

# Maiden Bradley

Parish News

No. 301 July 2014



## Diary July 2014

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms	9.35-9.45 am
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Holy Communion – Church	9.30 am
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Black Box & Blue Bin Collection	7.00 am
		Bingo – Memorial Hall	7.30 for 8.00 pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Kids@MB – Memorial Hall	6.00-7.30 pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Teddy Bears' Parachute Jump – Church	11.00 am
13 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Morning Praise – Church	10.30 am
14 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Household & Garden Waste Collection	7.00 am
16 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms	9.35-9.45 am
17 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Welcome Club Meeting – Horningsham Hall	2.30 pm
		Book Club – Selwood, Blatchbridge	8.00 pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Sat	Bird Club Meeting – Memorial Hall Car Park	10.00 am
20 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Holy Communion - Church	9.30 am
21 <sup>st</sup>	Mon	Black Box & Blue Bin Collection	7.00 am
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tue	W.I. Meeting – Stourton Village Hall	7.30 pm
		Welcome Club trip to Teignmouth	
		Horningsham 8.45 am, Maiden Bradley	9.00 am
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wed	Kids@MB – Memorial Hall	6.00-7.30 pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Holy Communion – Church	9.30 am
		Quiz Night – Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Household & Garden Waste Collection	7.00 am
30 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms	9.35-9.45 am

### 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.kennedy6093@gmail.com](mailto:pat.kennedy6093@gmail.com) or [marklucasphillips@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:marklucasphillips@yahoo.co.uk) .

*Village Show photos on front and back covers from Mark Lucas Phillips and Bryan Glastonbury*

## **Editorial**

This is my last effort at an editorial; by the time you read this I shall be in residence, with Kay, at our new (second-hand, rented) bungalow in North Devon near Torrington. I leave Maiden Bradley with no small regret since this time it is likely to be rather more permanent than the last time when we returned after 4 years in Africa and New Zealand. Eight years in one place is something of a record for us even though it was done in two chunks of 4 years. Does that count?

So another chapter in our lives begins just as another chapter begins in the life of Maiden Bradley Parish News which, as you know, has been going for a number of years. I am very happy to report that Pat Kennedy is taking over as Editor assisted by Mark Lucas-Phillips. Both felt that the village would be a poorer place without the News and wanted to ensure that it would continue. Meg Oliver will continue in her current role. Articles and photographs should be forwarded to Pat and Mark respectively and Meg will be the first point of contact for The Diary and Family news. Bryan Glastonbury will retire from his role in the News although he has agreed to offer advice and assistance as required until he withdraws permanently. I suspect Pat will be seeking new people for her team and I am sure she will make that known in due course. Do remember that change is a good thing; new people mean new ideas, fresh thinking and a different approach. It should be embraced.

I should like to pay tribute both to Meg and Bryan who have both been stalwarts in the production and distribution of the News, Meg as reporter and diarist and Bryan as Editor and later technical editor responsible for layout and liaison with the printers. Their contribution has been invaluable over the years. Furthermore, I am grateful to our Printers, Stationery Plus, who have been with us from the start, and to the merry band of volunteers who distribute the News to all households in the Village and surrounds. Without them, getting the News out would be extremely difficult. Thank you all.

There will be no further pearls of wisdom from this correspondent. I shall say only that I shall miss the village and the people in it – at least those I knew. I hope you support the new team as they embark on this new adventure for them. Pat Kennedy can be contacted at: pat.kennedy6093@gmail.com. Mark Lucas-Phillips at: marklucasphillips@yahoo.co.uk. The editor@maidenbradley.net e-mail address seems to have fallen into disrepair so it should not be used, at least until the new editor indicates otherwise.

*Les Mayne*

## **Quiz night**

Friday 25th July 7.30pm at Maiden Bradley Village Hall. Teams of up to 6 players, £3 per person. Nibbles provided but please bring your own drink. Proceeds will be split between the Hall and motor neurone disease. Also raffle and sweepstake. Please come along to lend your support and have a fun evening! We look forward to seeing you.

*Pam & Matt Thomlinson, 01985 844777*

## **Heating oil group order**

I am planning to put together a group order for heating oil in mid July with the aim of getting a reduced price for a bulk order for residents of Maiden Bradley. Would anyone who is interested in joining this please let me have their details (address, telephone and quantity of litres required) by Friday 11 July.

*Patrick Nixon, 844242, patricknixon82@gmail.com*

## Maiden Bradley's Roman Lady

In August 1965, during excavations for a swimming pool, a stone sarcophagus was discovered in the grounds of Bradley House. Inside the green sand sarcophagus was a lead coffin containing a skeleton. There were no grave goods and the coffin was orientated north-south.



The Duke of Somerset put the skeleton in its coffin on display in the church. In 2010 the skeleton was examined and found to be of a young woman aged about 25-35 years old who had lived sometime between 253-408 C.E. The coffin that she was buried in would have been very expensive and the lady's bones confirmed that she had led a leisured life.

On Monday July 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm our Roman lady will be reburied in the churchyard with a public ceremony to mark the event and there will be a small exhibition in the church.

# Volunteer Centre Wiltshire

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and so many of them tell us they get far more out of it than they put in. The benefits they talk about include health benefits, improving employability, making new friends and feeling part of a team. So why not find out if there is an opportunity out there for you? Whether you've got a few hours a month or a day a week there's a volunteering opportunity out there to suit you. Here are just a few of the 1500 opportunities we have in Wiltshire:

- Be an advocate for Swan Advocacy and help people with dementia, from the forces and more
- Become a Volunteer Companion for Dorothy House Hospice Care
- Be an IT Advisor/Technician for IT Can Help Network (ITCH)
- Volunteer to support group sessions for Arts Together

We also have details of various gardening, environmental, befriending, mentoring, administration, IT and many other roles. If you'd like to start volunteering get in touch and we can help find the best role for you. Visit our website: [www.volunteercentrewiltshire.org.uk](http://www.volunteercentrewiltshire.org.uk) or call our Volunteering Adviser on 0845 521 6224.

## Parish Council 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014

**There is still a vacancy for a Co-opted Councillor to come on board and join the Parish Council Team of 7 Councillors.**

**What does it do?** A Parish Council builds bus shelters to stop you getting rained on, maintains and provides the play areas to have fun with your children, campaigns for affordable housing so the younger people can stay in the village, provides lifesaving equipment, can act as the lead body for the establishment of a neighbourhood development plan, comments on planning applications; these are but a few of the items Council works on or can work on.

**What, How and When?** The Council meets once a month on the second Tuesday through the year except for August when it takes a break. The meetings last for an hour and a half to two hours in total. The meetings are held at 7.30pm in the village hall. Documentation for discussion is sent out by the Clerk to team members 5 days before a meeting, so you have time before the meeting to consult with other parishioners and make your mind up on issues presented.

**Training?** Training is available along with help from a Mentor Councillor, the Clerk and an extensive library of information the Clerk holds.

If you are interested in helping your community, having read the above and have ideas that you think might benefit the inhabitants of Maiden Bradley or would just like to know more about the position, please do get in touch with a Councillor or the Clerk who is very happy to answer any questions you might have and will send you an application form. The Clerks contact details are Mrs Sarah Jeffries and she can be contacted by email: maidenbradley@virginmedia.com or by phone: 01985 213436 or post to Parish Clerk 9 Beech Grove Warminster BA12 0AB

**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 would you be representing the Community but helping coordinate issues from the Rural Policing Unit. 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.

**Parish Steward/Highways** – the Clerk was instructed to report to the Community Co-ordinator that at the Crossroads looking from High Street to Bruton road, the drain on the left hand side is full of rubbish and the whole area requires a deep clean. Councillor Patrick Nixon is to meet with the Community Co-ordinator to highlight any work required for the Community day. **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.**

**Knapp Fencing** - It was agreed that the fencing needs to be in place. It was decided that historically cars and lorries have been parked on the Knapp edge and caused issue, hence the fence came about. The question re the use of Oak or regenerated fencing was discussed. The use of pine with metal brackets so that they slot down with the use of spikes in the ground so there is not a rot problem at the bottom was suggested and agreed. The cost will be approx. £23.00 for every 6 ft of fencing required. The parishioner who had agreed to help with the project will meet with Councillors to decide the final action required and will come to Council with the final costs.

**Forces March Event** - it was noted that there was a different organiser this year; they had sadly left the recreational area in a mess. Thanks were given to the Chairman for rolling the area to aid access for the Village Show. It was felt that the Forces March use of the recreational area would need careful consideration next year. Clerk to email the photos to the Forces March organisers highlighting the destruction they had left.

**Planning** - 14/02661/FUL Location: Stacks Cottage, Rodmead Farm, Maiden Bradley, Warmminster, BA12 7HP. Proposal: Erect single storey extension to north east elevation Decision: Approved with Conditions.

**Frome Town Council** - The Clerk had been invited to attend the Frome Annual Council Meeting at the Assembly Rooms and was warmly welcomed. The Frome Clerk had indicated joint working on future initiatives between the town and parish council, apprenticeships, training, public transport and maybe collective purchase of energy were subjects he felt are worth thinking about. The Clerk had been asked to meet up at a later date; Council agreed that the Clerk attend such a meeting.

**Website Update** – Council felt that it was happy with the format of the website and agreed that the Clerk linked the Facebook pages to it. It was suggested that the Frome Football Team might also like to be linked to both the website and Facebook pages. It was agreed that the Clerk would start feeding more information onto the Facebook pages from the various groups that feed to the Clerk local and national information.

**Woodland Trees Trust** – Council noted the Clerk had actioned the trees trust application online and had been informed that the Parish Council will be informed as to whether it is successful in receiving a free tree pack in early September 2014.

**Items for the next Agenda:** Annual Audit of Play Area Sheets & Knapp Area, Submit VAT Claim, PAYEE payment due and Annual Newsletter

**Date of the next meeting-** The Council agreed that Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 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 or phone: 01985 213436 Parish Clerk 9 Beech Grove Warminster BA12 0AB

## **Village Hall Lottery**

### **May**

1 <sup>st</sup> Miss S. Morris	£22.25	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mr G. DeMare	£11.10
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mrs Griffin	£6.75	4 <sup>th</sup> Jim Boulter	£4.40

### **June**

1 <sup>st</sup> Jan Davies	£22.25	2 <sup>nd</sup> Peter Russell	£11.10
3 <sup>rd</sup> Liz Thomas	£6.75	4 <sup>th</sup> Mark Higgins	£4.40

If you would like to help support your Village Hall, please get in contact with John Priestner on 844244 who has some spare numbers. Only 50p per number per month, you can have more than one number. Half the draw's income goes to the Village Hall and half goes in prizes.

## June News From the Hall

Firstly a big thank you to all those that helped put on a very successful Village Show and also to all those who came along and supported it. It turned out to be a great day, despite the dire weather warnings.

We have now received the grant to go ahead with the Doctor's room in the hall, so the work should be underway shortly.

The Owlets and the Kids @ MB have a new store for their toys and games and the Panto group will soon have theirs, as long as Mr. Allday can muster up some help to erect their shed. After the last fiasco I think certain people from the village who put the other one up may decide to be on holiday when the time comes.



We have to say goodbye to 2 of our committee over the next few weeks. Kay Mayne and Pam Coulburt both whom have put a lot of hard work into the hall. From me and the rest of the committee a big thank you goes with them. This means we will have 2 spare places on the committee that need filling, so come on you younger members of the community you can't rely on us oldies to keep doing all the work. We need some new, younger blood with fresh ideas to carry the hall forward. **"COME AND JOIN US"**

Don't forget that if you have a family party or gathering coming up you receive very favourable rates to hire the hall. Just see how good the hall looks with a bit of effort -



John And Sue Priestner are once again organizing the Produce Show please give them your support.

We are thinking of putting on some films for the youngsters in the village, during the main school holidays but we need to know that it will be supported so please let us know what you think.

With lots of comings and goings in the village the Hall Lottery needs a boost; for 50p a month you can give valuable support to the hall so please contact John Priestner if you would like to partake in this worthy cause.

*Mel Thomas (Chairman)*

## Margaret Smith Rose Bowl - Wildlife Friendly Garden

Our judge is now booked for Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup>. Please enter your garden by placing your name and address on the list at the shop or ring Sue on 844244.

## Welcome Club

On 19<sup>th</sup> Jun we had a wonderful afternoon in the company of Rob Evans and his fantastic feathered friends. Rob introduced us to his group of birds of prey including 2 kestrels – one large, one small – a little owl and an enormous eagle owl. He spoke extensively about each bird as they, in turn, sat on his gloved arm. It was obvious how fond he was of his charges and they of him. So much faith and trust between the birds would have been a somewhat different matter.



More birds will feature at our meeting on 17 Jul. This time the subject will be hens and entitled “Chicken Chatter”. The speaker will be Charlotte Fyfe, who, I understand, will also bring fresh eggs for sale. However, the birds will remain at home in the garden!



Our July trip will take us to Teignmouth followed by a visit to the Trago Mills at Newton Abbott where you can, if you wish, “shop till you drop!”. This will be on 22 Jul, leaving Horningsham at 8.45am and Maiden Bradley at 9am. Everyone is welcome.

*Chris Short - 01985 847373*

## Recipe - Summer Baked Spiced Peaches

2 fresh, ripe peaches, halved and stones removed  
Pinch of ground cinnamon or nutmeg  
4 tablespoons fromage frais

2 teaspoons Demerara sugar  
juice of half a lemon  
selection of summer berries to garnish  
(redcurrants, raspberries or strawberries)

Preheat the oven to 200c or gas mark 6. Cut each peach in half and ease out the stone. Place the peaches, cut side up, on a non-stick baking sheet. Sprinkle them with a little Demerara sugar, cinnamon or nutmeg and a few drops of lemon juice. Bake the peaches in the pre-heated oven for 15 – 20 minutes, until tender and golden brown on top. Serve the peaches warm, topped with a spoonful of fromage frais and a few of the summer berries. Quark or Greek yoghurt can be used instead of the fromage frais.







## **Retail Ramblings...**

Well here I am, peering cautiously over the parapet : otherwise known as the shop counter. So far in my tenure as manager I've yet to hear any of you make anything other than positive, supportive and complimentary comments, regarding how we're doing in providing a service to you all. So I'd like to start with a Big Thankyou. Without you there wouldn't be a shop for me to write about, and I wouldn't have a job. A salutary thought.

Last months figures were spectacularly good, so thank you to Alan for keeping my ordering finger in check, and adding up all the numbers for us. This month isn't looking quite as rosy at the moment, somehow we don't seem to eat as much when the weather turns itself up to tanning mode perhaps? All will be well though.

Before I get carried away saying thankyou to everyone, the result being something akin to an Oscar winners podium speech without the accompanying film, here is some blurb about the new lines, and some not so new lines, that we're stocking now.

Taylor's Bread is enlarging its range, and there are several new and delicious goods available. Most of you will have seen the Chilli bread, the Campaillou loaf (perfect with ham & mustard), Corn bread, and Brioche, and of course the Lardy slices. They also now have a small range of rolls and baps, packed in 4's and 6's, perfect for quick suppers and BBQ's. The Almond croissants have been joined by an Apple Strudel slice, absolutely delicious, and also available to order in a family size of 6 servings. Pull that one out of its wrapper, and who'd know you hadn't made it yourself? We have details of all the breads available, so do please ask to see, and we can order in just for you.

Interesting vegetables, cheeses and charcuterie from La Chasse in Zeals appear quite regularly. The cheeses in particular make a perfect end to a meal, or a meal in themselves. All locally made, more a question of road metres, rather than air miles...

Now that we're all gently sweltering in the heat, have a look at all the new pickles from Rose Farm, as an accompaniment to any kind of salad. I'm not personally persuaded to try a pickled egg yet, despite assurances as to their delights, but I'd be happy to have a large dollop of lumpfish caviar on a cracker anytime!

We now have some portable instant barbecues, so if you're thinking of taking off to the coast for the day, throw a few of Andrew Barclays ever expanding range of sausages on the coals, dip into the pickle, refresh with a crisp green salad, and the world's your oyster.. We have those too, smoked, in a tin. Sublime..

Without all our volunteers, both out front and behind the scenes, none of this would be even feasible, let alone actually happening. So give yourselves a round of applause and a pat on the back, from those of us whom you support on a daily basis, myself, Mary and Mel. Thankyou.

Next months piece will be more concise with luck, and shorter, if you're *really* lucky...

*Amanda*

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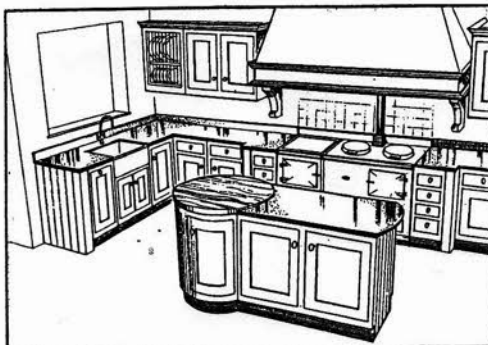
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On Sunday 8 June a large contingent of family and friends gathered in the Memorial Hall to join in the celebrations of Sue and John Priestner's 40th wedding anniversary and John's 70th birthday. Pre-lunch drinks were followed by an excellent buffet lunch. Entertaining speeches were delivered by sons Will and James and Sue's brother. John replied on behalf of Sue and himself.

