

Maiden Bradley

News

June 2022



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"For the Liberator of Europe"

REMEMBERING
MEL THOMAS

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- 1 Wed **Blue bin and black box collections**
- 2 Thur *Beacon lighting at Rodmead farm
9.45pm*
- 5 Sun No Service
- Big lunch Garden party at Bradley
House 12.30 till 6pm*
- 8 Wed **Household waste collection**
- 12 Sun Morning Service - Celia and Sue Fielder 10am
- 13 Mon **Green bin collection**
- 14 Tue Village Garden Competition, judging day
- 15 Wed **Blue bin and black box collections**
- 19 Sun Morning Service with Jane Hurd 10am
- 22 Wed **Household waste collection**
- 26 Sun Communion Service with Bernard Joy 10am
- 30 Thur **AGM Maiden Bradley Village Hall Committee**



FRIDAY 1ST JULY

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF SSAFA AND IN MEMORY OF MEL THOMAS

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 |
| 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 7.30pm in the Church Bell Tower - beginners welcome | | | 01985 845397 |

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

The problems with taking an unplanned last minute holiday are many especially as a main consideration is the publishing of The News each month. We were given an invitation to stay with friends in France which, after the lockdowns and a long winter, we did not wish to pass up, but could we organise it with just four days' notice? My commitments over those four days were excessive but I managed them all except for the dog. My usual boarding kennel was fully booked along with other local kennels but the holiday was saved by my son who agreed to take him. The ferries were only half full and the French roads almost empty of traffic. The weather was similar to the UK, so no sea bathing but plenty of good French food and interesting markets with traditional Breton dancers and bands. We would go again, even at short notice.

The News Team would like to extend their condolences to Elizabeth and her family at the passing of Mel Thomas. Mel was a force of change within the village when a strong character was needed to improve the Memorial Hall and generate interest in new activities. His legacy will live on in ways we perhaps now take for granted. Thank you Mel.

Patricia Kennedy

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There will be a fundraising coffee morning at
Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall
to celebrate the life of

Mel Thomas

on Friday July 1st

10am - 12 noon.

Coffee - Cakes - Raffle

All proceeds will go to Mel's favourite charity

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Armed Forces
charity



Jubilee news update.....

As I'm sure you are aware, there are plans for events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in Maiden Bradley this June, starting with the Beacon Lighting Ceremony at Rodmead Farm on Thursday 2nd June. Leave the village on the B3092 towards Mere and follow the purple and gold crowns for directions and parking. The Beacon will be lit at 9.45pm, and we will gather from 8.00pm to enjoy a selection of puddings, desserts and sweet treats, and contributions are very welcome!

A barrel of beer and soft drinks will be available. Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome. Please remember to wear sensible shoes and appropriate clothing and bring a torch – just a word of warning, there are no toilets in the field!

The Big Lunch Garden Party at Bradley House is on Sunday 5th June from 12.30 onwards. Bring your own tablecloth, picnic and refreshments and enjoy a sociable afternoon in the beautiful garden at Bradley House. Remember there is a competition to make a crown for both children and adults – it can be made from anything – even cake, just let your imagination run wild! Table decorations will also be judged and a prize for the most eye-catching! There will be lawn games for everyone to enjoy, but no dogs on this occasion.

Please ring Jo 01985 844057 if you would like to reserve a table.

All Saints Church will be open all weekend with floral decorations and the Jubilee Exhibition

Jo Gilbert



Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

01985 845303 (answerphone)

CELEBRATIONS FOR THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

THURSDAY 2ND JUNE

BEACON LIGHTING AT RODMEAD FARM, MAIDEN BRADLEY WITH
BEACON TO BE LIT AT 9.45PM

SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 12.30-18.00

THE BIG LUNCH GARDEN PARTY AT BRADLEY HOUSE
WITH KIND PERMISSION FROM THE DUKE OF SOMERSET
BRING A PICNIC AND ENJOY A SOCIABLE AFTERNOON
WITH LAWN AND CHILDREN'S GAMES

ALL SAINTS CHURCH OPEN ALL BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND
WITH FLORAL DECORATIONS AND
70 YEARS OF HISTORY EXHIBITION
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THURSDAY 30TH JUNE – 7PM

AGM MAIDEN BRADLEY MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED
WITH OUR COMMUNITY HALL AND EVENTS**

Regular events

| | | |
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| Mondays | 10.30am-11.30am | Yoga |
| Mondays | 5.00pm-6.00pm | Doctor's Surgery |
| Tuesdays | POST OFFICE SERVICE TEMPRARILY SUSPENDED | |
| Wednesdays | 6.15pm-7.15pm | Yoga Flow |
| Fridays | 10am-12pm | Coffee Morning |

BOOK LIBRARY AVAILABLE DURING HALL OPENING FOR REGULAR EVENTS

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| Saturdays | 5.00-6.30pm | Fish & Chip Van |
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The Maiden Bradley Climate Collective

Activating Maiden Bradley's Environmental Response

ADVANCE WARNING FOR JULY 30TH.... SWISH!



A swish is a brilliant idea; you bring along a garment or two and take away any of the ones you fancy! No money changes hands just clothes being given new lives instead of languishing in landfill! More details in next month's Parish News.

The fashion industry is the second largest polluter on the planet, 85% of this is from the creation of new garments. By taking a more circular and sustainable approach to fashion we can work towards reducing the industry's horrendous carbon footprint.

Daines Atelier is a slow fashion brand, up-cycling and modifying vintage textiles for their new lives. Based in Frome they create handmade clothing from offcuts & previously used textiles. Each piece is unique.



We interviewed the Founder of Daines Atelier, Evie Daines.

"The joy of working with Vintage and Remnant Materials is the story that hides within the fabrics. The stitches and imperfections hold more history than we'll ever know.

The journey began from a childhood love for antiques shops and vintage clothing. I particularly love the 1980s new romanticism movement, which was influenced by 70s glam rock, 1930s cabaret, Charles I and the French Incroyables.

Collecting a range of vintage fabrics, typically remnants and small off-cuts, led to exploring new ways of working with materials to give them a second lease of life."





Evie's studio is at the Silk Mill in Frome where last month, I won a dress she had made for a Ukraine fundraiser auction in Ukraine colours (from industry waste fabric). This picture was taken at another Hei Ukrania fundraiser at the Cheese & Grain at the end of April. Evie has altered several garments for me mitigating the need for me to recycle them! This means I can continue to wear skirts that I have had for 30 years!

I asked Evie about the first garment she ever made:

“As a teenager I was constantly sewing during my spare time. My favourite trips include hunting down a pattern from a local haberdashery and picking out some of the most extravagant fabrics to go with it!

The first thing I can remember making (successfully) was a RahRah skirt which I had trimmed with a black beaded fringing. It was made in a vibrant pink with illustrations of landmarks. I wore this skirt, even when it was quite literally falling apart.

The first garment I ever made for Daines Atelier was a cropped hooded jacket. Its outer shell was made with a blush pink embroidered remnant, it was lined with a light-weight blue wool.

I have always collected vintage remnants but I had never had the opportunity to work with them while in school, I have been making up for it ever since!”

And what is favourite garment she has made?

“There are so many that come to mind. As a designer I always ensure that I only make something that I know that I would wear!

One that sticks out is the first ever Daines Atelier wedding dress. I sourced lots of vintage lace remnants dating back to the early 1900s. This beautiful lace was hidden at the back of a cupboard in a friend's Mum's house. It was beautiful to see the intricate work in all its glory and to see it loved once again as a dress.

This dress took reference from silhouettes 1920s and 30s dresses. I have always been in love with the elegant movement of these dresses.”

So watch this space for more about our upcoming SWISH on 30th July!

Kate Moore



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- **Have children under 16 living with you.**

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Lendology CIC work in partnership with Wiltshire Council to deliver the council subsidised loan scheme. Our knowledgeable team of advisers will guide you through the process of applying.

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MESSAGE FROM BILL PARKS -

We are all aware of rising energy prices and renewable energy being a key solution to help tackle climate change.

Wiltshire Council has bold climate change targets, and always look to encourage innovative and simple measures that residents can carry out themselves to make a positive impact. Solar Together Wiltshire is a great opportunity to look at solar technology for your home.

Residents are encouraged to come together to invest in renewable energy generation through a group-buying scheme for solar panels and battery storage. Wiltshire

Council has partnered with Swindon Borough Council and independent experts iChoosr, to deliver Solar Together Wiltshire, which aims to provide clean energy as cost effective and hassle-free as possible,

This scheme will help homeowners feel confident that they are paying the right price for a high-quality installation from pre-approved installers.

Enhanced buying power allows the scheme to offer more competitive pricing than individual homeowners might get if entering the market alone. Residents who own their own house or have permission from the landlord to install solar panels, have from 09 May until 14 June 2022 to register for the scheme. It is free to register and there is no obligation. Solar panels with optional battery storage and EV charge points are available as well as offering battery storage for residents who already have solar panels and are looking to get more from the renewable energy they generate and increase their independence from the grid. You can also discuss options to divert solar energy to power the immersion heater in your hot water tank if you have one.

How does it work?

- From 09 May until 14 June: Householders can register online to become part of the group, free and without obligation.
- Pre-approved UK solar PV suppliers participate in an auction on 14 June. They can offer competitive pricing as the volume and geographic concentration makes it possible for them to realise greater efficiencies, which they pass onto customers.
 - Registered households will receive a personal recommendation, specific to the details they submitted. This will include the costs and specifications of the system.
 - If they choose to accept their recommendation, a technical survey will be carried out, after which a date can be set for the installation of their solar PV system.

Telephone and email helpdesks are on-hand throughout the whole process which, together with online information sessions, will allow households to make an informed decision in a safe and hassle-free environment. For more information visit www.solartogether.co.uk/wiltshire. Residents who wish to contact iChoosr should email wiltshire@solartogether.co.uk or call 0800 048 8113.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help with local issues.

Best wishes

Bill Parks Wiltshire Councillor – Warminster North and Rural

Tel: 07967 213336 Email: bill.parks@wiltshire.co.uk

AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL RESIDENTS
FROM JANNINE BARRON, OUTGOING CHAIRPERSON OF THE
MAIDEN BRADLEY MEMORIAL HALL



The Village Hall in Maiden Bradley is the heart of our community. Every week we have events where you can connect with fellow residents and neighbours in a friendly atmosphere. We keep all of you up to date with events via our facebook page and the noticeboard outside the village hall.

From coffee mornings, to history nights and music events, our committee of volunteers organises weekly events for all our residents. We also look after the building maintenance and the monthly administration requirements and responsibility that is part of being a charity in the UK.

Being a committee member for me has been incredibly rewarding and a lot of fun and, as a new resident, it helped me integrate really well into the community of Maiden Bradley. After living here during lockdown and not knowing many people, I put my hand up to join the committee at last year's AGM. The result has been many new friends - I'm pretty sure I know at least half the village now! Being a part of events and creating new experiences for each other has been great fun and provided many social opportunities.

The hall is a beautiful place and there are a lot of caring people that I've been honoured to work alongside.


If you are new to Maiden Bradley, I would recommend joining the committee as a rewarding experience. Sadly, I am stepping down as Chairperson this year due to work commitments but I will stay involved because the hall is so much more than a building. It is a place of connection, community and caring.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the many people that I have had the privilege of working alongside. I would also like to thank members of the Parish council, The Holding Trustees, The Climate Committee and all the various community groups that I have been fortunate to meet.

Today I am extending an open invitation to all residents join us to expand this vision of a vibrant community hall that is inclusive of all ages and interests. New residents are especially encouraged so you can be part of the co-creation of our community life.

If you can't make the AGM but would like to know more about what it's really like to be on the committee, please email us at maidenbradleyhall@gmail.com

Jannine Barron



Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield Parish Council

Dear Jannine,

The Parish Council were sorry to hear that you are stepping down from the Chair of the Memorial Hall Committee. We would like to thank you for all the work you have done for the Memorial Hall. Your leadership has engendered a new and lively spirit, encouraged everyone to join in and develop new ideas and also work hard at the long established Hall events.

We hope you will still continue to contribute your ideas and experience to the Hall Committee - it is much valued.

Yours faithfully,



Sarah Jeffries PSLCC
Clerk to the Parish Council

Annual General Meeting

**Maiden Bradley
Memorial Hall
Thursday June
30th at 7pm**

**ALL
WELCOME**

**NEW
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



"THERE IS NO POWER FOR
CHANGE GREATER THAN A
COMMUNITY DISCOVERING
WHAT IT CARES ABOUT."

Margaret J. Wheatley

THE VILLAGE GARDEN COMPETITION for JUNE.

Every year we try to think of a different theme. We have had the August garden, the July garden, so this year it will be the turn of the June garden.

The Rose Bowl will be awarded to the winner at the Village Show on August the 20th this year.

Please ring or see me to add your name to the list.

Looking forward to lots of entries again this year.

JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY 14TH JUNE FROM 2PM

Happy gardening ! Sue Priestner 844244

THE VILLAGE SHOW

This year our schedule includes some classes to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Following on from the National Platinum Pudding Competition, we thought we'd create our own Platinum Pudding in Maiden Bradley with cookery class 77.

So, come on Bradley Bakers, get creative with a pud that's very special indeed. One that is easy to make at home, turns out perfectly every time and looks fit for a Queen. It could be an age old family recipe; your own creation; one you've put your own twist on or something reflecting the Queen's life and interests. If it has a story please leave a note of explanation for the judge. (Relax – it's not Mary Berry!) Your pud will need to be on display all day in the hall so please avoid ingredients that need chilling and cover with a clear dome if you can. With permission we would like to share the winning recipe in the News. GOOD LUCK!

Sally Higgins



**ENTRY FORM FOR THIS YEAR'S SHOW IS
ENCLOSED IN THE MAGAZINE**

LINK UPDATE JUNE 2022

April was busier month with a total of 92 trips, 21 of which were for covid booster vaccinations. Most of these were to Haynes Motor Museum or Westbury as Wilton is not being used for the booster programme.

Our volunteer drivers are available to take you to medical appointments, including Covid vaccinations, and shopping, if resources allow. Once you have an appointment please call 01747 860096 to book a Link driver. Please try to give us 48 hours notice if possible as we cannot guarantee to arrange last minute requests. Our co-ordinator isn't required to sit by the phone all day so if there is no answer please leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as she can.



Charity Registration 1062328

From this year the Mere Literary Festival will be raising funds for other Mere based charities as well as the Link Scheme. The Literary Festival has raised a lot of money for the Link Scheme in the last 24 years and the Link's Trustees were delighted to be able to make a contribution to help Seed for Success replaced one of their minibusses which had come to the end of its useful life.

We will be having a table at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee party on Saturday 4 June so please come and have a chat if you would like to volunteer as a driver or to know more about the Link.

All are welcome to come to the Link AGM on Friday 17 June at 7pm in the Grove Building.

John FitzGerald

Chair Mere and District Link Scheme



Wiltshire Buildings Record, a charity that has a growing and very detailed database of the county's vernacular buildings – and which is based at Chippenham's History Centre – is seeking new members.

For further details please go to <https://www.wiltshirebuildingsrecord.org.uk/membership/>

Organisations such as local history groups are charged £25 per annum, whilst individuals pay £14. Please help us identify and study historic buildings throughout the county.

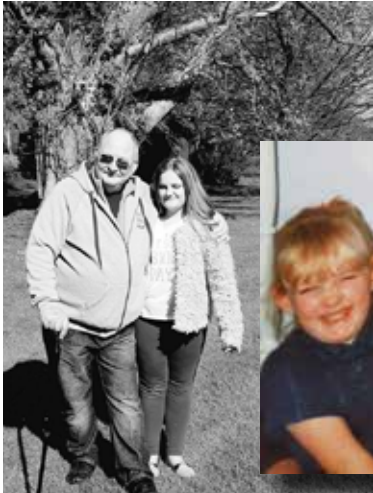


Dad and myself didn't always agree on everything as adults but he was my dad and I loved him and him me. It wasn't always easy getting together living so far apart with busy life getting in the way more recent years which i wish we could have changed. We never had much money growing up, dad worked hard and tried everything, from market trader to bus driver. He even earned the nick name Del boy, but we had the best time as kids. With dad being in the army prior to 75/76 I was so lucky to live in Germany and Singapore as a young lad in the 70s. We never had fancy gifts as kids but we had the best time, camping, fishing and holidays at Butlins in Skegness and Clacton etc especially when dads brother (my uncle Geoff who sadly died a

few years ago in a motorcycle accident) would turn up. Happy days. Thanks for the memories dad, love you.

Gary Thomas

REMEMBERING MEL THOMAS



ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE HALL I should like to pay tribute to Mel. Mel and Liz moved to Maiden Bradley in 2010 or 11 to a flat in Bradley House. Mel took on the chairmanship of the Village Hall Management Committee in 2012 and soon set about improvements to the hall and battled to get grants to upgrade it.

Mel's big goal was to get the much needed new roof which took years of negotiation and finally came about in 2019, when the topping out celebrations took place. Mel did all this while battling ill health for most of the time as Chairman.

Thank-you. Mel you leave the Memorial Hall in a much better state than you found it. May you rest in peace.

Derek Stevens

The Management Committee of the Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall wishes to acknowledge all the years that Mel held the position of Chairman. He was a leader who instigated many innovations that the hall still benefits from.

I would also like to add personally that Mel was a consistent support to me in my early months as Chairperson and I appreciated his thoughts and guidance, unprompted and received with care.

Jannine Barron



After many years of fighting Mel Thomas finally succumbed to the effects of cancer and died on the weekend of May 15th 2022. His many friends are aware that Mel made a huge contribution revitalising the village Hall all and was integral to having it classified as the Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall in honour of those who fell in the two world wars.

With Mel's enthusiastic encouragement, funds were raised to repair the roof upgrade the kitchen and have the old store rooms converted for use as a surgery for the doctor and the podiatrist. After previous efforts had proved unsuccessful, Mel established the Friday coffee mornings which are continuing to be a valuable asset for the local community, and encouraging regular use of the hall with film nights, quiz night and every conceivable music event possible. All these things need volunteers and lots of them. Mel had the wonderful ability to encourage local people to join in. It made all the difference to have helpers making tea, holding Raffles and doing all the things to make the hall function. Friends are essential when you need repairs to be done, painting of walls and woodwork and tending of gardens hedges and fences.

During recent years others have taken over the duties of running and maintaining the Memorial Hall every one of them deserve praise for their efforts and gratitude from the village for their generosity. Much of what we enjoy now has been at the instigation of Mel Thomas.

His departing is a great loss to many of us and our thoughts go to Mel's wife Liz and all their family at this most difficult time.

Tom Allday

Young people urged to have their say on policing in Wiltshire and Swindon

Wiltshire and Swindon's award-winning Youth Commission is recruiting for new members to help shape policing in the county and to ensure greater representation for those aged 14-25.

The Youth Commission enables young people, including those from underrepresented groups, to have a stronger voice on the police and crime issues that affect their lives and is now entering its second year - thanks to backing from Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Wilkinson.



This project encourages young people to support, challenge and inform the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Wiltshire and Wiltshire Police.

Mr Wilkinson said: "The Youth Commission, and its members, has been invaluable in bridging the gap between young people and the police.

"This project ensures that young people, including those from underrepresented groups, have a say in how their communities are policed and how key issues they identify should be tackled.

"For too long have young people had too quiet a voice in the local services and support available to them, and the Youth Commission goes some way to rectify that deficit.

"This youth-led project will ensure that this engagement now happens and when it comes to police and crime matters, I will ensure that their incredibly insightful and thought-provoking observations and research are fully implemented in a timely and considered manner."

The new Youth Commission members will meet for the first time in June all members will be given appropriate training before hosting a conference at the beginning of 2023 and presenting recommendations to key decision-makers to improve police and crime matters in Wiltshire.

The project, run by Leaders Unlocked on behalf of the PCC, will be recruiting up to 30 young people from across the county over the coming weeks.

Youth Commission member, Megan Goff said: "The Youth Commission is an invaluable platform for young people from all backgrounds to express their views on crime in their local area. It allows for wider conversations discussing issues that are paramount to the next generation, something essential for progression in policy to adapt to social change.

"I have enjoyed meeting all the other members of the group and hearing so many opinions. It has been a real eye opener in terms of diversifying my understanding of how different groups of young people perceive the police force and the current criminal threats.

"I also got the chance to attend Wiltshire Police's Awards evening, which again was a bril-

liant opportunity, to collect an award from the PCC.

“So for young people who want their voice heard or want to gain some experience with the criminal justice system this is perfect for you. As well as being a great group to be a part of, it is also something valuable to add to your CV for later.”

Leaders Unlocked provides young people with a platform to influence decisions about policing and crime prevention. In partnership with a number of OPCCs nationally, they have developed the Youth Commission model to enable young people to inform policing decisions in their regions.

To find out more about the project and how to apply, please visit Youth Commission (wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk). Application deadline Friday 27th May 2022.

Contact Information

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Campaign and Communications Manager

Wiltshire and Swindon OPCC

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WELCOME CLUB

On Tuesday 24th May the Welcome Club went on their monthly outing this time it was to Teignmouth. We left in dry weather but not long on our journey along the A303 we met several heavy rain storms. We stopped at Otter Garden Centre at Ottery St Mary for coffee etc. We left the garden centre at 12noon and got to Teignmouth at 12 45pm where we stopped till 4.30pm. The weather turned out beautiful and sunny. Everyone seemed to find somewhere for lunch being very satisfied afterwards I saw people eating icecream a proper seaside passtime. There were plenty of benches for people to sit on the promenade to look to sea or people watch. On the way home we stopped at Cartgate on the A303 for a comfort stop and the the raffle. As usual Tom did the raffle with a lot help from Lesley and would you beleive it Tom won first prize? Afterwards Tom thanked Will the driver for a lovely day, we arrived home just after 6.30pm.

**Our next trip is to Cardiff on June 21st
anyone interested in coming please contact
Pearl on 844779 or Lesley on 211355**



Co-option- LGA 1972 S89 Filing Casual Vacancies & s90 Term of office (A person appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office until the date upon which the persons in whose place he is elected or appointed would regularly have retired, and he shall then retire). The Parish Council has welcomed Councillor Ann-Marie Halligan and Councillor Milena Stancomb to the Council Team.

Maiden Bradley Parish Council now needs one more team member; if you think you would like to take the wishes of the Parish Plan forward are over 18 years of age, contact the Clerk on 01985 213436 email maidenbradley@virginmedia.com or write to Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield Parish Council 9 Beech Grove Warminster Wiltshire BA12 09AB

What is a councillor?

Councillors are elected to represent an individual geographical unit on the council, known as a ward or - parish – in Maiden Bradley it is the entire parish. They are generally elected by the public every four years, but there is a Co-option space available on the Parish Council at the moment.

What do councillors do?

Councillors have three main components to their work.

1. Decision making - Through meetings and attending committees with other elected members, councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.
2. Monitoring - Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.
3. Getting involved locally - As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations. These responsibilities and duties often depend on what the councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available, and may include:
 - Going to meetings of local organisations such as the Rural Police Neighbourhood Tasking Group
 - Going to meetings of bodies affecting the wider community (The Warminster Area Board)
 - Taking up issues on behalf of members of the public

How much time does it take up?

Quite often councillors say that their duties occupy them for about one hour to four hours a week. Obviously, there are some councillors who spend more time than this - and some less, but in the main, being a parish councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community and helping to make it a better place to live and work. You can find out more about being a Councillor by looking at the website page <https://www.maidenbradley.org.uk/councillors/> The Good Councillor Guide produced by the National Association of Local Councils and the Role of a Councillor can be found there. As a councillor representing your community you will help keep it a great place to live and work. You will be supported in your role and will be expected to undertake training. You should be comfortable working electronically. You should have a positive outlook and a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team. If after reading this notice you are interested in applying, please contact the Clerk to the Council using the above details. **The closing date for applications is 13th June 2022.**

Election of Chairman LGA 1972 ss 15 & 34 - Councillor Simon Wager was voted at Chairman for the next Civic year.

Election of Vice Chairman LGA 1972 ss 15 & 34 - Councillor Susanna Brigden was voted at Vice Chairman for the next Civic year.

Parish Steward - the Parish Steward is to be tasked to clean the pathway down to the Church. It was noted that the Parish Steward was unable to clear around the traffic calming around the Vicarage without traffic calming in place.

Speed Indicator Device – The current Speed Indicator Device is working well and will be relocated to the other end of the village shortly. Matters are in progress for the 2nd Speed Indicator Device which will be installed at the same time as the White Gates project, for Health & Safety reasons.

Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Road Closure Notice - Urgent Closure of: C41 (part), Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield. Wiltshire Council Hereby Give Notice that on 6th June 2022, the following length of road shall be closed to all traffic in the interests of public safety to enable Wiltshire Council to carry out ash die back and associated works.

C41 (part), Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield; for approximately 120m either side of the property known as Yarnfield Cottage. Alternative route: via C41 (unaffected length) - B3092 - C341 - C279 - C41 (unaffected length) and vice versa. The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses where possible, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works.

These works will commence on 6th June 2022 and are anticipated to be required for 2 days between the hours of 08:30 and 15:30. This Notice will have a maximum duration of 5 days.

For further information regarding these works please contact Upton Specialised Tree Services on 01202 824369 on behalf of Wiltshire Council Sustainable Transport Group, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8JN

Items for the next Agenda - Budget Report, General & Financial Risk Assessment, Certify the Accounting statements- Annual Year End Accounts, Consider the Annual Internal Audit Report, Approve Annual Governance Statement, Approve Accounting Statement, Publish the Audit on the Website, Approve the dates for the Public to exercise their rights, Approve sending the AGAR to the External Auditor, Action Plan update, Walks Leaflet, Collaboration with the PCC - promotion ideas for utilising the building to assist the village, 18th May 2022 Rights of Way meeting with landowner's tenant farmers regarding issues in the Community to discuss encompassing all the footpaths in the area and the Defibrillator contract renewal.

Date of the next Full Council meeting is Thursday the 14th of June 2022; the Meeting will start at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend. 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

HGV WEIGHT LIMIT CAMPAIGN

Summary of the meeting held on 6 May 2022

On 6 May 2022, a meeting to address HGV traffic impacts was held in Maiden Bradley. This meeting was the result of a joint campaign by the three villages of Chapmanslade, Corsley, and Maiden Bradley to implement and enforce weight limits in their villages. The joint campaign follows over a decade of delay in implementing the weight limits set out in a 2011 Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) issued by Wiltshire Council. The TRO imposed HGV weight limits on the following roads: Chapmanslade (A3098), Corsley Heath (A362) and Maiden Bradley (B3092) and local areas in western Wiltshire.

The meeting was chaired by the local MP, Dr Andrew Murrison, and attended by a team from Wiltshire Council, including Cllr Mark McClelland, Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste, Street Scene and Flooding; Cllr Bill Parks, Wiltshire Councillor Warminster North and Rural; Peter Binley, (Acting) Director of Highways and Transport; and Alan Creedy, Head of Sustainable Transport.

The three villages stated:

“We are encouraged to see our MP and Wiltshire Council actively engaged in addressing the blight on our communities caused by incessant HGV traffic at all hours of the day and night. Our villagers have been kept waiting for over a decade for agreed weight limits to be implemented. We will work alongside Wiltshire Council to achieve a solution but we emphasize that further data analysis and strategy development must not be used as an excuse for avoiding practical action.”

The following are the key contributions made by representatives of all three parish councils and Maiden Bradley Weightwatchers at the meeting. The three villages:

- Gave individual statements highlighting how HGV impacts are a blight on the three communities of Maiden Bradley, Chapmanslade and Corsley. They set out the unique problem and solution required for each village but emphasized the shared common interest in achieving a solution for all.
- Noted Wiltshire Council’s statement that HGVs should be using strategic routes and not driving through residential communities, but that they are constrained in achieving this objective as Highways England controls the strategic network.
- Agreed with the MP that to avoid further delay, necessary improvements by Highways England to the local strategic network should be decoupled from decision-making about the A303 upgrade.
- Noted Wiltshire Council’s stated solution to the three villages concerns, which is to update HGV impact data in 2022, and to include HGV solutions for all three villages within the Local Transport Plan, and freight strategy under development by 2024.
- Expressed deep concern that this strategy and data collection process is

not used to delay practical action to implement the weight limits set out in the 2011 TRO. The villages noted that in the past such data analysis has been costly, inconclusive, and has never led to any action. There was agreement that it is not acceptable to wait another two years to implement the weight limits.

- Emphasised that Wiltshire Council should give significant weight to the severe negative social and environmental impacts of HGV traffic on the three villages in any data impact analysis.
- Agreed to attend a follow-up meeting in July hosted by the MP to receive an update from Wiltshire Council about progress made.
- Thanked the MP for his effective chairing of the meeting and for bringing the three villages together, and thanked Wiltshire Council for responding to the communities' concerns and engaging openly and constructively with the village representatives.

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VILLAGE ATTENDEES:

Chapmanslade Parish Council

Cllr Phil Holihead, Chairman

Terry Rose

Corsley Parish Council

Cllr David Ball

Cllr John Phillips

Maiden Bradley Weightwatchers

Alex Channer

Ian Ferguson

Martin Brown

Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield Parish Council

Cllr Simon Wager, Chairman

Cllr Susanna Brigden, Vice Chair



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FROM DR ANDREW MURRISON'S WEBSITE:
VILLAGES MEET ON TRAFFIC

Friday, 6 May, 2022

Andrew today chaired a meeting at The Bradley Hare in Maiden Bradley to examine the removal of heavy traffic from Maiden Bradley, Corsley and Chapmanslade with highways authority officials.

Representatives from the three parish councils, the Deverills and the Maiden Bradley Weight Watchers group met with Wiltshire Council transport portfolio holder Cllr Dr Mark McLelland and local member Cllr Bill Parks and roads officials.

It was agreed that each village had to be considered Individually as their situations differ but that there was a common factor which is the weight of traffic currently permitted to drive through them, notably to access quarries in Somerset.

Andrew said;

“Until recently the prospect of improvements on the A303 and the consequential impact on the minor roads through the three villages meant plans to remove heavy traffic from them drafted years ago had been put on hold. If plans to improve the A303 at some point was ever a tenable argument for not doing something about the minor roads, it is no longer since the A303 grand scheme is now a distant prospect. We need action now to remove heavy traffic from the three villages.

“The meeting did accept that traffic data - now more than a decade old - needed updating but wanted it done more quickly than the council's local transport planning process allowed. The council accepted that. It agreed to meet with us again in July with a brief for how this will be done. It will meet with us again by December once the new data has been collected and compared with existing. Modelling will then tell us the likely impact of, for example, weight restrictions on traffic flows in the three villages and beyond.

The meeting noted with approval assurances from officials that technical advances meant collecting and updating traffic data was less onerous, drawn out and expensive than was the case ten years ago.

The council undertook to report back also on anomalous weight restrictions that specifically impact on Corsley and the proposition that weight restrictions could be more readily enforced in Chapmanslade that would not have wider traffic flow implications.



Alex Channer, member of Maiden Bradley Weightwatchers, and speaking on behalf of the three villages said,

“Our three villages are united in our commitment to end the blight of HGVs on our rural communities. We look forward to working with Wiltshire Council and our MP over the next six months to update impact data and agree on practical actions to improve our villagers' lives without further delay.”

AND THEN on May 18th.....

Maiden Bradley Weight Watchers have today been interviewed live on BBC Radio Wiltshire, outside The Bradley Hare, regarding the problems we have with HGV lorries, mainly the aggregate trucks.

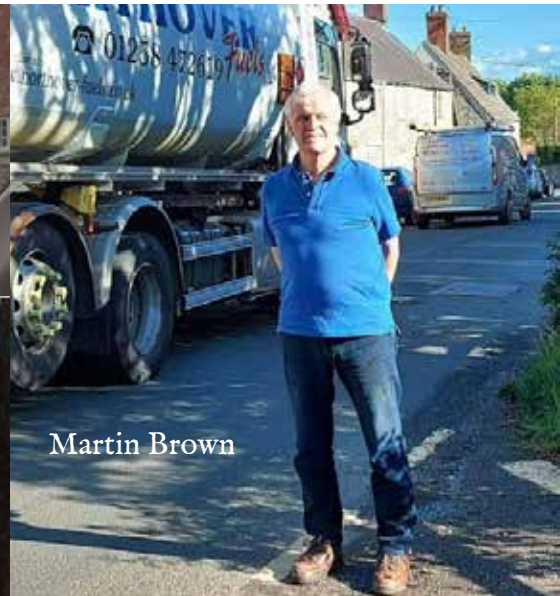
Lila Gunstone, Annie Betts, Alex Channer and Ian Ferguson were all interviewed live at either 0705 and 0805 and the news article was the headline on the morning show. Our MP, Andrew Murrison also made a comment. The article was repeated every 30 minutes. If you missed it we will get a link and post it on Facebook for anyone who wants to listen.

Then at 1030 Alex Channer and Ian Ferguson have done interviews for BBC Points West for a news item which will go out on TV tonight, Wednesday. Also interviewed is a lady from Norton Ferris as they have the same problems as us.

This is following a meeting we had recently with Wiltshire Council and Andrew Murrison where we have established timelines to try and get something done, which is essentially getting a 7.5 ton weight limit imposed. We have a further meeting scheduled for July when we will hear from the Council about data they have been tasked with accumulating.

We hope that the radio and TV interviews will reinforce our proposals for the weight limit to be applied!

Ian Ferguson



Martin Brown

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH NEWS

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



Community Speed Watch News. Produced by the Maiden Bradley Community Speed Watch Volunteers to keep the village safe and aware of our activities.

Activity in May has been normal this Month with 6 sessions logging 554 vehicles counted and 19 vehicles booked for speeding over 35mph. Majority this month were cars and an increase to 5 HGV's

The HGV traffic continues to remain the same as last month, based on the numbers logged during CSW activity. During an average 60 minute CSW session in May 2022 it showed an HGV every 1.77minutes, or 651 HGV tonnes per hour through our village.

The HGV configuration remains similar, vehicles are either "32 tonne 4 axle rigid vehicles or 44 tonne 5 / 6 axle Articulated" With a maximum length of 16.5mtrs (54ft - 2ins)

Our New Traffic Enforcement Officer Scott Garcia has still not as yet appeared, I am fully assured that he is real and not a hologram. I am not, however, convinced.

The second SID (Speed Indicator Device) Frome Road, High Street project progresses slowly. I am told that we are waiting for Ringway the Contractor to forward the dates for installation.

We are still looking for 2 people willing to help with the putting up and taking down of the SID. Not an arduous task and takes at most 30 minutes once a fortnight to install or take down.

As always, thank you Maiden Bradley Community for all your support of the Speed Watch Teams.

Simon Wager

**Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator.
Chairman Maiden Bradley Parish Council**





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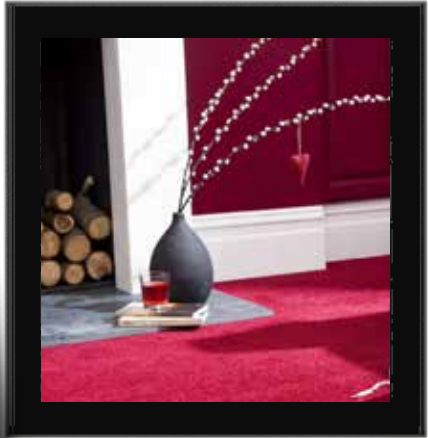


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