

Maiden Bradley

Parish News

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Portrait of Edward Seymour 1st Earl of Hertford (circa 1537 by an unknown artist) Created 1st Duke of Somerset in 1547 and Lord Protector 1547 to 1549. In the collection of the Marquis of Bath.

Diary for April 2017

2 nd	Sun	Holy Communion CW	10.00 am
3 rd	Mon	Household waste collection	
		Easter Bingo Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
4 th	Tue	Bishop of Ramsbury visit and Lent Lunch from	12.30pm
7 th	Fri	Quiz Night – Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
9 th	Sun	Church - Palm Sunday – Matins Service	10.00 am
10 th	Mon	Black box, green bin and blue bin collections	
11 th	Tue	Lent Lunch at Di Stevens	12.30 pm
		Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm
12 th	Wed	Prayer meeting details 844817	7.00 pm
14 th	Fri	Easter Egg Hunt - Memorial Hall	10.30 am
16 th	Sun	Church - Easter Day – Holy Communion	10.00 am
17 th	Mon	Household waste collection	
20 th	Thurs	Welcome Club	
20 th	Thurs	Copy day for articles for April News to pat@visa-office.com	
22 nd	Sat	Art Festival Memorial Hall	10.00 am till 4.00pm
		AND Cream Teas	from 2.00pm to 4.00pm
23 rd	Sun	Church - Holy Communion BPC	10.00 am
24 th	Mon	Black Box, Blue and Green Bins collection	
25 th	Tue	Welcome Club Outing depart Horningsham 8.45am and MB 9am	
26 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting details 844817	7.00 pm
28 th	Fri	3 course lunch –Memorial Hall	12.45 pm
30 th	Sun	Church – Holy Communion CW	10.00am

Mass times:St George’s Warminster – Sat 6 pm (Vigil); Sun 8 am and 10 am

St Mary’s Mere – Fri 10 am; Sat 5.30 pm

Dr Harding’s Surgery is every Monday at the Memorial Hall 5pm to 6pm except Bank Holidays. Please bring repeat prescription requests to this surgery for the doctor to process.

Refuse and Recycling collections are every Monday and for Bank Holiday changes see the Wiltshire Council website.

Mother and Toddlers is held every Tuesday in the Memorial Hall 10 am to 12 noon.

Useful telephone numbers: The Village Shop 844206; The Post Office 845040; The Pub 844207; Memorial Hall Bookings – Amanda Dye 845205 Mere Link Scheme 01747 860096

Dr. Murrison MP 01225 358584 murrison@parliament.uk

Rev Carol Wilson-Baker 01747 861859 **Bell Ringing every Tuesday 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 in any format. Email pat@visa-office.com

Editorial

Although I would never consider myself a scholar, when I have the time I am fascinated by the Tudor period in history. Jane Seymour was the third wife of Henry VIII and the younger sister to Edward Seymour, the first Duke of Somerset. She died shortly after giving birth to Edward, (who became King Edward VI) Henry VIII's only male heir. Edward Seymour became the protector of his nephew Edward, but when he became too powerful, the King's Council voted to remove him to the Tower of London where he was beheaded in 1552 aged 52.

Next time I am at Longleat I hope to view the original portrait of Edward Seymour if it is on view to the general public. The National Portrait Gallery in London is the place to view many portraits of prominent Tudors.

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From September 7th-10th 2017 Heritage Open Days celebrate our diverse history, architecture and culture by offering the chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences for free.

The National Trust offers free insurance, promotional support and exciting ideas to those taking part.

This year All Saints, Maiden Bradley hopes to be involved by opening up the tower and vestry and having on display the church silver and a fascinating collection of items of historical interest from the village.

It would be lovely if other buildings in the village would join in. You can choose when you open within the dates and what you choose to show. Details can be found at, <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/organising>

To get full promotional support you need to register before May.

Celia Blay

Bishop to visit Maiden Bradley

The Right Reverend Edward Condry Bishop of Ramsbury is making a pastoral visit to the village on Tuesday 4th April. We are still making plans for his visit. Details so far: the Village shop at 12.30 and then at 1pm to the Old Vicarage for a Lent Lunch of soup where there will be an opportunity for the church council and community to meet with him and talk. After that he will call at a farm, the pub, the Memorial Hall and village shop and is hoping to meet someone from the estate leaving around 4.30. He will want to offer support and encouragement to all who live and work in Maiden Bradley particularly to the shop, church and on the topic of rural housing. He would be very pleased to talk to you. A final timetable will be put up in the shop.

“Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be given unto you: allelu, alleluia”

So says the words of the lyrical worship song: put God at the centre of everything; seek Him out first. Whatever you need to tackle give it to Him and ask His support and guidance. We find it so easy to struggle along in our own strength and not rest in His.

We are at the point in Lent where we most identify with Jesus' cross and passion. We might ask why in the church year we always go through this discomfort. It is to help us understand that we have an authentic God who truly identifies with the sufferings of humankind and is there alongside us.

Easter is now a matter of a couple of weeks away and then we shall celebrate again the empty tomb and know the joy of the resurrection. My prayer for you is that your grief is turned to joy, your weeping to dancing and your anxiety to that peace which passes all understanding – known in the love of God.

With every blessing for the Easter season,

Rev Carol - Priest in Charge Mere with West Knoyle and Maiden Bradley

Lent Lunches

Lent lunches this year will be held at Di Steven's on Tuesdays at 12.30pm on the following dates:

March 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th - April 4th and 11th.
On 21st March the lunch will be held at Sue Preistner's house at 12.30pm.

Di Stevens

March News From The Hall

All those who turned up for the film night, "Bridget Jones's Baby" had a very enjoyable evening. Our next film will be "War Horse" and in the pipe line we have "A Street Cat named Bob" (based on a true life story), "La La Land" and "Lion". So plenty of good films on the way folks.

April Dates for your Diary are:

Mon 3rd	"Easter Bingo" lots of Chocolate prizes to be won
Fri 7th	7.00pm "Quiz Night" a fun night out for all
Fri 14th	10.30 am "Easter Egg Hunt "
Sat 22 nd	10.00am-5.00pm "Art Festival" & Cream Teas (from 2pm)
Fri 28th '	3 course Lunch" 12.45 pm



It was so good to see that the Keith Gunter Benefit evening was so well supported. I know how much effort and work went into putting it on, a very good job was done by all concerned. But on a personal note, I only wish that all the villagers who were there and who don't normally support functions put on by the hall committee, would show more support for the hall. Unless the hall is supported more we will lose it one day and then nights like Saturday won't happen.

**Vodafone
Community**

More news from the Hall....

Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall is the latest community hub to receive indoor mobile voice and data coverage under a new scheme by Vodafone. As part the Community Indoor Sure Signal (CISS) programme, which bring coverage to rural community hubs, the memorial hall has place a small unit – the size of a domestic broadband box - inside the hall. Connected to the hall's broadband it's now bringing Vodafone 3G coverage to the community groups and visitors who use the hall.

During March, members of the village hall committee and parish council met Andrew Murrison MP, his Grace the Duke of Somerset and representatives of Vodafone UK to officially launch the unit.

Vodafone is still accepting applications for the CISS programme. Further information and application details visit www.vodafone.co.uk/rural

Jorge Fernandes, Vodafone UK Chief Technology Officer, said: "We want all our customers to enjoy the benefits of mobile connectivity wherever they are. We remain committed to bringing coverage to rural communities like Maiden Bradley."

Andrew Murrison, MP for South West Wiltshire added: "I'm very pleased that Vodafone's rural programme will bring 3G coverage to Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall where it will be of great benefit to local residents,"

Mel Thomas, Chairman of the Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall added: "With the help of the Vodafone Community Indoor Sure Signal, the people of Maiden Bradley who use Vodafone can now use their mobile phones within the vicinity of the Memorial Hall."

The Duke of Somerset, Andrew Murrison MP and Dr. Rob Matthews from Vodafone.



News from the Community Shop.....

As you all now know the shop is struggling financially and we need to increase sales without increasing waste. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all our customers that you can order all your meat, vegetables, milk, eggs and bread weekly to avoid any disappointment. These orders will assist in reducing wastage and cut losses.

We now source all our fruit and veg from the market and it is far better quality at a more competitive price. It has proven very popular so if you haven't discovered it yet it's well worth a try.

Andrew Barclay is still our very popular meat supplier. With competitive prices and outstanding quality along with special offers it is selling fast, so again well worth trying if you haven't already.

Due to popular demand the used book library is back. Due to space limitations we can only accept small donations of works of fiction. The newer the better and please only donate if they are still in good condition.

I try to stock different items for impulse buys each week to keep interest up but if you can't find what you are looking for please ask. I will try to accommodate all requests but some do take longer than others. Magazines can take quite a while due to the suppliers being very slow to process their orders but most other items should be in stock within a week.

Now the weather is starting to improve we intend to have more taster days so watch the board for details. Please come along and give your feedback so maybe we can extend our range of products.

Just a few reminders before I sign off. Please remember that bread should be ordered by noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays for delivery on Wednesdays and Fridays. Veg should be ordered before 9am on Wednesdays for delivery on Thursdays. Meat orders need to be in by noon Mondays and Wednesdays for delivery on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Finally can I implore you all to ensure that all accounts and paper bills are settled before the last weekday of each month as our bank charges can be somewhat excessive if a number of accounts are still outstanding.

Sue Worrell

STOP PRESS...
There was a large turn out for
the shop meeting which was
very productive and positive.
Thank you everyone. Full
details next month.

Parish Council March 2017

Litter Pick - Councillors would like to give their thanks to the parishioners who came out to help on the litter pick. The litter pick had been very successful; more parishioners had turned out than the year before. The Council's thanks were extended to Ben Gunstone, Councillor Susanna Brigden and parishioner Frank Baudrain for managing the Litter pick event. Councillor Patrick Nixon stated that the clean-up has made a noticeable improvement to the parish.

Best Kept Village Competition – the Parish Council would like to know if there is anyone interested in running the Campaign to Protect Rural England Competition for the Community. If you are interested, please contact the clerk. The clerk has all the relevant documentation and can assist.

Parish Steward Scheme – The Parish Steward has been informed that the following requires attention:

- Clearing storm debris from the roads and footways
- Hand treatment of weeds in rural areas
- Clearance of encroaching growth and soils from footways pavements through Church Street
- Church Street traffic calming areas cleared

The Wiltshire Council app can be used to report Highways issues or online at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/mywiltshirelogin.htm>

If any Parishioner sees or is aware of anything which they feel needs attention in and around the parish highways, they are requested to contact Wiltshire Council using either the online website above, the Wiltshire Council App or on the landline number 0300 456 0105.

Speed Indicator Devices – Council noted that the clerk had spoken to Warmminster Town Councils Representative; she had reported that there is a software issue with the SIDs. They have tried to rectify the issue working with Wiltshire Council and Vicky Oats but to no avail. The units are from Germany and it seems the factory is no longer. There is no solution now available.

Council noted that the clerk had provisionally sought further information from the Highways Team; they have confirmed that if the Parish Council purchased its own SID it would support its use on the poles in place. Unitary Councillor Fleur De Rhe Philippe had confirmed she would support an Area Board Grant from Maiden Bradley for a SID if it applied for one.

Council instructed the clerk to contact Lark Hill Parish Council and seek further information on their project. Councillor Simon Wager agreed to seek clarification re software issues from a specialist advisor he had contact with.

Councillor Vacancy – noted Councillor Ben Gunstone had given his resignation, and that the Council could go ahead and co-opt his replacement, in accordance with Section 89(9) of the Local Government Act 1972. As only two applications had been received, it was decided to co-opt both applicants to fill the places. Mr Simon Wager was present; the clerk confirmed that he had been furnished with a copy of the Agenda summons. Mr Simon Wager signed his declaration of acceptance of office and undertaking to observe the code of conduct. The Chairman welcomed him on to the Council Team. The clerk was instructed to contact Mr Melvyn Thomas to inform him of his successful application.

Planning - Application Number: 17/00888/FUL

Site Location: 8 Frome View High Street Maiden Bradley BA12 7JG

Proposal: Single storey side extension to accommodate granny annex. Alteration and

Conservation of existing outbuilding into new living area.

Resolved: supported

Items for the next Agenda: Dates of Full Parish Council Meetings 2017-2018, Book Village Hall for the year ahead meetings

Book New Councillor Training Session, Budget Report - Councillor Patrick Nixon to action check on the Accounts, Prepare Year End Accounts, Risk Assessment Check - Financial & General Risk Assessments, Annual Parish Meeting Arrangements & Ideas and clerk to complete her CPD online.

Date of the next meeting- The Council agreed that Tuesday 11th April 2017 would be the date of the next Parish Council meeting.

As always, the Parish Council meeting will be open at the start with an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or make comments on any matter.

The website 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 Hall and Bus Stop.

Sarah Jeffries can be contacted by email:

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or phone: 01985 213436

or by mail to

Maiden Bradley Parish Clerk 9 Beech Grove Warminster BA12 0AB

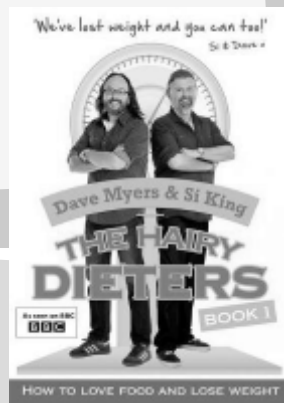
Welcome Club

Thank you to Tom Allday for presiding over our latest game of Bingo – fun was had and prizes were won.

Our next meeting will be in the shape of a Quiz; we had hoped to have a speaker but as April 20th is in Easter holiday week, we have swapped with a later date. So, polish up on your general knowledge and step up to win more prizes.

Our first trip is around the corner and we are off on a Mystery Day Out on 25th April, leaving Horningsham at 8.45am and Maiden Bradley at 9am. Let me know if you are coming with us.

Chris Short 01985 847373



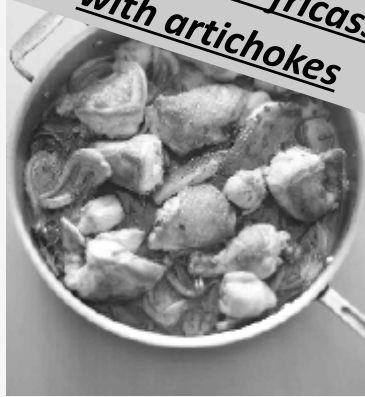
Book Review

Realising that we were somewhat overweight, the pounds had crept on over the years, we decided to go on a diet to lose a stone each. Hunger struck hard in the first two months but we kept to our diet, eating good food but keeping the calories in check and doing regular weekly weigh –ins on our new electronic scales. However it wasn't until a friend lent me The Hairy Dieters Book 1, that we began to enjoy the dieting process more. I have now bought books 2 and 3 because they are packed full of good wholesome recipes including snacks but with less calories than normally e.g. substituting low fat crème fraiche for butter and milk in mashed potato. Every recipe gives the calories for the individual portion so if you want to diet these books are excellent in helping you to achieve your goals, and yes we have both lost a stone in weight.

Pat Kennedy

Posh chicken fricassée with artichokes

4 boneless chicken breasts, skin on or off
4 globe artichokes
2 lemons
50g butter
2 tbsp olive oil
25g flour
1 shallot, finely diced
2 garlic cloves, crushed
200g mushrooms wiped and sliced
200ml dry white wine
zest of 1 lemon
torn basil leaves or chopped parsley or both
sea salt and freshly ground black pepper



If you have time, brine the chicken breasts to keep them plump and moist. Meanwhile, tackle your artichokes.

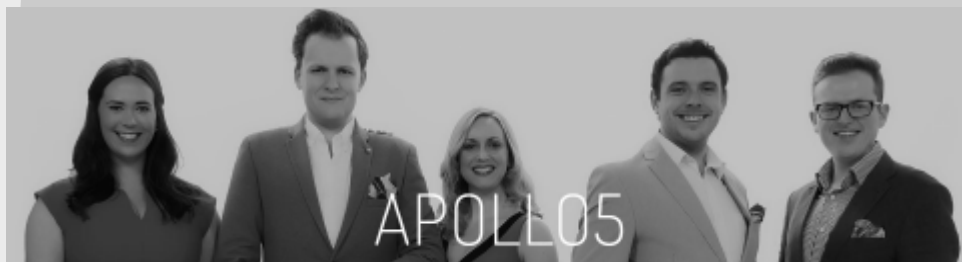
Cut off the stalk about 1cm from the globe. Peel off the outer leaves, rubbing on lemon juice as you go to stop the artichoke going black. When you reach the heart, cut off the top about a third of the way up from the base and discard the top two-thirds. Take a melon baller or a spoon and dig out the choke – the fuzzy hairy centre. With a small knife, carve off the outer skin of the heart, then rub it with lemon juice. Prepare the rest of the artichokes in the same way and cut each one into about 6 slices. Bring a shallow pan of water to a simmer and add a good squeeze of lemon juice. Add the artichoke slices and simmer them for about 5 minutes, then cover the pan and set aside.

Blot the chicken breasts dry on kitchen paper, place them between a couple of pieces of cling film and beat them out briefly. Spread the flour out on a plate, season it, then coat the chicken in the flour.

Heat half the butter and a tablespoon of oil in a heavy-bottomed frying pan with a lid. Add the chicken and cook for a minute or so until golden, then turn it over, put the lid on the pan and cook gently for 10 minutes. Remove the chicken, wrap it all in foil and leave it to rest for 10 minutes

Heat the rest of the butter and oil in the pan and gently cook the shallot for about 5 minutes until translucent. Add the garlic and cook for another minute, then add the artichokes and mushrooms and cook them until they start to colour. Pour in the wine and a tablespoon of lemon juice and cook until the liquid has reduced by half. Remove the pan from the heat and gently stir in the grated zest of one lemon and the herbs. Divide the artichokes and mushrooms between 4 plates, top with a chicken breast and drizzle over the resting juices.

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Pat Kennedy

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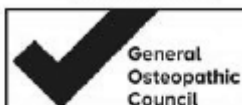
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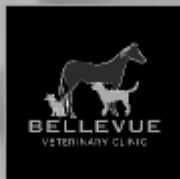


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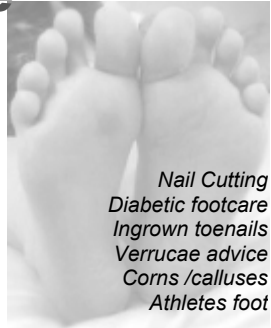
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Exhibits will include:

- Rare experimental items of Exon Wemyss Ware
- Production items of Exon Wemyss spanning 3 decades including the famous Wemyss pigs
- Oil paintings of country scenes, people and fantasia
- Examples of his pottery/porcelain literature including his major work 'True Porcelain Pioneers – The Cookworthy Chimera 1670-1782'
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