

Maiden Bradley

Parish News

No 344 February 2018



Name the new AONB mascot

Diary for February

4th	Sun	10am	Holy Communion
	Sun	4pm	Plough Sunday at the Somerset Arms
5 th	Mon	7.30pm	The Messiah – Corsley Church Household waste collection
11th	Sun	10am	Matins
12th	Mon		Blue and Green bins and black box collections
15 th	Thur	2.30pm	Welcome Club - Horningsham
16 th	Fri	7 for 7.30pm	Film Night – The Viceroy’s House
18th	Sun	12.15	Holy Communion and Baptism
19th	Mon		Household waste collection
20 th	Tue	12.30	Lent Lunch at Di Stevens’
20 th	Copy day for articles for March News to pat@visa-office.com		
25th	Sun	10am	Holy Communion
26 th	Mon		Blue and Green bins and black box collections

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. 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 Post Office: 845040; The Pub: 844207; Memorial Hall bookings – Mel Thomas 845111 ; 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.

Editorial

A sad week passed with the closure of the Pub (again) and the closure of the Village Shop. I feel certain that the shop, as a community facility, will be sorely missed by many, not simply for the convenience of buying the milk, bread and eggs etc. but for the connectivity of people living in this relatively remote rural location. With a declining congregation at the church, the shop had become the hub of the village activities where a coffee and chat would facilitate a catch-up on what was going on locally, a place to buy tickets for events scheduled at the Memorial Hall, somewhere to advertise services and goods for sale and somewhere to catch up with friends. I trust you will all join me in thanking the management team and volunteer staff for their continuity in providing this facility for us all for so long and for all the fundraising capital they raised to keep the shop afloat for many years. Market forces have denied them the continuance of this facility, but we will always be grateful to them all, for their hard work.

We understand that the pub has now re-opened.

Pat Kennedy 845397 pat@visa-office.com

Family News

We send our best wishes to Carol Kenzie, Mel Thomas and Tom Allday, hoping they will all be feeling better soon.

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Village Website
www.maidenbradleyvillage.org.uk**

Maiden Bradley Village Shop

The Committee members are deeply saddened by the closure of the shop. We were presented with the December accounts on 8 January which showed extremely poor sales. We immediately sought professional advice and were advised that we had to cease trading straightaway. To continue would have been illegal. The bad December sales were a shock and disappointment to us as we had expected a buoyant December to see us through the lean months of January and February.

The shop has been struggling to stay afloat for the last 5 years and as all of you know who were at the AGM and Shop Meeting last March the financial position was extremely precarious then. Elaine gave an excellent power point presentation which demonstrated clearly how increasing customer sales would be essential to the survival of the shop. As a result of the meeting the shop received some generous donations to help it through the crisis. The shop also embarked on fundraising activities. These measures helped to keep the shop going but the needed increase in customer sales did not materialise which meant that we were quickly going under again.

Sue and the committee worked very hard to find a solution. The passing trade increased thanks to the newly donated signs. However the average spend of these customers was not sufficient. We needed solid village support. The closure of the Post Office might have lost us some custom but in fact the Shop was on the point of closure several times over the past few years even with the Post Office. The Committees over the last 5 years have often used the slogan 'Use it or lose it'. We were also facing a volunteer shortage and volunteers have been crucial to the success of the community shop since its beginning in 2001.

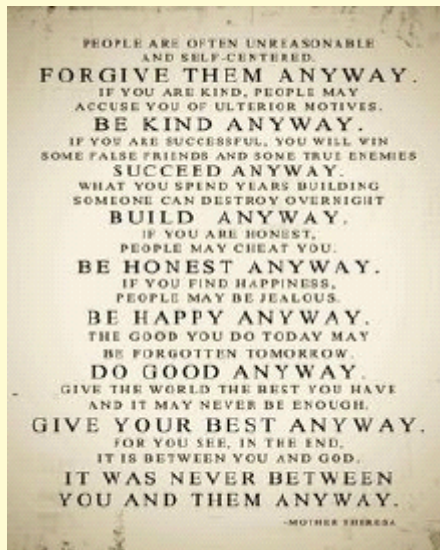
I will finish by thanking profusely all the dedicated volunteers who have worked so hard and loyally in the shop- some of them since its beginning. It is heart-breaking for them to see the shop close. I would also like to thank the present committee members who have worked very hard to keep the shop open and committee members from the past who also gave time and commitment. Thank you to all the Managers past and present. Sue with the help of her husband, Richard, tried hard to make it work and gave a lot of their own time.

To all the loyal customers in the village who supported the shop and especially to those who really needed the shop I am very sorry.

Liz Nixon

From the vicarage

Thanks, thanks and thanks again.....to all those who have worked so hard over so many months and years to provide the lovely facility of Maiden Bradley Village shop. Last week at meetings of church people from Warminster to Westbury and around our area people were sad to hear of its demise. Remarks like: "it was such a lovely facility; it won prizes" and "people from Horningsham were really glad of it" were what people said. It was a really hard decision for the committee to make to admit that another years trading wasn't going to be viable especially after the generous investment that a number of people made at the beginning of last year. Whilst there is real sadness at the loss of this asset I hope people are also feeling a huge sense of achievement at the many happy times and the real community asset that it was. Mother Teresa of Calcutta wrote this:



We are holding a Plough Sunday service at the Somerset Arms at 4pm on Sunday 4th February, all welcome to bless the plough and to sing hymns. On Sunday 11th it is Matins as usual with Jane Hurd and on 18th February the service is at 12.15 for the baptism of of David and Clemency's baby Elodie (no communion). 25th February will be communion as usual at 10am

With blessings

Rev. Carol

January 2018 News from the Hall

Great news on the roof front, we have now been invited to submit stage two of the Lottery Grant. Hopefully if we are successful we will be getting the new roof later this year and that should prolong the life of the hall by another 100 years.

With the closing of the Village Shop, we have decided to try and offer a very basic facility in the old kitchen. We are still working on its concept and as soon as we know how it will work we will let you know,

We will need to have it run by volunteers as it will be a none profit enterprise, so if you can spare a couple of hours per week please contact Sheila Foley.

We will be operating a lending Library service also from the hall, details to follow.

We have also offered the use of the hall to the Post Office so that they may run an outreach service in the village.

Prior to Christmas our cooker was condemned and it will be replaced within the next week or two.

You can now plug in your phones, pads etc. as we have had USB sockets fitted around the hall.

If you can think of anything else that you would like to see happening at the Hall please contact any member of the committee.

To make things work we need your SUPPORT.

Mel Thomas

February's Film night will be on Friday 16th showing will be
"The Viceroy's House"



Traffic action plan for Maiden Bradley



In October and November two cars have been wrecked by trucks passing through Maiden Bradley. Our infrastructure is unable to accommodate the density of traffic – and especially the large trucks - passing through the village. The situation has become unacceptable.

Mr and Mrs Andrew Freeman have lost two cars to truck damage. When their car was destroyed in October their children were just nearby, entering the house. Every day villagers watch vehicles climbing the pavements to allow other traffic to pass, while excessive speed is normal. There are countless stories of car wing mirrors being ripped off.

To address the traffic crisis, the parish council is promoting measures to slow down vehicles passing through the village and to collect evidence of violations. These measures will only succeed with the active support of village residents.

1. A Speed Indication Device (SID) will be placed alternately at 2 sites in the village. The device will alert cars to their speed in the village after entering from either North or South on the B3092.
2. We aim to restart the Community Speedwatch Team with volunteers monitoring traffic speed with a speed camera and reporting speeders to the police.
3. Villagers are encouraged to photograph and report incidents, ranging from damage to vehicles or property, to speeding or dangerous driving.

- Information or pictures should be sent to the following contact point: maidenbradleytrafficaction@gmail.com
- Information received via email, as well as oral reports, will be collected and submitted regularly to the community police liaison officer.
- Reports will also be posted to the Parish Council Facebook page to provide full transparency
- Villagers are encouraged to use social media in a responsible manner to lobby about the traffic issue. Please @ any or all of the following:

**@AWMurrison @wiltscouncil @HighwaysEngland
@RHANews @wiltsgazette @BBCWiltshire
@WiltshireNews;**

and use appropriate hashtags #MaidenBradley

By collecting systematic evidence of traffic violations we aim to convince the Wiltshire Council, Highways England and the Road Haulage Association that action must be taken to prioritize the safety of our community. That means traffic calming measures and enforcing the weight restriction.

Enforcement of the weight restriction, agreed by Wiltshire Council, is on hold until Highways England rebuilds the A350 exit to the A303 at Willoughby Hedge. In short, lives are being put at risk in Maiden Bradley because the alternative is also deemed unsafe. This is not a solution.

It is only a matter of time before someone is injured. We do not want that to happen – that is why all of us are being asked to do our bit, by being vigilant and monitoring and reporting incidents. If you can give up a few hours here or there, it would be great if you could also volunteer to help with the SIDs or Community Speedwatch Team.

**If you are interested in sharing ideas, knowing more or volunteering to make Maiden Bradley safer for all pedestrians and motorists please contact Mr Simon Wager:
simon.m.wager@gmail.com**

Parish Council January 2018

Speed Indicator Device - Parishioners will have noticed the Speed Indicator Device is now in place. The Parish Council has agreed the site rotation it will be placed on and it will provisionally be set as the below:

17-24 January 2018 Frome Road, 31 Jan -7 February 2018 Orchard and 14-21 February 2018 Frome Road.

Highways - 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>

Litter Pick –The Community Litter pick will be held on the **24th March 2018** and start at the **Village Hall at 10.00am**. Councillor Simon Wager will be present to hand out equipment and note areas parishioners would like to clear.

It was agreed that if Dog Walkers wished to borrow equipment on a regular basis before this date they could, do contact Councillor Simon Wager if you would be interesting in borrowing some equipment and actioning adhoc litter picking to help enhance the appearance of the parish.

Precept – The Parish Council have agreed the Precept Balancing Figure of £15,730.08 for the financial year April 2018 to April 2019. This would mean an increase of £11.93 in total for a year as the Parish Councils proportion of the Council Tax on a Band D property. This would allow the Parish Council to retain the defibrillator refurbish the play area equipment further and support all the projects it wishes to complete in 2018/2019. Parishioners are asked to note that this would give the Parish Council £1388.32 extra to spend in the financial 2018/2019 year to balance the requirements of the Parish Council.

Items for the next Agenda: Local Councils Award Scheme, Policy updating and Register of Interests update.

Date of the next meeting- The Council agreed that **Tuesday 13th February 2018** 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**

THE Cranborne Chase AONB Partnership is looking to appoint an independent Chairman.



An enthusiastic individual is being sought who will be able to chair the Partnership with knowledge and/or experience and, most importantly, a genuine interest in some of the following: landscape, the natural and historic environment, rural communities and economy, farming, forestry, planning, rural tourism and volunteering. The Partnership is also looking to appoint a Vice Chairman.

The AONB Partnership Board (made up of 18 national and local organisations, including the nine local authorities involved) guides implementation of the AONB Management Plan 2014-19 through a small AONB team in conjunction with the various organisations that have responsibilities, duties or an interest in the area. The AONB Partnership and team are involved in numerous initiatives covering a wide range of topics.

The position of Chairman is an unpaid position, although an annual honorarium and reasonable mileage will be paid. The requirement of the Chairman is to chair two Partnership Board meetings a year, the biennial AONB Forum and to champion the work of the AONB Partnership and team. The AONB Partnership structure is also under review and the new Chairman will have the opportunity to input into that process.

In the first instance, contact the AONB Director, Linda Nunn, for an information pack and/or an informal discussion on the role of Chairman and Vice Chairman, email: lindanunn@cranbornechase.org.uk; tel: 01725 517417.

Expressions of interest should be made by Monday 26 February 2018.

Can you name new AONB mini mascot?

THE Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) has found itself a new mini mascot – a Poll Dorset cross lamb – for 2018.

Born on 7 January, about two months earlier than the rest of his potential field companions, the lamb was rejected by his mother and has been raised in the warm kitchen of his owner, AONB director Linda Nunn.

“That he arrived so early was a slight miscalculation on my part. The aim is for all my 100 ewes to lamb in March or April,” said Linda. “However, this lamb took to the bottle really well and has been no trouble at all, although I always know when it’s feeding time as he lets me know.”

The lamb is currently nameless, so the AONB is asking younger readers to help them christen him. There is just one stipulation, however – any name must begin with the letter G like all of Linda’s lambs born in 2018. The winner, who will be chosen by the AONB team, will receive a cuddly sheep who bears a close resemblance to the real mini mascot.

Entrants should be 10 years old or under. Name suggestions should be emailed to office@cranbornechase.org.uk. The closing date is 12 March 2018. The winner will be notified via email.

And in case anyone is wondering, the Hart remains the AONB’s main mascot for 2018 and beyond!



“Andy and Lyn would like to welcome you all back to **The Somerset Arms**. We will be opening on Monday 22nd January with real ales, wines and cider. We shall be offering a range of traditional homemade foods soon afterwards ,with a large number of dishes suitable for people with allergies.

We look forward to meeting you all.”

The Lent Lunches will be at Sue and John Priestner's, 48 Church St. or Di and Derek Steven's at Autumnstead, Church St. Any proceeds kindly donated for the tasty homemade soup and a roll with cheese to follow, will go to Christian Aid. There are 4 dates to put in your diary throughout February and March.

Feb 20th and March 27th at Autumnstead 12.30 pm

March 6th and March 13th at 48 Church Street 12.30pm.

If you know you are coming a word to the hosts would help us to know how much soup to make.

Sue 844244, Di 844428.

Corsley Festival Choir extend a warm invitation to anyone who would like to come and join us for a evening of singing favourites from The Messiah. The choir are in the process of rehearsing for a performance of parts II and III of The Messiah at their May Concert. They would love anyone to come along and join them on Monday 5th February at St. Margaret's Church, Corsley between 7.30pm and 9.30pm. Music scores are provided, and there are refreshments.

The choir is around 45 members strong, but looking to recruit new members. This would be a chance, without any commitment, to experience singing in an large choir with a popular piece of choral music.

For further information please contact Jenny Ruddy on 01373 832418.

Welcome Club

Here's to the 2018 season which will kick off at 2.30pm on Thursday 15th February in the Hall at Horningsham. We will be having a general meeting for subs, programmes and all other business which will include the raffle and tea. Do come along – the Hall meetings are for senior citizens, however, everyone is welcome to join our monthly coach trip days out and these begin on Tuesday 24th April this year. It will be a Mystery Trip, you just need to put your name down by phoning me to book a place and pay on the coach.

General info: Subs are £5 per person. Trips are £10 for members and £12 for non-members.

We look forward to seeing you at either or both activities.

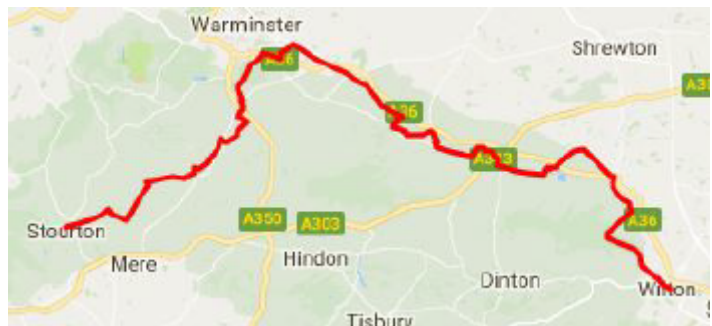
Chris Short 01985 847373

The Wylie Way

The Wylie Way is a 32 mile walkers' route which links two of Wiltshire's great estates. Stourhead and Wilton. The headwaters of the River Wylie rise on the National Trust's Stourhead estate and the route follows the river to its confluence with the River Nadder in the grounds of the Earl of Pembroke's Wilton House. The walk is divided into 7 short sections (min 3.5 miles – max 5.5 miles) and leads walkers over some delightful downland countryside as well as walking close by the river. The route uses age old trackways, bridleways and footpaths which connect quiet thatched villages, most with ancient churches and pubs.

At Easter this year we are going to start the first section of this walk and continue twice a month until all 7 sections have been accomplished. If you would like to join us on this route for some or all of the sections, please get in touch. Cars will be parked at the start and finish of each section for transportation purposes.

Pat Kennedy
845397



Museli

- 50g/1¾oz porridge oats
- 2 apples, coarsely grated
- 20g¾oz blanched hazelnuts, roughly chopped
- ¼ tsp ground cinnamon
- ¼ tsp ground nutmeg
- 200g/7oz 0% fat Greek yoghurt
- 100ml/3½fl oz skimmed milk
- 100g/3½oz blueberries
- 10g¼oz flaked almonds, toasted



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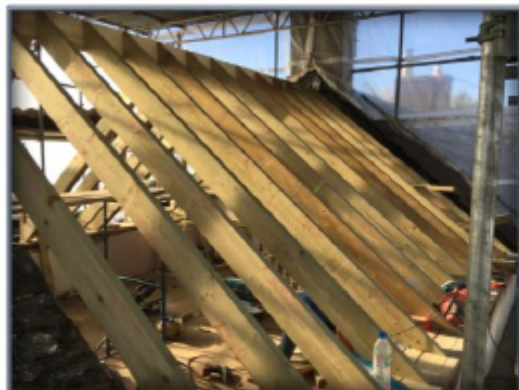
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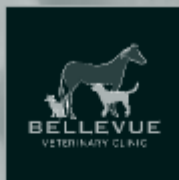
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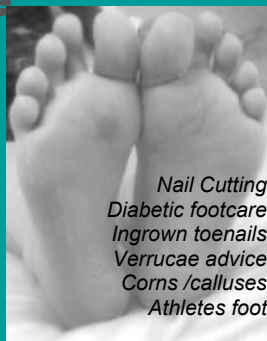
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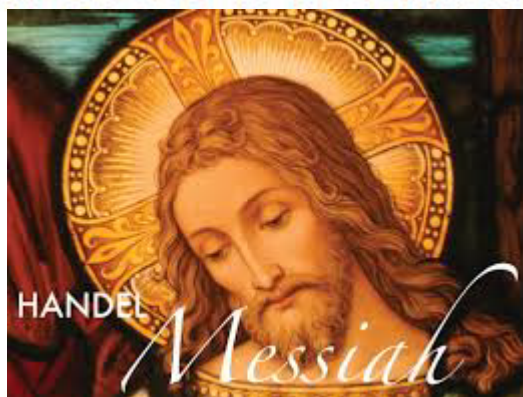
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