

Maiden Bradley Parish News

389 November 2021



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November Diary

- 1 **Mon** Garden waste recycling
 3 **Wed** Blue bin and black box recycling
 7 **Sun** Sunday Catch-up in the Hall 10-11am
 8 **Mon** Household waste collection
 9 **TUE** PARISH COUNCIL MEETING VILLAGE HALL 7PM
 12 **FRI** ARCHIVE (LOCAL HISTORY) NIGHT 7 FOR 7.30PM START
 14 **Sun** Remembrance Sunday at the Church with Jane Hurd. 10.45am
 Walk - meet at the hall at 11am
 15 **Mon** Garden recycling
 17 **Wed** Blue bin and black box recycling
 19 **FRI** FILM NIGHT, THE GOOD LIAR, 7 FOR 7.30 START
 20 **SAT** CHRIS JAGGER AND BAND 7.30 FOR 8PM START
 COPY DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER ISSUE TO PAT
 21 **Sun** Morning Service, Christ the King. Celia Blay 10am
 22 **Mon** Household waste collection
 26 **FRI** CHRISTMAS FAIR 6PM TO 8PM
 28 **Sun** Communion, First Sunday in Advent. Canon Harold Stephens. 10am
 29 **Mon** Welcome Club Bingo
 Garden waste recycling

December

- 4 **SAT** CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING 10-12AM
 22 **WED** CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS JUDGING DAY

Useful Telephone Numbers

Speed Watch Co-ordinator	Simon Wager	simon.m.wager@gmail.com
Nadder Oil Buying Club	Email: richard.willan@me.com	www.oilbuyingclub.com
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator	Derek Stevens	01985 844428
Community Garden	Kate Moore	katemoore@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	murrisona@parliament.uk	01225 358584
Mere Link Scheme		01747 860096
Bell Ringing Tuesday 7 pm in the Bell Tower at the Church, beginners welcome		844475

Contributions for the newsletter are always welcome.

Please email pat@visa-office.com by 20th of the month



November Editorial

This month the News is full of events in the run up to Christmas and this year the Christmas Decorations Competition is in aid of the Maiden Bradley News. We hope that you will all enter this fun activity, we have great prizes donated by Nick Morgan and another very well qualified judge in James Waterworth, interior and garden designer, to choose the winners.

The Church is in need of someone or a team to take on the maintenance of the church grounds. Carl and Liz have carried out this work for several years and our thanks go to them for all their hard work. Could you spare some time for this activity?

Climate change is now acknowledged as being real by most countries around the world and as a world problem it is often on too large a scale to be able to think of how, as an individual one person can make a difference. Under Kate Moore's guidance we have received many ideas to help with this process and the two that I think would help enormously are, not to eat meat or fish on two days a week and to take no dairy on one day a week. Just like Prince Charles!

Patricia Kennedy 845397 pat@visa-office.com

Message from the Treasurer

A couple of people have recently asked me for bank details for the Newsletter in order to make a donation.

Thank you - that is really appreciated.

Any donations are extremely welcome and can be made to:

Maiden Bradley News

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Account number 00128837

Elaine Lavender 844637

Apologies to all the households I usually deliver newsletters to. Had a fall on holiday in Northumberland, broke some ribs and have been in hospital. Hopefully I'll be back delivering again at start of November.

All the best,

Chris.

Don't forget - if you miss out on a hard copy anytime:

Magazine available online on the village website:

www.maidenbradleyvillage.org.uk

Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

01985 845303 (answerphone)

Sunday 7th November Sunday Catch-up Coffee Morning 10.00-11.00

Friday 12th November Archive Night – an evening of local history

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start

Friday 19th November

Film Night – *The Good Liar* (15 Certificate)

Doors Open 7pm Film starts 7.30pm

FREE ENTRY and a raffle to cover costs

Saturday 20th November

Live Music with Chris Jagger and Band

Tickets £12.50 in advance from [Eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)
or Jo Gilbert 01985 844057

Doors Open 7.30pm for 8.00pm start – Beer and
wine bar available

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NOVEMBER 15 ONLY IN THEATRES

Friday 26th November Christmas Fair 6pm-8pm

Monday 29th November Welcome Club Bingo

Saturday 4th December Christmas Wreath Making 10am-12 noon

Regular events

Mondays - 5-6pm Doctor's Surgery

Tuesdays - 1-3pm Post Office Service

Fridays 10-12 Coffee Morning

Book and jigsaw lending library available during hall opening for regular events

Saturdays 5.00-6.30pm Fish & Chip Van

Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall Website

www.maidenbradleyhall.co.uk

MAIDEN BRADLEY HALL PRESENTS

CHRIS JAGGER & BAND



SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER, 2021

VENUE: MAIDEN BRADLEY VILLAGE HALL BA12 7JG

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ADVANCE TICKETS £ 12:50 on eventbrite

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The Christmas Fair and Bazaar

Our festive occasion will take place on Friday November the 26th from 6pm in the Memorial Hall.

It would be wonderful to see you all there as it is also a great opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours.

There will be lots of stalls such as Christmas crafts, cakes, tombola, raffle, plants, mulled wine with mince pies - and lots more.

To help us make the fair even more interesting it would be much appreciated if you would like to donate any items to the following stalls:

RAFFLE AND TOMBOLA

Donations can be brought to the hall during the coffee morning each Friday between 10 until 12.

Christmas crafts, plants, cakes and baked items can be brought to the hall on the afternoon of November 26th.

All profits raised from the fair will be shared equally between our church and the Memorial Hall.

Christmas wreath-making and mince pies

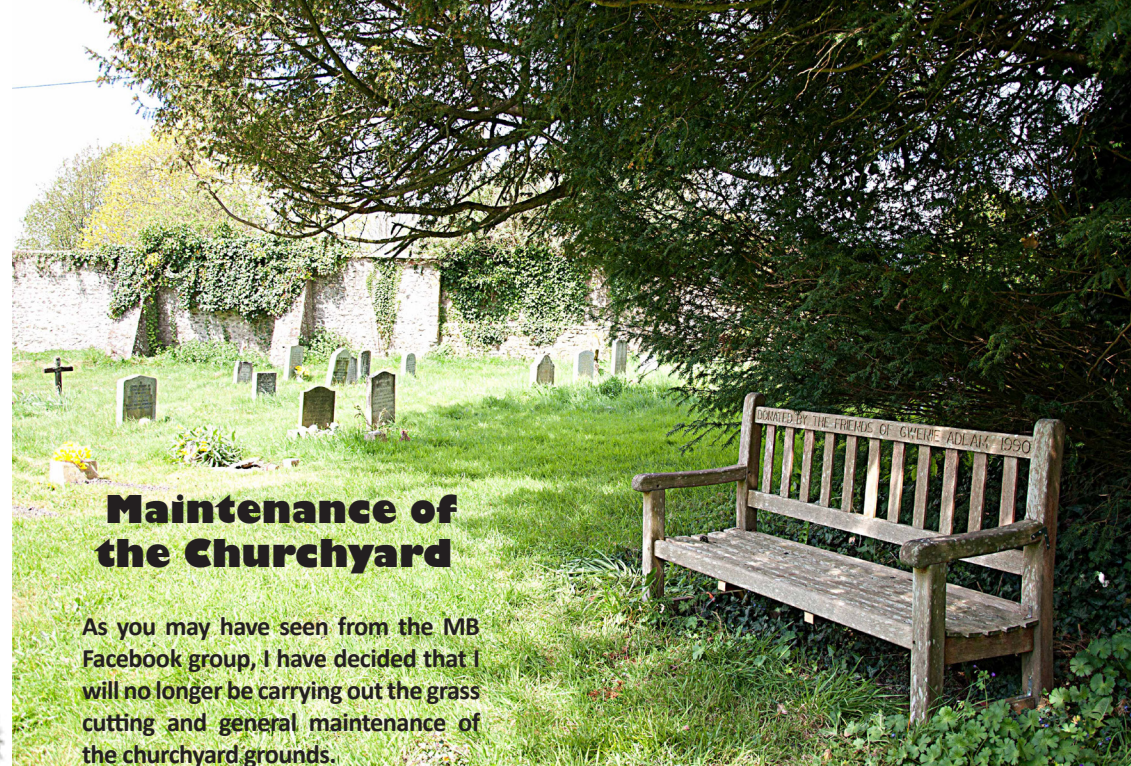
Saturday 4th December, 10.00-12.00 Village Hall, Maiden Bradley

Please join us to make your homemade Christmas wreath together, eat mince pies, have a cup of tea, coffee, or mulled wine, and get into the Christmas spirit!

Recommended materials to bring to make your home-made wreath:

- Wire coat hangers for the frame (or buy a metal wreath frame online)
 - Bring wire so you can attach decoration to the wreath
 - Secateurs/scissors for cutting
 - Evergreens, fir cones, moss, ivy, berries to decorate
- Christmas ribbon, Christmas balls, material etc. to decorate

Donations to the hall gratefully received
Please email Alex Channer (adrchanner@gmail.com)
if you plan to join us.



Maintenance of the Churchyard

As you may have seen from the MB Facebook group, I have decided that I will no longer be carrying out the grass cutting and general maintenance of the churchyard grounds.

Having done this for the last six years, with Liz, it is hoped that someone or a team of volunteers, will step forward and continue this work which has always been done by residents of the village for many decades.

If you are interested, or just want to find out more at this stage, please get in touch and I will go through everything with you. There is a lawnmower, strimmer and other tools available, so you don't need anything other than some time and commitment.

Sadly, if no one is willing to step forward, then the grounds may fall into a state of neglect, which would be very sad for the church and village.

Carl Warner
Tel. 844917.

 
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*subject to eligibility



The Maiden Bradley Climate Collective

Activating Maiden Bradley's Environmental Response

Global or Local?

The UK is hosting COP26 in Glasgow from 31st October - 12th November. This United Nations conference on climate change will review and assess 'where we are' in relation to emissions reduction targets for 2030 with the goal of reaching net zero by mid-century.

At this global level, plans and aspirations for significant change are plagued by many issues. A key initiative is the creation of 'carbon markets' to allow countries to receive credits for reducing emissions in excess of their targets & then selling these credits to countries who are struggling to meet their commitments. This risks initiating a statistical exercise; manipulating figures without having to make any real changes, inevitably resulting in disagreement & fractured relationships between rich & developing countries.

Indeed, we already have a number of problems –

- *Lack of vaccines in poorer countries may prevent attendance of the conference*
- *International relations are currently strained because of Brexit as well as the new security partnership between Australia, the US and the UK*
- *The US and China, who account for over 40% of global emissions, are not in a good place with each other which may interfere with co-operation on this universally vital issue*

Global ambition is nowhere near where it needs to be and many proposals and promises may be empty words BUT maybe the answer is much nearer to home. Rather than depending on governments and global agreements, let us make a difference here where we live. Making a contribution to our local community and building our own initiatives will introduce real, grass-roots change.

As the actors perform on the international stage at the end of October let us stay focused on our village and the small actions we can take to effect real change. If all villages and towns across the country did this there would be less of a need for statistics and posturing.

Wake Up

I open one weary eye
 To find another milky morning
 A smudge of trees trying to be more
 Condensation droplets racing to the floor

All is silent, I close my eyes, waiting
 A sudden alarm of birdsong, I'm awake
 Listening to their declaration of existence
 Demanding to be heard but always at a distance

The morning mist obscures the damage done
 To oak, ash, chestnut and elm
 How long have we got, who can tell?
 For these, it's a lingering, sad farewell

The world awaits, a new day begins
 But the news again is filled with fear
 Forest fires, too much rain
 People can't escape the pain

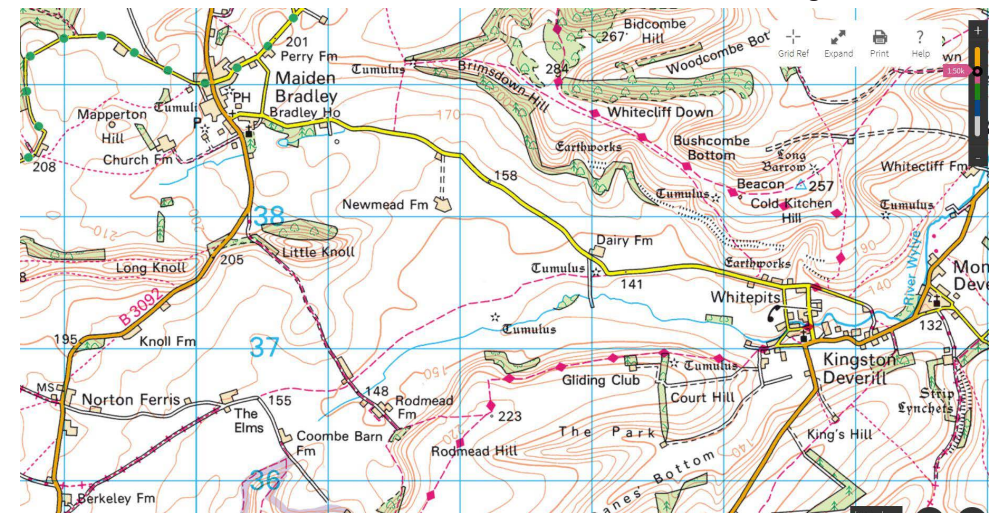
The Earth needs more. More from us
 To stem the flow of good things,
 Leaving us quicker, quicker than before
 Do we care about our natural home?

It's Autumn, nature prepares to sleep
 But what will these new winters bring?
 Will we ever wake up to the terrible cost
 Just an iPhone snapshot of a world we've lost

Adrian Wylie

We were so sorry that the Climate Collective couldn't meet last month at the hall; plans were scuppered by illness. The next coffee morning gathering will be after the harum scarum that is Christmas. Meanwhile (if you do Facebook) watch the village page for any last minute updates.

As promised in last month's article we have a walk treat planned for Sunday 14th Nov. Drone photographer David Abram has developed this for us and it takes us to an Iron Age hillfort and Bronze Age barrows excavated by Colt Hoare and Cunnington in 1809. We will set off at 11am from the village hall go past Bradley House down Kingston Lane, then follow the route on the map. The yellow flags are the sites of interest that we will find out more about. There will be shorter alternatives available if this looks too daunting!



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Help needed from all residents of Maiden Bradley

Maiden Bradley is a village that is dissected by a road that is getting busier. We know the level of pollution generated by roads is significant in the form of air pollutants, smoke, soot and noise, adversely impacting humans and the environment.

Whilst trees are great to cleanse the environment, they take considerable time to grow and the Maiden Bradley Climate Collective want to start with a smaller scale project. On a lower level (literally) a range of outdoor plants also have air cleaning, cleansing and purifying properties.

Some of these are:

English Ivy - large leaf surface area makes it good for air purification

Wallflower – these fight air pollutants such as dust and soot

Lady's Mantle- this plant reduces nitrogen dioxide levels and traps harmful particles

Aster and Osmanthus- these are bio-indication plants. That means they change colour when specific pollutants are around.

This is a call to all residents of Maiden Bradley to help us.

We are seeking residents to express an interest and agree to plant a few plugs in their front gardens, verges they own, pots, window boxes and or hanging baskets. We want to create a natural defence that faces all roads and lanes to help us protect the environment.

We are also looking into the practicalities of planting them elsewhere in the village.

It will cost you nothing as we are applying for a grant. If we are successful all plugs will be provided before you need to plant them.

The grant is dependent on us being able to demonstrate there is community involvement so please send us your responses.

I believe people do care and do want to help the environment but it can be a bit overwhelming to know where and how to start. This project is an easy thing to do.

To confirm your desire to help us with this initiative please:

e-mail Sharon at: twisted-willow@hotmail.co.uk or pop a note though my door at Foxleaze on the High Street. Please provide your name, address and e-mail.

The climate crisis is real, please be a part of helping us to protect our beautiful village. We hope this initial activity will be one of many and we welcome involvement and ideas from all members of the village for future action.

Thank you for reading

The Maiden Bradley Climate Collective



Parish Council 12th October 2021

Planning Comments - Application No: PL/2021/09110

Application Type: Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area

Proposal: T1 Coastal Redwood growing next to boundary wall, fell. T2 Cherry to right of T1, thin crown density by 15% T3 Coastal Redwood with 2 stems in corner by wall. Fell. T4 Cherry on bank by house with large stem wound. Fell. T5 Cheery adjacent to out building with stem cavity. Fell.

Site Address: The Old Dower House, Church Street, Maiden Bradley, Warminster, BA12 7HW.

Resolved: Supported. All agreed.

Highway Closure Notice Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Temporary Closure of: C270 (Part), Horningsham (TTRO 7640)

Notice is hereby given that Wiltshire Council has made an Order to close temporarily to all traffic: C270 (Part), Horningsham; from its junction with Common Road for a distance of 870m in a westerly direction.

To enable: Wessex Water to carry out water main replacement and associated works.

Alternative route: via C270 (unaffected length) - B3092 - C41 - C282 and vice versa.

The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs.

This Order will come into operation on 10 January 2022 and the closure will be required until 25 March 2022. It is anticipated that the works will take the stated duration to complete depending upon weather conditions. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses where possible, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works. The Order will have a maximum duration of 18 months.

For further information please contact Wessex Water on 0345 6004600. Sustainable Transport Group, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8JN 07 January 2022

Highways - White traffic line on the B3092 by the crossroads request for a white line by parishioners using the B3092 entering the village. Report and overview by Wiltshire Council Traffic Engineer on viability and safety.

In reference to the edge of carriageway line we briefly spoke about on site, there is already a centre line along this route, and it is quite narrow with a high wall and substantial vegetation either side. If an edge of carriageway white line were to be introduced along this section of the B3092 it might give vehicles the impression that it is even narrower and push them towards each other in the centre of the carriageway. It might also give passing pedestrians a false sense of security as they walk along within the area.

ROSPA Play Area Check - the report has been received and the points to be acted on. Councillor Simon agreed to action the below to address the report's findings.

Hippo springer caps replaced, Football net replaced, and Mole Hills dealt with.

Bus Stop Noticeboard - the Clerk has awarded the contract and the Contractor has informed the Clerk that the project's completion timeline will be late Jan/ early Feb 2022 for installation.

Grant Applications – Groups and Clubs are encouraged to action a Grant Application to the Parish Council if they wish to be considered for a grant in the 2022/2023 Civic year. This will enable the Parish Council to budget for the needs of the Community. Forms can be accessed from the website www.maidenbradley.org.uk left hand side drop down/ documentation or by emailing the Clerk who will reply with a copy electronically or phone 01985 213436 and the Clerk will post a hard copy.

Items for the next Agenda: Knapp Maintenance, the purchase of a new mower and a place to store it, Financial Regulations update, Freedom of Information Charges reviewed, Clerk's Appraisal and Review Clerks hours and Wages for inclusion in the draft 2022/2023 budget, Annual Newsletter, the reallocation of Parish Plan actions for specific Councillors to lead on and the Itinerant Engineers Presentation.

Date of the next Full Council meeting. The Council agreed that the 9th of **November 2021** would be the date of the next Parish Council meeting. The agenda will be published on the 3rd of **November 2021**. 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 can be accessed to read a copy of the Agenda and Minutes electronically or copies are displayed on the Millennium Notice Board at the Bus Stop.

Mrs Sarah Jeffries the Parish Clerk can be contacted by email on maidenbradley@virginmedia.com, by phone on 01985 213436, or post to Parish Clerk, 9 Beech Grove, Warminster, BA12 0AB

Village Hall Lottery

September

1st	Diana Green	£26.35	2nd	Sue Wiltshire	£13.20
3rd	Ines Holmes	£8.00	4th	Alex Channer	£5.20

October

1st	Esther Swan	£26.10	2nd	J. Priestner	£13.05
3rd	Lucinda Stokes	£8.00	4th	Bill Brookfield	£5.25

A Memorial Hall Thank you for all the support during lockdown

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.



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PROJECTS

The Memorial Hall kicks off a programme of great events with a very special night of music from some exceptional local talent.....

Review by Peter Russell

We were treated to delightful singing by Charlotte Ward with her talented boyfriend Joe Murray accompanying her on the guitar.

This set the scene for Jon Kenzie to treat us to a great session including some of his older songs and a few yet to be released. Jon even took us back 25 years to the first concert he performed with fellow village teenagers in the Hall. Who remembers that night?

The atmosphere was fantastic and it reminded me of a smoke-filled club in Soho in the 70s and 80s; thankfully no smoke, though. It was great to mingle with fellow villagers after the long months of lockdowns and, now, to feel that we are possibly just coming to the other side of the pandemic.

Looking forward to many more events in the Memorial Hall!



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Jon catches up with friend and former teenage bandmate, Will Priestner (photo Elaine Lavender)

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The Maiden Bradley Christmas Decoration Competition

After the success of last year's competition - and the resulting sparkly village - we have decided to repeat the challenge.

This year, the three prizes are as follows, all kindly donated by Nick Morgan - Lakeside Garden Centre

- 1ST £100 VOUCHER FOR THE BRADLEY HARE**
- 2ND £50 LAKESIDE GARDEN CENTRE VOUCHER**
- 3RD FOOD HAMPER FROM LAKESIDE**

James Waterworth, interior and garden designer (including the Bradley Hare), will be judging the entries on the evening of Wednesday December 22nd.

Prizes will be awarded for what is, in the judge's opinion, the most creatively decorated exterior. This can be a garden, a house exterior or just a window. It's up to you!

Entry fee is £10 per house and all proceeds will go towards the publication of the Maiden Bradley Parish Newsletter. Please complete the entry form overleaf.

Closing date - Friday December 17th



LAST YEARS WINNING
ENTRY -
windows by Kate
Moore



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CHRISTMAS DECORATION COMPETITION
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AND RETURN THIS PAGE WITH YOUR
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Elaine Lavender
31 Church Street
or
Pat Kennedy
64 The Rank

Name:

Address entering competition:

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The Marchioness of Lansdowne invites you to the
Festive Food & Gift Fair 2021

Wed 1st December: 4pm-8pm £15 | Thurs 2nd December: 10am-4pm £5
Tickets include a glass of wine and canapes | Tickets available in advance or at the door

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One year on....

The footballer Christian Eriksen and I have something in common. We both had a cardiac arrest – our hearts stopped – and we both now sport an implantable cardioverter-defibrillator (ICD), a device in our chest that can shock us back into life.

I got my ICD last October. On the 1st September 2020 I went for a swim at Warminster Leisure Centre. With Covid restrictions in place, I'd become fitter than I'd been for years, with long walks most days and cycling or wild swimming twice a week. But I'd only recently started attending Warminster Leisure's swimming pool once more. I'm glad I did. I was in the right place at the right time.

I was swimming on my back, following the designated circuit and social distancing rules, when Ruth, the lifeguard, spotted I'd stopped swimming. Within seconds, she'd blown her whistle and triggered an emergency response. Two other lifeguards – Aaron and Keola – pulled me from the water. I'd stopped breathing. My pulse was faint and hopelessly erratic.

Within two minutes they'd attached a defibrillator and delivered an electric shock. They started CPR and continued until paramedics arrived some six minutes later. It was the actions of those three lifeguards that saved my life. The doctor's report, forwarded to me by Leisure Centre Manager Colin Larrigan, stated, 'You say that the man survived, so the action by the centre staff was clearly effective – the initial ventricular fibrillation would have resulted in death if it had not been terminated.'

At the time, I didn't know what had happened until I woke from an induced coma some 22 hours later in Salisbury Hospital's Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Over the following three days my bodily functions gradually returned: I could see, hear, smell, swallow, talk, drink, eat, go to the toilet, move my limbs. Each return of function was a small victory. I was in hospital for two and a half weeks and despite numerous investigations they could not discover what triggered the arrest. The intense chest pain – from the CPR compressions that saved my life – was a legacy that stayed with me for several weeks. For more than a month I could not cough properly or laugh heartily – a small price to pay.

What I haven't mentioned so far is that about three months before the cardiac arrest I was diagnosed with bladder cancer. Two operations later, and with continuing monthly immunotherapy treatment, the cancer is currently in remission.

When people look at me now many say I look surprisingly well. Well, there are a lot of people to thank for that. My wife Christina for starters, who is a mountain of emotional and practical support, along with the goodwill and encouragement of family, friends and colleagues. And when I add up all the NHS staff who have helped me along the way – over 80 at my last count, from cleaners to consultants – I am very thankful to live here in Wiltshire, England.

Two months after the cardiac arrest I returned to work part-time, running online writing training for doctoral students and heading an authors' training programme for the Royal Literary Fund. By December, I was back to working full time.

What has happened has forced me to reappraise my life. I've now cut down on my university workload and I've stepped down as a Programme Director for the Royal Literary Fund.

I'm aware how lucky I am. As one ICU nurse put it, 'Fewer than 10 percent of those who suffer a cardiac arrest outside a hospital or doctor's surgery survive. And fewer still survive with their faculties intact.' Thankfully, my recovery was helped because before the cardiac arrest I was doing the right things: regular exercise, medical check-ups and a healthy diet (low saturated fat, low meat, low salt, high fibre, high fruit/veg). I'm also Buddhist and have been practising meditation for more than 40 years, which really helps with curbing anxiety and maintaining a sense of balance.

The last 12 months have been about rebuilding confidence and discovering what I can and can't do. I recently started cycling and wild swimming again.

In responding to the Covid pandemic we've all had to adjust our priorities and rethink our everyday lives. I'd like to add to the advice of many others. Look after your wellbeing and make the most of every day. You don't know what's around the corner.

Trevor Day,

Trevor Day (on left) with lifeguards

Keola, Aaron and Ruth.



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WE'LL ROLL THE OLD CHARIOT ALONG...

T'was a dark and stormy night 20th October the eve of Trafalgar Day and the captain sat in The Bradley Hare and he said I'll sing you a song and he did.

With eight others we commandeered the function room and there we repelled boarders unless they bought ale or vittles. We heartily sang in practice, five sea shanties and sea songs and not too much grog or Nelson's blood was drunk and we rendered into good shape the music of sailors. We Rolled the old Chariot, and went to South Australia, dealt with the Drunken Sailor said Farewell to the Ladies of Spain and at the end of our evening and for the second time that evening shook hands with me Old Ship Mate.

The weather and colds put pay to others joining us but we hope in a short time to hear you sing in. We look forward to the another yarn and more of the shanties we have already started to master and adding perhaps a couple more to our repertoire and may be a folk song or possibly a couple of carols to start the process of singing in Christmas. By the way we sing without music, which means you would need to do a little homework and listen out on the internet to published music and exercise your singing.

Please if you want to join in, to sing both at practice and on our public debut please contact us by email 64therank@gmail.com or phone me 01985845397

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Harvest Supper

After a year's absence the Harvest Supper was held in the Village Hall and attended by around 60 villagers. It was good to see lots of news faces along with the old! The barrel of beer donated by Chas in Longbridge Deverill was much appreciated and helped the evening go with a swing! We sat down to delicious food much of it donated by many generous people, including the wonderful selection of puddings. John Priestner entertained us with slides and a reminder of the Countryfile edition featuring MB. The Hall was beautifully decorated with an incredible arrangement of dahlias by Di Stevens, and flowers on the tables which came from Pete Dean's amazing garden. Huge thanks go to the many who helped in the preparations and those who stepped forward to made such light work of the clearing up. Nearly £1000 was raised which will go towards the upkeep of the church and churchyard.

Sarah Neish



Harvest flower displays in the church

Photos - Rosie Brown

The red phone box....



...is an iconic symbol of British life, but unfortunately has become increasingly redundant in these days of mobile phones.

You may remark that the mobile signal is not that brilliant in Maiden Bradley and the box is actually essential, if so you will be glad to know something is being done about that! A new mobile phone mast, on land provided by The Estate, is to be installed in the near future which could help with these issues.

BT have started a scheme, where for only £1 villages can buy their phone boxes to use for other purposes within the area.

So, would you like the Parish Council to organise for the village to take ownership of our red phone box?!!

That sounds fantastic, all over Britain boxes are being repurposed to house defibrillators, libraries, potting sheds and shops. You may well have an imaginative idea up your sleeve and if you do please let us know!

Don't get too excited, the deal from BT is fraught with regulation, they state that the kiosks are sold as seen, they will disconnect and take away the phone leaving any power supply.

However, the power (which they admit doesn't conform to modern codes) must be updated according to their regulations at our cost. The iconic specialist red paint (which may contain lead) must be used to maintain the box and the signage and purpose needs their permission.

If we were to take over the box we would need volunteers to check and maintain it regularly, it would need to be insured, have regular Health and Safety checks and of course have a budget to carry out the work.

If your response to this is 'leave it as it is', there is a problem here too!

Allegedly BT intends to 'manage a decline' across their phone box stock, this means that if there is a health and safety issue like broken glass, phone or a door hanging off, they will carry out repairs. As for painting and cleaning, well, that will also be according to their 'decline' strategy.

We will not legally be able to maintain the box in any way. It's fate, as far as we can see, to become more dilapidated.

As a village, this year, we came second in the CPRE Wiltshire Best Kept Village Competition (in the newcomer section) sponsored by Hills group and Princeton Homes with 84 points, ironically the judges remarked that we were let down by the bad state of the Phone box!

(n.b. The Parish Clerk has just informed me that the village could request that the phone box is not included in the competition as the Community do not have control over its appearance.....bizarre!).

So, what do we do?

If you've got any suggestions let the Parish Council know...you can contact a Councillor or use the Facebook page.

Find out more from BT:

www.business.bt.com/campaigns/communities/adopt-a-kiosk/

Could you send your comments and suggestions by Friday 5th November, this will give the Parish Council an opportunity to discuss the matter at the meeting on Tuesday 9th November.

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HORNINGSHAM LUNCHEON CLUB

We held our AGM on Thursday 7th October. Our treasurer Pearl presented the accounts which showed a healthy balance. As we had only opened after lockdown in September, the membership due in April had not been collected. It was decided that it would lapse until April 2022 when the yearly membership would increase to £5.

It was also agreed that with the increase in the cost of ingredients and a possible increase in rent the cost of meals would rise to £3.50 from November. This is still good value for a two course meal followed by tea or coffee.

The club is very appreciative of the low hire cost charged by the Hall Committee, but realise that there is extra cost in keeping the hall warm for our members.

Members chose Hunters Lodge near Wincanton as the venue for our Christmas dinner on 16th December. This is paid for by the club and enables all members plus the cooks and helpers who keep the club running throughout the year to sit down together and enjoy the meal.

Looking to the future we hope to be able to have our annual outing next year in August when again members, cooks and helpers can enjoy a day out.

WELCOME CLUB

On 28th September we got up in the morning to pouring rain but by the time we caught our coach for our monthly outing it had stopped raining. So we headed out in dry weather and we stopped at Blandford for a refreshment break and it remained dry. Some of us got off the coach at Norden to catch the steam train to Corfe Castle where most of us went into a pub for a lovely lunch. One lady



did not go to the pub but climbed to the top of Corfe Castle and showed the rest of us up? Also on the train to Corfe one of our gentlemen got chatted up by a young lady who was on holiday in area so you never know what is going to happen on our coach trips!

When we caught the train on to Swanage on arrival it started spotting with rain the first of the journey. It rained for about an hour but not too heavy and after a cup of tea it was dry to walk back to to the coach. On the way home it poured with rain all the way. After stopping in Shaftesbury for a drink and to do the raffle we were told it had rained all day there so we felt very lucky and everyone returned home happy after a good day.

Welcome Club Annual General Meeting will be held at Horningsham Hall on 18th November at 2pm. The Christmas Bingo will held at Maiden Bradley Hall on Monday November 29th 7.30 for 8pm. Also Christmas Dinner will be held at the Udder Shop on Tuesday 30th November.

Thanks -

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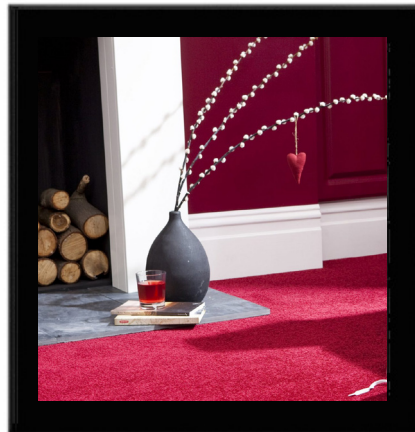
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HGV WEIGHT LIMIT CAMPAIGN – JOINT LETTER

The following is the text of the joint letter sent to Wiltshire Council by Chapmanslade, Corsley, and Maiden Bradley and Yarnfield Parish Councils, and Maiden Bradley Weightwatchers.

Dear Cllr. McClelland,

The villages of Chapmanslade, Corsley and Maiden Bradley have been waiting for almost fifteen years for Wiltshire Council to implement weight restrictions proposed in a major survey undertaken in 2006 (Proposed weight restrictions A362, A3098, B3092. Mouchel Parkman, October 2006).

We are writing to you jointly because we share a common concern about the impacts of HGV traffic on our villages, and a common frustration with the lack of action from Wiltshire Council. Our individual requests for enforcement typically result in an 'all or nothing' response, suggesting that neither community can move forward, without a solution for all. Yet, no solution is being offered by Wiltshire Council, either individually, or jointly. The result is over a decade of inactivity and no prospect of change.

Instead, we have been advised that Wiltshire Council plans to re-run an impact analysis of the HGV situation. Such a process will take years, causing further delay and unnecessary cost to Wiltshire taxpayers and avoidance of any practical solution for at least another decade.

Meanwhile, we experience the reality of HGV impacts each day. HGV traffic at all hours of the day and night continues to negatively impact the physical infrastructure of our villages, the social fabric of our communities, our mental health, and pedestrian safety. HGVs deter families with children from settling in our villages, affecting our long-term sustainability, and they increase the isolation of the elderly who are unable to access local services. HGVs also discourage active travel to/from villages, thus undermining our local efforts to reduce GHG emissions.

We believe that rather than questioning the validity of the 2006 recommendations to limit HGV traffic through our villages, Wiltshire Council should focus its efforts on working with us to identify how to implement the appropriate weight limits for our three communities. Addressing this issue must be a priority for Wiltshire Council.

Our joint request

Develop action plans to implement weight limits for each community.

- Develop solutions and action plans with each community individually, identifying how and when weight limits specific to each parish are enforced
- Identify mitigation actions to help reduce HGV impacts in transition periods where relevant
- Provide regular and transparent progress updates to each community

Prioritise upgrades and improvements to strategic routes to carry HGV traffic:

- Prioritise improving the A350/303 junction working with National Highways and Andrew Murrison MP to enable west-bound HGV traffic to use this strategic route. This could include separating the upgrading decision from the chronology of other works on the A303 so that it is dealt with in isolation and/or removing the weight limit on the section of the B3089 connecting the A350 traffic lights to the A303 junction, and improving the safety of the exit at Willoughby Hedge

- Complete the revision of strategic routes in Wiltshire so that HGV traffic has clear guidance on freight routes in our county – avoiding our villages. Coordinate with other relevant councils to facilitate enforcement
- Coordinate with relevant councils, such as Somerset, on weight limit signage, enforcement, and strategic route planning
- Actively engage in planning applications in Somerset that have an impact on HGV traffic in Wiltshire and ensure that our villages are included in any relevant consultations. Attend a joint meeting of our three communities hosted by our local MP
- We have spoken to our MP, Dr. Andrew Murrison, about hosting a meeting to discuss our concerns about HGVs and the weight limit issue. We invite Wiltshire Council to send representatives to this meeting to respond to our suggestions, and to discuss what steps you will be taking to implement the long-awaited and much needed weight restrictions.

Organisations signing this letter:

Chapmanslade Parish Council

Corsley Parish Council

Maiden Bradley and Yarnfield Parish Councils

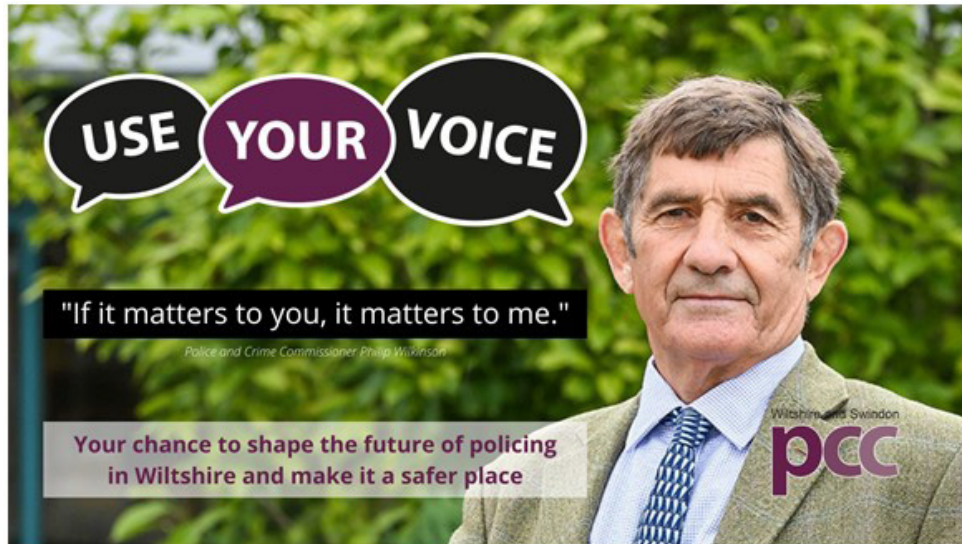
Maiden Bradley Weightwatchers

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Wiltshire's PCC launches consultation to shape policing future



A major survey and consultation to shape the future of policing in Wiltshire has been launched by the county's Police and Crime Commissioner today (18th).

Use Your Voice is one of the foundation blocks which commissioner Philip Wilkinson will base his new Police and Crime Plan on – the blueprint for strategic policing and crime priorities until 2025.

It will set out how the PCC's pledges and priorities will be delivered throughout Wiltshire and, in a move championed by Mr Wilkinson, will reflect and meet the needs and priorities of residents.

"What has become apparent to me is the widening gap between what is important to the public and the police priorities," he said. "Closing that gap is very much my responsibility. "This consultation is the chance for every resident to have a say in what is important to them.

"Listening to the views and opinions of Wiltshire's residents will mean the Police and Crime Plan is informed by them and the policing priorities have been directly influenced by them. "It is terribly important that all our communities get a say and a chance to use their voice for good. Don't think that I don't want to hear your views – if it matters to you, it matters to me."

The new Police and Crime Plan's development will ensure both Wiltshire Police and the PCC's office are working to the same goals in a joined-up, coordinated, approach.

It will set out the objectives and priorities for Wiltshire Police over the next three years and will be the way the PCC holds the Chief Constable to account for delivering on those.

The survey is open from today (18th) and will remain open until midnight on 14th November. All feedback will be analysed and used to inform the draft plan. In December and January, both the PCC and DPCC will hold a series of events to gather feedback on the draft from interested parties.

Members of the public will also be able to download the draft plan from the PCC website and provide feedback. The plan will finally be in place after Wiltshire's Police and Crime Panel vote on it around February 2022.

Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Russell Holland said: "Having been a councillor in Swindon for around 20 years, I know how vitally important it is for our communities to directly influence and shape the services they receive.

"Both myself and Phil know there are some residents whose daily lives are blighted by anti-social behaviour, who see drug dealing in the streets and whose communities are vandalised.

"We're also equally aware that some residents in our county rarely come in to contact with crime – and who want a different service from their police force.

"Everyone's view, and everyone's experience, is important."

Use Your Voice opens today.

There are a number of ways people can get involved – by filling in the online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GS3CLXY>

or feedback can be emailed to pcc-consultation@wiltshire.police.uk. More ways to get involved are on the PCC's website: www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk

A timeline of the consultation can also be found on the website.

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