

Maiden Bradley Parish News

390 December 2021



Remembering David Morse

December Diary

- 4 Sat Christmas Wreath workshop - Hall 10-12am
5 Sun Catch up, in the Hall 10-11am
6 Mon Christmas Bingo - Hall 7 for 7.30 start
Household waste collection
11 Sat Edible Christmas gifts demo - Hall 9.30-12am
12 Sun **Morning Service- Jane Hurd 10am**
13 Mon *Green bin collection*
15 Wed *Blue bin and black box collections*
16 Thurs Luncheon Club Christmas Meal
18 Sat **Church Christmas Decoration from 10am**
19 Sun **Lessons and Carols 6pm**
20 Mon Carols and Mulled Wine – Hall – 6pm
Household waste collection
Copy deadline date to pat@visa-office.com
24 Fri Christmas Eve Eucharist 11pm
25 and 26 **No church services**
27 Mon *Green bin collection*
29 Wed *Blue bin and black box collections*
31 Fri **No coffee morning**

Useful Telephone Numbers

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| Speed Watch Co-ordinator | Simon Wager | simon.m.wager@gmail.com |
| Nadder Oil Buying Club | | Email: richard.willan@me.com www.oilbuyingclub.com |
| Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator | Derek Stevens | 01985 844428 |
| Community Garden | Kate Moore | katemoore@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 | murrisona@parliament.uk | 01225 358584 |
| Mere Link Scheme | | 01747 860096 |
| Bell Ringing Tuesday 7 pm in the Bell Tower at the Church, beginners welcome | | 844475 |

Contributions for the newsletter are always welcome.

Please email pat@visa-office.com by 20th of the month

Magazine available online on the village website:

www.maidenbradleyvillage.org.uk

Editorial

I think that there are many people, family, friends and colleagues who will be attending David Morse's Memorial Service on Wednesday 8th December.

The service is to be a celebration of his life and the bells will be rung by many bellringers from the Mere Branch of Bellringers, one of whom was David. David was well liked and respected for taking over the responsibilities of the Maiden Bradley Tower for several years and will be missed by us all.

Autumn has turned to winter in one day causing me to don my thermal trousers for walking the dog along with my favourite hat but since last year, the moths have nibbled a hole in the hat and the matching scarf has gone missing. I really enjoy the cold sunny days and taking the dog out around the village and coming home to the warmth of the log burner glowing in the inglenook. I am looking forward to decorating the house and garden with lots of lights and colour this year even though I am unable to enter the Garden Christmas Decoration Competition because this year Elaine and I are organising it as a fundraiser for the News. I hope you will be able to join in the fun of this competition and support the News, the entry form is inside or available from Elaine or myself.

The News Team would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

Pat Kennedy 845397 pat@visa-office.com

AN APPRECIATION OF DAVID MORSE ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE

David and Pam moved to Maiden Bradley in the mid seventies where they brought up Jo, Chris and Vicky. Until his retirement David taught at Sparsholt, Agricultural College in Hampshire. He served the village of Maiden Bradley as a member of the Church, and as a Churchwarden. He was also a maintenance man looking after the clock, the flagpole and masonry for any repairs that were needed.

David was also a bellringer which he really enjoyed. He served on the Parish Council for many years and had also been a Trustee of Maiden Bradley Village Hall for 30 years.

Words cannot say how much he will be missed with his cheerful disposition and his wry smile.

God bless you David,

your friend and colleague,

Derek Stevens.

Family News

Most of the village will know the sad news that David Morse died somewhat suddenly after a short illness at Salisbury Hospital, and Pam, his wife of over 50 years, has sent this message to everyone:

“Pam and her family would like to thank everyone from the village who knew David for their kindness and cards at this very sad time.”

If you are attending the Celebration Service for David’s life on December 8th, Pam would prefer that black is not worn, and that rather than any floral tributes, that donations be made to the Salisbury Hospital Stars Appeal.

David

After leaving school, David served a five-year apprenticeship with a General Building company, where he learnt his creative skills and worked on the Radio Telescope at Chilbolton in Hampshire. In 1971, after marrying Pam, they moved to Wales to start a farming venture with his sister, Margaret, and brother-in-law, Alan. Pam also ran a guesthouse on the farm during this period, then in 1977 they moved to Maiden Bradley. David joined the staff at Sparsholt College, near Winchester, where he lectured in Practical Skills and Forestry and ran short courses on farm buildings and plumbing from 1978 until his retirement in 2009.

David was a Freeman of Haverford West, a tradition that dates back to 1840, thanks to a distant relative, who was such a respected and skilled cobbler to the local gentry, that they made him and his ancestors Freemen of the town in perpetuity.

David gave a great deal of his time to village matters as a School Governor, Village Hall Trustee, member of the PCC, Church Warden, Bell Tower Captain, and Chairman of the Parish Council. He was well loved by many and always made a point of planting rows of begonias in his front garden because Mrs Pilbrow loved to see them when she walked by The Knapp. There are many people in the village who benefitted from his skills with wood and he made many items for them to have in their homes.

The saying that “He will be greatly missed” is an understatement regarding David’s life. He was a proud family man, and a truly kind individual, always cheerful and positive, with a ready smile for everyone. The family and the village have lost a very rare gentleman.

SALISBURY HOSPITAL STARS APPEAL

(to benefit Pembroke and Radnor/ICU wards)

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/DavidMorse1



There was a short Ceremony of Remembrance held at the Memorial Hall on November 11th.

The ceremony was led by David Puckey, Mel Thomas and Graham Stevens.



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*subject to eligibility



Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

01985 845303 (answerphone)



Saturday 4th December *Christmas Wreath Making 10am-12 noon*

Monday 6th December *Village Hall Christmas Bingo 7pm for a 7.30pm start*

Saturday 11th December *Cookery Demonstration – Edible Gifts 9am-11.00am*

Monday 20th December *Carols round the Piano and Mulled Wine 6.00pm*

Please Note: Friday 31st December **NO COFFEE MORNING**

Saturday 15th January 2022 Quiz Night 7pm for 7.30pm start

Saturday 22nd January 2022 *Keeping Safe Online with Nigel Lavender*

Presentation and Q & A – Free of charge 3.00pm-5.00pm

Sunday 30th January 2022 *Sticky Toffee Jazz and Cream Tea 2.30pm-5.30pm*

Saturday 12th March 2022 *Unfortunately, Chris Jagger & Band had to postpone their planned concert in November - it is now re-scheduled.*

Ticket details to follow

REGULAR EVENTS

New at the Hall – Yoga with Sally-Anne Sweeny

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| Mondays | 10.30am -11.30am | Community Yoga |
| Mondays | 5.00pm-6.00pm | Dr's Surgery |
| Tuesday | 7.00am-8.00am | Yoga Flow |
| Tuesdays | 1.00-3.00pm | Post Office Service |
| Tuesdays | 3.30pm-4.30pm | Yoga Flow |
| Wednesdays | 6.15pm-7.15pm | Yoga Flow |
| Fridays | 10am-12pm | Coffee Morning |

Book and jigsaw lending library available during hall opening for regular events

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| Saturdays | 5.00-6.30pm | Fish & Chip Van |
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www.maidenbradleyhall.co.uk for more details



Edible Christmas Gifts

Come and learn how to make your own Edible Christmas Gifts Saturday 11th December 9.30am to 12noon in the Memorial Hall.

Please contact Rosie Brown in advance on 01985 844236

or rslbrown@hotmail.com to book a place. Cost is £5 per person to include tastings and recipes. I look forward to seeing you,

Rosie Brown.

Clickety Click!

Christmas Bingo at the Hall Monday 6th December

Doors open 7pm Eyes down 7.30





The Maiden Bradley Climate Collective

Activating Maiden Bradley's Environmental Response

I had known the landscape around Maiden Bradley for years before I moved here, (last year) walking the hills and the forest, marveling in just how much beauty and variety there is on our doorsteps. But it wasn't until I moved into my cottage and took on the somewhat large task of restoring a beautiful but overgrown garden, that I realised just how diverse the wildlife is compared to other rural places I have lived.

Winter is here – I stand at my back door and thick mist wreathes the air with its damp breath, dark seems to arrive earlier each day. But still, if I stop and look, morning reveals roses decorated with spiders webs like gossamer tinsel, a myriad of small birds compete for my tree-hung treats, red kites circle, a woodpecker lands and stares at me curiously. And this past summer, as I began an epic garden project, I discovered rare beetles and spiders, more kinds of bees and hoverflies than I had ever seen, the caterpillars of rare moths, butterflies... A reassuring abundance of native ladybirds, the best organic pest control. I have never lived anywhere with such diversity of insect life. In fact we live in an SSSI (site of special scientific interest) but to see this so abundantly in my own back garden really highlighted just what this means.

I am conscious of this as winter deepens. We are used to thinking of winter as the time when our gardens go into hibernation, but it is also a time both for caring for our overwintering creatures, from feeding birds to leaving spots of shelter, and for planning for next spring. I am so aware of the wealth of what we all potentially have here. My garden had been left to get a little too wild, but as I restore it I will leave some areas wilder for insects, I will plant for the bees and other pollinators that I know will come. This is something we can all do.

It would be easy to think of a climate collective being mainly concerned with climate change, especially at this time of the disappointing missed opportunities of COP 26, but our wildlife and biodiversity is a key part of the climate issue as well as part of our natural heritage. Reading old nature books it is already glaringly obvious how much has been lost and many of our native insects that have survived are critically endangered. But in my garden and walking up on the hills – all the wildflowers and insects, skylarks hovering, beautiful birds of prey and hares... We can all do our bit to save the ecosystem around our village. If we all just left a little bit of our garden wilder, fed the birds, and planted flowers for pollinators, gardened organically without chemical sprays, we can make a real difference that is also beautiful.

If people want tips of something that is both pretty, easy to grow and beloved by bees I would recommend a hardy geranium – something similar to Geranium Rozanne that is close to wild cranesbills – native to chalk grass lands. Classic cottage garden plants I

love like foxgloves, hollyhocks, lupins are all popular. Lavender, thyme... Something like Linaria Fairy Bouquet is super easy and cheap to grow – I had swathes this year just from scattering a few seeds outside – Nigella, also known as Love in the Mist, likewise. I also try and plant so that I have early spring through to late autumn flowers – I still have bumble bees flying around as I write in late November!

On another note Christmas is coming and we have a plea to be mindful when wrapping presents to remember that a lot of wrapping paper is coated in plastic and not recyclable! String is also much better than sellotape. I am also aware that in past issues of the newsletter a simple top tip was appreciated, so here is my non-garden related one, so simple it is almost ridiculous: we have all been washing our hands lots over the past couple of years, if we just switch from liquid hand wash to good old fashioned soap we can save loads of plastic - soap is often wrapped in paper and one large bar can last as long as at least three standard liquid soap bottles, the pumps of which are rarely recyclable. If you can do the same for shower gel, all the better! A lovely handmade soap is also a nice stocking filler...

Alice Maddicott

PS We were sorry to have to postpone the walk up over Brimsdown but it seemed the right thing to do. We will reschedule for some time early next year. The next walk should be to the Iron Age Hill Fort and Bronze Age Barrow.





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Tipping a mattress, building material, electrical items, or bin bags full of rubbish by thoughtless individuals is sadly all too commonly seen around our beautiful countryside. Not only does it cause a local nuisance, especially if it contains toxic material like asbestos, but it often encourages further dumping if left unattended. There is often a risk of damage to watercourses and harm to wildlife.

Fly-tipping is a serious criminal offence which can lead to prosecution. The courts have various powers available to them to tackle fly-tipping, including imprisonment, unlimited fines, and an order to deprive rights to a vehicle used to commit the offence.

I am pleased to report that the dedicated team of Environmental Enforcement Officers working closely with Wiltshire Police, the Environment Agency, and other local authorities continue to work hard to identify those responsible for offences in the Wiltshire Council area. Most recently a Wiltshire resident has been ordered to pay £440 in fines at a Magistrates Court after giving her household waste to an unlicensed waste collector, who then fly-tipped on a highway verge in the north of the county.

Wiltshire Council has secured 27 successful prosecutions for environmental offences since 2018 and have also seized two vehicles involved in fly-tipping and issued Fixed Penalty Notices to both fly-tippers and householders who give their waste to unlicensed waste carriers.

People should be wary about using a 'man with a van' or similar adverts on social media sites to dispose of waste without making all the necessary checks, writing down the waste carrier's licence number and the registration number of the vehicle taking the waste.

To prevent waste being fly-tipped, people should:

- Check that the person they pass their waste to is an authorised carrier at <https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers>, or by calling the Environment Agency on 03708 506506.
- Note the make, model, colour, and registration number of any vehicle taking the waste away and note a description of the person(s) removing the waste.
- Ask for a receipt detailing where the waste is going and the waste carrier's licence number.
- If it involves scrap metal collection, check that the person who is taking the waste has an upper tier waste carrier's licence and a scrap metal collector's licence issued by Wiltshire Council.

People can report fly-tipping at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting or by calling 0300 456 0100.

Together let's stamp out this practice out.

Bill Parks

Wiltshire Councillor for Warminster North and Rural.

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The Maiden Bradley Christmas Decoration Competition
After the success of last year's competition - and the resulting sparkly village - we have decided to repeat the challenge.
This year, the three prizes are as follows, all kindly donated by Nick Morgan - Lakeside Garden Centre

1ST £100 VOUCHER FOR THE BRADLEY HARE
2ND £50 LAKESIDE GARDEN CENTRE VOUCHER
3RD FOOD HAMPER FROM LAKESIDE

James Waterworth, interior and garden designer (including the Bradley Hare), will be judging the entries on the evening of Wednesday December 22nd.

Prizes will be awarded for what is, in the judge's opinion, the most creatively decorated exterior. This can be a garden, a house exterior or just a window. It's up to you!

Entry fee is £10 per house and all proceeds will go towards the publication of the Maiden Bradley Parish Newsletter. Please complete the entry form overleaf.

Closing date - Friday December 17th



LAST YEARS WINNING
ENTRY -
windows by Kate
Moore



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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, October Issue, compiled and produced by the Maiden Bradley Community Speed Watch Volunteers to keep the village aware of our activities. Usual activity again this month 6 sessions with 1021 vehicles counted and 24 vehicles logged for speeding. However a noticeable drop in excessive speeders which seems to be the general trend, long may it last.

The pathetic article published in The Telegraph recently has done no good for the cause of CSW and its members. 12th November 2021. They certainly did not have the right to remonstrate with the driver of the vehicle, nor had the driver to argue with the CSW members. All that it has done, it appears, is to give carte blanche to drivers if they wish to abuse CSW members carrying out their lawful duty. CSW is there to record the number of vehicles passing at a pre designated position and record the speeds of vehicles exceeding the legal speed limit in that area. Using a Police Speed Device issued by the relative police force for the purpose. The then recorded information is placed on the return document and duly forwarded to the Police. To which a receipt is given. That is all. Any threat of confrontation, turn your back and walk away.

Again while completing the reporting documents for logging vehicles exceeding 35mph 2 registration numbers that are village vehicles were noted.

As always we continue to share the Speed Device with the Deverills CSW team. Who are very active and suffer the same problems as we do.

Simon Wager

Simon Wager.
Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS.

We will gather in church from 10 am on December the 19th when the church will be decorated for the candle lit service of carols the next day at 6pm. Please come along and give us a hand if you fancy joining in with us. If you do not have time, then any spare greenery that you have in your gardens can always be put to good use. Just bring it to church on the Wednesday when the church will be open from 10 to 4 pm, or on the Saturday am when we will be there.

If you need any more info please
ring me on 844244.

Sue Priestner.



EXPOSURE

The debut exhibition by British photographer Richard Andrew Spencer, opened on Saturday 20th October and continues until 20th February in the Old Chapel. Richard is presenting his previously unseen collection of 25 studies from his series 'Black Sphere' which apparently began in 2006 recording the photographer's life observations. Using, I guess, digital media to record these images, studies of this nature in Black and White are presented to

us and give the audience a very dark experience of the artist's interpretation of these studies. Sadly Richard Spencer was not at the opening of the exhibition when I attended and therefore I was unable to hear the heart of the artist tick and to try to understand from him why he was stimulated to record the images that he has released for us to absorb.

As a child I was introduced to Black and White analogue photography and cinematography and have, in the corner of my memory, a black and white movie "Whisky Galore" made in 1951. The opening scene shows storm lashed beaches and rocks, dark clouds and the occasional brilliant sunny interval, of a hidden fictitious island of the Outer Hebrides, called Toddy. Those opening scenes were evocative to me capturing this image of the coming storm, the storm, the brilliance of flashes of sun light, and of the driving rain. The word evocative does not seem a potent enough word to encapsulate the true expressiveness of some of the images presented to us. If I added emotive as an appropriate adjective, which suited my understanding of this work, I would be improvising a mood to suit me and allow me to understand better our artist's "Black Sphere".

Well done and thank you Mr Spencer, I enjoyed every image and every image told me a story.

James Kennedy



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HORNINGSHAM LUNCHEON CLUB

We have now been open again for 3 months, where has the time gone?

Our numbers have increased and as well as those attending we are delivering meals each week to three housebound residents. The price has increased to £3.50 to cover the increasing cost of food. This is still very good value for a home cooked main course, pudding and tea or coffee.

The club will be closing for the Christmas break on 9th December and reopen on Thursday 6th January.

We are all looking forward to our Christmas Meal at the Hunters Lodge near Wincanton on Thursday 16th December. This is for members and all the cooks and helpers who are vital in keeping the club running.

We are in need of more cooks. If anyone is interested in joining as a member, a cook or helper please contact Margaret or Lesley.

Everyone at the club sends their wishes to you all for a Very Happy Christmas, hopefully with your families this year and a Very Healthy 2022.

Margaret 01985 844756

Lesley 01985 211355



Lyndhurst

Welcome Club

The last Welcome Club outing was on Tuesday October 19th and once again we were worried about the weather as it had rained before we caught the bus. Our coffee break stop was at Lyndhurst in the New Forest and we even saw the sun for short periods. Everyone enjoyed their stop at Lyndhurst, then we made our way to Poole. Lionel our driver dropped us at the shopping centre because of the weather forecast was not good.

Some of us were very lucky because while looking for somewhere to eat a local lady gave us some good advice to go to a church where they served lunch in aid of a charity for Mentally Handicapped Young Adults. We were all very pleased with our lunch and the service was very good and cheap. So we can recommend going to the Spire if you are in Poole it's in the main street. We left Poole early at 4pm, did the raffle before we left and, had a wet drizzly ride home. We thanked our driver Lionel and hope to see him in the New Year when in April we expect to start a new season of monthly outings. We wish all our members and friends of the Club a Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

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Parish Council 23rd November 2021

Defibrillator Training – there will be a free to attend Defibrillator Training Event held at the Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall on the 31st of January 2022 at 7.00pm, please do note it in your diaries. Come along and see how it works, you never know when you might find yourself needing to use it.

Communications with the Community direct using a Microsoft application called Sway – To enable its implementation, the Parish Council is seeking the contact details for those parishioners who wish to be contacted directly with information, copies of Agendas, Minutes, the Audit papers, newsletters, and take part in consultations as and when they take place. This be sent directly to parishioner's inboxes.

General Data Protection Regulations need to be adhered to. Parishioners are asked if they are interested in this service that they contact the Clerk by email at maidenbradley@virgin-media.com and provide their email address (the Clerk will provide them with a form to complete) they will be added to a circulation list. This list would be kept securely on the Parish Council laptop which is password protected. Parishioners would be able to contact the Clerk to be removed from the system at any time as per the General Data Protection Regulations. Parishioners would be able to contact the Clerk to be removed from the system at any time as per the General Data Protection Regulations.

Background to the implementation of Sway:

Following the public session at the October 2021 full Council meeting, where the Council was asked why it did not communicate directly with individual parishioners (they were informed at the time that there is no legislative requirement to communicate directly with parishioners, the Local Government Act 1972 requires the parish council to publish notices fixed within the locality of the parish and the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 requires the Audit to be published on an accessible website)

Background Documents: The Clerk has researched a system to enable the Parish Council to communicate directly with parishioners in an inexpensive and affective way.

Planning Decisions made by Wiltshire Council - Application No: PL/2021/09110

Application Type: Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area

Proposal: T1 Coastal Redwood growing next to boundary wall, fell. T2 Cherry to right of T1, thin crown density by 15% T3 Coastal Redwood with 2 stems in corner by wall. Fell. T4 Cherry on bank by house with large stem wound. Fell. T5 Cheery adjacent to out building with stem cavity. Fell.

Site Address: The Old Dower House, Church Street, Maiden Bradley, Warminster, BA12 7HW.

Decision: approved.

Wiltshire Council Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Temporary Closure of: C41 Rye Hill (Part), Longbridge Deverill (TTRO 7735)

Notice is hereby given that Wiltshire Council has made an Order to close temporarily to all

traffic: C41 Rye Hill (Part), Longbridge Deverill; from its junction with Homefields for approximately 260m in a westerly direction.

To enable: BT to carry out pole test and associated works. Alternative route: via C41 (unaffected length) - C54 - A350 - C41 (unaffected length) and vice versa.

The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs. This Order will come into operation on 21 December 2021 and the closure will be required between the hours of 09:30 and 15:30 for 1 day. It is anticipated that the works will take the stated duration to complete depending upon weather conditions. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses where possible, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works. The Order will have a maximum duration of 18 months.

Joint letter on HGVs for submission to the Parish Council - following the correspondence sent to Councillor Dr Mark McClelland cabinet member for Transport, a meeting has been organised at the Bradley Hare in Maiden Bradley with Rt Hon Dr Andrew Murrison, the relevant Wiltshire Council Councillors and Highways Team and Maiden Bradley Weight Watchers representatives. Council confirmed that Councillors Simon Wager, Sebastian Seymour, and Susanna Brigden will represent the Parish Council at this meeting.

Freedom of Information Charges reviewed - the Freedom of Information Charges have not been reviewed since 2018. It was agreed to charge for Photocopying @ 0.20p per sheet (black & white) Postage would be the actual cost of Royal Mail standard 2nd class at the time of the request.

Grant Applications – Groups and Clubs are encouraged to action a Grant Application to the Parish Council if they wish to be considered for a grant in the 2022/2023 Civic year. This will enable the Parish Council to budget for the needs of the Community. Forms can be accessed from the website www.maidenbradley.org.uk left hand side drop down/ documentation or by emailing the Clerk who will reply with a copy electronically or phone 01985 213436 and the Clerk will post a hard copy.

Items for the next Agenda: Link Scheme, Itinerant Engineers, Internal Audit, Reserves and contingency, General reserves, Budget/Precept, Financial Regulations update, Grounds Quotations, Clerks Appraisal and Clerk's review Clerks hours and wages for inclusion in the draft 2022/2023 budget, Annual Newsletter and

Re-allocation of Parish Plan actions for specific Councillors to lead on.

Date of the next Full Council meeting. The Council agreed that the 14th of **December 2021** would be the date of the next Parish Council meeting. The agenda will be published on the 8th of **December 2021**. As always, the Parish Council meeting will be open at the start with an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or make comments on any matter. The website www.maidenbradley.org can be accessed to read a copy of the Agenda and Minutes electronically or copies are displayed on the Millennium Notice Board at the Bus Stop.

Mrs Sarah Jeffries the Parish Clerk can be contacted by email on maidenbradley@virginmedia.com, by phone on 01985 213436, or by post to Parish Clerk, 9 Beech Grove, Warminster, BA12 0AB

A huge 'thank-you' to John Priestner for his local history presentation at the Memorial Hall

John had put together a very interesting and informative presentation of photographs from the village archive which he had spent time researching during the lockdown. It was a really good evening - the presentation kept our attention and there were lots of shared memories aired by some of our older residents - as well as some eye opening information for the relative newcomers.

A lot of the photos can be found on the archive page of the village website. This is very much 'work in progress' - and at the moment few of the photos have detailed descriptions. However, John and I are planning to get our heads together shortly and improve this valuable record of our village's history.

We would love to hear from anyone who has old photographs to include - or memories to share.

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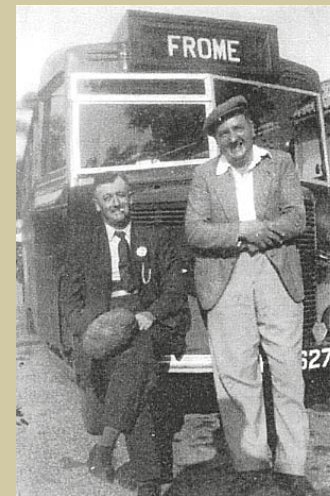
*the Brownies and
the Archery Club,
construction of the bus shelter
and more recent history -
the old chapel*



BUS SERVICES SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

As a partial replacement from 13 October a special shared taxi service will be provided for pre-booked passengers from Maiden Bradley and Horningsham to Frome on Wednesday mornings and to Warminster on Friday mornings, allowing approximately one and a half hours shopping in each town.

Normal bus fares will be charged on the shared taxi and holders of concessionary bus passes will be able to travel free of charge. To book a place on the shared taxi, please ring A&G minibuses between 9am and 5pm the day before you need to travel on 01985 218754.



*Don Newbury and Ray - Leather's Coaches.
1930s cricket team and an early church fete.*





Tim White, Maiden Bradley, Warminster, Wiltshire

Tim White is not a farmer who uses traditional solutions to resolve problems.

When he entered the sheep industry, his quest to find a maternal ewe breed that was “fit for purpose” fell short so, with a small group of other farmers, he devised an improbable solution: to create a completely new breed.

Starting from scratch, Tim and the other Exlana breeders set about designing the ideal breeding ewe.

Farm facts:

- Tenant farmer
- Forage-only system
- 800 breeding ewes
- All ram lambs kept entire
- Ewe lambs sold immediately after weaning at a 25kg average
- Cull ewes mostly sold to ABP
- Blood mineral levels monitored in ewes and lambs twice a year
- Member of the Sheep Health and Welfare Group

They sourced the genetics and put a structured breeding programme in place to ensure maximum genetic gain while maintaining high health status.

“I am a sheep breeder as well as a farmer; my job is to breed and select genetics under pressure,” says Tim, who adopts a “genetics not cosmetics” approach to breeding.

Breed benefits:

In 15 generations, the wool-shedding Exlana now ticks lots of boxes, from parasite resistance and dag reduction to tail length reduction – its popularity is such that it is now exported to New Zealand and Europe.

In his selection for short tails, Tim has reduced the average tail score from a 3.0 (adult tail length below the hock) to a 1.8 (score 2.0 is for tail length at hock level).

He believes docking can be replaced with better selection for low dag scores and low faecal egg counts, along with improved management techniques.

“Future industry lamb welfare practices will be governed by consumer wishes for welfare-friendly and low chemical input husbandry. Low-mutilation rates will be part of these standards,” Tim says.

Breeding and selection are done in a commercial situation.

“We have no barns to mollycoddle sheep in, we don’t have access to hay or silage, nor indeed have the machinery to feed it,” Tim explains.

This is because he operates his business on short-term land rental agreements with a core of landlords.

Tim has little control over management decisions on this land so he has learned to be “endlessly flexible”, reducing flock size when he loses blocks of land and using it as an opportunity to increase income.

“I am happy to fluctuate. One year I can lamb 600, the next year, 1,000.”

Technology:

His interest in recording and collecting data is paying dividends – by adding value through breeding, he can nearly double flock income.

He has used electronic identification for 16 years, along with a Pision for capturing data “in the field” and the Farmworks program to track performance data.

Technology was also used to maintain sales during the pandemic, with the annual auction of elite rams taking place online.

This reaped rewards as almost 50% of the rams were bought by online bidders and there was a price uplift of 40% on previous years’ sales.

As a farmer, Tim was a late starter – he was 40 when he established his business, but what he has packed into the intervening 18 years many farmers will never achieve in a lifetime.

He worries that farmers work so hard that they don’t allow themselves time to consider opportunities.

“It is all too easy to be too knackered from farming to have the time to think. But it is vital to do that – to think about your aims as a farmer and to consider the opportunities.”

And his ambition for the future? “To continue to develop the Exlana breed.”

Winning ways

- Maintaining high welfare while farming stock under pressure
- Running a sustainable business without subsidy
- Encouraging the uptake of share-farming agreements for young entrants
- Creating “win-win” situations through collaboration with landlords, new entrants, breeders and his vet
- Incredible depth of knowledge on selection for worm resistance

A word from our independent judge:

“Tim has very refreshing ideas on animal welfare and health and using genetics to help solve some of the common problems in sheep farming.”

Liz Genever, sheep and beef consultant

Comfort
and Joy



Christmas Services at Maiden Bradley

- ▲ Dec. 19th 6 p.m. Candlelit Lessons & Carols
- ▲ Dec. 24th 11 p.m. Christmas Eve Eucharist

There will be NO SERVICES
on Christmas Day or Boxing Day

Happy Christmas to all!