

Maiden Bradley Parish News

374 August 2020



**Zena standing next to a giant Hollyhock in her and Steve's garden.
At 3.7m and still growing, has anyone grown a taller one this year?**

AUGUST DIARY

<i>2</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>COMMUNION SERVICE</i>	<i>10am</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Household waste collection</i>	
<i>10</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Green Bin collection</i>	
<i>12</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Recycling</i>	
<i>17</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Household waste collection</i>	
<i>23</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>SUNDAY WORSHIP</i>	<i>10am</i>
<i>24</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Green bin collection</i>	
<i>26</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Recycling</i>	
<i>31</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Household waste collection</i>	

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Magazine available online on the village website:

www.maidenbradleyvillage.org.uk

Editorial

On my daily walks around the village I notice that it is time for many of us to cut back the branches that overhang the pavements. There are some vicious looking brambles in need of attention before they take a swipe at someone's face and many overhanging flowering shrubs which attract bees and wasps which can also be a hazard to everyone. Thank you for your attention to this annual problem.

With the easing of lockdown this last month, we were able to attend the Cake and Plant sale at the Village Hall, which was very successful and a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours, not seen for many months.

The Shop receives donations of fresh fruit and vegetables/salad, locally grown, has a wonderful variety of essential everyday items from biscuits to butter, firefighters to freezer foods and always a friendly greeting and chat from the volunteers – please support this village asset.

Pat Kennedy

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Church opening at last!

Hello Friends

Hallelujah, praise the Lord we can gather again in our beloved church to worship! A group of us have got together to make sure that you will be safe as you come back – which is really important to us. We have carefully done our Risk Assessment.

Our first service is CW communion on Sunday 2nd August at 10.00. We aren't yet able to sing in church – special tests are being carried out by Porton Down and the Salisbury Cathedral choir to check germ dispersal. Communion in one kind only can be given but I can't say the words "the body of Christ" to you as you receive a wafer. No common cup either yet. The seating is in alternate pews to which the sidesperson will guide you. There is hand sanitiser of course and for Track and Trace we'll need to hold contact details of you for 21 days. Our church collection will now be held as you leave after the service.

Our next service is 23rd August which would have been the weekend of the Village Show. Jane Hurd will lead this service combining the shows themes and celebrations in a virtual way this year.

If you don't feel safe coming into the building there are still going to be online services found on stmichaels-mere.org.uk website.

We are really looking forward to seeing you in church, please come if you can.

Love in Christ - *Rev Carol*



NEWS FROM THE HALL

Well, what can I say except “good old Maiden Bradley”! The plant and cake sale held outdoors in beautiful sunshine on 12th July raised just over £500, giving a much needed boost to hall funds. Huge thanks to all who attended and all those who contributed the delicious cakes and plants, with a special mention to Lakeside Garden Centre for their donation.



Our thanks must also go to Carol Kenzie for compiling the village quiz, enjoyed by many, and a nice change in these difficult times we are going through. As promised, here are the winners, so congratulations to them:

1st was Sue Priestner, and joint runners up were Janet Boothby and Fiona Russell. If anyone wants to see the answers they are available to view in the village shop.

Whilst on the subject of the shop, thank you to all those who continue to support it. As I'm sure you are aware, it has been a vital lifeline throughout lockdown and its continued use will ensure it remains with us for the future. Our appreciation must go to Sheila and the volunteers who make this possible, so a huge thank you to them.

With all the uncertainty that still surrounds us, there are no further events to announce as yet, but we hope to have something planned and ready to publish in the September news. So watch this space!

Meanwhile, stay safe and well.

Best Wishes,

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Just as lockdown was approaching, the Parish council realised that a response was needed to the impending situation, of villagers having to self-isolate or shield. Therefore in mid-March, leaflets were rushed out to let everyone in the village about how to volunteer and how to ask for help. We were overwhelmed with people offering assistance – in fact so many more people offered their services, than people requesting help! Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered, and I am sorry if I never contacted you for assistance.

In the end about 10 households received regular help, often from people in the village they had never met before and new connections and friendships have been formed as a result. I know that there have been many other informal arrangements going on, with neighbours stepping up to help in all manner of ways. There are some people who have now been shopping and doing errands for others regularly for over 4 months and I am exceedingly grateful to you all – THANK YOU.

Hopefully there will no second wave, but if there is, we can be assured that there are a large number of willing people to step up!

Sarah Neish



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Progress Report from the Friends of Maiden Bradley Church

The Friends was set up 4 years ago to help raise money to look after our beautiful Grade 1 listed church in the village. Over the last year we have managed to buy a new lawn mower for the churchyard, complete some much-needed work to the large stain glass window, and do some re-pointing work on the Tower. In total the Friends has spent £3240 on various essential work on the church, just this year alone.

In the future we are hoping to get the clock restored, although need more donations before this can go ahead. We are also looking at some restoration on the organ, which is suffering from bat damage as well as some decay.

We have been very fortunate in receiving a couple of large donations over the last few years, as well as having some regular givers. We also raise money through Easy Fundraising (which raises funds through online shopping). This is such an easy way of raising money -please consider signing up – the companies you are buying from donate the money – you don't have to pay anything! I am happy to help anyone set it up.

Sarah Neish

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A VIRTUAL PRODUCE SHOW 2020

The show in the memorial hall would have taken place on August the 22nd this year, so could as many of you as possible take part in a virtual show during the 7 days between August 13th to the 20th.

The idea is that during that time period you make a display of produce that has been grown in your garden, then photograph it and send it to the village newsletter ready for the September edition. The display photo could include a vase (or more) of flowers, a trug of fruit or vegetables or a mix of both. Preserves could also be included if the fruit or veg has come from your garden.

Let's share with each other what our gardens have produced during the week of the show, in the September edition of the village Newsletter.

If you have any questions, please phone Sue Priestner on 844244.



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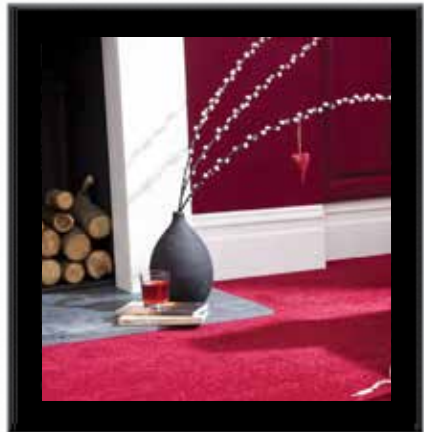
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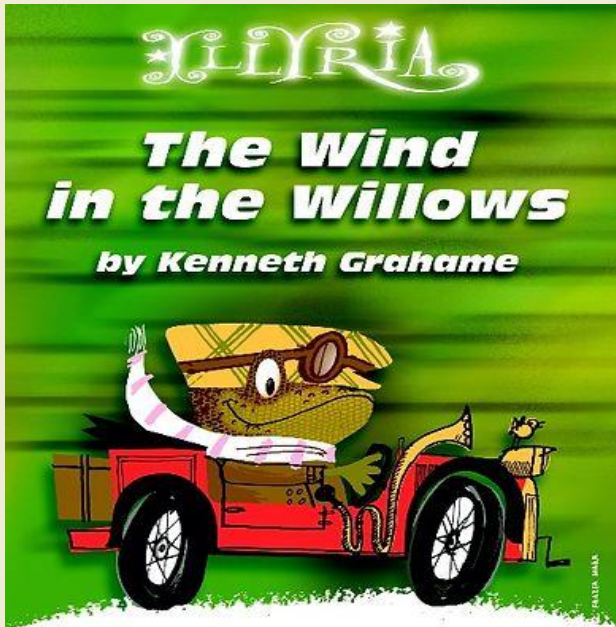


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THIS MONTH WE ARE
FEATURING A GARDEN THAT
IS A HAVEN FOR
BIRDS & INSECTS

Sue Loudoun moved to Maiden Bradley in 2002 & her space was basically just a bare rectangle. She is now 92 & still does all the work on her incredible creation herself. As you can see from this white rose, insects prefer simple open flowers to the highly cultivated ones with many layers of petals meaning that they cannot easily find their way to the nectar. Scientists report a huge reduction in the numbers of insects that are splattered on car windscreens since the 1970s (do you remember how often we needed to go & scrape them off?). Insects may be a nuisance but they are all part of the network of life that we adjust at our peril, yes even the pesky wasps that have been attacking the new bees at the Community Garden.





You might like to take part in a nationwide survey; The Big Butterfly Count which continues until 9th August. It only takes 15 minutes.

Go to <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org> to download the helpful chart & start counting!

more pictures from Sue's garden

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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.

From the 20th July 2020 Community Speed Watch Teams can commence their activities within the current boundaries laid down by government regulation.

This means that as of Friday 24th July Maiden Bradley Community Speed Watch teams will be active in the village twice a week for the coming months.

During the lockdown period a lot of thought has gone into how we operate and the most appropriate areas to work. Frome Road, Church Street two position and High Street.

With the joining of three new members now duly approved by Wiltshire police CSW we are up to strength. This makes the task less arduous for the group as a whole for the workload is spread more thinly.

Thank you for all your support in the CSW activities and for your support in the future.

We will publish as before results of the CSW activities monthly as soon as we collect them.

Simon Wager.

Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator.

Vice Chairman Maiden Bradley Parish Council



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- Don't have BBQs or fires
- Keep dogs under effective control
- Dog poo - bag it and bin it

Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead, check what facilities are open, be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs and obey social distancing measures



COVID-19

COUNTRYSIDE CODE

Natural England has created a shortened version of the Countryside Code for those visiting the countryside during the coronavirus pandemic.

If you're looking for ideas about where to explore around Cranborne Chase, we have a series of walks and viewpoints on the explore pages of our website.

We are adding more walks over the summer but we would love to hear from you if you have a particularly favourite walk that you would like to share please get in touch.

CRANBORNE CHASE AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN 2019 - 2024

The full management plan for the AONB is now available online. We also have copies that are available on a USB stick which can be sent out as necessary.

Please contact the office for more information.

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**CELEBRATION IN SILK:
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We've now appointed a lead artist to work with communities to create their very own silk flags reflecting the flora, fauna, history and culture of their places. Communities in the Chase & Chalke area can get involved and learn the art of silk batik painting. These flags will be used at the annual ChalkEscape Walking Festival and elsewhere.

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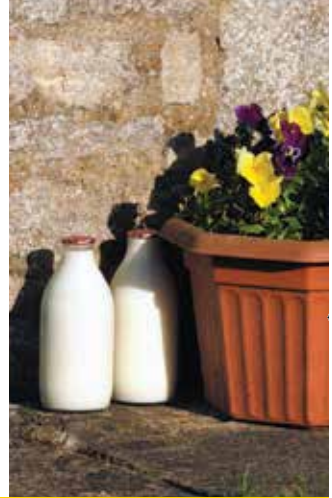
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