

Maiden Bradley Parish News

378 December 2020



*Merry Christmas
to one and all!*

DECEMBER DIARY 2020

- 5 Sat **Christmas Wreath workshop in the Hall** 10am
6 Sun *Advent Service All Saints'* 10am
7 Mon Household Waste collection
12 Sat **Father Christmas visiting through the village** 4pm
13 Sun *Matins* 10am
14 Mon **Green bin recycling**
16 Wed **Recycling collections**
20 Sun *candlelit service* 6pm

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- 21 Mon Household Waste collection
24 Thurs *Midnight Mass All Saints'* 11pm
27 Sun No service
28 Mon **Green bin recycling**
30 Wed **Recycling collection**

NB At the time of going to press, we have not received any notification from the Council for any changes to waste and recycling collections.

Useful Telephone Numbers

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| Speed Watch Co-ordinator | Simon Wager | simon.m.wager@gmail.com |
| Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator | Derek Stevens | 01985 844428 |
| Community Garden | Kate Moore | katemore@silkmillstudios.co.uk 01985 844305 |
| Book Club | Jessica Johnson | 01985 844174 |
| Pilates | | 01985 511693 |
| 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 | | 01225 358584 murrisona@parliament.uk |
| Mere Link Scheme | | 01747 860096 |
| Rev. Carol Wilson-Barker | | 01747 861859 |



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The post office is open in the Village Hall on Tuesdays 1-3pm

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

Maiden Bradley Parish News – contributions are preferred in editable text format.

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Editorial

We may still be in Lockdown going into a Tier of some description but here at the News, we are in full swing and looking forward to the height of the festive season, Maiden Bradley style. Saturday 5th December is the Christmas wreath making workshop in the Memorial Hall, Saturday 12th December at approximately 4pm the Lions Club are bringing Father Christmas in his workshop through the village, collecting for their charity, the Sunday before Christmas we have a candlelit service, the festive lights competition judging on 23rd and midnight mass on Christmas Eve. Fabulous! Congratulations to all those involved in making this year the best Maiden Bradley Christmas ever.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from all of the News Team.

Pat Kennedy 845397 pat@visa-office.com



A Thank You Message

I would like to thank all of our neighbours and friends for their Get Well cards and generous offers of help, after I recently suffered a cardiac arrest. I would especially like to thank Dan from Vista who helped Sylvia and myself that day. It was a bolt from the blue, whilst we were having lunch, and I have no recollection of what happened at all.

After three weeks in hospital, firstly at Salisbury and then at Southampton I came home. I am still rather weak but improving slowly. I must stay in isolation for six weeks, before returning to Southampton for a check up.

I am looking forward to getting out and meeting everyone again in the New Year.

Best wishes to you all,

Len Cooper

“Moonrakers”



NEWS FROM THE HALL

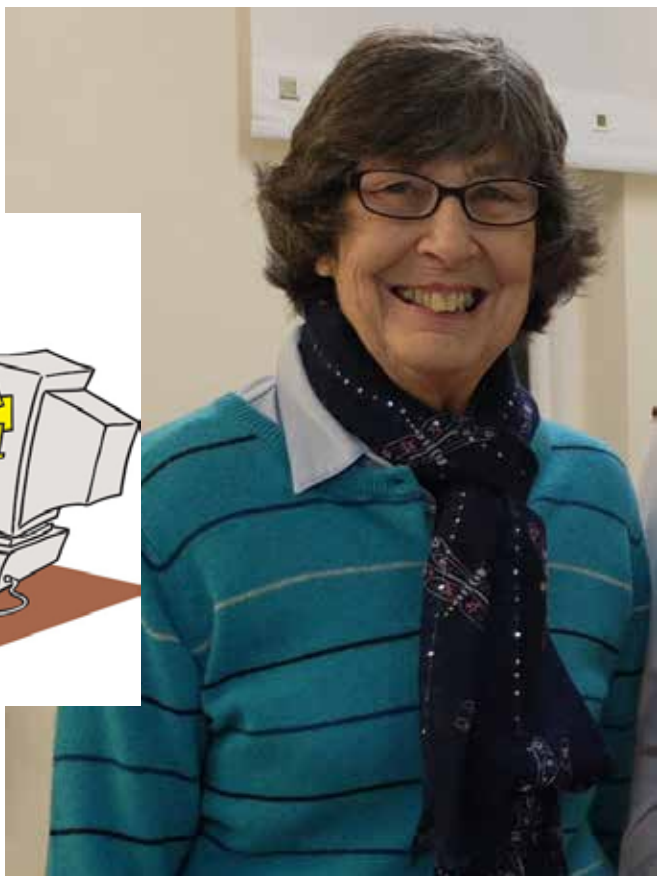
Hope everyone is keeping safe and well. With the continuing situation, there is not much to report but I would like to issue reminders regarding the two Christmas "events" i.e. the raffle (tickets for sale in The Old Kitchen Store), draw to take place 21st December and the prizes can be collected on Wednesday 23rd. Also there's the house decoration competition; please see centre pages and don't forget to vote for your favourite!

Please continue to support the shop if you can and during opening hours the book and jigsaw library is also available.

We have a farewell from the village hall committee, as Pearl Hudson steps down after many years of sterling work keeping the books in order. Our grateful thanks to her, she will be missed!

Wishing everyone a joyous Christmas and hopeful 2021. Looking forward to better times ahead.

Pam Thomlinson



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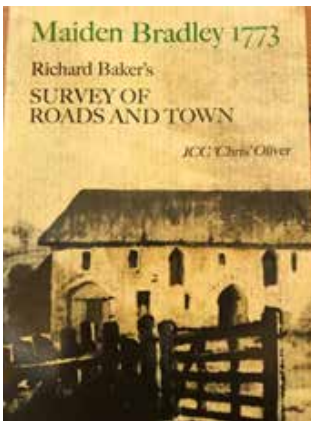
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THE GUNTER CHAIN

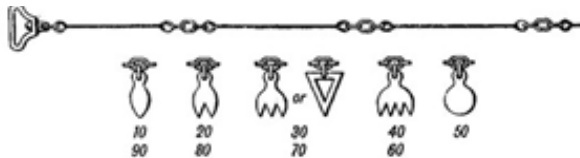
This fascinating booklet, written by Chris Oliver provides an interesting insight into the infrastructure of Maiden Bradley during the Georgian period. Mr Oliver gathered his information from a 1773 'Road and Town' Survey of Maiden Bradley by Richard Baker, who at the time of his survey was Steward to the Bradley Estate. Baker surveyed and mapped the Estate for the 9th Duke of Somerset. It is interesting to note that in 1773, Maiden Bradley was referred to as a 'town' and was in fact a much larger settlement than it is today!

In his booklet, Mr Oliver states that Baker completed his original recordings in a note book using a quill and ink and

the measurements taken were recorded in 'chains', which suggested to Mr Oliver that in 1773, Richard Baker used a land surveying measuring device called a Gunter Chain.

This measuring device was invented by an English mathematician and Clergyman; Edmund Gunter in 1620 and standardised surveying and mapping measurements throughout Britain and the colonial world. It became the principle British means of measuring for 300 years and enabled plots of land to be accurately surveyed and plotted, for legal and commercial purposes.

The Gunter Chain measures 66 feet long and is divided into 100 links. A marker tag at every 10 links provided easy tallying and enabled the chain to be used from both ends. Between each tag, it is possible to count the links in order to estimating fractions for increased precision.



Units of Length

- 1 Link = 7.92 Inches
- 100 Links = 1 Chain = 66 feet = 22 yards
- 10 Chains = 1 Furlong = 8 Furlongs = 1 Mile

Units of Area

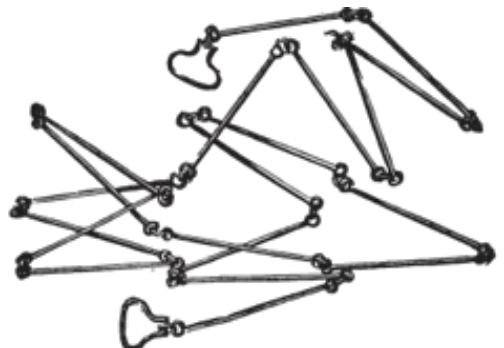
- 1 Acre = 10 Square Chains x 1 chain
- 1 Rood = One quarter of an acre
- 1 Perch (pole or Rod) = One fortieth of a Rood

The length of a cricket pitch still measures 1 chain/ 66ft.

Chains were later superseded by the steel ribbon tape

– a tape measure!

Jackie Gunter



Elizabeth Gittoes

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Village Hall Lottery

SEPTEMBER

| | | |
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| 1st | Mrs Stevens W | £26.00 |
| 2nd | Dave Francis | £13.00 |
| 3rd | B. Gunter | £7.85 |
| 4th | Mrs J. Ball | £5.15 |

OCTOBER

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| 1st | Phoebe Muir | £26.00 |
| 2nd | Sheila Foley | £13.00 |
| 3rd | J. Betts | £7.85 |
| 4th | Sandra Boulter | £5.15 |

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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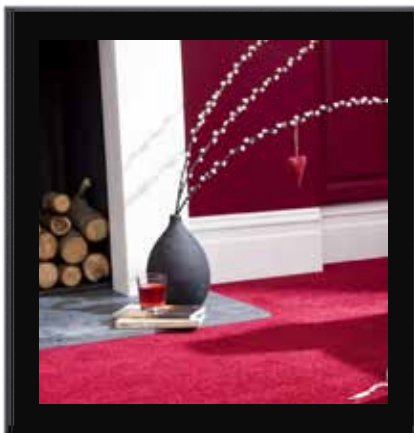
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'IN APPRECIATION OF TREES' WALK

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DURATION: 90 MINS (APPROX.) LENGTH: 4.5 MILES (APPROX.)

TERRAIN: ROAD WALK, ONE MUDDY UPHILL TRACK



Standing with your back to the village hall, turn left out of the carpark and walk along the High Street. Continue past Perry House on the right. At the next road junction turn left (at a white sign post) to Horningsham. The lane will soon bear right and there is high Beech hedging on either side with Ferns of over 10 feet high poking through the top.

Continue along the lane and you will pass a cascade of red berries on 3 large Holly trees on the right-hand side. The lane will then shortly bear right and pass an old stone marker to Longleat Houfe. Continue on, passing Roundhills Farm on the right and a large Oak tree on the left, as the lane in turn bends left remain in it.

Pass three large Oak trees on the right then a large mixed hedge of Holly, Beech and Hazel. As the lane continues the wooded area builds up on both sides and you are shortly covered by tree canopies. The lane dissects a wooded area so you quickly find yourself surrounded by Sycamore; Beech; Holly; Birch; glossy Laurels; Oak; Yew and a wide selection of Ferns.



At this time of year, the forest floor is carpeted with brown leaves; the wooden posts are covered with lichen and the sun glistens through yellow, amber and bronze leaves as the Autumn giving way to Winter.

As the lane descends to a junction you will pass another stone road sign to Longleat Houfe. Just before the junction take a sharp right-hand turn at a wooden sign to a 16th Century Chapel. Continue up this lane passing an unusual Oak tree on the right that looks like a Holly tree, then pass between two pollarded Lime trees.

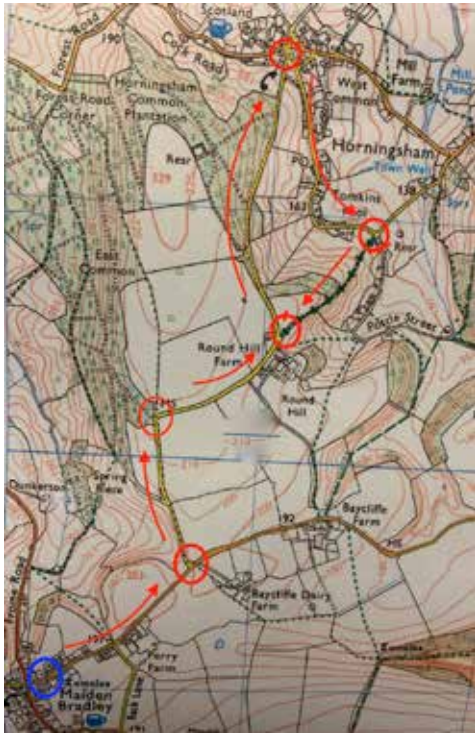
As you continue on the lane you have old cottages either side of you; an opportunity to peek into their gardens and occasional views of the rolling land to the left between the houses. The lane then bends left and continues.



As the lane bends left (by a grit bin) turn right at a marked byway up a track. A majestic Oak on the right lends you its huge roots as steps initially and, as the track climbs steadily, you have lovely views to the left. The mixed hedging surrounding you becomes a wooded area to the right with glimpses of Rhododendrons peeking through the trees.

At the top you will meet the lane you were on earlier and you turn left onto it. Retrace your steps along the lane to a junction. Here turn right to follow the white sign to Maiden Bradley and the village hall where you started.

Adrian and Sharon Wylie



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By taking part and encouraging others to do the same, you'll help make sure you and your community get the services you need. Nearer the time, you'll receive more information. There'll be plenty of help to take part for people who need it.

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BE ALERT SO YOU DON'T GET CAUGHT OUT

It can take the form of a phone call, recorded message, or text message.

If you have caller display, watch for **international numbers** or **short numbers** - normally 6 digits. Some of the most common impersonations are Banks, Amazon, Open Reach, TV Licencing, HMRC etc.

If it is a genuine call, they will know who you are and what accounts / equipment you have.

NEVER give them access to your computer

NEVER tell them any passwords or your address

NEVER respond to a recorded message - just put the phone down!

Tell them you will ring them back and seek advice from someone you can trust.

If in doubt, contact your local computer support company for advice.

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Nigel Lavender



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The above photograph was taken by my Eldest daughter Claire while staying on the farm in the Selous Area in Tanzania in 2018 while working as an interpreter for the Tanzanian government in Dar es Salaam.

The area became a protected area in 1896, becoming a hunting reserve in 1905. The reserve was named after Frederick Selous, a famous big game hunter and early conservationist, (Natural History Museum London) who died at Beho Beho in this territory in 1917 while fighting against the Germans during World War I.

The Selous Game Reserve is a protected area in southern Tanzania. It covers a total area of 50,000 km² (19,000 sq mi) and has additional buffer zones. It was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1982 due to its wildlife diversity and undisturbed nature.

The lioness in the picture appeared one morning completely at rest with the rest of the goings on on the farm. She appeared to be fit and well. She may have been driven from her pride for some reason although did not show signs of fighting or injury. She stayed for four days and ate with the farm dogs without too much grumbling.

Claire tells me that the lioness has returned on several occasions, the latest being August this year.

Simon Wager

USE YOUR CHRISTMAS BUYING POWER!



Think about the past and future of stuff, you don't want your presents to be the one in ten that ends in landfill

Buy from local independent shops & make them dance with joy!

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Wrap wisely; shiny 'paper' is often actually plastic!

When you make a present for someone you find yourself thinking about them a lot. You feel proud too!

Buy from charity shops that have suffered so much this year!

MAKE

Make small changes that work for you & your family. Its not all or nothing and no one is judging

It is amazing what you can find on Ebay... don't forget to tick the 'used' box

BUY
SECONDHAND

Experiences not things
A meal (!)
A day out
Membership of eg. the National Trust

Secret Santa can reduce the pressure at home or at work

BUY LESS



With thanks for ideas from Jen Gale at Sustainable(ish)



HAPPY SUSTAINABLE CHRISTMAS!



Christmas Flower Arranging

The greenery and decorations will be put in place on Saturday the 19th of December from 10am onwards. It would be lovely to see anybody new who would like to come and join in the festive occasion. If you cannot come but have greenery to donate, that would also be appreciated.

Ring me on 844244 so that we can chat about what area of the church you would like to decorate so that we can observe covid rules. Hope to see you there.

Sue Priestner

Church Clock

Work is going to start early next year on replacing the Face of the clock on the church tower. The photo shows that it is rotting badly. The Friends of the Church have managed to raise enough money for the work because of some very generous donations. Over the last few years, the flag pole has also been deteriorating, making it very tricky and dangerous for David Morse to put up a flag for occasions (St George's Day for example).

Whilst the workmen are up the tower, It seems the right time to replace the pole and it's fittings. The total cost for the flag-pole is £1000, so would be we would be very grateful for any donations (large or small!) to complete the work.

Cheques can be sent to The Treasurer of the Friends,(Judy Bickerstaff), 1 White Marsh, Mere BA12 6 BP. Cheques should be made out to The Friends of Maiden Bradley Church.



Sarah Neish

LET'S BRING SOME JOY TO THE VILLAGE THIS CHRISTMAS!

We would like as many people as possible to decorate the exterior of their house this year. It could be the whole frontage, the window - or just the door, but let's all do something to make our village really shine!

There is also the chance to win one of three Christmas hampers which will be awarded as prizes for the 'Best Decorated House' in the opinion of international light artist, Bruce Munro.

Many of us have enjoyed Bruce's installation to support the NHS 'Ribbon of Light' on Long Knoll

Entry to the competition costs £5.
All money raised will go towards the
upkeep of the memorial hall

**MAIDEN BRADLEY
CHRISTMAS DECORATION
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I WISH TO ENTER THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:

I enclose £5 entry fee
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Please return this form and cash / cheque
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**The Village Shop
Old School Cottage High St
31 Church Street**

HOW TO ENTER

Return the completed entry form along with £5 to either
the shop in the hall (Mon Weds or Friday mornings)
or drop through the letter box of
The Old School Cottage, High St (Sheila Foley)
or 31 Church St (Elaine Lavender)
Closing date December 14th.

JUDGING

Bruce Munro will be judging the entries
on 23rd of December and awarding a 1st, 2nd and 3rd
prize for what he considers to be the most attractive
festive decoration.

This could be a whole house, window or maybe just a
door wreath.

Quantity is not necessarily quality!
The hamper prizes will include a copy of
Bruce's book and DVD
as well as a selection of festive goodies.

The judge's decision is final

THE VILLAGER'S VOTE

This is a chance for everyone to cast their vote!
Which is your favourite decoration in the whole of the village?
You can vote for **any** house, window or door -
not just the competition entrants.

Fill out the information below and drop this page into the
Village Hall mailbox between the 14th and 23rd of December.

My favourite decoration was at the
following address:

Votes will be counted on December 23rd
There is no additional prize for the winner of the Villagers' Vote
but it will be featured in the January Newsletter

VanVenture

2020
(part 2)

Mark Lucas-Phillips



Snowdonia meant peak number 2, my favourite UK mountain, Yr Wyddfa, or Snowdon as it is more widely known. At 3,560ft it's a height worth climbing whether you hike it, scramble it or take the train it is totally accessible for everyone and the views from all sides of the mountain are fabulous and wide reaching. We looked upon it for a night and day from our campsite before picking the best of the weather for our ascent. There were a few grumbles in the van at 0615, as more sleep would have been preferred when we left the site to drive the 45 minutes to our start at Pen Y Pass. We parked at the park and ride in Llanberis and made and ate porridge with chocolate, apple, dates and peanut butter before putting on our masks and getting on the bus to the start. After our high energy breakfast we were ready for the Pyg track and started the climb, taking it in turns to carry Archie in his own special doggy backpack. It was hot and humid and we had to be mindful of pacing ourselves with water intake, it is all too easy to run through your water too quick when it's hot, and another factor is toilet breaks, as there are hardly any private places in the big green bathroom on this mountain!

Regular pauses were needed and given how the view changes on this route up the mountain it is never a problem and always an opportunity to take in the landscape and not just watch each step as we ascend. The path varies from large granite steps to huge cobbled paths and gravel, there are step sections and easier parts but some persistent climbs and a few very light scrambles but the Pyg track is both interesting, mildly challenging and beautiful, it is also the most direct route to the summit. The lakes below called invitingly with their cool waters as we climbed, and I vowed to take a swim on the way down to cool off.

We stopped and watched a helicopter comb back and forth below the ridge above Glaslyn and hoped that no one was hurt.

The summit was as usual a slight anti-climax, it is a strange end to such a beautiful climb with the café and railway line at the top a stark contrast to find such a structure after 3-4 hours of climbing in sublime natural surroundings, as you turn the final climb to see a big concrete building and a manmade concrete summit point always busy with people in high season. It seems alien to have something not forged from the earth, battered by the winds and rain and totally natural. So we had our photo's taken at the trig point to mark our second summit and quickly descended a little to a quiet ridge for lunch with a view (one of my favourite bits of walking).



On the way down we had more attention from other walkers due to Archies decadent carriage, which thanks to the wonderful and no doubt comfortable design of his backpack he was very reluctant to move from, even on stops. We did however stop at the first of the mountains lakes, Glaslyn, on our descent via the Miners track. Todd and myself went for a bracing and refreshing swim and were later told the whole mountain may have heard our joy as the acoustics and

my loud voice played together with the rush of cold after such a hot climb. The deep cold water was incredible after the hot climb and we felt reluctant to leave it. We refuelled with Welsh cakes whilst we dried off and then set upon the remaining descent past the derelict yet pretty mining buildings that line the miner's track.

That evening we had more thunderstorms and the last night was the most spectacular with lightening from the hills behind and the ocean in front but nothing that broke the heat or humidity. Quietly I was relieved, this heat felt a like luxury in Snowdonia and the drive along the A55 past Llandudno felt quite continental in both terrain and temperature as we headed to the Lake district after 3 amazing days in North Wales. Continental is a really satisfying word to say in a Welsh accent by the way, and I found great pleasure in repeating that I thought the area felt very continental more than once until the humour faded from repetition.



Next stop was Borrowdale in the Lake District and more narrow lanes and drystone walls (pretty to look at but they do make you think of insurance premiums). Another farm campsite, Seathwaite Farm, at the foot of the corridor route to Scafell Pike and one of the few sites around that had space. It turned out to be a perfect location with an honesty box to pay the £8 a night for our stay, plenty of space and a river & a waterfall running alongside our pitch meant a few midges but the sound of running water as we dozed off at night made for a perfect setting and natural lullaby.

This was a new summit for us all and I had not heard great things about Scafell, having spoken with mainly 3 peaks challengers who often climb the mountain in the dark to hit the 24 hour challenge. I didn't have a map either and had naively assumed there would be a decent enough phone signal to plan our route on my OS map app on my phone. There was not. So, we jumped on the tandem again and headed off in search of signal, a map, or both. Fortunately, we found both in a local hotel where a cold drink and a chat with the receptionist turned out to be more fruitful than we had hoped. It transpired that Tom on reception wanted to be a mountain guide and was very keen to share a decent route with us, talk me through it and sell me a map. We were sorted, thank you Tom! We returned victorious and ate a barbecue supper of vegetarian burgers and steaks and pasta to fuel up for the following days climb, a 12.5 mile circuit walk taking in 3 Wainwrights and over 5,000ft of climbing in total, we were upping the ante!

The morning was again a misty one with very low visibility that was not forecasted, but then we were deep in a valley. We waited an hour or so after breakfast and then headed off, banking on the sun burning the cloud off. With no phone signal we had no means of a weather update. Despite a gloomy forecast from another walker in the carpark, with a dollop of healthy scepticism and good dose of optimism we found sunshine within 600-800 feet. Breaking through the clouds and mist and leaving them behind after a steep climb feels a bit like a metaphor for life, or at least some points in life. The walk from Seawthaithe via the corridor route was a great choice and we quickly started to fall in love with the mountain. Poppy exclaimed that she could really get into mountain walking and that it really wasn't that hard, Todd even ran up in parts and took his natural position in the family hike, taking the front of the party. He was really starting to show leadership as he guided his mother and sister through a few scrambles as the terrain became more varied and challenging and I held back and watched with a warm pride. It is a wonderful feeling as a parent to watch your son and daughter grow and flourish and a challenging climb seems to amplify the effect. I was loving doing this with them both.

The valleys below and around us were dramatic, steep and varied, from soft green slopes to jagged red & grey stone scrambles and steps, flowing sunny mountain streams and dark crevices, this was a landscape of contrasts and raw wild beauty. This hike felt more authentic somehow and quite different to the accessibility of the more tourist friendly ascents of Snowdon or Ben Nevis. This one felt more like a real mountain. I think I had found my new favourite climb.



The summit stayed out of sight for a long time and we had to guess a bit, even using my phone or the map it wasn't clear exactly where the peak was, it seemed to hide behind another peak somewhere and I think we were all excited to know what was ahead of us and just what the Pike looked like. So far we had walked through valleys, alongside beautiful peat coloured mountain water streams, past high Tarns, onto narrow paths cut into the mountain side, across and beside ravines and up and down rocky scrambles that often required both hands, bottoms and firmly placed feet. The path was clear but far from obvious and at times it felt as if we could be in the Alps in summer and given the heat of the day and blue skies it was easy to see why, this didn't feel like the North of England, not as we had experienced it before.

We had seen very few walkers all morning, 10-15 maybe, but then the climb opened up with a valley below and we could see we were joining the path from Wasdale head, a much wider path of loose stone which contained a steady stream of people making their way to the ascent. It felt very much like we had found our own secret way to the summit. I felt privileged for the several hours we had spent as a family in solitude, the adventure so far had felt like our own. We hesitated for a while and took a break by a stone Cairn, reluctant I think to join the masses. We could now clearly see the summit before us, and we joined the main path and climbed until we reached the trig point.

The views from the summit were incredible but it was busy with backpacks, sweat and phone cameras so we quickly took our photo's and headed over the opposite side to the main path up and had lunch. When we moved off we were joined closely by a group of young ladies in their twenties, with sparkly gold backpacks, jeans and t-shirts and music played out loud, it seemed quite alien to our RAB, Mountain Equipment and Osprey outdoor gear and they would dance to their music as they descended. The mountain is indeed different things to us all and I was warmed by their playful youth and glad to know they too were having fun on the trail in their own special way.

The path changed once more to a really large boulder field that required careful hopping and fancy footwork to prevent a potential twisted ankle. We came under 'Great End' a short detour that Todd and myself took to the summit of this Wainwright. We were rewarded with even better views than Scafell Pike and another experience crossed our paths with a group of lads in matching challenge t-shirts who ran up to the Cairn marking the summit, touched it and ran off again. Bagging peaks seemed to be their thing. We continued on over Glaramara by which time we were starting to flag despite snacking bars and regular Kendal mint cake. We had walked for over 7 hours, in the heat, scrambled and climbed and I think we were all longing to get back to the campsite and rest. We were faced with a vertical downward climb from a large slab of granite at one point which is made harder by tired legs but once down the sense of achievement spurred us on over boggy ground and into lost territory, the path had gone but another alternative route appeared to be close. We found it after a while of tracking back and forth and using our OS maps app. The path changed after some time from a rounded grassy hilltop to a rocky, loose narrow path that ran along a sheer ravine and cut back and forth, it was challenging at points with large unstable stones underfoot. It felt that one slip or trip of a tired foot could send us tumbling dangerously into ravine below and we all supported each other both physically with hands but also with encouragement and guidance as we climbed off Glaramara. I visualised us all reaching the campsite safely and we did maybe an hour later, exhausted yet jubilant we walked back



through the base of the valley, where we had started in fog earlier that morning, some 8 hours later, 5000 ft of elevation and nearly 13 miles covered, it had been an epic day of adventure. I bathed in the ice cold water of the river before dining ferociously that evening on fish and chips, breaking our vegan diet we ate well and slept even better with tired limbs, a feeling of accomplishment and contentment and the sound of the nearby waterfall as our lullaby. **TO BE CONTINUED.....**



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We are welcoming applications from representatives from local communities and parishes in and around the Scheme area, particularly those with interests in the environment, wildlife conservation, heritage and history, recreation, health and wellbeing, young people, volunteering, interpretation, practical skills and business.

We're welcoming applications by 31 January 2021. It is expected that the first meeting will be held in February 2021. A role description, application form, person specification as well as other supporting documents can be found on our website.




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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.

There has been a lot of CSW activity this month despite the weather on occasions.

Sadly we are again not able to operate because of the re imposed lockdown regulations which we hope may be lifted in December.

For this month the figures have been totalled.

There were 11 CSW Sessions across 4 of the 5 sites used for CSW activity. Not a bad innings when taking into account all a volunteers giving up an hour each time carry out this activity for the community.

During these sessions 1080 vehicles were recorded of which 68 were recorded in excess of 34mph some in excess of 40mph. Or 6% of vehicles in the 30mph speed limit in excess of 30 mph. All of which are duly reported. The majority of the excess speeding taking place coming into the village on Frome Road.

16th October 2020 High Street Two police officers attended this session to give support.

CSW is not all aggression and aggravation.

While waiting for the two other members of our CSW to arrive at the spot we were operating. A car pulled up alongside me. I thought ho ho here we go, abuse before we even start. So I reached for me handbag (*Well it worked for Thatcher*) I could not have been more wrong! The driver said. Excuse me are you running the community speed watch this morning. Yes I said a bit puzzled. Good he said as I just wanted to compliment you on the work you are doing in the village with your speed watch activities. Since you have been active again the speed through the village has slowed down a lot and made it easier and safer through the village. I pass through the village every day. I thanked him for his compliment and he went on his way having declined to give his name. That compliment has made it all worthwhile for all the CSW teams in Maiden Bradley.

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

Simon Wager

Simon Wager. Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator.

CSW – Update briefing



Our purpose: To keep people safe and protect our communities

November 2020

The banner for Road Safety Week 2020 features a red arrow pointing right with the text 'We're taking part in'. To the right, it says 'ROAD SAFETY WEEK' with a red heart over the 'Y', followed by '16-22 November 2020'. Below this is the website 'roadsafetyweek.org.uk'. To the right of the website are logos for 'Coordinated by Brake', 'Sponsored by Specsavers', 'DHL', and 'Supported by Kwik-Fit'. On the far right is a circular 'NO NEED TO SPEED' sign.

Welcome to Novembers Community Speed Watch update. We hope you find the updates in this month's briefing useful and of interest. Thank you.

ROAD SAFETY WEEK

It's national Road Safety Week and although, sadly, you're not able to participate this year, our CPTs and Corporate Communications team will be doing all they can to get the following messages out there over the course of the week:

1. There is never an excuse to speed.
2. Highlight the dangers of speeding on roads in Wiltshire and Swindon, and what reducing your speed can do to reducing death and serious injuries on our roads.
3. Emphasising the 'Fatal Four' factors that lead to serious and fatal RTCs on our roads.

Speeding, drink/drug driving, using a mobile phone & not wearing a seatbelt

4. We want to educate drivers as well as enforce
5. Highlight what we are doing as a Force to ensure that we are keeping road users in Wiltshire safe

Please keep your eyes peeled for our social media posts, sharing and liking as many as you can to raise awareness.

TRAFFIC SURVEYS WITH WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

I'm please to say that traffic surveys have now recommenced and a reminder that their new generic inbox for all community traffic survey requests and enquiries is trafficsurveys@wiltshire.gov.uk



Community Speed Watch:
Driving down speed, driving up safety

SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT INTO ROAD SAFETY

We are pleased to update that The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and Force have made a significant investment into road safety that will see your teams carry out activity that is enforceable in a court of law.

The £70,000 investment in road safety will see the recruitment of a new Traffic Enforcement Officer and new speeding enforcement equipment. They will work alongside all teams to help educate and enforce road safety.

Both the OPCC and the Force are pleased that additional capability is being provided that will help enhance enforcement of speeding offences, whilst maximising the use of all our CSW volunteers. This investment is on top of the PCCs direct funding for the CSW teams.

The number of 'killed and seriously injured' road traffic collisions have risen in recent years and reducing the harm caused on our roads is an area of priority for the OPCC and the Force.

You all provide significant support to the Force already, but currently you do not have the capability of adequately enforcing speeding offences. This investment will enable you to do that in a targeted, intelligence led way alongside our specialist operations and community policing officers.

Further updates will be provided to you once the equipment is ready to be rolled out and the new Traffic Enforcement Officer is in post.

TRAINING

We're so pleased to be able to inform you that the online training is going very well indeed. We've held the pilot and two further sessions in the last week.



There are a further **18 sessions** available between now and the end of November. The training list is growing by the week as we've received 11 expression of interests over the last two weeks.

| | As off 13/11/2020 Noon |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Still to do Part 1 | 38 |
| Those still to book on Part 2 | 28 |
| Those booked on Part 2 | 61 |
| Total NOW TRAINED inc pilot | 29 |

Please, as Team Leaders, encourage all those waiting for training to either complete Part 1 if they've not already and then book on to one of the future online sessions.

All this training will bring forward four new teams across Wiltshire and Swindon, which is great news.

CPT TASKING

We attend every CPT tasking on a bi-weekly basis, and CSW is discussed in every one of those. Just recently we've been able to share with them the total number of sessions and speeders they've had in their area.



These are approximate figures from July 6th until October 25th.

| CPT | Number of sessions | Vehicles passing | Number of speeders | Number of speeders as % | Number of excessives | No Letters sent |
|-------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Amesbury | 249 | 61400 | 3285 | 5.4 | 474 | 2926 |
| Chippenham | 122 | 28614 | 1120 | 3.9 | 56 | 879 |
| Devizes | 93 | 18977 | 699 | 3.7 | 41 | 508 |
| RWB | 119 | 26868 | 1507 | 5.6 | 182 | 1236 |
| Salisbury | 171 | 39538 | 1897 | 4.8 | 205 | 1562 |
| Swindon | 80 | 17194 | 1241 | 7.2 | 93 | 941 |
| Trowbridge | 82 | 30034 | 501 | 1.7 | 42 | 379 |
| Warmminster | 144 | 24345 | 613 | 2.5 | 24 | 478 |
| | 1060 | 246970 | 10863 | 4.4 | 1117 | 8909 |

DVLA CHECKS

Please do not check the DVLA website. We are seeing more and more instances of public enquires due to influenced returns. We always expect the odd error or two on a return. If you are a digit/letter out/wrong way round, etc. on a registration for a car you saw as blue car but DVLA are saying it's red, it means the completely wrong registered keeper is getting a letter, which has a time & cost implication as well as skewed data.



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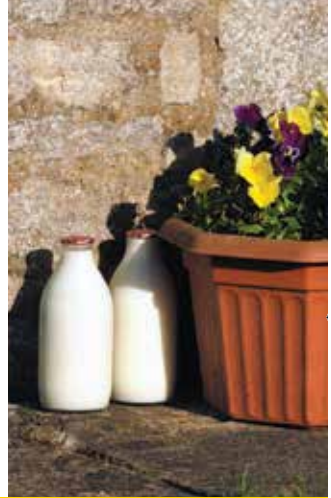
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Maiden Bradley managed to mark Remembrance this year in spite of COVID 19. The church had been beautifully decorated and many people attended the short service held in the Churchyard on Remembrance Sunday, with the last post played by a talented schoolboy from Horningsham, and wreaths were laid on the village War Memorials. In addition, there are 3 Commonwealth War Graves in the churchyard. There was also a good turnout on 11th November when a wreath was laid at the Memorial Hall by Mel Thomas.

There was a collection box in the shop for the duration of the Poppy Appeal, and in spite of not doing the usual house to house collection, the village donated over £300 to the British Legion this year.

Sarah Neish



The Service of Remembrance
at All Saint's Church