

Maiden Bradley

Parish News

No. 316 October 2015



**Maiden
Bradley
Artists**

**Back cover
too ...**



Diary October 2015

3 rd Sat	Car Boot & Tabletop Sale – Memorial Hall	1.00-4.00 pm
4 th Sun	Holy Communion – Church	10.00 am
5 th Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
	Bingo – Memorial Hall	7.30 for 8.00 pm
7 th Wed	Budget Stretch & Recharge – Memorial Hall	7-8.00 pm
10 th Sat	Film – ‘The Theory of Everything’ – Memorial Hall	7.00 for 7.30 pm
	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
11 th Sun	Matins – Church	10.00 am
12 th Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bins Collection	7.00 am
13 th Tue	Welcome Club Outing to Wye Valley	9.00 am
	Parish Council Meeting – Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
14 th Wed	Kids@MB – Memorial Hall	6.00-7.30 pm
	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
	Book Club Meeting – Yarnfield Cottage	8.00 pm
15 th Thu	Welcome Club Meeting – Horningsham Hall	2.30 pm
18 th Sun	Parish Communion – Church	10.00 am
19 th Mon	Waste Bin Collection	7.00 am

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21 st Wed	Budget Stretch & Recharge – Memorial Hall	7-8.00 pm
	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
25 th Sun	Holy Communion – Church	10.00 am
26 th Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bins Collection	7.00 am
27 th Tue	W.I.Meeting – Stourton Village Hall	7.00 am
28 th Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
31 st Sat	Welcome Club Coffee Morning – Horningsham Hall	10.00 am – 12 noon
1 st Nov Sun	All Saints’ Patronal Festival Service – Church	10.30 am
2 nd Nov Mon	Household 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; Saturday 5.30 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 Memorial Hall Surgery the week before they are due so that the Doctor can collect them.

Dustbin Day every Monday for Bank Holiday changes see Wiltshire Council web site
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; Rev. Carol Wilson-Barker 01747
861859; Maiden Bradley Parish News: contributions are welcome in any format. E-Mail:
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From the Editor

There is a large volume of content this month so I will be brief: thank you to those who have cut down the overhang from their gardens over the pavements and congratulations to the many talented individuals who have contributed to the magazine this month. As you will all now know, the road to Frome is closed for several weeks so please be supportive of the village shop and pub as they will have lost a lot of passing trade. Thank you.

*Pat Kennedy - 845397
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Family News

Congratulations to Di Stevens on her successes at Frome Show. She was awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd for her flower arrangements, the last of these for a magnificent pedestal which she brought back to form part of the Harvest Festival decorations in All Saints'.

Ken Gunter

Unfortunately the September edition of the News was already on the way to the printers when we heard the very sad news of Ken Gunter's death. Rather belatedly we would like to send our deepest sympathy to all his family. A well-attended Service was held at All Saints' Church, following earlier cremation, on 4th September. The memories of his father that Keith was able to recount gave such a wonderful picture of him that, with Keith's permission, we are printing them here as a tribute to Ken.

"Dad lived in Maiden Bradley all his life, most of his childhood spent living at Kingston Lane. He attended Maiden Bradley School and then on to Mere where he finished his education. Whilst he was still quite young his father left to fight in the war and Dad was left to look after his mother, spending much of his time helping to grow vegetables in their large garden. He often told us of the times he spent with his friend Alex Pike catching rabbits and earning a bit of money by selling them to the American soldiers stationed nearby. If he wasn't rabbiting he would probably be up to no good with his other mates, namely Malcolm Paine and Maurice Mosley.



After leaving school he began working for Holdoways of Westbury as a painter & decorator which was to become his lifetime's career. He soon moved to Culverhouse, another local company, and then finally to Butchers of Warminster where he progressed to foreman. He was also assigned to look after the young apprentices whom I'm sure were pleased to take advantage of his experience and critical eye.

Dad was a very keen sportsman, regularly playing football and cricket for Maiden Bradley. He was also a great team player at The Somerset Arms playing both darts and skittles, winning many trophies through the years. As a young man he was a keen motorcyclist, owning a Matchless with a unique number plate – HMR 8 .

Dad met Mum in the Flora Café in Frome, where she worked. After they were married they went to live at The Rank and this was to become our family home. As the family expanded the bike was swapped for a motorbike

and sidecar and subsequently replaced by a family car. Both Dad and Mum doted on their grandchildren and loved to spoil them with many packets of sweet cakes and chocolate biscuits, often all consumed at one sitting.

In his later years Dad cared for Mum during her long illness and then soon after she passed on he was diagnosed with Alzheimers We were all determined that he should stay in his own home as long as possible and the whole family worked hard to accomplish this but inevitably he finally had to go into care and it was in Longbridge Deverill Care Home that he passed away peacefully in his sleep on August 24th.

Amy Stook

We are sad to report the death of Amy Stook in the Fives Court, Mere, where she has been living for nearly three years. She and Reg came to live at Fourwinds, Maiden Bradley in 1991. She became a regular worshipper at All Saints' and was soon helping Mrs Condlyffe with her duties as Verger, taking over from her when they became too onerous. She was very sad when she too became unable to manage them, but continued to attend services as long as she could and then received Holy Communion at home and also in Mere when she moved there. Her funeral service will be at Semington Crematorium on Thursday 15th October at 2.30 pm.

Meg Oliver - 844317

Poppy Appeal 2015

The Royal British Legion created the Poppy Appeal to help those returning from the First World War. A century on from the start of that conflict, the British Legion are still helping today's Armed Forces families in much the same way, whether coping with bereavement, living with disability, or finding employment.

The poppy is a powerful symbol - it is worn to commemorate the sacrifices of our Armed Forces and to show support to those still serving today and their loved ones.

Money raised through the Poppy Appeal goes directly to the Legion's welfare work, providing through-life care to anyone who currently serves in the British Armed Forces, who has previously served, and their families. This could include supporting:

- Bereaved families to cope after the loss of a loved one
- Those leaving the Forces into work and housing
- Older veterans to get the care and support they need and deserve.

This vital welfare work is entirely dependent on the public's support – so please give generously and wear your poppy with pride, knowing that with your donation you can help all of these people and the entire Armed Forces community to Live On.

I want to thank Pippa Brierley for organising the Poppy Appeal, so brilliantly, in Maiden Bradley for so many years. She has handed the baton to me this year, and I am grateful to all the collectors for agreeing to continue to help with collections. Our house to house collections are licensed to start on 24th October and continue until the 9th November. Those kindly collecting are David Morse (High Street, Frome view), Mary Stevens (The Knapp, Barcroft, the Rank and Frome Road), Diana Stevens (Church Street, Somerset Arms side), Sarah Neish (Church Street, Village shop side, outlying farms). The Village Shop will have one static point and the Somerset Arms, two.

Please remember that if you are a taxpayer and use a Gift Aid envelope, the Royal British Legion can reclaim from the Inland Revenue 25p for every £1.00 given. Over £215 was raised in this way last year. The collectors have a supply of envelopes so do please do ask for one.

Sarah Neish

Parish Council 8th September 2015

Recreation Consultation

Parishioners are asked if they can take time to complete the consultation papers sent out in August. Only 20 have been received back to date. The Parish Council need your input as it is reviewing the needs for Maiden Bradley Community. This consultation is aimed at finding out what these are in Maiden Bradley for the next 15 years. It is hoped that parishioners being party to the process of formulating the future plans for the parish will mean the Community obtains its full potential use of its rural area.

It must though be accepted that resources of the Parish Council are limited both financially and in people power. Many proposals may require funding which will need to be sought through grants. However much can be achieved by local residents working together to start new projects or maintain existing so your thoughts may help improve the quality of life enjoyed in the parish for the future generations.

Defibrillator Training

The Parish Council is hosting another Defibrillator training event at the Village Hall on the 16th November 2015 at 7.00pm. Parishioners are invited to come along to learn how to use the defibrillator which is situated next to the village shop. If you attended last year please attend again to refresh your training. It is an extremely important that everyone young or old knows how to use the defibrillator. So do please bring the whole family along.



If any parishioner sees or is aware of anything in or around the village in need of attention, please let the Parish Clerk know.

Items for the next Agenda – The Council agreed that Tuesday 13th October 2015 will be the date of the next Parish Council meeting. As always, the Parish Council meeting will be open at the start with an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or make comments on any matter. The website Southwilt.com (Maiden Bradley) can be accessed to read a copy of the Agenda and Minutes electronically or copies are displayed on the Community Notice Board at the village shop. Sarah Jeffries can be contacted by email: maidenbradley@virginmedia.com or phone: 01985 213436 Parish Clerk 9 Beech Grove Warminster BA12 0AB.

Scrabble



Come and join us! Good for the brain, good for catching up on news, a good way to spend an evening instead of watching the TV! (And more fun than doing the ironing!) We meet once a fortnight, 7.30pm at The Old School, £1 a time and I provide coffee/tea/squash (no alcohol, sorry) and biscuits, sometimes homemade. At present there are four of us, sometimes five, there's room for more so come and give it a go!

Sue Loudoun - 844919

September news from the Hall

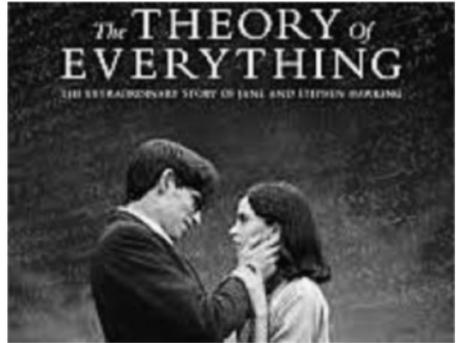
The Bank Holiday weekend Art Festival was a great success; we had over 300 visitors to the hall over the 3 days. Not only were a lot of sales made by the artists but much needed funds for the hall were also raised. The quality and diversity of the work on display was amazing considering the size of our community, we had 10 of the villages artists showing off their many skills. A big well done and thank you goes to all involved. We will be repeating the show on an annual basis each August Bank Holiday.

Film Night

The showing of "What we did on Holiday" was very well attended and it was one of the funniest and saddest films I have seen in a long time and well worth seeing.

Saturday 10th October

Our next film will be the story of Steven Hawking "The Theory of Everything" so put the date in your diary. Doors open at 7.00pm.



Car Boot & Table Top Sale

Saturday 3rd October from 1.00pm-4.00pm if you want to book a place contact Brenda Smart or Mel Thomas. Cost is £5.00 outside £7.50 inside table. Refreshments will be available.

On Wednesday 11th November we will be holding a Service Of Remembrance at the hall, 10.30pm-11.15am. Please put it in your diaries. Afterwards we will be serving Soup & Crusty Bread for a small fee.



The hall roof is in need of replacement and we hope this will be carried out in the next 2 years, before it gets too bad. We hope to refurbish and modernize the toilets at the same time. So events to raise money towards this will be stepped up, the roof alone will cost in the region of £65,000. So your support will be much appreciated and needed in our endeavours.

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We now have a regular visit from a Chiropodist to the hall every other week, on Friday mornings; she has already built a regular clientele but still has room for more. Bookings can be made at the coffee mornings.

If you intend holding a family Party / Celebration or need a Business venue then please get a costing from the hall, before looking elsewhere, you may be surprised at what we have to offer.

Mel Thomas

Welcome Club

We had a good trip to Windsor in August. For a change we had a little rain which in no way dampened the spirits! The Queen wasn't in evidence but we still managed to find lots to do during our stay, some even braved a visit to the castle and there was much more to do besides, eating and shopping comes to mind! On the way home we stopped at a delightful pub in Andover, the Bell, a most friendly establishment.



Gordon Brockman joined us on 17th September and gave us lots of tips on how to value silver and the age of our treasured bits and pieces.



We've been to Weymouth for our September trip and news of that event will be in the next magazine. This month we're having a look at parts of the Wye Valley. Are you going to join us? Last one of the season October 13th. Bingo with Tom on October 15th 2.30pm Horningsham Hall.

Our annual coffee morning will be on October 31st in the Hall at Horningsham, it's a Saturday 10am to 12 noon; various stalls and a raffle and lots of coffee, biscuits etc – just bring the family, we look forward

to seeing you there.

Chris Short - 847373

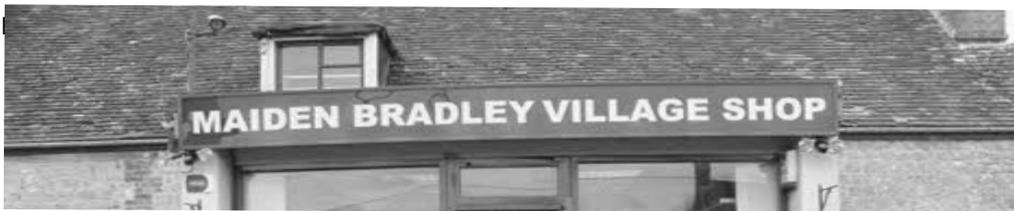


Good Neighbours

For weeks I have meant to write thanking the many kind friends in and around the Village for their amazing help after I fractured my Pelvis several months ago. Everyone in the shop was and is, wonderful. Lovely Philip (next door), has been and still is incredibly supportive, as is his family. My faithful band of dog walkers, at times desperately needed, were and are, greatly appreciated. Thank you all so very much.



Bridget Davis



Retail Ramblings

Here we are, firmly wedged into the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, less an Indian summer than expected but it's not raining. At the moment...

This morning heralded the arrival of the first Christmas-themed magazine on the shelf, but you won't be seeing any mince pies with a November eat-by date here just yet : there are lots of other items to consider, more reminiscent of Keats' epic autumn verses.

Brown Hare saddles are now available, fresh and locally sourced, with some astonishingly leafy local celery heads, and celeriac bulbs too. I've personally never jugged a hare, but other people's efforts tasted pretty impressive!

Follow that with some cheese and a jar of Fig, Olive and Almond relish, or a bowl of Granny Gotherd's Honeycomb or Pistachio ice cream for a final flourish.

At the beginning of October we shall be holding a special autumn raffle of a signed Mary Berry cookbook, including some ingredients for one of the recipes. The book has been very generously donated by Derek and Eve James, and there's another one too, which we're keeping for the Christmas raffle. So, you can buy a ticket or two for this one, by way of a practice fun for the next...?



Many of you will have noticed that our milk has been relabelled as Bruton Dairy. This is a very recent development, but despite the difference in appearance, the milk itself is still from the Higgins family, I'm delighted to say! We can also now have their milk in a double hit by stocking Wyke Farm cheeses, so watch the dairy chiller for them. Organic butter is also now available, along with sheep milk and goats milk, so please ask if you are interested in any or all of those.



John Keats ... good looking too!

Incidentally, as we get closer to the Christmas season it may be worth knowing that the organic cream is now available to us in up to 2 litre sizes, which could be very handy?

Who knows what Keats would have made of the road closure, other than an ode perhaps, but I'll end with 'close bosom friend to the maturing sun, which whilst it matures is at least shining...!'

Amanda

Wiltshire Council

Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Temporary Closure of: C25 (Part), Kingston Lane, Bradley Lane and Whitepits, Maiden Bradley and Kingston Deverill (Ref: TTRO 3947)

Notice is hereby given that the Wiltshire Council has made an Order to close temporarily to all traffic:

C25 (Part), Kingston Lane, Bradley Lane and Whitepits, Maiden Bradley and Kingston Deverill; from its junction with B3092 Church Street, Maiden Bradley to its junction with B3095, Kingston Deverill.

To enable: BT Openreach to access underground chambers for cabling.

Alternative route: via B3092 – B3095 (Mere) and vice versa.

The closure will be clearly indicated by traffic signs and access will be maintained for residents.

This Order will come into operation on 26 October 2015 and it is anticipated that the closure will be required daily between 09:30 – 15:30 until 20 November 2015. The Order will have a maximum duration of 18 months.

For further information please contact P. Martin of A-Plant Lux on behalf of BT Openreach on 0370 050 0792.

Sustainable Transport Group, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8JN

And on the subject of current roadworks, here are some Wiltshire Council pictures of the B3092 works site -



The Cuckoos Great Escape by Adi Roche

Whilst James and I remain passionate deep sea anglers and get out whenever time and weather permit, we are keen to encourage others to participate in what we believe to be a rewarding pastime. With this in mind we arranged a trip out of Weymouth and invited some beginners to join us. Such trips are not for the faint hearted and you need to have watched 'One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest' to appreciate the title.



We met outside the pub at 05:15 on what was a very foggy September Sunday morning and headed for our first RV at McDonalds in Weymouth (also not for the faint hearted). Our skipper for the day was Ryan Casey, a talented young international sea angler who is the youngest skipper to operate out of Weymouth. Our first task was to catch enough Mackerel to be used as bait before heading further out to sea to get amongst the 'big stuff'.



Lucy and Sarah with their Tope

Our target species at the first mark was to be Tope which

is a hard fighting member of the shark family. After a slow start and after the tide picked up everybody got into the Tope action. The best Tope was caught by Lucy, which at 16lbs gave a very good account of itself before being safely returned to the water.

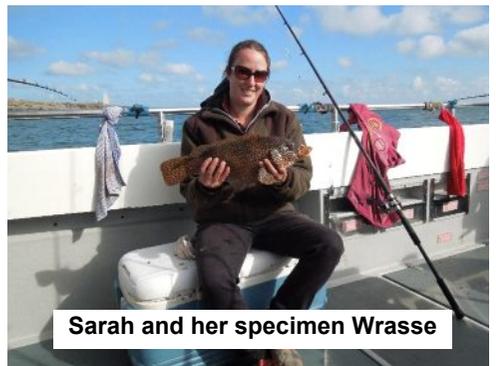
Andy Freeman got into the Tope action and after losing a few big fish eventually managed to boat and return a decent fish.

After a few hours at the Tope mark the tide began to run hard which made it virtu-



Andy and his Tope

ally unfishable so we moved to a mark close to Portland Bill to try for some Sea Bream. During the short trip between marks we were treated to a 'swim past' by a pod of Porpoises made up of a few adults together with many young – a rare treat. However, on arrival at the Bream mark the fish were not playing so we had another move closer to shore to try for some hard fighting Wrasse. Everybody managed to catch and return some of these sporty fish with Sarah catching a fine specimen that will qualify here for a badge from Sea Angler Magazine, not bad for a total beginner.



Sarah and her specimen Wrasse



Marion and Mick's Garden

So many people have been showing an interest in the progress of our garden that Marion and Mick would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kind words of encouragement which at times have been much needed. We moved in to 82 The Square last September and spent some of the winter getting the holly hedges and weeds under control. (Photo 1) At the start of spring we laid a path and base for the summer house and created a flower bed, (photo 2) then imported some soil and sowed seeds for the first part of the lawn, added a fence and arbour at the edge of the patio.(photo 3) We then created a gravel courtyard the other end of the house. (Photo 4 and 5) In the last few weeks we have prepared for and laid more lawn seed and will soon start preparing the ground for some meadow seed and wildflowers at the far end of the garden.(photo 6) Mick and I are novice gardeners and are bound to make mistakes and have some failures so watch this space!

Recipe for Toffee Apples

8 Granny Smith apples
400g golden castor sugar
1 teaspoon vinegar
4 tablespoons golden syrup



Place the apples in a large bowl, then cover with boiling water (you may have to do this in 2 batches). This will remove the waxy coating and help the caramel to stick. Dry thoroughly and twist off any stalks. Push a wooden skewer or lolly stick into the stalk end of each apple. Lay out a sheet of baking parchment and place the apples on this, close to your stovetop. Tip the sugar into a pan along with 100ml water and set over a medium heat. Cook for 5 mins until the sugar dissolves, then stir in the vinegar and syrup. Set a sugar thermometer in the pan and boil to 140C or 'hard crack' stage. If you don't have a thermometer you can test the toffee by pouring a little into a bowl of cold water. It should harden instantly and, when removed, be brittle and easy to break. If you can still squish the toffee, continue to boil it. Working quickly and carefully, dip and twist each apple in the hot toffee until covered, let any excess drip away, then place on the baking parchment to harden. You may have to heat the toffee a little if the temperature drops and it starts to feel thick and viscous. Leave the toffee to cool before eating. Can be made up to 2 days in advance, stored in a dry place.

Would you be interested in joining a small group of us once or twice a month for a very informal sharing of gentle yoga stretches followed by a guided relaxation session? There will be no formal instruction involved.

BUDGET STRETCH AND RECHARGE!!

We will be meeting on Weds 7th and 21st October 7pm-8pm in the village hall. £2 towards the hall and heating.

Contact Amanda (in the shop) or Jules



Ode to Maiden Bradley 1

The edge of where three counties meet
There nestles the Duke of Somerset's Seat.
In Wiltshire a pretty village does lie
Buildings show splendour of days gone by;
A grand old house, church, pub and hall
Visitors are many, a welcome for all.
Countryside vibrant, the peal of the bells
And let's not forget those great rural smells!
For gossip or provisions you may need to stop
So just call in to the Community Shop.
Them that live in other places,
A jealous look across their faces
Some might say they don't do too badly
Those lucky folk from Maiden Bradley.

Pam Thomlinson



Ode to Maiden Bradley 2

Having fun up on the rec with the children
Walking the dog round the mile
A custard tart from the village shop
Are things that all make me smile

When I think about Maiden Bradley
A place of infinite charms
The memorial Hall, Bradley House,
And of course, The Somerset Arms

But the best thing by far in this village
Are the people who share it, you see
It's the warmth, the kindness and friendship
That makes it a great place to be

So let's raise a toast to the village we share
And remember we're all truly blessed
To live in a place of great beauty with folks
That make Maiden Bradley the best!

Kate Brookes



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Local pre-school Leaping Frogs has finalised the plans for its new site in Zeals. Now called Leaping Frogs Day Nursery the successful pre-school will be expanding to provide full daycare facilities from September 2012. If you are interested in registering your child or baby with Leaping Frogs and would like to chat to someone about joining, please call Victoria or Becky on 01747840373

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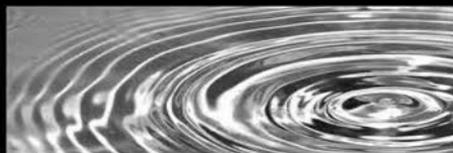
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Maiden Bradley Art Festival

A number of local artists joined forces over the bank holiday weekend at the end of August to provide the community with a rare insight into their artistic talent. All Maiden Bradley residents, we were delighted with the fabulous photographs from Steven Gunther, the intricate detailing of Tonia Gunstone's insects, the charm of Amanda Dye's watercolours (I bought two and missed buying a third), Esther Swan's fabulous landscape of the rear of The Rank, Jules Horn's vibrant sheep, The Duke's sculptures – not for sale – with his sister's oil paintings; crafted wooden bowls and platters from Peter Dene (they make excellent wedding presents), beautifully framed textile art pictures (very tactile) from Carolyn Lloyd, and lastly, amongst many of her pictures the one that drew my attention, was the portrait of a young man by Susanna Lisle.

Several of our artists have their work reproduced as greetings cards and these can be purchased at the village shop or from the artist direct. The event was so successful that places are being booked for next year already – August Bank Holiday weekend 2016.

Pat Kennedy