

MAIDEN BRADLEY NEWS

DECEMBER 2022



REMEMBERING MAUREEN FERGUSON



- 3 Sat Christmas wreath making - Hall 10 .00- 12.30**
Christmas Cookery with Rosie Brown - Hall 2.00 - 4.00
- 4 Sun Catch up coffee morning - Hall 10.00 - 11.00
- 5 Mon Bingo in the Hall - eyes down 7.30
- 7 Weds Household waste collection
- 11 Sun Morning Worship led by Celia Blay 10.00**
Christmas Bazaar from 2pm
- 14 Wed Black box and blue bin recycling
- 19 Mon Carol singing and mulled wine for Dorothy House - Hall 6pm**
- 20 Tues Candlelight Service 6.30 followed by refreshments in Bradley House**
- 21 Wed Household waste collection
- Copy for MB News to pat@visa-office.com*
- 24 Sat Midnight Mass at All Saints 11.30**
- 29 Thurs Black box and blue bin recycling

January

- 1 Sun Catch up coffee morning - Hall 10.00 - 11.00
- 4 Wed Household waste collection



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EDITORIAL

As another year draws to a close, reflecting over the last twelve months, who would have thought that Russia would wage war against an independent democratic country. Well one person I know predicted to the day when this would happen. Professor Geoff Till is a naval military historian and he has agreed to make a presentation on the subject of the Ukraine/Russia conflict here in Maiden Bradley on Friday 3rd March. Professor Till spends much of his time at the USA Naval War College, has written many books and has students across the globe. Tickets for the event will be available shortly and all proceeds will be donated to the Friends of All Saints' Church.

We have tributes to two of our much loved members of the community in the News this month, Len Cooper and Maureen Ferguson. Both will be greatly missed.

I hope that many of you will be getting into the Christmas spirit and attending the Christmas Wreath making workshop and the Christmas food demonstration, both being held on Saturday 3rd December in the Hall.



The News Team wish you all a very happy Christmas and healthy and happy New Year.

Patricia Kennedy 845397 pat@visa-office.com

OUR FRIEND LEN

Len Cooper, a very good friend and fellow shoot member to many of us in Maiden Bradley, sadly died on 4th October. Len first came to Maiden Bradley in 1958 when he married Sylvia. They lived for a while at number 49 Church Street while working on his father's farm at Norton Ferris. When the farm could no longer support two families, Len bought a lorry and hauled stone from the Mendips. Len and Sylvia built themselves a bungalow at Kilmington Common. They have three children, Michael, Susan and Margaret. In the early 1970's they returned to Maiden Bradley joining Sylvia's father running Leathers Coaches. Under Len's control the coach business blossomed and at one time having as many as ten coaches.

Len was a perfectionist, no matter what time of night coaches returned they were washed and cleaned before being put away. Len also maintained the fleet to a very high standard. Len and Sylvia sold the company in 1998. Len was keen on both shooting and Cley pigeon shooting and in about 1990 Chip Cottage Shoot was formed where about 20 members, many from Maiden Bradley, enjoyed almost thirty years game shooting. Len took on the role of secretary and treasurer. His bookkeeping was immaculate and record keeping, second to none. When asked how many birds were shot on a particular day, many years before and it was all in his records. From his many friends in Maiden Bradley and the Chip Cottage Shoot, we thank you Len, rest in peace.

Derek Stevens



IT'S ALL HAPPENING AT YOUR HALL.....

Winter events coming up....

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER
Christmas Wreath Making 10-12.30
SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER -
Christmas Cookery Demonstration 2-4pm

SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER – Catch-up Coffee Morning 10-11am
MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER – Bingo -Doors open 7pm, eyes down for 7.30pm
SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER – **Christmas Bazaar from 2pm**
MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER – **Carol Singing and Mulled Wine in aid of Dorothy House 6pm**

SUNDAY 1ST JANUARY 2023 – Catch-up Coffee Morning 10-11am
Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall
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REGULAR EVENTS

- MONDAYS 10.00AM-11.00AM**
Yoga (new time)
- MONDAYS 5.00PM-6.00PM**
Dr's Surgery
- TUESDAY 11AM-MIDDAY**
Bradley Babies
- TUESDAY 1.00PM-3.00PM**
Post Office Service
- WEDNESDAYS 6.15PM-7.15PM**
Yoga Flow
- FRIDAYS 10AM-12PM**
Coffee Morning

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Monday December 5th
7.00pm for 7.30pm start

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MAIDEN BRADLEY
MEMORIAL HALL



This Year's Fundraising Festive Decoration Competition

This year prizes of £50 Lakeside Garden Centre Vouchers will be awarded to one winner in each of the two categories:

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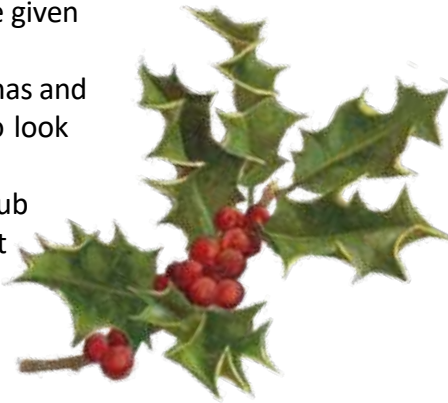
WELCOME CLUB

On Thursday 17th November the Welcome Club held their Annual General Meeting at Horningsham Hall. We had a very good attendance with lots of discussion of places members would like to go to on their outings next year. Lesley Pearl and Tom will go through the places and decide on the cost of coach so we can let members know at the next meeting which is on Thursday 23rd March 2023.

Our next event will be the Christmas Bingo on November 28th and after that it is the Annual Christmas Dinner where we are joining the Luncheon Club. The lunch will be held at Hunters Lodge on Thursday 15th December and everyone should now have given Lesley their choice of menu.

We wish all the members a very Happy Christmas and let's hope 2023 will bring us brighter things to look forward to.

If there is anyone interested in joining the Club and coming on our monthly outings please let Tom know on 844468, or Lesley on 211355 or myself Pearl on 844779 we will look forward to seeing you.



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ROSIE BROWN



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HORNINGSHAM LUNCHEON CLUB

The Club is going from strength to strength. We have two new cooks from Maiden Bradley, Pat and Sarah and two of our regular cooks who have been off for a few months will be back with us in the new year. This will help with the rota that Margaret organizes and spread the load amongst the cooks.

We are very grateful for the time given by our cooks and helpers, especially Fran, Jean and Colin who are there every week. If you find in 2023 you have a few hours free on a Thursday and would like to help please get in touch.

Our Christmas meal last year at Hunters Lodge Wincanton was a great success, so we have booked again for this year. This meal is for all the members and the cooks and helpers who work so hard throughout the year. We have also asked our Welcome Club members who do not also belong to Luncheon Club to join us, which will make a large party of about 70. A very noisy and happy occasion I am sure.

We will be closing for the Christmas break on the 8th December and reopen on Thursday 5th January.

From all the members, cooks and helpers we wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and hope you all have a healthy 2023.

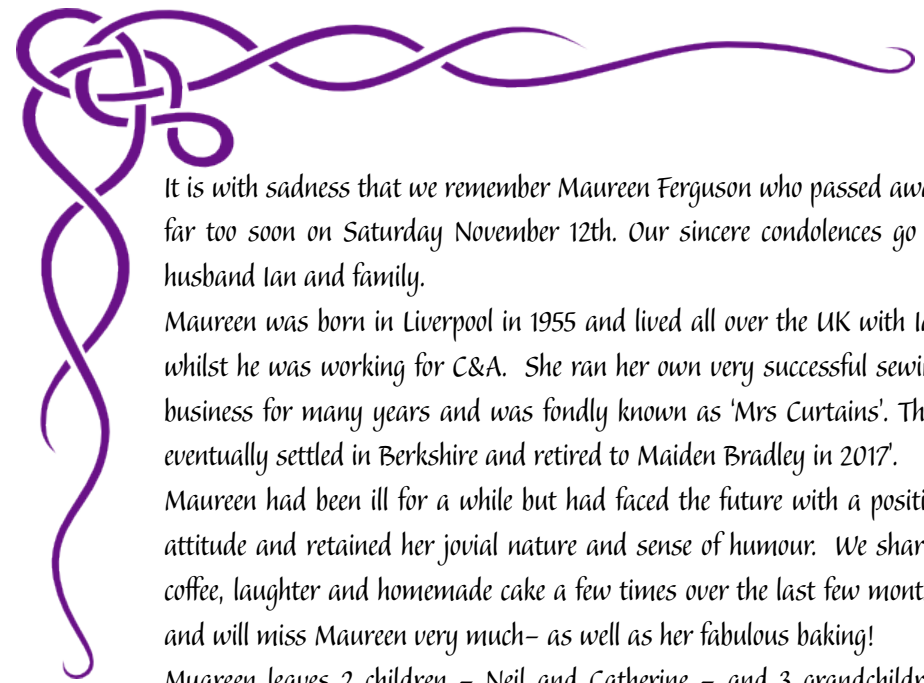
Margaret 844756

Lesley 211355

JON KENZIE

Jon made a much anticipated return visit to the hall on Nov 4th. The evening was a sellout and Jon treated us to a intimate evening of his music, clearly appreciating the opportunity to play on his home territory.

Those of you who are not familiar with Jon's work, take a look at his website www.jonkenzie.com and check out his albums on your favorite streaming site.



It is with sadness that we remember Maureen Ferguson who passed away far too soon on Saturday November 12th. Our sincere condolences go to husband Ian and family.

Maureen was born in Liverpool in 1955 and lived all over the UK with Ian whilst he was working for C&A. She ran her own very successful sewing business for many years and was fondly known as 'Mrs Curtains'. They eventually settled in Berkshire and retired to Maiden Bradley in 2017.

Maureen had been ill for a while but had faced the future with a positive attitude and retained her jovial nature and sense of humour. We shared coffee, laughter and homemade cake a few times over the last few months and will miss Maureen very much- as well as her fabulous baking!

Maureen leaves 2 children - Neil and Catherine - and 3 grandchildren (pictured), Mya, Eliza and Henry

Elaine Lavender





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Link Update November 2022

We had a bumper month in November with 102 trips including 21 each to Odstock and for Covid vaccinations to a variety of destinations but mainly Tisbury. Thanks again for your help.

We have heard of an initiative to provide free logs and kindling for local families in need. The Seeds4Success Logs4Locals project helps provide free logs and kindling to families who need fuel to heat their homes over the winter. A team of young people engaged in social action projects with Seeds 4 Success have helped chop the wood for these bags. The wood has been provided by local landowners from felled Ash and other trees.

This project is aimed at supporting families in South West Wiltshire who will find warming their homes this winter a genuine challenge. If you think any of our passengers living in Wiltshire could benefit from this help please tell Barbara 01747 863441 or advise them to contact Jaki Farrel at Seeds4Success (jaki@seeds4success.org.uk) to find out more.

NB please do not give the passenger Barbara's phone number.

Best wishes

John

John FitzGerald

Chair Mere and District Link Scheme

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Link phone 01747 860096

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Christmas wreath-making and mince pies

Saturday 3rd December, 10.00-12.30

Please join us to make your homemade Christmas wreath together, eat mince pies, have a cup of tea or 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 Donations to the hall gratefully received

Please email Alex Channer (adrchanner@gmail.com) if you plan to join us.



A Happy Man No. 6



The Memories of a Railway Man

An Autobiography by Mike Herrin and his life on the railway.
Yeovil Junction Part Two.

I started work in Yeovil Junction, I think, in 1959, as time goes by, dates don't seem to mean too much and exact times are lost. The work was very different to that at Crewkerne, We were more involved with the transshipment of parcels from main line trains to the branch to Yeovil Town and there were vast amounts of parcels moved by rail back then, mountains of mailbags, tobacco products etc. All Woolworth's (The late lamented) goods moved by rail, we only dealt with the small products, wagon load traffic went to Yeovil Town and Hendford goods, of which more later.

There was a Booking Clerk, Foreman, and three porters per shift, (Early and Late) on the various turns of each shift in the yard. In the yard were a Head Shunter and two under shunters, a carriage and wagon examiner per shift. Plus a night shunter, 6 signalmen in two boxes and a lampman on days. The Signam and Telegraph Dept: and two mechanical signal engineers, add the tack men to the pot and you can see that there was unlike today usually someone about the place. I forgot to add the seventeen guards based there and the continuous stream of loco men coming and going to change crews on many of the trains.

Instead of going through the routine days let us take a look at one or two of the amusing incidents that happened.



One of our gang was in the habit of going to Sherborne, next station up the line, about once a fortnight on lates for a haircut. He lived in a lineside cottage up the line and used to ride his bicycle to work along the "Cess", a narrow path alongside the ballast, no longer around. Back then you were able to cycle from Penzance to Wick along a well maintained path and banks.

After his haircut he used to visit the local for a pint, on this occasion he visited the Yeovil Junction Buffet during the evening and had another. About 8:30pm the foreman decides to let him go home a bit early so he sets off up the line on his trusty bike, we thought nothing more about it, until the 8:50pm Up Bideford express goods roars through at about 60 mph, up into the cutting on towards Sherborne the engine whistle long and loud, then we hear her open up again accelerating away, all seems well.

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Parish Council 14th November 2022

Planning Decisions- the Parish Council noted the below decisions made by Wiltshire Council.

Application Ref PL/2022/07626 - Householder Application

Address: 58 the Rank, Bradley Lane, Maiden Bradley, Warminster, BA12 7JF

Proposal: Alterations and rear 2 storey extension.

Decision: to be made on the 28th November 2022

Co-option- LGA 1972 S89 Filing Casual Vacancies & s90 Term of office (A person appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office until the date upon which the persons in whose place he/she is elected or appointed would regularly have retired, and he shall then retire).

MAIDEN BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS

ONE MORE TEAM MEMBER

What does being a Councillor involve?

The Parish Council makes decisions on behalf of the Parish of Maiden Bradley and Yarnfield. It decides which projects to support and where money should be spent for the benefit of the Parish. It also helps with decisions about planning applications, maintenance of our roads and traffic issues.

Over the last three years the Parish Council has: -

- installed a Parish Map Information Board
- installed SID (Speed Indicator devices)
- Community Speed Watch has been set up in the past 4 years
- organised the painting of the Church railings
- achieved a 20-mph speed limit on the High Street
- investigated the traffic problems on the Rank
- installed white gates to help with traffic calming
- there is much more to do.....the village is an ongoing project

We would welcome anyone who would like to get involved and help. Councillors say they spend usually about an hour on their duties per week – some do more who have special responsibilities.

If you think you would like to join the current team on the Council, taking the Parish Plan forward next year - please contact a member of the Parish Council or the Parish Clerk. Sarah Jeffries Clerk 019885 213436 or email maidenbradley@outlook.com Visit the website for more information: www.maidenbradley.org.uk

Items for the next Agenda - Reserves and Contingency, General Reserves, Budget/Precept, Clerks Appraisal, Clerk's review wages for inclusion in the draft 2023/2024 budget, Re-allocation of Parish Plan actions for specific Councillors to lead on as some of the projects have now been removed from it and the painting the Phone Box

Date of the next Full Council meeting is Thursday the 13th December 2022; the Meeting will start at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend. 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@outlook.com, by phone on 01985 213436, or by post to Parish Clerk, 9 Beech Grove, Warminster, BA12 0AB



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MAIDEN BRADLEY WEIGHT WATCHERS - UPDATE



In last month's newsletter we updated you on our plans to get a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) for the B3092 to try to reduce the weight and size of the HGV traffic in Maiden Bradley. Lorries of up to 45 tonnes use our village as a cut through to and from the A303 instead of driving on the A350 and the Frome and Warminster bypasses which were built specifically for large and heavy vehicles.

A meeting was held on 10th November with the Wiltshire Area Board at which our proposal for a TTRO, outlined in the November edition of the Maiden Bradley News, was explained in detail by Alex Channer who spoke on behalf of the villagers of Maiden Bradley, Chapmanslade and Corsley.

Alex spoke eloquently and assertively, convincing the Councillors to support our motion for a TTRO. Councillor Clewer, the leader of Wiltshire Council was very supportive, noting that the matter would be discussed further and that a new highways officer has been appointed to "shake things up a bit".

We intend to maintain the pressure on Wiltshire Council at our next meeting in early December which will be chaired by our MP, Dr. Andrew Murrison.

Maiden Bradley Weight Watchers Team



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.

Ill health, Holidays, Inclement weather, Road Works in the area plus the very positive effect of the SID on Frome Road has made CSW activity in November impossible for the much reduced active members of the CSW team. Therefore by majority vote we have decided to stop operations until the 9th January 2023. When we will commence.

The decision is further compounded by the reduction in volunteers to take part in CSW operations all for fair and honourable reasons. We started operations in 2018 with 17 volunteers. Four years later we are down to 7 active members with three CSW sessions a week. A lot of extra time is spent by the very willing few on CSW duties. I for one am very grateful for all the hard work and effort put by CSW team members both past and present. Thank you.

The undoubted success of the SID (Speed Indicator Device) on Frome Road. has had such a positive effect in traffic calming and therefore quite rightly as expected changed the pattern of CSW activity.

So much so that a second one of the same type has been agreed by the Council for the church end of the village along with other improvements to the traffic calming in that area.

So you see it's even more important that we gain volunteers to spread the load rather than just the active seven members carrying out CSW duties. It's only 45 minutes every fortnight in good company. Think about it and help spread the load for CSW.,

We as you will have noted, taking a short sabbatical from CSW and will return to activity on the week commencing 9th January 2023

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

Simon Wager

Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator.

**Chairman Maiden Bradley Parish
Council**





Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Wilkinson's Column

Policing has been under the microscope in the last year and I don't see this scrutiny letting up any time soon – and neither should it.

The public want their police force to keep them safe, protect vulnerable people, put victims first, catch the criminals responsible, produce quality investigations and lock the bad ones up.

Wiltshire Police has had its fair share of criticism. It has received a poor PEEL inspection report and is currently in 'special measures'. I can reassure you progress is being made and my scrutiny of that performance is ongoing.

We have had some solid successes too. You told me road safety and speeding was a key concern. I have committed investment into the roads policing unit, increasing the number of officers and cars by 20%.

We also tripled the capacity of the speed enforcement team, with extra police staff and state-of-the-art cameras. With this joined up approach, there are more traffic officers on our streets and there has been an increase of 42% of the number of people caught speeding and given tickets. There is still more to do but our roads will become safer as the deterrent of speeding tickets and prosecution starts to bite.

The rural crime team has also doubled since I committed investment in the team and in extra equipment. I was also pleased with the force's commitment to visit all victims of home burglary – let me know if this doesn't happen and I will act on your behalf to scrutinise that commitment.

We are also in the process of recruiting the next Chief Constable of Wiltshire Police and I hope to have them confirmed in post by mid January. We look forward to welcoming them to the county. In the meantime, our current Chief will carry on implementing the improvements needed to satisfy HM Inspectors and provide stability so the force can continue making Wiltshire safer for all.

Please also make sure you take part in my survey, taking place in December and January, which will ask you about your confidence levels in Wiltshire Police and about the policing precept for 2023/24. It is important we capture as many people's thoughts as possible and you will find this on my website from mid December.

As ever, I wish you a safe and happy Christmas and new year.

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