

# Maiden Bradley Parish News

361 July 2019



*Anthony Mosley*

**Supreme Champion of Champions  
Bonnie Lass and her calf  
Rodmead Ben Lomond at the  
Three Counties Show Malvern  
story inside**



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DATE **Wednesday July 24**

START TIME **7.00pm**

DURATION **1 hour**

VENUE

**Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall  
High Street  
Maiden Bradley**

**Doors open 6.45pm**

**This venue is wheelchair accessible.**

OTHER INFORMATION

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

**If you would like further information please  
contact me - or just turn up on the night!**

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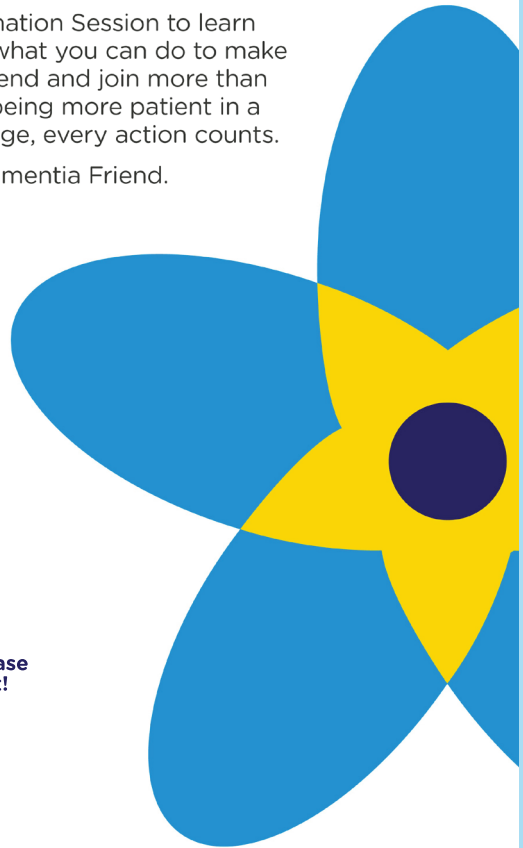
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### Diary for July 2019

1	Mon	Blue and Green bins and black box collection	
2	Tue	Training for Community Speed Watch Scheme	
3	Wed	Prayer meeting phone 01985 844817 for venue	6.30pm
5	Fri	Funeral of Pete Doel – Shepton Mallet Crematorium	10am
7	Sun	Sunday Catch up – Village Hall – coffee, croissants and chat	10-11am
8	Mon	Household waste collection	
9	Tue	Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall	7.30pm
10	Wed	Prayer meeting – phone 844817 for venue	6.30pm
14	Sun	Church – Matins	10am
15	Mon	Blue and Green bins and black box collection	
17	Wed	Prayer Meeting- phone 844817 for venue	6.30pm
18	Thurs	Welcome Club - Lyndhurst and Bournemouth	H 8.45am – MB 9am
<b>20</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>COPY DATE FOR AUGUST NEWS TO <a href="mailto:pat@visa-office.com">pat@visa-office.com</a></b>	
21	Sun	Church – Holy Communion	10am
22	Mon	Household waste collection	
24	Wed	Prayer meeting – phone 844817 for venue	6.30pm
		Dementia Friends talk – Village Hall	7 till 8pm
28	Sun	Church – Sung Holy Communion, Common Worship	10am
29	Mon	Blue and Green Bins and Black Box collection	

### Advance Notice

Saturday 3rd August – Pride and Prejudice, Manor Farm, Corsley

Saturday 17th August – Produce Show

24th, 25th and 26th August – Bank Holiday Weekend – Maiden Bradley Arts Festival.

2nd September – Applications for co-option onto Parish Council deadline

27th September – Harvest Supper in the Village Hall

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.  
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## Editorial

Hello to summer, and I hope you are all looking forward to some sort of break from work, school, college or university. No doubt the holidays will pass all too quickly and the Brexit deadline will be upon us before we know it. Like me, you will probably be delighted when the issue is settled, which cannot come soon enough for most people in business.

Whatever you are doing this summer, have a good one.

Pat Kennedy 01985 845397 [pat@visa-office.com](mailto:pat@visa-office.com)

PS It's that time of year when garden growth is abundant so please check to see if your garden growth is overhanging the pavements. Thank you.

### SAVE THE DATE

There is going to be a Harvest Supper in the village **on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.** There used to be a regular harvest supper in the village but it has died out – so we thought we would revive the tradition. Tickets are only going to be £8 for a proper homemade supper in the village hall.

Sarah Neish

Village Hall Lottery

May

1st	Maureen Ferguson	£25.50	2nd	Dawn Stevens	£12.75
3rd	Richard Morris	£7.70	4th	Alex Haig	£5.00

June

1st	Ali Higgins	£25.50	2nd	Mark Lucus-Phillips	£12.75
3rd	Chris Brigden	£7.70	4th	Jane Sheppard	£5.00

A Memorial Hall Thank you

To all those contributors to the Hall Lottery, a very big thank you for helping maintain this vital social hub. Over this year alone £600+ has gone to you in prizes and £600+ to the maintenance of the Hall.

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.

### Family News

Pete Doel – Funeral Service 5<sup>th</sup> July at 10am at Mendip, Shepton Mallet Crematorium, Old Wells Road, Croscombe, BA5 3RR. Our condolences to the family and friends.

### ***Letter from Mel Thomas***

It is with great regret but I have had to resign from the Maiden Bradley Hall management committee, due to health reasons.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that have not only supported myself but also the hall during my 8-year tenure as chairman of the hall.

A special thank you goes to all those that have served on the management committee and the parish clerk without their commitment and help, the hall would not be the hub of our community that it has become.

I know I have left the hall in good hands and hope the hall continues to flourish and prosper for the benefit of the community.

The Hall does need new blood to step forward and take an interest in the running of the hall, to take it forward. So if you think you would like to be involved in this very worthwhile cause then please let the committee know.

***Mel Thomas***

### **Notes from the Vicar**

When people know you are a vicar, they often automatically think you might try and convert them to Christianity. Sometimes people are immediately defensive to you, which is a shame. Better to talk about the weather or the price of tea then (probably not Brexit!)

One of the lines in a favourite hymns book *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* goes: "But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own". And often people who recoil from Christian experience have had a bad human experience of the interpretation of Christianity, which makes that line so memorable. Others have felt that God has let them down by allowing a loved one to die or be ill. What can be said?

In Jesus' life time his example was to be mindful of his own needs – he was never a party pooper but always noticed those around him. When he hung on the cross in helpless agony not using his "superpowers" to opt out of his horrible situation. He was showing that God in the flesh would suffer himself to understand the human condition and show solidarity. But even then, not mutely or in a self-absorbed way. He granted the thief a place with him in his kingdom after death and put his mother and friend together for company. Jesus did look for the good in people and situations. As sympathisers or supporters that's what he wants us to do too.

Blessings

Carol

## **July News from the Hall**

Thanks to all those who made the quiz evening a success - profit of £142.20 for hall. Congratulations to Veras Posse who won first prize although it was a close contest with Brusel Sprouts coming a close second.

### **Forthcoming events:**

Dementia Friends Information Session July 24<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Produce Show Saturday August 17th

Maiden Bradley Arts Festival during August Bank Holiday weekend  
(Aug 24 – 26<sup>th</sup>) Cream teas served 2-4pm

Post Office open Tuesday afternoons – 1pm – 3pm

Advance notice: from September the Old Kitchen Store will be opening on Tuesday afternoons whilst the PO is in the Hall. This will be on a trial basis.

The Old Kitchen Store is open Monday, Wednesday and Fridays  
9.00 – 11.30

Coffee morning every Friday

### **Mel Thomas**

**As you will see from his letter in this newsletter, sadly Mel has resigned as the Hall Chairman.**

**On behalf of the Committtee, we would like to thank Mel for his outstanding contribution to the Memorial Hall. Obviously there will be a formal farewell and thank you at some stage – watch this space!**

**Meranwhile, I'm sure you will all join us in wishing Mel all the very best for the future.**

***Any Hall enquiries can be made on 845303.***

## Community Speed Watch Training Progress.

To keep the community updated on the progress of the Community Speed Watch Team.

There are eleven volunteer members to date, however we do need more members to help and become speed watch members so the few are not overloaded.

The police have taken photographs of the selected positions in the village that are safe for CSW teams to operate. Two in High Street, two in Church Street and one in Kingston Lane. We are waiting for the police health and safety officer to come and confirm the given sites are acceptable although it appears there is no reason why they should not be.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> June the first training session took place at the village hall for eight team members all of who passed successfully, shown how to use the device and how record the information regarding speeding vehicles. All were issued with very smart yellow jackets with official police badges the back and left breast pocket.

Another training session has been set up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> July for the last three remaining CSW volunteers to be trained, this brings the team up to eleven members to date. At this training session a group photograph will be taken of the whole team in our yellow jackets to be published in the Parish Magazine.

We will then be ready to go and start Community Speed Watch activities. This will start as soon as the appropriate device becomes available for us to use as we have to share it with another village. We will also get police support when ever possible when we are active.

The first place we hope to start activities will be in the High Street then rotate through the other locations as required.

At this stage it must be made clear the CSW teams are not there just to book speeding motorists and run a book on how many they have booked in each session. CSW teams are there to educate the motorists passing through our village. After all the best report we can get from a speed watch session would be NO Speeding offenders booked.

The CSW team needs all the support it can get from the village so feel free to contact myself Simon Wager Team Leader on 01985 844848 and volunteer.

Simon Wager

Vice Chairman

Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield Parish Council



## **Bonnie Lass**

As many of you will know, I have a pedigree herd of Aberdeen Angus with 65 breeding cows, at Rodmead Farm. We have been showing cattle for a couple of years, and this year decided to take some to the Three Counties Show at Malvern, which is one of the largest and most prestigious shows in England. Many herds were represented at the show.

Bonnie Lass was first shown when she was a year old, at the Bath and West show, and became Junior Interbreed Champion there, in 2017. This year, we took her to the Three Counties Show with her 6 month old calf (Rodmead Ben Lomond) . We had high hopes that she would do well, but were thrilled that she not only became the best Aberdeen Angus in show, but also went on to beat all the Native Breeds, and then became the Interbreed Beef Champion (beating continental breeds such as Charolais and Limousins). To crown this achievement, she then became Supreme Champion of Champions which means that she was judged the best animal out of all the cattle breeds including the Dairy champion, the Cross bred Fatstock Champion and the Dual-purpose Breed Champion.

We have returned with plenty of silverware and a lot of rosettes! We have decided to rest Bonnie Lass and her calf for the rest of the summer as there is not much more she can win!

**Angus Neish**

## *Royal Bath & West Show 2019 recognises rural excellence by Esther Swan*

Six agricultural workers who have totalled almost 290 years of service between them were recognised for their contribution at the Royal Bath & West Show on Wednesday 29 May. The recipients of the prestigious Long Service Awards have worked – often for one employer – for between 40 and 54 years, demonstrating extraordinary commitment to the sector. Following in the footsteps of his mother and grandfather, David Barnett started work on the Maiden Bradley Estate of the Duke of Somerset's estates in 1968 as an apprentice. Now David oversees all general maintenance while specialising on the maintenance of Witham Water, a private estate water supply with 123 customers. He organised the upgrading of the controls and chemical dosing, and often attends to problems with the system during holidays and at night without concern for his own inconvenience. David has devoted his working life to the estate much to the huge pleasure of the owners.



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## Main Bike Ride

For our bike holiday this year we cycled about 390 miles down the lovely river Main in Germany from Bayreuth in the East near the Czech border to its confluence with the river Rhine in the West. Once again we admired the amazing German cycle paths as we rode through beautiful scenery on a perfectly smooth tarmac surface with not a car in sight. Starting in an area known in Germany as “God’s Garden”, the path took us through the Steigerwald forest, Hassberg hills and Franconian wine region (with its excellent white wines) taking in the charming old cities and towns of Bamberg, Dettelbach, Wurzburg, Miltenberg and finally past the skyscrapers of Frankfurt to the city of Mainz on the river Rhine.

The weather was generally kind to us with some very warm spells, only one wet day (unlike England at the time) and a few narrow misses of thunderstorms when we had just reached our destination. All in all a very enjoyable trip apart from one occasion when I asked google maps for directions to our hotel (on top of a hill) on my phone, avoiding main roads only to find that it involved pushing the bikes up 10 very steep flights of steps with ramps (see photo).

Probably my favourite city was Wurzburg, where we discovered that every evening in nice weather people socialize and drink wine on the old stone bridge in the middle of the town – that’s my kind of town!

On our way home we stopped for a days cycling on the river Meuse in Givet in France which was also very pleasant apart from after cycling 390 miles in Germany I damaged my back carrying a suitcase up three floors in a hotel in France, which has rather coloured my views on the comparison between our hotels in the two countries!

Ray Kenzie



## “SPRING WATCH IN THE RANK”



Goat's Beard

The Swallows were late this year, leaving their arrival until mid-April, with the House Martins arriving in just dribs and drabs and not a complete complement, some have stayed south perhaps. However, the Swifts arrived on time and we noted first sightings as 6<sup>th</sup> May though the larger number arrived by the 9<sup>th</sup> May. Again, less in numbers than previous years. With the timely arrival and fewer numbers we have already had one casualty. On the front path thinking it was leaf litter I investigated and picked up a Swift that had crashed and couldn't move its outstretched wing and so had no way of re-launching itself. Gathering it up, I took the bird inside to revive it and within moments it was clear that the warmth encouraged it to disengage from my hands. However, in order to release Swifts, a certain height is required as they have to gain airspeed or stall and crash again.

The optimum height is around five metres for a launch where they drop, gain flying speed and then rise away. As we know, Swifts spend their lifetime on the wing, sleeping, feeding, pairing, and the female only settles to lay her eggs normally where the House Sparrows have been nesting or a convenient hole under the roof tiles. Sparrows tend to get evicted from a Swift nesting site, but this year the House Sparrows had largely fledged. The Swifts seem to arrive and then spend around three to four weeks fattening up before the female settles into laying her eggs usually during mid to late June. We are hopeful our own nest sites may be fully occupied this year, however at the going down of the sun today the gales and rain may prevent nesting and brooding. The male will help in the brooding, each parent taking it in turns to hatch the eggs and after 19 and 24 days depending on how many eggs are laid, they hatch in a daily order, therefore from the end of June into July the chicks should be hatched. The parents will feed them for the next 6 weeks in order of priority. Biggest chick first and if food is plentiful then they may all make it to the fledging stage and be ready to fly. As soon as the birds have fledged they stay a short while only gathering food and waiting for their cousins to join them and they scream around the neighbourhood. By around the 16<sup>th</sup> August they will be gone, on their way back to South Africa.

Interestingly enough with the loss of local habitat we didn't expect the Woodpeckers to be nesting nearby this year, however it seems they have and a pair are busy brooding a family with routine visits to our peanut feeder. We expect to see the fledgling chicks later this month as normally they will manage to rear two chicks however, in a good year for caterpillars and green fly and small insects they may produce a larger family.

Song Thrushes seem to be off our radar however Missal Thrushes have been in evidence grabbing their share of Leather Jackets on the Recreation ground during May and June, as have Hedgehogs and we have been fortunate to have several sightings of these nocturnal creatures.

New to the garden has been a pair of Green Finches which we haven't seen for a couple of years, and we think we have two breeding pairs of Chaffinches. The Bullfinches are a rare sighting, but it is encouraging to think they too might be a local breeding pair. Gold finches and Siskins are as common as House Sparrows. Blackbirds had good year last year and seem to be singing from every prominent point defending their space again this year. We have seen some real fights between male birds.

Our own garden Robin has had one surviving chick from an early season brood. The fledgling is notable by its speckled chest, the parents have lost interest and we guess they are raising another brood so we shall know more later this month. Wrens have moved to the dell at the end of the garden and we have seen these tiny birds most days

Well that about does it for the birds but what about the wayside. Bradley Lane, an interesting wild flower. Known as Goats Beard, or colloquially known 'asleep at noon', 'Shop Closed at Noon' or 'Jack-go-to-bed-at-noon', as this wayside sun flower blooms and closes at midday and then reopens later in the afternoon. It grows in clumps and is about 85 cms high. Sorry we haven't a complete set of pictures but the verge was mown a day after my pictures were taken. However the end result is a large fruiting clock rather like a dandelion.

If you have any unusual sightings of birds, animals or insects let us know at the MB News.

James Kennedy

## Parish Council June 2019

**Planning** – the below applications were discussed:

**Application Ref: 19/04489/VAR**

**Application for Variation of Condition**

**Proposal: - Variation of condition 2 of 18/10730/FUL to allow for re-positioning of the approved skittle alley**

**At: The Somerset Arms, Church Street, Maiden Bradley, BA12 7HW**

Resolved: support the Conservation Officer's reservations reported by English Heritage.

**Application Ref: 19/03612/FUL**

**Application for Full Planning**

**Proposal: - Erection of hardwood fence (Retrospective).**

**At: Orchard House, Church Street, Maiden Bradley, BA12 7HW**

Resolved: supported.

**(Please note: in planning matters the Council acts as the consultee of the Principal Authority. The Principal Authority being the deciding body)**

**Rights of Ways** - The duty to maintain the public rights of way network is shared between Wiltshire Council, as the highway authority, and the landowners/occupiers of the land over which the path exists. The Parish Council acts as custodian on behalf of the Community but can arrange for volunteer Groups to work on clearing the Rights of Way.

There is a Toolkit for improving your footpaths that could be taken up by a group of Volunteers in the Community see attached. This link leads to further information regarding the Footpath Group Toolkit online. <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-area-boards>.

The link <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recreation-rights-of-way> give further information regarding the Rights of Way. The Parish Council does have a leaflet regarding Rights of Way in place see the Parish Council Website.

### **Wiltshire Council responsibilities:**

Making sure public rights of way are free from obstructions.

Clearance of vegetation growing from the surface of the path.

Signposting rights of way where they leave a road and way marking the route where appropriate.

Maintaining bridges over natural watercourses.

To provide a minimum of 25% contribution towards any costs incurred by a landowner in maintaining stiles and gates on public rights of way.

Maintain stiles, gates and other boundary crossings.

Obtain consent from the highway authority before erecting new stiles or gates on public rights of way.

Cut back encroaching hedges or overhanging vegetation that is growing from their land.

Keep paths clear of obstructions, such as padlocked gates, electric fences etc.

Make sure that no misleading signs are placed near rights of way that might deter people from using the path.

Cross-field footpaths and bridleways (but not byways) can be ploughed where it not cannot reasonably be avoided as long as they are reinstated within two weeks of ploughing.

Field paths must be kept clear of crops to the width recorded in the Definitive Statement or, where no width is recorded, a minimum width of:

Footpath: 1m across field and 1.5m field edge

Bridleway: 2m across field and 3m field edge

Other rights of way: 3m across field and 5m field edge

Livestock and rights of way

It is an offence to allow any bull over 10 months old to be on its own and at large in a field crossed by a public right of way. It is also an offence to keep a bull of a recognised dairy breed (even if accompanied by cows/heifers) on land crossed by a public right of way. Bulls that are less than 10 months old or of a recognised beef breed and at large with cows/heifers are exceptions to this rule.

How is rights of way maintenance work organised?

The rights of way section plans and implements regular maintenance schedules. These include annual growth clearance programmes and a parish by parish maintenance programme.

### **In addition, defects reported by the public are prioritised and addressed in this order:**

The issue represents an immediate danger to the user.

An obstruction that prevents or inhibits use of the path.

Not so severe that it would warrant attention prior to the parish being visited on the parish maintenance programme.

Maintenance work is carried out by Rights of Way officers, landowners/occupiers, or in partnership with external contractors, parish and town councils, the Probation Service and volunteer groups.

### **Obstructions and enforcement**

Most landowners carry out their responsibilities without contact or action from the council. However, where landowners fail to comply with their statutory duties, the council is required to resolve the matter. This is normally achieved through co-operation, although if necessary, the council will serve legal notice, take direct action to clear an obstruction at the landowner's expense, or seek prosecution.

### **Temporary closures**

Occasionally it may be necessary to legally close a right of way or to request voluntary restraint for a limited period of time in the interests of public safety, or to allow works on or adjacent to a right of way to be carried out. Rights of way must not be closed or in any way restricted without the council's prior consent.

**Traffic Regulation Orders** Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) may be used to prohibit certain kinds of traffic from rights of way that are considered unsuitable or inappropriate. This can be done with a permanent TRO, a temporary TRO on a seasonal or all-year-round basis, or by means of voluntary restraint.

**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>

**Church Street Railings** - the Area Highways Engineer has given the following update regarding the Railings replacement timeline. The posts are taking longer than expected due to the pattern shop being very busy and it will be the end of July before they are delivered now. I apologise for the delay.

**Petition** – Council accepted a Petition received from High Street Residents, PCSO Debbie Robbins asked that it be highlighted to parishioners to report issues seen regarding traffic to the Policing Team as soon as they see them on the 101 system in place. It was noted that the Rural Policing Team will be supporting the Community Speed Watch Team when it is live in the High Street so hopefully this will assist with some of the issue highlighted.

It was agreed that Wiltshire Council be approached by Councillor Simon Wager re a Traffic Survey by the Principal Highways Engineer regarding the issues highlighted as he was already working with the Principal Highways Engineer on the Church Street improvements.

**Audit** – The Internal Audit has been actioned and Electors can to exercise their rights on the dates Monday 17th June 2019 to Friday 26th July 2019 by appointment. Please contact the Clerk.

**Date of the next meeting-** Tuesday 9th July 2019 is the date of the next Parish Council meeting. All are welcome to attend.

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 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**

## **Vacancy on the Parish Council! Being a Councillor**

Maiden Bradley Parish Council needs a new team member; if you think you would like to take the wishes of the Parish Plan forward are over 18 years of age contact the Clerk on 01985213436 or email [maidenbradley@virgin-media.com](mailto:maidenbradley@virgin-media.com) for an application form.

### **What is a councillor?**

Councillors are elected to represent an individual geographical unit on the council, known as a ward or - parish – in Maiden Bradley it is the entire parish. They are generally elected by the public every four years, but there is a Co-option space available on the Parish Council at the moment as Councillor Poppy Wilcox has given her resignation to the Parish Council.

### **What do councillors do?**

Councillors have three main components to their work.

1. *Decision making* - Through meetings and attending committees with other elected members, councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.
2. *Monitoring* - Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.
3. *Getting involved locally* - As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations. These responsibilities and duties often depend on what the councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available, and may include:
  - Going to meetings of local organisations such as the Rural Police Neighbourhood Tasking Group
  - Going to meetings of bodies affecting the wider community (The Warminster Area Board)
  - Taking up issues on behalf of members of the public

### **How much time does it take up?**

Quite often councillors say that their duties occupy them for about five to 21 hours a week. Obviously there are some councillors who spend more time than this - and some less, but in the main, being a parish councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community, and helping to make it a better place to live and work.

As a councillor representing your community you will help keep it a great place to live and work. You will be supported in your role and will be expected to undertake training. You should be comfortable working electronically. You should have a positive outlook and a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team. If after reading this notice you are interested in applying please contact the clerk to the council using the above details.

**The closing date for applications to be received by the Clerk is the**

**2nd September 2019.**

## Welcome Club

On **Tuesday 28th May**, the Welcome Club went on their monthly coach outing to Hereford. We went via Chepstow Garden Centre where we had a coffee break then onto Hereford. We should have gone via Wye Valley route but because of road works we went via a different route near Monmouth but, it was beautiful with the Welsh mountains in the distance. We stayed in Hereford for just over two hours where everyone was able to get lunch etc. On our homeward journey we stopped at Tintern Mill for tea. They are known for their teacakes which are as big as a small dinner plate, so people who ordered them found someone to share it with. We did our raffle on the bus at Tintern and arrived home about 7.15pm. Our July outing is Lyndhurst and Bournemouth, if anyone is interested, please contact me.

*Welcome Club was held on **Thursday 20th June**, I am sorry to say only a few members attended. We were entertained by Musical Memories who are a group of singers. They came from Southwick and raise money for Children's Hospice South West. Luckily, they had music sheets for us to join in with the songs from the 50's and 60's, and the people who did attend I think, enjoyed themselves. Our next meeting is Thursday 18th July and our outing in July is to Lyndhurst & Bournemouth.*

On **Tuesday 25th June** Welcome Club members and friends set off on their monthly outing. This month it was to Broad Windsor Craft Centre and Lyme Regis. We set off on a very damp muggy misty morning and hoped the weather would improve. When we arrived at the Craft Centre the weather was overcast but dry. Everyone enjoyed their coffee and cake and browsed the other little shops there. We arrived in Lyme Regis at 12.30pm and the weather was much improved and by late afternoon it was warm and sunny. I think everyone enjoyed themselves. Some even paddled even though the water was cold! Leaving Lyme Regis at 4.30pm we continued our outing to the Sparkford Inn where we stopped for half an hour, did our raffle and arrived home at 7.20pm after a splendid day out.

For further information contact Pearl 844779





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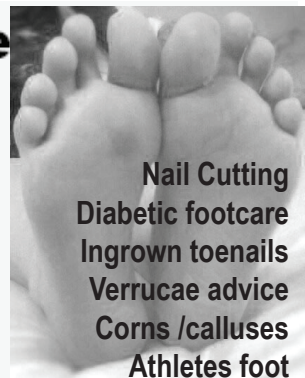
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