

MAIDEN BRADLEY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2022

An aerial photograph of the Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall grounds. In the foreground, a circular garden bed is visible, bordered by a low stone wall and containing several tall, thin cypress trees. The garden is surrounded by a dense line of trees, some with autumn foliage. Beyond the garden, a large, flat, brown field stretches across the middle ground, likely a plowed field. In the background, rolling hills and a small town are visible under a clear blue sky.

DAVID ABRAMS RETURNS TO THE MEMORIAL HALL FOR ANOTHER
FASCINATING EVENING OF HISTORY AND MYSTERY

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DIARY SEPTEMBER 2022

4	Sun	Catch up coffee morning in the Hall 10am
5	Mon	Green recycling
6	Tue	Climate Education Evening in the Hall with Jannine Barron
7	Wed	Black box and Blue bin recycling
9	Fri	Coffee morning in the Hall – Harvest Festival tickets on sale
11	Sun	Morning worship 10am
14	Wed	Household Waste collection
16	Fri	Coffee morning in the Hall- Harvest Festival tickets on sale
17	Sat	Plant, Produce and Cake Sale in the Hall 2pm
18	Sun	Morning Worship 10am
19	Mon	Green recycling
20	COPY DEADLINE TO PAT pat@visa-office.com	
20	Tues	David Abrams Ariel Atlas of Britain Memorial Hall 7.30pm
21	Wed	Black box and Blue bin recycling
23	Fri	Harvest Festival Supper in the Hall
24	Sat	Quiz Night in the Hall 7 for 7.30pm
25	Sun	(three months to Christmas) Benefice service at Mere Church
26	Mon	Bingo in the Hall 7 for 7.30pm
28	Wed	Household Waste collection
October		
2	Sun	Catch up in the Village Hall 10am

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Speed Watch Co-ordinator	Simon Wager	simon.m.wager@gmail.com
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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
Church contact	Diana Green	01985 844500

Contributions for the newsletter are always welcome.

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

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WWW.MAIDENBRADLEYVILLAGE.ORG.UK

EDITORIAL

Congratulations to Sue and John Priestner for another successful Produce Show. The money raised (£500!) goes to help fund the Hall's upkeep and much will be needed as fuel prices are expected to soar over the next six months. This should not concern those individuals queuing up to buy the new properties to be built on the Old Timber Yard. Prices start around the £1 million mark, so I am reliably informed.

Patricia Kennedy 845397

email: pat@visa-office.com



Milana is starting a Choir in early September, every Monday evening 5.30pm-6.30pm at the church. The intention is to render some good songs and hymns for Harvest Festival and Christmas. So this is a call-out to anyone of any age who would like to sing to come and join Milana.

Milana's number is 07485766898

**Collecting Now for the Christmas Tombola
Please bring any items to Friday Coffee Mornings
at the Memorial hall**

**A CUP OF
COMMUNITY
SPIRIT**



**Macmillan's
Coffee
Morning
at the
Memorial
Hall**

**Friday
September
30th**

10am - 12am

MAIDEN BRADLEY COMMUNITY HALL

What do we need to know about Climate Change?

TUESDAY 7-8:30PM
The latest UN findings shared.



BINGO					BINGO					BINGO				
1	28	32	60	75	12	22	43	55	71	3	26	43	57	75
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2	30	★	59	61	9	25	★	60	64	2	19	★	52	71
14	23	41	46	72	5	24	44	53	70	8	17	33	56	60
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BINGO					BINGO					BINGO				
13	29	38	58	71	4	20	33	60	63	10	23	32	51	62
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1	24	★	59	64	6	26	★	50	73	3	28	★	54	65
6	16	45	47	61	1	23	34	51	65	11	19	45	48	74
12	18	31	54	73	3	17	42	56	74	7	22	37	58	72

Monday September 26th
7.30pm for 8pm start

BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS

MAIDEN BRADLEY MEMORIAL HALL

Kangaroo Kylie Band



Ceilidh Dance
Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall
Saturday October 8
Doors 7pm - Bar open from 7pm
Dancing starts 7.30pm
Tickets £10 on the door and online at
eventbrite

Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall
01985 845303 (answerphone)

- SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER
Catch up Coffee Morning 10-11am
- TUESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER
Climate Education Evening
- SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
Plant, Produce & Cake Sale 2pm
- TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER
David Abrams
- FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER
Harvest Supper
- SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER
Quiz Night from 7pm for a 7.30 start
- MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
Bingo from 7pm for a 7.30 start
- SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER
Ceilidh Band & Dancing
- FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER
Film Night - Operation Minceat
- FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
Jon Kenzie

it's all happening at your hall



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH

Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm
£3.00 per person
Maximum of 6 per team
Raffle

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS

MAIDEN BRADLEY MEMORIAL HALL

village produce sale

MAIDEN BRADLEY MEMORIAL HALL
Saturday
17th September
2pm

Please bring homemade
and homegrown produce
on the day



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JAMS CHUTNEYS

PLANTS VEGETABLES

ALL SALES RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR MEMORIAL HALL

FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE
ROSIE BROWN 844236

REGULAR EVENTS

- MONDAYS 10.30AM-11.30AM
Yoga
- MONDAYS 5.00PM-6.00PM
Dr's Surgery
- TUESDAY 1.00PM-3.00PM
Post Office Service
- WEDNESDAYS 6.15PM-7.15PM
Yoga Flow
- FRIDAYS 10AM-12PM
Coffee Morning

Book library available during hall
opening Friday mornings

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ANOTHER EVENING OF MUSIC WITH JON KENZIE



AT MAIDEN BRADLEY MEMORIAL HALL
Friday 4th November 8.00pm



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LETTER FROM THE CHURCHES

Mere has a new Catholic priest called Fr. Francis Eyo, who is based at St Luke and St Teresa Church, Wincanton. We're delighted to welcome Fr. Francis to our community, and we asked him a few questions about his life and mission.

Q. Can you tell us something about your family, and home?

I am from a lovely family of eight girls, and four boys, and growing up in this great family gave me lots of joy. We shared a common life and benefited from the support of our parents. Originally from Nigeria, I lived with my lovely parents and siblings in the southern part of the country known as Cross-River State, a beautiful coastal area, endowed with abundant seafood and fertile land for agriculture.

Q. How and why did you decide to become a priest?

The inspiration to become a catholic priest came after I completed college. I was inspired by the faith of my parents who were committed Catholics and through them I had contacts with some of the priests from the local parish community who encouraged me.

Q. Why did you choose the name Francis as a priest?

My parents gave me the name Francis at my Baptism. I discovered they really liked St. Francis of Assisi and his prayer for Peace. I grew up to like the prayer, "Lord, make me an Instrument of your Peace ...", often said by my parents during the family morning prayer. I felt inspired by the life of St. Francis when I read his stories, and so I retained the name Francis as a priest. My parents are now deceased and may their souls and all the faithful departed rest in peace, amen.

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Q. In what other communities have you served?

I have deep interest in parish ministry, and I have a rewarding and fruitful ministry experiences in many Catholic parishes, schools, and communities where I have served in about twenty years. I worked in Nigeria, the Gambia, Senegal, Wales, and England, in Kent, Slough and London as parochial vicar, parish priest, school manager, foundation governor, youth chaplain, spiritual director/counsellor, pastoral team leader, administrator, and community project supervisor.

Q. What are your hopes and plans for the parish?

The Parish Community in Wincanton, and the surrounding communities, such as Mere, have many good and wonderful people, and I am happy to serve as the parish as parish priest since May 1st 2022. So far, my ministry in the parish is bearing fruits and I can see the joy participation of many in the weekly liturgical celebrations and other church activities. I hope for the very best with the wonderful people of the parish. There is willingness to participate, and it is my prayer and hope that the good Lord will build us into a great Eucharistic Family, united in faith, love, and service.

Q. What is your message to local residents?

We are a friendly and welcoming community of Jesus; all are welcome in this place of worship and friendship. As friends of Jesus, we have so much to learn from one another. With the help of God, we can all contribute to building an attractive life of solidarity and community for all. Please connect with us wherever you are - by phone 0196334408 and by email: hope@stlukeswincanton.org.uk and if you would like a copy of our weekly bulletin, kindly share your email contact with us.

Interview by Dr. Alex Channer, 5 August 2022

Cover Story - The Aerial Atlas of Ancient Britain

Author and photographer David Abram returns with a follow up to his hugely popular illustrated talk earlier this year. He will be directing our attention beyond the wonders of the Wylde Valley, using his stunning drone photographs to show how life in Britain changed from the arrival of the first Neolithic herder-farmers on these shores around 4,000 BC, through the bucolic Bronze Age to the era of hillforts and resistance against the Claudian Legions in the first century AD.

Lively, humorous and scholarly, David's presentations are a highly engaging way to learn about prehistory, and his photographs are truly inspirational. This time, he'll be bringing along copies of his new book, the 'Aerial Atlas of Ancient Britain', described by Country Life magazine as 'extraordinary'.

Tuesday 20th September in the Village Hall
Tickets £7.50 on the door or via Eventbrite.
Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start



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MERE AND DISTRICT LINK SCHEME

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Link Update September 2022

The Link Scheme has continued to be busy over the summer with a total of 79 trips in June and 89 trips in July. As usual the most trips were to Salisbury District Hospital which we went to 46 times and we also did 25 trips to RUH Bath over these two months.

Our volunteer drivers are available to take you to medical appointments, including Covid vaccinations, and, if resources allow, shopping. Once you have an appointment please call 01747 860096 to book a Link driver. Please try to give us 48 hours notice if possible as we cannot guarantee to arrange last minute requests. Our co-ordinator isn't required to sit by the phone all day so if there is no answer please leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as she can.

We have welcomed two new drivers recently and are really grateful for their support. If you would like to find out more about driving for the Link please have a look at our website (www.merelink.org.uk) or call the Link number 01747 860096.

We are very grateful for the work of all our volunteers and are looking forward to holding a buffet lunch in September as a thank you for them and their partners.

John FitzGerald, Chair - Mere and District Link Scheme

Bag a Bargain.

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ELSIE SWANN'S PEGGY SUE IN
SECOND PLACE





The Maiden Bradley Climate Collective

Activating Maiden Bradley's Environmental Response

“... the next few years offer a rapidly closing window to realize a sustainable, liveable future for all.” IPCC Report, 9 June,2022

On the 18/19th July 2022. England experienced the hottest day on record. While temperatures hit 36 °C here in Maiden Bradley, it reached an unprecedented 40°C in the north. The experience certainly sparked a lot of conversations so this month we thought we would share five key facts about Climate Change that we all need to know. Our source is the The IPCC is the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a United Nations body for assessing the science related to climate change www.ipcc.ch

ARTICLE BY JANNINE BARRON

Certified Carbon Literacy Professional and Citizen Member of the Climate and Environment Forum and member of MBCC

Five facts for your next brave conversation starter about Climate Change.

Fact 1

- The planet is 1°C hotter than it was 100 years ago. At the current rate of warming, we could be another 1 °C hotter in just 30 yrs. If that happens, the damage to nature will be irreversible.

Fact 2

- If we do nothing, 1/3 of the world is on track to be unliveable because new deserts will be created and a 1-metre sea level rise will wipe out whole countries and coastlines. There is time to change this trajectory, but the window to change is closing. There are some great ideas in the table on the next page for you to brainstorm if this inspires you into action.

Fact 3

- Global leaders** recognised just how bad things were **back in 2015** resulting in The Paris Agreement, a historic and legally binding international treaty on climate change. It was adopted by 196 countries at COP 21 in Paris, on 12 December 2015 and entered into force on 4 November 2016. The treaty aims to limit global warming to 2%, preferably to 1.5 °Celsius.

Fact 4

- We have a 10–15-year window to make radical business changes in farming, food systems, global supply chains and resource management. It requires a combination of government legislation and corporations and small business to act now. To meet this window, we must start last year. (Not a typo) The top 3 areas of change as identified by the UN IPCC, and the quickest way to **decarbonise** and meet **net-zero** targets, are Food and Farming, Energy and Transport.

Fact 5

1 °C doesn't sound too bad?

- You can't think about 1 °C in the same way as you think about the weather temperature in your day-to-day life. We all need to think in terms of wild weather events such as the 40 °C temperatures in the UK along with air pollution, ice caps melting, sea level rises and resource shortages. **1 °C is what we are experiencing now and that's why we are in a climate emergency.**

WHAT IS NET ZERO AND DECARBONISATION?

To reach net zero we need to remove the same amount of CO2 as we release into the atmosphere. Think greenhouse gas emissions.

Decarbonisation is the term used for the removal or reduction of carbon dioxide (CO2) output into the atmosphere such as switching to the usage of low carbon energy sources.

So, What Can you Do?

Decarbonisation is possible by both business and personal actions.

Q: What do you have the power to change?

Choose something from this list or add to it with your own ideas.

PERSONAL	BUSINESS	POLITICS
1. Check your hobbies don't destroy habitat, flora, or fauna 2. Reduce or eliminate meat 3. Buy locally 4. Use Zero Waste Shops and reduce supermarket shopping. 5. Grown your own food 6. Reduce car use and share with your neighbours 7. Insulate and change energy source in your home 8. Encourage habitats for local flora and fauna in gardens & farms.	1. Balance income and environmental damage 2. Supply Chain analysis 3. Resource Management 4. Employee wellbeing 5. Allocate resources for change and set targets 6. Move all energy sources to 100% renewable 7. Eliminate emissions from transport 8. Improve Farming Practices	1. Create targets and legislation 2. Leadership and Education for us all 3. Write to your MP 4. Get involved in local programs. 5. Declare a Climate Emergency in your local organisation 6. Ask the council for...

If you are inspired into action by what you have read here today or have any comments, please contact the MAIDEN BRADLEY CLIMATE COMMITTEE to get involved in local events by contacting janninebarron@gmail.com



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ON THURSDAY 4TH AUGUST THE LUNCHEON CLUB held their Annual Outing for members, cooks, helpers and guests. This year we went to Exmouth, we set off on a lovely morning our coffee stop was Otter Garden Centre but it was Honiton Show so on the A30 they were queuing to come off at the junction we should come off at. So our driver had to take us a longer way round but we got there in the end. After the coffee stop we proceeded to Exmouth getting there about 12.20pm people had to be back where we were dropped off for 2.50pm so the bus could take us to catch the boat for our cruise up the river. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves in Exmouth getting lunch, going for a paddle. We even had two young members of the community who came with their grandparents I think they enjoyed the beach and even an ice cream they were very well behaved. We had 1 hour 15 mins on our cruise which was really enjoyable and the club paid for everyone to have a tea or coffee on the boat. Everyone came off the boat happy and enjoyed the trip. We stopped at cartgate for comfort stop and raffle. Lionel our driver did a good job once again. Luncheon Club restarts on 1st September at 12.30pm at Horningsham Hall.

Luncheon Club and Welcome Club

ON TUESDAY 23RD AUGUST we held our monthly outing and it was to Henley on Thames. We set off in light drizzly rain hoping for better things to come. We headed up the A303 and just past Winterbourne Stoke when we were held up in traffic thinking it was the usual traffic jams on the A303, but no, when we arrived at the roundabout before Stonehenge, there were two lorries on their sides and the A303 was closed with a diversion through Larkhill. Luckily our driver Lionel knew a way around the problem which took us a different route to the Countess Roundabout. He went through Durrington and Bulford and we were soon on our way to Andover for our coffee stop only one hour late. We arrived in Henley on Thames at 1pm and stayed till 4.30pm. A number of us wandered around the town after lunch, but many of us made our way down to the riverbank and walked along then found a seat watching people, boats and ducks go by. Some went on a boat ride which they enjoyed. The weather became really warm in the afternoon, so I think once again our group enjoyed themselves. We stopped on the M4 services for comfort stop and raffle coming back on a different route. Thank you Lionel for another lovely trip out.

Next Outing to Sidmouth on 27th September

Anyone interested please contact Pearl 844779 or Lesley 21135

Village Hall Lottery

July

1 st	Vera Crossman	£24.25	2 nd	Kate Burgess	£12.30
3 rd	Sam Ribeck	£7.50	4 th	Lesley Trollope	£4.80

August

1 st	Oliver Laidler	£24.25	2 nd	Cas Gunter	£12.30
3 rd	Mrs Roche	£7.50	4 th	Chris Downes	£4.90

Thank you - 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.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH NEWS

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



Community Speed Watch News. Produced by the Maiden Bradley Community Speed Watch Volunteers to keep the village safe and aware of our activities.

Activity in August has been heavier than normal this Month with 6 sessions logging 810 vehicles counted.
Vehicles booked for speeding over 35mph have risen to 41. Again the Majority being cars averaging 38 mph.

The HGV traffic continues to remain the same as last month, based on the numbers logged during CSW activity. During an average 60 minute CSW session in August 2022 it showed an HGV every 1.82 minutes, or 697 HGV tonnes per hour through our village.

The HGV configuration remains similar, vehicles are either "32 tonne 4 axle rigid vehicles Mainly Quarry Traffic or 44 tonne 5 / 6 axle Articulated" With a maximum length of 16.5mtrs (54ft - 2ins) Almost exclusively Distribution Traffic.

CSW Cannot now operate along the High Street as the change of speed limit notices are up. Nor can we operate for 3 months after the signage is out in place.
So the High Street team will be operating in other areas of concern within the village.

We are still waiting for Rngway to forward installation dates for the second SID (Speed Indicator Device) Frome Road. Having said that I am advised the installation dates will be confirmed by the end of this month.

We are still 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.

As always, 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



Our New Speed Indicator Device



Installed today 22nd August 2022

Photographs Courtesy of Ian Ferguson

We are still looking for 2 people willing to help with the putting up and taking down of the SID only on Church Street now, the new one remains mounted. An even less arduous task now as the old SID will only be on Church Street and takes at most 30 minutes once a fortnight to install or take down.



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A Happy Man. 2

The start of a 5hr passenger hauling run at our Yeovil track recently.

The locomotive this time is a Stroudley A1 Terrier or Rooter Tank engine built by myself to 5 inch gauge 40 years ago again to original works drawings. This very successful large class of locomotive was first designed and built for London Brighton & South Coast Railway to work the South London suburban services. As the London traffic became ever heavier, larger engines were needed. Two were sold to the London & South Western Railway to work the Lyme Regis branch

No 12 inch to the foot mug on the bunker this time. Well unless the driver wants hot tea in his lap!!!! It has happened in the past and produced some very strange tribal dancing and odd sort of chanting.

Interestingly the model of the full size engine has some similar characteristics. Usually very sure footed and not prone to slipping. However when they do, no half measures, contents of the firebox out the chimney onto the drivers head complete with scalding hot water as the engine primes. Hence the hat.

The locomotive was No 735 in the London South Western Railway days. This engine was originally No 68 Clapham in LB&SCR days. Her sister engine was No 734 originally No46 Newington In LB&SCR days and is still running in the heritage railway world. The private owner wagon behind is interesting as the company Richard Briggs still exists, Some years ago now I was commissioned to build a 5 inch gauge wagon for this company, so built two, A Happy Man.

Simon Wager



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Harvest Supper

*Maiden Bradley
Memorial Hall*

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(maximum 60 places)*

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