

# Maiden Bradley Parish News

365 November 2019



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## **Diary for November**

Sun	3	All Saints Day Church Service	10am
Mon	4	Black box, Green and Blue bin collections	
Fri	8	Film Night in Hall – Stan and Ollie	7pm
Sun	10	Remembrance Service, All Saints Church *	10.30am
Mon	11	Household Refuse collection	
Sun	17	Informal Lay-led Service in Church	10am
Mon	18	Black box, Green and Blue bin collections	
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Copy deadline - contributions to pat@visa-office.com</b>	
Sat	23	Film Night in Hall -Aladdin	5.45 for 6.30pm
Sun	24	Parish Communion, All Saints Church	10am
Mon	25	Household Waste collection	
Fri	29	Christmas Fair in the Hall	6 to 8pm

Prayer meetings held every Wednesday at 6.30pm. Venue details 01985 844817

\*Stella Wood has very kindly agreed to take the Remembrance Service and we look forward to welcoming her back to the village.

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: Memorial Hall bookings – 845303

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 preferred in editable text format.  
Email pat@visa-office.com

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at [www.maidenbradlevillage.org.uk](http://www.maidenbradlevillage.org.uk)**

## Editorial

Like our next-door neighbours, we stopped feeding the birds during the summer as they were eating through an enormous sack of bird seed, nuts and niger seeds in a little more than one month, a very expensive time and this activity attracted the rat. Today we fed the birds again for the first time in months only to find that the accompanying rat has also returned. If we get a cat to catch the rat, it will also hunt the birds, thus making a vicious circle of activity in our garden. Maybe we should get a Jack Russell to catch the rat thus providing a companion for Bertie our Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. What do you do to rid yourself of rats?

Pat Kennedy 845397 pat@visa-office.com

## **November News from the Hall**

Fri: 29th November **Christmas Fair** in the Hall 6-8pm

### **Film nights:**

Fri. 8th November **Stan & Ollie** (PG) doors open 7.00pm

Sat. 23rd November **Aladdin** (PG) doors open 5.45pm for 6.30pm start

Fish & Chips available from Mr. Chippy

Fri. 13th December **Fisherman's Friends** (PG) doors open 7.00pm

The hall AGM was held on 7th October when the committee were duly elected to serve for the next 12 months. After, a presentation was made to Mel Thomas in gratitude for his time as chairman from 2012 onwards, until his health problems necessitated his resignation.

The first monthly meeting was subsequently held on 14th.

There is a separate article regarding purchase of new (more comfortable!) chairs, for which funds are needed.

Finally, there is Bingo on 16th December and if anyone would like to give a prize, they would be gratefully received!

Pam Tomlinson

# THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

This festive occasion will take place on NOVEMBER 29th in the Memorial Hall at 6.00 pm. It will be lovely to see you all there as this is another opportunity for us to catch up with friends and neighbours.

There will be lots of stalls such as Christmas crafts, cakes, tombola, raffle mulled wine and mince pies and lots more. Hope to see you there when we can get into the Christmas spirit.....well the date is almost December!

**Sue Priestner**

**Any kind donations towards the raffle and tombola can be left at the village hall for Mary Stevens. Donations for the cake stall can be brought to the hall during the afternoon of the Fair.**

**Thank you in advance for any contributions.**



**Christmas wreath-making and mince pies  
Saturday 7th December,  
10.00-12.00  
Village Hall, Maiden Bradley**

**Come and make your own homemade Christmas wreath together, eat mince pies, have a cup of tea or coffee and get into the Christmas spirit!**

- Bring your own materials to make your homemade wreath
- A few experienced wreath-makers will be on-hand for advice
- Donations to the hall gratefully received

**Recommended materials to make your home-made wreath:**

- Wire coat hangers for the frame (or buy a metal wreath frame online)
- Bring wire so you can attach decoration to the wreath
- Secateurs/scissors for cutting
- Evergreens, fir cones, moss, ivy, berries to decorate
- Christmas ribbon, Christmas balls, material etc. to decorate



**Please email Alex Channer on [adrchanner@gmail.com](mailto:adrchanner@gmail.com) if you plan to come so we have an idea of numbers.**

## **The Story Inside the Maiden Bradley Parish News**

### **...everything you need to know but were afraid to ask...**

There has been local news circulated in the parish for many years, but the newsletter was still printed in black and white until approximately 2006 when funds clearly allowed for a colour cover to be printed with the occasional colour photographs inside. This is an established format we have basically continued to follow.

We receive an annual grant from the PC which pays for a couple of issues. So we encourage local businesses to advertise with us in order to pay for the printing costs which have to be met. This can be from as littles as £5 per month. The News cannot afford to promote businesses who do not advertise with us and it has always been our policy to print everything that comes to us every month regardless of the quantity, a policy which Elaine and I have managed to sustain for several years. In actual fact, over the five or six years I have been Editor, there has only been one piece of copy I would not print and that was recently and because it was a very personal attack on one of our respected farmers.

Copy comes to me via email, post, telephone or handwritten through the letterbox by the copy date of 20<sup>th</sup> of every month. Occasionally, we can take copy in after that date but this is dependent upon other pressures on Elaine's and my time.

When all the copy has arrived (and I never quite know when this is) I proof read it and pluck out significant dates and compile the Diary. Always one of the trickier jobs as it is so important not to miss a date. The most satisfying part of the whole process is when I have sent all the copy to Elaine. I then have a breather for a while until the proof returns for yet another proof-read and OK it for Elaine to e-mail it off for printing.

Nev Dean prints the News here in the village - zero carbon footprint, at a very reasonable price - and when the printing is done, delivers it to me. I then sort it into bags for the eight distributors and deliver the bags to them. In the envelopes provided by the Estate, I send a copy to the Estate each month for their archive. We stopped posting copies to a list of past residents when the magazine was posted online a couple of years ago. It can be downloaded from the village website – [www.maidenbradlevillage.org.uk](http://www.maidenbradlevillage.org.uk).

Nev has been extremely helpful in recommending the software that Elaine uses in order to format the News. Elaine spends a considerable amount of time juggling with and preparing the content in order to produce the requisite number of pages (always divisible by four!) and as previous typesetters of the News will probably agree, not an easy task.

There are four of us on our little committee (myself, Elaine, Nev and Sheila Foley) and we meet a few times a year in order to ensure we are making the most of the News. We rely on Sheila for her experience, ideas and essential feedback on local events in order to ensure that what is happening in the village is reflected in the News. I do the Editing and it takes some hours. Today, for example, I have spent over five hours formatting copy in order to send it to Elaine for typesetting which will be at least another day's work. This time could be vastly reduced if senders would put their copy in an editable document attachment to an email with separate photos (Jpeg format) rather than in the body of an email.

Fortunately, Elaine and I manage to cover events throughout the year between us in order to take photos and make notes. We book our holidays in order to ensure that everyone receives their News on time each month, month after month. So far, so good!

We are always looking for local residents to make a contribution, so pick up a pen, open your laptop and write something of interest thus supporting all the work the News committee and distributors do to ensure you receive your free monthly Parish News on your doormat.

*Pat Kennedy 845397 pat@visa-office.com*



## Cranborne Chase AONB becomes an International Dark Sky Reserve

We are thrilled to share the exciting news that Cranborne Chase has become the first Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty to be formally designated an International Dark Sky Reserve

We are the 14th Reserve across the globe and join an exclusive club of International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Protected Areas to gain international recognition for our dark skies.

"Some people are lucky enough to recognise 'the Plough', but for others, seeing stars and their constellations is often impossible because of light pollution. Here in Cranborne Chase we can see the Milky Way and the Andromeda galaxy, if the clouds allow!" said Linda Nunn, Director of Cranborne Chase AONB.

Bob Mizon, who leads the Commission for Dark Skies in the UK and has played a major supporting role in the application, added: "You can't fail to be amazed by the show the night sky puts on when you're in Cranborne Chase AONB on a clear night. This dark sky status helps to keep it that way for future generations."

**For more information about our new status visit  
the International Dark-Sky Association website.**

### Village Hall Lottery

#### September

1st Eileen Baggs	£25.10	2nd Mark Holbrook H	£12.55
3rd Joe Bet	£7.60	4th Mrs P. Morse	£5.00

#### October

1st Jan Davi	£25.10	2nd Lucinda Stokes	£12.50
3rd Hannah Sturg	£7.50	4t Susanna Brigde	£5.00

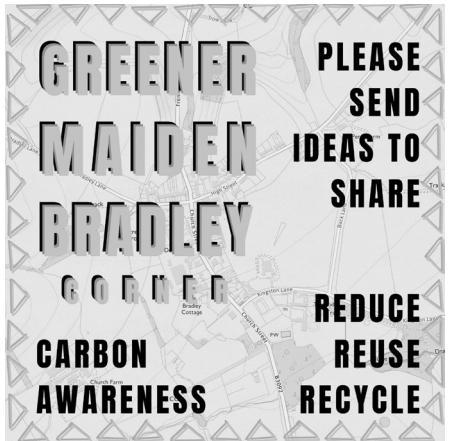
### A Memorial Hall Thank you

To all those contributors to the Hall Lottery, a very big thank you for helping maintain this vital social hub. Over this year alone £600+ has gone to you in prizes and £600+ to the maintenance of the Hall.

If you would like to help support your Village Hall, please get in contact with John Priestner on 844244 who has some spare numbers. Only 50p per number per month, you can have more than one number. Half the draw's income goes to the

### Welcome Club - Pearl Hudson

The Welcome Club held their monthly meeting at Longleat House this month because Emma Viscountess Weymouth was using Horningsham Hall for practising her dance routines for Strictly Come Dancing. We wish her and her partner all the success in the competition.



**This new section of the Parish News is to gather, generate and communicate your ideas to help our community reduce its impact on the environment.**

**Ideas so far:**

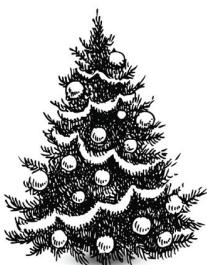
- The village shop will soon stock environmentally friendly washing up liquid and refillable bottles, which helps to reduce the amount of plastic used.
- A local Nunney-based charity, Climate Stewards, have an online calculator that is

very easy to use. The idea would be to have a village-wide offset calculation, so that we can see ourselves as part of something bigger when we offset our travel carbon (not just for flying although that is clearly the most necessary). Check this corner next month for updates.

- Inspired by the very pretty circle of long flowering grass in Cathy and Johnny's garden in the Square I have started leaving a similar patch to flower and give the insects places to live and breed. I am sure that there are others doing the same already. Next year perhaps we can have a photo of some of them each month in the GMB Corner
- People who travel regularly to the same destinations could volunteer to be listed on a database that others could check, so that they could co-ordinate their journeys and travel together.

*Please send your ideas to Kate on 01985 844305  
or [katemoore@silkmillstudios.co.uk](mailto:katemoore@silkmillstudios.co.uk)*

## **Christmas Fair November 29th 6pm in the Memorial Hall**



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## LUNCHEON CLUB OUR UPSTAIRS DOWNSTAIRS MOMENT

**Those of you who watch Strictly Come Dancing will know that this year Viscountess Emma Weymouth is dancing with Aljaz Skorjanec.**

They have been using Horningsham Village Hall for some of their rehearsals and asked if we would mind if they could use the hall on Thursday 10th October our usual Luncheon Club day. In return we would be allowed to use the banqueting room at Longleat for our lunch.

This was met with delight by the members who were very excited in going upper class.

Rehearsals were changed to London at the beginning of the week but it was agreed that we could still use Longleat House as are venue.

The cooks decamped to Longleat early morning on the Thursday were the tables had been placed ready for our usual helpers to lay up. Everything went very smoothly although the kitchen got extremely hot!!!

The members were allowed to drive to the back door were they were helped to park and then taken in the lift up to the dining venue. All the staff at Longleat were very attentive and helped with anything we needed and escorted all our members in and out of the house. We were treated to some lovely chocolates to go with their tea and coffee from Emma's Kitchen.

After their meal the members could explore the house and grounds before they went home, a treat that many took advantage of. A day I am sure that will be a talking point for some time to come.

From all the Luncheon members we would like to thank Emma and all the staff at Longleat who looked after us so well for the day.



# Harvest Supper



Over 50 people attended the Harvest Supper in the Village Hall at the end of September. It was a very enjoyable occasion with delicious food contributed by lots of generous people. Bill Brookfield cooked up a lamb casserole in his giant pot and there was a dazzling array of pudding. Chas from Horningham donated a keg of beer which helped the evening go with a swing and John Priestner

organised for a slide show of pictures of Maiden Bradley from the past. The Hall was beautifully decorated with flowers and berries. The raffle included a glider flight in the Devilills and a huge Hamper. Over £700 was raised for work on the Church tower. Many thanks to those that came and supported the evening and all those who helped with it's organisation.



**Sarah Neish**



The Committee, Trustees and other friends of the Hall gave Mel a well deserved send off as he stepped down as chairman. Derek presented a gift and Pam read a poem she had written for the occasion.



# COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH NEWS

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



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

Firstly thank you to all the teams that have carried Community Speed Watch duties to date. The Speed Watch Teams went live on in 1st week of October with activities in Church Street 6th October, Bus Stop Church St. 12th October, by the Church 19th October and 20th October Kingston Lane.

6th October. 14.00 to 15.00hrs 208 vehicles noted and Vehicle registered speeding  
12th October 14.00 to 15.00hrs 143 vehicles noted and 2 vehicles registered speeding  
19th October 15:00 to 16.00hrs 444 vehicles noted and 6 vehicles registered as speeding  
20th October 13.00 to 14.00hrs 25 vehicles noted and 3 vehicles registered as speeding

While these figures do not show a high percentage of speeding they do reflect very much the presence of the Community Speed Watch team at the given sites. It's the Yellow Jacket syndrome, it has an immediate effect on all drivers and most drivers immediately slow down regardless of already not exceeding the designated speed limit. This effect occurs as soon as the team appears and I am sorry to say reverts once the teams are no longer on site. Most drivers are amicable and understand what and why we are there, one or two mutter and scowl and one made comment. Road Haulage drivers almost to a man acknowledge the teams with a wave of the hand.

So Community Speed Watch is starting to have the effect it's suppose to, that is calm the traffic and keep it within the given speed limits.

However we still need more volunteers to help with this important duty, so if you would like to join the team just call me on 01985 844848 and start the process of being a Community Speed Watch Volunteer.

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

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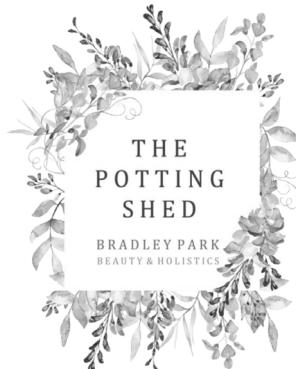
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