

# Maiden Bradley

Parish News

No. 299 May 2014



## Diary May 2014

4 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Holy Communion – Church	9.30 am
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Household & Garden Waste Collection	7.00 am
		Bingo – Memorial Hall	7.30 for 8.00 pm
7 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms	9.35-9.45 am
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Morning Praise – Church	10.00 am
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Black Box & Blue Bin Collection	7.00 am
13 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	P.C.C. Meeting – Rodmead Farm	7.00 pm
		Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Kids@MB – Memorial Hall	6.00-7.30 pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Welcome Club – Bring and Buy sale - Horningsham	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Benefice Rogation Service - Bison Farm West Knoyle	10.30 am
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Household & Garden Waste Collection	7.00 am
20 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	Welcome Club Trip to Paignton, leaving MB at	9.00 am
21 <sup>st</sup>	Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms	9.35-9.45 am
<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Deadline for Contributions to June Edition of M.B.P.N.</b>	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Holy Communion - Church	9.30 am
26 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Black Box & Blue Bin Collection	7.00am
27 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	WI Meeting - Stourton Village Hall	7.30pm

### Mass times in Warminster and Mere:-

St. George's, Warminster – Saturday 6 pm (Vigil); Sunday 8 am, 10 am

St. Mary's, Mere – Friday 10 am; Sunday 5 pm

Dr Harding's Surgery every Monday at 36 Church Street except Bank Holidays 5-6 pm. Due to pressure of work the Surgery at Silton, Bourton, is unable to accept repeat orders for medication by telephone. Please bring your orders to 36, Church Street the week before they are due so that the Doctor can collect them.

Dustbin Day every Monday; for Bank Holiday changes see Wiltshire Council website. Mother & Toddlers every Tuesday 10.00 am to 12 noon.

Useful telephone Nos.: The Village Shop: 844206; The Post Office: 845040; The Pub: 844207; Village Hall bookings – Mel Thomas: 845111; Dr. Andrew Murrison MP: 01225 358584 or [murrisona@parliament.uk](mailto:murrisona@parliament.uk); Mere Link Scheme 01747 860096; Rev Carol: 01747 861859.

Maiden Bradley Parish News: contributions are welcome in any format. E-Mail: [editor@maidenbradley.net](mailto:editor@maidenbradley.net) or contact Les Mayne; 845235.

*Front cover - the wet winter doesn't seem to have prevented fine Spring Blossom*

## Editorial

I do not know where to start today. There has been so much happening in the village. I have been inundated with so many snippets of information about this event and that project. I have been completely swamped!!! Sadly, it is not true and it was wishful thinking on my part. I know this is not the Times or the Mail and I do not have large teams of scoop-seekers combing the countryside looking for stories, but I am sure there is more happening out there than people are letting on. Much of it would be of great interest to the rest of the population of the village too. What are our young folk up to? What are the prime issues they face in this small community? What about our older residents? Are they suffering the same issues of loneliness that we keep reading about in the national press and are we doing anything to help the situation or just living in our own little bubbles? It is good to hear about the Welcome Club and what they get up to but there must be many other things going on that would benefit from an airing. I know there are many people doing many good things but would it not be good also to hear about them?

As far as content is concerned would there be any interest in a Sales and Wants section; or how about a barter column exchanging items or talents? Let me know what you think as long as it is in the best possible taste! Do send me your ideas at [lesmayne@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lesmayne@hotmail.co.uk). The [editor@maidenbradley.net](mailto:editor@maidenbradley.net) site does not seem to be working at the moment but we are trying to remedy that situation.

Give me something to work with.

*Les Mayne*



## Vicar's Letter

May is one of my favourite months. Being an "in between" month it can incorporate the last icy gusts of winter and the promise of hot, dry days in summer. The countryside looks newly cleaned (which often it is by rain) with bright buds and new leaves. With Easter late this year we are still celebrating

the Easter season in May with its themes of new life reflected all around us.

We are pleased in Maiden Bradley church to be making progress on the question of moving the skeleton out of the church. Because of the weight of the coffin of lead and stone we will need a forklift truck. But a plot is allocated in the graveyard and the burial will take place in the next two months. We will let you know as the service will be open to all.

A great theme of Easter is the way Christ's resurrection brings hope from sadness; new life where there was death. For All Saints the final disposal of the skeleton of the Roman lady after 49 years of "lying in state" in the church will be a great relief. Jokes such as "you've a skeleton in your cupboard", well ours is actually under the coffee table in the back of the church, will no longer be appropriate. I think the burial will be a metaphorical "new life" for us but also with God's help a new time of flourishing for God's love in our lovely Maiden Bradley community.

*Blessings and peace, Rev Carol*

## Family News

We were saddened to hear of the sudden death of David Mattia who many of you will know from his time at Bradley House. We send our sincere condolences to Kim and the family.

There has been a bit of movement in the village recently. The Manor House has been occupied again. Mike and Wendy Perry have moved to Warminster and Jane Beavis has gone to Frome. Their properties in the Rank and Church Street have been sold and we extend a warm welcome to all the new residents.

## All Saints News

### Lent Lunches

There were six opportunities to get together for a soup and cheese lunch at Condlyffe Cottage during Lent and enjoy some time for meeting and talking. A collection was made for Christian Aid and I am delighted to be sending them £80 as a result. I am also most grateful to the helpful people who made the soup each week!

Meg Oliver - 844317

## SUMMER EVENING CONCERT

### *belAcappella*

14 JUNE

**All Saints Church with reception beforehand in  
Bradley House**

This is an advance notice of a special concert by the group *bellAcappella* directed by Basira Ward. Basira is a well-known professional singer in her own right and will be joined by other professionals and her *belAcappella* choir. The choir will be singing Rachmaninov Vespers and some contrasting English secular madrigals.

More details will be displayed in the church, village hall and shop from mid-May when tickets will be on sale.

Please keep the date free for what promises to be an exciting concert.

### **Maiden Bradley Produce Show**

This year's Produce Show will be on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Look out for the schedules in the shop by the end of June.

### **Margaret Smith Rose Bowl**

Traditionally this has been awarded every year for the best village garden. In order to ring the changes we have picked a different month for judging to take place. However having held it in all the different summer months over the years, we have felt that we still need a different theme. So this year **THE WILDLIFE FRIENDLY GARDEN** will be the title for this year's competition. It will be held in July and look out for the entry form in the shop in June.

Show Schedule Committee

## **Parish Council 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

**Councillor Vacancy**- there is 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. Application forms will also be placed in the Village Shop for ease of access.

**Planning** - 14/02661/FUL Erect single storey extension to north east elevation. Location: Stacks Cottage Rodmead Farm Maiden Bradley Warminster BA12 7HP. Council agreed that it supported the application

**Planning Decisions** -13/05379/FUL Location: 50 The Knapp Maiden Bradley BA12 7JE. Proposal: Single Storey Extension. Wiltshire Council's Decision: approved with conditions.

14/01241/FUL New Porch, rear and side single story extensions. Location: 7 Frome View, High Street Maiden Bradley BA12 7JG. Wiltshire Council's Decision: Approve with conditions.

(In planning matters the Council acts as a consultee of the principal authority; the principal authority being the deciding body for planning applications)

**Parish Steward/Highways** - It was highlighted that the leaves in the Church Street traffic calming Islands needed clearing out as they had not been touched. Councillor Patrick Nixon also mentioned that there had been no road sweeping and that the path ways had not been swept by the little road sweeper for some time. This was noticeable due to the amount of gravel on the footpaths. The weeds along the Church wall also require spraying.

The provision of the Wiltshire Council 1 ton gritting sack scheme was discussed. Council agreed to continue with the scheme.

**If you know of any areas of the parish that require the attention of the Parish Steward please contact Wiltshire Council on 0800 232 323 or email [Clarence@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Clarence@wiltshire.gov.uk) or contact the Clerk direct.**

**Neighbourhood Watch** – There is still a vacancy for the post of Neighbourhood Watch Representative for the parish. If you would be interested, this post involves not only representing the Community but helping co-ordinate issues from the rural policing unit to all. 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.

**Woodland Trust Trees application for free trees highlighted by the Village Hall Chairman** Council would like to know if there are any parishioners interested in the project to place more trees within the parish from the Woodland Trusts. If there are other parishioners interested in this project information can be accessed from the website: <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/communitytrees> or by email to [communitytrees@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:communitytrees@woodlandtrust.org.uk). If you do not have access to the internet please do visit the village shop or contact the Clerk who will post you a hard copy.

**Wiltshire Council Tick Aware** – Wiltshire Council are running a “be aware” Tick program to make the public more aware of the health issues these small creatures can cause. Leaflets are available from the village shop and on the Wiltshire Council website.

**Insurance Company Risk Assessment Water Trough Memorial**- Council agreed to the £68.00 increase on the Insurance policy following the Insurance valuation for the Water Trough Memorial at £15,000.00

**Policy Documentation** - Council discussed the National Association of Local Councils recommended draft Standing Orders. Council resolved the formal adoption of the below addition to the NALC Standing Orders that:

Planning applications shall be received by the Clerk who will provide details to Councillors and where no queries arise by joint decision of all Councillors, the Clerk shall be delegated to inform the Planning Department within the time allocated of the decision of the Council. All Councillors will report by email directly back to the Clerk thereby avoiding discussion between members. Where queries arise the Chairman will call for a site meeting which may require an Extraordinary Meeting to decide upon the application. Adhering strictly to legal procedures set by NALC. Council resolved the draft and the above inclusion. The Clerk was instructed to bring the draft for resolution to the next meeting. Council noted that a draft of the suggested NALC Financial Regulations had also been sent through to the Clerk and would be brought to the next meeting for discussion.

**Village Hall Committee Grant Application s137-** Council discussed the grant application for £500.00 received from the Village Hall Committee. It was seeking match funding towards the refurbishment of the storage room in the hall to enable the Doctors Surgery to take place at the Hall; other funding sources were also being sought. £1000.00 had been raised by the Village Hall Committee towards this project and the Fudge Trust had been approached by the Village Hall Committee and the Friends of Warminster Hospital for equipment to furnish it. It was noted that this project had proved hard for the Committee to seek funding for. Council agreed to grant the £500.00 to help with this project.

**Village Hall** - Council noted the new draft plans for the alterations to the Village Hall to make it a more flexible community space. Council agreed to support where it could the Village Hall Committee's plans for this large scale project. Council noted that large scale funding will need to be sought to complete the project and that a parishioner had agreed to action the grant applications for these funds.

**Swimming Pool** - Council noted that the Clerk has passed on details of another parishioner who has contacted her and offered help re the Swimming Pool to the Trustees. It was noted that the May meeting was the agreed deadline for discussions with the trustees on how the Parish Council could help.

**Community Campus Warminster & Villages** - Warminster community area residents are being asked to help play a key role in the campus project that will help shape an exciting future for the Warminster Area.

The idea of a campus is to bring a number of services and facilities together to provide fit for purpose, flexible spaces, accessible to everyone in our community. A campus will also reduce the pressures and risks to Wiltshire Council (and possibly other public sector bodies) of operating ageing, low quality buildings.

The Warminster Shadow COB is consulting with local people to find out what they want and need in their community campus building in Warminster. The Shadow COB is asking people to have their say about a campus by completing the survey here <http://warminster.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/local-info/warminster-campus/>

**Year End** - Council discussed and approved the 2013/2014 Year End Accounts, the Accounting Statement for 2013/2014. Council agreed the Corporate Governance Questionnaire from the Internal Auditor, agreed the Annual Governance Statement for 2013/2014 and the Chairman signed all the relevant paper work for the Audit and Year end. Council thanked the Clerk for the work she had actioned producing the accounts.

**Items for the next Agenda:** The Election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman to the Parish Council, a review of the relevant Parish Council Documentation, appointment of Committees, membership to those committees, the Adoption of the draft Standing Orders and to also reaffirm

eligibility for General Power of Competence, Mere Link Scheme and Village Hall Grant Cheques to be actioned and presented by the Chairman.

**Annual Parish Meeting-** Parishioners are asked to note that the Annual Parish meeting of the Electoral is to take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014 starting at 7.30pm, it will be followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting. All are welcome to attend and bring any issue to the attention of the meeting.

**Date of the next meeting-** The Council agreed that Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 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](mailto:maidenbradley@virginmedia.com) or phone: 01985 213436 Parish Clerk 9 Beech Grove Warminster BA12 0AB

## Welcome Club

We had our first speaker of the season on March 17<sup>th</sup> when Dr Francis Burroughs joined us to talk about "The Wonderful World of Glass". He brought many samples with him, some being centuries old and very valuable. He told us stories of carelessness resulting in irreparable damage; fortunately we were very careful! It was fascinating to handle such ancient specimens.

The reports on Paul Cook's visit and our mystery trip will appear in the next issue of the News.

During May we shall be holding our Bring and Buy sale, so now is the time to sort through your drawers and cupboards. The sale will be on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

The trip for May will be to Paignton on 20<sup>th</sup> May. Everyone is welcome. We shall leave from the Bath Arms, Horningsham at 8.45am and from the bus shelter in Maiden Bradley at 9am.

*Chris Short - 01985 847373*



## Village Hall Lottery

March

1 <sup>st</sup> Sally Rigg	£22.40	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mike O'Bryan	£11.20
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mark Lyne	£6.80	4 <sup>th</sup> Liz Nixon	£4.40

April

1 <sup>st</sup> Jessie Betts	£22.40	2 <sup>nd</sup> Esther Swan	£11.20
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mrs Oliver	£6.80	4 <sup>th</sup> Mrs Grimstead	£4.40

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

## April News From Your Hall

June will soon be on us and hopefully you all have **Saturday 7th of June** in your diaries because it's

### **“SHOW TIME on the REC”**

We will be in need of helpers not only on the day but on the Friday and Sunday as well, so please contact any member of the committee if you can help in any way.

### **IT'S YOUR SHOW**

The Full program will appear in the June copy of your magazine

Good Friday saw us hold an Easter Egg Hunt for the first time, which was very well attended by a good cross section of the community both young and old. We now hope to make this an annual event.

The plans for the Doctors Satellite Surgery are now well under way and as soon as the funds are in place the project will go ahead.

We shall shortly be re-laying the car park surface and the area at the front right of the hall will be landscaped. This will include a new War Memorial, dedicated to those from the village who gave their lives for their country in both world wars.

We are still in need of a new Treasurer so please if you have accounting or book keeping experience, live in Maiden Bradley and can spare a few hours each month please contact the Chairman at maidenbradleyhall@gmail.com

You can also book the hall through the above email address. Don't forget if you live within Maiden Bradley & Yarnfield you receive special rates.

Coming up at the Hall -

May 13<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm MB & YPC - Annual Meeting.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - The European Elections.

*Mel Thomas - Chairman*

### **Situations Vacant**

Cleaner required, two hours per week for the Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall, paid position.

Contact Mel Thomas 01985 845111 or Pat Kennedy 01985 845397

Voluntary Bookkeeper required - Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall Committee

Contact Mel Thomas 01985 845111 or Pat Kennedy 01985 845397



## Wednesdays in Maiden Bradley

Does anyone else know what happens in Maiden Bradley on Wonderful (alternate) Wednesdays? Yes, the Travelling Library Comes to Town!! An absolute boon for anyone who loves to read but has difficulties getting out of the village. Even in the worst of the weather our intrepid driver manages to get through with the van, and once, when mechanical failure got the better of it, he phoned round the regulars to let them know he wasn't coming. How's that for service above and beyond?? Of course there are plenty of kind folk who would offer you a lift to town, and of course the Lovely Link Service is a great way to stave off isolation, but there is something about being able to change your library books for yourself that enhances one's sense of independence and self-worth.

But what about Miserable Monday, aka Dreaded Dustbin Day? When just walking down the street becomes a real challenge? Especially for the slightly 'less able', or those constrained by the size of their push chair, wheel chair, shopping trolley, walker, or even.... their dogs! Any chance of leaving bins OFF the footpath and parking them on the roadside, as if they were a very small car? After all, plenty of cars seem to think it's ok to park with their wheels ON the pavement (presumably to save them being clipped by passing traffic). Imagine how much more painful it would be for a *person* to be clipped because they have to step in the road to avoid the bins/parked cars.

However, another of the JOYS of Life in Maiden Bradley, along with the Travelling Library and Link Service, is the Village Shop & Post Office. The warm friendly staff and lovely assortment of goods on sale and chat on tap make it worth tackling those footpaths, even on Dreaded Dustbin Days.

*Anon (Name withheld. I know who this is but it is a secret!!! – Ed)*

## Recipe - Cucumber, Yoghurt & Mint Soup

Why not try this delicious chilled soup as a starter: it makes a refreshing change.

3 large cucumbers	1 clove garlic, crushed
50ml Greek yoghurt	250ml single cream
1 lemon, juice of	600ml chicken stock
4 spring onions, chopped	Tabasco sauce to taste
2 tbls fresh mint, chopped	10g fresh dill, chopped

Take half of one of the cucumbers, de-seed and dice, then put aside for the garnish. Peel, de-seed and roughly chop the remaining cucumbers, then place in a blender with all the other ingredients except the mint, dill and Tobasco. Blend until smooth, and then chill for 3-4 hours.

When ready to serve, check the seasoning, add the Tobasco as required, then serve garnished with the reserved cucumber, dill and mint.



## Shop Vacancy

The shop is looking for a Saturday Assistant or Assistants to join the shop staff team. The team works on a rota basis. If you are interested and would like to know more about the hours involved and the pay please speak to Amanda or Mary at the shop on 844206. Alternatively, you could leave a letter in the shop with an envelope addressed to The Shop Manager and marked Saturday Vacancy.

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# James McCulloch

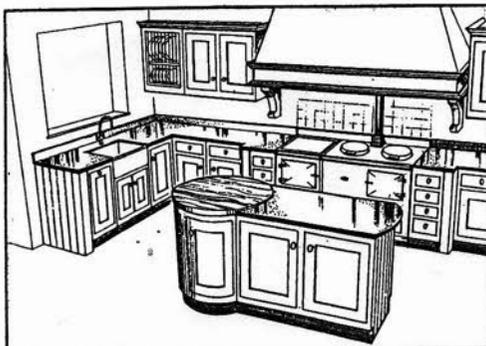
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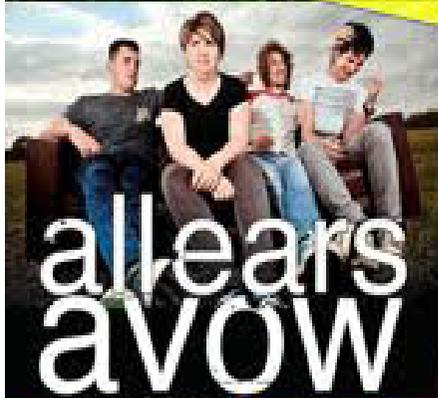
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Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 12 noon - late

"A great family day out"

Craft stalls, Kids rides, dog show, Vintage cars, Mini steam railway, Irish dancing & much more

Tuesday BLUES CLUB



Mud on Road

