

# Maiden Bradley

Parish News

No 356 February 2019



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**The hall's new roof is  
completed!**

# THE PIED PIPER OF BRAIDEN MADLEY

Rehearsals are now in full swing for our Village Pantomime and every rehearsal brings something new and exciting to the show. We have some very talented people who are working hard to bring you something to make you laugh, cry or possibly groan (**Oh yes you will!**)!

To experience all these thrills, you must buy a ticket (a few still available for each evening at the very reasonable price of £7.00) and come and enjoy this local talent fest and at the same time support your village hall which still needs to raise funds for further essential works. There will be a raffle each performance (tickets drawn in the interval) and ice cream for sale too so you really do not want to miss all this fun.

Tickets are available to buy at the Somerset Arms and our Village Shop which is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

The performance starts on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February, followed by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Matinee** – doors open 2.00 pm curtain up 2.30 pm

**Evening performances** – doors open at 7.00pm curtain up 7.30pm



## February Diary 2019

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sun	Sunday catch up – coffee and croissants in the Hall	10am
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Household waste collection	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Prayer meeting – for venue phone 844817	6.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Matins at All Saints Church	10am
11 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Blue bin, black box and garden waste collections	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Tues	Parish Council meeting in the hall	7.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Prayer meeting-for venue phone 844817	6.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Farmhouse Supper and Quiz in the hall	7.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Communion at All Saints Church	10am
18 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Household waste collection	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Prayer meeting- for venue phone 844817	6.30pm
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21 <sup>st</sup>	Thurs	Pantomime “the Pied Piper of Braiden Madley”	7.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fri	Pantomime	7.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat	Pantomime Matinee	2.30pm
		Pantomime	7.30pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Communion at All Saints Church	10am
25 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Blue bin, black box and garden waste collection	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Prayer meeting- for venue phone 844817	6.30pm

## March

23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat	Communal Litter Pick – meet at Community Garden	10am
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Dr Harding’s Surgery every Monday at the Memorial Hall except Bank Holidays 5-6 pm.  
Please bring your orders to Memorial Hall Surgery the week before they are due for the  
Doctor to process.

Refuse & Recycling Collections every Monday, for Bank Holiday changes see Wiltshire  
Council website.

Mother & Toddlers every Tuesday 10.00 am to 12 noon.

Useful telephone Nos.: The Pub: 844207; Memorial Hall bookings – Mel Thomas 845111 ;

Dr. Andrew Murrison MP: 01225 358584 or murrisona@parliament.uk:

Mere Link Scheme 01747 860096; Rev. Carol Wilson-Barker 01747 861859.

Bell Ringing every Tuesday 7 pm in the Bell Tower at the Church.

Beginners welcome 844475

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

Maiden Bradley Parish News – contributions are welcome and preferred in WORD format.  
Email pat@visa-office.com

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## Editorial

Just in case it had slipped notice, the village hall has a new and completed roof. Congratulations to Mel Thomas for instigating the project in the first place and to all those who worked hard to ensure it came to fruition. Whilst hearing that the hall is still in need of support for the refurbishment of the toilets and general other outside maintenance, let us not forget our 12<sup>th</sup> Century church is also in need of support and funds. The Farmhouse Supper and quiz evening in aid of the Church has had to be cancelled probably because of lack of early interest in the event. So let us all make an effort to support the church fundraising events, after all, we all hope to use the church for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Christmas and Easter events.

*Where would the bell ringers ring without the church?*

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



## Church News

Our thanks to the Somerset Arms for hosting the Plough Sunday Service. The collection of £92 has been sent to the Farming Community Network, which is a voluntary organisation and charity that supports farmers and families within the farming community through difficult times.

Celia Blay

## January News from the Hall

**WOW!** How good does the New Roof look? After a long hard struggle we have our new roof and what a difference it makes. Thank you to one and all who have been involved in the project whether it's been fund raising or supporting and using the hall. All the efforts have been well worth it.

Our next targets are to replace some of the windows, the outside décor and to refurbish the toilets. All these improvements will ensure that the hall will be here to serve the community for decades to come.

The Topping Out Party was a great success and Shelia Foley and her helpers need a special mention, lets hope for many more nights like it.

The Film Nights are going from strength to strength and we have some quality films coming up for you to watch. The family shows where Fish & Chips are available look as if they are going to be popular.

If you are organising a family gathering or need a well equipped space to hold a business meeting or training day please give the hall your consideration. The rates of hire are very competitive with all other venues in the area.

Coming in April for a return performance, we have



So watch this space for date, their first visit was a great night.

Don't forget to pay a visit to the Old Kitchen Store for your basic shopping needs, our prices are on a par with the larger supermarkets.

Mel Thomas

## Parish Council January 2019

**Precept** – The Parish Council have agreed the Precept Balancing Figure of £17056.37 for the financial year April 2019 to April 2020. This would mean an increase of £9.41 in total for a year as the Parish Councils proportion of the Council Tax on a Band D property. This would allow the Parish Council to retain the defibrillator, replace its IT equipment, refurbish the play area equipment, provide cricket nets on the Recreational area for the summer months, support the creation of a new parish plan and further support all the projects it wishes to complete in 2019/2020.

**Community Grants** – it was agreed to grant from the 2019/2020 budget £270.0 to the Mere Link Scheme, this would be presented at the May Annual Parish meeting. Further information was to be sought regarding the Village Halls Grant Application received, Council set the Community budget was set with regard to the support required by the Village Hall.

**Highways** - If any Parishioner sees or is aware of anything which they feel needs attention in and around the parish highways, they are requested to contact Wiltshire Council using either the online website above, the Wiltshire Council App or on the landline number **0300 456 0105**.

The Wiltshire Council app can be used to report Highways issues or online at **<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/mywiltshirelogin.htm>**

**Litter Pick** –The Community Litter pick will be held on the **23rd March 2019** and start at the Community Allotment Garden **at 10.00am**. Councillor Simon Wager will be present to hand out equipment and note areas parishioners would like to clear.

Do contact Councillor Simon Wager if you would be interesting in borrowing some equipment and actioning adhoc litter picking to help enhance the appearance of the parish. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided after the litter pick.

**Date of the next meeting-** The Council agreed that **Tuesday 12th February 2019** would be the date of the next Parish Council meeting.

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.uk](http://www.maidenbradley.org.uk) can be accessed to read a copy of the Agenda and minutes electronically or copies are displayed on the Community Notice Board at the Village Hall and Bus Stop. If you have access to Facebook, there is a Parish Council Facebook page do sign up and join the Community Information Board.

**Sarah Jeffries the clerk can be contacted by email: [maidenbradley@virginmedia.com](mailto:maidenbradley@virginmedia.com) or phone: 01985 213436 or by mail to Maiden Bradley Parish Clerk 9 Beech Grove Warminster-BA12 0AB**

## **Maiden Bradley Development Plan 2019**

This year, Maiden Bradley will be updating its Parish Development Plan, which is our chance to shape how we want our community and services to develop in the long-term.

Parish Councillor Alex Channer is taking the lead in the preparation and coordination of the plan and in particular the public consultation that is essential to its success.

Please look out for more information in the March newsletter, including an outline of the approach to developing the plan, a schedule of consultation events and other relevant information.

If you are interested in helping with any part of the project, please get in touch with Alex by Email: [adrchanner@gmail.com](mailto:adrchanner@gmail.com). More detail on the tasks involved and how you can get involved will be given in March.

If you'd like to read the past plans, published in 2005 and 2012, you can find them on the Maiden Bradley Parish Council website.

# Traffic Report Maiden Bradley 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## Speed Indicator Device

A trial took place from the **19<sup>th</sup> November** to the **2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018** of the proposed replacement Speed Indicator device. Which has proved very successful and therefore this model has been purchased and will be put in place following the same process as the previous one. The device has the facility to download the number of vehicles and speeds passing the device and therefore gives the ability to place it where most needed at either end of the village.

## Results Summary

- Total Vehicles counted over the trial period: **33,474**
- Vehicles Over 30mph Limit: **1,978 (6%)**
- Average Speed: **22.7mph**
- 85<sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed: **27.7mph** (The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile is the speed at which or below which 85% of the traffic is travelling)

There is no doubt that the Speed Indicator Device has a very positive effect on speeding generally and once received and set up will go a long way in reducing average speeding through the village. Volunteers to help move the SID would be very much appreciated.

## Metro Count.

At long last we have the Metro Count figures for the Traffic Survey Results – Frome Road Maiden Bradley (30mphLimit)

Location North of High Street.

## The results of the survey for Frome Road are as follows:

- The Survey was carried out between **21/11/2018** and **06/12/2018**
- A total of **18741** vehicles were recorded
- The 85<sup>th</sup> Percentile was **38.59mph** (The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile is the speed at which or below which 85% of the traffic is travelling)
- The Average speed was **33.7mph**.

These figures clearly fit the criteria for Community Speed Watch based on the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile criteria for Posted 30mph Speed Limit 35.1mph to 41.9mph.

Therefore a request has been put forward requesting a list of training dates which will be sent out to all the volunteers who have waited so patiently to be advised of the dates and of course advised in the Parish Magazine for other parishioners who may wish to volunteer as well.

It has been a long wearisome period to get to this stage however we are starting to get to make progress.

Simon Wager - Councillor.

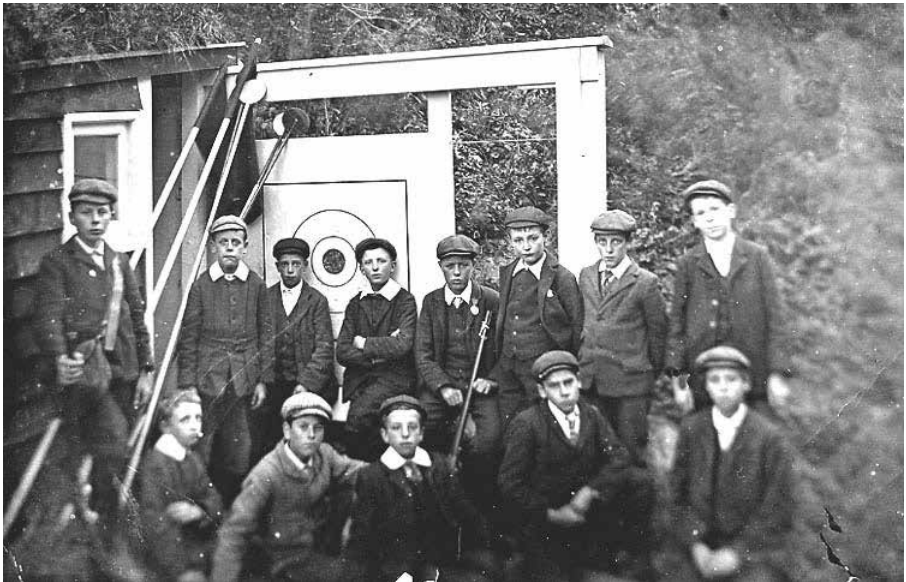


## Welcome Club

The new year starts with our first meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2.30pm. This will be a general meeting when yearly subscriptions of £5 will be due. We will have the printed programme for the year with dates of meetings and the monthly coach trips to distribute on this date. Anyone is welcome to attend, you may even wish to join us at Luncheon Club and stay on as many members do for the Welcome Club meetings. The dates and destinations for the coach trips will be printed in the next edition of the Horningsham/Maiden Bradley News with pick-up times and contact details to book.

If you have any queries please contact the number below. We look forward to seeing you at Horningsham Hall in March.

Lesley Trollope (01985211355)



This month's archive picture. The Archery Club.

# Bee Keeping

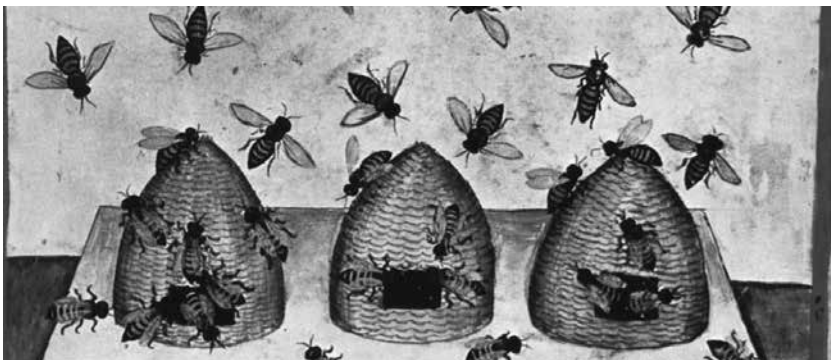
The Community Gardeners have been successful in acquiring 4 x Top Rail Bee Hives and all of which are comparatively new and other specific equipment , overalls, mask, smoker etc.

However, it would good to know if there are any experienced bee keepers or former bee keepers in the community that might offer guidance. We want to hear from those that want to learn the skills of the apiary and honey production.



**Let us know - contact James on 845397**

**or email to [64therank@gmail.com](mailto:64therank@gmail.com)**



# The Hall's Topping Out Party



Mel thanked everyone for their efforts in delivering the project and handed over to Dr Andrew Murrison who unveils the commemorative plaque and officially 'launches' the new roof!

Kate Moore read 'The New Roof' by Francis Hopkinson - appropriately customised by James Kennedy.

Musical duo, Naomi and Sophie, entertained everyone with a selection of tunes.



Our local shepherd, Tim, and Steve from the band 'Shoot the Dog' entertained everyone with a great acoustic set. Backdrop to the evening was a slidehow of the history of the hall , prepared by Elaine Lavender.



Ian, who did a great job as MC, presents the prize for guessing the number of tiles on the roof, to Lesley Trollope.

For those of you wondering, the exact answer was 18417!

Sarah Dummer-Wade, Funding Officer South West - Big Lottery Fund, chats to Fran Pearson, Chair of the Fudge Trust.







...and just in case you'd forgotten how bad it was!!!



So many people in the village have supported this project - many of them by subscribing to our own village Lottery. All proceeds from this fund will continue to go towards ensuring the Memorial Hall's future.

Thanks go to John Priestner for administering this - please give him your support by signing up if you don't already do so.

You may be the next winner!

## Look too, treble is going –she’s gone!

I record that my wife has been a bell ringer for a number of years and that means she is able to ring most of the six bells which hang in the belfry at All Saints Church as part of a Band, normally 6 ringers to make a tuneful tintinnabulation from our tower. However some towers like St Michael’s at Mere, have 8 Bells and a number of churches have 5 bells. Without exception our bells, tuned to perfection from Treble to Tenor, and with the experienced in charge, ring changes that have been composed centuries ago or indeed more recently by local ringers.

Rewinding to December 2017 Pat and I went to the bell ringers Christmas bash with many of the bell ringers from MB, Mere, Zeals , Bourton, Silton and Stourton attending. This was just one of many regular social functions, which happen around the District and at this event I was one of the few non-ringers having always believed that having one ringer in the household is enough. However on this occasion after a glass or two of wine and weakened by this largesse, agreed to start ringing and to go along to a lesson at Zeals parish church on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018. At Zeals the clappers that strike the bell are secured to mute the bell, thus allowing several learners to pull the ropes at the same time without making a noisy disturbance for the villagers.

On that first evening I met with three experienced teachers and a number of helpers and at my tender age of 70 launched into handling the bell rope and understanding the various parts of a bell’s anatomy and learning to ring without making a sound. This I found to be first class upper body exercise and loosened up some of the joints and muscles which I had forgotten I had.

After several Monday sessions, I soon became familiar with the Fourth bell and started to understand where my position was in the scheme of things and not long into this training was ringing a bell at Stourton where I could actually hear what I was doing. The summer came and my confidence grew and now I am attached to All Saints at Maiden Bradley and that wonderful suite of bells and attend for the time being on Practice night and to meet some ringers who have rung for over 50 years. A yarn with Colin Dowson (a very experienced ringer) in the pub provides me with the encouragement and guidance that is needed as I draw on his years of experience.

Where does this lead? Well, during the year I was encouraged to register with the CCCBR whose campaign was to mark the 100 anniversary of the end of the First World War and during that conflict 1400 bell ringers who became soldiers fell in action and to mark their parting the plan was to recruit 1400 more ringers. This was achieved, and to date over 2400 recruits have been registered and I am proud to say that I was one of those recruits and that I

participated in the Ringing Remembers at 11:30 am at All Saints Church as did two other novice ringers.

Bell Ringing is a skill I have discovered and a skill which suits young and old boys or girls alike and it would be wonderful to have new faces turn up. I have now achieved 12 months as a novice Bell Ringer and can recommend this activity as worthwhile and most enjoyable.

James Kennedy

### From the Archive

Regarding the photographs in the January newsletter "From the Archive" (inside back page), two of the images are included in my father, Don Newbury's book "Memories of Maiden Bradley" (published in 2004 for Maiden Bradley Historical Society by the Hobnob Press).

The top picture is indeed of Basil Leather with Bob; the middle is of the Maiden Bradley Frothblowers outing to Weston-super-Mare in 1930, with Mr. Leather (who owned and drove the bus) on the far right of the picture.

The bottom picture is of Don Newbury and Harold White in Bradley woods.

Sylvia Cooper

(nee Newbury)





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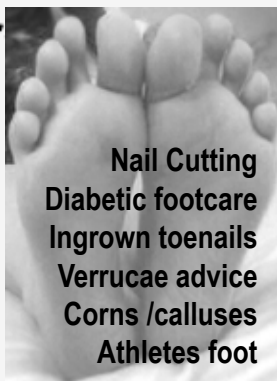
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