

Maiden Bradley Parish News

367 January 2020

**COUNTRYFILE COMES TO
MAIDEN BRADLEY!**



A very village Christmas!



Diary for January

5	Sun	Catch up in the Hall	10-11am
7	Tue	Household waste collection	
8	Wed	Consultation with Charleston Homes re proposed Development of Sydenham's site- Hall	2-8pm
11	Sat	Film Night – Red Joan – Hall Volunteer meeting – Hall	7 for 7.30pm 2 to 3pm
12	Sun	Plough Sunday – Rodmead Farm BA12 7HP	3pm
13	Mon	Recycling collections	
14	Tue	Parish Council Meeting	7pm
18	Sat	Cookery Demonstration with Rosie Brown	10am-1pm
19	Sun	No service at All Saints' – Week of prayer for Christian Unity, service at St Martin's Zeals	10am
20	Mon	Household waste collection	
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24	Fri	All Saints' week of prayer for Christian Unity Prayer meeting and discussion	9.30am
25	Sat	Film Night – Dumbo – Hall	6.30pm
26	Sun	Parish Communion- All Saints'	10am
27	Mon	Recycling collections	

February

1 Sat POP UP PUB in the Hall from 5.30pm

Prayer meeting every Wednesday, venue details phone 01985 844817 6.30pm

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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Countryfile comes to Maiden Bradley

Well, it all happened so quickly really, Countryfile were researching the plight of rural Village Halls with their committees having difficulties finding enough grants to improve them for continued and regular use. Clearly the researchers found our hall a great example of what has been achieved with hard work and a Lottery Grant.

The day chosen for filming coincided with the regular Coffee Morning and our Christmas Fair in the evening. A time lapse camera captured the decoration of the hall and interviews were given by Mel Thomas and Sheila Foley. The spirit of Christmas overflowed and the hall was alive with activities and aromas of mulled wine and mince pies and a lot of money was raised for the Church and the Hall.

Thank you to everyone involved for showing what can be achieved in this village. This is what others thought:

“The hall was buzzing” Mary Stevens

“Interesting and novel” Tom Allday

“Full to bursting – good takings for the shop” Pearl

“Lovely to see the place full of people and so vibrant”

Ben, Countryfile team

“The way the hall looks and feels today is wonderful and one of the reasons I came to this village” Sheila Foley

“I asked Hermione (Director of filming) why our decorations would need to be made from natural materials. Apparently Tyntesfield are promoting natural Christmas Decorations this year (The programme was to be mainly about a Victorian Christmas at Tyntesfield). So I said that it would have been good to liaise with the staff at Tyntesfield for ideas. Hermione thought that Tyntesfield might have gained ideas from us”

Sally Higgins

“A very positive event bringing the village together”

Di Stevens

“Happy atmosphere with a good mix of different age groups with good motivation and mixing well to support the hall and the Church”

Rosie Brown

“I worked out who was to do what and people gelled well together bringing skills to benefit the hall, a super project which we all enjoyed taking part in”

Sue Priestner

“The Community has widened to incorporate outlying homes, and villages, thus expanding the support to the hall”

John Priestner

“Amazed by the number of people, the creativity and the friendliness. There are plenty of interesting people here with plenty to contribute”

Tom Heap

“The event has gone very well. Stunning decorations and everyone has contributed something. The committee works well as no one can do it all on their own”

Brenda Smart, Hall Chairman

The Countryfile programme was shown on December 22nd and I expect everyone was delighted with the amount of time given to Maiden Bradley.

Pat Kennedy

NEWS FROM THE HALL

All upcoming events are listed inside front cover of this magazine as usual.

We had a busy time throughout November, culminating in the filming for BBC Countryfile on 28th, including the very busy Christmas fair in the evening. Thanks to all who helped and supported the event and it was so lovely that the Church and the Hall combined forces, the grand total from the evening came to just over £800, which will be shared equally.

Coming up in January is the consultancy meeting with Charleston Homes which will take place on Wednesday 8th, between 2pm to 8pm, regarding the proposal for 21 new homes at the former Sydenham's Timber Yard. You have the opportunity to meet the developers and ask questions.

Saturday 10th is our ever popular film night. This time it is "Red Joan" starring Dame Judi Dench. 7pm for 7.30. Joan is a retired widow who is arrested by the British Secret Service for supplying scientific information to the Soviet Union. The subsequent interrogation makes her relive her past dramatic life and beliefs.

On Saturday 18th Rosie Brown is holding a great cookery event 10am to 1pm with demos and tasting opportunity. There will be two main courses (one baked sausages with apple and blackberries and one chicken and pheasant dish) and one sweet; Clementine and sherry syllabub. Please contact Rosie if interested 01985 844236. £3 adult, £1 child.

Saturday 25th the children's film "Dumbo" will be shown at 6.30pm; the chip van will be there so the hall will open at 5.45pm.

Following the success of the inaugural "pub night" which was well attended and enjoyed by many, the next one will be held on Saturday 1st February from 5.30pm until close. Tim assures us he will not run out of beer this time!

Please continue to support the hall and the Old Kitchen Store as much as possible. Thank you.

Pam Thomlinson

MAIDEN BRADLEY PANTOMIME GROUP:

Hello everyone. I just want to clear up a misunderstanding.

There WILL be a Panto next year i.e.: 2020/21.

“Oh No there won’t,” I hear you cry – “Oh yes there will” is my reply.

Unfortunately we may not have made it clear that the break this year is only temporary (due to the many commitments of participants, organisers and backstage crew). So we will be presenting another unique Maiden Bradley Pantomime, in the Village Hall, hopefully around the usual time of year.

Please contact me if you wish to take part in any way or have any ideas at all concerning our next production. The more the merrier – especially younger members of the community, but all ages are welcome.

Carol Kenzie

Tel:844745.

Email: carolkenzie5@gmail.com



THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Usually the church is locked from January 1st for a few weeks, but it will now stay open until 12th night which is January 6th. This is to give everyone the opportunity of visiting the church while it is looking splendid with many festive arrangements. We had a team of 13 arrangers who were busy all the morning of Dec 21st decorating the church for the Christmas candlelight services. We did stop for coffee and mince pies and a natter mid morning ! So if you fancy having a wander, we would love to share our efforts with you all.

CAROL SINGING FOR DOROTHY HOUSE

Very many thanks to everyone who came to the Memorial Hall on December 16th to support this worthy cause. It was lovely to see so many people who were all in fine voice and sang a good many carols. The singing was enhanced with the addition of a flute accompaniment played by Elsie Stevens. The committee provided refreshments which was much appreciated as we were all getting a little dry half way through the carol book! So, many thanks to the village hall committee for hosting us. The collection and donations came to £100.

Sue Priestner



The Interim Measure

Over 50 villagers took advantage of the Pop Up Pub event in the village hall on 7th December. It proved to be a great opportunity to have a few drinks and a lot of friendly chat and banter.

Tim the Shepherd came up with idea just before the Somerset Arms closed for renovation. It goes to show what can be achieved with a good idea, a simple plan and a bit of effort.

Many thanks to Tim, his family and all those who made it a very pleasant evening.

Adi Roche

The 1st Pop Up Pub night in December at the village hall was a resounding success----selling out of beer early in the evening! A clientele from Bradley, the Deverills and beyond gathered to grab fish 'n' chips from the chip van outside the hall and then enjoy a drink with friends

Raffle prizes included a very nice bottle of single malt donated by Greenlife Plumbing, a turkey and Christmas pudding.

Next pub night is on Sat Feb 1st, so put it in your diary---come and enjoy a fish supper with a pint or a glass of wine or a G 'n' T.

Table tennis and games on hand to entertain kids of all ages---free soft drinks and proceeds to the village hall.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Tim White

Great evening, great ale, great fun! When is the next one? JW

Much better than I expected and will come to the next one. KB

Great fun for all the family and the Fish and Chips as well we shall come again! When's the next one? MB

VOLUNTEER MEETING

Saturday 11th January at 2.00-3.00pm

in the Village Hall.

Free tea and cake!

Come along to learn how you can help your village.

You might have one hour, or one day, or maybe a little time every month.

Whatever time you have spare, we need your enthusiasm and knowledge!

On Saturday 11th January @2pm we are holding a short gathering to set out the various ways in which you can volunteer for your village. This is a great chance to chat to people who already work in various village organisations and activities, like the Village Hall and Village Shop, Speed Watch and the Newsletter, and the Parish Council, and to discover how you might be involved.

If you volunteer for your village and community, you will be making someone else's day brighter and happier. So, why not start the New Year by channelling your energy into your community! Put 11th January @2pm into your diary.

Volunteering opportunities

The following are existing village activities as well as new activities identified in our Parish Plan:

Speed Watch – join a team monitoring traffic speed (about once every 2 weeks)

Weightwatchers (traffic) – support advocacy efforts to enforce the weight limit

Village hall – helping to organise events in the hall

Village shop – serving in the shop

Newsletter – writing articles for the newsletter

Annual litter pick – help spring clean the village on Saturday 28 March 2020

Noticeboard – creating notices about events etc. for the noticeboard

Annual summer fair – organising a summer fete in the village

Bonfire night – organising a village event to mark November 5th

Footpath maintenance – set up and participate in a path maintenance group

Mobile phone – researching options to improve coverage

Recreation ground – researching options for improvements e.g. outdoor gym

Environmental activities – coordinating climate change activities in the village

Map of the village – preparing a map of footpaths and historic sites

Conservation – researching photos and maps of the historic village to share on the website/ or in a display in the village hall

Cycling activities – coordinating cycling activities and ideas

Under-18s advisory group – collaborating to integrate young people's ideas in all village activities

If any of the above sound interesting, please come to learn more on
Saturday 11th January
2pm at the village hall.

Welcome Club

The Welcome Club held their Christmas Bingo at Maiden Bradley Hall on Monday 2nd December. I am pleased to say we made a profit of £214 00 which will certainly help funds for the forthcoming year.

Thanks to everyone who gave prizes and came to the event, a special thanks to Brenda who helped us selling tickets.

On 3rd December members and friends went on the Annual Christmas Dinner to the Bell at Weyhill near Andover where we had a carvery dinner and pudding. Afterwards, we held our annual Christmas raffle with Tom in charge which everyone enjoyed. A special thanks goes to Lesley who organized the coach to take us there and the pub.

If you want information about joining the club and coming on outings with us in the summer please contact me.

Pearl Hudson 01985 844779

Village Hall Lottery

November

1st	Donna Stevens	£25.75	2nd	Jim Boulter	£12.85
3rd	Glenda Andrews	£7.80	4th	Ronnie Channer	£5.10

December

1st	Esme Channer	£25.75	2nd	Jessica Johnson	£12.85
3rd	Tom Alday	£7.80	4th	Mel Thomas	£5.10

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 Village Hall and half goes in prizes.

John Priestner



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The booklet contains a lot of questions – do not worry if you don't have, or cannot get, all of the information it asks for – some of it won't apply to everyone. There are sections intended for professional carers; please don't worry if you do not understand what they mean.

Please save this booklet – either in electronic format or handwritten – in a place where it can easily be found if the person it refers to goes missing. It may need to be located quickly, at any time, day or night, by the police who may need the information to begin the initial searches. We also suggest that if the person has a Telecare (lifeline) system a copy is shared with the Monitoring centre, so they can email the details including a photograph to the police or wellbeing responders if they have requested their service.

When complete, the booklet will contain personal information and must be stored appropriately to protect the person's privacy in accordance with GDPR legislation. However, if the person goes missing, sharing the information with professionals, including the police, to protect and safeguard the person is justified.

The police will only ever ask for the form if the person is reported missing.

Thank you for taking the time to complete it. It could help to save someone's life.

If you are concerned about the whereabouts of your friend/relative then you MUST call the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency

COUNTRYFILE
PRESENTER,
TOM HEAP,
INTERVIEWS
SHEILA
FOLEY...



...AND
CHATS TO
SALLY
HIGGINS



**From left to right of the Countryfile Team:
Ben in logistics , Cameraman, Tom Heap the presenter,
Hermione the director and Gary the sound recordist.**

Time and Tide at All Saints Maiden Bradley

This little medieval 'tide dial' is at the west end of the south side of the church. Around 3,000 such sundials survive in England. They were used to tell the times of mass. The remains of the lead that would have held the gnomon in place can be seen at the top of the sundial.



Far rarer is the 18th c. double faced sundial above the porch which was once thought to be unique.



Our oldest surviving clock dates from 1720-53, probably 1740 and is thought to have been made by William Monk of Berwick St. John who was also a blacksmith. Clocks of this quality and age are unusual. It is no longer in the church. It was replaced in 1960 by the present clock which was made in Crockerton.

In 1919 the Duchess of Somerset asked the PCC whether it would 'meet the approval of the council if she undertook to repair the face of the turret clock of the parish church at her own expense' but on taking down the old dial it was found to be beyond repair and a new dial had to be made. When the dial was installed in 1920 a panel was fixed to the back giving the names of the church officials.



After a century of use the clock is again in a poor state.

“The Friends of Maiden Bradley Church”
want to raise enough money to restore its face.
They would be very grateful for any donations!
Please contact Sarah Neish on sarah.neish@hotmail.co.uk
or money can be paid directly into the account
using the reference Clock.

Account number 29214768 Sort Code 30-11-75.

Thank you.

Cranbourne Chase AONB

Our Annual Forum will take place on Tuesday 21 April 2020 at New Remembrance Hall in Charlton, SP7 0PL.

Please make a note of the date in your diary. Come and find out about our plans for 2020 and beyond. Everyone is welcome to attend. More details to follow in the new year.

The National Trust has launched its brand-new Forest School site at Fontmell Down near Shaftesbury. The site is available for hire by any school or educational establishment accompanied by a qualified Forest School practitioner (Level 3).

Set in woodland amongst beautiful chalk grassland hills in an ancient landscape, the site has great facilities. For further information or to make a booking- email Clive Whitbourn or call 07788 480686.

Village Hall Improvement Grant- APPLY NOW!

The Village Hall Improvement Grant aims to help fund the updating and refurbishment of village halls so that they are fit for purpose and provide activities which seek to achieve one or more of the following outcomes for their communities:

- Improved health and wellbeing/reduction in loneliness
- Demonstrates a positive impact on the environment
- Supports the local rural economy

There is a two stage application process and it is currently taking around 8 weeks for Stage 1 decisions. Stage 1 successful applications MUST be with ACRE by 4th February 2020. So do not delay, get your application in as soon as possible. The very last panel is meeting on 31st March 2020

Our mailing address is:

Cranbourne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
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Rushmore Farm, Tinkley Bottom
Tollard Royal, Wiltshire SP5 5QA
United Kingdom



Parish Council December 2019

Litter Pick Date- 28th March 2020 would be the date of the Annual Litter Pick as the National Event "Get ready for the Great British Spring Clean" is taking place on the 20th March to the 13th April 2020, this would then fit with the national advertising campaign. Councillor Alexandra Channer has agreed to be the lead Councillor. Parishioners are asked to note the date in their diaries.

Litter Bins - the Clerk reported on her site meeting with Craig Campbell Streetscene Engineer Wiltshire South & East arranged by Bill Parks. A tour of all the litter bin sites in Maiden Bradley had taken place. Council discussed the offer put forward re the recreational site litter bin. Council approved the replacement of this litter bin as it was damaged, Council noted the replacement of the shop litter bin. It was agreed to pay the £100 match funding contribution to Wiltshire Council for a new bin. Council noted that Craig Campbell Streetscene Engineer had noted that the recreational litter bin is not sited on Wiltshire Council land.

Highways

Parishioners are asked that if they see any highways issue to report it as soon as possible to Wiltshire Council the Authority that deals with Highways Issues:
The Wiltshire Council app can be used to report any Highways issues from your mobile phone or online at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/mywiltshirelogin.htm> Or by phone at Highways 0300 456 0105

Dates for Council Meetings May 2020 – May 2021

Annual Parish Meeting: Tuesday 12th May 2020 7.00pm

(Meeting of Electoral not a Full Council meeting)

Dates of Full Parish Council Meetings 2020-2021

All Parish Council meetings will have an opportunity at the start for parishioners to ask questions or make comments on any matter

Tuesday 14th April 2020 7.00pm

Tuesday 12th May 2020 7.30pm Annual Parish Council meeting

(Following on from the Annual Parish meeting)

Tuesday 9th June 2020 7.00pm

Tuesday 14th July 2020 7.00pm

There will be no meeting during the August Summer break

Tuesday 8th September 2020 7.00pm

Tuesday 13th October 2020 7.00pm

Tuesday 10th November 2020 7.00pm

Tuesday 8th December 2020 7.00pm (Budget meeting)

Tuesday 12th January 2021 7.00pm

Tuesday 9th February 2021 7.00pm

Tuesday 9th March 2021 7.00pm

Tuesday 13th April 2021 7.00pm

Separate Planning meetings will take place as and when required: The Clerk will issue a separate summons to Councillors and they will be displayed on the Parish Notice Board and Website.

Notice of items to be taken into consideration at the next meeting in January 2020.

Precept Second Draft Figures- The Parish Plan Consultation requests have been collated and next year's projects added to the proposals.

Date of the next meeting- Tuesday 14th January 2020 is the date of the next Parish Council meeting. 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 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: maidenbradley@virginmedia.com or phone: 01985 213436 or by mail to Maiden Bradley Parish Clerk 9 Beech Grove Warminster BA12 0AB

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.

As always thank you to all the teams that have carried Community Speed Watch duties to date

The Speed Watch Teams were out and about in all the inclement weather this month although not as much due to the weather and short daylight hours

2nd December 08:00 to 09:00hrs 235 vehicles noted and 1 vehicle registered speeding

10th December 08:00 to 09:00hrs 270 vehicles noted and 2 vehicles registered speeding

18th December 08:00 to 09:00hrs 291 vehicles noted and 9 vehicles registered as speeding

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.

We are delighted to tell you that we now have four further volunteers for speed watch activities and once trained in the New Year they will be as active as the rest of the team. Thank you in advance for volunteering. It is very much appreciated by all concerned. Thank you again 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

Simon Wager.

Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator.

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