

Maiden Bradley

Parish News

No 352 October 2018



Her Grace, the Duchess of Somerset, and Sue Priestner with one of Sue's arrangements at the Flower Festival in Bradley House



Sue Priestner's homage to Van Gogh - Sunflowers

October Diary

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| 1 st | Mon | Household Waste Collection | 7.00 am |
| 2 nd | Tue | Book Group – Manor Farm Cottage | 8.00 pm |
| 3 rd | Wed | Prayer Meeting | 6.30 pm |
| 7 th | Sun | Catch Up with Coffee & Croissants – Memorial Hall | 10.00 am |
| 5 th | Fri | Film Night at the Hall 'Finding Your Feet' | 7.00pm |
| 8 th | Mon | Black Box, Blue & Green Bins Collection | 7.00 am |
| 9 th | Tue | Parish Council Meeting – Memorial Hall | 7.30 pm |
| 10 th | Wed | Prayer Meeting | 6.30 pm |
| 14 th | Sun | Harvest Festival – Church | 11.00 am |
| 17 th | Wed | Prayer Meeting | 6.30 pm |
| 18 th | Thu | Welcome Club Meeting – Horningsham Hall | 2.30 pm |

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| 21 st | Sun | Holy Communion – Church | 10.00 am |
| 22 nd | Mon | Black Box, Green & Blue Bins Collection | 7.00 am |
| 24 th | Wed | Prayer Meeting | 6.30 pm |
| 28 th | Sun | Parish Communion – Church | 10.00 am |
| 29 th | Mon | Household Waste | 7.00 am |
| 31 st | Wed | Prayer Meeting | 6.30 pm |

**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. Email pat@visa-office.com

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EDITOR

Hello everyone as the guest editor this month I am stepping into Pat's shoes as she continues her Camino de Santiago trek, she is now in Spain and she expects to complete a further 150Km before returning to base camp in a week's time. My job is to try to emulate that editorial process, and to replicate what has gone before without upsetting the proverbial apple cart. Therefore, my innate ability to ruffle a few feathers is put on hold for the moment.

However, autumn is here and note the Harvest Supper has been cancelled through lack of interest and support, which is a great shame and I am guilty as the rest of us for not supporting this fund raiser, which we should see as a brave and worthy challenge. Let's try again next year and be more supportive in our community and enjoy these events when we can.

We have learned that Mel Thomas the stalwart of the Memorial Hall remains in Hospital but he has an additional challenge; how and when to get the roof fixed! My guess is, he will be back with us soon and setting out the store for those vital repairs and the logistics of managing the hall events diary whilst the essential work is undertaken, now the burden of the capital sum needed has been granted to us.

It will be 100 years at 11:00 - 11th November 2018 since the 1st World War ended. In that war, 16 of our own young men from Maiden Bradley fell in action. We should be seen as the larger and extended modern family of Maiden Bradley, in recognising these souls, particularly this year, commemorating this anniversary and without fail remembering all those servicemen, servicewomen and civilians that fell in conflict.

JAMES KENNEDY



CHURCH NEWS

Everyone is invited to Sunday Catch-up in the Memorial Hall on October 7th from 10 -11 a.m. where there will be coffee and croissants and as much toast as you can eat. Sadly we have had to cancel the harvest supper that was to have been on the 12th. On the 13th please come to the church to help with decorating it for the harvest service. Harvest is on the 14th of October at 11 a.m. , a later time than usual, and Jane will be taking the service. There will be refreshments after the service following which the fresh produce can be bought and any money raised will be given to the Warminster food bank.

CELIA BLAY

NEWS FROM THE HALL

Advance notice:

Work on the roof of the Hall is currently in the final stages of planning. Therefore, a start date for the work has yet to be agreed with contractors. The completion date will be determined largely by the weather. However, we might expect disruption for a couple of months depending on the determination of the contractor and the weather. Although every effort will be made to keep the Hall open it may be necessary to cancel events at short notice. Apologies in advance for any inconvenience caused. **Please note that the shop will remain open**

Mel Thomas: As most of you will already know Mel has been in hospital for the past few weeks. His treatment continues, however, happily though he is on the road to recovery and hopes to be home very soon.
Annual General Meeting: Unfortunately, due to the hospitalisation of Mel Thomas, it was necessary to postpone the AGM. A new date will be arranged as soon as possible and notices circulated.

The Old Kitchen Store: CONGRATULATIONS - The shop has reached its 6 month birthday. **HUGE** thanks go to all the volunteers who have given their time and commitment in making the shop a huge success. Thanks also go to customers for their continued support and villagers who have donated their fruit and vegetables.



Film nights:

Friday, 5th October - Finding Your Feet
Friday, 9th November - Darkest Hour.
Doors open 7pm for prompt 7.30 start.

Forthcoming event: Saturday, 1st December - a musical evening at Bradley House with an ensemble of classical guitarists entertaining us with a range of musical styles including Renaissance, Baroque & light music. Tickets £15 to include a glass of bubbly. Details to follow.

SHEILA FOLEY

Family News

Farewell to the Brierley Family

We shall miss you all! Thank you for the wonderful memories we take away with us and for all the kind words written and spoken. Our wider friends have envied us our roots in such a special village and we leave with great sadness but with enormous gratitude for our life here amongst you all.

Pippa and Alan x

REAR ADMIRAL WILFRED GRAHAM CB

At my father's memorial service £1,170 was raised and this has been donated to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

The people moving into "Yarnfield Cottage" are Jonathan and Diana Bourne.



VICTORIA GRAHAM

Welcome Club

The September trip to Sidmouth was enjoyed, report in the next issue, at which time you can also read of our Thursday September meeting. With the darkness fast approaching, it has been decided to take a short trip, so we are off to Bristol Harbour on October 23rd. The idea being to leave for home in the early afternoon to get back before it is too dark. The October meeting will introduce us to Catherine Williams who lives in the village of Horningsham and specialises in Reflexology. Catherine will join us on October 18th at 2.30pm in the Hall at Horningsham.

Do keep December 4th in mind when we are going to The Bell at Andover for our Christmas lunch. Cost approximately £10 to £12, travel free.

Chris 847373

POPPY APPEAL

The Royal British Legion created the Poppy Appeal to help those returning from the First World War. This year we are commemorating 100 years since the end of this conflict. The Legion has been marking this centenary by launching a movement to say “Thank You” to the First World War generation who served, sacrificed and changed our world.

As Sir Michael Morpurgo, a “Thank You Ambassador, said “To the farmers who gave up their horses to the war effort; to the women who kept our home fires burning; to the Sassoons and the Macraes whose work has shaped our understanding of conflict; we should indeed say ‘Thank You.’”

For others it is for relatives who fought and came home, or didn’t come home at all.

Today the British Legion are still helping today’s Armed Forces families in much the same way, whether coping with bereavement, living with disability, or finding employment. Your contribution can make an enormous difference.

The house to house collections are licensed to start on 27th October and will continue until 10th November.. Those kindly collecting are David Morse (High Street, Frome View), Mary Stevens (The Knapp, Barcroft, the Rank and Frome Road), Diana Stevens (Church Street Somerset Arms side), Sarah Neish (church Street, outlying Farms). There will be static points in the Village Hall and the Somerset Arms. Lt Col Alex Haig will also be helping out this year.

Please remember that if you are a taxpayer, use a Gift Aid envelope. Over £200 was raised by Gift Aid alone last year.

Sarah Neish



LIVE ON
TO THE MEMORY OF THE FALLEN
AND THE FUTURE OF THE LIVING



Autumn in the Rank

Well autumn has arrived and the promise of an Indian Summer may just be a pipe dream. The Swifts left us early this year and were gone by 6th August however they seem to have a good season and reared several clutches in the roofs and swift boxes of the houses in The Rank and in Church Street. They need to nest 5 to 6 metres above the ground, this allows the fledglings to fall out of the nest spread their wings and take to the air for the rest of their lives. Looking forward to 9th May next year when they may return. The House Martins fewer in number this year have already flown leaving early because nesting sites have been at a premium this year and the lack of puddles and muddy patches to provide the materials to mix up a pug to build a new nest. Please don't knock old nests down, leave them for next season let the birds repair them.

Swallows, at the time of writing, are still here - first to come last to go. Swallows are known to overwinter occasionally because of abundant insects in our mild climate, worthwhile keeping an eye open during the winter months you never know.

Now who heard the Cuckoo in late July and throughout August? Three people have mentioned this to me and I just ignored them and smiled. Until I heard what sounded like a Cuckoo with a continuous call, not just one bird calling but two possibly three. Cuckoos are solitary birds, they are larger birds with scimitar shaped wings and quite visible during the spring and vocal on arrival. This late summer caller, what have we got something unusual perhaps that's for sure. With a little help from the RSPB it is possible we have had a visit from Hoopoes moving north from parched Europe where temperatures soared to 35° C + and food was scarce. I have seen Hoopoes in Spain and France and a charming exotic looking bird. However no sightings here, unless you saw and heard one. If you follow the link on your computer you can hear them and see a hoopoe; let us know if you have seen one locally. <https://youtu.be/LOhuEQ4ZcUo>

What else is about, sightings of Pole Cats in Bradley Lane and Hedgehogs in the Gardens of the Rank, please encourage habitat for these mammals they like a bit of Cat food please don't use slug bait it is harmful to the Hedgehog. Help them and they will clear out that garden pest, try to allow a pathway between gardens. Likewise avoid using grain impregnated with Rat Poison as this not helpful to ground feeding birds. Nesting box produced three only Blue Tit chicks this year. Barn Owl spotted quartering the Recreation ground early evening in late August.

JAMES KENNEDY



The village's
new residents?
Have you spotted
a hoopoe or
a pole cat?



Art Festival Weekend

On August Bank Holiday Weekend there was an Arts Festival at Village Hall. We are delighted to learn that £380.00 was raised from teas, donated cake sales, and Cream Teas. So thanks go to Sarah, Mary, Shelia, Brenda, and Pearl. Very well done ladies!

Nature's Bounty - Flower Festival at Bradley House

The Flower Festival, as usual, was amazing and once again demonstrates the amount of talent that we have in this village. Seeing the wonderful displays in the context of Bradley House was a real bonus and it was such a privilege to be able to wander around freely and admire such a wide range of inventive and creative arrangements. It is impossible to feature photographs of them all, but I hope it will give you all a flavour of the quality and beauty on display and whet your appetite for next year!

A special mention must also go to the bakers of the delicious homemade cakes on sale in the refreshment area (the stables) and a huge show of appreciation for all the brilliant volunteers – headed up by Sue Priestner, who wrote the following:

Many visitors arrived from very near and very far to enjoy a feast for the eyes at Bradley House on Sept 22nd and 23rd. There were a total of 36 arrangements all done by 21 arrangers who created beautiful displays for all to enjoy. There were so many people who also got involved with helping in lots of other ways. Mary Stevens and her team of helpers providing teas and cakes did an amazing job keeping all our many visitors refreshed. Many thanks must also go to the Duke and Duchess of Somerset who allowed us to take over their downstairs rooms for the weekend. We must of course not forget the children from our village who provided the visitors with a colourful display of flower filled jam jars in the porch. Also thanks to everyone who was involved in any small or large way in making the whole weekend such a huge success.. All the proceeds will go towards All Saints Church funds.



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Rosie Brown
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The Artists

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Celia and Tom
Blay
Margaret Inwood
Sue Loudon
Pat Kennedy
Susanna Brigden
Stefan Vlasin
Beth Stevens
Harry Hutchings



**Harvest Time by Beth Stevens and Harry Hutchings
Jams and Preserves by Rosie Brown**



~~~NEWS RELEASE~~~

**Next year will be the 10th WYLYE VALLEY ART TRAIL  
from Saturday 18 until Monday 27 May 2019! #WVAT10**

We're looking for more Artists, Craftspeople & Groups to take part!

Since being founded in 2001 by Nick Andrew, the biennial Wyllye Valley Art Trail has established itself as the largest visual arts event in Wiltshire and has raised the cultural profile of this part of the county. The trail is now co-ordinated by Laura Rich and a team of volunteers. Last year there were 73 venues, scattered across some of the most beautiful countryside this county has to offer. A wide and eclectic patchwork of art and craft from over 300 participants, ranging from award-winning artists with international reputations to others only just starting out on their creative paths.

The Wyllye Valley Art Trail is set in southwest Wiltshire, covering Warminster, Westbury, Wyllye, Maiden Bradley, Mere, Hindon, Tisbury and villages between. Visit open studios and workplaces, galleries, exhibitions by art groups, student groups and other exciting events including 'hands on' activities, demonstrations, workshops and talks. A unique opportunity to see the high standard of visual arts and crafts currently being carried out in the area, across a wide range of skills, from painting to print-making, furniture making to photography and sculpture to ceramics. It offers the chance to meet the artists and, in many cases, see where and how they work.

Next year we are celebrating the 10th Wyllye Valley Art Trail for 10 days from Saturday 18 until Monday 27 May 2019. We would like to make it more inspiring, more memorable, and even more special! A vibrant festival of visual art excellence!

So we want to send out an invitation to artists, craftspeople and groups to take part. Maybe those who are new to the area, just out of art college or have been considering participating for a while. The art trail is open to any artist who lives, works or has a strong interest or connection with this area. So we would be grateful for your help in spreading this invitation. We are also searching for possible venues for exhibitions.

Full details can be found at [www.wvat.co.uk](http://www.wvat.co.uk).  
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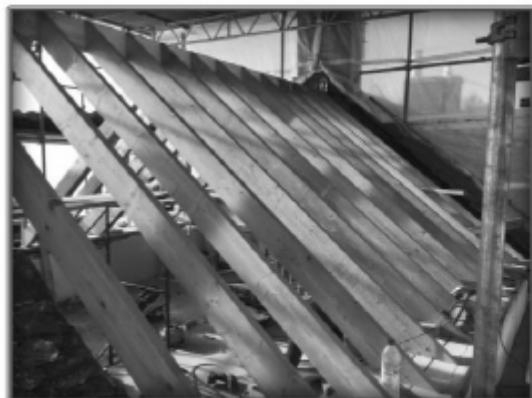
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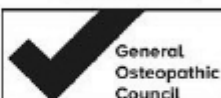
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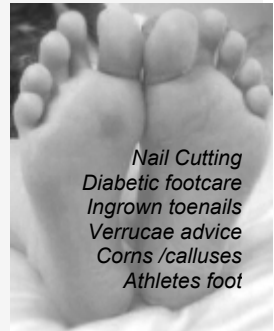
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Cheers!



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**Diana Stevens and Sally Higgins with their stunning displays.  
Sue Priestner and her Granddaughter Amy with the  
Village Children's jam jar arrangement.**



**"Spilt Milk"**

