

# Maiden Bradley Parish News

362 August 2019



**Our Community Speedwatch Team**



## All Change at the Community Allotments

As some around the village will be aware, Franck Baudrain recently departed Maiden Bradley for the bright lights of Warminster, dazzled by the opportunity of getting back on the property ownership ladder. Unfortunately, that has meant that he has had to relinquish the helm at the community allotments. Franck was the main driving force in establishing this fantastic facility for villagers some 9 years ago when he persuaded the Duke to rent out this beautiful area of his grounds for the purpose of an allotment for the village. Over the years, Franck, with lots of support from others, has developed the area into the fertile growing grounds that it is today.

To show our immense gratitude to Franck for all of the hard work that he has carried out over the years, some of the members of the allotment joined together and bought him an apple tree. We thought this was a fitting gift for his new home and one that we hope will remind him of his time in Maiden Bradley for many years to come.

Liz has kindly agreed to take over the 'management' of the allotments from Franck with a view to building on the work that he has done over the years, ably supported by me, her general labouring husband. Nothing will significantly change in the day to day running; she will merely try and make sure that we have this facility for the future and for the benefit of anyone who wants to join. That said, there are still spare plots available if you want to grow your own produce, or you may just want to be a part of the community area, or both. Membership costs £30 per year, and you will reap the rewards of what you sow, many times over, as well as growing pretty much organic produce with food miles expressed in feet! If you would like to join, or just find out more please get in touch.

**Call in at 37 Church Street or contact us on 844917.**

**Carl Warner**

## **Diary for August**

4	Sun	Catchup Sunday- coffee and croissants in the Hall	10-11am
5	Mon	Household waste collection	
7	Wed	Prayer meeting 01985 844817 for venue	6.30pm
11	Sun	Benefice Service at West Knoyle, no service at MB	10.00am
12	Mon	Black box, blue and green bin collections	
14	Wed	Prayer meeting 844817	6.30pm
17	Sat	Produce Show, Memorial Hall	2.00pm
18	Sun	Produce Show Service, Memorial Hall	10.00am
19	Mon	Household waste collection	
<b>20</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b><i>COPY DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER pat@visa-office.com</i></b>	
21	Wed	Prayer meeting 844817	6.30pm
24	Sat	Maiden Bradley Arts Festival, Memorial Hall	
25	Sun	Maiden Bradley Arts Festival, Memorial Hall Holy Communion-Book of Common Prayer	10.00am
26	Mon	Maiden Bradley Arts Festival, Memorial Hall	
28	Wed	Prayer meeting 844817	6.30pm

## **Advance Notice**

7th & 8th September	Shakespeare Weekend
17th September	Defibrillator Training
7th October	Memorial Hall AGM

Dr Harding's Surgery every Monday at the Memorial Hall except Bank Holidays 5-6 pm. Please bring your orders to Memorial Hall Surgery the week before they are due for the Doctor to process.

Refuse & Recycling Collections every Monday, for Bank Holiday changes see Wiltshire Council website.

Mother & Toddlers every Tuesday 10.00 am to 12 noon.

Useful telephone Nos.: The Pub: 844207; Memorial Hall bookings – Mel Thomas 845111 ;

Dr. Andrew Murrison MP: 01225 358584 or murrisona@parliament.uk:

Mere Link Scheme 01747 860096; Rev. Carol Wilson-Barker 01747 861859.

Bell Ringing every Tuesday 7 pm in the Bell Tower at the Church.

Beginners welcome 844475

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

Maiden Bradley Parish News – contributions are welcome and preferred in WORD format.  
Email pat@visa-office.com

**Magazine available online at [www.maidenbradleyvillage.org.uk](http://www.maidenbradleyvillage.org.uk)**

## **Editorial**

Returning from holiday last week, our service provider was suffering from a virus attack and thus my response to emails was somewhat curtailed and I was greatly concerned that the August version of the News would be very late. However, normality has returned and there is a hive of activities for this month.

Want to share what you have been doing this summer? We would love to hear from you, email me on [pat@visa-office.com](mailto:pat@visa-office.com).

## **Rev Carol**

Speaking to Sue Priestner this week it was great to hear the plans for the Village Show on Saturday 17th August and all the possible entries. I was wondering what to enter from the Vicarage garden as I do have fruit here but a Bramley apple and stick of rhubarb isn't going to offer much competition, I'm sorry to say. Apple crumble is a possibility.... Please check the entry form, there are so many interesting options to enter. Best of luck!

Sue and I have been planning the show service on Sunday 18th August at 10am and really hope you will come to this short and informal service. This year as well as Sue's piano skills there will be a tenor sax too. If you would like to join and play there will be a practice so please contact myself or Sue. Also, it would be good to get the choir together to sing a song in the service – I'm open to suggestions and it doesn't have to be religious. We shall practice on the Monday before (12th August) in the Somerset Arms at 7pm. Again, please contact me or come on the Monday.

Really hope that you have an enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you.

Blessings- Carol

### ***Date for diary: 7th October : Memorial Hall Annual General Meeting.***

This is an opportunity to hear about the activities and achievements of your Community Hall over the past year & to meet the Trustees.

For anyone who would like to stand for election onto the 2019/2020 Management Committee nomination forms are available from Sheila Foley or if you would like to discuss roles & responsibilities please contact me on 01985 844218

## **News from the Hall**

On Saturday 17th August the ever-popular Village Produce Show will take place. Tea/Coffee and delicious home-made cakes will be on sale and there will also be a tombola and raffle with all monies raised going towards the upkeep of the Hall. Donations for the tombola and raffle are required e.g. unwanted presents, bottles of wine/juice, tins, plants etc. All donations will be gratefully received and can be left at the Hall for collection. Thank you in advance.

**Maiden Bradley Arts Festival returns on Bank Holiday weekend  
(August 24th, 25th & 26th)**

**Cream teas will be served 2pm - 4pm.**

The Post Office in attendance every Tuesday 1pm - 3pm is going from strength to strength & from September the Old Kitchen Store will be open (on a trial basis) at the same time.

Coffee mornings every Friday 10-12pm. Come along for a cuppa, a chat & a giggle. Take a look at the community library while you are there. Everybody welcome.

Old Kitchen Store open Mon, Weds & Fridays 9am-11.30am. Pop in and see the range of fruit & vegetables that are brought in from villager's gardens-yummy!!

Sheila Foley

## **An Exhibition of Recent Drawings: A Sense of Place III *Ravi Butalia***

is holding an exhibition of nature based abstract drawings in a variety of techniques and materials, a natural follow up to Ravi's previous photography and collage exhibitions on the same theme.

**Please come and visit.**

**10am - 4pm daily, August 28th - 10th September**

**Shaftesbury Arts Centre**

**13 Bell St**

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## Welcome Club

On Tuesday July 23rd it was our monthly outing and we went to Lyndhurst & Bournemouth. We were all worried at the beginning because the bus did not turn up which is very unusual. It turned out they had trouble with the doors, they think mice chewed through the cables. Anyway, they turned up 25mins late with a different bus. We did not get to Lyndhurst till 11.30am but stayed 1 hour for late coffee break. Then onto Bournemouth arriving about 1.30pm and we stayed so everyone could enjoy the beautiful day. We even had two children on the bus who were very well behaved and had a marvellous time on the beach. Even some adults went swimming, some paddling and one person slipped in water while paddling and got wetter than expected. We left Bournemouth at 5.30pm after a lovely time at the seaside, even if the beach was packed with people. We stopped at Salisbury Coach Park to do the raffle. Theo & Lucy helped Tom so that was fun, and we arrived home at 7.40pm after a lovely day out.



On Thursday 18th July the Welcome Club held their monthly meeting but although we did not have a speaker, we discussed the running of the Club. It was decided that our Christmas Lunch will again be held at the Bell Inn on Tuesday December 3rd, no monthly meeting in August. Our August outing is to Sidmouth on Tuesday 20th, please contact me if you want to go.

Pearl Hudson 844779



## Dark Sky bid

Thank you to everyone who came to see us at the Chalke Valley History Festival and signed our Dark Sky Pledge. Our Dark Sky Reserve bid will be submitted by the end of July but there is still time to sign the pledge to show your support!

### Share your photos

We would love to see your photos and videos of Cranborne Chase. This brilliant photo of a 'John Lennon' style butterfly, was taken at our craft table at the Chalke Valley History Festival, please share using #cranbornechase on Instagram.

### Pollinator workshop

In late June, 30 farmers attended a fascinating talk from entomologist Bryan Pinchen before heading out onto beautiful chalk grassland reverted from arable land 16 years ago.

### Introducing Ollie and Archie the archaeologist moles...

Our latest update from the Cranborne Chase and Chalke Valley Landscape Partnership scheme brings news that we have a sneak preview of our exciting Time Traveller App funded by Dorset LEADER. Have a look at our Facebook page for more photos. We're expecting to launch the App this Autumn. Designed to bring the hidden fea-

## Planning Workshops 2019

Calling all planners, builders, parish, village & town councils- it's time to book yourself a place at our annual Planning Workshop.

Due to their popularity, we're offering two dates this year. Come and learn how to weave your way through the planning maze as we help to 'demystify' the system within an AONB.

Tuesday 3 September

Dinton Village Hall

Tuesday 10 September

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Tickets are £48/person and £24/person for any additional delegates from the same parish or organisation. Lunch included in the delegate fee. More details online.

[www.ccwwdaonb.org.uk](http://www.ccwwdaonb.org.uk)

## **Cross a bridge made of hovering magpies and follow the wild hunt...**

**2 August at 8pm**

Join storyteller Lizzie Bryant on a dusk to dark star-lore story walk on the ancient landscape of Cranborne Chase. Toast marshmallows around the fire and keep a look out for shooting stars from the Perseid meteor shower.

This event is organised in partnership with the Sting in the Tale, a festival of stories held in Wimborne. Suitable for adults and children age 8+.

To book your tickets, go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/walking-in-the-field-of-stars-stories-from-the-night-sky-tickets-62636401162>



### **Turtle doves given a boost in Cranborne Chase, thanks to the work of local farmers**

Turtle doves, a red-listed species of conservation concern, have been boosted by a Farmer Cluster group who have raised funds for the restoration of a much-needed pond on Martin Down National Nature Reserve. The Martin Down Farmer Cluster, in the AONB, raised £320 from the sales of a wildlife-themed calendar they created. The pond hasn't been used for 25 years and it's hoped turtle doves will start nesting in the scrub nearby.

Last year, 18 pairs were recorded in the Martin Down area. A new turtle dove 'puddle' has also just been dug on nearby Damer's Farm by the farmers and local volunteers coordinated by the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust.

Jess Brooks at GWCT, said: "Turtle dove have since been spotted on the trail camera which is very rewarding for everyone involved!"



# ***A Brief History of the News - by Bryan Glastonbury***

reproduced from issue 300- June 2014

The very first News, called "January in Maiden Bradley", came out at the start of 1979, with introductory remarks that would command instant support from our current Editor- "This is the first edition of a monthly newsletter which hopes to keep Maiden Bradley people in touch with what is happening in the village. We invite you to give us details of any events, clubs or organisations which you would like to see publicised. There will obviously be many gaps in this, our first issue, for which we apologise in advance. We rely on you to fill them in." Nothing changes!

This first series of 116 newsletters, spanning almost 10 years, were produced by three women, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Corbould-Ellis and Mrs Mortimer. Each issue was the same size paper as the current News, but just four pages. The cover included a drawing or, after a while, a photo (but no colour). The first photo in our collection, November 1986, shows some familiar faces.

A bit later, in March 1987, there is a report and photo of a production of Arabian Delights. Carol Kenzie is listed as Principle Boy, and Ray as scene painter. Page 2 started the tradition of a diary of events for the month. Right at the start there were too any to get on a single page, but by the late 1980s the list had reduced to the sort of length it is now.

We still have Welcome Club, Mobile Library, Village Hall Lottery, Dustbin Day (though on a Friday in those days) and details of Church events, but we've lost Brownies and Guides in The Hut, Junior and Senior Badminton and Upholstery Classes. We've also lost Leathers Bus Services. Back in 1979 they ran at least twice every weekday to Frome, 5 trips on market day, and 6 on Saturdays. That 1979 issue tells us that Maiden Bradley had volunteers running Sunday School and a range of activities for young people. There were clubs for darts, football and cricket, and three skittles teams, one run by the W.I. More familiar names too- Mrs Mary Stevens ran the Guides, and Mr H Crabbe was already Captain of the bell ringers. Attendance at events was high: 80 people sat down to Harvest Supper in 1986, a meal prepared by a team fronted by Diana Stevens. When reminded of this she said that until new Health and Safety regulations kicked in the Supper would feed 120. The last of the early series, 116 for August 1988, reports that the three ladies making up the Editorial Board were "about to lay down their burden". They had hopes that others would come forward, but nothing firm.

However, a few months later, in February 1989, No.1 of a new series started up, again run by three women, Mrs Higgs, Dr. Hill and Mrs Eileen Seal. Like its predecessors it started as 4 pages, but by the time it had been going for close on 14 years (by now run by Eileen Seal and Tim Thomas) it had colour on the cover, had grown to 12 pages, and begun to introduce a few adverts as a source of funding. Many of the familiar contents emerged during this time- Vicar's Letter, Family News, Parish Council report, Village Hall News. Eileen and Tim (pictured taking tea with the Duke of Somerset, when parting gifts from a collection in the Shop were presented) handed over to a new Team early in 2004, two of whom, Meg Oliver and Bryan Glastonbury, are still on board. The big change in that handover shows less in content than in backroom arrangements. New technology took over, moving from a hand typed manuscript to an electronic publication. Nowadays the News is emailed to the printer (still the same company as in the 1980s) and anyone else who wants it as a pdf file. The future is likely to take this transition further, perhaps altogether away from paper copies. There were changes to funding too. In the early years the News depended on gifts and grants, always with a contribution from the Parish Council. Now it runs largely on the income from adverts, payment at cost for space (e.g. the Parish Council Report), and the occasional gift. Costs from the beginning have been kept to a minimum, spending very little other than for the monthly print run. Everything else has been done on a voluntary basis, not just by those handling production, but by dedicated delivery people who have ensured that all parishioners get a copy whatever the weather.

## ***Vacancy on the Parish Council! Being a Councillor***

Maiden Bradley Parish Council needs a new 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 01985213436 or email maidenbradley@virginmedia.com

### ***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 as Councillor Poppy Wilcox has given her resignation to the Parish Council.

### ***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 five to 21 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.

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 2nd September 2019.***

## **Parish Council July 2019**

### **Community Speed Watch Volunteers**

Councillor Simon Wager reported that all volunteers had completed their training. Councillor Simon Wager is to attend a training session in Devizes and that the Rota will then be set up with a group of villages, sharing the unit.

A police car will be loaned at times and parked within the parish intermittently as a deterrent. Debbie and her Team will add support at the beginning.

**Highways:** *The Wiltshire Council app can be used to report any Highways issues or online at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/mywiltshirelogin.htm>*

**Church Street Railings** – no update has been received as to when the railings will be reinstated.

**Parish Steward** - It was noted that the weeds had been sprayed and cleared in Church Street along with the clearing of the second traffic calming area. There had been a visit from the sweeper actioned also. The Clerk was instructed to ask if a further Spraying of Church Street and the footpaths along with around the Knapp could be actioned on the next visit.

**Knapp Bench Seat** – The Parish Council took note of the representation received from several Parishioners and agreed that the bench stay in situ on the Knapp. A replacement bench for the Knapp and if wished one for the Community Garden would be budgeted for in the next budget discussions.

**Defibrillator** – 17th September 2019 a Defibrillator Training session will take place. The Village Hall is booked it was felt that this was an important public event to highlight. Councillor Simon Wager agreed to be the Councils Representative to host the event. Parishioners are asked to attend the event as keeping your knowledge of the use of the equipment is important.

**Action Plan Reviewed/Parish Plan** - Councillor Alexandra Channer reported that the Working Group are still actioning the data entry of the survey results collected. It was noted that they have a meeting next week to work out the under 18s Consultation. The completed Data would be brought to Council at the September meeting. (The action plan forms the business case for the precept budget and actions of the Council over the next three years).

Date of the next meeting- Tuesday 10th September 2019

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.uk](http://www.maidenbradley.org.uk) can be accessed to read a copy of the Agenda and minutes electronically or copies are displayed on the Community Notice Board at the Bus Stop. If you have access to Facebook, there is a Parish Council Facebook page do sign up and join the Community Information Board.

Sarah Jeffries the Clerk can be contacted by email:

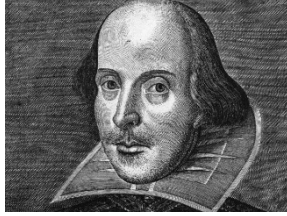
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# Shakespeare's Weekend



## **Forum at Mells**

6.30pm for 7.00pm, Saturday 7th September

Mells Tithe Barn

Frome, BA11 3PN

## **“Shakespeare, Prospero and The Island”**

Join a discussion between Clare Asquith, Professor Gerard Kilroy and Cyril Kinsky QC

Chaired by Professor Gerard Kilroy

## **Theatre at Corsley**

2.30pm for 3.00pm, Sunday 8th September

The Elizabethan Playhouse

Manor Farm, Corsley, Warminster, BA12 7QE

## **The Play – The Tempest**

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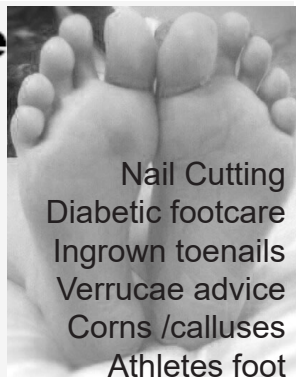
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# MAIDEN BRADLEY VILLAGE PRODUCE SHOW

Last year's show saw a record number of entries and raised  
over £500 for the Memorial Hall

Let's do even better this year!

## AUGUST 17TH AT 2PM



Produce Show  
Afternoon Tea  
Tombola  
Raffle  
and more...

### BEST VILLAGE DOG 2PM

#### A NOTICE TO ALL CHILDREN

We are very sorry to say that the decorated cupcake class was left out of the schedule by mistake. It will be class 111, so we look forward to seeing all your creations! Don't forget to look at the other classes for entering.

Looking forward to seeing your entries on the 17th.

*Sue Priestner.*

