

Maiden Bradley

Parish News

No 337 July 2017



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Diary for July

2 nd	Sun	Holy Communion – Church	10.00 am
3 rd	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bin Collection	7.00 am
5 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting – Details 844817	6.30 pm
8 th	Sat	Youth Open Day – Memorial Hall	10.00 am-2.00 pm
9 th	Sun	Matins – Church	10.00 am
10 th	Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
11 th	Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
		Book Group at Old Vicarage	8.00pm
12 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
14 th	Fri	Film Night – ‘Lion’ – Memorial Hall	7.00 for 7.30 pm
16 th	Sun	Parish Communion – Church	10.00 am
17 th	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bin Collection	7.00 am
19th	Wed	Copy Day for articles for August News to pat@visa-office.com	
19 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
20 th	Thu	Welcome Club Meeting – Horningsham Hall	2.30 pm
23 rd	Sun	Holy Communion – Church	10.00 am
24 th	Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
25 th	Tue	Welcome Club Outing to Dartmouth & Buckfast Abbey	9.00 am
26 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
28 th	Fri	3-course Lunch – Memorial Hall	12.30 for 12.45
30 th	Sun	A Service of Worship – Church	10.00 am
31 st	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bin Collection	7.00 am

Mass times:- **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 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; Memorial Hall bookings – Amanda Dye 845205 ;

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

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Rev. Carol Wilson-Barker 01747 861859

Maiden Bradley Parish News: contributions are welcome in any format. E-Mail:
pat@visa-office.com

Editorial

Summer is here at last, visits to interesting and historical places are on the agenda along with sitting on the nearest beach soaking up some rays of sunshine. The heat does not agree with pets though, and we keep ours cool in the house during the hot daytime weather, remembering to put plenty of water outside for the birds and any other wildlife that happens by.

Two flyer inserts this month for your perusal and the News team hope that you all have a wonderful summer.

Pat Kennedy 845397 pat@visa-office.com

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downloaded from the new
Maiden Bradley Website
www.maidenbradleyvillage.org.uk**

Margaret Smith Rose Bowl Gardening Award.

This is a little reminder after the article in the May edition, that the judging will take place on either July 10th or 12th. As you probably remember this year's theme is your favourite spot, which you need to mark by placing a hat on the seat. This saves the whole garden from being judged. Lots of villagers have already said they like this idea.

To sign up visit the shop where there is the entrance list. The cup will be awarded at the village produce show on Sept 2nd.

Please put your show schedule in a safe place because we want to have lots of entries again this year.

Sue 844244.

July News from the Hall 2017

Thank you to all those that came along and supported the Arts Trail and Cream Teas, Mary, Pearl and Tom do a sterling job on these weekends and earn much needed income for the hall.

Youth Open Day

On Saturday the 8th July we will be holding our Youth Open Day. All 5-18 year olds are invited along to the hall between, 10.00 am and 2.00 pm, so that you may tell us how we can make the hall an attractive venue for you. There will be refreshments provided, so please come along and talk to us we need your input.



Friday 14th July

July's Film will be "**Lion**" a film much acclaimed by the critics.

Friday 28th July

3 Course Lunch, menu yet to be decided the cost will be £8.50 pp

Thursday 17th August

Will be our **Day Trip To Weymouth**. Please book your seats early as spaces are restricted. The full itinerary will be in the next issue of the news letter.

Saturday 2nd September

Is the date of the **Village Produce show**, so get yourselves into thinking mode and start sorting out your entries now. Let's make this the biggest and best yet.

Mel Thomas

Rodmead Aberdeen Angus Win Junior Interbreed Championship at The Royal Bath and West Show.



Having first decided to start showing our Pedigree Aberdeen Angus cattle last year, we entered the Royal Bath and West show for the first time in June with trepidation. To our great shock and delight we had huge success with one year old Heifer, Rodmead Bonnie Lass, who was supreme Aberdeen Angus Champion and our one year old bull, Rodmead Ben Leven, who was reserve champion. Bonnie Lass then went on to beat all other breeds to be Junior Interbreed Champion.

The Rodmead herd numbers 70 breeding cows which calve between January and March each year. Unlike many other cattle farms, our main aim is not just to produce beef but more importantly to produce Bulls for other farmers to use to produce beef. We are in effect like a cattle stud farm and need to market our stock hence the reason for showing the cattle. So what happened to Bonnie Lass to get her to be a champion? She was born on 23 January 2016 and stayed suckling her mother until late October 2016 when she was weaned with the rest of the calves. At this stage she and 6 other calves were identified as possible cattle good enough to show. They were then kept separate in our special show cattle shed and fed a special ration so that they would be able to reach their full potential.

To be shown the cattle need to be able to walk round a show ring and show themselves off. As you can imagine a 10 month old calf weighing 400 kgs does not want to be lead by a halter so needs to be trained. The training started with them having a halter put on them in November which they walked around with for a month dangling on the ground so that they stood on the dangling rope and got used to the pull of the halter. After a month of this they were then tied up daily for 1 hour each day after their morning feed. In addition to the halter training preparations were already under way to make sure that their coats would be in perfect show condition in 6 months time. All the calves had their coats clipped and their first of many washes. The cattle have been washed weekly for the last 6 months to make sure not only that they were used to the process but also so that would be perfect for the show.

In March myself and Jonny Ward (a professional cattle showman) assessed the cattle and wittled the cattle down to the one Bull and two heifers that we would show at The Royal Bath and West Show. With 2 ½ months to the show the ration was being tweaked weekly to make sure that they would be in perfect condition for the show. By this stage they were being walked 2 or 3 times a week round the yard with their halters on.

In April as the weather warmed up the cattle would go out by night into individual paddocks and come back into the show shed by day. In the shed they had fans above their stalls to keep them cool and to stimulate the growth of their coats. They also needed exercise so were being walked behind a tractor for 1 hour 3 or 4 times a week. The cattle were also having weekly rides in the cattle trailer so that they would be used to it when they went to the show.

A lot of the hard work in getting them to the stage when they were ready to go to the show has been done by Ron Dix from Kingston Deverill who has spent many hours training, washing and walking them. Once Ron and myself had got them to the showground it was time to hand the cattle over to Jonny Ward and his team of professional showmen.

Before each competition each animal would be washed and groomed for over 1 ½ hours. The grooming involved washing with special black soap to make sure their coats shine and copious amounts of special ointments to make sure every hair was in the right place.

After all their success the cattle are back and grazing the lush Wilshire pastures. Rodmead Ben Leven has been sold but Rodmead Bonnie Lass will be going to the Shaftesbury and Gillingham show in August.



Highways – Council agreed that the Parish Steward work sheet for the visit on the 3rd July 2017 would request the below actions:

- Hand clearing and cutting of growth from drainage grips and drain gully covers. Second traffic island coming from mere
- Hand clearing of blocked drainage gullies, culverts, pipes and pit
- Church Street gullies at the junction with Kingston lane.

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**.

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

Speed Indicator Devices – The Parish Council discussed and gave clarification on the requirements of the SID unit, it was agreed the data should be collected logging the vehicles/speed, and that the sign should just state slow down. It was agreed that a battery operation would be best suited for both sites it would be used on, and that two mounting brackets would be required to move it from pole to pole. The clerk would action the grant application.

Village Shop - Council agreed that it should consult on the principle to contribute a major percentage of the rent payable to the freeholder of the shop's premises and should consult parishioners on that specific proposal. It was agreed that it would consult with the community on the village shop, on the option to gift the contribution as a grant to the shop, this would enable the grant to be adjusted to the figure of need rather than a blanket figure yearly. It was agreed to have an open day to ask the Community.

Recreational Area - Council noted that Councillor Simon Wager had reported that one of the bolts on the Mugga are still missing. The clerk reported that she has alerted the Outdoor Play Southwest Contractor and he has confirmed he will replace the final bolt that had been missed when installing the others.

Items for the next Agenda: that the Action plan is reviewed, Advertise for grant applications and the Village Hall Consultation Youth Open Day to be held in the Village Hall, an agenda item to be added to report back the findings from this.

Date of the next meeting- The Council agreed that Tuesday 11th July 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 www.maidenbradley.org.uk 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 the clerk can be contacted by email:

maidenbradley@virginmedia.com or phone: 01985 213436 or by mail to Maiden Bradley Parish Clerk 9 Beech Grove Warminster BA12 0AB

Village Hall Lottery

May

1 st	Mrs J. Ball	£22.13	2 nd	Vera Crossman	£11.05
3 rd	Donna Stevens	£6.70	4 th	Renele Smith	£4.37

June

1 st	Chris Brigden	£22.13	2 nd	Jessica Johnson	£11.05
3 rd	Sam Ribeck	£6.70	4 th	Mrs S. Cooper	£4.37

Since 1998 the lottery has brought in a total of £20105.25 to help maintain the village hall. Therefore £10052.62 has gone to the village hall and the same amount in prize money up to 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.

LOST LIVES

by PAM THOMLINSON

More lives sadly lost, terror to the fore
Familiar voices to be heard no more.
Our prayers and thoughts to those who fell,
Also friends and family, coping with this hell.
A brief moment in time, blood on the floor
Family await, but no key turning in door
Silence descends, another heart breaks
Too late for goodbyes or forgive mistakes.
We have to be strong, not walk in fear
But for loved ones lost, we shed a tear

We will not give in to evil, must ever be strong
Freedom and democracy will NEVER be wrong.

MAIDEN BRADLEY VILLAGE SHOP

We have some new lines in the shop this month. One of the most popular are Olives Kitchen frozen meals. We also have Moores biscuits and some new Iced Coffee which are both moving well.

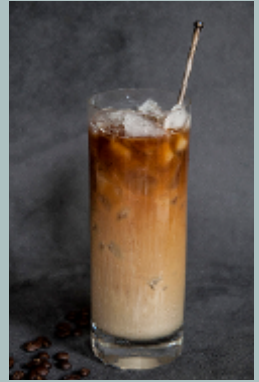
Don't forget to order your meat, veg and bread from the shop. Also if there is anything you can't find please remember to ask and I will try to get it for you and it may become a new line in the shop if popular.

I am hearing about a few little niggles with the shop. Please remember I don't bite so please talk to me about any issues you may have. I'm afraid that prices are on the up for all and the shop is not immune to the rises. I am constantly looking for new suppliers to keep the costs as reasonable as I can. I will soon be talking to a new butcher as a potential new supplier of bacon but don't worry Andrew Barclay will stay as our main meat supplier.

I'm pleased to announce that the opening hours will be extended during the summer months with Saturday afternoons being the first change. Please keep an eye on the notice board for updates.

The shop is holding its own at the moment so I really want to thank you all for your support during this difficult time. The shop is a real asset to the village so we all need to keep this support going.

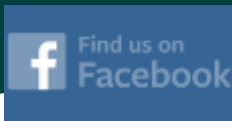
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Welcome Club

Many thanks to Pearl for the following outing report:

On Tuesday 23rd May we set off for Bognor Regis with overcast skies hoping it would brighten up later. We stopped for a coffee break at the garden centre on A36 between Salisbury and Southampton. We arrived at Bognor Regis at 12.30pm and the skies were still overcast. Tom decided to leave his hat on the bus. By 1.30pm the sun was out with blue sky although it was windy.

Everyone enjoyed a walk along the sea front where we had lunch, and there were plenty of shops for those who wanted to shop. We left Bognor Regis at 4.30pm and Tom worried about the top of his head being burnt! Then we went on to the Three Crowns where we stopped to have a drink and do the raffle, arriving home at 7.30pm, tired but happy at having such a good day.

The Bring and Buy sale we held on June 8th was very good and although our number was rather small we managed amongst us to amass around £82 for club funds. A big vote of thanks to Leonie and Pat for taking the helm so ably.

We are off to the Mumbles as I write - a report in the next issue, and for a change we will be having a speaker to our Thursday 20th July Meeting. Christine Johnson will join us to tell us of the Leopards of Namibia and I am sure she will be most interesting and it would be great if we could show appreciation of her visit by lots of people being there. We begin at 2.30pm.

The trip for July is to Dartmouth and Buckfast Abbey and this is arranged for 25th July with the usual departure times. 8.45 am Horningsham and 9am Maiden Bradley. Names to me if you are coming and all are welcome as usual.

No Thursday meeting in August but we shall go on a trip to Stratford-upon-Avon on August 22nd same names and departure details as above.

Here's to a lovely summer and to seeing lots of all of you over the next few weeks.

Chris Short 847373



Elderflower Gin

Ingredients

1. 700ml bottle of gin
2. around 20 elderflower heads, woody stems & bugs removed
3. zest of 1 lemon
4. 4 tbsp sugar

Instructions

1. Pour the gin into a sterilised bottle or jar.
2. Add the sugar, seal and shake well until sugar dissolves.
3. Open again and add the flowers - ideally just the blooms, and no stems. Swirl gently.
4. Store in a cool, dark place for about a week. Give a gentle shake or swirl whenever you're passing.
5. After 7 days, pour the gin through a clean tea towel to thoroughly strain. Return to the bottle and chill before serving.



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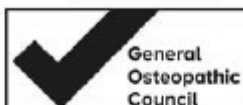
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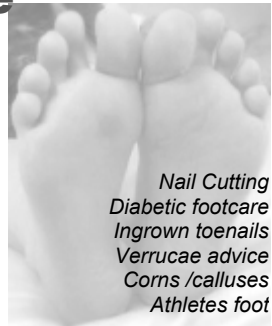
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