

# Maiden Bradley

Parish News

No 353 November 2018



Remembering the 16 men from  
Maiden Bradley who gave their  
lives in the Great War



Elaine Lavender

## Signs of Autumn



Pat Kennedy

## November Diary

4th Sun	Sunday Catch Up in the Hall	10.00am
4th Sun	All Saints festival service and Communion	11.00am
5th Mon	Black box, blue and green bins	7.00am
7th Fri	Fiim Night at the Hall 'Darkest Hour'	7.30pm
11th Sun	Remembrance Day service at the Church	10.30am
	Act of Remembrance at the Hall	12.00am
12th Mon	Household waste	7.00am
12th Mon	Choir meeting - Somerset Arms	7.00pm
12th Mon	Memorial Hall AGM	7.00pm
19th Mon	Black box, blue and green bins	7.00am
19th Mon	Defibrillator training Hall	7.30pm
<b>20th COPY DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER VILLAGE NEWS</b>		
24th Sat	Film 'Peter Rabbit' at Hall	6.30pm
26th Mon	Household waste	7.00am
26th Mon	Welcome Club Bingo at Hall	7.30pm
30th Fri	Christmas Fair at the Hall	6.00pm
31st Sat	Deadline for grant applications to PC	

### Advance notice:

Dec 6th	'A Christmas Carol' at Corsley
Feb 21 / 22 / 23	The Maiden Bradley Pantomime

Mass Times: St Georges Warminster  
Sat 6pm Vigil Sun 8am and 10am

St Marys Mere  
Fri 10am, Sat 5.30pm

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](mailto: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](mailto:pat@visa-office.com)

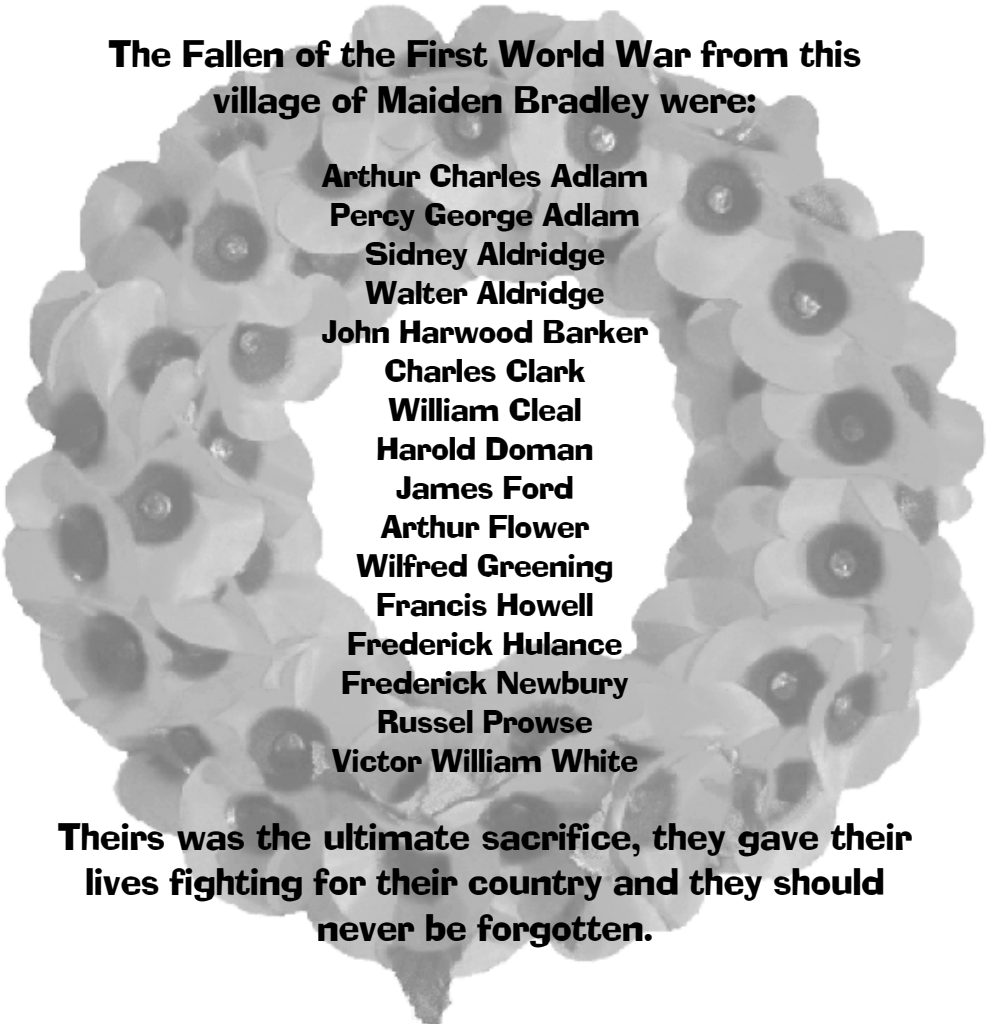
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## **Editorial**

One hundred years after the end of the First World War. That war wiped out a generation of men and women. I am here because although my grandfather was placed in the 'dying tent' following his illness during the Gallipoli campaign, a nurse decided he should live and had him transported back to Blighty where he recovered. My mother was born at the end of 1916. Our entire family of aunts, siblings, and numerous cousins (almost 70) exist because of that one nurse, and I thank her.

Pat Kennedy 845397

### **The Fallen of the First World War from this village of Maiden Bradley were:**



**Arthur Charles Adlam  
Percy George Adlam  
Sidney Aldridge  
Walter Aldridge  
John Harwood Barker  
Charles Clark  
William Cleal  
Harold Doman  
James Ford  
Arthur Flower  
Wilfred Greening  
Francis Howell  
Frederick Hulance  
Frederick Newbury  
Russel Prowse  
Victor William White**

**Theirs was the ultimate sacrifice, they gave their lives fighting for their country and they should never be forgotten.**

## Rev. Carol

The apples are continuing to drop off my tree, I thought that the crop this year would be diminished but not so. The taste of stewed Bramley apple and custard is for me a childhood reminder of autumn. Harvest services have been enjoyed in the church; it was great to welcome Whitesheet's Academy children and their new head Mrs Higgins. The children read very confidently and technology in the form of a data projector and screen arrived in the church in support! Thanks to everyone who generously donated items for the Trussell Trust Foodbank through the church or school.

On the 4th November we will have the Village Hall Sunday Catch-up as usual and then go on to the Church for an 11am All Saints festival service. It's important to celebrate this time of remembering all the saints who helped to build the church and people will come up from West Knoyle and Mere to join in the communion service.

11th November is Remembrance Day and falls on the Sunday, of course this year marks 100 years since the end of World War 1. The service starts at 10.30 am.

Date for your diary: 30th November Maiden Bradley Fair.

Blessings  
Rev Carol

### **New to Maiden Bradley is The Choir.**

We will be meeting in the Somerset Arms at 7pm-8pm on Monday evenings starting 12th November. Initially we'll be singing carols to prepare for Christmas.

All voices welcome (no audition).

If you can help in any way by playing a piano/keyboard or in any other way please contact Carol 01747 861859.

**Look forward to seeing you.**



## **News From The Hall ~ October 2018**

Firstly I would like to thank all those who have rallied round and supported both my wife and myself over the last 12 months, through a turbulent year. A big thanks to you, one and all.

Seven years of hard work has finally come to fruition. The New Roof is now a reality and work is in progress. Whilst work is progressing it may cause some disruptions to the hall being available due to Health & Safety, so please bear with us during this time.

The Old Kitchen Store will continue to remain open throughout the work being carried out; the only change may be that customers will have to use the rear door at times. Opening times are Mon, Wed & Fri 09.00am – 11.30 am. The lending Library and coffee mornings will continue as normal.

### **Film Nights**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November “Darkest Hour”, doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November is a Family Night showing of “Peter Rabbit”. Doors open 5.45 pm for 6.30 pm start. Why not bring in some ‘Fish & Chips’ from Mr Chippies Van who will be parked in the car park?

### **Remembrance Sunday**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November, at 12 noon there will be an act of remembrance held in the hall after the Service in the church, tea and coffee available afterwards.

### **Welcome Club Bingo**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November doors open at 7.30 pm for eyes down at 8.00pm

### **Christmas Fair**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November Doors Open 6.00pm  
come along and support this ‘fun for all’ evening.

### **Hall AGM**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November, the Annual General Meeting starts at 7.00pm doors open 6.45 pm. Please come along and show your support for the hall’s committee. Anyone wishing to join the committee should contact Shelia Foley or myself by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. All members of the Parish are welcome to attend.

**Mel Thomas, Chairman MBVH**

## Welcome Club

Sadly, Chris Short passed away quietly at home shortly after sending me what was to be her last report on the Welcome Club activities. We send our condolences to her family and the many friends who have spent time enjoying all that Chris organised in the Horningsham and Maiden Bradley communities. No doubt we will hear from the Club Committee about arrangements that will have to be confirmed or changed in due course.

Our visit to Sidmouth was every bit as enjoyable as all the previous trip this season – we have been so lucky with the weather – smiley faces again!

We had a slight change for October when we visited Bristol harbour – details next time.

We have all met up with our local Reflexologist, so discover more of our time with Catherine in the December issue of the News. Christmas Lunch on 4<sup>th</sup> December “Tempus Fugit” names and cash as soon as possible please! Coach trip free as a present from the Club. Times notified ASAP. The lunch will be our final fling for 2018 then back again with a new programme for 2019 on 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Chris Short

### ***KEEP THE DATE FREE:***

We are very happy to announce that the Maiden Bradley Pantomime will be back in production early next spring and our show will be staged in the Memorial Hall on the 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. Tickets will be on sale early in the New Year and more information will be forthcoming in this News Letter in the December and January editions – ***SO WATCH THIS SPACE .....***

**Carol Kenzie**  
**Maiden Bradley Pantomime Group.**  
**844745**

## **Parish Council October 2018**

**Community Grants** – The Parish Council would like to ask Community Groups and Clubs if they will be looking to apply for grants from the Parish Council for 2019/2020, that they make contact with the Clerk for an application form. The Clerk recommends that the date for applications to be received by is set at the 31st November 2018 as per the Grant Awarding Policy, this will enable the Grant Budget to be set for the financial year April 2019/ April 2020 with an idea of the need required at the December meeting.

**Co-option** – Council resolved to Co-opt Alexandra De Renzy Channer onto the Parish Council. She will sign her Co-option papers at the next Parish Council meeting.

**Defibrillator Training** – Parishioners are asked to make a note of the Defibrillator training due to take place on Monday 19th November 2018, Venue: Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall Start/End: 7.30pm – 9.30pm whole families are welcome to attend.

**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>**

**Date of the next meeting-** The Council agreed that **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 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](http://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. If you have access to Facebook, there is a Parish Council Facebook page do sign up and join the Community Information Board.

**Sarah Jeffries the clerk can be contacted by email: [maidenbradley@virginmedia.com](mailto:maidenbradley@virginmedia.com) or phone: 01985 213436 or by mail to Maiden Bradley Parish Clerk 9 Beech Grove Warminster BA12 0AB**





Recently looking through some of my family effects (my maternal grandmother's) I came across a number of books by various 1st World War poets. These books are heavily laced with scraps of newspaper cuttings of the period, mostly poems. As in fact is her Bible.

In one book in particular by Robert W Service (The Canadian Kipling) I found the poem below on a scrap of newspaper so fragile it started to breakup when I tried to move it. There is no sign of the author, that bit is missing. It is trench humour however. Although appropriate for the 100 commemoration of the end of the 1st Word War.

### **The Bomber.**

**Old Bill Pike standing on the parapet  
Old Bill Pike Mills bomb in his hand  
In comes a Whizz Bang  
Now he's a bomber in the promised land**

The 'whizz bang' was originally attributed to the noise made by shells from German 77mm field guns. In all cases however the name was derived from the fact that shells fired from light or field artillery travelled faster than the speed of sound.

Whizz bangs were much feared as the net result was that infantrymen were given virtually no warning of incoming high-velocity artillery fire.

Simon Wager



### **Village News**

**Good News!** The McMillan Coffee Morning held in the Memorial Hall, **raised £330.**

Thanks go to the people who gave cakes, came to the coffee morning and a special thank you to

Mary, Sarah, Shelia, Lesley, and Pearl.



**Sunflower on the Camino Way -**  
See article

# SOMERSET ARMS

## AUTUMN TRACTOR RUN & FREE HOUSE STATUS

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September Andy and Lynn, our Landlord/Landlady, held their autumn event involving tractors from a variety of eras, apple pressing, live music and an outdoor lamb roast which raised a total of £335 which will be shared between the Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Dorothy House charities. The event was timed to coincide with the end of the Somerset Arms lease with Wadworths brewery and control of the pub being returned to the Duke of Somerset's estate. Plans for structural and cosmetic improvements are still under development with work expected to start in the near future.



Since taking over at the Somerset Arms Andy and Lynn have injected a great deal of time and effort which has paid dividends for locals and visitors alike. You only have to look at recent Trip Advisor feedback to appreciate the impact made by Andy and Lynn and the good news is that they will be staying on to ensure a successful future for our pub.



Having Free House Status removes the contractual links with Wadworths, giving Andy and Lynn the freedom to choose their suppliers and the products they can sell. The benefit to customers is that they can expect a greater choice of beers, wines and spirits and hopefully a stabilisation of prices.



Regular visitors to the pub will be aware that Andy and Lynn support our local Air Ambulance charity and are also involved with a number of military charities. This year they will be providing a Remembrance Day curry for the benefit of those that attend the service at the parish church

Article by Adi Roach

**Camino -  
take two**



## Camino take two

There was a certain amount of trepidation on my part when leaving for my second holiday walking the Pilgrim's way in Spain because this time I was going alone with only my travel and the first and last hostels booked. I needn't have worried about not being able to talk to a companion because even before I boarded the flight out of Gatwick, I fell into conversation with other Pilgrims who were walking the Coastal Route from Biarritz to Santiago de Compostela (The Way of Saint James) and like me, tackling the long route in manageable sections.

So I have been asked several times about the reason why anyone would want to take on an 800k walk. This takes me back to my school days reading Chaucer's Canterbury Tales and being fascinated by the portrayal of the different characters from such a period in history. The Pilgrim's stories were written in Middle English between 1387 and 1400 and those Pilgrims were supposedly on a religious journey from London to the shrine of Saint Thomas a Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who was murdered (then later buried) in the Cathedral by followers of King Henry II following disputes over the rights and privileges of the Church. Each Pilgrim had a tale to tell and in essence they were more worldly than religious.

Regarding the variety of Pilgrims I met this time in Spain the motivations for the walk ranged from religious to spiritual and fitness challenge and leisure walking. Whatever the reason, the Camino Pilgrimage captivated their imagination and all had their different story to tell and for me, this is what makes the walk so interesting in such a landscape.

Returning to Puente La Reina on the first day, I arrived at my hostel at 22.30 and it was still very hot but very welcoming. Setting off that first morning from familiar surroundings I made good time along the natural tracks arriving 18k later at Villatuerta and the delightful hostel of Simone and Miguel with its cool plunge pool, hammocks, dinner, Rioja wine, clean facilities and excellent company from pilgrims from Italy, Lithuania, Germany, Holland, Ireland and Australia. I should add that this particular hostel was exceptional and not yet to be repeated.

The following few days I was accompanied by different people from that second hostel. My friend from Ireland was a Mediator, listening to the conflict within individuals who had suffered and were still suffering from the historical conflicts in that country, and she spent her time trying to help them understand and accept their situation. Alexandra from Holland taught English from her countryside home and the 'boys' Gary and Adam from Australia (both grandfathers) were pounding the kilome-

tres at a pace I could only keep up with for a few yards, had walked many routes of the Camino through Spain, though this time they left their wives behind.

Feet and Heat. It was tough going, and not until I met a hostel manager, Raphael, did my feet improve as Raphael was trained by the military on the management of exactly how to care for the feet on these long distance walks. He also explained that unless I continued the walk in one go, I would always have bruised toes and blisters. "The Camino has three distinct stages" he explained, "The first is the pain, getting used to walking and carrying a backpack. The second stage is introspective – why am I doing this! And the third is the spiritual and being at one with the mind, body and place." Something to think about on my next visit.

The majority of people I met were from the USA and I couldn't fail to ask how they felt about their president. Mostly, they were embarrassed and had not voted his way but neither did they support the opposition and so were unrepresented. It is interesting that only 15% of Americans have passports at present though is due to change in due course when everyone will be obliged to have one.

During the last three days of my walk I woke about 5am and started out an hour later with torches and others in order to make the most of the coolest part of the day. Much of the walking was along long stretches of straight track alongside vineyards of the Rioja region then alongside fields of sunflowers. Temperatures reached 30C and beyond on most days and in order to reach the next hostel and book a bed, the early start was essential. Watching the sunrise, listening to the cocks crowing and looking forward to finding the first café for breakfast (coffee, freshly squeezed orange juice and a pastry) was different each day and difficult to catch on camera.

One particular morning when I was alone and looking forward to breakfast, in the distance I saw a stall which I thought might sell food but on arrival and to my disappointment, I saw it only sold Camino trinkets. I signalled to the elderly lady behind her stall that I needed food (Makaton style sign language) she went inside her house (the first I had seen for miles) and brought out two pears for which she wouldn't accept payment and equally signalled that she had no more for the pilgrims who were following. I packed them away quickly, thanked her profusely and at the earliest opportunity ate them with relish.

Food stalls could be found in the most isolated places and usually a donation and not a fixed price was expected. Quite early on during my walk, I found one of these stalls in an olive grove where fruit, snacks and seats had been arranged. There was a bookcase with books of various languages and I decided it was time to lighten my load

and so I shed the two very heavy books I had brought as evening reading entertainment and progressed on my journey.

At Granon I stayed in a basic hostel where mattresses were placed on the floor and everyone had to partake in the preparation of the feeding process and yes, again I managed to end up cooking the food for the hostel, approximately 45 people. The accommodation was cleverly attached to the local enormous church with its gold leaf altar-back that stretched from ground floor to the apex of the roof. We stayed in the church for a service with a very long sermon spoken, of course, in Spanish. Now if the service had been conducted in Latin, as in days of yore, I would have understood!

Eventually I arrived at my last hostel at Atapuerca a small village with a couple of hostels and an excellent pilgrim menu with a starter of lobster bisque any restaurant in London would be proud of. Atapuerca is famous for the discovery of the oldest remains ever found of the human species dating from between 1.2 million years ago and 630,000 years ago. The on-going archaeological dig has been designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The next morning a taxi arrived at 7am and took me to Burgos railway station where I took the train to San Sebastian (three hours long), caught the bus to Biarritz (one hour) and found my hotel for the night before my flight the next morning back to Gatwick. Three days travelling in total and eight days walking, subtracting another 180K from the 800k personal journey. Only 520K left for next year when the long stretches of straight Roman roads along flat reaches of the Meseta plain will be walked.

Pat Kennedy

### Village Hall Lottery

September

1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert Higgins	£26.25	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kim Baker	£13.10
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs Mead	£7.95	4 <sup>th</sup>	Karl Warner	£5.20

October

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sam Higgins	£26.00	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elaine Lavender	£13.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Richard Stevens	£7.85	4 <sup>th</sup>	A. Glastonbury	£5.15

*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.*



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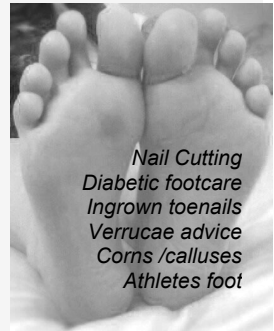
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On Christmas Eve, the most magical night of the year, the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge is whisked away on a journey through the past and into the future, accompanied by three fearsome ghosts determined to show him the true meaning of Christmas. This Winter, Charles Dickens' classic ghost story is brought alive in a traditional production, complete with beautiful period costume, song, dance, and a magnificent musical score. Join critically-acclaimed theatre company Chapterhouse and see whether Scrooge's frozen heart will melt in time for Christmas Day...

Doors open at 6.30pm for a Festive Mince Pie and glass of Wine. The performance begins at 7.30pm.

For more information and tickets ring 01373 832 113 or email [office@theelizabethanplayhouse.com](mailto:office@theelizabethanplayhouse.com)



# Defibrillator Awareness Session

Maiden Bradley Memorial Ha

19th November 2018 7.30pm – 9.30pm



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## Contact

Sarah Jeffries - Parish Clerk  
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