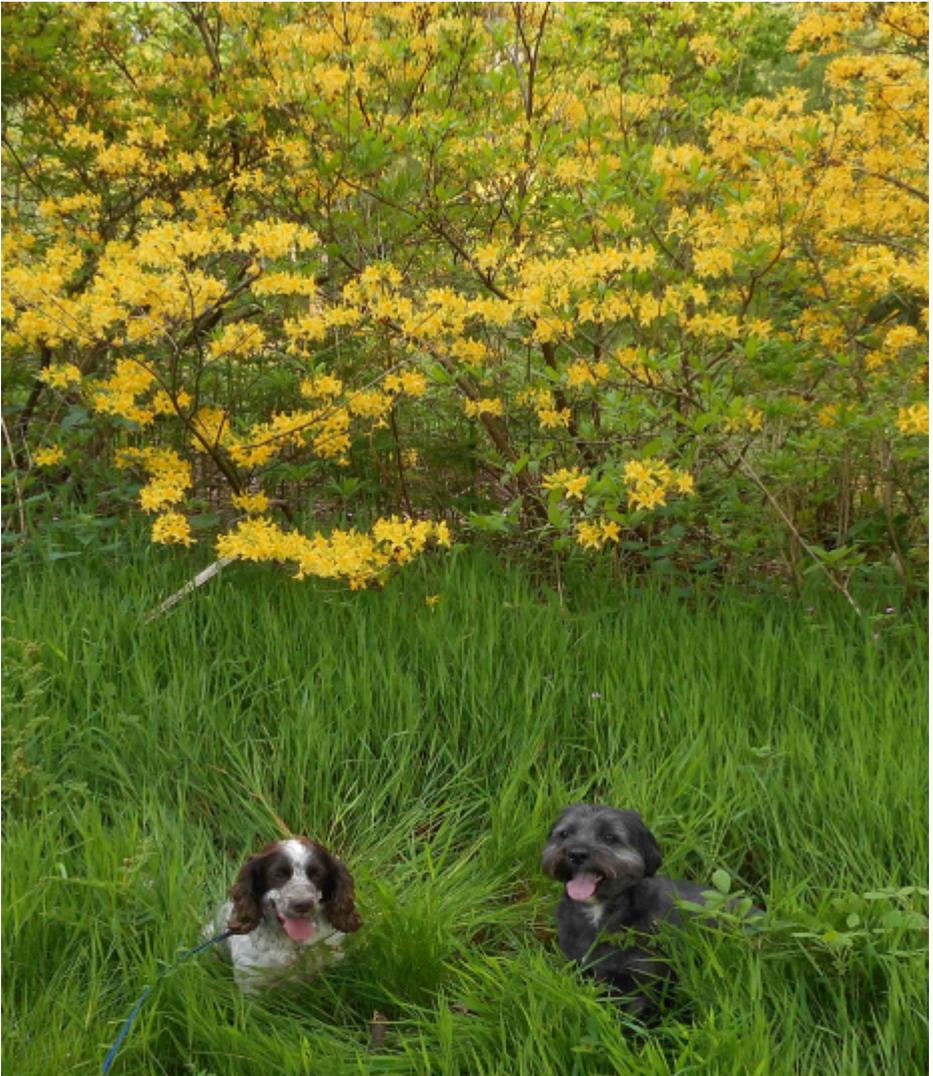


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**CoCoco and Rolo enjoying a walk in the woods
Photo by Simon Wager**

Editorial

As I write, there is a fabulous mauve sunset over the fields behind The Rank, a stiff breeze and my fledgling sparrows have disappeared for the night. We lost our clutch of Wrens, five birds almost ready to fledge, predator unknown. Two of our swift homes are occupied and our garden has grown almost out of control since the cold spring.

It is time to remind everyone of the hazards of overhang for pedestrians, at this time of year. I walk around the village every day and am now having to dodge the shrubs and briars growing outside garden boundaries.

For those who took part in my questionnaire for the first stage of the Memorial Hall's application to the Big Lottery Fund for a grant to replace the roof and toilets, a big THANK YOU. The fund is oversubscribed 5 to 1 and therefore it will be some time before we are asked to complete stage two, and only if they consider our Hall to be a worthy enough cause.

Pat Kennedy 845397 pat@visa-office.com

Queen's Birthday Celebrations at the Hall



On behalf of the Memorial Hall Committee I would like to thank those people who attended the Queen's Birthday Celebrations in the Memorial Hall on June 4th & 5th. Although we had a fair attendance it would have been nice to see more villagers attend, those who did thoroughly enjoyed it. I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to Sally Higgins, Diana Stevens, & Sue Priestner for the beautiful flower arrangements they did, and also a big 'Thank you' to The Duchess for lending her wedding dress, as it too was on display.

There was a display of royal items such as a collection of royal mugs, a coronation book and other books referencing the Queen's reign. We displayed a significant number of photographs depicting places in the village from years ago and the changes from then to what we see now - all very interesting. A table with more photographs and scrapbooks showing events of years past gave our visitors a puzzle trying to recognize people when they were children.

We served cream teas which went down very well during the event. For children and adults there was a crown making competition which was won by Phoebe Muir for the adult class, Charlotte Higgins and Lucas Morris (Kim Baker's grandson) won the children's class.

On Thursday 18th August we are running a coach outing to Weymouth, leaving the Village Hall at 9am & 9.15am from Horningsham. We will be stopping at Blandford for coffee on the way and the cost is £10 for Adults and half price for children at £5. If you are interested, which we hope you will be, please contact me Pearl 844779 or Mel 845111.

Pearl 844779

June 2016 News From The Hall

Queen's Birthday Celebrations

Our weekend of celebrating the Queens Birthday went rather well, cream teas provided by Pearl Hudson, Mary Stevens and Tom Allday were very well received. The flower displays by Di Stevens, Sally Higgins and Sue Preistner were stunning and much admired. We would like to thank The Duchess for the loan of her Wedding dress, which was the centerpiece for the displays. The display of Old and New photos along with other memorabilia created a lot of interest and discussion amongst the visitors. Sarah Muir's crown making saw 15 entries with three category winners receiving prizes.

Film Night

Next month's film will be shown on **Friday 8th July** Doors open 7.00pm. We will be showing **"Dads Army"** . So make a date in your diaries this is a PG rated film so no reason to leave the older children home, this is one for all the family.



In – Out

By the time you read this we will know one way or the other how the referendum has gone, and regardless of the result I think most of us will be relieved.

Hall Bookings

If you wish to book the hall, please contact Amanda Dye on 845302 who has taken on the post of Marketing and Bookings. We will be making some small increases in the hire costs for the hall. Villagers will pay £12 per hour minimum of 3 hours and Non Villagers will pay £15 per Hour, these prices will now include heating and hot water which no longer runs off the meters.

Mel Thomas 845111

Parish Council June 2016

Weight limit correspondence – correspondence received from Dr Andrew Murrison, between himself and The Right Honourable Patrick McLoughlin MP, Mr Philip Whitehead Cabinet member for Highways and Transport and David Brewer, Executive Director Highways England, on the HGV 7.5 ton weight limit and the A350/303 junction was noted. Council was saddened that it takes statistic of accidents and deaths for swift action to occur but noted that the work on the junction was still under discussion. A copy of the correspondence can be obtained from the clerk.

Parish Steward Scheme – The Parish Steward Scheme is to be reinstated by the new Highways contractors Ringway. The Contract starts in October and the Parish Council will be able to highlight to the Parish Steward areas it wishes work to be actioned. Any issues found by parishioners still need to be reported using the Wiltshire Council app or online at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/mywiltshirelogin.htm>

SID Pole Project- the Parish Council has arranged and paid for to metal poles to be installed in Maiden Bradley to enable the two Speed Indicator units gifted to the Warminster Area from Wiltshire Council to be installed at regular intervals through the year, alerting drivers to their speed etc.

Recreational Area- Parishioners are asked to note that the Grounds maintenance Company K M Dike Limited has changed hands and reports on the length of the recreational grass have been noted. Council has followed the contractor re the contract requirements.

Planning- Application- 16/05123/TCA Application for Work to Trees in a Cons Area Proposal: Cherry tree – fell Location: The Old Manor House, Church Street, Maiden Bradley, Warminster, Wiltshire BA12 7HW Resolved: Supported

If any Parishioner sees or is aware of anything which they feel needs attention in and around the parish highways, they are requested to contact Wiltshire Council using either the online website, the Wiltshire Council App or on the landline number 0300 456 0105.

Items for the next Agenda: Clerks Appraisal, External Audit, Review closedown of the year-end and Budget report.

Date of the next meeting- The Council agreed that Tuesday 12th July 2016 will 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

Photography Exhibition

Until a few years back, Ravi Butalia travelled, lived and worked in many countries as an artist and lecturer. His work can be found in many public and private collections around the world. I am pleased to inform you that Ravi will be having a small exhibition at the Shaftesbury Arts Centre from 20 July - 2 August. Although this is going to be his first show in over fifteen years, two others will follow it in 2017 and 2018 on the same theme, but in different mediums.

The theme is "A Sense of Place," the medium this time is photography. It is a first for him. Although Ravi has been photographing for a long time, he has never exhibited his images, much less shown his work to more than a handful of people. □□ It is my hope that as many people from Maiden Bradley as possible will visit Ravi's show. Please do attend, you will not be disappointed, I can assure you. His work is as beautiful as it is stunning.

Thank you!
Kimm Baker

Our thanks to Christina Day for the following famous quote:
"The tragedy of life doesn't lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in having no goal to reach."
Benjamin E. Mays



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Guinness Record Holder Matti Hemmings awards Bike-it Plus winners.

Matti Hemmings - professional flatland BMX rider and Guinness World Record holder - visited pupils at Whitesheet Primary Academy in Zeals as the spectacular finale to their 'Bike-it PLUS' Ride and Stride Competition.

The benefits of cycling had been the subject of posters produced by the children as part of the Ride and Stride Competition. The winners were presented with their individually named banners by Matti displaying their exciting designs. The BMX-er then entertained the children with some amazing stunts and tricks. The children were enthralled.



After watching Matti's display the children got a chance to safely try out some stunts themselves - which was a fantastic introduction to this exciting sport.

Matti talked through the ups and downs of BMXing to the gathered children. One child, Ethan exclaimed, 'Mattie has helped me realise that learning from your mistakes is very important'.

'Bike It PLUS' promotes active travel to school through fun, practical, educational activities and events. The project was run by the sustainable transport charity Sustrans in partnership with Public Health at Wiltshire Council and the Wiltshire Healthy Schools programme

Since 'Bike It PLUS' began in Wiltshire, regular cycling to school has increased by 11% and levels of regular scooting and skating to school increased by 16%. The number of pupils regularly being driven to school has decreased by nearly 10%.

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On the last Saturday of May we held our internal Club Triples competition matches, this ended up with a win for the team of Mary Butchers, Sandy Fingerhut and David Anley, with Karen Gut, Maureen McCormack and Gary Fingerhut coming in as valiant runners up. A very good result for David who only took up the sport this year, he has however done some short mat bowling at Buckhorn Weston. The Club Pairs competitions will take place on the last Saturday of each of the next three months.

Three new members have joined the Club from our Open Day, they are David Anley, Tony Morgan-Nash and Alfie Dodds, along with Bryan and Maureen Newman who are new social members, welcome to you all and may you all have a long and happy time with the Club. Our Coaching Day was also a resounding success for those that attended, everyone gaining something from the sessions be they newcomers, improvers or seasoned bowlers.

We are also proud to announce that we have been sponsored for the 2016 season by FJ Chalke of Mere, with the support provided we have purchased planters, soil and plants to commence our efforts to beautify the green and its surroundings.

For any other details about the Club please contact either Alan Inwood on 01985-844215, Alan Spencer on 01747-860803 or Don Butchers on 01747-860775 also don.butchers@btinternet.com
Don Butchers – Club Secretary

Village Hall Lottery

May					
1 st	Mel Thomas	£22.90	2 nd	Beth Stevens	£11.45
3 rd	R. Higgins	£6.90	4 th	Wid Graham	£4.51
June					
1 st	Mark Sheppard	£22.90	2 nd	Jamie Hirst	£11.45
3 rd	Dave Francis	£6.90	4 th	Darren Knight	£4.51

Since 1998 the lottery has brought in a total of £190167.00 to help maintain the village hall. Therefore £9508.50 has gone to the village hall and the same amount in prize money up to last December.

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.

Welcome Club

It was raining when we departed from home, however when we arrived at Dorchester, the rain had ceased. Nice stop there and an interesting museum. The town has everything, even a fried breakfast to eat on the hoof!

We arrived at Weymouth for lunch, the town was quiet and we had to wait to cross the harbour bridge only for one vessel to sail through. Once more we had Tom's raffle on the way home with excellent prizes.

We had our Bring and Buy sale on June 9th which made £44.95 for club funds and considering not many people were able to attend, this was a very good result. We were also able to make a substantial donation of items to sell on the stall at the Horningsham Fayre.

This month 7th July, Mr. Brockman from the Chippenham Auctioneers, will be hosting a session of the 'Antiques Road Show', where items will be valued so please do look out some treasurers, pictures, ornaments, jewellery, books etc. or anything else you can think of and bring it to be valued. We are going to the Wye Valley in July on 12th and also to a new destination, Abergavenny which should be interesting. Don't forget to book a seat. Departure times are as usual 8.45am from Horningsham and 9am from Maiden Bradley.

Chris Short 01985 847373



ROSE BOWL FOR BEST KEPT GARDEN

Just a reminder that the entry list will be in the Shop at the beginning of July. The focus was an eco-friendly garden. Don't let this put you off from entering as most gardens in the village are eco-friendly anyway.



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We are introducing a new local sausage maker– The Sausage Shed – which produces some very interesting flavours.



Look out on the chalk board outside the shop for Tasting days. Sue will introduce these on one or two Saturdays every month.

New! Sue is also working on a special service for Holiday Lets and Weekenders. The shop will have boxes of goodies which can be ordered in advance.



They can be a basic starter pack for a holiday let or a more comprehensive one including a wider range of goods. If you are interested give Sue a call. Deliveries may be possible.

We would like to welcome Julie Cave as our new Saturday Assistant. Julie had family connections with Maiden Bradley and is delighted now that she is living back in the area to get to know us all again.

Finally, we have to thank the Cranborne Chase Office of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) for giving us a grant towards our new cash till. Help like this is much needed.

Let's hope for a sunny and warm July!

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