

Maiden Bradley

Parish News

No 349 July 2018



Russell Higgins and friends complete
a charity bike ride to Paris



**Our Editor, Pat, walks the Camino.
See centre pages.**



Diary July 2018

30/1st Sat/Sun Hobbies Weekend in the Hall

1 st	Sun	Coffee & Croissants – Memorial Hall	10.00 am
2 nd	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bins Collection	7.00 am
4 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting – Details 844817	6.30 pm
8 th	Sun	Matins – Church	10.00 am
9 th	Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
10 th	Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
11 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
12 th	Thu	The Slow Drinkers – Music – Memorial Ha	7.30 pm
14 th	Sat	Nearly New Sale – Memorial Hall	2.00-4.00 pm
15 th	Sun	Holy Communion – Church	10.00 am
16 th	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bins Collection	7.00 am
17 th	Tue	Church Cleaning of All Saints'	10.0-12.00
18 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
19 th	Thu	Welcome Club Meeting – Horningsham Hall	2.30 pm
20 th	Fri	Lunch in the Memorial Hall	12.30 for 12.45 pm

20th Copy Deadline for August Parish News to pat@visa-office.com

22 nd	Sun	Parish Communion – Church	10.00 am
23 rd	Mon	Household Waste Collection	7.00 am
24 th	Tue	Welcome Club Outing to Corfe/Swanage	9.00 am
25 th	Wed	Prayer Meeting	6.30 pm
26 th	Thu	Book Group – Rodmead Farm	8.00 pm
27 th	Fri	Maiden Bradley History Festival – Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
28 th	Sat	Maiden Bradley History Festival – Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
29 th	Sun	Service at St Michael's Church, Mere No service at All Saints'.	10.30 am
30 th	Mon	Black Box, Blue & Green Bins Collection	7.00 am
5 th	Sun	Breakfast Church – Memorial Hall	10.00 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.
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 – 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. E-Mail: pat@visa-office.com

Editorial

The weather is fabulous at present (midsummer) with long days of sunshine and short nights and perfect English summer temperatures – not too hot. Where else would anyone want to be than in their English Country garden? Don't forget to enter your garden in the August competition.

Thank you to all those who attended the Coffee Morning in aid of printing costs for the magazine. We raised a healthy £126.30. Donations are always welcome.

My computer is now encrypted under the new regulations and I can now revert to my working email address pat@visa-office.com . Please send all future emails to this address. Thanks.

Pat Kennedy 845397 pat@visa-office.com

**Newsletter available to download from
Maiden Bradley Village Website
www.maidenbradleyvillage.org.uk**

Church News

The sun shone on the Sunday Catch-up in the hall on the first Sunday of the month and it was a well attended and fun get together. The July one will coincide with the hobbies and interests weekend - please come.

Our thanks to Sarah and Angus Neish their hospitality in their lovely house and garden for the church quiet day.

On Tuesday July 17th everyone is invited to join in a church cleaning morning from 10 a.m. – 12. Help to get the church sparkling and bat dropping free for the summer.

Celia

July News From The Hall

THE NEARLY NEW SALE is on Saturday 14th 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

We still need items that you no longer want

(NO Jumble or electrical items)

Cream Teas will be available throughout the afternoon.

The Pit Stop Café re-opens on Sunday 8th July why not give it a try ?

Bacon /Sausage Bap, Tea/Coffee Just £3.00

Thursday 12th July we have a **FREE** night of musical entertainment for you, Blues, Rock & Country courtesy of an ensemble of musicians including The Slow Drinkers.

Bar & doors open at 7.30 pm. A collection and raffle will be held in aid of Salisbury Hospice, So get yourself along to the hall and let your hair down for a very worthy cause.

Free tickets will be available from Mel Thomas and the Old Kitchen Store.

Friday 20th July is the date set for the return of a 2 course Meal at a cost of just **£8.50**. Come and join us for a very social gathering .
12.30 pm for 12.45 pm book early to avoid disappointment

Friday 27th & Saturday 28th Maiden Bradley History Festival

In aid of Salisbury Hospital Stars MRI Scanner Campaign and the Hall Roof Fund

Doors open 7.00pm each evening Tickets £5.00 available in The Old Kitchen Store,

Email maidenbradleyhall@gmail.com or 07846725209.

Refreshments available.

There will not be any films shown during July or August but Film Night will be back in September.

Don't forget, made to order cakes are available from The Old Kitchen Store at just £3.00 each.

Mel Thomas.



WANTED

ITEMS FOR THE MAIDEN BRADLEY NEARLY NEW SALE

Adult & Children's Clothes (good condition)

Unwanted gifts

Bric-a-brac

Books (in good condition)

China/glass

Art

Jewellery

What about that dress you have only worn once?



Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

Saturday 14th July

2pm-4pm

Refreshments and cream teas served

All proceeds to the Hall roof fund

(items collected by arrangement)

Phone: 01985 844512 or 84421

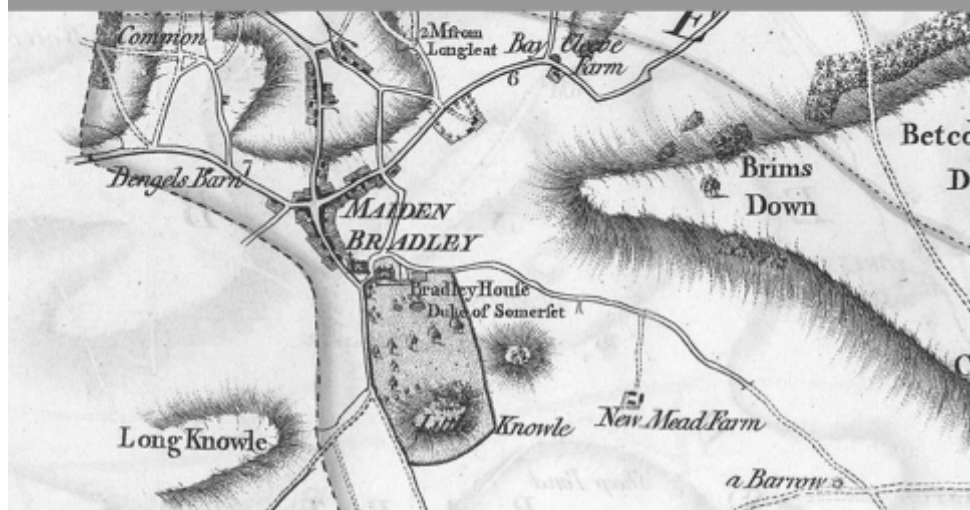
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MAIDEN BRADLEY HISTORY FESTIVAL

An evening programme of talks

FRIDAY 27th & SATURDAY 28th JULY

MAIDEN BRADLEY VILLAGE HALL



FRIDAY 27th

JAZ WISEMAN

ITC Entertained the World

TOM MORGAN

The Last King of Romania

JAMES MANN

Classic Car Photography

SATURDAY 28th

MARTYN WHITTOCK

When, Where & Why Was Wessex?

POPPY LUCAS-PHILLIPS

A Brief History of Maiden Bradley

NICKI LAUDER

The Ballad of Reading Abbey

Tickets: £5 in advance – available from the Village Hall Shop

Tel: 01985 845303 Email: maidenbradleyhall@gmail.com

Doors: 7pm – refreshments available

All profits to Salisbury Hospital Stars MRI Scanner Campaign and Maiden Bradley Village Hall

Cover Story - Charity Bike Ride to Paris



On March 30th Russell Higgins along with his three best friends, Jim Pearce, Alex Townsend and Scott Symes, undertook the massive task of cycling from Frome to Paris in six days. Jim organised this to raise money for Clic Sargent. In December 2014 Jim's son Oscar was diagnosed with leukaemia at the age of 20 months.

To celebrate Oscars three years of treatment ending in February 2018 and everything looking positive the boys decided to do some massive fundraising! In total they cycled 432 miles over six days.

They encountered some awful weather on the day they left. It rained incessantly for the whole 91 miles and was freezing cold, luckily their spirits were high and the weather didn't dampen them too much!! They went from Frome to Chichester on the first day and on to Hastings the next day. That was a drier 85 miles but the hills were a killer!

Their third day was an easy one, only 57 miles to ride and a ferry ride over to Calais where they spent the night.

On day four they cycled from Calais to Abbeville, there were a few minor incidents this day, a broken bike, a small crash but the huge ham and cheese baguettes stuffed with chips made it all a little better!! (It was also Jims birthday so a birthday steak washed down with a small!! Glass of wine!!)

From Abbeville to Beauvais, 67 miles in very windy conditions. This ride was about 15 miles longer than they had all anticipated.... A calculating error was to blame apparently! Luckily Beauvais was a lovely town, their hotel was beautiful and the local Scottish chap was wonderfully friendly.

The last day saw the boys cycling from Beauvais to the Eiffel Tower. This, they all agreed was the hardest time as cycling in Paris was a nightmare with traffic. They stopped and had their photo taken at the Arc De Triumph but that roundabout had them fearing for their lives!!

As the boys rolled in to the Eiffel tower they were greeted by Oscar and other friends and family who could not have been any prouder of them.

So far the boys have raised a massive £9,555.

The just giving page is still live at the moment if you would like to donate and help other families.

The page is www.justgiving.com/fundraising/frome2paris

Sam Higgins

Cornerstone

Warminster



Cornerstone Warminster is a local charity based on Christian values established to help local people, irrespective of age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, race or religion. Although operating from the town centre on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, Cornerstone also visits Maiden Bradley Community coffee mornings on the first and third Fridays of each month 10.30 till 12 noon. Cornerstone can help with a wide range of issues, with a slogan of “if we can’t help, we know someone who can”. Some common matters that we help with are:

Filling in complex forms

Applying for benefits

Help accessing on-line/internet information

Access to a professional counselling service

Just providing someone to talk to

Issuing Food vouchers

Contacting third parties (utilities, Council, HMRC, Etc)

Anything else!

Home visits for those who find it difficult to attend can be arranged.

Cornerstone has helped thousands of people and is a completely confidential service.

For more information please visit
www.cornerstone-warminster.org

Welcome Club

From start to finish, we had a magnificent day on our trip to Henley-on-Thames. The weather was fantastic and everyone boarded the coach in high spirits which remained throughout the day. Coffee at a garden centre just outside Basingstoke, then off to Henley. We had not visited here before as a group and it turned out to be a good choice and worthy of being included in future dates. Lunch was taken at restaurants or pubs of personal selection and the time was spent sitting by the river or looking around until it was time to leave. We were held up on our journey home by an accident (not ours) on the A303. Another new stop was to call in at Solstice Park for the usual and the raffle, after which we went back to the coach and homeward, having had a really lovely day out.

There was a prize quiz on 21st June and the trip to Dartmouth on 24th June. Reports of both in the next issue.

On 19th July at Horningsham Hall we are being given a talk by the Aster company about their products which are designed to make living easier as we get older.

Our next outing will be on July 24th and we are going to Corfe/Swanage. Usual arrangements for collection 8.45am in Horningsham and 9am in Maiden Bradley, please let me know if you are coming with us. All are welcome.

Chris Short 847373

The Garden Competition



Just a little reminder that judging will happen in the first two weeks of August, the final date is to be finalised. There will be an entry list in the village hall this month, so please add your name if you would like to enter or contact Sue on 844244.

The Camino

Whilst talking with my neighbour one day, he introduced me to The Camino de Santiago de Compostela, a route through the Pyrenes from France into Spain and onto Santiago de Compostela, a distance of 800K. Watching the film 'The Way' gave me the inspiration to do the walk but my problem was wondering how I would ever have the time to do this five week walk? So the idea went on the backburner until earlier this year when the "Celebrities" were filmed walking The Camino and a pilgrim was heard to be completing the walk after several years, doing it in stages.



My mind was made up with the idea of stages and with my daughter on board, we booked our flights to France and started weekly training walks around the beautiful Wiltshire countryside. Nine weeks later we were chatting to other walkers at the train station in Bayonne on our way to the start of the French route in St Jean de Pied de Port.

Claire was travelling alone but with booked hotels and luggage transfer. We had only booked the first night's accommodation relying on our guide book author's experience of there being plenty of hostel beds available at this time of the year, and we were not disappointed. Our first night was comfortable but we shared with an American grandfather and his granddaughter. He snored all night long and she got out of bed at least a dozen times, full of head cold (caught on the flight over) and snorted loudly and so I failed to sleep which did not help as we were headed for the steepest and most strenuous climb of the whole walk, the next morning.

We did not expect to walk the full first stage in one day due to the extremity of the conditions, a climb of over 4000 feet, but we passed the first hostel and then the second and with refreshments along the way, managed the whole route despite being soaked and exhausted. However, that night we booked into a three star hostel where we could wash and dry all our clothes, have an excellent meal (pilgrim menu of three courses, bread, wine and water) and receive an alarm call in the morning. Walking into the restaurant that evening we met up with Claire again enjoying the meal and especially the wine which was made by the monastery next door.

On our second day of walking we met Barry, a seasoned Camino walker who was journeying with members of his family but like us, only doing a few stages of the walk. That day we arrived in the village of Zubiri, where we shared a pilgrim flat with several others, did our washing (which got soaked overnight on the washing line) and tried to hide our exhaustion after another strenuous walk. Therefore the next day we decided to visit the nuns at their hostel in Zabaldika only 12K away. The day was getting hot but we managed to arrive in time for opening at 2.30pm and had the first choice of bunks and ablutions. In the hostels that operate a donation system (usually run by monks or nuns) it is expected that if you are asked to do a job, you do it; something like the Youth Hostelling in this country. We were asked to cook and had great fun sourcing ingredients and throwing the meal together. On the menu was casserole of pork, ratatouille and rice, followed by apple crumble (or as the Canadians in the hostel called it, apple crisp).



The following day we thought that we would only walk as far as Pamplona but having reached the city we just kept on walking. Louisa lost her hat somewhere on the route and hoped someone would pick it up and when we reached Cizur Menor, David, another pilgrim from the UK said he saw it on a tree but sadly didn't think to carry it onwards. The temperature this day reached 32C and we were pleased to spend the afternoon chatting and reading our books. A local pub supplied us with the Pilgrim meal, we went to bed early, awoke at 5.30am and headed out at 6am with the intention of reaching Puente la Reina before the heat of the day took hold.



This was the most beautiful day, watching the sun rise, the magnificent views, the fragrance from the wild flowers, roses, honeysuckle and jasmine, chatting with fellow walkers. Unfortunately for me, I did not recognise my foot problem until it was too late and hobbled into Puente la Reina with bruised toes and blisters. My walk was over.

We stayed in a small hotel with facilities and spent the last day resting. It is hard to explain the feelings I experienced on the last morning whilst eating breakfast and watching the other walkers go past our hotel on their way to Estella – our anticipated finishing town for this first section of the walk. We made our way to the bus stop where other injured walkers were curtailing their activities,



and caught the bus to Pamplona where we changed busses for Biarritz airport. Sitting in the only two seats left on the bus we were delighted to be greeted by Claire sitting behind us, who had also completed her section of the walk and we travelled back to Gatwick with her.

We have already started preparation to walk the next section starting in Puente la Reina and hopefully getting further than last time which was just under 100K. Barry said that the best things to photograph are bridges and crosses along the route. This time I took photos of bridges, next time it will be crosses. Those wishing to receive a certificate of completion at the end of the walk obtain a Credential from the Confraternity of St. James (there is one in most countries) and it is a 'passport' to be stamped in every hostel or hotel or restaurant along the way to prove that the Camino has been walked. To qualify, 100K has to be walked on the last stages before Santiago de Compostela, if on foot or 200K if travelling by bike or horse. We met many cyclists but



only two on horseback. We intend to do the whole distance and can hardly wait till September when we will take the walk on again.

Pat Kennedy





FLOWER FESTIVAL AT BRADLEY HOUSE

There are lots of new and newish arrivals to our village who have not as yet experienced our flower festivals that are usually held in the church as a church fund raiser. This year we will be holding it in Bradley House (by kind permission of the Duke and Duchess of Somerset) on Saturday and Sunday the 22nd and 23rd of September.

If you enjoy arranging flowers and would like to be part of an enthusiastic team, please, please let us know. Sue on 844244, Sally on 844221 or Di on 844428. We would love to have you on board!!

A variety of different sized arrangements will be needed so we will allocate new arrangers to the size of arrangement they feel most happy with. Hope to hear from you soon.

Sue Priestner.



Maiden Bradley History Festival

27th - 28th July. A series of talks and presentations at the Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall covering the history of Maiden Bradley & Wessex, Classic Car Photography and lots more.



Tickets £5.00 in advance available from The Old Kitchen Store Village Shop.

Doors open 7pm - refreshments available.

Phone: 01985 844704

Village Hall Lottery

May

1 st	Mike Johnson	£25.10	2 nd	Julia Morgan	£12.55
3 rd	Maureen Ferguson	£7.60	4 th	Wendy Gardiner	£5.00

June

1 st	Mrs F. Pilbrow	£25.10	2 nd	Peter Russell	£12.55
3 rd	Graham Stevens	£7.60	4 th	Alex Haig	£5.00

Since 1998 the lottery has brought in a total of £21191.25 to help maintain the village hall. Therefore £10595.62 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.



Does anyone recognise these children? If you have any pictures / old stories about our village, please contact Pat pat@visa-office.com

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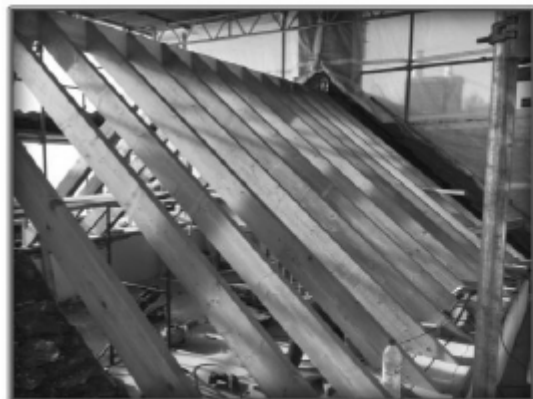
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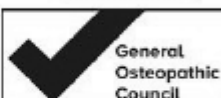
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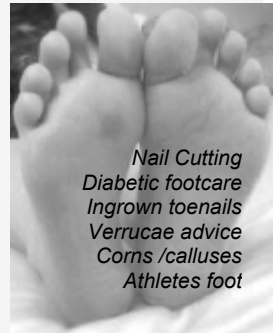
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Gates open 5:30pm. Bring a picnic. Licensed bar.



THE FOUNTAIN

Once again we have Nick Morgan of Lakeside Garden Centre, Crockerton, to thank very much for donating the flowering plants in the fountain.

They really do enhance the village, so thanks again Nick.



The fountain is enscribed "erected by Algernon 14th Duke of Somerset, Anno Domini 1891". A verse reads:

Drink travellers drink of Bradley's purest rill,
Which strange to say runs quite a mile up hill.
Then to your panting steeds let all attend,
An honest horse is surely Man's best friend.

