

Maiden Bradley

No. 292 October 2013

Parish News



Harvest moon over Brimsdown, 18th September

Diary October 2013

2 nd Wed	Maiden Bradley Pantomime Group Meeting – Village Hall	6.00 pm
6 th Sun	Holy Communion – Church	9.30 am
7 th Mon	Household & Garden Waste Bingo – Village Hall	7.00 am 7.30 for 8.00 pm
8 th Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall	7.30 pm
9 th Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms Kids@MB – Village Hall	9.35-9.45 am 6.00-7.30 pm
12 th Sat	Whitesheet School Zeals Site Jumble Sale	10.00 –2.00pm
13 th Sun	Matins – Church	9.30 am
14 th Mon	Black Box & Blue Bins Collection	7.00 am
17 th Thu	Welcome Club Meeting – Horningsham Hall	2.30 pm
19 th Sat	Bird Club – meet Village Hall Car Park	10.00 am
20 th Sun	Harvest Thanksgiving Service to be followed by Barbecue – Church	10.30 am
21 st Mon	Household & Garden Waste Collection	7.00 am
Deadline for Contributions to November Edition of M.B.P.N.		
22 nd Tue	W.I. Meeting – Stourton Village Hall	7.30 pm
23 rd Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms Kids@MB – Village Hall	9.35-9.45 am 6.00-7.30 pm
27 th Sun	British Summer Time Ends Holy Communion – Church	9.30 am
28 th Mon	Black Box & Blue Bins Collection	7.00 am

Mass times in Warminster and Mere:-

St. George's, Warminster – Saturday 6 pm (Vigil); Sunday 8 am, 10 am
St. Mary's, Mere – Friday 10 am; Sunday 5 pm

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

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

Useful telephone Nos.: The Village Shop: 844206; The Post Office: 845040; The Pub: 844207; Village Hall bookings – Sam Higgins: 844671; Dr. Andrew Murrison MP: 01225 358584 or murrisona@parliament.uk; Mere Link Scheme 01747 860096; Rev Carol: 01747 861859.

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

Editorial

This month's editorial was to be short and sweet and those of you who read the editorial last month will appreciate my intended effort for this month which was to be: "I went to the dentist on 23 Sep 13".

However, that may have caught some people unawares and they would wonder if I had lost my marbles or would be curious as to why I should be sharing matters of personal hygiene with the world at large. And you would be right to take such a view. However, as we know, in this day and age nothing is now sacred and the preponderance of reality TV shows and revelations in the likes of the tabloid press and magazines like "Hello" and "OK" or other media vehicles like "twitter" seem to leave very little to the imagination. There is a new disease rife in the country. Everywhere one goes people have their faces directed to their smart phones or tablets and even walking down any high street has become a bit of a nightmare trying to avoid people who are intent on their devices as they walk, paying no attention to those round them. Mobile phones are consulted every few minutes even when people are gathered together for a social occasion! How rude is that? I drove on a busy road the other day and a motorcyclist was texting on his phone as he went! Was it really that important? Why put his or others' lives at risk for the sake of a few minutes? That is a really selfish thing to do and shows a complete disregard for the safety and well-being of others. I am suffering from over-exposure to this social media mad world; I want some peace and quiet and to be able to go about my business without having to be at risk from such thoughtlessness.

Les Mayne



Vicar's Letter

With October here our thoughts are turning to harvest celebrations in the church community. We are making plans for our harvest service on 20th October at 10.30 and inviting a number of groups to take part including asking children to make a Scarecrow. Afterwards we will have a barbecue

lunch, which we did last year and was really enjoyed.

Autumn is one of my favourite seasons. This year it has slipped in quite benignly with warm days hanging on. It is lovely for us in the Vicarage to have completed our first year and seen the Vicarage garden throughout a whole year. We pruned the roses and the apple tree quite savagely in late spring and it has paid off. The roses had a wonderful early show and are out again now. The apple tree is laden with fruit and cutting back has improved its appearance and yield.

Our own lives sometimes get "pruned", often not of our choosing when there is the loss of a loved one or when change is thrust upon us. Certainly as we get older change is more difficult to accept. God never changes of course and He is a constant in our changing circumstances. He won't control a situation for us but we can pray to ask Him to intervene. Sometimes we wonder why he hasn't done exactly what we wanted and then faith is tested.

I wish you an Autumn of plenty with many good things: prosperity and health. Hope you can join us as we give thanks for all we have.

With Love in Christ, Rev Carol

Harvest Festival at All Saints Maiden Bradley - 20th October at 10.30am

Please come and join us for a celebration of the harvest we have collected from our farms, our gardens and the community allotment.

We will be collecting tins and packets for the Trussell Trust, a local organisation that collects food items for families that are in need of support. 'Every Little Helps'..

The winner will be announced of the Scarecrow Competition. Calling all children up to the age of 13 - make and dress a scarecrow (any size between 6" and 6ft). Full details in the shop.

Please bring tins and packets for distribution. Please bring flowers and produce for auction.

There will be a BBQ following the service.

News From The Hall

A big thank you goes to all those who gave up their time and effort to make the Village Produce Show a great success; without their input it would not have happened. We also extend our thanks to all those who entered items in the show and congratulations to all the prize winners; for those who did not win maybe next year it will be your turn.

Although the weather tried its best to disrupt the day, the community turned out in force to support the event and through your generosity we raised £905 for the Hall fund; this was an increase of 50% on last year. "THANK YOU" one and all.

We intend next year to have the Produce show as normal and also a Village Fair to be held on the recreation ground once again. This event will take place on Saturday June 7th and hopefully it will be bigger and better than ever before, so we hope to see you all there. Put the date in your diary now

With next year, 2014, being the start of a 4 year period of commemoration of WW1, the committee have discussed and agreed, because of its association as a military hospital, that the word Memorial should be included in the name of the hall, so it would be called "The Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall".

We have approached the trustees of the hall and they have agreed to the change of name. If any member of the community has any objections to the change can you please put them in writing and submit them to the committee.

On Friday 11th October we will be having a Lunch in the hall that will raise funds for both the hall and the village shop. Places will be limited so please book early; the cost will be £5.00pp. You can put your name on the list at either the shop or at the coffee mornings on Fridays.

Our new heating system is now up and working and the difference is there for all to feel. We also now have a land line (01985 845303) and the internet is on its way, with thanks to the Parish Council who have given a grant of £100 towards the set up, so the hall has taken its 1st steps into the 21st century!

Don't forget you can book the hall for private functions at a very reasonable and favourable rate as members of the parish.

PS We have just received a very generous donation of £595.35 from The Maiden Bradley Historical Association. To all concerned a very big thank you.



Poppy Appeal - 2013

It is 70 years since Operation Chastise was mounted. Its aim to use specially adapted 30-tonne Lancasters carrying experimental 'bouncing bombs' to breach three dams along the Ruhr Valley, the powerhouse of Germany's industrial region. It was invented by Dr Barnes Wallis who realised the possibility of such a feat as he skimmed marbles over water tanks in his back garden. Wing Commander Guy Gibson, only 24, was tasked with finding crews for 617 Squadron, choosing from the cream of Bomber Command. Their task, to fly at the equivalent height of a medium-sized tree, dropping a bomb with pinpoint accuracy, avoiding torpedo nets, to bounce along the surface of the water spinning at over 500 rpm before reaching its target. An almost impossible feat. On 16th May 1943 after a traditional flying supper of bacon and eggs the aircraft took off in three waves. Known by most of us today as the Dambusters Raid, its success possibly altered the course of the war but came at a heavy price. Fifty three men lost their lives that night, a further 31 including Guy Gibson dying before peace was declared. Their courage and heroism is mirrored in those serving our country today. 617 Squadron served in Afghanistan in 2012 completing a total of 600 missions. At the Legion-run Battle Back Centre many present day servicemen have found their futures transformed. I like to feel that those who took part in the Dambusters raid would be uplifted by our positive support for those injured in conflict today, and our continuing remembrance of their own courage and sacrifice in the air that May night.

Our house to house collections are licensed to start on 26th October and continue until 9th November. Those kindly collecting are David Morse (High Street, Frome View), Mary Stevens (The Knapp, Barcroft and Frome Road), Diana Stevens (Church Street, Somerset Arms side), Pippa Brierley (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 pounds was raised in this way during the 2012 Appeal. The Collectors have a supply of envelopes. Please do ask for one.

Pippa Brierley

All Saints Bell Tower

You are all cordially invited to explore a unique online photo-essay (with supplementary explanatory text and diagrams), which documents All Saints bell tower - both inside and out. We scrupulously circumnavigate tower exterior, track a secret path to tower entrance, and clamber breathlessly up cobwebby spiral stairs to investigate the many arcane secrets housed in bell ringers chamber. Then, it's up again to this amazing musical instrument which is the All Saints belfry, to photograph (for the first time extant) its peal of six fabulous bells in their fascinating acoustic situ. Marvel at these mobile fixtures set on an antique sound stage, all embedded in a quite intriguing matrix of intricate rope-powered timber and metal mechanisms. As an extra bonus, the final section of our meticulously detailed visual survey features stunning panoramic views of Maiden Bradley and surrounds; as seen from the dizzy heights of All Saints bell tower roof. Settle down with your favourite beverage and enjoy the show - it's a real eye-opener!

Special thanks must go to my good neighbour, Colin Dowson (bell ringer for FIFTY years). (1) For kindly letting me in. (2) Providing a very informative voice-over. (3) Putting the fear of God into one regarding being crushed by the bells in their 'up' position. (4) Cautioning to take extra care about not falling off a windy parapet onto the silent graves below (so as to avoid damaging them). Cheers mate.

Direct link: <http://is.gd/allsaintstower>

Or, browse: Wikipedia: Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield ('External Links')

John Potts

Parish Council 10th September 2013

Fleur de Rhe Phillipe reported to Council on the New Wiltshire Council Members, the financial issues that they were working on, Highways Street Scene and the new Contractor change over issues that had been experienced. She informed Council that she has now changed her portfolio and that she was now Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Skills and Strategic Transport. She updated Council on the bid to be made to government re the A303 feasibility study and issues that have occurred near Stonehenge. Council informed Fleur that it looked forward to hearing in the near future that there are some improvements re Highways.

Planning - The below applications were discussed and commented on:

13/00987/LBC Bradley House Kingston Lane Maiden Bradley, Proposal: Reinstate outside door on rear elevation

Resolved: to support the application

13/02680/FUL 32 Church Street Maiden Bradley, Proposal: Replacement Single Story Rear Extension

Resolved: to support the application

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

Best Kept Village Competition - Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield had been joint third in the County with Steeple Ashton. The general comments feedback were that the residential gardens of Maiden Bradley were well presented as were the pub and the shop, both of which were neat and tidy and clear of litter. Churchyard was very well maintained. The area of green around the Horse Trough was well presented and noticeboards were in good order and up to date. The bus stop shelter was neat and tidy as were the grounds of the Village Hall which had recently been cleared. The playing field area was well maintained but somewhat blighted by the old swimming pool and some broken fencing the point of which the judges were unclear on. A number of uncut verges e.g. the roadside of the playing field would benefit from regular maintenance.

Summary: the points made in the judge's report are there to highlight the good and less good points noted when the villages were judged. All the villages should be pleased with the overall high standard that they achieved and note that it is only little things here and there that can make a difference between winning or not. All the villages should keep up the good work they do in maintaining their villages to such a high standard and be proud that they have represented their district in the County round.

Parish Steward/Highways – it was reported that the weeds require attention in Church Street, The Clerk mentioned that this was on a work ticket already raised, that the leaves down by Councillor Patrick Nixon's residence require clearing from the traffic calming island. The Clerk was asked to email Tracy Myers advising that the sweeper had visited the parish but the work had been actioned to a poor standard; there had still been no pavement sweeping and several drains were blocked. The Clerk informed Council that she would follow up these items.

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

Maiden Bradley Chapel - Council noted that the Clerk had been informed by Edward Bizzey, Director of the company Clanfield Properties with whom the Wessex Trust Charity has placed the building that the building was to be sold at Auction.

Parish Plan outcomes – Council discussed the issues arising from the reviewed Parish Plan/Handbook and agreed the answers to the following questions below:

A) Do whatever it can to ensure the continuation of the weekly GP Surgery and prescription Service – (Village Hall extension support). The Village Hall to be supported by the Parish Council, financially and in any other way it lawfully can.

B) Carry out a review of listed buildings and other sites where listing might be warranted. Council instructed the Clerk to ask a particular parishioner if they would take on the above project.

C) Liaise closely with designated police staff and the parish news to publish relevant information and advice from the police as part of this, Council will take an initiative designed to get an active Neighbourhood Watch going once again, and look into the case for a linked farm watch. (Attendance at Rural Policing Neighbourhood Tasking Group meetings etc). The Clerk will continue to liaise with the Rural Policing Team and attend the meetings.

Council would like to ask parishioners if they would take the time to think about becoming the Neighbourhood Watch Representative in the parish. Training would be provided and all that is required is good communication skills to take on the role. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in this position, using the below contact details.

D) Governance is a theme in Maiden Bradley's 2005 Plan, but appears to be excluded from the topic headings for WVCP. The view from our community is that it is appropriate for us to have the opportunity to appraise and receive information about the way we are governed, and that covers the work of the Parish Council, Warminster Area Board and Wiltshire Council. Council will press for its recognition. Council instructed the Clerk to attend on behalf of the Council the Area Board meetings and WVCP meetings so that she can feed back to Council reports from both the meetings.

E) Support voluntary activity by enabling training and seeking to combat the impediments posed by the increasing demands of Health and Safety compliance, and high insurance costs. Council understand that the Trustees have reported that the swimming pool was to now be filled in. They will continue, through the Clerk, to inform Groups and Clubs when training and other relevant information is received by the Parish Council, and support all groups and clubs in any way lawfully that it can.

Forward Planning Prepare Budget – it was agreed that the repairing of the Knapp fencing is one of the items possibly to be considered in the Budget as it was highlighted on last year's maintenance list.

Grant Applications – Groups and Clubs are asked to contact the Clerk if they wish to apply to the Council for a Grant for next year so that Council can take them into consideration when actioning the budget. Council discussed the grant application received from the Village Hall Committee and approved £100.00 towards the cost of providing an internet connection in the Village Hall.

Items for the next Agenda: Policy Documentation and Community Radio

Date of the next meeting- The Council agreed that Tuesday 8th October 2013 would be the date of the next Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council Meeting will start at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend. 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.

Sarah Jeffries can be contacted by email: maidenbradleyipc@o2.co.uk or phone: 01985 213436
Parish Clerk 9 Beech Grove Warminster BA12 0AB

Village Shop and Post - Office - Opening Hours

Shop

Mon – Fri	7.30am – 6.00pm
Sat	8.00am – 2.30pm
Sun	9.00 – 12.00pm

Post Office

Mon	9.00am – 1.30pm
Tues	1.30pm – 4.30pm
Wed	9.00am - 12.00pm
Thu	9.00am - 12.30pm
Fri	9.00am - 1.00pm

Ride & Stride Charity Bike Ride

Many thanks again to the sponsors of my bike ride on Saturday 14 September in aid of All Saints Church and the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. I managed to visit 37 churches before the deadline at 6.00pm, finishing at Donhead St Mary (plus another 5 churches on the way home). My route took me down the Deverill valley to Warminster and then down the Wyle valley to Salisbury, returning via Harnham, Netherhampton, the Chalke valley, Berwick St John, The Donheads, Semley, East Knoyle, Mere, Stourton and Kilmington. The total distance was 78 miles which is further than I have ridden since I was a youngster but the weather was kind and the frequent stops and chats at churches seemed to alleviate the usual "saddle" discomfort!!! In all I raised £165. Thanks again.



Ray Kenzie

Family News

We welcome new residents to Keepers Cottage in Frome Road. They are Liam Steevenson and his friend Katherine Graham. We wish them well during their time in our village.



To all aspirational singers!

There is a group of singers in Mere beginning to get ready for the Christmas Carol Concert in Maiden Bradley on 22nd December. Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to join? If the answer is yes please contact Kim Baker 01985 844684.

Mere Bowls Club

A Big Reminder – Saturday 5th October 2013 we shall be holding an Autumn Fayre in the yard of the Old Ship Hotel starting at 10.00 a.m. Plants, Books, Bread, Cakes, etc – come along and find a bargain.

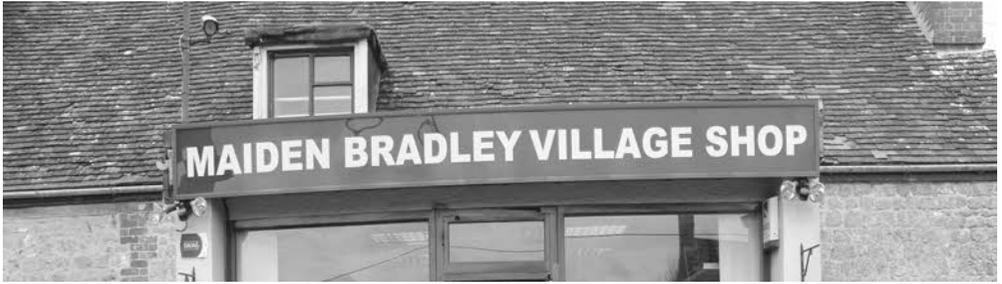
The Club continues to go from strength to strength; we have again won the Westbrook League and won back the Win Green Trophy which is played for by teams from Mere, Cranborne and Tisbury. We have also reached the magical figure of fifty members, so a big thank you to our new members from Mere and the surrounding area.

It is a little late to give bowls a try for this season, but we open again on Saturday 19th April 2014 (subject to AGM agreement), flat shoes and enthusiasm is all you need, we can teach you the rest.

For any information regarding the club or the sport of Bowls please contact Alan Inwood on 01985-844215, Jeff Vigers on 01747-860976 & jeffcarolvigers@hotmail.co.uk, or Don Butchers on 01747-860775 & don.butchers@btinternet.com



Don Butchers – Club Secretary



From Behind The Counter

As I write this piece we are two thirds of the way through the month of September. This is the last month of our financial year and I must say that, sales-wise, it has been a bit flat. I hear from other shop keepers and our suppliers that everyone is finding the same. I guess we must just be feeling that pinch between summer hols and the Christmas extravaganza. Personally, I am relieved that things have gone a bit quieter this month – it might reduce the sales target for next year that the Committee will be giving me!

So what is happening in our community shop in October.....?

Sam. Sam will be leaving us at the end of the month to go on maternity leave. Amanda, who has been our “Saturday Girl”, and fill in for me when I am away, will be taking on Sam’s hours while she is away. We will inevitably be altering our shift patterns so bear with us while we adjust to the new team and working arrangements.

Saturday Opening. As you know, for the summer months we have been staying open on Saturdays until 4pm. During July and August it worked well and, although we were not exactly humming, there was enough custom, mostly passing trade, to make it worthwhile, particularly up to 2.30pm. We now have to decide what to do for the winter. At the time of writing this, I am uncertain, but it is likely that we will close at 2.30pm (as opposed to the 1pm closing that we used to have), for a while and see how that goes. We will also, once again, be looking for a new person to join the Saturday rota (see separate item below).

Poundzone. I am not entirely convinced that the Poundzone is working. This is the set of shelving opposite the wine and beer section. The edible section of it is moving a bit, but the household section is not. What do you think? Should we keep it as it is for a bit longer, try different items on it or abandon it? As an alternative to that section I am considering moving our increasing range of crisps to that area and possibly also increasing our range of wines to include some cheaper lines which we would put on that side. What do you think?

Cards. We have again increased our display of greetings cards. I think these are an important part of the shop – having to go to town just for a card is annoying – so do please let me know if the range we have meets your needs. Christmas cards will be coming in during this month.

Wall’s Ice Cream Freezer. As autumn sets in, we have reduced our supply of individual ice creams. However, I do intend to keep the Wall’s freezer on for the winter season and to keep a modest supply of Magnums small tubs etc. for those who still fancy the occasional ice cream treat in spite of the weather. In the rest of the freezer I plan to display more items from the “Bake at Home” range to give you some ideas of what is available for you to take away and cook at home. So do check out that freezer from time to time as we will be trying different things to see what interests our customers (and therefore increases our sales and helps get me to the aforementioned, committee instigated, sales target!!)

Kay Mayne, Shop Manager

Recipe -

It is the time of year when many of our youngsters are gearing themselves up to go to university and in many cases they will have to look after themselves – and that includes cooking their own food in some cases. Here is a nice easy recipe to give them some confidence; it is simple and nutritious and good for families too!



Spicy Sausage and Couscous

40 g couscous
1 tablespoon oil
1 small onion chopped
1 garlic clove chopped
1 spicy snack sausage, sliced (or try chorizo instead)
125g frozen peas
230g can chopped tomatoes
1 tablespoon tomato puree
2 tablespoons water
2 teaspoons chilli sauce.

Make up the couscous as directed on the packet. This amount makes a 100g serving of couscous. Heat the oil in a saucepan and fry the onion and garlic for 5 minutes. Add the rest of the ingredients and simmer for 2 – 3 minutes. Serve with the couscous.

SATURDAY JOB (PAID)

The shop is looking for a bright enthusiastic person to fit into the Saturday rota with Kay and Amanda. The current hours are likely to be 6.30 am to 2.30pm (possibly later in the summer) on a 1 in 3 Saturday basis and the pay is £6.50ph. No experience necessary, just a willingness to learn, as full training will be given. Must be at least 18 in order to sell alcohol. More hours will be available on an occasional basis once trained.

For more details or to apply for the job please see
Kay in the shop

Winning Poem

The poem reproduced below was composed by Elliot Mauger, aged 10, who lives with his brother in the cottage at Partridge Farm. His poem was entered in the Mere Literary festival and was "highly commended". Elliot was awarded a Certificate of Merit. Creativity lives on even in the young. Well done Elliot.

IN A BOY'S HEAD

In it there is a clown juggling on a unicycle,
 an I-pad with 100 gigabytes,
 a dictionary with all the sats answers,
 the moon in the water and the reflection in the sky,
 and Christmas every day and a one-eyed alien on a flying bike,
 also a book with 104m pages,
a truck full of sweets and chocolate,
 no homework for a year and the nine times table,
 some snow floating down every Monday,
 hover-cars floating up and down,
the sea in the blue sky and parks everywhere and an ice cream van comes every day,
 an encyclopaedia full of skateboard tricks,
 a rocket and an everlasting lemonade and crisps machine,
 also a football pitch in the garden,
 no school for a month and a barbecue every day,
 Roast chicken every Sunday,
 a mum that makes me candy every Saturday and an underground base.

Maiden Bradley Village Show 2014

A very small team has been gathered to start to plan for the 2014 Village Show. As I write this there have been 2 meetings and the barest bones of a plan is forming. I will write a lot more about it for next month's MBPN but suffice to say we are thinking BIG!! The date for the show is definite and is Saturday 7th June, so get it into your



diaries now as you will absolutely not want to miss it. Tell your friends and family they will be staying with you that weekend!! More than that I will not say at this stage. You will need to contain your excitement until I can tell you more next month by which time I hope it will all be taking shape – at least in our minds!!

Kay Mayne



'Green' cheese for Whitesheet Primary

Local cheese producers Wyke Farms have invited Whitesheet Primary children in Year five and six to make table decorations for a really prestigious event – the opening of their new £multi-million biogas facility. The theme of the event is 'sustainability' and these decorations will be used to adorn the lunch tables at the launch event of the plant. Two of the children were invited to attend the opening event on September 20th - along with local press, customers of Wyke farms and many local dignitaries. Wyke farms plans to be totally energy self sufficient as a direct result of this initiative.

The school will also be able to visit Wyke Farm to learn more about sustainability and the cost of the curriculum visit will be funded by the company. School cook Helen Burton is also delighted to learn that she is being supplied with cheese for the school's kitchen.

This is an example of how the school can use the locality to enhance the curriculum. "We are really pleased to have been invited to be involved with a local industry," commented Head teacher Karen Brooker, "particularly in something like this which helps our school and the children so much."

Parents were asked to help by sending in any materials that will be classed as 'recycling' or 'sustainable' to help the children make their decorations – plastic bottles (small), cardboard, interesting small boxes, cheese cloth ribbons, wicker baskets etc – were all included on the list of sustainable items that could go into constructing the children's wonderful and imaginative table decorations.

From a Wyke Farms Press Release

19th September 2013 – Wyke Farms has today become the UK's first national cheddar brand to be 100% self-sufficient in green energy, following the launch of its biogas plant, situated in Bruton, Somerset.

The UK's largest independent cheese producer and milk processor, hosted the launch event, together with British journalist and political commentator Jonathan Dimbleby.

Attended by local dignitaries, major retail supporters and key stakeholders, the event saw hundreds visit Bruton – the home of Wyke Farms, the largest family-owned cheese maker in Britain.

The impressive biogas plant, which took five years to plan and construct, consists of three 4,600 cubic metre digester vessels. It will convert 75,000 tonnes of biodegradable waste materials from the farm and dairy per year, including pig and cow manure, into energy.

The plant will deliver significant environmental benefits; reducing and managing waste as well as producing energy, enabling Wyke Farms to save over 4 million kilos of carbon dioxide per annum. It also gives Wyke Farms the capacity to source its entire electricity and gas usage from both solar and biogas, as well as exporting power back to the grid.



Earlier there is an item about the planned 2014 Show. Here are some photos from the 2007 Show -



Somerset Arms

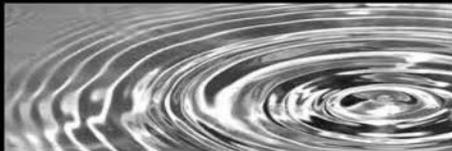
Tim and Dee Dalglish extend a warm welcome to everyone at the Somerset Arms



Monday 5pm – 11pm. Drinks only.
Tuesday to Friday 12 – 2.30pm and 5pm – 11pm. Food served lunchtime and evening.
Saturday – 12 to 11pm. Food all day.
Sunday 12 to 11pm – Sunday Roast.
Christmas and New Year Specials

Do you need a Plumber?

Call



PAUL ANTELL PLUMBING

07890 366832

01373 467427

Professional, Reliable, Friendly & Local
www.paulantellplumbing.co.uk

The Bowen Technique

Gentle, helpful therapy

For backs, necks, hips

For shoulders, knees, ankles, elbows

or stress, anxiety, poor sleep

For migraines, headache, sinuses

For asthma, hayfever, eczema

For CFS, ME, IBS, PMS

For babies and children's problems to

Experienced practitioner for the Frome area:

Janie Godfrey ~ Frome Bowen Clinic

CertECBS VTCT MBTER CBHC NHS Directory Comp. Therapists

01373 836 982

www.bowenclinicfrome.com

JOSEPH PEACOCK

PAINTER & DECORATOR

Interior & Exterior
FREE ESTIMATES

07967 664446

Gillingham



Downlands

TREE SURGERY

01985 214320
95 Frome Road
Maiden Bradley, BA12 7JA

Expert Tree Care
Skilled Pruning
Felling
Stump Removal
Qualified & Insured

*Free Tree Health Survey
And Quotes*



Elizabeth Gittoes
B.Ost., B.Sc.Hons.

Registered Osteopath

Practice details:

Monday/Thursday: 09.00-19.00
Tuesday/Wednesday: 17.30-19.00
Friday: 15.00-19.00
Saturday: 09.00-14.00
Telephone: 01747 840496
Email: lizgittoes@yahoo.co.uk

The Old Police House,
Stourton, BA12 6QG.



JERRY RAYNER ●●
boiler maintenance ●

**Call 01985 841461
or 07775 755981**

**For servicing and
breakdown of oil boilers**

- **Competitive rates**
- **Friendly, helpful & efficient**
- **Call now for a quote**



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 01747 861186 or 01985 220483 or visit our website www.leapingfrogs.org for more information.

Tony Layard



Painting & Decorating

Tel: 07941 759 297

Carolyn Jane's School of Motoring

DSA Approved Driving Instructor offers quality lessons from complete beginners to refresher courses. Pass Plus Registered and nervous learners/drivers very welcome.

Flexible appointments at competitive rates. Discounted block bookings and gift vouchers available.

For an informal chat, please give Caz a call on 01985 844796 / 07708608359



Francis & Jackson MsRCVS

Veterinary Surgeons

Belle Vue Small Animal
and Equine Clinics,
Millards Hill,
Trudoxhill, Frome,
Somerset. BA11 5DW

Telephone: 01373 836186

*Friendly and professional veterinary practice
dealing with equine, farm and small animal cases.
Brand new facilities in Trudoxhill (opposite Belle Vue Farm).*

24 Hour Emergency Service

clinic@fjvets.com



Richard Robbins

Trained
gardener with
25 years
experience.

All aspects of
garden care
Undertaken.

Guided garden
centre visits.

Horticultural
consultancy.



PLANTING

PRUNING

LAWN
MOWING

HEDGE
TRIMMING

PLANTING
PLANS

**For your gateway to
A better garden**

Tel: 01373 473008



Baby & Toddler Group

Outdoor Play, Ball Pit, Play Dough, Bikes,
Puzzles, Painting, Indoor slide

Tuesdays 10 – 12

Maiden Bradley Village Hall

Friendly and informal atmosphere for
children to play and parents to relax!

£1.50 for 1st child 50p for each
additional child

Tea/coffee for the adults
and drink/snack for children

**Any queries please call
Sharen on 01747 840779
or Clare on 01747 840307**

James McCulloch

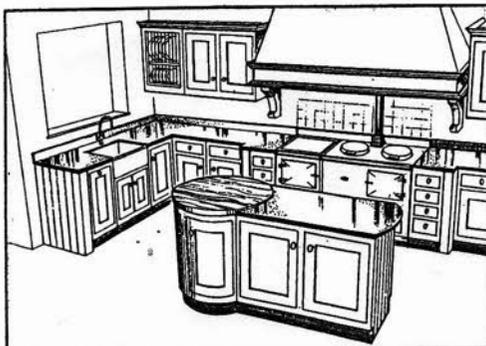
furniture

**Kitchens • Bedrooms • Libraries
Studies • Media furniture • Freestanding**

The Workshop
Bruton Lane
Upton Noble
Somerset
BA4 6AH

Tel: 01749 850 000
Mob: 07887 892 633
enquiries@jamesmcculloch.co.uk
www.jamesmcculloch.co.uk

Part of Orbit Design and Build Ltd



**NFU MUTUAL IN
WARMINSTER IS
PROUD TO BE
ASSOCIATED WITH
MAIDEN BRADLEY
PARISH NEWS**

Taking the time to offer you attentive, personal, local service for your Insurance, pensions and investments

**Call our friendly team for an
insurance quotation on 01985
845116 or pop in**

NFU Mutual Office,
Perry Farm,
Maiden Bradley,
Warminster, Wiltshire,
BA12 7JD



NFU Mutual

It's about time

Agent of the National Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Society Limited.

Is your zip broken? Are your trousers too long? Fancy dress for a special occasion?

Also, soft toys, soft furnishings, re-enactment costumes. Any sewing job considered. Reasonable rates.

Ring Jan on 01985 8447
75

The Sewing Lady



Love food? Love The Bath Arms

Fresh local & seasonal menus.

Award-winning restaurant and cosy bar.

Available for breakfast, lunch & dinner, every day.



The Bath Arms

Horningsham, Warminster, Wiltshire BA12 7LY
01985 844308 www.batharms.co.uk



Finalist
2013

ARMISHAWS

REMOVALS & STORAGE

"Moving at the highest standard"

- UK - local and long distance
- Full **European** service - **France, Spain and Portugal**
- Full & **part-loads, packing** service
- Containerised **storage**
- **Local business, family owned** and run since 1973
- Friendly, **personal** service

For a survey and **FREE same day** quote please call

0845 270 3350

visit our website at: www.armishaws.com
or email us at enquiries@armishaws.com



Rural Business Services was established in 1997 to provide professional book-keeping and administration services for small to medium sized rural based businesses. In addition we offer first class Project Management, sound sensible Business Administration & Financial Solutions together with Board Level Financial Management Experience. No matter how small or big your requirement is we can tailor support to suit your business needs either on or off site.

For more information or to discuss your requirements contact
Lucinda Stokes on 01985 844017
www.ruralaffairs.co.uk • email: lucinda@ruralaffairs.co.uk

Guild of Master Sweeps member
07545822109

**West Country
Sweep**

Clean professional service
pots cowns and caps supplied and fitted
Birds nests clearance
Service certificates issued
Call Andrew for appointment
Email: andrewleightf@gmail.com

Welcome to Our New Landlord/Lady

It has been a bit of a bumpy ride for the Somerset Arms since Roy and Cate's hasty departure, but it now looks like it may be heading into calmer waters. Tim and Dee Dalglish have arrived from Wales and are already making great plans to turn the pub around and to stay with it for the long term. Their previous pub was the Queen's Hotel in Weymouth but they have been out of action for a while as Dee has been toughing it out against cancer. Having had the all-clear in January, she and Tim are now very keen to get back into pub action. Dee's background is entirely in the pub trade and Tim is a master butcher. Since they got together they have had a number of pubs, mostly working on behalf of breweries, taking on problem premises, turning them round so that they could be let again. They assured me though, that with our pub they are here to stay as it is exactly what they have been looking for since Dee's recovery from her illness, a pub in a village with letting rooms and a good garden.



Tim and Dee are determined to make the Somerset Arms a proper village pub. The "restaurant" is to be renamed the "lounge bar" as they want to establish a "pub with food" and that food will be, as Tim puts it "good honest pub grub". As we sat chatting, workmen were busying themselves in the bar area putting in new central heating that will be linked to the Estate's woodchip boiler. This should reduce the cost of heating the pub and make it cosier for the customers. Tim will be head chef and the kitchen is being refurbished to his requirements. The pub is also going to get a redecorating face-lift. The book

wallpaper will finally go!! The letting rooms will also get some attention and Tim and Dee are thinking of making the rooms themed in tune with local amenities such as Longleat and Stourhead. The skittle alley is being given a spring clean so that it is useable for the coming season and then in due course will be properly floor-polished and then redecorated to make it a much better venue.

Although the menu is restricted until the work in the kitchen is finished, the Steak Nights and Sunday Roasts are already happening and there are plans for other events, including Race Nights, Curry Nights and a weekly Quiz Night. Meanwhile, Tuesday's music night is still carrying on in spite of all the work going on around the musicians.

Between them, Tim and Dee have 2 sons and 2 daughters and one granddaughter; no doubt we will be seeing them all in due course. They also have 2 cats (Dave and Harry) and a bunch of chickens. They describe themselves as animal lovers and welcome well behaved dogs, on leads, in the pub, reiterating that it is a village pub with food, not a restaurant.

Tim and Dee have a wealth of experience running pubs and bars both here and in Majorca (where they spent over 4 years). I think we are very lucky that they decided the Somerset Arms had everything they were looking for in a pub to stay in for the long term. They are keen to give us the pub we want to support so will welcome feedback while they settle in and get to know us.

Kay Mayne

Somerset Arms - Opening Hours:

Monday 5pm – 11pm. Drinks only.

Tuesday to Friday 12 – 2.30pm and 5pm – 11pm. Food served lunchtime and evening.

Saturday – 12 to 11pm. Food available all day.

Sunday 12 to 11pm – Sunday Roast.

Steak Nights Wednesday and Friday – 2 Rump Steaks £15.00. Sunday Roast - £7.50

Coming Soon: Curry Nights. Quiz Nights. Christmas Dinner. New Years Eve Celebration.