

# Maiden Bradley Parish News

386 August 2021



Remembering Ronnie Channer

## August Diary

- 1 Sun Sunday Catch-up in the Hall 10-11am  
2 Mon Household waste collection  
8 Sun Morning Service with Jane Hurd 10am  
9 Mon Green recycling  
11 Wed Blue bin and Black box recycling  
15 Sun West Knoyle Patronal Service 10.30am  
No service at All Saints'  
16 Mon Household waste collection  
21 Sat **Produce Show in the Hall 2pm**  
22 Sun Show service in the Church 10am  
23 Mon Green recycling  
25 Wed Blue bin and Black box recycling  
29 Sun Morning Service with David Morse and Celia Blay 10am  
Singing in the church will now resume and Sue Priestner will be playing the organ on August 8<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Useful Telephone Numbers

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Welcome Club Outings			01985 844779
Scrabble Club			01985 844919
Memorial Hall bookings			01985 845303
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Mere Link Scheme			01747 860096



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  
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## Editorial

All legal restrictions regarding the Covid pandemic are now lifted but I find that the newly formed habits of hand-face-space, remain with me. Whilst shopping, I also find that I am not alone in this habit. A big plus for me is the fact that I no longer have to book to go to Stourhead garden and due to the huge increase in dog ownership nationwide, dogs are now allowed in the garden at any time instead of late afternoon visits only.

With the massive growth in our garden this year (no we didn't over fertilize it) we have plenty of overhang to the pavement which needs to be addressed and which begs me to remind others who have the same problem, to cut back their garden overhang growth so that others will not have to walk around it in the road.

I hope everyone received their road closure notice for the night of Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Resurfacing of the centre of the village will take place along Church Road.

Congratulations to Rosie Brown and helpers for the huge success of the Cake and Plant sale and don't forget the Produce Show on 21<sup>st</sup>.

Pat Kennedy 845397

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

## FAREWELL TO MAIDEN BRADLEY

The time arrived to leave the lovely village after 17 years. I'm sorry I didn't get to say goodbye to people (which I'm not good at anyway) so hopefully this will do that task for me!

I have made many friends, which I hope to stay in touch with, especially those who have been so kind and supportive.

During the time spent here, there have been many ups and downs, which is, of course, part and parcel of normal life.

I spent over 11 of those years as your postmistress and it was lovely to get to know so many villagers through this role. I also did a stint as a parish councillor, compiled and ran quizzes in the village hall and even did the occasional spell working behind the bar at the Somerset Arms. Most recently I served on the Hall committee and gave you the "Hall News" each month.

There's a wonderful community spirit in the village, which I shall miss, but life has to move on, and so must I.

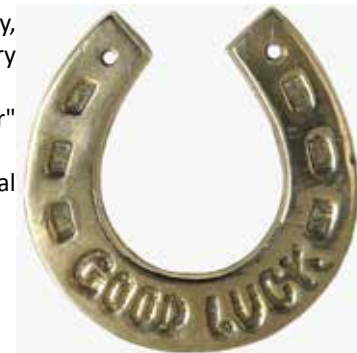
I'm sure you will give a warm welcome to Cordelia and Barney, who have moved into my old cottage and I wish them every happiness there.

I will still be popping back from time to time, so it's "au revoir" rather than "goodbye".

Take care all, and let's hope life continues to return to normal after all these unprecedented times we have endured.

Best wishes,

*Pam Thomlinson*





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## Dear Everyone....

Thank you very much for all your hard work and contributions to the Cake, Plant and Nearly New sale which took place on Sunday 27th June. We raised over £555, which is a wonderful contribution to the Memorial Hall funds. There were lots of delicious cakes, biscuits and scones and a wide range of different plants from village gardens, which made it all a great success. The Nearly New stall also sold several items and we raised over £100 selling the raffle tickets.

*Rosie Brown*

## AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup> Flower and Produce Show Schedules

We hope that you are already thinking about the classes that you could enter in the produce show in the village hall. If you need another show schedule with the list of classes, we have some spares at 48 Church Street.

Please collect or ring 844244 and we could drop one in.

*Sue and John Priestner.*



Sammy and Robyn in 2018

## VILLAGE DOG COMPETITION

Don't forget that this starts promptly at 2pm in the hall car park on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August. Entry fee per dog is still only one pound.





## Get Involved!

A NATIONAL WEEK OF EVENTS CELEBRATING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

In September communities across the country will join together for the Great Big Green Week. It will be the biggest event for climate and nature ever in the UK, and everyone's invited! We are inviting you to join thousands across Britain and be part of the **GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK IN MAIDEN BRADLEY. 18 – 26 SEPTEMBER 2021**

### Saturday 18 September – The Big Green Walk

from Maiden Bradley to Horningsham via Penny's Wood

Meet at the Maiden Bradley Village Hall and join us for a 4 mile walk through local woodlands to Horningsham. You can arrange a pick up or return walk with us.

### Friday 24 September - The Big Green Coffee Morning

with organic fair trade coffee and Gluten free cake at the Village Hall 9am – 10am

Come meet and talk about how we can contribute to a more sustainable Maiden Bradley

## The Maiden Bradley Climate Collective

Activating Maiden Bradley's Environmental Response

### Name Change

Did you notice our name change? Kate Moore has single handedly run the Greener Maiden Bradley page for the past two years, keeping us abreast of small steps our village is making towards a more sustainable community. Kate recently reached out to villagers and Sharon and Jannine stepped forward to be a part of what is now called the Maiden Bradley Climate Collective. We affectionately call ourselves the A.M.B.E.R Team (Activating Maiden Bradley's Environmental Response) to bring forth more action and we are looking for your ideas.

Would you like to join us? It's very informal and friendly and great fun making a difference for our community and our environment.

# THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

This September, communities across the country will join together to celebrate what they are doing to tackle climate change, as part of the Great Big Green Week. And we want you to join us. thousands of events and activities across the UK and Maiden Bradley will be part of this initiative.

The Great Big Green Week , 8-26th September will be an opportunity for us to celebrate together after the difficulties of the past year and look ahead to how we can create a cleaner, greener, healthier world.

Great Big Green Week community hubs will celebrate local activity, raise the profile of climate change and show why it is relevant to your community and local decision makers.

This year, we in the UK have a huge opportunity to raise the ambition of plans to tackle climate change at home and abroad. The UK is hosting a major UN climate summit, known as COP26, in Glasgow this November. This means Parliament and local authorities alike want to be seen as ambitious in tackling climate change.

Together we will show decision makers that people from all walks of life are stepping up to take action on climate change and we need them to step up too.

Help us make history: Join us in one of the Maiden Bradley Big Green Week activities listed or suggest an event you would like to run and we will help you promote it in the village. Let's be part of the biggest climate event the UK has yet seen.

### Local Recycling

**Do you enjoy eating Crisps? We have a recycling bin at the back of the village hall where you can deposit your clean crisp packets.**



## Welcome to Keith and Carole Appleton

Keith and Carole have moved into Sheila Foley's old house - and it sounds like it was 'love at first sight'! They were looking to move to a friendly village community (from Buckinghamshire) and their first impressions are that they have certainly chosen well.

They are looking to get involved with our community and are already part of the Community Garden. They love walking in our beautiful surroundings - and Carole in particular combines it with litterpicking in our local lanes.

Thank you, Carole!



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## Ronnie De Renzy Channer Of Siggiewi Malta, and Maiden Bradley

Ronnie De Renzy Channer was born on 11 January 1939 in Bearsden, Glasgow, where his parents Nancy and Hugh were posted at the time with the Highland Light Infantry (HLI). After his father retired due to a wartime injury, Ronnie spent his childhood and youth on an apple farm in Suffolk with his three brothers, and sister. He was educated at St. Bede's Roman Catholic prep school, and then at Ampleforth College.

After school, Ronnie went to Sandhurst and followed his father into the HLI – he was one of the last two officers commissioned into this regiment. A month later, the HLI became the Royal Highland Fusiliers, and this regiment was to be Ronnie's home throughout his military career. His military service included postings in Scotland, England, Northern Ireland, Germany, and Belgium, as well as Aden (now Yemen), Malta, Singapore, and Colombia.

Ronnie met Esme in 1961 in Malta and they married in Valetta in September 1962, although by the military regulations of that time he was too young and required special permission.

Ronnie and Esme moved homes 23 times during their marriage, and brought up five children, Nicholas, Dominic, Richard, Francesca, and Alexandra.

When he retired from the army in 1990, Ronnie and Esme moved to Wem, in Shropshire, where they ran the boarding house of Adam's School, one of the few state-run boarding houses in the country. On discovering that the school had an ancient connection to the Drapers Company, Ronnie approached the guild and was successful in encouraging them to support the school. This was the start of a close relationship, which resulted in the Drapers' later inviting Ronnie to become a Draper himself.

In 2000, Ronnie and Esme retired to Malta where they lived very happily in the village of Siggiewi. Ronnie took up painting, which brought him great joy, became an expert at maintaining stone walls, and volunteered with the Maltese heritage charity, Din L'Art Helwja.

In 2011, Ronnie had a life-changing operation for jaw cancer and in 2017, he suffered the first major stroke which marked the beginning of vascular dementia.

In March 2018, Ronnie and Esme returned to the UK to the village of Maiden Bradley, where Ronnie spent a very happy last few years, determinedly walking around the village, and enjoying the view of the trees and hills from the bench on Back Lane.

Ronnie died on Wednesday 7 July 2021. He leaves behind him his loving wife Esme, his five children, ten grandchildren, and great granddaughter Eliza, who was born just before Ronnie died. He is sorely missed.

**Alex De Renzy Channer**



# CONTINUITIES

2000 YEARS OF ABSTRACT ART

1ST AUGUST - 24TH OCTOBER 2021

EXHIBITION PREVIEW: 31 JULY 4-8 PM



Top: Nazca Feather Tunic (Rainbow Colour). c.200 AD, Nazca culture, 132 x 177 cm, Courtesy of Paul Hughes Fine Arts  
Bottom: 'Violet Yellow 2' 2019. 80 x 120cm. hand dyed and woven viscose, Courtesy of Ptolemy Mann

WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE  
ALL MAIDEN BRADLEY RESIDENTS  
TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION PREVIEW.  
31 JULY, 16:00-20:00.

IN ADDITION, YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND A FREE  
GUIDED TOUR OF THE EXHIBITION BY PAUL HUGHES.  
8 AUGUST, 16:00.

“All art was once contemporary”

The essence of the exhibition “Continuities”, as presented at The Old Chapel, Maiden Bradley, in association with Paul Hughes Fine Arts, originated from living artists within our constellation who share a passion for that mystical otherworldliness in art and to enter into a dialogue with our museum quality collection of ancient Andean Pre-Colombian archaeological textiles.

“Continuities” is intended to illustrate how works from different periods and cultures are visually interwoven despite their diverse chronological and geographical background, whether it is an affinity in aesthetics or intentionality imbued within the living artist’s creations.

Exhibition content to include the works of Annie and Josef Albers, Lawrence Calver, Paul Hughes collection, Ptolemy Mann, Fionna Curran, Ben Hughes, Maria Simonds-Gooding, Augusto Ballardo and Katharine Swailes.

Continuities will enable us to compare artworks, providing us new and fresh perspectives, allowing us a new way of looking at events, situations, and peoples. By analysing artworks from the past and looking at their details, we can rewind time and experience what a time period different from our own was like and how artist today are inspired by the past.

The living artists and we believe, that such a project presents ancient art more intimately and art history becomes more accessible, less of a place where you are told a truth that you have to learn and more of an immersive experience that you grow with, updating the visual language of the historical in alignment with contemporary practice, interpretations and parallels.

What is fascinating about the arts is that by changing the context we redefine the objects and allow new meanings across time within a visual span of confluences spanning 2000 years.

Ancient Andean textiles played a pivotal role in the development of the works of Josef and Anni Albers at The Bauhaus, and following on to their teaching practice at both the Black Mountain College and Yale school of art, “Continuities” will highlight that early 20th century confluence up to the present day as presented by the works of the participating living artists. The Albers’ felt a complete emotional camaraderie with anonymous Andean weavers whose names they would never know, some of whom lived many centuries ago, because of a shared interest in line and colour and artistic technique, and a mutual feeling for the joy and emotional well-being covered by these visual interactions and experiences.

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

Activity has been as usual this month with 9 sessions to date with 1782 vehicles counted and 135 vehicles logged for speeding. The problem area, Frome Road (B3092) remains the same if anything the average speed has increased, so has the aggression. The doubling of CSW activity on the B3092 is having a positive effect, however at the expense of Church Street where it was noted by the SID that a vehicle approached the traffic calming at 47mph. Unfortunately the registration No was not noted.

Sharing the speed device with the Deverills CSW team on a week on week off basis. Is certainly working well. working very well. If Maiden Bradley doesn't get you the Deverills will!!! They tell me that they caught one vehicle doing 39mph going one way, 15 minutes later they caught the same vehicle doing 38mph going in the opposite direction. I guess for some it's a very slow learning curve.

The very good news is that we are getting Police support for both Maiden Bradley and the Deverills Between 27th July and the 6th August. Should be good.

SID. The Speed Indicator Device as always has a very positive effect.  
If you see an incident Call 999 if the driver is still on scene, or 101. Take the Reg. No.

Thank you for all your support in the CSW activities and for your support in the future. However we do need more support as we plan to increase our activity. So please come forward and help. Full training is given and you get a smart Yellow Tabart and an Authority card. An hour a week is the average time spent by a CSW member. Just telephone 01985 844848 and we will do the rest.

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.  
Chairman Maiden Bradley Parish Council

## Anyone for Fishing?

Once again Adi Roche and James Kennedy are planning a day's sea fishing. Our audience are MB villagers that might like to give sea fishing from a boat a try, ideal for absolute beginners, and those who have fished in a lake or river and want to try something different.

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It's a full day out but weather dependent and we leave MB rendezvous (RV) at about 05:30 arriving at our second RV MacDonal's just outside Poole at about 06:30. This allows us to have a coffee maybe breakfast, meet the others on the trip and convoy drive into Poole Old Quay - being a desirable way to keep folk together for finding the carpark and meeting the boat.

We should be on the quay between 07:30 and 08:45 for boarding. We will be met by Andy or Sam and receive a safety briefing.

Regarding fishing gear, within the price of £60 payable in advance to the organiser. You will receive the use of a rod, reel, all tackle and bait for the day any breakages you will need to be responsible for and agree a price and pay the skipper. There will be three experienced anglers on board, to help you bait hooks and play and land fish, hopefully making your day as productive and exciting as possible.

As we will have a full boat we will be running a competition, a winners trophy, for boys and girls, the most species caught, largest number of fish caught and the biggest fish of the day. By the way a 30lb Tope may not be big enough!



After departing the Quay, we will head out of the harbour to our first mark, which may possibly be for mackerel bait and eating.

We may head toward the Isle of White for Bream or the Dolphin Sand Banks for Plaice or maybe West to Swanage Bay. Whichever way, we may drift over our marks or anchor depending on the fish, the tide and the weather.

You will all catch something.

Returning to the Poole quay around 17:00 and then home to MB arriving between 18:30 and 19:00 for a well-earned drink at the Hare.

Interested then please drop us an email before 10<sup>th</sup> August and we will get back to you.

Adi Roche [adi.roche@sky.com](mailto:adi.roche@sky.com)

James Kennedy [64therank@gmail.com](mailto:64therank@gmail.com)

## Maiden Bradley Memorial hall Meet some of the Committee.....



### Jannine Barron - newly elected Chairperson

I arrived in Maiden Bradley in March 2020 which is also the month I emigrated to the UK from Australia.

I have been grateful for the warm embrace and safety that the village of Maiden Bradley has provided myself and my husband Tom in Lockdown.

I run a Marketing and Business Mentoring consultancy from home with a focus on sustainability. We also enjoy visits from our London based Grandchildren and Children.

### Carol Kenzie - newly elected Secretary

Hopefully many villagers will know me as I have lived here for just over 35 years.

I agreed to become a member of the Memorial Hall Management Committee after some persuasive talk from the then Hall Secretary, the amazing Sheila Foley, as I hoped to restart our Pantomime performances in the Hall and wish to represent and regenerate the Panto Group. However I was almost press-ganged into volunteering to take on the role of Hall Secretary at the AGM as my husband Ray kept elbowing me in the ribs and no other person stood up.

I do think that the Hall is an amazing asset for the village and now we are able I would love to assist other volunteers to get some new entertainment/music evenings going for everyone to enjoy.



### Elaine Lavender - re-elected Treasurer

Like Carol, I am sure many villagers will know me already as I have been in Maiden Bradley for 7 years. I am married to Nigel (the village computer helpdesk!) and can often be seen walking with Cavalier King Charles Georgia and her chipmunk.

I am really looking forward to being more actively involved with the Hall during 2021 as we open up again to serve our wonderful community.



**Meet more village volunteers  
next month.....**



## Spring Watch at 64 The Rank – Update

Last month we reported the late arrival of the Swifts, I am pleased to report they have arrived in strength during the past month and all 5 of our nesting sites are now occupied. We have noted that Barcroft is showing up on the Swift Mapper and we hope others of you will add more village sites to the local map:

<https://www.swiftmapper.org.uk/>.

My skill as a photographer does not allow me to take fast moving pictures that remain in focus but we shall try over the coming weeks to get some evidence for the record.

We have had the joy of a Song Thrush singing all day and up to dusk. No it is not a Nightingale, for those of you who are interested the Song Thrush has in my opinion a more varied song and a generally better voice and does –not sing during darkness. The Nightingale on the other hand is a migrant and generally arrives in spring and finds nesting in dense copse generally in the South East of England particularly Sussex and Kent and sings only at night. You can download their music from the Internet if you would like to listen.

The subject of the roadside verges has come into view mainly because this year they remain un-cut. As road user we are having to drive, ride and walk more carefully as the road is less well defined However, for the nature lover, leaving the verges to naturalise opens up opportunity for the birds and small rodents. However, we have noted earlier in the spring on the wayside Meadow Cranes-

bill. Common Spotted Orchid and just here in Bradley Lane, Hedge Bedstraw and a big clump of Goats Beard.



Cutting to the chase; the mention of Giant Hogweed came onto the radar, as a result of the new verge cutting programme. Yes beware, please be careful of this plant and Hogweed the sap is highly aggressive and cause skin burns which result in running sores. History tells us that the use of Hogweed sap on the face of beggar children was in common use during Victorian times and produced the most horrific results but improved takings. Therefore when out walking in the country make sure legs are well covered to avoid contact with some of our common wayside and meadow plants.

*James Kennedy*

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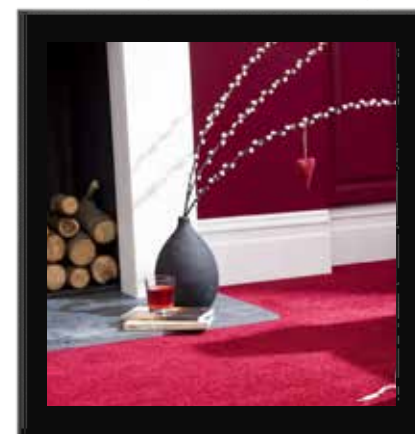
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Enjoy vibrant flower displays  
Admire some stunning photography,  
art and crafts -**

**....and much more!**

**Saturday August 21st  
starting at 2pm with  
the Village Dog  
Competition**



## Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall RAFFLE - REFRESHMENTS