

# Maiden Bradley

Parish News

No. 315 September 2015



## Diary September 2015

2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	P.C.C. Meeting – Church	7.00 pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Holy Communion – Church	10.00 am
7 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
	Bingo – Memorial Hall	7.30 for 8.00 pm
	Book Club Meeting – Condlyffe Cottage	8.00 pm
8 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
9 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms	9.35-9.45 am
	Kids@MB – Memorial Hall	6.00-7.30 pm
	Prayer Meeting – Church	6.30 pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Ride & Stride for Wiltshire Historic Churches	
	Film – What we did on our Holiday - Memorial Hall	7.00 for 7.30 pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Harvest Festival – Church	6.00 pm
14 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Black box, Blue & Green Bins Collection	7.00 am
	Memorial Hall A.G.M.	7.30 pm
16 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Prayer Meeting – Church	6.30 pm
17 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Welcome Club Meeting – Horningsham Hall	2.30 pm
19 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Puttling Party & Sudan Medical Link talk–Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
20 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Parish Communion – Church	10.00 am
	<b>Copy Day for articles for October News to pat@visa-office.com</b>	
21 <sup>st</sup> Mon	Household Waste Collection	
22 <sup>nd</sup> Tue	Welcome Club Outing to Weymouth	9.00 am
	W.I. Meeting – Stourton Village Hall	7.00 am
23 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms	9.35-9.45 am
	Kids'@MB – Memorial Hall	6.00-7.30 pm
	Prayer Meeting – Church	6.30 pm
26 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Ian Keeble & His Magic – Memorial Hall	Doors open 7.00 pm
27 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Patronal Service at St Michaels, Mere	10.30 am
28 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bins Collection	7.00 am
30 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Prayer Meeting – Church	6.30 pm
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>Saturday Car Boot &amp; Table Top Sale</b>	<b>10.00 am – 2.00 pm</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	<b>Holy Communion – Church</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>

### 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](mailto:murrisona@parliament.uk); Mere Link Scheme 01747 860096;  
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## From the Editor

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Sue and John Priestner are to be congratulated for organising a splendid and very successful Village Produce Show which was held in the Village Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. All age groups entered exhibits from cakes and flower arranging to weird vegetables and huge marrows. Tom Allday worked hard in the kitchen supplying tea, coffee and edible delights to visitors and exhibitors alike and the first prize in the Raffle was won by a village farmer, Derek Stevens.

Our cover photograph this month is of Jenny & Mike Lucas, of Green Ridges, Maiden Bradley. Who recently celebrated 50 years of marriage together. They were married in Maiden Bradley Chapel in 1965 and held their reception in the village hall. Their recent Gold anniversary party was held at the same venue and was attended by family and friends, including 3 of the Bridesmaids! Congratulations to them both, may they share many more years of happiness together.

Whilst reading the news from the Welcome Club, I note a Valuation Day is to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> September at Horningsham Village Hall at 2.30 pm. The Antique Valuation is for silver, so bring along what treasurers you want to have valued.

Autumn is upon us and each year at this time, the growth from our hedges can overhang the somewhat narrow pavements around the village, so please be mindful of pedestrians having to step into the busy roads to avoid overhanging brambles and branches, thank you.

**845397**

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## News from the Vicarage

August is in danger of becoming a damp squib! I'm away for the Greenbelt Christian Festival over the Bank Holiday Weekend and we'll be camping so hope that it's not too wet. We went to the Gillingham Show for the first time this year and thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful atmosphere and weren't deterred by the weather.

I'm looking forward to the Frome Show on 12<sup>th</sup> September, but this year Baloo the Labrador

will not be coming. Last year he went to do what comes naturally against a "bush". Only to humans it wasn't a bush but a display stand for country clothing. We went home with a lumberjack shirt which wasn't really anyone's style. The day after the show on Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> September at 6 pm is Maiden Bradley Harvest Service. The Licensed Lay Minister Jane Hurd will be taking the service and afterwards we'll be serving cider and cheese. Do come and share with us as we thank God for His goodness and sing our favourite harvest hymns "Cake Tastes Better Together" – it certainly does!

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September we will hold a Macmillan coffee morning from 10-12 in the Vicarage, please come along and support this great charity. To prepare for the event there will be another Vicarage Gardening party between 10-3 on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Please drop in and help tidy up the garden for winter – payment in coffee and cake.

**With Blessings,  
Rev Carol**

## News From the Hall

Andrew Murrison held an open surgery in the hall, unfortunately no one turned up to see him. He is however taking up two questions raised by myself with the Chancellor George Osborne regarding charities having to pay VAT and business rates for utilities, as non-profit making concerns, I think this is wrong. He will be visiting the hall again at some time, so keep an eye out for notices advertising the date and time.

## Events

Our Ploughman's lunch was well attended and will be something we will be doing again in future.

The showing of "The Second Exotic Marigold Hotel" also saw a good turn out.

Our next film on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September** will be **"What we did on Holiday"** starring Billy Connolly and David Tennant. This is a family film, so bring the children as well and make it a family night out.



**Faggot and Mash Lunch Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September** 1.00 pm £10.00 pp 2 course lunch book early numbers limited.

**Car Boot & Table top Sale Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** 10.00 am – 2.00 pm, cars & vans £5.00 Inside Table £7.50 contact Mel Thomas or Brenda Smart to book.

Our first Bingo Jackpot was won this month the winner went home over £100 better off, why don't you come along and give it a go, we have Bingo on the first Monday of each Month.

## Not To Be Missed..... Ian Keeble Magic Show

Tickets are now on sale for the show on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. we had a full house for his last show The Charles Dickens Story and everybody agreed it was a great night, so get your tickets early

## The Hall Needs You

We need to raise a substantial amount of money (£60.000 +) to enable us to replace the roof on the Hall, it is well past it's best and wont last much longer.

We will be launching our roof appeal and we will need the support of the whole community to achieve our target, not only with the money raising but also with effort so if you can help in any way please contact any member of the committee.

By the time you read this we will have had both the Produce show and the 1<sup>st</sup> Maiden Bradley Art Festival reports on both will appear in next months issue of the news letter.

## Hall AGM

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 pm. Would you like to join the committee? We still need a bookkeeper and secretary. Please attend the meeting and support the committee in its endeavour to provide you with a village hall to be proud of.

**Mel Thomas - Chairman**  
**845111**

## Welcome Club

At the time of writing, our August trip to Windsor is imminent – news of the visit will arrive for the next magazine. Perhaps we will see the Queen!



In September on 22<sup>nd</sup> we shall board the coach with Weymouth as our destination with the usual collection time of 8.45 am at Horningsham and 9 am from Maiden Bradley. As ever, all are welcome to join us.

Our final trip of the season will be to the Wye Valley on October 13<sup>th</sup>, perhaps you would like to make an advance note of the date.

Mr Gordon Brockman from Chippenham auctioneers, comes to the Horningsham Hall at 2.30pm on September 17<sup>th</sup> at which time he has said he is prepared to value any silver items we bring to show him, so hunt out all those treasurers!

Looking forward to your support at our up and coming events as mentioned, have you heard about our lovely cakes and sandwiches we enjoy at Hall Meetings? Join us, we'll see you there!

**Chris Short 01985 847373**

## Family News

Nigel Lavender and Elaine Hodgson of Church Street, recently got married at a quiet informal ceremony in Salisbury. Matthew the King Charles Spaniel was in attendance and they all look forward to continuing their happy life in Maiden Bradley.

Congratulations to Mike & Jenny Lucas who celebrated their Gold wedding Anniversary on the 7th of August. We wish them many more happy years together.

We send our best to Pearl Hudson for a successful operation and a speedy recovery.

*Front cover - Mike & Jenny Lucas*

## Horningsham Luncheon Club

On Thursday August 6th Horningsham Luncheon Club held their Annual Outing, this year we went to the Isle of Wight.

Horningsham people got on the bus at 8.30 am and Maiden Bradley at 8.45 am we set off with rather overcast skies and hoped it would clear.

As we made our way to Southampton the skies began to clear, although Tom was rather worried it would not. We had a good journey traffic wise to the ferry no holdups. The ferry journey was one hour so plenty of time to get coffee on board, and by

the time we reached Cowes it was sunny skies, have faith Tom! The bus took us past Osbourne House then to Ryde before going onto Sandown for lunch where we all spent a pleasant time.



We even had children on our bus who were able to go onto the beach and build sand castles. After lunch Lionel our driver took us on a drive around Shanklin and other areas, before stopping at Godshill for tea and cake if needed. Then back to the ferry to catch the 5.30 pm one home.

Finally we made a stop in Salisbury Coach Park to do the raffle. I would like to thank Tom for organising the raffle and prizes and for doing it so well. We got back to Maiden Bradley at around 8.30 pm after a lovely day and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. I have already had a club member saying they are looking forward to next year.

**Pearl Hudson**



## CHESTER AND MORSE

*A chocolate dog we went to view,  
But couldn't resist a black one too  
Taking on a puppy always spells trouble  
This decision, of course, meant it was double.  
As if needed, 'twas confirmed that first night;  
Morse lay in tipped out water, oh what a sight!  
Wonderful companions over many years  
They gave us great laughter, as well as some tears.  
Disappearing too often when given the chance,  
They certainly led us a merry old dance  
Spending time with the police was often the way,  
Perhaps we should have named them after brothers Kray?  
When one or both missing it shook us to the core  
Rescues were many, home safely once more  
Chester once haughtily in car of his choice  
Quite at home with stranger in Rolls Royce!  
Born to retrieve, they both loved it so,  
Gun cabinet keys rattle, so ready to go.  
Adored their little "sisters" Fernie and Florrie  
Quite happy to be bullied, with no need for "sorry".  
Fourteen years of unconditional love from our boys  
Memories stay with us, whether heartaches or joys  
The time had come, that very sad day  
Goodbye to our darlings, no more to say.*

*Pam  
2015*

### Village Hall Lottery

#### July

1 <sup>st</sup> Mrs V. Dmare	£21.90	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lucy Knight	£10.95
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mr V. Troiiope	£6.60	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan Davies	£4.30

#### August

1 <sup>st</sup> Beth Stevens	£21.90	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mrs E. Seal	£10.95
3 <sup>rd</sup> Pat Kennedy	£6.60	4 <sup>th</sup> Mr R. Green	£4.30

Since 1998 the lottery has brought in a total of £17962.00 to help maintain the village hall. Therefore £8981.00 has gone to the village hall and the same amount in prize money since last December.

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



## **Retail Ramblings...**

Whilst the vicissitudes of the British climate have us digging out our raincoats, dusting off our umbrellas, and generally wondering whether summer has disappeared behind a mass of grey clouds, things are looking relatively colourful in the shop.

Some of you will have seen our Cotswold Blue Legbar eggs, but have you tried scrambling them ? The resulting colour positively leaps off the toast ! Combine that with a chunk of toasted cornbread, and you have a slice of sunshine on a plate..

Rose pink salt crystals from the Himalayan foothills of Kashmir are not only entrancingly attractive, they add a marvellous softly salty crunch to a salad dressing. Not to mention looking rather splendid on the work top.

And if you haven't bagged a pack of brandy snaps yet there are still some left. Treat yourself to the nostalgia of a 1980's dinner party, with or without the cream filling..

Or you could stick a couple into a bowl of Granny Gotherds Clotted Cream ice cream, with a spoonful of Pistachio on the side ?

Apart from our vision of a culinary rainbow all the usual suspects still crowd the shelves, and if anything seems to have gone AWOL then let us know, and we'll sort out fresh supplies !

For various reasons there have been some changes in the shop staff that you see behind the till, and around the shop, and we're now looking for more volunteers to come on board.

You can do as little or as much as you like, knowing that you're helping us to keep the shop open, for everyone to use. Learning the till is very straightforward, and although not foolproof (it can't be that, because I still make mistakes...!) it's really not rocket science..

Without our marvellous volunteers the shop simply wouldn't exist, and the more of you there are the better for all ! Let's keep the shop open, it offers so much in so many different ways. Fun and laughter guaranteed..

Come along and have a trial run, you won't regret it !

**Amanda**

## **Maiden Bradley village Produce show results 2015**

Ladies cup

Men's cup

Children's Shield

Rose Bowl for the best garden

Best village dog

Pete Dean cup for single dahlia

Rosie Brown

Pete Dean

Camilla Cripps

Kim Baker

Grace belonging to Kim Baker

Liz Nixon





**Men's cup winner -  
Pete Dean**



**Children's Shield-  
Camilla Cripps**

## **Maiden Bradley Village show 2015**



**Sue & John Priestner Show  
sorters extraordinaire**



**Ladies's cup  
winner  
Rosie Brown**



**1st Prize Raffle**



**Best Village Garden-  
Kim Baker**



**Another happy Raffle  
winner**



**Pete Dean Cup for single  
Dahlia - Liz Nixon**



**Dog show winner - Grace  
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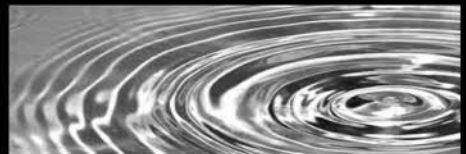
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