

# Maiden Bradley Parish News

363 September 2019



Fe Roche, winner of the Ladies' Cup, shows off two of her prizewinning exhibits from this year's produce show.

## Fred.....

Well deserved winner of the Best Village Dog.

### Fred's story -

by Esme Channer

Fred was found roaming the countryside in Malta. I was persuaded by a Maltese friend to take him on. He was about 15 months old and pretty wild. Fortunately I had a wonderful Syrian Refugee Dog Trainer who was a great help. Fred is now 3 and a half. Mixed breed, part Pointer/Labrador/ part Hound. I take him to lots of dog training classes and he has improved enormously. He is very friendly, loves playing with other dogs and is great company!



### .....and Matthew

Accidental winner of the Best Veteran Dog, seen here in one of his favourite poses. Accidental? .... There was only one entry!



## Diary for September 2019

Sun	1	Catch up Sunday, Memorial Hall, coffee, croissants and chat	10-12am
Mon	2	Household waste collection	
Sun	8	Matins, All Saints Church MB	10am
Mon	9	Black box, blue and green bin collections	
Sat	14	Ride and Stride	
Sun	15	Book of Common Prayer Communion, All Saints	
Mon	16	Household waste collection	
Thurs	19	Welcome Club Bingo	
<b>Fri</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>COPY DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER NEWS TO pat@visa-office.com</b>	
Sun	22	Communion, All Saints	
Mon	23	Black box, blue and green bin collections	
Tue	24	Welcome Club Outing to Weymouth	
Fri	27	Macmillan Coffee Morning, Hall	10-12am
		Harvest Festival Supper, Hall	7 for 7.15pm
Sun	29	Benefice Service at St Michael's Mere	
Mon	30	Household waste collection	

Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 6.30pm. Phone 844817 for details of venue.

### OCTOBER

Sat	5	Parish Plan Meeting – closing consultation.
Mon	7	Memorial Hall AGM

Dr Harding's Surgery every Monday at the Memorial Hall except Bank Holidays 5-6 pm.  
Please bring your orders to Memorial Hall Surgery the week before they are due for the  
Doctor to process.

Refuse & Recycling Collections every Monday, for Bank Holiday changes see Wiltshire  
Council website.

Mother & Toddlers every Tuesday 10.00 am to 12 noon.

Useful telephone Nos.: The Pub: 844207; Memorial Hall bookings – 845303

Dr. Andrew Murrison MP: 01225 358584 or murrisona@parliament.uk:

Mere Link Scheme 01747 860096; Rev. Carol Wilson-Barker 01747 861859.

Bell Ringing every Tuesday 7 pm in the Bell Tower at the Church.

Beginners welcome 844475

Coffee Mornings every Friday in the Hall 10 am till 12 noon

Maiden Bradley Parish News – contributions are welcome and preferred in WORD format.  
Email pat@visa-office.com

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## ***Editorial***

A huge thank you to Sue and John Priestner for organising another very successful Produce Show in the Memorial Hall. The standard of entries continues to rise year on year and Tom, Pearl and Mary were rushed off their feet with requests for tea and cake in the kitchen. Very well done to you all, a healthy £543 was raised for the hall.

Pat Kennedy 845397 pat@visa-office.com

## **Village Hall**

The Post Office in attendance every Tuesday 1pm- 3pm is going from strength to strength & from September the Old Kitchen Store will be open (on a trial basis) at the same time.

Coffee mornings every Friday 10-12pm. Come along for a cuppa, a chat & a giggle. Take a look at the community library while you are there. Everybody welcome.

Old Kitchen Store open Mon, Weds & Fridays 9am-11.30am.

Hire the Hall for a private function- call 01985 845303  
Reduced rate for Maiden Bradley residents of £17.50 per hour to include use of crockery, cutlery, glassware, cooking equipment (pots & pans etc), tables, table cloths and chairs.

Hot water and central heating.

Alcohol license available if required.

Parking for 20 cars.

Disabled access.

***Everyone is welcome to attend the Memorial hall AGM on  
Monday October 7th - 7pm***



## A letter from the Bishop of Sherborne - Karen Gorham

### God's World, Our Business

Over the summer I have read two important reports. The first was a report by the Food, Farming and Countryside Commission set up by the RSA. That executive summary of the report starts 'Our future depends on the land. The land nourishes and supports us. It provides for our nutrition, our health and our wellbeing. Food and farming, depend critically on the fate of the countryside. Those who live and work here are the stewards of this relationship but the responsibility for it rests with us all.'

The report highlights the urgency for us to recover and regenerate nature; and to restore health and wellbeing to both people and planet. Decades of policy to produce ever cheaper food has created perverse and detrimental consequences. The UK has the third cheapest food amongst developed countries, but the highest food insecurity in Europe. It calls for radical change, the development of sustainable systems, an investment in skills and rural infrastructure.

The second report 'Counting lives' comes from the Children's Society. It highlights the exploitation of children for criminal gain, particularly through the 'county lines' model of distributing drugs around the country through the use of dedicated mobile phone 'lines' and called for statutory agencies to have access to appropriate resources to identify and support victims. There are some children particularly vulnerable to exploitation particularly those growing up in poverty, having learning difficulties, being excluded from school or a looked after child and there is increasing evidence that primary school age children are targeted.

All these issues are not just words on paper, but our issues, involving people in Wiltshire and Dorset. They involve God's world and God's children, and force us to look at ourselves and our churches to see what we can do. Both reports are shocking in their own way, they call for us to look outwards, to see with eyes of faith what is happening in our towns and villages, our countryside and farms, our economy and social provision and to speak and act.

I hope that as a diocese we can partner with others in taking forward some of the recommendations of these reports and contribute towards a better world and that as individuals and churches we continue to think about life around us and respond as we are called to do. Acting with care and compassion and speaking up for justice, equity and those whose voices are seldom heard.



+Karen

# Bats

While on the Grand Tour in Italy the early 19th c. naturalist, William Buckland, was shown the place on a cathedral floor where a saint had been martyred; blood would periodically appear and mark the spot. Bending down Buckland wiped his finger in the liquid, tasted it, and declared, "As I thought – bats' urine" Buckland would have known, he was infamous for attempting to eat every living creature and any curiosity that came his way, even on one occasion a king's heart.

A few weeks ago I had a similar, though less dramatic, experience in All Saints, Maiden Bradley when we had a visit from an expert from the Bat Conservation Trust who for a couple of nights installed expensive equipment in the chancel to monitor our bats. The equipment was hardly needed as the expert leaned down, picked up a single bat dropping and declared, 'brown long eared bats' I was impressed as to me one bat dropping looks like another and if someone called it a mouse dropping I wouldn't argue. As we were the first church in our area to have a bat survey this season we are still waiting for the results but it seems likely that the church is home to a few brown long eared bats and pipistrelles. The pipistrelle is the most common British bat, a tiny creature weighing as only as much as a twenty pence piece but capable of eating 3,000 insects a night; anything that eats midges has my approval. The brown long eared bat's huge ears give it incredible hearing, it is said that it can hear a ladybird's footsteps.

For our church, unlike some churches in Norfolk, bats are not a serious problem and although the altar cloth has to be covered with polythene and the bat droppings are swept up before services, they are welcome visitors. Bats' urine could damage the Rysbrack memorial to Edward Seymour but a more everyday concern is its effect on the brass memorials which are looking tarnished now that Meg Oliver no longer cleans them. There's a very long list of such jobs that contribute to the maintenance of the church and churchyard, for example it is thanks to Carl that the churchyard looks so neat. After the Show Service we thanked Patrick and Liz Nixon for all they had done over their twenty six years in the village for the church and the community and David Morse for all his work for the church.



One of the little unsung jobs that the Nixons did every day during the summer months was the unlocking of the church. Someone is needed to take their place, and it would be wonderful to have a volunteer for cleaning the brass; who knows, you might even get to meet one of our bats.

Celia Blay

Date for your diaries!

## ***Bradley House Christmas at Home***

by kind invitation of the Duke and Duchess of Somerset.

On Thursday 12th December at 7.30-9.

An hour of entertainment including Maiden Bradley choir followed by mulled wine and nibbles.

By donations in aid of All Saints, Maiden Bradley.

## **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

This year, part of the world's largest coffee morning will be held in the Memorial Hall 10 to 12 am on Friday 27th September. Do join us for a cake, coffee and chat, we will be so pleased to see you and help raise money for this important cause.

***Mary Stevens***



# Parish Council Development Plan update

Next public consultation meeting: Saturday 5th October, 2.00-4.30pm

Many thanks to all the villagers who completed surveys and handed them in as part of the consultation. You all wrote so much and shared so many ideas that it is taking a very long time to do the data entry! We are working hard though to collate the survey results and to analyse them and will have this ready by September.

By the time you read this, hopefully we will have had a discussion with under-18s in the village as part of the consultation process. The ideas that come out of this meeting will help shape the Parish Council Development Plan.

The next event will be the closing consultation meeting on 5th October at the Memorial Hall between 14.00-16.30. At this meeting, the Parish Council and the Steering Committee will display and share the results of the consultation events and the surveys and we'll be setting out some proposed actions. We need your input so please put it in the diary!

**Alex Channer**

## Village Hall Lottery

July

1 <sup>st</sup>	Pearl Hudson	£25.25	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christine Crabbe	£12.60
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pat Kennedy	£7.60	4 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Ferguson	£5.00

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1 <sup>st</sup>	Graham Stevens	£25.0	2 <sup>nd</sup>	J. Knight T	£12.50
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brian Gunter	£7.50	4 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Ferguson	£5.00

A Memorial Hall Thank you

To all those contributors to the Hall Lottery, a very big thank you for helping maintain this vital social hub. Over this year alone £600+ has gone to you in prizes and £600+ to the maintenance of the Hall.

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.





Saturday September 14th

The Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust

Exists to promote the county's churches and in particular to give financial help to churches of any denomination needing to pay for repairs and enhancements. Last year it was able to give grants totalling £74,000 to 40 churches.

For more information see the website:

[www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk](http://www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk)

What is Ride+Stride?

- An annual sponsored cycle ride, walk or horse ride, with 50% of the money raised benefitting your own chosen church, and 50% going to the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust.
- Last year the 350+ participants across Wiltshire raised over £60,000 – a fine achievement, which we hope can be bettered in 2019.
- Riders/walkers visit as many or as few churches as they like.
- They can be sponsored for the number of churches visited, or with a lump sum.
- There is no entrance fee and no set itinerary.
- You choose your own route.
- A stroll between one church and another can count as participation.
- It is an opportunity to explore the beautiful countryside and historic churches of Wiltshire, either as an individual or in a small group.
- All ages can take part.

### Prizes

Wiltshire is one of the few counties to offer prizes for successful Riders and Striders. Thanks to the generosity of Lord Brooke of Sutton Mandeville, there are two trophies:

The Brooke Cup and £500 goes to the best all-round parish (calculated by multiplying the number of participants by the amount they raise) The Junior Group Cup, and £100, is awarded on the same basis to the parish with the most successful group of under-18-year-olds. These are valuable bonuses and emphasise the potential benefit of encouraging larger numbers of people of all ages to take part in Ride+Stride.

In addition there are cash prizes given to the best achieving cyclists and walkers from three different age groups: 16 and under, over 16 and over 65.

Further details and sponsorship forms are available from:

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***Planning Workshops 2019***

- all welcome

Last call for those looking to weave their way through the planning maze of an AONB.

Our 'demystifying' workshops are aimed at local residents, parish, village and town councillors, community and amenity bodies, wildlife and business organisations as well as builders, planners, and their advisors.

**Tuesday 3 September**

Dinton Village Hall

**Tuesday 10 September**

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Tickets are £48/person and £24/person for any additional delegates from the same parish or organisation. Lunch included in the delegate fee.

# *The 2019 Produce Show*

On Saturday the 17th of August the village hall was showing a colourful array of flowers, vegetables, fruit, preserves and cookery. The children's craft competitions had many entries and the show was well supported by the villagers and the surrounding community. The rain managed to hold off while everyone was arriving to stage their entries and the judges were very impressed with the standard of entries. Teas and cakes were provided by a stalwart group of helpers and the proceeds of the show went to the village hall. Once again, it was an occasion when the village pulled together to make the event a success.

Sue Priestner



Dave Crossman wins the Mens' Cup

Fe Roche wins the Ladies' Cup





The village is now home to two serious swimmers - Finlay & Oliver Saunders. Over the summers holidays the boys travelled to Glasgow and then Sheffield to compete in the British Swimming National Championships and then at the English National Championships in Sheffield the week after.

The boys received invitations to compete at the events which are only open to the top ranked swimmers in Britain and England in each age group and race. Finlay and Oliver qualified for Nationals after achieving the required times and national seeding at the South West Regional Swimming Championships in May where Finlay (15) won two Silver Medals (200m & 100m Backstroke) and Oliver (14) won Bronze in the 200m Individual Medley.

At the British Swimming Championships in Glasgow Finlay came 17<sup>th</sup> in the 200m Backstroke and 17<sup>th</sup> in the 100m Backstroke.





At the English National Championships the week after, Finlay finished 11<sup>th</sup> in the 50m Backstroke and Oliver 13<sup>th</sup> in the 200m Individual Medley.

Finlay and Oliver both swim for Team Bath AS and train for 15 hours a week at the University of Bath where they are now working towards their next goal – the British Swimming Winter Nationals that are held in December.



Camilla Cripps' winning monster

Susanna Lisle wins the Memorial Rose Bowl for the best village garden



# *Harvest Supper*

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7pm for 7.15pm*

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## **Welcome Club**

Once again on the Welcome Club monthly outing we were lucky with the weather considering the weather we have had of late has been so bad. On Tuesday 20th August, we set off for Sidmouth with blue skies shining. We stopped at Otter Garden Centre for coffee which is very popular with the members. After an hour we set off again for Sidmouth, getting there about 12 noon so people had plenty of time to enjoy themselves as we were leaving at 5pm. On the way home we stopped at the Eagle pub which everyone seems to like, after which we did our raffle. We were sorry that six people had to miss the trip due to ill health we all wish them well. Our September meeting is Thursday 19th which will be Bingo, and our next outing is to Weymouth on 24<sup>th</sup>, so please let me know if you are interested.

Pearl Hudson 844779

### ***The Luncheon Club Annual Outing***

On Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, the Luncheon Club set off to North Somerset for the annual summer outing. We were going to see a museum of memorabilia near Portbury and have an afternoon at Clevedon.

The weather was fine as we drove through the lush countryside, pausing for a coffee break at the huge Cadbury Garden Centre with its many tempting sales items, and arriving at Oakham Treasures, set in a beautiful wooded valley in farm buildings next to a large old farmhouse.

This was a lifetime collection of an enormous range of industrial and domestic items ranging chiefly from the 1930s to the 1970s. Most of us felt right at home looking at all this stuff which had been part of our lives and now certainly looked as if it had come from a bygone age! Some younger members looked frankly puzzled at some of the quaint things on display. Even the cafe looked as if it had stepped right out of the age of utilitarian restaurant experience.

After all this concentrated reminiscing, we set off for Clevedon arriving on the seafront in perfect afternoon sunshine. The pier stretched out into the brownish waters of the Severn estuary with its delicate wrought iron cafe at the end looking out at the distant blue hills of Wales. Just the right spot for a reviving cup of tea.

We returned home, stopping by rocky Burrington Combe for our exciting raffle event organised by Tom and reached home at 7 after a happy day out. Many thanks to Pearl and Lesley for organising it so well.

***Carole Hill***



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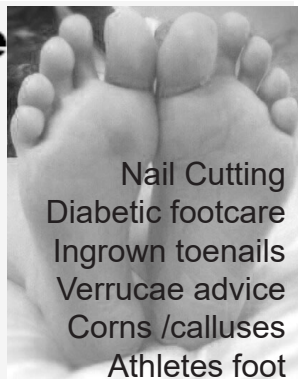
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