour into the pan, letting them cook slowly until the edges start to set. Pop under the grill until the top is firm and golden. Allow the frittata to cool slightly and ease it out of the pan on to a plate. Not recommended for those who suffer from gout!!



Whitesheet Primary School - Ofsted results

The results of the recent visit of Ofsted Inspectors to Whitesheet Primary have just been published. “The report VERY pleasing and encouraging,” said Catherine Spencer, Chair of Governors. She commented that “the school has made Satisfactory Progress in all areas. Whilst ‘Satisfactory Progress’ doesn’t sound like very much – but this is a huge step forward for the school from where we were back in December. We are on the right on course to get out of Special Measures when we are next inspected by HMI,”

In his report HM Inspector states that ‘The children in the Early Years Foundation Stage and pupils in Key Stage 1 **have continued to achieve well**. Consequently, pupils in the current Year 2 are **on track to attain above the 2011 national average** for reading, writing and mathematics’. “If we do even better – which we can - and make Good Progress, it will mean that we are due to come out of Special Measures earlier than expected by HMI. This is such good news for our school,” commented a very pleased Mrs Spencer!



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Whitesheet School Announcement - The news that Leaping Frogs Kindergarten are moving to Zeals has been greeted with great excitement at Whitesheet Primary School. "To have a pre-school in our village will make a huge difference to local parents – it's something we've all wanted for years," said Chairman of Governors Catherine Spencer. "But now to have one here of the high standard and reputation of Leaping Frogs is wonderful news for our school and our village"

The pre-school is due to be ready for the start of the new school year in September. There are already strong links between the two schools and many parents already send their children there. "We shall be working very closely with them to provide the best possible continuity of education for all our local children," said Mrs Spencer.

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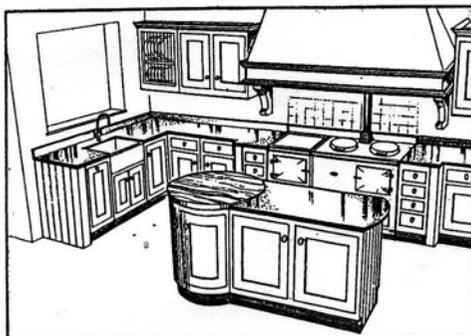
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Maiden Bradley Parish Council – Diamond Jubilee Celebration

Nearly forty children and their families celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Sunday 3rd June. The event was hosted by Maiden Bradley Parish Council, and organised by Tricia Cox and Tonia Gunstone.

Originally due to take place on The Recreational Field as a family picnic, the weather forced celebrations indoors. However, spirits were not dampened as the Village Hall was transformed into a blaze of red, white and blue. Helen Cross and Wendy Lucas-Philips made wonderful balloon decorations while Tonia and Tricia set out rows of colourful tables. Sarah Neish and Anne Freeman judged the hat and cup-cake competitions; the winners were Alexander Cox for best Jubilee hat and William Morgan for his cake design of the Queen. After enjoying their food, the children were each presented with a commemorative Jubilee mug by Angus Neish, Chairman of the Parish Council, before everybody joined in to sing God Save the Queen.



Maiden Bradley Parish Council would like to thank everybody who came along to the celebration helping to make it a memorable afternoon. Special thanks must be extended to all those who helped with the setting up and packing down of the event. It was lovely to see the village coming together not only to celebrate the Jubilee, but to simply get to know each other a little better and watch the younger ones enjoying some good old-fashioned fun!



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