

Maiden Bradley

Parish News

No. 309 March 2015



Diary March 2015

1 st Sun	Holy Communion – Church	10.00 am
2 nd Mon	Black Box & Blue Bin Collection	7.00 am
	Bingo – Memorial Hall	7.30 for 8.00 pm
	Pilates	12.30 pm
3 rd Tue	Lent Lunch – Condlyffe Cottage	12.30 pm
8 th Sun	Matins – Church	10.00 am
9 th Mon	Household & Garden Waste Collection	7.00 am
	Community Shop A.G.M. – Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
	Pilates – Memorial Hall	12.30 pm
10 th Tue	Lent Lunch – Condlyffe Cottage	12.30 pm
	Parish Council Meeting – Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
11 th Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms	9.35-9.55 am
14 th Sat	Cinema Club – Memorial Hall	10.00 am
	Chick-flick Film – The Descendents - Memorial Hall	7.30pm
15 th Sun	Mothering Sunday Service – Church	10.00 am
16 th Mon	Black Box & Blue Bin Collection	7.00 am
	Pilates – Memorial Hall	12.30 pm
17 th Tue	Lent Lunch – Condlyffe Cottage	12.30 pm
19 th Thu	Welcome Club Meeting – Horningsham Hall	2.30 pm
20th Fri	Deadline for magazine submissions	
22 nd Sun	Holy Communion – Church	10.00 am
23 rd Mon	Household & Garden Waste Collection	7.00 am
	Pilates – Memorial Hall	12.30 pm
24 th Tue	Lent Lunch – Condlyffe Cottage	12.30 pm
	W.I.Meeting – Stourton Village Hall	7.30 pm
25 th Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms	9.35-9.55 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 the Memorial Hall 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;
Memorial Hall bookings – Mel Thomas 845111 ; Dr. Andrew Murrison MP: 01225 358584 or
murrisona@parliament.uk: Mere Link Scheme 01747 860096

Maiden Bradley Parish News: contributions are welcome in any format. E-Mail:
pat@visa-office.com letter: Pat Kennedy, 64 The Rank, Maiden Bradley, Warminster BA12 7JF

From the Editor

Rehearsals for the pantomime are well under way and the last few tickets being sold, should mean a successful outcome for the actors, who love to play to a packed audience, and a successful outcome for the Memorial Hall which is the recipient of the majority of funds raised by the event. All those involved give their time voluntarily, it is a village production, written by the cast, with even the sets designed and painted by a member of the cast. Talent indeed!

Many of you will have noticed the demise of the swimming pool over the last few weeks. The Trustees have successfully relocated the interesting wild life that had inhabited the pool since it was abandoned some years ago, and they have now demolished the changing rooms, dismantled the plumbing, filled in the hole and returned the ground to normality, save for the final seeding of the grass. Our thanks to them for removing what had become an area of concern to parents and villagers alike.

Just a reminder – Mothering Sunday occurs on the fourth Sunday in Lent and according to Dr. Steve Roud in his book, *The English Year*, was first recorded in 1644 as a day when “all the children meet the family and have a feast. They call it the Mothering-day.”

PS. PLEASE make sure that all articles and pictures to be included in the magazine are sent to me by 20th of each month.

Pat Kennedy
Editor – 845397 pat@visa-office.com



Our usual series of Lent lunches will begin on February 24th and take place every Tuesday up to and including March 24th.

All will be very welcome at Condlyffe Cottage (56/57 The Rank) at 12.30 pm for home-made soup, bread and cheese. There will be a collection for Christian Aid.

Meg Oliver
844317

Village Hall Lottery

January

1 st Miss C. Short	£21.50	2 nd Miss S. Morris	£10.75
3 rd Nick Morgan	£6.50	4 th Liz Nixon	£4.25

February

1 st Mike O'Bryan	£21.50	2 nd Bridget Davis	£10.75
3 rd Donna Stevens	£6.50	4 th Henry Sheppard	£4.25

Since 1998 the lottery has brought in a total of £17,962.00. Therefore £8,981.00 has gone to the village hall and the same amount has been paid out, in prize money.

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 and remember, half the draw's income goes to the Village Hall and half goes in prizes.

Welcome club

We had our opening meeting of the year on 19th February when members received their new programmes and paid their subscriptions.

Our first speaker will be Linda Dowsett who will tell us of the time she took part in “The Weakest Link” and how she gives talks to collect funds for Guide Dogs. To date she has collected enough money for one dog and is well on the way to funding a second one. Linda will join us on 19th March at 2.30pm in Horningsham Hall.

As an advance notice our first trip will be a mystery and will be on April 21st. As previously, all are cordially invited to join us, just let me know numbers on the telephone number below. Looking forward to seeing you.

Chris Short
01985 847373

Recipe Salmon and broccoli lasagne

8oz broccoli
4 salmon fillets
Pint milk
2 teaspoons of Dijon mustard
2 teaspoons of vegetable stock powder
2 tablespoons corn flour
4 oz mushrooms
2 oz Cheddar cheese, grated
1 tablespoon fresh chopped dill
1 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley
8 oz lasagne
Salt and pepper to taste

Cook the broccoli in boiling salted water, drain and leave to cool

Poach the salmon in the milk and cook for 6 minutes, lift the salmon out of the milk then remove the skin and bones, then flake it into large pieces.

To make the sauce, reheat the milk, adding the stock powder and mustard before thickening it with the corn flour. Then add the mushrooms and cheese and stir in the herbs.

Layer the lasagne dish, first with a layer of sauce, then lasagne, then salmon and broccoli, and continue layering the ingredients until ending on a sauce layer. Cook for 35 minutes at 190C, 375F, gas mark 5.



News From the Hall

By the time you read this, the Panto Season will be over; no doubt it will have been a great success, once again. Our thanks go out to Tom Allday and the entire panto group for all the hard work and time they put in on our behalf.

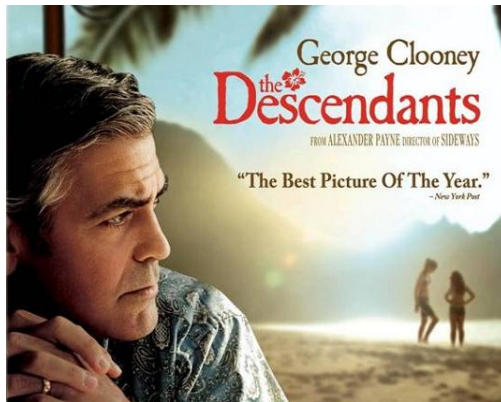
Within the next few weeks we will be moving the kitchen from its present location into the Jubilee room giving us a much more modern work area with room to offer café facilities.

Progress is also being made with the memorial garden at the front of the hall. Thanks to the generosity of all those that dug deep into their pockets we have raised approximately £1400 in cash and kind, towards the bench and garden. Thank you one and all.

The trio of Mary Stevens, Pearl Hudson and Tom Allday held a very successful coffee morning on behalf of SSAFA and managed to raise £196 that was presented to Rev Eric Little of the Warminster Division of SSAFA. Well done to them and a big thanks to all those that supported it.

By popular request we will be having another.....

Chick flick & Chardonnay Evening



on Saturday 14th March the cost of which will be £5 pp. so come on ladies make a note in your diaries. The film on show will be George Clooney in **The Descendants**. Bring your own nibbles.

The Village Show & Music Fest will be on Saturday 6th June. Mark Lucas-Phillips has agreed to manage the Music Fest, but if anything else is to go on then we need people to put themselves forward to help with the running of events. This show was a great success last year and it would be a pity to lose that momentum due to apathy.

YOUR VILLAGE SHOW NEEDS YOU
contact Mel Thomas to enlist!

Mel Thomas - Chairman
845111

Maiden Bradley and Magna Carta

Maiden Bradley has been invited to take part in the 'Magna Carta 2015 Project' which is being run by the Diocese of Salisbury to celebrate the 800th anniversary. The project is for all the community and could include anything that links us to Magna Carta; you could, for example, look at life here in 1215 or consider a theme of Magna Carta such as 'justice.'



On Sunday 14th June there will be a pilgrimage from Old Sarum (where Salisbury's Magna Carta was sent in 1215) to the present cathedral where anyone who has participated can offer their work on a CD ROM, scrapbook, tapestry, etc. to the Bishop and Dean. From there they will be passed on to the Records Offices so that others can share the information. Suitable contributions will also be displayed in the cathedral.

We are very fortunate in that our parish has many links with Magna Carta. In 1204 King John took Maiden Bradley priory under his protection and in 1213 he granted it a fair on St Matthew's day; the first one is believed to have taken place in 1215. William Marshal, a signatory of Magna Carta was also a benefactor of the priory. Margaret, the daughter of the founder of the priory, Mannaser Biset built herself a house in the grounds, as was usual for the wealthy leprous maidens who lived there, but her life was far from cloistered as she was the Lady in Waiting to Eleanor of Provence, the twelve year old bride of King John's son, Henry III. She is said to have saved the king from an assassination attempt.

The history of the lepers is also a fascinating topic which could be explored and not at all as might be expected as they were valued members of the community and led relatively pleasant lives even having their washing done twice a week.

If anyone would like to contribute to the project please email me, c_a_blay@hotmail.com or phone 01985 844817. Further information can be found at, www.salisbury.anglican.org/parishes/magnacarta



SHOP AGM REMINDER

The Shop AGM will be held in the Village Hall on Monday, 9 March at

7 pm. We hope that you will come along to give us your ideas and views on the shop. Nigel Lavender will give a short presentation on a fundraising scheme which might appeal to those who would like to support the shop but who are not able to during its opening hours.

Post Office

The Post Office situation has now become clearer and to some extent resolved itself. The Post Office Authorities have now concluded that the Community Shop would not be suitable for transformation to a Post Office Local. The Post Office can therefore continue as a Post Office Community Branch.

It is up to Pam (with the shop's help) to find her replacement and ensure that there is a smooth transition. This means that the application and training should be completed before her departure date. (Pam has indicated that this would probably be September but has yet to confirm).

If anyone is interested in applying for Pam's job then please talk to her. Pam will be at the AGM to answer any questions about the Post Office and its services.

And finally we are still looking for people to join the committee. Don't be shy!

Liz Nixon
844242

ernixon66@gmail.com

Liz Nixon

Chairman Shop Committee

Shop

Monday to Friday
Saturday
Sunday

8am to 5.30pm
8am to 3.30pm
9am to midday

Post Office

Mon
Tues
Wed
Thu
Fri

9.00am – 1.30pm
1.30pm – 4.30pm
9.00am - 12.00pm
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9.00am - 1.00pm



Scrabble

Would anyone like to join me to play Scrabble, say once a month, or once a week? I have an ancient set, but if the idea is popular would be happy to buy a newer one!

I suggest meeting here in my house and I'll provide coffee and biscuits. If, as I hope, it becomes a regular event, we might each put say, a pound in a pot at each meeting, to go towards a village cause or the nearest hospice? Suggestions would be welcomed.

Preliminary meeting to arrange time and day is Monday 9th March at 10.30am. Please let me know if you are attending. **844919 Sue Loudoun**, The Old School, Maiden Bradley.

Whitesheet goes back to the Stone Age



The extraordinary feats of Stone Age man thrilled pupils of Whitesheet Primary Academy on their visit to Stonehenge. One year 6 pupil - Henry - enjoyed it so much he wanted to tell you all about it:

“Last week Whitesheet went on an exciting trip to Stonehenge.

As we put our bags down we were told about how things decompose over time and how this is useful to archaeologists. Then we were all split up into four groups to do four different things.

One group learned how to build a mini model of Stonehenge another found out how the artefacts get buried over time. The third group found out the difference between bronze and Stone Age artefacts and the fourth how the Stone Age men and women actually managed to lift the huge stones.

After we had finished these activities we split into three different groups to find out how to make a Stone Age house, live like a Stone Age man and finally how to make rope. After all of that it was finally time for lunch as we were pretty hungry and chilly.

After lunch we visited the actual site of Stonehenge. It was magnificent. We looked at Stonehenge for about roughly ten minutes before having to get back on the bus for our final activity of the day. When we got back to the visitors centre we went straight to the art museum.

We learnt about what happened to Stonehenge in WW2, who founded Stonehenge and even what it looked like when it was built. Others found out how Stonehenge looked like before they actually moved the stones in.

Sadly after this it was time to go. I really enjoyed going to Stonehenge I wish I could go again.”

Henry - Year 6
Whitesheet Primary Academy

Collaborating Codgers

Sometime last autumn I picked up a copy of the Bradley News in the pub and noticed on the back page the article by Mel Thomas regarding the purchase of a bench that would be placed outside the Village Hall. I thought this was a suitable way of commemorating the anniversary of the start of the Great War and recognising those from the village that were lost in both World Wars, particularly as the design of the bench was so strikingly appropriate.

The subject was discussed amongst a couple of Old Codgers and the conversation was soon joined by David and Alice. All agreed that it was a very worthy cause and would enhance the outside area of the hall so, as a group, we decided to help Mel with his plan to purchase the bench. Collection boxes were manufactured by Codger 1 and placed in the pub and village shop. Codger 2 organised the ground works required around the area where the bench will be placed and Codger 3, assisted by Codger 1, fixed the logs in place that will act as re vetting for the ground works. Mel, assisted by Mr Smart, managed a team of young lads on the community payback scheme and got stuck in to some of the more strenuous ground work.

The aim is to have the bench and suitable landscaping in place by the end of March and following a 'go slow' over the Christmas break we are now back on track. An amazing total of £520 has been raised from the 2 collection points and Mel's article and the presence of the collection points have prompted donations from other individuals.

Work continues on this project and Mel will be happy to receive further donations. We look forward to reporting when the bench and landscaping is all in place.

Codger 3

N.B. Also see cover photo

Parish Council meeting minutes 10th February 2015

Public Question Time -Mr David Morse addressed Council. He gave an update on the project to infill the Swimming Pool. The buildings have been removed along with the fencing. Barrier fencing has been put in to place to prevent accidents and protect the area until it is grassed over.

The pool is now filled with material and is of a sufficient condition to grow grass on. It will be seeded in the spring. The fencing left along the play area, will be removed down to the same height as the play area fencing and left in a good condition. The rubbish will be cleared when the site has been completed.

Councillor Patrick Nixon congratulated the Trust for its swift action and efficient work. Mr David Morse informed the Council that the Estate must be also thanked for helping financially with the project. Mr David Morse confirmed that the Trusteeship will be dissolved in the near future; this cost is also being covered by the Estate. Mr David Morse was thanked for coming to give the update.

Planning Decisions:

14/11684/FUL 95 Frome Road Maiden Bradley Wiltshire BA12 7JA

Proposal: Replacement two storey rear extension

Decision: Approve with Conditions.

14/05328/FUL Dairy Cottage, Grange Farm Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield BA12 7HX

Proposal: Change of use of Dairy Cottage from agricultural to residential with associated alterations including new windows and doors to west and south elevation, new chimney to south elevation and 2 roof lights to east elevation.

Decision: The Clerk has contacted the Officer in charge of this case to ascertain the decision. The Clerk has been informed that this application has now been withdrawn.

Parish Council minutes continued.....

14/10555/LBC Grange Farm Maiden Bradley Warminster BA12 7HX

Proposed: Development Alterations to existing garage including timber doors to existing openings and installation of roof lights to North West elevation

Decision: Approved with conditions

(Please note: in planning matters the Council acts as the consultee of the Principal Authority. The Principal Authority being the deciding body)

Speed Indicator Device Pole- it was noted that the Clerk had requested an update from the Area Board Manager, it seems that the letter informing Council that the Speed Indicator Programme had been withdrawn had been received back in January but had not been passed on to the parishes, this information confirmed why the pole had not been installed. The Clerk informed the Council that the Community Area Traffic Group could be approached refunding for the SID programme and that she had requested the date of the next CATG meeting from the Area Board Manager but had yet to receive a reply.

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 landline number 0300 456 0105. Or use the Wiltshire Council App that can be downloaded, Sarah Jeffries the Clerk is also available so that the work can be added to the Community day.

Annual Litter Pick - Councillor Jerry Rayner would be approached to run the event again and that a first aid kit for the litter pick is purchased as per the quotation presented to the Council. It was confirmed that the Litter Pick is due to take place on the 14th March 2015, starting at 10.00am. Parishioners are asked to come along and join in this community event. Collection of the waste collected during the event would be by Councillor Angus Neish as per last year's event. The completed waste collected would be stored at the Community Garden and collected by Wiltshire Council on the Monday. The Litter Pick Risk Assessment was reviewed and it was confirmed to the Clerk that no changes are required.

Reserves Policy – Council agreed a policy re its Financial Reserves a copy can be viewed on the website.

Local Councils Award Scheme – Council agreed to adopt and publish the action plan for 2015/2016. Council will work through the Action plan in the next few years. Council also approved the Clerk moving forward to make an application for the Quality Award and the costs of the registration fee of £50.00 to the National Association of Councils along with the accreditation fee of £60.00. The Action plan can be viewed on the website.

Clerk's Report

Parishioners Email Mapperton Hill Reservoir and Recent Electrical Failure – the below reply was received by the Clerk.

Even though the external structure of the reservoir was in good condition, it had to be closed as it did not meet modern water quality standards.

We do have a generator at our pumping station but unfortunately, when the transformer was damaged by the shotgun shot it sent a surge through the power lines and damaged components on our generator. The generator has now been repairs and tested so under normal circumstances would work in the event of a power failure.

The parishioner has been informed of Wessex Waters reply and has emailed the Clerk they are content.

Wiltshire Council Furniture and Asset Reuse - The Clerk was able to obtain the following from her visit to Devizes, filing cabinet, flip chart easel, two 3 panel display system boards (these require a bit of attention but a can of spray glue is all that is needed to restore them to good working order £5.50), white boards (Lone Working Policy requirement), white presentation folders, document holder and a box of stationary items. The visit was extremely successful; the Clerk was just disappointed she had no further room in her car for other items that would have been useful.

Parish Council meeting minutes - continued

Openness & Accountability Act

Resolved: noted the Clerks report that she is updating the website so that the Parish Council is compliant with the act to date.

Dates for the Full Council Meetings 2015/2016

Annual Parish Meeting: Tuesday 12th May 2015 7.30pm (Meeting of Electoral not a Full Council meeting)

All Parish Council meetings will have an opportunity at the start for parishioners to ask questions or make comments on any matter

Tuesday 9th April 2015 7.30pm, Tuesday 12th May 2015 8.00 pm Annual Parish Council meeting (Following on from the Annual Parish meeting), Tuesday 9th June 2015 7.30pm,

Tuesday 14th July 2015 7.30pm, **There will be no meeting during the August Summer break**

Tuesday 8th September 2015 7.30pm, Tuesday 13th October 2015 7.30pm, Tuesday 10th November 2015 7.30pm (Budget meeting), Tuesday 8th December 2015 7.30pm, Tuesday 12th January 2016 7.30pm, Tuesday 9th February 2016 7.30pm, Tuesday 8th March 2016 7.30pm and Tuesday 12th April 2016 7.30pm

Separate Planning meetings will take place as and when required: The Clerk will issue a separate summons to Councillors and they will be displayed on the Parish Notice Board and in the Village Shop

Link Scheme Grant Application – Council discussed the correspondence from a parishioner requesting a grant award towards this valued community service. Council agreed to award £100.00 to the Link Scheme. This would be awarded at the next meeting

Oil Buying Club -noted the correspondence but felt that the buying system already in place in the parish was working well. The Clerk spoke on the Community system in place in Horningsham and suggested that the parishes might join forces. Councillor Patrick Nixon agreed that he would speak with Councillor Ken Windess in Horningsham on this suggestion. The Clerk was instructed to give Councillor Patrick Nixon's email contact details to start the talks. If any parishioner wishes to join the scheme please get in touch with Councillor Patrick Nixon or the Clerk.

Independent Internet Service - the correspondence received from a group was discussed, Council felt that as the parish would be included in the Wiltshire Council upgrade it would not need to provide an independent service. The Clerk was instructed to give an appropriate reply to the correspondence informing them.

Items for the next Agenda - Local Council Award Scheme – Resolution, Budget Report, and Annual Parish Meeting – Arrangements, Community Emergency Plan - up date to include Snow Plan etc and Clerks Holiday Request.

Date of the next meeting- The Council agreed that **Tuesday 10th March 2015** 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



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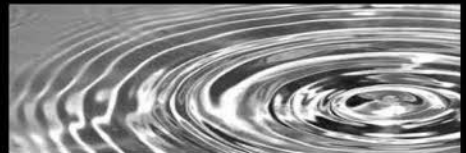
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Continuing the Trek to the Anna Purna Sanctuary.....

As we set off from the relative comfort of our lodgings we soon noticed that the terrain was rough walking and in many places there was no visible path to follow and we walked on what appeared to be virgin ground. The bridges over the streams and rivers were often just logs, held together with vegetation, without handrails and to a far distant drop to the jungle below. My time to reflect on how vulnerable I was, was short lived as great concentration was required, not to put a foot in the wrong place or slip on the damp foliage.



We slept in Tea Houses, flimsy buildings with little insulation, poor sanitation and the same menu at every lodging. The food, distinctly vegetarian, was grown on the terraces near the Tea Houses until the altitude no longer sustained growth and the food had to be carried to the upper settlements.

We were so grateful for our sleeping bags designed to sustain warmth to minus 25C and for added comfort when we reached the snow-line, we wore our clean clothes for the next day, to sleep in, filled our drinking water bottles with boiling water, and used them as hot water bottles at night and were then able to drink the cooled (but safe) water, on our trek the next day. Showers were an occasion, dribbles of cool

water from a pathetic shower head, in a shed-like structure afforded little incentive when faced with the cold of the upper reaches of this barren and freezing landscape.

The summit of Anna Purna reaches 8000m and every day our treks were marked by distant views of this horseshoe shaped mountain range. The peak of our trek was to reach the AP viewing station at 5000m and throughout our journey, every day was marked by the constant and sometimes deafening noise of the river.



Reaching the higher levels of the trek, we were at risk of landslip and avalanche but there was an Avalanche Dog to dig people out and a helipad for emergency evacuation by helicopter, if you had obtained the requisite travel insurance. Unfortunately for a member of another party who had no insurance or relevant medication (oxygen) meant that his health was greatly in danger and he had to wait three days to recover before being well enough to make the return journey to Katmandu.

As our adventure came to a close, I knew that I had had the experienced a lifetime. I will never forget our group, now friends and still in touch; nor will I forget the hardiness of the local people who looked after us along the way; the children who carried younger children on their backs, the monkeys in the jungle that threw stones at us and the constant, awe inspiring vista that greeted us every morning we awoke to a new day's challenge."

Sarah Jefferies recounted her trek to the Anna Purna Sanctuary to Pat Kennedy.