

# Maiden Bradley

## News

March 2022



PANTO  
EDITION!

(...oh no it isn't...)

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DIARY - MARCH 2022

- 1 Tue Parish Council Meeting Hall 7pm  
 2 Wed HALL CLOSED UNTIL SAT 5TH  
**Household waste collection**  
 5 Sat Quiz Bourton Village Hall 7pm  
 6 Sun **Sunday Catch-up Hall 10am**  
 7 Mon **Green recycling**  
 9 Wed **Blue bin and black box collections**  
 12 Sat Climate group coffee morning Hall 10.30am  
 12 Sat **Chris Jagger and Band Hall 7.30pm**  
 13 Sun **Morning Service with Jane Hurd 10am**  
 16 Wed **Household waste collection**  
 20 Sun **Communion Rev Judith Thompson 10am**  
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 21 Mon **Green recycling**  
 23 Wed **Blue bin and black box collections**  
 27 Sun **Mothering Sunday Jane Hurd 10am**  
 Walk to Iron Age Hill Fort and Bronze Age barrow. Meet at The Bradley Hare at 11am. Approx 5 miles  
 30 Wed **Household waste collection**  
 Date for April  
 1 Fri Closing date for applications to become a Parish Councillor.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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| Speed Watch Co-ordinator   | Simon Wager                  | simon.m.wager@gmail.com                      |
| Nadder Oil Buying Club   | Email: richard.willan@me.com | www.oilbuyingclub.com                        |
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| Book Club  | Jessica Johnson              | 01985 844174                                 |
| 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 7.30pm in the Church Bell Tower - beginners welcome |                              | 01985 845397                                 |

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EDITORIAL

I draw your attention to the changes made to our refuse collection days as outlined in the Diary this month.

The longer we live in Maiden Bradley the more we realise the enormous value of living in a community. No one will ever agree on the opinions of everyone else and that is normal but when a need arises the people of this village really do rally around to help. There have been numerous accounts of neighbours helping with shopping, cooking facilities, hot drinks, showers etc during our recent power and water failure due to the very strong storms that have bashed our surroundings taking down our power lines. We were treated (?) by the electricity company to a food van which provided hot burgers, chips and good bacon baps and drinks but this was parked in the Church layby and notification of its existence came via word of mouth. All online communication ability for us was out and we even had to send for a new Wifi unit which delayed my responses regarding this issue of the News.

I have to say though that the storms seem so much in the past as we are currently enjoying the delightful Panto this half term. Congratulations to Carol Kenzie for writing and producing Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood. Ray Kenzie has created wonderful scenery and all the actors are excelling in their enactment of this unique production. Our favourite Dame in the guise of Tom Allday never fails to delight all audiences and the end of the show is stolen by Georgia Higgins, our singing goat! Well done to all who have contributed to this very successful pantomime.

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



SADLY THE CHURCHYARD  
LOST ONE OF THE YEW  
TREES TO STORM EUNICE

## Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

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Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Sunday Catch-up Coffee Morning 10-11am

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March – 10.30am-11.30am Climate Coffee Morning

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Tuesdays	1.00pm-3.00pm	Post Office Service
Wednesdays	6.15pm-7.15pm	Yoga Flow
Fridays	10am-12pm	Coffee Morning

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Saturdays	5.00-6.30pm	Fish & Chip Van
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**THE HALL WILL BE CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE FROM WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH until SATURDAY 5**

## Sticky Toffee Jazz and a Cream Tea

*On Sunday 20th January, having bought a ticket I ventured forth with a little intrepidation to our Village Hall to listen to the Jazz and enjoy a cream tea.*

*Well what a wonderful afternoon was had, mainstream jazz from the 40's onwards shades of Cleo Lane and Ella Fitzgerald with the big bands in the background Count Basie, Dankworth and Glen Miller. If there had been enough space people would have danced, certainly I was tempted to go home and get my Tux on and bopping boots rush back and cut the light fantastic.*

*Then to top all that an excellent cream tea excellently served with lashings of cream and a wonderful selection of preserves.*

*What more could a man ask for than to spend such a pleasant afternoon.*

*So a very big appreciative thank you to the village hall team that made this happen.*

*Thank You.*

*Simon Wager*



## A MESSAGE FROM TOM ALLDAY.....

The kindness and generosity shown to me over my eightieth birthday celebrations has been overwhelming. Thank you to all my neighbours and friends, in and around Maiden Bradley who have managed to make me feel like a king.

The beautiful bird table and huge quantity of bird food presented to me by regulars of the coffee morning took me completely by surprise. I can never thank you all enough. The members of the Lunch Club who play such an important part of my weekly routines also managed to make me feel like royalty and deserve my eternal gratitude.



Many of you will be aware of my particular fondness of the Maiden Bradley Pantomime group. From the seasoned performers to the newcomers who are our future and especially the younger members who have so much talent and enthusiasm, thank you all for your good wishes and for allowing an old timer to join in the fun. I have had a most wonderful birthday and again my thanks to everyone who made it so special.

*Tom x*

## CONSTRUCTION OF THE MAIDEN BRADLEY BUS SHELTER

Maiden Bradley's bus shelter was constructed in the 1950's and was initially built in the shape of an H with a central wall and openings either side. This shape enabled passengers waiting for the bus to shelter away any prevailing wind and rain.

It seems likely that Mr Cyril Condliffe initiated and organised the building project with materials from the Duke's Estate and free labour from local residents. At the time of construction, Mr Condliffe lived at and ran a business from 'Carpenters Yard', now called Foxleaze.

The bricks for the Bus Shelter were reclaimed from cottages that had fallen into disrepair next to the Mill at Mill Pond on the Frome Road and were most likely transported to the site by Mr Basil Leather on his flat-bed lorry (Basil Leather was the founder of Leathers Coaches)



The construction workers, anti-clockwise from the top are:

Jack Dowson on the roof (Colin Dowson's father and Estate Stone Mason) Harry May (Estate Carpenter) Bob Seal (Apprentice Brick Layer) Joe Curtis (Estate Brick Layer) and Mr Hutchens (Bradley Estate Agent).

One of the two boys watching the workers is believed to be 7-year-old Colin Dowson, who at the time had a broken arm!

About 10 years later, the Bus Shelter was altered and the middle wall was moved to its current location at the back of the shelter.

*Jackie Gunter*



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# The Maiden Bradley Climate Collective

Activating Maiden Bradley's Environmental Response

**On Saturday 12th February we had a great talk from Jen Gale, author of *The Sustainable (ish) Living Guide*.**

Jen calls herself an ordinary, knackered mum of two, who embarked on a year of buying nothing new (with her family in tow). She called the year her "Make do and mend year" and, aside from saving over £2000, she started a blog, ventured into local and national media and learned new and adapted ways of reducing her impact on the planet. She reduced what she calls her unthoughtful and unconscious overconsumption to a more sustainable way of living.



Seeing her cycle from Warminster for the talk at the village hall proudly pointing out her ripped but mended jeans, holding her reusable drinks holder and battling a laptop that many of us would have replaced the previous year she was the very epitome of what she says. It was a delight meeting her. She was an easy, natural and accomplished speaker and introduced us to some basic concepts about how we can all make changes that make a difference but are not hard and do not cost the Earth and, that is exactly the point, how we are all living is costing the Earth and we have to change.

The key themes I took away from the day were starting simple, upcycle items, reuse, mend and take a big breath and wait a few days before you buy that absolutely essential item that you cannot live without. The chances are you can.

There was an array of suggestions about activating your local community to share items and accessing a wide array and ever-increasing degree of charity shops, exchange schemes and places to get things for free.

I was taken by the empowering messages that we are all consumers and businesses, industry and indeed governments are all seeking our money or votes, which in turn means we are influencers. We can influence the world in which we live by what we buy and indeed will not buy. Being able to identifying ourselves and powerful agents of change will take some getting used to!!!!

She had a refreshing look on making changes and, rather than getting overwhelmed by the theme of 'Nothing New in 2022' suggested a month or indeed just a week of doing this. The concept that we can leave a negative carbon footprint which we need to reduce was counter balanced by the lovely thought that we also cast a climate shadow which can be a powerful force if focused on healing the planet.

This may be by talking about sustainability, making small changes, reducing flights and addressing the significant impact that over production and consumption of clothes has on the planet.

***I would recommend her book, *The Sustainable (ish) Living Guide* and Jen can be contacted at @sustainableish or www.asustainablelife.co.uk***

***Diary dates:***

**Sunday 27th March 2022 at 11am**

Walk from the The Bradley Hare. We all enjoyed the village walk that we did last year and we have still not done the walk to the Iron Age Hill Fort & Bronze Age Barrow that we had to postpone last year. David Abram, who designed it is currently exhibiting his arial photographs in the Salisbury Museum and he recommends a clear day so we will have two options on the day that will work for varying weather conditions (both no more than 5 miles) and would love to see you there.

**Saturday 9th April 10.30am**

Coffee Morning at the Village Hall, we will do this on alternate months for now so we can continue the very interesting discussions we started and hear lots of new ideas! All welcome in April!

***Sharon Edney***



## TIME TO GET WALKING AGAIN!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Wiltshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/wiltshire> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Wiltshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'. With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

***John Harris***

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## Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood









## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH NEWS

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



Community Speed Watch News, February 2022, Compiled and produced by the Maiden Bradley Community Speed Watch Volunteers to keep the village safe and aware of our activities.

Activity in February has been normal activity with 6 sessions 781 vehicles counted and 8 vehicles logged for speeding. The weather has had a very big effect on our activity.

The HGV traffic continues to increase, based on the numbers logged during CSW activity. During a 60 minute CSW session February 2022 showed 31 HGV vehicles of which 24 were directly related to the Quarry/Aggregate industry. An HGV every 2.3 minutes. Or 635 hgv tonnes per hour through our village.

Also more HGV vehicles are either "32tonne 4 axle rigid vehicles or 44tonne 5 / 6 axle Articulated" With a maximum length of 16.5mtrs ( 54ft - 2ins)

The month we had the support of Wiltshire Police Traffic team for the 19th February, They did not stop for more than 45 minutes, however in that time they booked 3 vehicles in excess of 43mph. That brought a smile to our CSW team who were active at the same time. Although I doubt it did to the drivers of the said vehicles.

We shall be taking delivery of a second SID (Speed Indicator Device) Early March this makes two in our village and will no doubt bring further traffic calming to the village. Therefore we will be looking for 2 people willing to help with the putting up and taking down of the SID. Not an arduous task and takes at most 30 minutes once a fortnight to install or take down.

CSW will be holding an Annual meeting in the Village Hall Middle March. Date to be confirmed to discuss the work we have done over the past two years and how we go forward including evening and weekend sessions. .

Thank you Maiden Bradley Community for all your support of the Speed Watch Teams.

*Simon Wager*

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





Thank you, to those kind villagers that have willingly donated to the purchase of two new flags to fly from the mast atop the All Saints Church Tower. We received the flags in due time and were able to dress the mast accordingly to usher in the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

The flag had to be lowered in the teeth of the storm to avoid damage to the mast and the flag.

Unless directed otherwise we will fly St George from 23rd April until 2nd June to be replaced with the Union Flag which signifies the 70th Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation and will fly throughout the summer.

## LUNCHEON CLUB NEWS

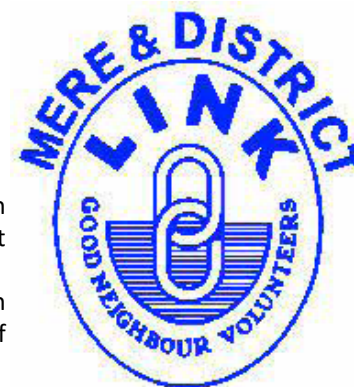
Birthday celebration time at Luncheon Club. It is a bumper year for reaching the age of 80 amongst our members. Bill Lucas was 80 in January and this week 10th February it was the turn of Tom Allday. Tom is not only a member of Luncheon Club he is also in charge of the weekly raffle and sources all the prizes for our Christmas Lunch and our annual outing. He is on the rota of helpers who come each week to lay up the tables, wait on table and help in the kitchen.

We wanted to celebrate his commitment to the club. A local resident made us two black forest gateaux and with candles provided by Fran we all sang Happy Birthday. The gateaux were then cut up into portions for everyone to enjoy as their pudding. Absolutely delicious was the unanimous comment from all members.

Our numbers are increasing which is a good sign and everyone is very happy to be getting back to normal with no restrictions. Long may it continue.



## MERE AND DISTRICT LINK SCHEME UPDATE FEBRUARY 2022



In January we did 83 trips which is an increase on December. This included 26 trips to Salisbury District hospital and 20 to other hospitals.

We are keeping a close eye on the developments on covid restrictions as the Government relaxes some of the legal requirements.

We considered whether to make any changes to the hygiene guidelines for Link trips to help prevent the transfer of covid between driver and passenger. The Link Committee noted that our guidelines seemed to be working as we have not heard of any covid cases which may have arisen from a Link journey. We also noted that all the medical settings to which we take passengers have retained the covid control measures that have been in use since before Christmas. We have, therefore, decided to continue to require the use of our covid hygiene guidance.

With the number of covid cases continuing to rise locally (at the time of drafting) it seems sensible to be cautious. Nevertheless, we will regularly review the use of the guidelines in the light of covid developments locally and national requirements. Watch this space!

In case you have recently moved into the area, our volunteer drivers are available to take you to medical appointments, including Covid vaccinations, and shopping, if resources allow. Once you have an appointment please call 01747 860096 to book a Link driver. As a charity we do not charge for trips but ask for a donation.

Please try to give us 48 hours notice, if possible, as we cannot guarantee to arrange last minute requests. Also, please remember that our coordinators work in their own homes so keep calls to 9-5 Monday to Friday and only use the 01747 860096 number. Any other number you have recorded will most likely be a coordinator's private number. Please do not use it.

***We still need more drivers.***

If you would like to find out more about volunteering as a driver please call our co-ordinator on 01747 860096.

***John FitzGerald,***  
***Link Chair***  
***Chair Mere and District Link Scheme***  
***Charity No: 1062328***

## Parish Council 8th February 2022

Maiden Bradley Parish Council needs one more team member; if you think you would like to take the wishes of the Parish Plan forward are over 18 years of age, contact the Clerk on 01985 213436 email maidenbradley@virginmedia.com or write to Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield Parish Council 9 Beech Grove Warminster Wiltshire BA12 09AB

### What is a councillor?

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

### What do councillors do?

Councillors have three main components to their work.

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

### How much time does it take up?

Quite often councillors say that their duties occupy them for about one hour to four hours a week. Obviously, there are some councillors who spend more time than this - and some less, but in the main, being a parish councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community and helping to make it a better place to live and work. You can find out more about being a Councillor by looking at the website page

<https://www.maidenbradley.org.uk/councillors/>

The Good Councillor Guide produced by the National Association of Local Councils and the Role of a Councillor can be found there. As a councillor representing your community you will help keep it a great place to live and work. You will be supported in your role and will be expected to undertake training. You should be comfortable working electronically. You should have a positive outlook and a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team. If after reading this notice you are interested in applying, please contact the Clerk to the Council using the above details. The closing date for applications is 1st April 2022.

### The Forces March

the Parish Council has given permission for the Forces March to use the Recreational Area on Saturday 30th April 2022. The Forces March have provided their Risks Assessments and Covid RA. All parties will be completing daily LFT's, and stringent measures will be adhered to at checkpoints throughout the event and on board our vehicles. Any communal areas being used by the event will be thoroughly cleaned by them throughout use and prior to leaving as well.

**Police and Crime - Free Fraud Safety Webinars.** These 1-hour sessions are available to any person, who seeks to enhance their awareness of fraud and financial exploitation regardless of age, job, responsibility. Attendees of this session will have an understanding of the threat caused by fraud, as well as an insight into the most common frauds affecting the Southwest Region and will be offered fraud protection advice and resources, that will be invaluable in the fight to stay free from fraud in all aspects of daily life. Below Links to book a place on webinar:

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**Fraud-Buster: Fraud Safety Webinar suitable for everyone.**

Online event  
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**Fraud-Buster: Fraud Safety Webinar suitable for everyone.**

Online event  
Tuesday, 26 April 2022 at 14:00 BST

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**Communications with the Community direct using a Microsoft application called Sway** – To enable its implementation, the Parish Council is seeking the contact details for those parishioners who wish to be contacted directly with information, copies of Agendas, Minutes, the Audit papers, newsletters, and take part in consultations as and when they take place. This be sent directly to parishioner's inboxes.

General Data Protection Regulations need to be adhered to. Parishioners are asked if they are interested in this service that they contact the Clerk by email at maidenbradley@virginmedia.com and provide their email address (the Clerk will provide them with a form to complete) they will be added to a circulation list. This list would be kept securely on the Parish Council laptop which is password protected. Parishioners would be able to contact the Clerk to be removed from the system at any time as per the General Data Protection Regulations. Parishioners would be able to contact the Clerk to be removed from the system at any time as per the General Data Protection Regulations.

Items for the next Agenda: 2 New Councillor Co-options to take place, Councillor Responsibilities, Action Plan update, Walks Leaflet to be moved to April and Itinerant Model Engineers.

Date of the next Full Council meeting. The Council agreed that the 1st of March 2022 would be the date of the next Parish Council meeting. The agenda will be published on the 23rd of February 2022. 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](http://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 by post to Parish Clerk, 9 Beech Grove, Warminster, BA12 0AB**

## Green light for police budget will see more officers on the beat in Wiltshire

Wiltshire Police will see further investment in key policing services and more officers on the beat – after unanimous backing for the Police and Crime Commissioner’s budget.

The county’s Police and Crime Panel, which holds the PCC to account and is made up of cross-party councillors from Wiltshire and Swindon, backed the budget at a meeting this morning.

This support will raise the policing precept in Wiltshire by £10 a year to £241.27 for a Band D household for the next financial year.

Total revenue for Wiltshire Police will be nearly £147m and is roughly made up of 50% funding from central Government and 50% from local council tax.

The panels backing allows the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and Wiltshire Police to invest in key areas including roads policing and collision investigation, violence against women and girls and tackling child abuse and exploitation, in addition to the extra 62 police officers recruited via the national uplift programme.

After five years of increases funded locally, and through the national uplift campaign, the budget put forward by Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Wilkinson for 2022/23 will take officer numbers from a low of 934 in 2018 to 1,152.

Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Wilkinson said: “It is vitally important to me that now the Police and Crime Panel have supported my proposed budget for the next year that my office and Wiltshire Police can continue to deliver your policing service and deliver it well – making Wiltshire’s communities safer for all.

“The decision to increase the precept has been a difficult but necessary one and I have noted people’s concerns and are hearing them loud and clear.

“I am listening to residents when they tell me that they want a better and improved service from both the police and wider criminal justice system with improved outcomes and more visibility.

“I continue to work with the Chief Constable to ensure that visible community policing remains central to future plans, and can confirm that the majority of the extra officers will be deployed to neighbourhood policing teams.”

The budget is split between the OPCC and the Chief Constable with 98% allocated to the Chief Constable and the remaining 2% to the PCCs office for commissioned services, which includes supporting victims of crime and early intervention.

“Residents in Wiltshire and Swindon have invested in policing and the next year will be about ensuring that investment is felt by ensuring that they feel safe in addition to being safe, increased visibility of officers and increased confidence in the force while working on key priorities outlined in my Police and Crime Plan,” Mr Wilkinson added.

### Central funding

Wiltshire is the fourth lowest-funded Force in the country, and the current funding formula is due to be overhauled ahead of the next parliament.

Mr Wilkinson said: “Only by investing in our police service and allocating resources effectively can we address the root causes of crime, enforce the law and begin to make Wiltshire safer, and this is a conversation that I will be having with our local MPs and the Home Office as the central funding we currently receive is not sustainable to the increasing demands our police Force continues to face.”

The £10 increase is based on a band D household, those in a different band will pay different amounts in the next financial year.

### Contact Information

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Wiltshire and Swindon OPCC**

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### Council tax band Precept contribution 22/23

A	£160.85	E	£294.89
B	£187.65	F	£348.50
C	£214.46	G	£402.12
D	£241.27	H	£482.54

## A message from your Police and Crime Commissioner

I appreciate that not everyone uses social media, so I have asked the many parish and village councils in the county if I can use your newsletters to let you know what is going on and what my office and the police are doing to keep you safe.

In my many meetings with our MPs, councillors and you, you have highlighted your concerns and set the priorities that myself and the Chief Constable will deliver in my Police and Crime Plan.

This plan, should it be endorsed in early March by the Police and Crime Panel, has been informed by you and what you have told me.

Your concerns relate to anti-social behaviour in all its guises; drug abuse and the violent crime that drug abuse drives; rural crime to include, fly-tipping poaching and hare coursing; speeding and road safety; on-line scams, child grooming and bullying; violence against women, girls, children and vulnerable people and burglary.

And your most prevalent complaint was that the police response to your concerns and complaints were rarely effective or timely.

The focus of my plan will not only be on crime prosecution but also early engagement, prevention and education and perhaps even more important victim and witness support.

I have been working with the Chief Constable and we will deploy the additional 62 officers the government has awarded us to counter those threats that you have prioritised.

Half of those additional officers will be deployed to counter those specific threats above and the remainder to boost your neighbourhood police teams in order to improve the response that you receive. More detail will follow with each of my briefs.

If you have any concerns you can contact my office on [pcc@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:pcc@wiltshire.police.uk) or wish to report a crime please contact 101 or 999 in an emergency. And if you wish to remain anonymous on Crimes-toppers on 0800 555 11.

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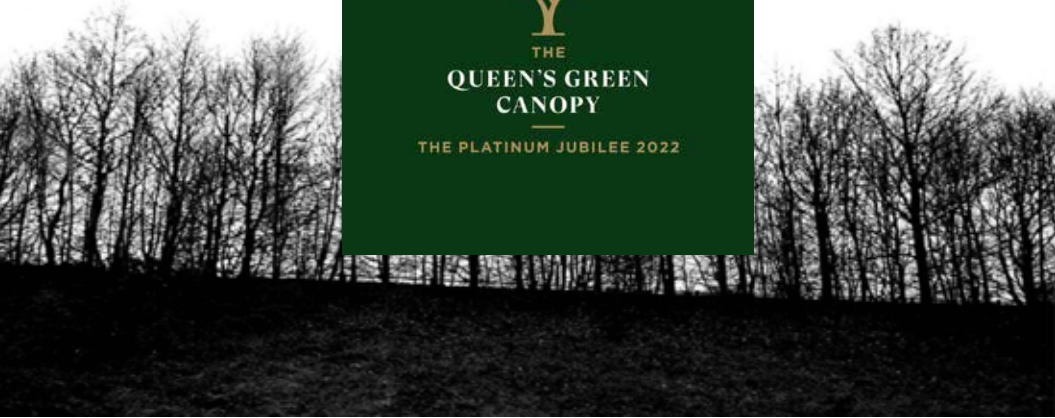
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As a part of The Queen's Jubilee celebrations we are being encouraged to plant trees. The Village Hall have already said that they will be planting a new tree, but The Parish Council propose to initiate the planting of 7 new trees in a circle to commemorate the 7 decades of The Queen's reign. This circle will be registered on a special directory of where these sights are for future reference. There are free trees available from the Woodland Tree Trust and the applications for November 2022 delivery will be opening soon.

The Parish Council would like to know where you think a good place for this circle would be, and what sort of trees you would like to see?  
Let us know via the usual channels, word of mouth, website or Facebook.

**BELOW IS SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEME AND A LIST OF SOME OF THE COMMEMORATIVE TREES WE ALREADY HAVE IN THE PARISH.**

***What is the queen's green canopy?***

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee". Everyone from individuals to Scout and Girlguiding groups, villages, cities, counties, schools and corporates will be encouraged to play their part to enhance our environment by planting trees during the official planting season between October to March. Tree planting will commence again in October 2022, through to the end of the Jubilee year. With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC will encourage planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations.

You can add your Jubilee tree to The Queen's Green Canopy map. Her Majesty and The Prince of Wales planted the first Jubilee tree in the grounds of Windsor Castle in March, to mark the launch of the QGC.

***Commemorative Trees Planted within the Parish Boundaries:***

**Village Hall**

Oak Tree planted for the Millennium

**Church Yard**

Field Maple – Miss Venables

Silver Birch Mrs Edith Priestner – for her services to the Church

Crab Apple – Reverend Ben Elliot, largest of these original trees are around 20 feet in girth whereas ours is only 14 feet. It is however clearly older than the Horse Trough (1891) and was probably planted in the early 19th Century by the 11th Duke of Somerset at around the time of the Battle of Waterloo and the end of the war with France (1815) or for Victoria's Coronation (1837). The presence of the nearby Copper Beech of the same age suggests a commemorative planting.

The Copper Beech- Unknown This tree is probably the same age as the Oak.

**Knapp**

Luckomb Oak – planted by the Duke of Somerset This interesting tree is a hybrid between Turkey oak and Cork oak (occurring naturally in (S. Europe) first raised at Exeter in 1762.

The Cherry- Unknown

The Young Oak- Unknown

**Millennium Walk**

1. The Birth of Jack Gunter 200
2. The Birth of Baby Downes 2000
3. The Birth of Henry John Oliver 2000
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## Village Hall Lottery

### January

1st	Nick Morgan	£25.35	2nd	Dave Francis	£12.70
3rd	Susanna Bridgen	£7.70	4th	Wendy Dewings	£5.00

### February

1st	Karen Sauders	£25.35	2nd	Beth Stevens	£12.70
3rd	M. Stevens	£7.70	4th	R. Higgins	£5.00

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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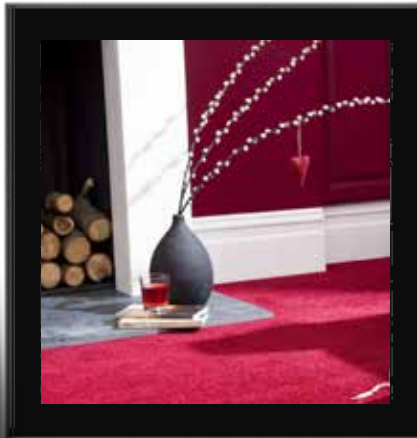
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