Maiden Bradley

Parish News

No 333 March 2017



Pearl Hudson's fabulous daffodils

Diary for March 2017								
1 st	Wed	Prayer Meeting details 844817	6.30 pm					
5 th	Sun	Holy Communion	10.00 am					
6 th	Mon	Household Waste Collection						
7 th	Tue	Lent Lunch at Di Stevens	12.30 pm					
10 th	Fri	Film Night Bridget Jones' Baby	7 pm for 7.30pm					
12 th	Sun	Holy Communion – Church BPC	10 am					
13 th	Mon	Black Box, Blue and Green Bins collection						
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16 th	Thurs	Welcome Club	2.30 pm					
17 th	Fri	Film Night – Bridget Jones' Baby	7 for 7.30 pm					
		Coffee Morning – Hall – Dr Murrison MP	10 am to 12 md					
18 th	Sat	The Keith Gunter Benefit Night - Hall	8.00 pm					
19 th	Sun	Parish Communion	10.00am					
20 th	Mon	Household Waste Collection						
20 th	Mon	Copy day for articles for April News to	pat@visa-office.com					
21st	Tue	Shop AGM - Hall	6.30 pm					
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24 th	Fri	3 course Lunch – Hall	12.30 pm					
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Mass times: St George's Warminster – Sat 6 pm (Vigil); Sun 8 am and 10 am//St Mary's Mere – Fri 10 am; Sat 5.30 pm <u>Dr Harding's Surgery</u> is every Monday at the Memorial Hall 5pm to 6pm except Bank Holidays. Please bring repeat prescription requests to this surgery for the doctor to process. <u>Refuse and Recycling</u> collections are every Monday and for Bank Holiday changes see the Wiltshire Council website. <u>Mother and Toddlers</u> is held every Tuesday in the Memorial Hall 10 am to 12 noon. <u>Useful telephone numbers</u>: The Village Shop 844206; The Post Office 845040; The Pub 844207;

<u>Memorial Hall Bookings</u> – Amanda Dye 845205 <u>Mere Link Scheme</u> 01747 860096 <u>Dr. Murrison MP</u> 01225 358584 <u>murrison@parliament.uk</u>

Rev Carol Wilson-Baker 01747 861859

Bell Ringing every Tuesday in the Bell Tower at the Church. Beginners Welcome. 844475

Coffee Mornings every Friday in the Hall 10 am till 12 md

Maiden Bradley Parish News: contributions are welcome in any format.

Email pat@visa-office.comChurch Services February to April 2017

Editorial

The snowdrops at Stourhead and along the road verges, are making a magnificent tribute to spring this year, with the promise of daffodils, not far behind. March winds have downed several trees causing diversions for journeys but even so, living in this relatively remote Wiltshire village has many compensations if you want to get involved with the activities of the villagers. Several good causes are highlighted in this month's News, so if you have some time to devote to the general well-being of others, do let them know.

Is there a knitting expert in the village? I have a jacket that I was knitting which, somehow never got finished because.... Could you take it on and finish it for me?

Pat Kennedy 845397 pat@visa-office.com

VILLAGE SHOP AGM

Tuesday, 21 March at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall.

At the AGM the present committee stands down and a new committee is elected. Present committee members are eligible for re-election. Nomination forms for the committee are available in the shop.

After the short business procedure of the AGM we will be holding a general meeting to discuss the future of the shop. Please come along with your comments and suggestions.

Cover picture

Several people have asked about the daffodils in my lawn at the front garden. Frank and myself took our three daughters, and my Mum to the Isles of Scilly in 1982. While there we out for a walk when we came across these large mounds of daffodil bulbs thrown away on the beach. They use the bulbs for cut flowers and must have been replacing the bulbs each year and, so throwing the old ones away. We picked up about twenty because we had flown to the island by helicopter from Penzance we could only bring a few home. Over the years they have multiplied and, still going strong. As a family we always loved daffodils it means spring and hopefully warmer weather. **Pearl Hudson.**

Church Services February to April 2017

5th Feb	Holy Communion Common Worship
12th Feb	Matins
19th Feb.	Sung Parish Communion
26th Feb	Holy Com. BCP
5th Marsc	HC CW
12th March	HC BCP
19th March	Parish Com. including Annual Parochial Meeting
26th March	Mothering Sunday Family Service (no Communion)
2nd April	HC CW
9th April	Palm Sunday Matins service
16th April	Easter Day Holy Communion
23rd April	HC BCP
30th April	Holy Com. CW

Lent Lunches

Lent lunches this year will be at held at Di Steven's on Tuesdays at 12.30pm on the following dates: March 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th - April 4th and 11th.

On 21st March the lunch will be held at Sue Preistner's house at 12.30pm.

Di Stevens

Family News

Congratulations to Roger and Christina Day on their recent Wedding.

Congratulations to Tom Allday on his 75th Birthday. Tom writes:

Thank you so much to all my lovely neighbours and friends for making my seventy-fifth birthday party such a brilliant occasion. If ever anyone were blessed to receive such generosity surely I am top of the list. An extra special thankyou to Mel, Sarah, Julie, Niki, Pearl and Mary for all the hard work and preparation they put into making my party so memorable. My thanks also to the kind volunteers who helped clean up the following day. I know that I enjoyed myself as it took all of thirty-six hours to recover.

My love to you all

Tom Allday

February News from the Hall

This month we had our best attendance for a lunch yet. There were 40 people who sat down for the 3-course lunch and the menu included both local Lamb and Beef, very kindly donated by Tim (The Shepard) to help raise money for the Roof fund.

So far through a lot of hard work by the Committee and those who support the hall, we have managed to put aside £12,500.00 towards our Target. We need to raise, in the region of £163,00.00 to replace the roof and refurbish the toilets. Most of this will be raised through grants, but your support is really important to us, so please, please give it when and if you can.

Next months (March) dates for your diaries are:

Fri 10th"Bridget Jones Baby"Sat 18thThe Keith Gunter Benefit NightTue 21stThe Community Shop AGMFri 24th3 course Lunch



Vodafone who supplied the hall with a Community Sure Signal system, which allows users to get a 3G signal within the hall and its grounds, will be attending the coffee morning on Friday 17th March along with Dr Andrew Murrison MP as part of their publicity drive. Maiden Bradley was the first village to be awarded the system.

A special Easter BINGO session will be held on Monday 3rd April

We will be holding our "Easter Egg Hunt" on Friday 14^{th} April at 10.30 am, and this is for anyone under the age of 11; there will also be a raffle.

On April 22nd not only do we have a very exclusive Art Exhibition but there will also be cream teas available.

Mel Thomas

Village halls face bleak future as ageing volunteers dwindle

Village halls are facing a bleak future because a new generation of young volunteers are failing to step forward to help run them.

Once the cornerstone of local communities, Britain's 10,000 halls are under threat as <u>an ageing group of 80,000 volunteers continues to dwindle</u>.

Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) said halls have struggled to recruit the next generation to keep the community spaces going and are calling for drastic action.

The annual show at Weburn Village Hall, Welburn, North Yorkshire Credit: Craig Stennett ACRE Village Halls Manager Deborah Clarke said: "Village halls are vital for the survival of rural communities. People want to use them but they don't want to commit to running them.

"It's understandable - there are a raft of duties to deal with, from licensing legislation to health and safety - but communities are in danger of taking their volunteers for granted.

"Younger people are especially hard to attract as they often work long hours away from village in order to live in them - while the newly retired often don't want to commit."

My mantra is you can't complain about local facilities if you don't get involved. People take these spaces for granted but if you put time and effort in, there's no end of wonderful things to gain Alastair McPherson

Alan West, 69, vice chairman of the now disbanded National Village Halls Forum, said: "The crunch has finally come. We need young people to step forward and get involved in the future of village halls.

"The traditional village hall is the hub of a community. It means people can meet face to face.

"Younger generations sit in front of their screens and communicate via social media these days but in the hall they can actually talk and interact.

"In our village hall - Ringmer Hall in East Sussex - we run a food bank, carers can meet other carers, the Guides and Brownies do their activities - everyday things are happening."

Alan recognises younger generations are busy and lead "hectic" lives.

But he added: "Perhaps it reflects the culture we have got into - being at the desk all hours - and that goes back into private life. Younger people

are at work all day and there's not a lot of room left for helping the community."

England's 10,000 village halls rely on more than 12 million hours of volunteering each year, according to a national survey by ACRE.

But more than half of the halls who responded to the survey said they were struggling to find new recruits to help manage the buildings - with people saying they were too busy, too old or simply not interested.

Louise Beeton, 60, has worked as a freelance village hall advisor and consultant for over 30 years and says she has seen a "huge change" over the period. She said: "It makes me sad to see the difficulty that trustees are now facing. Village halls need to adapt to the future and modern day requirements but they can only do that if there is support, advice, funding and not too much of a tax burden.

"Occasionally a hall is lucky enough to get younger volunteers but most of them are relying on older trustees who are now in their 70s and 80s."

Alastair McPherson, 43, has adopted a different approach to encourage young people to get involved with his local community centre The Woodside, near Hayward's Heath.

He said: "One of the issues with the traditional village hall is that people my age and down see them as drafty old buildings run by older people. But ours is amazing - it's a really modern building with big windows and lots of light.

"It's a hub of activity. We held a beer festival, which attracted younger people and we have a Facebook page and we are working on more social media strategies."

Alastair added: "My mantra is you can't complain about local facilities if you don't get involved. People take these spaces for granted but if you put time and effort in, there's no end of wonderful things to gain."

Meanwhile, supporters of village halls are doing everything they can to keep the community spaces alive.

The recently launched National Village Hall & Community Network now has 300 hall committees signed up, contributing to discussions and advising on how to move forward. And innovative projects like the first Passivhaus village hall - an energy efficient building - have received Lottery funding.

From an article in the Daily Telegraph January 2017

Parish Council February 2017

Parish Steward Scheme – The Parish Steward has been informed that the following requires attention:

- Traffic calming cleared
- Grass and vegetation on the pavement in Church Street
- Hand clearing and cutting of growth from drainage grips and drain gully covers.
- Hand clearing of blocked drainage gullies, culverts.

The Wiltshire Council app can be used to report Highways issues or online at <u>http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysst</u> <u>reetcare/mywiltshirelogin.htm</u>

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 above, the Wiltshire Council App or on the landline number 0300 456 0105.

Councillor Vacancy – Parishioners are asked to note that a closing date of the 13th March 2017 is being advertised to be fair to applicants in the process and that the March Council meetings business will deal with the applications received.

If you are interested in joining the Council team, please contact the clerk for an application form. Contact details are available below or on the parish council website. You can request a form by email, by phone or by writing to request a form.

Election process for May 2017 - Council heard a report from the clerk on her attendance at the recent SLCC Branch meeting with John Watling. It covered the forth-coming elections in May, the process of the Elections nominations and process of the elections in relation to the Council meetings.

Bus Service- the Parish Council noted a recent comment from a parishioner on the decrease of the Bus Services from and to Maiden Bradley. Council felt that as the Link Scheme has been supported with an increased grant funding this year to help with parishioners in need who have travel issues, they hoped that this would ease some of the hardship experienced from the present cuts having to be made by Wiltshire Council.

Items for the next Agenda: Asset Register review, Insurance reviewed – Quotations sought and Vat Reclaim actioned.

Date of the next meeting- The Council agreed that Tuesday 14th March 2017 would be the date of the next Parish Council meeting.

BINGO!

Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall are holding an Easter Bingo on Monday April 3rd at 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm start. Please come and support this fun event and win some lovely Easter Eggs, or other prizes. Therefore you can have an enjoyable evening plus winning some Easter Goodies, what can be better?

Pearl 844779

Village Hall Lottery January							
1 st Mrs Mead 3 rd Mrs S. Cooper	£22.13 £6.70	2 nd 4 th	Mrs E. Seal Julia Morgan	£11.05 £4.37			
February 1 st Chris Downes 3 rd Sheila Foley	£22.13 £6.70	2 nd 4 th	S. Peter Russell Phoebe Muir	£11.05 £4.37			

Since 1998 the lottery has brought in a total of ± 20105.25 to help maintain the village hall.

Therefore £10052.62 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.

Link Scheme

"You may know that residents of Maiden Bradley are able to use the Mere and District Link Scheme to get to medical appointments, visit relatives in local hospitals and homes etc. The Scheme is run by volunteers and Alan Inwood from Maiden Bradley is one of our drivers. If you would like to know more about using the Link Scheme or helping out as a volunteer driver please call the Link on 01747 860096.

The Link Scheme is a charity funded by donations from clients and fund raising events. The next event is a barn dance being organised by Mere Bowls Club on Saturday 8 April at 7pm in the Grove Building in Mere. Dancing will be to the Black Bear Band and tickets at £10, including fish and chip supper, are available from Mere Library or by phoning 01747 860775. All proceeds will be donated to the Link. These dances are a fun way to raise money for a good cause so please come along if you can."

Charity Football Match at the Rec

On Saturday 1st April there will be a charity football match on the rec, raising money for Prostate Cancer UK.

I recently lost my father Bob Brown and football was his favourite sport, so I wanted to organise a match in is memory. We want to help to raise money and awareness as 1 in 8 men in the UK will get prostate cancer. If you are interested in playing there are some places still available. Full kit will be provided (except boots and shin pads). All players age 18+ are welcome. The match will kick off at 3pm at the Maiden Bradley Recreation Ground. This will be an 11-a-side game, 40 mins a half, with a £10 per player subs fee which will include a raffle ticket. All proceeds will go to Prostate Cancer UK. Players should meet at the Somerset Arms at 2pm. Come and support this worthy cause and cheer on the players. There will be a half-time penalty shoot out competition for younger supporters. Afterwards a raffle and post-match interviews will take place in The Somerset Arms. If you

would like to play please contact me at gilabrown74@gmail.com Donations to Prostate Cancer UK can be made through:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Giles-Brown1

Many thanks Giles Brown 01985 845060



Welcome Club

We are up and going again for another year. There was a good showing for our first meeting at which we had the opportunity to discuss the coming year as this was missed at the end of 2016 because we went off on our Christmas Lunch. Incidentally we have decided to repeat the outing for lunch, probably on December 5th 2017!

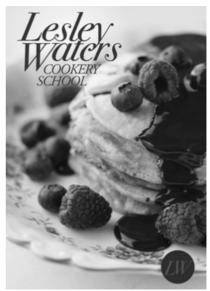
Members have chosen some favourite trips. The first will be on 25th April, a Mystery! Subs are due, some being taken on 16th February. We pay £5 per year. Tom will run a Bingo afternoon at our next meeting on March 16th at 2.30 pm at the Horningsham Hall. There will be prizes of course and also we'll have our usual raffle and scrummy tea to follow! Why not join us?

Chris Short 01985 847373



Shop Fundraiser

What a great evening we had at Bradley House to raise funds for the village shop. Many thanks were given to Leslie Walters who gave an excellent demonstration of a three course meal. Leslie's presentation was inspiring and I'm sure many wanted to go home and have a go. Thanks were also given to Derek James who donated his time to set up the kitchen staging. Afterwards we were treated to a three course meal which included wine for each course.



Diana Stevens







My name is Stuart Hershbein and I live in Maiden Bradley in one of the cottages on Frome Road. It has taken me 4 years and a lot of hard work, motivation and support from friends and family......

to get from this.....



In 2012 | was flown by Wiltshire Air Ambulance to Bristol for emergency brain surgery after suffering from Hydrocephalus (fluid on the brain) that I didn't know had at the time. They played a big part in saving my life, I would not be here today if I hadn't got to the trauma unit within 30 mins (they got me there in 10).



If you have internet access my full story can be seen in the links below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpJRf6Tvgzw https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UStrFH1FYiw

I am now back to full fitness physically, I just have one more mental barrier to put behind me "the Bath half marathon"

I am trying to raise £1000 for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance who helped save my life in 2012. Please donate what you can to help them continue to not only save lives but make lives. Since 2012 I have married, become a father of two children, and managed to get a new job. *Without the speed of their actions none of this may have been possible.*

Please please, help me raise this money. Go to my Just Giving page here: <u>https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Stuart-Hershbein</u> Or make a donation in the charity bucket that I have left in the shop. Thanks from the bottom of my heart. -

All Saints ' Church Maiden Bradley Mothering Sunday

26th March at 10am



A short, family-friendly service during which posies will be distributed

Wanted - Bell Ringers

In common with many churches up and , down the country, Maiden Bradley Church has a shortage of bell ringers.

Our church has 6 bells. The ringing chamber is accessed by 32 steps, so can be considered good exercise! In fact, there is some discussion nationally, as to whether it should be regarded as a sport? The art of bell ringing can be very enjoyable and, as said, is good exercise and helps to keep the mind active!



Our practice night is Tuesday, from 7.00pm until 8.30pm. If you are a bell ringer, or would like to become one, please contact me at the number below.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Colin Dowson. Colin has decided after 50 years of ringing to hang up his ropes. He has been a great strength and help to many people over the years and will still be helping us out at times in the future. Thank you Colin.

David Morse: 844475

MURDER MYSTERY – MAIDEN BRADLEY PLAYERS

Hello, you may remember but just a year ago the hastily formed Maiden Bradley Players bought together their first theatre production "Deck Chairs" it was a great success and we filled the seats and we exceeded our forecasts.

We are now planning something new; a Murder Mystery evening, a single performance probably a Saturday night later in the year. However, to do this we need a cast of, the mature, the young, aspiring actors, or actresses, experienced or otherwise to act out this an intriguing mystery of who done it.

Will you need to learn lines? Well it would be better that you do. Will it be performed on the stage? Yes it will performed on the stage in the Memorial Hall in front of an audience of up to 80. We need to establish a cast of four ladies and four men, those keen to do something and take part in a cunning, cunning mystery already scripted, you might be cast as the murdered person or maybe the murderer anyway, a little fun for the company and we hope the audience will love you or hate you as the characters unfold and all being well, will want us to do more. We hope you will enjoy a few rehearsals, as these will be required but you will not need great acting prowess, we will leave that to the director to mould the performers and performances, however all nearer the time. Essentially we need a cast!

If you are interested in taking part in this fund raiser, brain teaser, drama for the Memorial Hall then please let us know email us: <u>maidenbradleyplayers@gmail.com</u> or <u>James.Kennedy@visa-ffice.com</u>

or call us : day 01373 837499 evening 01985 845397

When we have measured our responses we shall plan a meeting of all those interested can arrange by invitation only a Saturday afternoon tea party, where we can disclose more of the plot and maybe read through the script, make introductions such the Director can plan his her strategy. Thank you so much for your interest.

James Kennedy

The Keith Gunter Benefit Night.

The family is holding a charity event in Keith's memory featuring 'Newton Country' who have recently performed live on Dermot O'Leary's Show on BBC Radio 2. This will be held on the 18th March 8pm at Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall. This is in aid of The Pembroke Cancer Ward, Salisbury and the Dorset Air Ambulance. Tickets are £10 each which include food and are available from Brian, Steve, Chris and Caz Gunter. This will be a great evening with this young and ambitious band and not to be missed! We all look forward to seeing you there!

Caz Gunter 01985 844796

PARISH FOOTPATHS

I write this as the newly-appointed footpath warden for the Parish. Many readers will be aware of my role in managing the Maiden Bradley Estate woodland, which means I already have responsibility for a number of the parish's rights of way. As a walker I cover the rest routinely in my leisure and so it seemed logical for me to approach the Parish Council and volunteer for this role, to keep an eye on and help maintain the fine network of paths across the full extent of our parish.

We have over 16 miles of public footpaths, bridleways and by-ways in the parish. There are national standards by which these can be monitored and maintained as a safe and functional resource for walkers and farmers. Having entered all paths onto a digital mapping system, I am now in the process of adding information on stiles, gates etc., with a view to developing an online problem-reporting system, available for all. I will keep these pages updated on

how all of this develops. In the meantime, do let me know if you are aware of any extant problems around the parish.

Peter Oliver Tel. 844891 p.oliver@canopylanduse.co.uk



Chicken with Asparagus and Tarragon

Ingredients

- 500g baby pototoes, halved
- 4 skinless chicken breast
- 1 tbsp sunflower oil
- 1 large, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 350ml chicken stock
- small bunch tarragon
- 175g Asparagus, trimmed
 3 tbsp reduced-fat crème fraîche



Method

- 1. Cook the potatoes in a large pan of boiling water for 8-10 mins until tender, then drain and keep warm in the pan. Season the chicken with ground black pepper. Heat the oil in a large nonstick frying pan. Gently fry the chicken with the onion and garlic for 5 mins until both are lightly browned. Turn over the chicken once and stir the onion regularly.
- 2. Pour over the stock, add 2 sprigs of tarragon and bring to a gentle simmer. Cook for 5 mins, then turn the chicken, add the asparagus and cook for 3 mins more. Chop the remaining tarragon.
- 3. Stir the crème fraîche and tarragon into the pan with the chicken and heat through, stirring, for a few secs. Serve with the new potatoes.

Deverills Performing Arts 2017 Coming up this Spring:

Door Ajar Theatre: *Thisbe* Date: Saturday 25 March Venue: Longbridge Deverill hall Time:7.30pm Tickets: £10

The end of A Midsummer Night's Dream sees the four lovers all paired off nicely. Simple. Or is it?

Door Ajar's actor-musician ensemble accompany the innocent yet complex character of Thisbe to the forest where she is forced to account for her actions. Can she save her parents' marriage? And does she really want to? A fusion of magic, music and levity.

> *Apollo5* - a cappella quintet Date: Saturday 29 April Venue: Longbridge Deverill church Time: 7.30pm Tickets: £15

The acclaimed London-based *a cappella* quintet, praised for their purity of sound and for their engaging and entertaining performances, will perform a range of sacred and secular classical, retro jazz and pop.

> Details at: www.deverillsfestival.com Ticket sales: tel 01985 844385 | email: info@deverillsfestival.com Julia Williams Deverills Performing Arts e: marketing@deverillsfestival.com w: deverillsfestival.com

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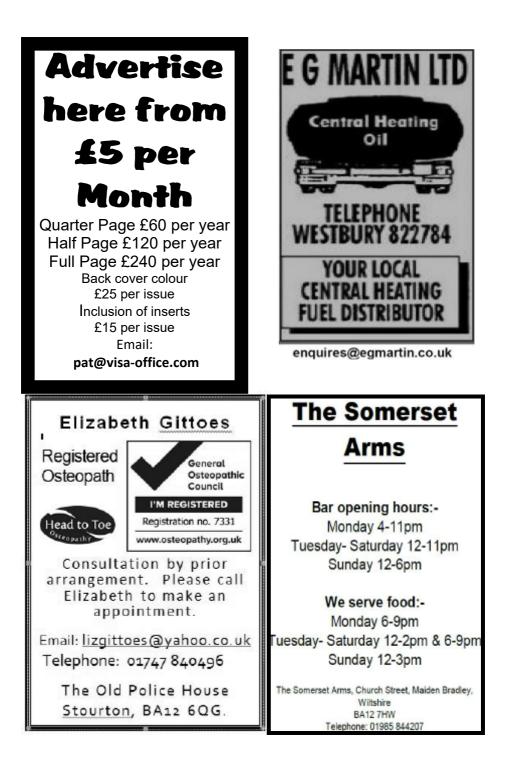
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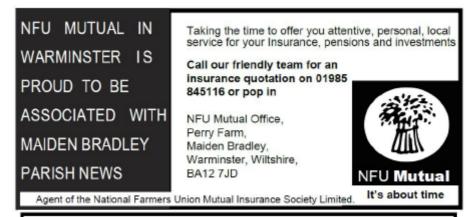
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Walking On Air Footcare

Visiting Foot Health Professional MCFHP MAFHP Providing treatment and advice to keep you mobile Friday Clinic held at Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall For an appointment phone Jean:

0793 4495518

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Memorial Hall Exhibition

There is to be an exhibition of the late Brian Adams life works at the Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall on

Saturday 22nd April 2017 from 10:00 - 16:00.

Exhibits will include:

- Rare experimental items of Exon Wemyss Ware
- Production items of Exon Wemyss spanning 3 decades including the famous Wemyss pigs
- Oil paintings of country scenes, people and fantasia
- Examples of his pottery/porcelain literature including his major work 'True Porcelain Pioneers – The Cookworthy Chimera 1670-1782'
- Recent examples of Exon slipware
- A sales table of affordable items of Exon/Wemyss wares

Adi Roche







