

# Maiden Bradley Parish News

375 September 2020



## September Diary

- 6 Sun Matins with Jane Hurd 10am  
7 Mon Green bin collection  
9 Wed Recycling  
13 Sun Communion with Rev Bernard Joy 10am  
*Sale of homemade preserves and produce in the Village Hall 2pm*  
14 Household waste collection  
20 Sun Annual Church Parochial Meeting All are welcome. 11.15am  
COPY DATE FOR OCTOBER NEWS TO pat@visa-office.com  
21 Mon Green bin collection  
23 Wed Recycling  
27 Sun Joint Service for St Michael's Day at Mere.  
Weekly worship resources are online at the St Michael's Mere website  
and on the Mere Facebook Page.  
28 Mon Household waste collection  
All Saint's Church is open on Sundays and Wednesdays for private prayer 10am to 3pm.

## October

Save the date : Sunday 18th October Apple Pressing Day  
at the Community Garden.

## Useful Telephone Numbers

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Pilates		01985 511693
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Rev. Carol Wilson-Barker		01747 861859



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## Editorial

Warmest Congratulations to Sue Priestner for her 45 years of playing the organ in our historic church, ably supported by husband John in many other activities within the village.

Please take a look at your roadside boundaries and remove the overhanging growth. Walking around the village we can see that there are many gardens growing long briars across the pavements and hedges that need cutting back. Please find your shears and adjust the growth in order to prevent hazards to pedestrians. Thank you.

**Pat Kennedy 845397** pat@visa-office.com

## NEWS FROM THE HALL

Hope this finds you all safe and well.

We are very grateful to Sheila Foley, who has secured a grant of £10,000 from Wiltshire Council to help the hall survive during these difficult times. The money is for using to pay ongoing bills and regular outgoings, which would normally be met from income raised by holding events, hall hire, etc.



Following on from the very successful cake sale, there will be another event on Sunday 13th September at 2pm. This time it will be a sale of homemade jams/preserves and fruit + veg. Organiser is Rosie Brown 01985 844236. If you would like to show off your jam making skills or your prize runner beans, or indeed any excess home grown produce, now is your chance!

The hall AGM will be held on **Monday 5th October at 7pm**. Social distancing will apply. If anyone is interested in joining the committee please let Sheila know on 01985 844218 or Brenda on 01985 844512.

**The hall is the real hub of the community,  
so please consider helping if you can.**

Best wishes and stay safe,

*Pam Thomlinson*

### Family News

We were shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the sudden death of Andrew Freeman and send our sincere condolences to his wife Anne and her family.

## Cover Story - Celebrations at All Saints'

Sunday the 23rd of August should have been the show service but thanks to the corona virus there was no village show this year. Despite the virus there has still been plenty to celebrate, not least the way that everyone has helped their neighbours in these strange times. One of the unexpected bonuses of lockdown has been that some of us have had a chance to catch up with things that previously we had insufficient time to do. A couple of examples were shown in church during the 'not a show service;' a beautifully made kneeler that Rosie Brown started twenty years ago and finished during lock-down



and a strange carved dark oak notice board that was hidden away in the vestry that has been restored by Tom Blay. The notice board was damaged, its baize covering destroyed by moths and age and the backing board so eaten by woodworm that it was crumbling to dust. It would be interesting to have more information about it.



The service was also a chance to thank two people who have transformed the church services through their talents. Jane Hurd our lay minister was given a bunch of flowers to show our appreciation of the services she leads and to say how glad we are to have her back after her recent hip replacement. The big celebration of the day was the marking of Sue Priestner's remarkable forty-five years of playing the church organ. It was in November 1975, when John Smith was the vicar, that Susan, who had only been married for a year, was 'volunteered' by her mother-in-law to play the organ at the Remembrance service and from then on she took over from Mrs Condlyffe. Playing the organ is just one of Sue's many talents; she is also a brilliant flower arranger and organizes many of the events in the church and village. Maiden Bradley would be a poorer place without Sue's involvement in the community.



The vicar couldn't be present but sent a letter that expressed the gratitude of all of us. To mark her forty-five years Sue was given a card containing some garden centre vouchers and a brass plaque which has been made for the organ. The plaque was smaller than had been intended which perhaps is a sign that it will have to be replaced in five years time because we hope that Sue will continue playing the organ for many more years.

*Celia Blay*



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## **Mark Green's Channel Swim Raising Funds for All Saints Maiden Bradley**



Mark Green is swimming the Channel in a 4-person relay between 2-6th September and is raising funds for Maiden Bradley church (and Mere and West Knoyle). This was a practice swim on 1st January 2020 the Lyme Lunge to welcome in the New Year at Lyme Regis. Baloo was certainly enjoying himself in all that cold water but he won't be accompanying Mark, the sea temperature will be nearer 14.

The Channel Swimming Association have said that despite the quarantine arrangements in France as long as they don't go near anyone on landing they won't be confined to home for a fortnight. Can you support Mark? - please go to: [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/swimallsaintsmaidenbradley](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/swimallsaintsmaidenbradley). Otherwise please contact the church's treasurer Judy Bickerstaff 01747 860335 or Celia Blay 01985 844817. Follow Mark's progress on St Michael's [www.stmichaelsmere.org.uk](http://www.stmichaelsmere.org.uk) or Maiden Bradley Village Facebook page

Thank you.

**Rev Carol**

### **VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY**

July

1st	Alex Poole	£25.75	2nd	Sue Priestner	£12.95
3rd	Pat Kennedy	£7.80	4th	Peter Russell	£5.10

August

1st	P. Thomilinson	£25.90	2nd	D. Barnett	£12.95
3rd	Glenda Andrews	£7.80	4th	Kiera Holbrook	£5.10

#### **A MEMORIAL HALL THANK YOU FOR ALL THE SUPPORT DURING LOCKDOWN**

To all those contributors to the Hall Lottery, a very big thank you for helping maintain this vital social hub. Over this year alone £600+ has gone to you in prizes and £600+ to the maintenance of the Hall. If you would like to help support your Village Hall, please get in contact with John Priestner on 844244 who has some spare numbers. Only 50p per number per month, you can have more than one number. Half the draw's income goes to the Village Hall and half goes in prizes.



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show this year - so  
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virtual entries



# **Tonia Gunstone**



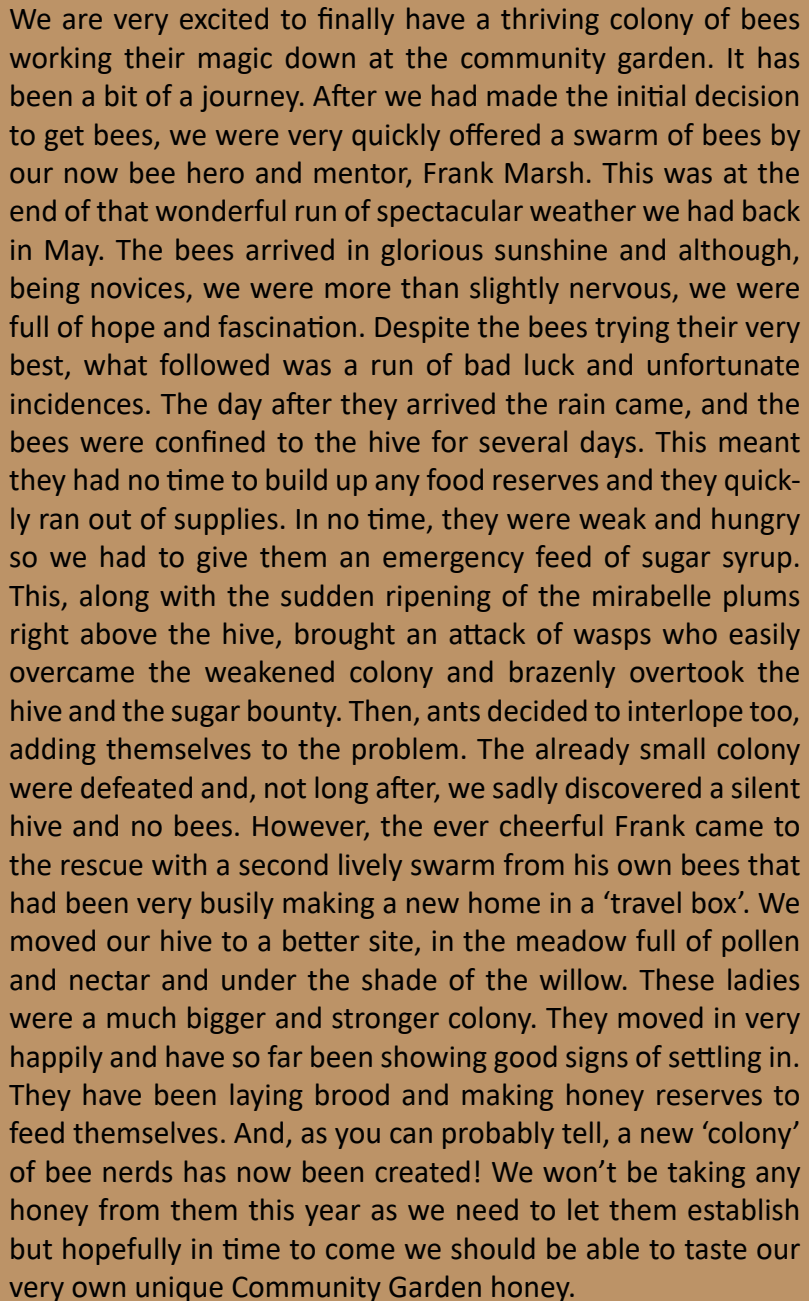


**Kate  
Moore**

# CREATING A NEW BUZZ AT THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

SAM RIBECK AND KATE MOORE





We are very excited to finally have a thriving colony of bees working their magic down at the community garden. It has been a bit of a journey. After we had made the initial decision to get bees, we were very quickly offered a swarm of bees by our now bee hero and mentor, Frank Marsh. This was at the end of that wonderful run of spectacular weather we had back in May. The bees arrived in glorious sunshine and although, being novices, we were more than slightly nervous, we were full of hope and fascination. Despite the bees trying their very best, what followed was a run of bad luck and unfortunate incidences. The day after they arrived the rain came, and the bees were confined to the hive for several days. This meant they had no time to build up any food reserves and they quickly ran out of supplies. In no time, they were weak and hungry so we had to give them an emergency feed of sugar syrup. This, along with the sudden ripening of the mirabelle plums right above the hive, brought an attack of wasps who easily overcame the weakened colony and brazenly overtook the hive and the sugar bounty. Then, ants decided to interlope too, adding themselves to the problem. The already small colony were defeated and, not long after, we sadly discovered a silent hive and no bees. However, the ever cheerful Frank came to the rescue with a second lively swarm from his own bees that had been very busily making a new home in a 'travel box'. We moved our hive to a better site, in the meadow full of pollen and nectar and under the shade of the willow. These ladies were a much bigger and stronger colony. They moved in very happily and have so far been showing good signs of settling in. They have been laying brood and making honey reserves to feed themselves. And, as you can probably tell, a new 'colony' of bee nerds has now been created! We won't be taking any honey from them this year as we need to let them establish but hopefully in time to come we should be able to taste our very own unique Community Garden honey.



**Sue and John  
Priestner**

**Rosie  
Brown**





**Ian and  
Maureen  
Fergusson**

**Janet  
Boothby**



**Karen  
Saunders**



SEPTEMBER  
NEW RECYCLING SCHEME  
FOR CRISP PACKETS:

An application was recently made to Terracycle, on behalf of the Memorial Hall, who run a scheme for Walker's Crisps, to recycle crisp packets into plastic pellets which are then used to make fence posts, benches, tables and other outdoor furniture.

I was hoping to start an official collection centre in the Memorial Hall as it would have raised funds for the Hall (as a charity) but unfortunately Terracycle are not supporting any new collection centres at the present time. However there is one official collection point in Warminster and Kate Moore & I are willing to collect any packets from the Memorial Hall and take them into Warminster once a month.



There will be a container placed in the Memorial Hall with appropriate signage regarding what can and cannot be recycled. Any empty unfolded crisp packets are accepted they do not have to be Walkers, including the big multi pack bags but they do not take popcorn bags, Pringles tubes or sweet bags.

The scheme will start on Wednesday 2nd September and you will be able to access the container during shop hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

We hope you can support this scheme and I will continue to press Terracycle to let us start an official recycling centre here in the Village but at the present time they have no plans to create new locations for the foreseeable future.

Carol Kenzie 844745

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## ChalkEscape Walking Festival 2020 - Lightfooted!

We're delighted to be able to announce some of the walks for our inaugural ChalkEscape Walking Festival, running from 18th to 24th September\*, all part of the Chase & Chalke Landscape Partnership Scheme.

This year our "Lightfooted" festival will feature a series of safe, socially distanced walks, taking in some of the spectacular landscapes that make up the Chase & Chalke area, with local historians, artists, actors and experts leading the walks. We have a variety of walks and other activities - from shorter walks to more strenuous routes, covering a variety of topics from archaeology to trees and forestry. There will be opportunities to develop your sketching skills and a tour of Larmer Tree Gardens, with a site-specific performance that sees General Pitt Rivers return to the pleasure gardens he created. All walks are free, but booking will be essential, and spaces strictly limited.

Ahead of next week's launch, here are a just a few of the festival events to whet your appetite!

### A Loop around Martin Down

**Saturday 19th September, 10am start**

6½ mile circular walk, approx 2½-3 hours, moderate/fairly strenuous route.

A circular walk starting at Martin Down National Nature Reserve, 350 hectares of chalk downland rich in birds, flowers and insects. The walk passes through the pretty village of Pentridge, climbing to Penbury Knoll for spectacular views over the Cranborne Chase. Along the route you will see ancient field systems and the impressive Bokerley Ditch.



### Sketching at Coombe Bissett Reserve

**Monday 21st September, 2.30pm** 2 mile circular walk, including sketching/painting time, 2½-3 hours, fairly easy route. Come for a gentle walk at the lovely Coombe Bissett Down; and take time to absorb the landscape and wildlife through artists eyes. We will walk a maximum of two miles, stopping to look at and draw interesting viewpoints, plants and wildlife. We will work through a few quick exercises to release your inner artist; and be inspired by the work of a few artists who have made a good job of finding patterns in landscapes, including Paul Nash, Eric Ravilious and Angie Lewin.

Suitable for both beginners and more experienced artists.



### A Walk Through History

**Tuesday 22nd September, 10am** 9 mile circular walk, 6 hours, moderate difficulty. A walk through history on Cranborne Chase ranging from Neolithic features such as Wor Barrow and the Dorset Cursus, Bronze Age barrows and Ackling Dyke (Roman road), including an 18th century carriage ride and stories of social unrest in the early 19th Century.

There are stunning views along the route which takes us from Down Farm (start point) to Sixpenny Handley and back; with luck we'll also see much wildlife including buzzards, deer and red kites.





# COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH NEWS

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



Welcome to Community Speed Watch News, compiled and produced by the Maiden Bradley Community Speed Watch Volunteers to keep the village aware of our activities.

Your CSW teams have restarted operation and have been active to date on the following days. The appropriate areas being addressed are Frome Road, Church Street two positions and The High Street

Bus Stop Friday 24th July 06:00hrs to 07:00hrs with 60 vehicles logged and two vehicles reported at 39mph.

Bus Stop Friday 31st July 06:00 to 07:00hrs with 67 vehicles logged and one vehicle reported at 39mph

From Road 5th August 09:00 to 10:00hrs with 127 vehicles logged and six vehicles reported in excess of 35mph

Bus Stop 7th August 06:00 to 07:00hrs with 61 vehicles logged and 2 vehicles reported at 40mph.

Frome Road 12th August 16:00 to 17:00hrs with 176 vehicles logged and 10 vehicles reported in excess of 35mph

Bus Stop 14th August 06:00 to 07:00hrs with 56 vehicles logged and 2 vehicles reported in excess of 38mph

Church Street 19th August 11:00 to 12:00hrs with 220 vehicles logged and no excessive speed. **Good News**

High Street 20th August 17:30 to 18:30hrs with 62 vehicles logged and again no excessive speed. **Again good news**

Thank you to all the teams for their time. Remember they are volunteers and carry out CSW for the benefit of all in the village

We were lucky to have our PCSO officer Candida Jackson with us on the 5th August in support of our activities and I am pleased to write that Candida will be with each team as much as she is able to support CSW activity.

## General Activity

### *Information provided Wiltshire Police CSW Team*

Since resuming activity, 268 sessions have been conducted across 47 teams in Swindon and Wiltshire, which will bring the total to 62 teams having restarted as of Monday 3 August.

The team have PNC'd over 1100 registrations and has many hundreds more pending. As of week commencing 20 July, 595 letters were printed for the first week of activity. Next week we are currently looking at printing approximately 750 letters or more. As and when we have more information, we'll be able to provide some breakdown figures.

Thank you for all your support in the CSW activities and for your support in the future.

We will publish as before results of the CSW activities monthly as soon as we collect them.

*Simon Wager*

Simon Wager. Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator.  
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## **Letter from Maiden Bradley Weightwatchers regarding HGV traffic through the village:**

Mr. Martin Riley  
Senior Vice President, Tarmac PLC  
Portland House  
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CC: Martyn Kenny, Sustainability Director at Tarmac  
CC: Mr. Richard Boucher, Chairman of CRH PLC  
CC: The Rt. Hon Andrew Murrison MP; Cllr Fleur de Rhé-Philippe MBE; Cllr Bridget Wayman.

1 July 2020

Dear Mr. Riley

The Maiden Bradley Weightwatchers are a group of concerned residents whose objective is to raise awareness and campaign to divert HGV traffic from the B3092 and onto designated freight routes. Our efforts reflect the wider concerns of our community summarised in the 2019 Parish Development Plan, in which 83% of all survey respondents expressed concern about HGV traffic – the highest response rate for any question in the consultation.

We are writing to make you aware that many lorries with the Tarmac Ltd and Hopkins Ltd logo routinely drive along the B3092 through our village of Maiden Bradley, at unsocial hours, even though this road is not a designated freight route.

In the attached "Wiltshire HGV Route Network", Wiltshire Unitary Council has established a network of advisory freight routes, which include strategic and supporting local lorry routes. The B3092 falls into neither of these route categories. Wiltshire Unitary Council advises companies to use the established freight routes in order to reduce the stress of driving on unsuitable roads, and to minimise the impact of HGVs on the environment and local residents, while still meeting the economic needs of the county.

## Your impacts

The table below summarises the cumulative, negative impacts of HGV traffic on our safety, health, environment, property and social fabric.

### NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF HGV TRAFFIC

#### **Physical safety and mental health**

- The B3092 in our village is not wide enough to accommodate large lorries. Pavements are very narrow, between 100cm and 190 cm from building to kerbside. This makes it both intimidating and risky for pedestrians when lorries pass by - especially children walking to catch the school bus during rush hour, and elderly residents.
- Lorries and vehicles frequently mount the pavement to avoid oncoming traffic, putting pedestrians at risk. We worry that it is only a matter of time before a resident is injured.
- In the last 6 months, three lorries have driven off the road and into hedges on entering and exiting the village, demonstrating that the B3092 is not suitable for HGV traffic. These incidents caused damage to property and disruption to other road users; but thankfully no casualties so far.
- Residents report feelings of anxiety and sleeplessness from vibration, noise and night-time convoys. These adverse impacts on mental health are cumulative as there is no respite from the HGV traffic.

#### **Environmental harm**

- Residents are exposed to air pollution from diesel fumes as well as noise pollution due to the proximity and volume of passing trucks.
- Windows, walls and floors of buildings on Church Street shake and reverberate as lorries pass by and this includes impacts on 19 listed buildings and monuments.
- Heavy HGV traffic undermines efforts to conserve and protect the Maiden Bradley local environment within the Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- HGV traffic makes bicycling on the B3092 unsafe, thus limiting our ability to reduce our carbon footprint and cycle to Frome and Mere.

#### **Physical damage to property**

- There are numerous cases of villagers whose property, such as parked cars and walls, have been damaged as cars and lorries navigate the narrow road to pass one another.
- House infrastructure such as plaster and pointing cracks and disintegrates due to the constant vibration of heavy traffic.
- Road, water and sewage infrastructure requires constant refurbishment due to heavy traffic
- Our local taxes for the parish precept have to fund measures to upgrade our infrastructure (such as manholes and drainage) and traffic measures (such as traffic calming) to manage the heavy traffic

#### **Harm to the social fabric and sustainability of our village**

- The size of the lorries passing through and the volume, including convoys, in the day and night, turns the road into a barrier that splits our community in two.
- Families are less likely to make their homes in a village where children are exposed to the risk of lorry traffic, as they walk to and from the school bus, and the recreation ground.
- Isolation and loneliness are less easy to combat as it is impossible to have a conversation with your neighbour outside your door at rush hour.
- The heavy presence of lorries on the B3092 impedes residents' access to local services, such as our village hall, run by community volunteers, which hosts a shop and weekly doctor's surgery, as well as other parish and leisure events.
- Vulnerable members of our community are impacted most severely. The leisure of children and elderly residents is restricted because walking on the pavement and crossing the road is dangerous.

### Our request

By using the B3092, Tarmac and its subsidiaries and suppliers are having a negative impact on our community in Maiden Bradley. We know this will be of great concern to you, given Tarmac's commendable efforts to demonstrate respect for people and planet and your specific commitments to "achieve zero harm" and to "responsibly procure all goods and services."

We are encouraged that the guiding principle of the CRH group, of which Tarmac is a leading member, states that, "There is never a good business reason to do the wrong thing."

Given the harmful social and environmental impacts on our community that we have outlined, and your duty as a responsible business to respect human rights and avoid causing or contributing to harm, we ask that you instruct your drivers and any logistics partners, including Hopkins and Blue Circle Cement, not to use the B3092.

We would be happy to meet with you to discuss the issues raised in this letter.

Regards

### Maiden Bradley Weightwatchers

Please address any correspondence to: Dr. Alex Channer ([adrchanner@gmail.com](mailto:adrchanner@gmail.com)); and Mr. Ian Ferguson ([ianferguson59@gmail.com](mailto:ianferguson59@gmail.com)), at Maiden Bradley Weightwatchers.

### Signatories:

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Mr. Martin Brown  
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# Apple day at the community garden in October.



We are very hopeful that this will be a bumper year for apples so let's celebrate by gathering at the community garden on 18th October to do some pressing.

We have an apple press reserved via the wholefood shop in Frome and another one from James Kennedy. There will be more details about timings etc. in the October newsletter but meanwhile pop the date in the diary.



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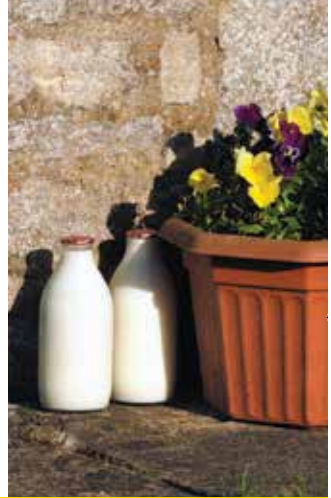
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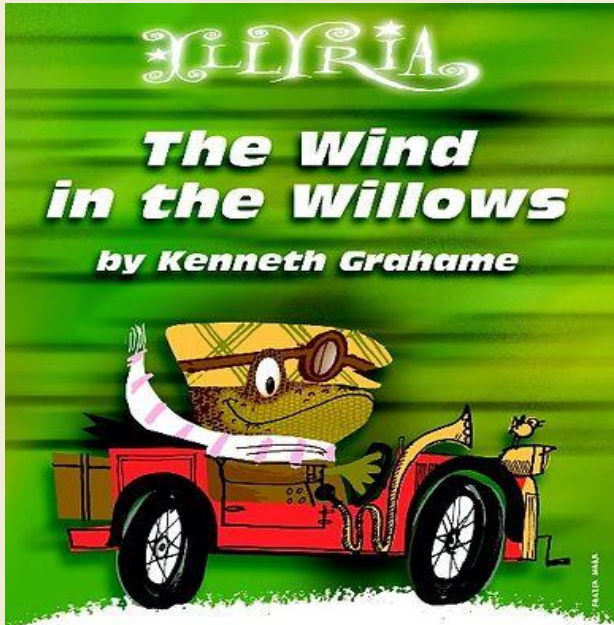
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