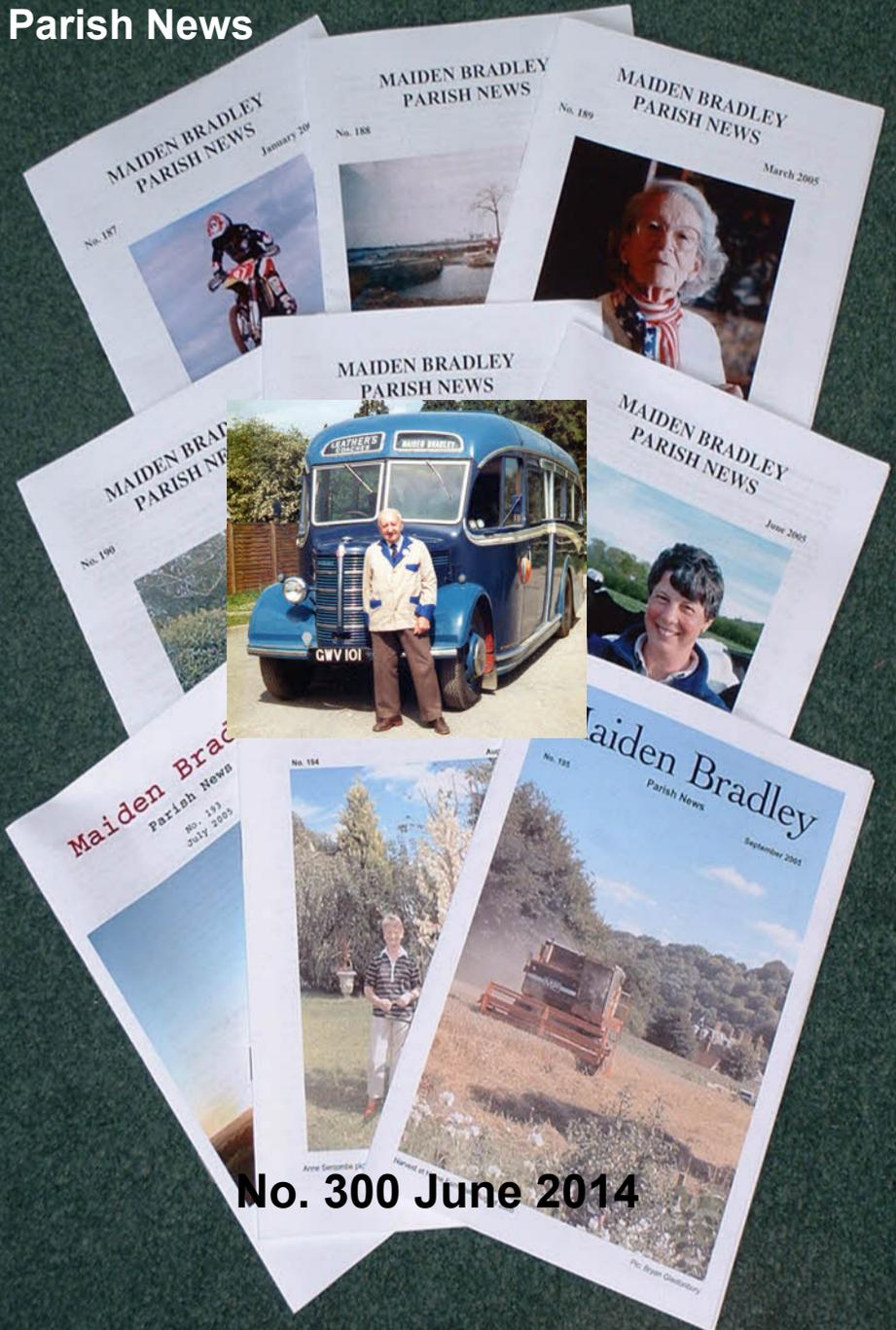


Maiden Bradley

Parish News



No. 300 June 2014

Diary June 2014

1 st Sun	Holy Communion – Church	9.30 am
2 nd Mon	Household & Garden Waste Collection	7.00 am
	Bingo – Memorial Hall	7.30 for 8.00 pm
3 rd Tue	Book Club Meeting – The Thicket, Gare Hill	8.00 pm
4 th Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms	9.35-9.45 am
7 th Sat	Village Show & Music Fest – Rec	12 noon - late
8 th Sun	Service for Pentecost – Church	10.00 am
9 th Mon	Black Box & Blue Bin Collection	7.00 am
10 th Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
11 th Wed	Kids@MB – Memorial Hall	6.00-7.30 pm
14 th Sat	Summer Evening Concert – All Saints' Church	7.30 pm
	Pre-concert reception at Bradley House	6.00 pm
15 th Sun	Parish Communion – Church	10.30 am
16 th Mon	Household & Garden Waste Collection	7.00 am
18 th Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms	9.35-9.45 am
19 th Thu	Welcome Club Meeting – Horningsham Hall	2.30 pm
21 st Sat	Bird Club Meeting – Memorial Hall Car Park	0.00 am
22 nd Sun	Holy Communion - Church	9.30 am
23rd Mon	Deadline for Contributions to July Edition of M.B.P.N. Black Box & Blue Bin Collection	7.00am
24 th Tue	W.I. Meeting – Stourton Village Hall	7.30 pm
	Welcome Club Minehead outing - leave MB	9.00 am
25 th Wed	Kids@MB – Memorial Hall	6.00-7.30 pm
29 th Sun	Benifice Service in Stourhead Gardens	11.00 am
30 th Mon	Household & Garden Waste Collection	7.00 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; Mere Link Scheme 01747 860096; Rev Carol: 01747 861859.

Maiden Bradley Parish News: contributions are welcome in any format. E-Mail: lesmayne@hotmail.co.uk or contact Les Mayne on 845235.

The front cover shows a montage of more recent issues of the News, while older issues are on the back. Centre of the front cover, Don Newbury with Leathers coach, is, we think, the first colour photo used in the News.

Editorial

I was thinking about milestones the other day. What is it about a milestone that is so fascinating? A milestone tells you how far you have come and how far you have to go – sometimes. Mostly it shows where you have been. And it is a bit like the magazine. You can see where you have been and it is something of an historical record or archive of village life over the years. Those of you who are more aware than others will have noted that this is the 300 edition of the Maiden Bradley Parish News. Now that may not be such a big deal in the world of newspapers and the like but it is pretty good for a village magazine and a small village at that. It was 1979 when it started and it ran for 116 editions until Aug 1988. There was then a small gap until Feb 1989 and it was revived in the same format. It was originally four sides of flimsy paper and dominated by a diary of future events not unlike that which appears in the magazine today! So much for progress; but “if it ain’t broke don’t fix it”. The magazine has had its own milestones; its expansion in terms of pages; the introduction of black and white photographs which replaced hand-drawn sketches; the first use of colour in Aug 2003 and the introduction of advanced technology which replaced the typewriter and the wax-inked sheets that then had to be duplicated on a hand operated machines. Such progress!

Aside from these changes, none of it would have happened had it not been for the band of assorted people who have, over the years, given their time and, in some cases, their money to ensure that the MBPN was produced and distributed every month. They felt it was an important enough service to the village to continue come what may and they were right. Moreover, many of the former residents actively seek to have copies sent to them so that they may keep in touch with events and people from their former home. It would perhaps be inappropriate to single out people from what is essentially a team effort but I am going to anyway. Those of who are older than me and/or have lived in the village many more years than I have, will remember those who were actively involved with the MBPN. From my point of view, I remember Eileen Seale and the late Tim Thomas but there were many before them and since, including Bryan Glastonbury, Meg Oliver, David Hines, Paul Byard, Russell Fisher, Kay Mayne and Pat Kennedy. The village would have been a poorer place without their energy and commitment.

For my part I shall be giving up my involvement shortly as Kay and I move on to pastures new. This will leave three gaps on the editorial team; myself as editor- it was supposed to be temporary - and treasurer and Kay as a reporter. Bryan and Meg have indicated a willingness to continue in their roles but if a new editor wished to enlist his/her own team, then they would be happy to make way for fresh blood; they have been doing what they do for a long time. So the MBPN has come to something of a crossroads. As you may know from my plea last week, articles for the magazine are not as plentiful as they might be and it may be that the appetite for such a source of information has diminished. So maybe it is time to call it a day. Perhaps the 300 Edition would be the place to stop? What is certain is that if nobody comes forward to take on the challenge by 20 June then it will be put into suspended animation until it can be revived. I shall be ceasing my involvement at that time. If anyone is interested then I would be happy to brief them on what is required.

Over to you the villagers.

Les Mayne

Family News

Rosie and Martin Brown are delighted to announce the birth of their grandson, Jacob Richard Ormerod, a son for Olivia and Ben. Jacob was born on Wednesday 7th May 2014 at Ealing Hospital in London'.



News From All Saints'

Vicar's Letter

Recently an old friend popped by at the Vicarage. We had worked together in another Parish. She told me about a mutual friend Mary who had been helping out in a church. She was working with a lady Sally who had been in the church community for a good long time, someone who baked cakes and bread, made jam and entertained the ministry team when need be. Mary was given various supporting roles mainly in the back room whilst Sally was the hostess. In the end things cracked and Mary left saying Sally was very generous but not very kind. When Jesus asked us to love our neighbours he meant that we be involved with them, come close and open ourselves to them not just do things that are convenient for us or even put us in a good light. Quite a challenge, isn't it?

In the All Saints calendar in the near future we are glad to be welcoming our Archdeacon the Venerable Alan Jeans to visit the Parish on the 3rd June. He will pop into the shop, toddler group and the homes of church member's, finishing with lunch at the Neish's. Please make him welcome he was very helpful to us when the church lead was stolen. We are also helping to bury the Maiden Bradley skeleton in June but there are some technical issues yet – like how to move 3tons of coffin – please look out for information on this.

Finally a note about the Songs of Praise service in Stourhead Gardens on 29th June at 11am. This is to be a Churches Together in Mere and District event. We are delighted to say that the Right Rev Bill Ind, former Bishop of Truro (of Seaside Parish fame) will be our speaker. Please come along and bring a picnic for afterwards.

Blessings and grace, Rev. Carol

SUMMER CONCERT MAIDEN BRADLEY CHURCH 14 June



One of the leading chamber choirs in the South West, *belAcappella*, will be coming to All Saints Church on 14 June. They will be performing Rachmaninov's *Vespers* which they performed at a sell-out concert in Frome at the beginning of the year to rave reviews.

There will be a pre-concert reception - drinks and canapés - in Bradley House. Proceeds will go to the support of All Saints Church.

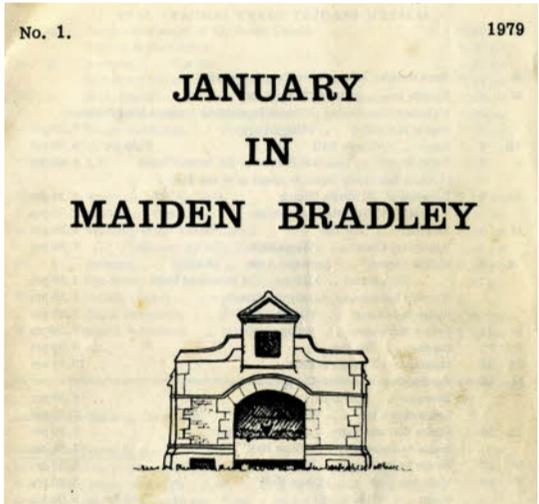
The tickets which include the reception are £15 and £12 (restricted view) and are available from the Shop or from Liz Nixon.

ernixon66@gmail.com or 844242

The 300th Parish News ... or is it?

The News team don't have a complete archive, though rumour has it that one or two people in the Parish do. Even so, it seemed a good moment to look through what we've got, and review the events and changes that have taken place over the years. After all, 300 monthly issues equals 25 years, and that's a good long time.

If you want to be precise, it isn't 300 in grand total, but the 300th issue of the current series. There was an earlier series, running up to 116, and then a gap of a few months, so you could argue that this is really No. 416, covering the last 35 years. The very first News, called "January in Maiden Bradley", came out at the start of 1979, with introductory remarks that would command instant support from our current Editor - "This is the first edition of a monthly newsletter which hopes to keep Maiden Bradley people in touch with what is happening in the village. We invite you to give us details of any events, clubs or organisations which you would like to see publicised. There will obviously be many gaps in this, our first issue, for which we apologise in advance. We rely on you to fill them in." Nothing changes!



This first series of 116 newsletters, spanning almost 10 years, were produced by three women, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Corbould-Ellis and Mrs Mortimer. Each issue was the same size paper as the current News, but just four pages. The cover included a drawing or, after a while, a photo (but

no colour). The first photo in our collection, November 1986, shows some familiar faces. A bit later, in March 1987, there is a report and photo (see next page) of a production of Arabian Delights. Can anyone put names to faces? Carol Kenzie is listed as Principle Boy, and Ray as scene painter.



Page 2 started the tradition of a diary of events for the month. Right at the start there were too any to get on a single page, but by the late 1980s the list had reduced to

the sort of length it is now. We still have Welcome Club, Mobile Library, Village Hall Lottery, Dustbin Day (though on a Friday in those days) and details of Church events, but we've lost Brownies and Guides in The Hut, Junior and Senior Badminton and Upholstery Classes. We've also lost Leathers Bus Services. Back in 1979 they ran at least twice every weekday to Frome, 5 trips on market day, and 6 on Saturdays.



That 1979 issue tells us that Maiden Bradley had volunteers running Sunday School and a range of activities for young people. There were clubs for darts, football and cricket, and three skittles teams, one run by the W.I. More familiar names too - Mrs Mary Stevens ran the Guides, and Mr H Crabbe was already Captain of the bell ringers. Attendance at events was high: 80 people sat down to Harvest Supper in 1986, a meal prepared by a team fronted by Diana Stevens. When reminded of this she said that until new Health and Safety regulations kicked in the Supper would feed 120.

The last of the early series, 116 for August 1988, reports that the three ladies making up the Editorial Board were "about to lay down their burden". They had hopes that others would come forward, but nothing firm. However, a few months later, in February 1989, No.1 of a new series started up, again run by three women, Mrs Higgs, Dr. Hill and Mrs Eileen Seal. Like its predecessors it started as 4 pages, but by the time it had been going for close on 14 years (by now run by Eileen Seal and Tim Thomas) it had colour on the cover, had grown to 12 pages, and begun to introduce a few adverts as a source of funding. Many of the familiar contents emerged during this time - Vicar's Letter, Family News, Parish Council report, Village Hall News.

Eileen and Tim (pictured taking tea with the Duke of Somerset, when parting gifts from a collection in the Shop were presented) handed over to a new Team early in 2004, two of whom, Meg Oliver and Bryan Glastonbury, are still on board. The big change in that handover shows less in content than in backroom arrangements. New technology took over, moving from a hand typed manuscript to an electronic publication. Nowadays the News is emailed to the printer (still the same company as in the 1980s) and anyone else who wants it as a pdf file. The future is likely to take this transition further, perhaps altogether away from paper copies. There were changes to funding too. In the early



years the News depended on gifts and grants, always with a contribution from the Parish Council. Now it runs largely on the income from adverts, payment at cost for space (e.g. the Parish Council Report), and the occasional gift. Costs from the beginning have been kept to a minimum, spending very little other than for the monthly print run. Everything else has been done on a voluntary basis, not just by those handling production, but by dedicated delivery people who have ensured that all parishioners get a copy whatever the weather.

What will be the future for the News? As this month's Editorial indicates, new team members are needed. In the past they have come forward, and hopefully they will again. Yet times do change. As anyone who goes back over old copies of the News will notice, there is less village community activity than there used to be, with fewer people having time they are willing or able to give to volunteering. There are others who will argue that the News is an old tradition that is no longer relevant to a modern age, where people want their information on smart phones and tablets, not on newsletters pushed through the letterbox. The News is a tiny part of a huge debate in modern society about the relative merits and importance of, on one hand, the potential of new technologies, and, on the other, the value of stable, long established and proven ways on running our lives.

Bryan Glastonbury

Somerset Arms

Once again the Somerset Arms is open for business. The tenancy has been taken over by a young brother and sister combination. David and Alice Barton are embarking on their first solo enterprise although both have been involved in the business for a number of years. David has been in management for 4 years and was previously based at the The Horse and Groom, East Woodlands. Alice has been involved in the business for 10 years and has been involved in kitchen work as a chef for 8 years. Their aim is to bring life and sparkle back to the Somerset Arms, with a welcoming atmosphere and an emphasis on good, traditional pub food. Sunday lunch will be a regular feature and they have plans to develop the food front with a selection of specials and possibly steak nights on a Friday for example. But first of all they want to see how things develop and sort out what it is their customers want from their village pub. Our role is to be supportive and try them out. We wish them well on this an exciting new venture for them both.

Bar opening hours:

Monday – Thursday	11.30am – 3.00pm 6.00pm – 11.00pm
Friday	11.30am – 3.00pm 6.00pm – 11.30pm
Saturday	12.00 noon – 11.00pm
Sunday	12.00 noon – 6.00pm

Food:

Monday – Friday	Lunch 12.00 noon – 2.00pm Evening 6.00pm – 9.00 pm
Saturday	All Day
Sunday	Lunch 12.00 noon – 4.00pm

These opening hours are with immediate effect.



Parish Council 13th May 2014

Governance- There was a unanimous vote for Councillor Angus Neish to continue as Chairman and Councillor Patrick Nixon to continue in the position of Vice Chairman. It was agreed that there was no need for a Planning Committee; full Council would continue to comment on planning applications. There would be a Staffing Committee to cover any issues which would be made up of the Vice Chairman Councillor Patrick Nixon, Councillor Ben Gunstone and Councillor Sarah Fry.

The parish representative for each of the below would be as follows:

Rights of Way Representative – Councillor Angus Neish
Village Hall Representative – Councillor Karen Jenkins
Neighbourhood Watch Representative - to be appointed
Community Emergency Volunteer – Councillor Patrick Nixon
Grant Awarding Co-ordinator – Councillor Jerry Rayner

There is still a vacancy for a Co-opted Councillor to come on board the Parish Council Team. If you are interested in helping your community 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 happy to answer any questions you might have and send you an application form. See below contact details.

Neighbourhood Watch – There is 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 representing the Community, but helping coordinate issues from the rural policing unit to all please give this some thought. 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.

Defibrillator Project – The Parish Council would like to say a **big thank you** to all of those parishioners who have supported this project. The cheque payment has been actioned to the Great Western Ambulance Service and the defibrillator will be installed in the next couple of weeks. There will be a Community training day arranged at the village hall so that parishioners are aware of how to use it if they need to use it; more details to follow on the date and times of this event.

Swimming Pool Trustees - David Morse spoke to the meeting. He mentioned the 4 Trustees and the history of the present swimming pool to the meeting. The Trustees feel that there are only two options; one to fill it in and the other to run it as an ongoing pool. This would need volunteers and finance to take it on. The Trustees felt it should be noted that should the pool be taken on by a new group, they would need to take over as the new trustees as the present 4 will be standing down since they all have given 30 years of service to the Swimming Pool Trust.

Several parishioners outlined the wish of a small group to be given time to prepare a viable business plan. They asked if the Trustees would consider a 6 month delay in making a decision. It was decided that Trustee David Morse and the group provisionally agree that a final decision on the future of the Swimming Pool would be made by the new group and the trustees 6 months from today - 11th November 2014.

Toddler Play Area Website Map Inclusion – it was agreed to include the Recreational area on the play-map being produced which will hopefully list all play areas in the UK. It is hoped that it will be useful for young families to access play areas whereabouts when out and about.

Best Kept Village Competition - The Clerk had toured the parish with Mr John Priestner who was pleased to assist the parish council. He helped compile a list of actions required around the parish with the Clerk; these have been highlighted to the Community Co-ordinator. The Parish Council was delighted to hear they had won 10 bags of compost having sent in its competition entry early. It was decided to donate the 10 bags of organic compost to be distributed, one bag to the Village Hall, and one bag to the Village Shop, the rest would be gifted to the community garden.

Parish Steward/Highways – A list compiled by the Clerk and Mr John Priestner who had kindly given his time to help highlight issues ready for the Best Kept Village Competition had already been reported to the Community Co-ordinator.

Speed Indicator Device Posts- the Parish Council approved the £100.00 cost and implementation of the post for the SID to be placed in the parish just down from the Crossroads.

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 or contact the Clerk direct.

Woodland Trust Trees – it was agreed to action an application for free trees highlighted by the Village Hall Chairman. A small pack would be applied for as the Duke of Somerset has kindly agreed to look after the trees in the future.

Dog Waste – A request to Wiltshire Council has been made to move the litter bin from the Village Hall car park to the Back Lane with High Street junction area as agreed with the Duke of Somerset and Village Hall Committee. It is hoped that this will then help alleviate the problem of dog waste left in back lane if the bin is made available.

Items for the next Agenda: Clerks Appraisal

Date of the next meeting- The Council agreed that Tuesday 10th June 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 or phone: 01985 213436 Parish Clerk 9 Beech Grove Warminster BA12 0AB

Calling all Teddy Bears

Start training!!

We are looking for brave and willing Teddy Bears to jump from the Church Tower – wearing a parachute of course! First Aiders will be in attendance. We are also asking these brave Teddies to ask all their friends and family to sponsor them to raise funds for the Church.



Prizes for -

- The Teddy Bear who stays in the air the longest
- The Teddy Bear's owner who collects the highest amount of sponsorship
- The Teddy Bear wearing the 'best' outfit
- Best designed parachute

Sponsor Forms can be picked up from Maiden Bradley Village Shop, Whitesheet and Horningsham Schools from June 2nd.

Kim Baker - 01985844684

May News From the Hall

Well time is rolling on; the Village Show and Music Fest is soon to be here. The arrangements are in full swing and we will have plenty on offer to entertain all ages. The show starts at 12 Noon on 7th and will be officially opened at 1.00pm. We have for you:

Dog Show, Cake stall, Refreshments
Vintage Cars & Tractors
Gun Dog Display
Children's Irish Dancers
Fairground Fun for all
Steam Railway
Bar –B Q, Fish & Chips
Tabletop sale
Blind Tombola
The Frome Young Farmers
and The Music Fest.



This will only be a success with support so please come along and have a day we hope you remember for all the right reasons.

Volunteers Needed

We will need willing hands to build and dismantle the site on both Friday and Sunday. If you can help with either or both please contact a committee member or come along to the meeting on Thursday June 5th at 7.30 pm in the village hall. Anyone willing to bake cakes or to donate anything edible for the cake stall please contact Mary Stevens or bring your items to the showground on the morning of the show before 11.30 am. There is also a donation box for tombola prizes in the shop

A great many people have put a lot of effort into putting the show on. Please, please support it. If you are unable to be there on the day Lottery Tickets are available in the Village Shop.

See you at the Show, Mel Thomas

Recipe - Roasted Root and Rocket Salad

Time to start thinking about salads!!! Well it is nearly summer, the BBQ will be coming out and a salad is always a healthy addition to the blackened sausages, fatty burgers and under-cooked chicken. Not yours, of course I hasten to add!

For one portion -

1 small parsnip	1 carrot
Half a sweet potato	Olive oil
2 tsp runny honey	1 heaped tsp wholegrain mustard
1 large handful fresh rocket	Small handful nuts, such as walnuts or pecans
25gms blue cheese, such as Stilton (optional)	



Preheat the oven to 200C/Gas 6. Cut the parsnip, carrot and sweet potato into thin batons. Place them on a roasting tray, drizzle with olive oil, season with salt and pepper and roast for about 30 minutes, or until they are soft and beginning to brown at the edges. Make a dressing by blending the honey, mustard and 1 tbsp olive oil. Season with salt and pepper. Remove the vegetables and allow them to cool. Mix with the rocket and toss with the dressing. Scatter over the nuts and crumble over the blue cheese.

Welcome Club

As promised, we can now catch up with previous happenings. Paul Cook visited us on 17th April and he spoke to us of the occasion he met the Duchess of Beaufort which was most interesting and amusing – as is his way. The mystery trip found us travelling the Blossom Trail and took us as far as Worcester, where we had our lunch, then back to Evesham for a tea break, the raffle and home all in beautiful weather. A smaller number than usual came to the “Bring and Buy” sale but even so £48 was collected; many thanks to all helpers and bargain hunters! The takings will go to club funds for the benefit of members.

We have had another trip. On 20th May we set off for Paignton. It was a somewhat cloudy day which, by the time we stopped for coffee at Exeter services, had become a little damp after a short, sharp rainfall. Things improved and we finished the visit sitting on the sea front in brilliant sunshine! During the visit to Paignton, everyone set about doing their own thing; shopping, walking, dining and so on, meeting back at the coach for the journey home. We stopped at The Eagle for a night-cap, the usual raffle and arrived home by 8pm with happy memories of the day.

For the June meeting at Horningsham, Rob Evans will join us and he will be bringing some birds of prey. These are magnificent creatures and I am sure Rob will put on a good show with them. Do join us on 19th June.

Our June trip will be on 24th and will be to Minehead for lunch, by steam train to Bishops Lydeard, leaving Minehead at 1425. From Bishops Lydeard we will take a short coach trip to the Bishops Lydeard Transport Museum for a look at the museum and then take a cream tea. The train fare will be covered by the Club and the tea will be paid for by those attending. It will also include the entrance to the museum which donates takings to charity. Entry and tea will be £5.00. Would members and non-members let me know as soon as possible if you are able to come?

Chris Short - 01985 847373

Horningsham Village Fayre

Sunday 22nd June 12noon onwards. Fun, family and jam-packed. The annual Horningsham Village Fayre has had a make over: new for 2014 are Arts & Crafts and local produce, chainsaw display teams, fun dog show, Classic car collection & traction steam engine. We'll still have the hugely successful cake & plant stall along with the Bric-a-Brac, cream teas, bouncy castles and coconut shy. The Fayre starts at 12 noon this year. Extended hours.

FREE ENTRY. See Facebook page for latest news and updates: Horningsham Village Fayre.



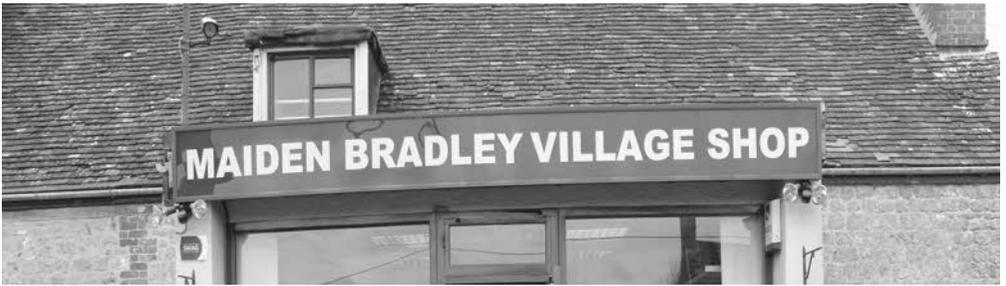
Calling All Dogs

Come and have fun at the village Fete and win a rosette for your 2-legged friend! All kinds of classes: Prettiest Bitch; Most Handsome Dog; classes for puppies, adults and veterans (any dog over 7). Appealing eyes and waggiest tail classes are always popular. Only £1.50 per class.

Contact my mum if you need help, she will leave schedules down the shop although you can just come and enter on the day. Tel:01985 844897

See you on the day as I like to see new friends to play with.

Benny Basset (The fluffy one)



The Shop - A Plea To The Villagers of Maiden Bradley

Our beloved village shop is busy but not flourishing quite as well it could. We have been hit by both slightly weakening sales due to the appalling weather in the first couple of months of this year and increased running costs due to energy prices rising, amongst other things. So when there is a down turn we have to pedal very fast to catch up again.

The shop is owned and run by the community and really needs to be used regularly by it as well. So the message is, **use it or lose it!**

As a village we have fought hard to open the shop and keep it running. It's a non-profit organization run by a band of dedicated, hard working volunteers who keep this amazing asset going. There's no big corporation behind the scenes helping it to get through the lean times. Instead it's run very much from hand to mouth, which is why every penny counts. Amanda gives much of her time voluntarily and is constantly sourcing new local products as well as making sure that all the basics are in stock. There is always something new and tempting in the shop to keep it fresh and appealing.

Maiden Bradley is in the enviable and privileged position of having a church, a village hall, a pub, as well as the shop and post office. For a village of this size this is incredible. The shop and post office are a meeting place and the hub of the village for many, and a lifeline for those of us who can't get about as easily.

Imagine life without it... A friend is popping in for tea and you're out of milk. You have two extra for lunch. In the middle of making a birthday cake and you run out of eggs. The Sunday roast is in the oven and you realise you're out of horseradish. You need to get a last minute present in the post. Not to mention all the essentials that we all need from day to day. Where would we be without the convenience, reliability and friendliness of our village shop.

Sometimes in life the smallest of things make the biggest difference. So here's the challenge. We know it requires a little extra effort but on the way to the supermarket why not try and just pop in to pick up a few things on your list. What a difference it would make if we all just did that. If every household in the village managed to spend maybe only an extra £5 in the shop each week, it would put the shop in a very healthy position and keep it going for all of us.

We are so grateful to all those who continue to support the shop both as volunteers and shoppers. And for those who don't use the shop - why not give it a try?

With hope, Rupert Scott, Village Shop Treasurer

AFRICA

*When you have acquired a taste for the dust,
and the scent of our first rain,
You're hooked for life on Africa,
and you'll not be right again.
Until you can watch the setting moon
and hear the jackals bark,
And know they are around you
waiting in the dark.*

*When you long to see the elephants
or hear the coucal's song,
When the moonrise sets your blood on fire,
then you've been away too long.
It is time to cut the traces loose,
and let your heart go free,
Beyond that far horizon
where your spirit yearns to be.*

*Africa is waiting – come!
Since you have touched the open sky
And learned to love the rustling grass
and the wild fish eagle's cry.
You'll always hunger for the bush;
for the lion's rasping roar,
To camp at last beneath the stars
and to be at peace once more.*

Author unknown

Somerset Arms

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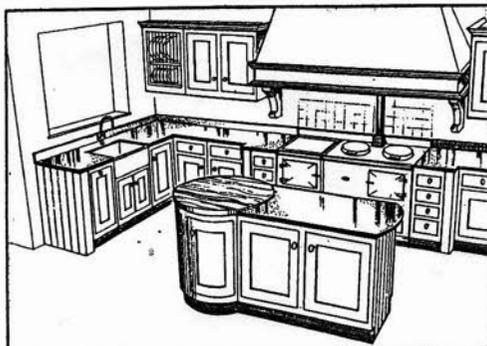
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