


# Maiden Bradley Parish News

370 April 2020



“Every area of trouble gives out a ray of hope  
and the one unchangeable certainty is  
that nothing is certain or unchangeable”

*J F KENNEDY*

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## April Diary

6	Mon	Green garden collection
8	Wed	Recycling
13	Mon	Household Waste
20	Mon	Green garden collection
22	Wed	Recycling
27	Mon	Household Waste



## Useful Telephone Numbers

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## Editorial

Not surprisingly, the April edition of the News will be somewhat slim and online only for the first time in order to reflect the state of the situation with regard to Covid 19.. Basically, all events and meetings are cancelled with even the prayer meeting going online. I applaud Sarah Neish for her timely delivery of her 'help for villagers' leaflet, which has been copied in the news for further reference. Having listened to the daily news briefings by the Prime Minister, I can only add that here in MB, no one should feel isolated or unable to find food as there are plenty of people willing to help in many different ways in order to maintain the health and well-being of residents.

The News Team extend their best wishes for your continued good health.

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



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#### **Sarah Neish contact information**

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## *Dear Friends .....*

We are living in challenging times where many are fearful, anxious and living with financial and health worries. It is as though our whole world has changed in almost an instant and looks like it will continue that way for sometime. In Maiden Bradley we greatly value friendliness and supporting each other, but the physical closeness to neighbours we enjoy is suddenly removed. We must “socially isolate” and this includes churches. There can be no public worship for the foreseeable future, instead the Archbishop of Canterbury is asking us to be a different sort of church in these coming months: “hopeful and rooted in the offering of prayer and praise and overflowing in service to the world.”

There are so many stories of acts of kindness and thoughtfulness throughout our communities and especially amongst people in Maiden Bradley which is incredibly encouraging. I’m sure you have been thanked but I’d like to say “thank you” too.

Although we can’t meet as church our prayer for all the community goes on. I will continue to take the services I am down to (29th March and 19th April) and come to church on Tuesdays ringing the bell and saying prayers at 9.30. I really hope you will hear the bell in your homes and feel assured of God’s presence.

**With love - Rev Carol**

**Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and  
fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us  
from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen.**



## **NEWS FROM THE HALL**

Well folks, my report is somewhat limited as we all face up to dealing with the Coronavirus.

All events have been postponed or cancelled until further notice, however please be aware that the shop will still open and continue to operate for as long as possible.

On 21st February we held a really successful quiz night with lots of new faces attending and many people said how much they enjoyed it. £183 was raised and a donation of £20 for another chair so over £200 for one night is great, thank you to all who attended and both the winners and runners up for giving their prize money back.

Rosie Brown held another cookery demo on 22nd February and was hoping to continue with this popular event but, of course, will not be able to do so for the time being.

Please support the shop as much as possible and we hope things will begin to return to normal quicker than is currently being predicted.

Meanwhile stay safe and healthy and I hope the next report will be able to bring more cheer.

Best wishes,

Pam Thomlinson

### **Cookery Demonstration**

On Saturday 18th April, Rosie Brown would have delighted us with the following menu at her cooking demonstration. Sadly, like everything else, it will not be taking place.

Stuffed Eggs, Lamb and Apricot Pie OR Duck and Mandarin Pie and Pink Rhubarb and White Chocolate Mousse.

I am sure that there are many of us who will look forward to the return of Rosie's Kitchen.



## Easter Flowers in Church

I had written a reminder about us meeting on April 11th to arrange flowers in church, but in light of recent events with the virus and church services we will need to do a rethink.

If there is no Easter service in our church, I still intend to have the church looking cheery after the long spell of Lent. I will be down there on Saturday 11th from 10a.m as usual arranging at least one pedestal, but I will leave it to all flower arrangers to decide on whether to come as well. Even if there is no Easter Service many villagers may like to visit church on the Easter Sunday and it would be lovely to have festive surroundings to enjoy.

If you still intend to help on Saturday please ring me so that we can chat about where your arrangement can go. That way you will be able to come anytime throughout the Saturday to suit you. Contact Sue on 844244.



## Church News

**All Church services are now postponed until further notice. The prayer meeting will continue to meet at 6.30 on Wednesdays, but at present this will be a virtual meeting online.**

**If you would like to be included or to add a prayer request, phone Celia 01985 844817.**

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# Church Street Railings



We are all aware of the state of the footpath by the railings to the church and the lack of maintenance, plus waiting for the replacement railing to arrive and be fitted.

A small group of parishioners have got together and are going to take on the clearing and repainting of the railings. All with the support of the Highways. After discussing the matter with the engineer from Highways it was agreed the following. They will supply the appropriate signage for the team to use while cleaning and painting the railings at the church end of the railings. Work has already started on clearing the footpath just past the church led by Carl Warner supported by myself. The tonne of rubbish removed was very kindly cleared by Russell Higgins and is very much appreciated.

Highways have agreed that when the railing replacement takes place they will leave the temporary traffic signals in place for three further days after completion to allow our team to complete painting in safety. They have very kindly also agreed and are about to deliver all the paint and brushes required.

Of course all this is subject to the restrictions in place with regards to the current Covid19 situation which hopefully for all our sakes passes quickly.

***Simon Wager***

Vice Chairman

Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield Parish Council



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**Come all ye bold heroes give an ear to my song  
We're all self-isolating and the days feel so long  
But it's still probably worth it our health to preserve  
So let's stay indoors and we'll flatten the curve.**

**We'll flatten the curve, we'll flatten the curve  
So let's stay indoors and we'll flatten the curve.**

**The Italians they shut borders and the Irish shut pubs  
From China to the States, hands they are feverishly scrubbed  
The French they take dinner with home-made hors d'oeuvres  
So let's stay indoors and we'll flatten the curve**

**We'll flatten the curve, we'll flatten the curve  
So let's stay indoors and we'll flatten the curve.**

**My friends they do attend me when I'm laid at my ease  
Through facebook and twitter they're eager to please  
To keep my hopes high and my mood to observe  
So let's stay indoors and we'll flatten the curve.**

**We'll flatten the curve, we'll flatten the curve  
So let's stay indoors and we'll flatten the curve.**

**Grandparents and asthmatics, well they need care the best  
So let's free up space for our dear NHS  
We're all in this together, let our courage not swerve  
So let's stay indoors and flatten the curve**

**We'll flatten the curve, we'll flatten the curve  
So let's stay indoors and we'll flatten the curve.**



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# COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH NEWS

Police Community Volunteers working on behalf of  
the Wiltshire Police and Maiden Bradley



Welcome to Community Speed Watch News, compiled and produced by the Maiden Bradley Community Speed Watch Volunteers to keep the village aware of our activities.

As always a very big thank you to all the teams that have carried Community Speed Watch duties to date

Our Activities have been curtailed over the last few months because of weather and availability/work requirements. However we have been active.

*28th January 08:00 to 09:00hrs Bus Stop 178 vehicles No recorded breaches of speed limit.  
7th March 13:00 to 14:30hrs Church Street 164 vehicles No recorded breaches of speed limit.  
11th March 13:00hrs to 14:30:00hrs Frome Road 123 vehicles 13 vehicles recorded breaching the speed limit.*

During the 7th March session we were accompanied by our village PCSO Candida Jackson whose presence had a noticeable effect on the traffic. Candida plans to be with us as much as she is able within the boundaries of her duties. All of which is very welcome.

Unfortunately because of the current Covid19 situation a number of our team have requested to stand down until the current situation is cleared. This is also in line with Wiltshire Constabulary recommendations. Hopefully it will not be too long before we hit the streets again.

Nevertheless, Community Speed Watch is starting to have the effect it's supposed to, that is to calm the traffic and keep it within the given speed limits.

However we still need more volunteers to help with this important duty, so if you would like to join the team just call me on 01985 844848 and start the process of being a Community Speed Watch Volunteer.

Finally and while its not directly related to CSW activities, two incidents took place on the B3092 involving HGV vehicles. One an articulated tanker the other a rigid tanker. Both reported to the police and Highways both recorded as driver error. These matters are the responsibility of the Highways and Police not the Parish Council. However having spoken with both organisations they are more than happy to update the Parish Council if and when required.

## Simon Wager

Simon Wager. Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator.  
Vice Chairman Maiden Bradley Parish Council



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# GREENER MAIDEN BRADLEY

To help our community  
reduce its carbon footprint...

The CV induced change in our routines may naturally (if only temporarily) reduce our impact on the planet so let's see some positive in the crisis if we can.



The timing provides the perfect moment to get outside & grow things (how lucky we are to have a community garden). We can plant for the year ahead for produce that will have a few food-yards when consumed rather than the numerous food-miles that veg from shops can have. The mental health benefits of gardening are well known & we may all need a boost of this kind now. A study has shown that there are natural chemicals in soil that have the same effect as anti-depressants but without the side effects.

I have not mown the grass in our small patch of garden yet which makes it look scruffy but provides a much happier environment in which smaller residents can live. I plan to make little paths to help us access our compost heaps & washing line but leave the majority of the grass long until June when wildflower seeds have set.

There is no definitive guide to mowing times but it is good to be aware of the issues.

wildseed.co.uk quote Shakespeare's, Henry V

The even mead that erst brought sweetly forth  
The freckled cowslip, burnet and green clover  
Wanting the scythe, all uncorrected, rank  
Conceives by idleness, and nothing teems  
But hateful docks, rough thistles, keksies, burs,  
Losing both beauty and utility.

Wildseed also say:

"The number and timing of cuts required each year will depend on soil fertility (how fast the grass grows) & site objectives. More cuts will be needed on sites with fertile soil & for a tidy managed appearance. Low profile sites on poor soils need less mowing. There is considerable scope to vary the pattern of mowing and grazing both from one spot to another & from one year to another to create different effects - experiment to find what suits your site."

**Happy gardening Bradleys!**

Please contact Kate on [katemoore@silkmillstudios.co.uk](mailto:katemoore@silkmillstudios.co.uk) or 844305

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## LUNCHEON CLUB NEWS

We have lost one of our oldest and long standing members with the death of John Gooding. John was brought up in Horningsham from the age of 8 living at Broadslade Cottage with his Mum and Dad who worked in the walled garden. He travelled with his partner Pat, who sadly died a few months ago from Trowbridge every week to the Luncheon Club where he had many friends. Every year John made our Christmas table decorations for our celebratory meal in December which were then sold to swell our funds. Pat and John also supported our Welcome Club and joined our monthly outings. The members send their condolences to all of John's family.

Our last luncheon club before Easter will be on 2nd April opening again on 23rd April. Our AGM will be held the following week on 30th April when our Treasurer Pearl will be reporting on our year's expenditure.

Any alterations to these dates due to the Coronavirus will be posted on the Facebook page of Horningsham News and Maiden Bradley Parish News or you can contact Lesley on 211355 or Margaret on 844756 for any further updates.

**STOP PRESS - Sadly the above events have had to be cancelled.**

### **Horningsham Village Fayre 2020**

It is with much regret that the fayre committee have taken the decision to cancel the fayre this year.

We aim to be back next year and hope that you will all come and enjoy a fun filled day as usual.

**Steve Crossman – Village Fayre Chairman**

### **WELCOME CLUB**

Hopefully, the following are the dates and destinations of our monthly coach trips this year.

28th April	Mystery Trip	
26th May	Teignmouth	(Coffee at Ottery Garden Centre)
23rd June	Cardiff	(Coffee at Chepstow Garden Centre)
28th July	Weymouth	(Coffee at Dorchester)
25th August	Sidmouth	(Coffee at Crewkerne)
29th Sept	Swanage & Corfe Castle	(Coffee at Blandford)
20th Oct	Poole	(Coffee at Lyndhurst)

Cost is £12 for members, £15 for non-members.

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Pick up points and times for all trips

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There are many opportunities to get involved with the scheme, whether you're interested in nature, history or culture (or all of these!). The projects include opportunities to help with uncovering archaeology, improving rights of way, oral history, wildlife and ways to get involved with creative artistic projects. We'll keep you updated through these emails, on social media, and look out for our roadshows in the area and further afield, from this spring onwards. If you'd like to get involved in these projects, we'd love to hear from you - click here to let us know.

We're recruiting now for the Chase and Chalke Landscape Partnership Manager to lead the team and to deliver these exciting projects. To find out more and to apply see the [wiltshire council website](http://wiltshirecouncil.gov.uk)

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## *Advance Notice.....A FLOWER FESTIVAL!*

It was two years ago that we had a flower festival in the village, and so after a year off we are all energised again for another flower EXTRAVAGANZA! The theme is 'Feasts and Festivals'. It will hopefully take place in your village church on July 11th and 12th. We have composed a list of titles, or you might come up with one of your own. So at the moment we are thinking of floral designs to illustrate a diversity of themes such as pancake day, August bank holiday, Valentines day and many more. IF you would like to get involved, please contact Sue on 844244.



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