

Maiden Bradley Parish News

376 October 2020



**A lovely sunny afternoon for the
produce sale which raised £210
for the Memorial Hall**

October Diary

4	Sun	No Service at All Saints'	
5	Mon	Green Bin collection	
7	Wed	Recycling collections	
11	Sun	Harvest Festival	10.50 for 11am
12	Mon	Household waste collection	
18	Sun	St Luke's Day Holy Communion	10am
19	Mon	Green Bin collection	
21	Wed	Recycling collections	
25	Sun	Bible Sunday	10am
26	Mon	Household waste collection	



Useful Telephone Numbers

Speed Watch Co-ordinator	Simon Wager	simon.m.wager@gmail.com
Community Garden	Kate Moore	katemore@silkmillstudios.co.uk 01985 844305
Book Club	Jessica Johnson	01985 844174
Pilates		01985 511693
Cookery Demonstrations	Rosie Brown	01985 844236
Luncheon Club		01985 844779
Welcome Club Outings		01985 844779
Scrabble Club		01985 844919
Memorial Hall bookings		01985 845303
Dr Andrew Murrison MP		01225 358584
	murrisona@parliament.uk	
Mere Link Scheme		01747 860096
Rev. Carol Wilson-Barker		01747 861859



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The post office is open in the Village Hall on Tuesdays 1-3pm

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Coffee Mornings every Friday in the Hall 10 am till 12 noon

Maiden Bradley Parish News – contributions are preferred in editable text format.

Email pat@visa-office.com

Magazine available online on the village website:

www.maidenbradleyvillage.org.uk

Editorial

For the first time in many years, the Parish News is holding out its begging bowl in the hope of raising funds to bridge the gap in finances that the C19 virus has caused due to losing a number of our regular advertisers.

The amount of revenue lost this year is £640.

Please make your contribution, in the envelope provided, it will be gratefully received. Thank you.

The newly re-introduced restrictions allowing only 6 persons to meet outside in a group means that the proposed Apple Day at the Community Garden is now cancelled.

Pat Kennedy 845397 pat@visa-office.com

Family News - Thank You Notice

*We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the endless messages, cards, flowers, sweet treats, offers of help, love and support we've received since losing Andrew so suddenly. Team Freeman is truly "feeling the love" and it is a comfort to us.
We're doing okay.*

We have a donations page set up for the British Heart Foundation so if anyone would like to light a candle, leave a message or make a donation please follow this link:

<https://andrewfreeman.muchloved.com>

Much love and thanks again, Anne, Brya and Floyd.

B Presented to
rian Sparks

by the parishioners of
Maiden Bradley.

Thank-you for caring for
the old turret clock movement
and for your kindness
in returning it to
its original home.



Leather case and scroll presented to Brian Sparks .

The old clock is not yet in Maiden Bradley but is with Chris McKay the clock expert who so kindly collected it from Warwickshire and who will dismantle and service it before returning it to Maiden Bradley.

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NEWS FROM THE HALL

Hope everyone is well and coping with the new restrictions due to covid-19.

The produce sale at the hall, held on 13th September, raised a creditable £210. Sadly, there was a much lower turnout (33 people, including children) than the cake sale, so grateful thanks to those who did attend and/or contribute. Thanks to Rosie Brown for organising.

I can only reiterate the need to support the hall and the shop and feel we should all bear in mind the vital role the shop took during lockdown. We are, of course, still living through uncertain times.

Due to covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to proceed with the hall AGM previously planned for 7pm on Monday 5th October.

If anyone is interested in joining the committee, please contact either Brenda on 01985 844512 or Sheila on 01985 844218.

Best Wishes and Stay Safe

Pam Thomlinson

From Rev Carol...

We were recently able to hold our Annual Meeting for All Saints church only 6 months late! It was a chance to review 2019 and to pass the Parish accounts. It seemed strange looking back to the time when the world was different. We also talked about the next 3 months of church life which is traditionally quite a busy time – harvest, Remembrance and Christmas. The harvest festival service will be in the church led by Mrs Jane Hurd. Sadly, congregational singing is still not permitted but if you arrive at 10.50 you can sing hymns in our choir for services. We will have our food collection as usual for the Warminster and District Foodbank (please bring items ready bagged) we sadly can't accept fresh goods this year. The FB are particularly asking for tinned items of veg, meat, pasta, milk puddings, cereals, tea bags (40), coffee jars, chocolate bars, toiletries and household cleaning items. They would like to thank you very much for all your kind offerings so far.

We are thinking about Remembrance in the church which may have to be a "ticket only" event and also making plans for Christmas. As always, our best thoughts now may be changed by Government advice and law.

A little quote from Walt Whitman's Early poems.

"Oh, how good a thing it is that the great God who has placed us in this world-where amid so much that is beautiful, there still exists vast bestowal among humans of grief, disappointment and agony – has planted in our bosoms the great sheet-anchor of Hope."

***Blessings -
Rev Carol***

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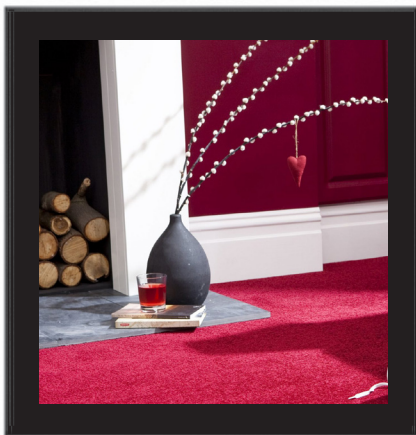
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COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH NEWS

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.

Your CSW teams have restarted operation and have been active to date on the following days. The appropriate areas being addressed are Frome Road, Church Street two positions and The High Street

Bus Stop Friday 24th July 06:00hrs to 07:00hrs with 60 vehicles logged and two vehicles reported at 39mph.

Bus Stop Friday 31st July 06:00 to 07:00hrs with 67 vehicles logged and one vehicle reported at 39mph

From Road 5th August 09:00 to 10:00hrs with 127 vehicles logged and six vehicles reported in excess of 35mph

Bus Stop 7th August 06:00 to 07:00hrs with 61 vehicles logged and 2 vehicles reported at 40mph.

Frome Road 12th August 16:00 to 17:00hrs with 176 vehicles logged and 10 vehicles reported in excess of 35mph

Bus Stop 14th August 06:00 to 07:00hrs with 56 vehicles logged and 2 vehicles reported in excess of 38mph

Church Street 18th August 11:00 to 12:00hrs with 220 vehicles logged and no excessive speed. **Good News**

High Street 20th August 17:30 to 18:30hrs with 62 vehicles logged and again no excessive speed. **Again good news**

Bus Stop 24th August 06:00 to 07:00hrs 60 vehicles counted and two vehicles reported in excess of 38mph

Frome Road 26th August 17:00 to 18:00hrs 160 vehicles Logged with 9 reported in excess of 35mph

Thank you to all the teams for their time. Remember they are volunteers and carry out CSW for the benefit of all in the Community.

We were lucky to have our PCSO officer Candida Jackson in support of our activities and I am pleased to write that Candida will be with each team as much as she is able to support CSW activity.

Other Matters

Sadly we have lost Andrew Freeman from our CSW group. Andrew slipped away four weeks ago quite suddenly and unexpectedly. He is sorely missed by his family, friends and the CSW team to which he was a great companion. Personally I miss him greatly.

So we now have another request for a willing member of the community to come forward and join our CSW team. Should you wish to do so please contact me and I will start the simple process for you.

Simon Wager

Simon Wager

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



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Thank you to our Farmers from the Parish Council and our Community

Quite rightly during this trying period, great stores have been set and heartfelt thanks given to the NHS, Supermarket Workers, Essential Services and all those many volunteers who have willingly given their time to support those in need within their community.

Yet nothing nationally or locally has been done or said, to say thank you to the farmers. Who have had no option but to continue to provide food, care for their stock and care for the land regardless of risk and all the problems associated with the current C19 situation. Let alone the contribution they make to the community lending generators to help with village projects, spraying footpaths, cutting roadside hedges and the many other tasks they are asked to carry. Which they do willingly.

A General Thank You from the community would be very much appreciated.

Remember, regardless of living in the countryside, in an attractive village, we are in fact living in a great big factory producing food for all.

Thank you Farmers!

Simon Wager

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Vice Chairman

Maiden Bradley Parish Council



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A BIRTHDAY TO REMEMBER

Following a number of cancellations due to bad weather and the 'virus' I managed to book a fishing trip out of Poole on 31st August (Fe's Birthday). I had been led to believe that it would be a simple day out for a spot of light fishing for Bream and Plaice. However, when we got on the boat the skipper informed us that we would be fishing over a reef and that we would need to use 2lb of lead in order to hold the bottom due to depth of water and strength of tide. Luckily the skipper had plenty of big leads on the boat as the heaviest lead I had was 8oz!

I was happy to start the morning with a 15lb Tope but the fishing dropped away as the tide slackened. The skipper worked hard to find the fish but there was no real fishy action until the afternoon. Up until this point Fe had caught nothing, so ignoring the skipper's advice, resorted to tactics of her own i.e. a 150lb trace line with the biggest hook she could find and baited it with a whole mackerel, a whole squid, a rag worm and a raw prawn – she had a few sideways glances from the 'experts' on the boat but they said nothing. Ten minutes later her rod tip bounced and line was stripped off her reel. After considerable effort trying to stay in contact with the fish the skipper managed to net a 35lb Tope – a PB.

Half an hour later something showed interest in the whole mackerel bait I had presented. I thought I had caught a medium sized tope but when the fish came close to the net the skipper informed me that it was a Bass. Trying hard to contain my excitement I managed to steer the fish to the net and was relieved when the 7.5lb fish was in the boat – another PB. The Tope safely returned to the water and the Bass was skilfully filleted and made for a tasty supper.

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MAIDEN BRADLEY WEIGHTWATCHERS CAMPAIGN



Maiden Bradley Weightwatchers is a voluntary group set up to campaign against the HGV's who pass through our village, resulting in them being re-routed on to other roads.

An earlier incarnation of a similarly like minded group managed to get Wiltshire Council to impose a 7.5 ton weight limit on the B3092, but this has never been implemented.

A direct quote from Parvis Khansari, the Director of Highways and Environment at WCC, dated the 4th August 2020 in response to a letter sent by Weightwatchers is "in summary the council promoted an environmental weight limit in Maiden Bradley as part of a wider package of weight restrictions proposed for introduction across Western Wiltshire in 2011, but deferred implementation on safety grounds."

What this means is that they will take no action until the A350/A303 junction right turn is improved as part of the plan to upgrade the A303 following the formation of the Stonehenge Tunnel.

The tunnel has still not got planning permission and a decision is to be taken in November. If it is positive work will start in October 2021 and complete in October 2027. The improvement to the A303/A350 junction that we need to get the weight restriction which would divert HGVs out of our village would then complete in 2029/2030.

All this assumes that permission for the tunnel will be granted but recent archaeological discoveries may prevent this from happening.

So, the aim of our group is to lobby the necessary powers that be to try to make progress to implement the weight limit.

We have already written to the main companies who drive through the village and also County Councillors and the Director of Highways, and we are considering their replies before our next course of action.

What we need to do now is to firstly collect facts about our problem by doing surveys of the volume, time, and names of companies using the B3092. It has been recommended to us that we need 3 months of data to be able to have an arguable case, so we are proposing to do lorry counts and this is where you can help.

For an hour a day on different days of the week and at different times could you give up your time to help us survey on Church Street? We want to start the surveys in September and conclude at the end of November.

If so please contact

Martin Brown, gopsillbrown@gmail.com

or Alex Haig, haigalex@hotmail.com

Additionally if we have an environmental expert in the village we would love to hear from you to help with the effects of exhaust gases, building damage, road damage etc.



OCTOBER

The Instinct of Hope by the Romantic poet John Clare is very timely. Instead of pessimism about the challenges we face in finding a more healthy, less exploitative relationship with the environment, Clare connects us to our deep bonds with nature. Our instincts tell us our lives are lived in the same conditionality as that seen in nature, that perhaps there is a way for us to recover the essential life force. Seeing ourselves as separate and apart from nature we are less likely to make modifications to our actions and behaviour that is needed at this crucial point.

THE INSTINCT OF HOPE

by John Clare

Is there another world for this frail dust
 To warm with life and be itself again?
 Something about me daily speaks there must,
 And why should instinct nourish hopes in vain?
 'Tis nature's prophesy that such will be,
 And everything seems struggling to explain
 The close sealed volume of its mystery.
 Time wandering onward keeps its usual pace
 As seeming anxious of eternity,
 To meet that calm and find a resting place.
 E'en the small violet feels a future power
 And waits each year renewing blooms to bring,
 And surely man is no inferior flower
 To die unworthy of a second spring?



John Clare by William Hilton,
 oil on canvas, 1820

Born 13 July 1793
 Helpston, Northamptonshire,
 England
Died 20 May 1864 (aged 70)

Two programmes (both featuring Sir David Attenborough!) broadcast recently make the point. As he says it is up to us all to do our part and take responsibility for our own role in the damage that our species is causing to this one and only beautiful planet of ours.

The Romantics & Us with Simon Schama BBC2



Documentary
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 Simon Schama explores how the romantics became the first explorers of the unconscious.
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Extinction - The Facts BBC1



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Vacancy for Parish Clerk

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The applicant should have good computer, administrative and communication skills and should be competent in bookkeeping. Local authority experience would be an advantage, but training is available.

The salary will be based on NJC pay scales plus agreed expenses.

If you would like an informal chat about the post, please call the Chair on 01985 844884 or email cllrflint@upperdeverills.co.uk or the current Clerk on 01985 844385. Full information about the Parish Council is available on the website: www.upperdeverills.co.uk.

For an application pack please email the Clerk: clerk@upperdeverills.co.uk.

The closing date for applications is Friday 13th November 2020 and interviews are expected to be held in the week beginning 16th November.



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Article addressing the request put by parishioners in the parish plan.
submitted by Sarah Jeffries - Parish Clerk

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Working parties or 'task-and-finish' groups are occasionally set up by a Parish Council for a short-term purpose. They are not subject to the strict rules that apply to formal council meetings and do not need to be held in public. A working party cannot make a decision on behalf of the council, but they can explore options and present these to the council for a decision.

Where councillors, clerk, and chairman work together as a team they combine knowledge and skills to deliver real benefits to the community they serve. Good working relationships, mutual respect and an understanding of their different roles are vital.

The seven Nolan principles apply to the conduct of Councillors in public life. They are:

- **Selflessness:** you should act in the public interest
- **Integrity:** you should not put yourself under any obligations to others, allow them improperly to influence you or seek benefit for yourself, family, friends or close associates
- **Objectivity:** you should act impartially, fairly and on merit
- **Accountability:** you should be prepared to submit to public scrutiny necessary to ensure accountability
- **Openness:** you should be open and transparent in your actions and decisions unless there are clear and lawful reasons for non-disclosure
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THE USE OF THE LITTER BIN FOR DOG FAECES BAGS AT THE BUS STOP

As I have no doubt many parishioners will have noticed that the Bus Shelter has been re-decorated. The work being carried out by 2 Councillors ably supported and helped by Carl Warner.



However during the process of re-decorating it became intolerable at times to continue because of the Dog Faeces bags being put into the bin that were rotting in the bin even though the bin is cleared by Wiltshire Council on a regular basis. This has led to a series of complaints, some written from parents who are delighted with the refurbished Bus Stop Shelter, however they are complaining bitterly about the appalling smell that comes from the litter bin because of the Dog Faeces being put into the litter bin by the bus shelter. Therefore this is a request of the Parish Council that Dog Faeces bags are not put into this litter bin for the foreseeable future as it is unfair to inflict the risk and foul smell on those, especially the children of our village, who use the bus stop.

There is an investigation being carried out by the Parish Council to establish the feasibility for an appropriate Brown Dog Faeces bin to be provided close by. In the meantime, PLEASE do not use the Bus Stop Litter Bin for the Dog Faeces bags.

Simon Wager

Vice Chairman

Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield Parish Council



**Red Hot Pokers or Kniphofia Reflexa Aspnodleceae
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Unfortunately, they have no perfume.**



THE BEST THING IN WILTSHIRE SINCE SLICED BREAD?

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Or do you have an interesting space – a pub, a barn, a church, a shed – that you'd be prepared to lend to a venueless maker?

If you are and do, and you live in this most gorgeous part of southwest Wiltshire, sign up at once for the Wylve Valley Art Trail, most definitely the best thing in the county since sliced bread.

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