

Maiden Bradley Parish News

371 May 2020

time to enjoy our surroundings

May Diary

4	Mon	Green bin collection
6	Wed	Recycling collection
11	Mon	Household waste collection
18	Mon	Green bin collection
20	Wed	Recycling collection
25	Mon	Household waste collection



Useful Telephone Numbers

Speed Watch Co-ordinator	Simon Wager	simon.m.wager@gmail.com
Community Garden		01985 844917
Book Club	Jessica Johnson	01985 844174
Pilates		01985 511693
Cookery Demonstrations	Rosie Brown	01985 844236
Luncheon Club		01985 844779
Welcome Club Outings		01985 844779
Scrabble Club		01985 844919
Memorial Hall bookings		01985 845303
Dr Andrew Murrison MP		01225 358584
		murrisona@parliament.uk
Mere Link Scheme		01747 860096
Rev. Carol Wilson-Barker		01747 861859



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The post office is open in the Village Hall on Tuesdays 1-3pm

Bell Ringing 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.

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TO ALL MAIDEN BRADLEY VILLAGERS
If you are self-isolating,
we can help!

If you need assistance because you are self-isolating due to the Coronavirus, or if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Sarah Neish.

Ways we can help:
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Sarah Neish contact information

Landline: [01985 844689](tel:01985844689)

Mobile: [07708035444](tel:07708035444)

Email: sarah.neish@hotmail.co.uk

If you have medical concerns, please call the NHS on 111

Coronavirus is contagious. Wash your hands regularly.

If you would like to Volunteer please get in touch

Volunteers will avoid physical contact (2m distance).

Items to be left on your doorstep.

Editorial

The days of constant sunshine are with us at present and it is some consolation for having to STAY HOME. Our garden has never been so much under control at this time of year and all those jobs that I have never had time for are all getting done. My next big project is some decorating, if I can obtain the materials. Overall, in these difficult times, we consider ourselves to be extremely fortunate to live in this relatively remote village with the support of so many volunteers shopping and helping others and with a very cheerful band managing the village shop three times a week. Life is not as we knew it and for many, will never be the same again having lost loved ones to Covid 19. Our part of the country is the least affected by those having to go to hospital to be treated and nationwide at present, the 'curve' is definitely being flattened. I do not see a return to normality very soon and so the News will continue to be posted online only for May and possibly June. Delivering magazines is not on the Government's priority list of essential activities and sadly, we have no events to publish.

At a bell ringing fundraiser last year, I picked up the last prize in the raffle which clearly, no one else wanted and it has been on my shelf, unread since then; but today I thought about the book and found the following:

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It's wonderful, it's free

Patience Strong



In all this lovely weather and unexpected time flexibility we have probably all been doing a lot of gardening.

I have left a patch of 'lawn' as discussed in last month's piece but here is a recycling idea with an important thought from Sustainable Warminster.

"A heartfelt plea to anyone with a garden! Many of us suddenly have lots more time to spend in the garden - please resist the temptation to over-tidy the garden!!

Nature is messy....In the UK we have lost 40% of our wildlife since 1970, but your garden could help reverse this extinction trend.

***Sustainable Warminster are promoting the Blue Campaign
to encourage urban rewilding:***

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Leave leaf litter piles to give hedgehogs somewhere to sleep.
- Avoid using pesticides, this can severely damage both plants and animals.
- Give wildflowers and weeds space to benefit pollinators.
- Leave a small section of your garden unmown. The extra plant growth will encourage ground dwelling insects that will eat pests and bring in other animals.

- PUT UP A BLUE HEART to show your support for us and wildlife!

Make your own blue heart out of recycled materials.

Sustainable Warminster have been busy making Blue Hearts from all sorts of things to give away. If you would like one, message us on our facebook page or to secretary@sustainablewarminster.co.uk and we will arrange a contact-free exchange.

Happy isolating!

Kate Moore

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Village Hall Lottery

March

1 st	Philippa Haig	£25.50	2 nd	Vicky Olding	£12.70
3 rd	Dave Dewings	£7.70	4 th	Pete Dean	£5.00

April

1 st	Elaine Lavender	£25.50	2 nd	Jim Boulter	£12.70
3 rd	S. Morris	£7.70	4 th	Marion Bain	£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 Village Hall and half goes in prizes.

Memorial Hall Update

The following photographs show the impressive preparation work for the next major maintenance job - replastering of the ceiling.

Work will start on Monday April 27th.

**The shop will be open as usual,
please access from the rear**



SPLENDID ISOLATION.....

Reconnecting with our surroundings by Elaine Lavender

I know that I am not alone in enjoying certain aspects of this enforced isolation. Like many, I am furloughed from work with little prospect of seeing a return any time soon. Heritage railways are hardly going to be a priority for opening up again! So I have plenty of time on my hands and a new dog, Georgia. Like our lovely old Matthew, Georgia is a cavalier with all the endearing traits they possess. However, unlike Matthew she is young, healthy, energetic and loves her walks. Having spent the first two and a half years of her life indoors with 14 other cavies I think she is making up for lost time!

So - the result of this is that I have been having a really good explore of all our local footpaths. So far I have discovered about half a dozen very different circuits: here is my favorite so far, an extension of The Millennium Walk

It is about 3 and a half miles in length (around 9500 steps for all you counters) through fields and woodland. I am giving details below so you can explore it yourself - or just look at the photos and enjoy it from the armchair!

With thanks to Peter Russell, map and details of the Millennium Walk code are at the end of this article.



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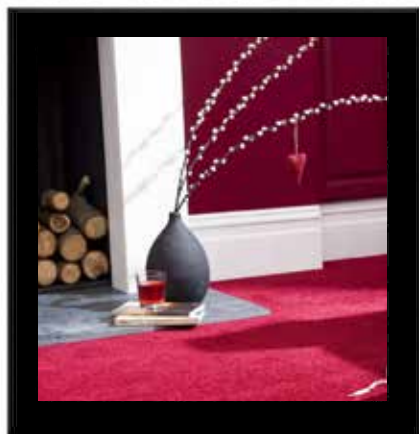
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it becomes a wider track.....



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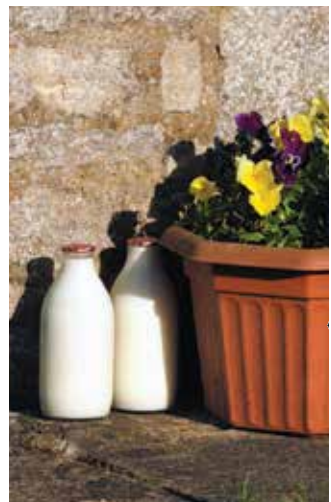
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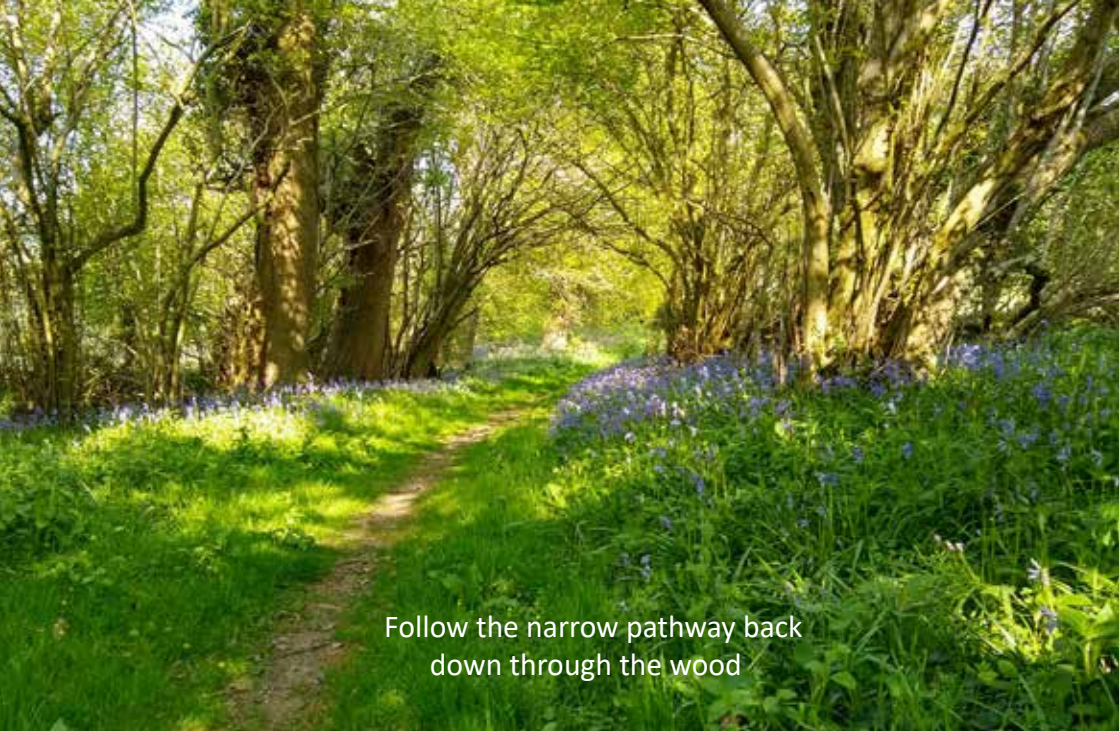
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down through the wood

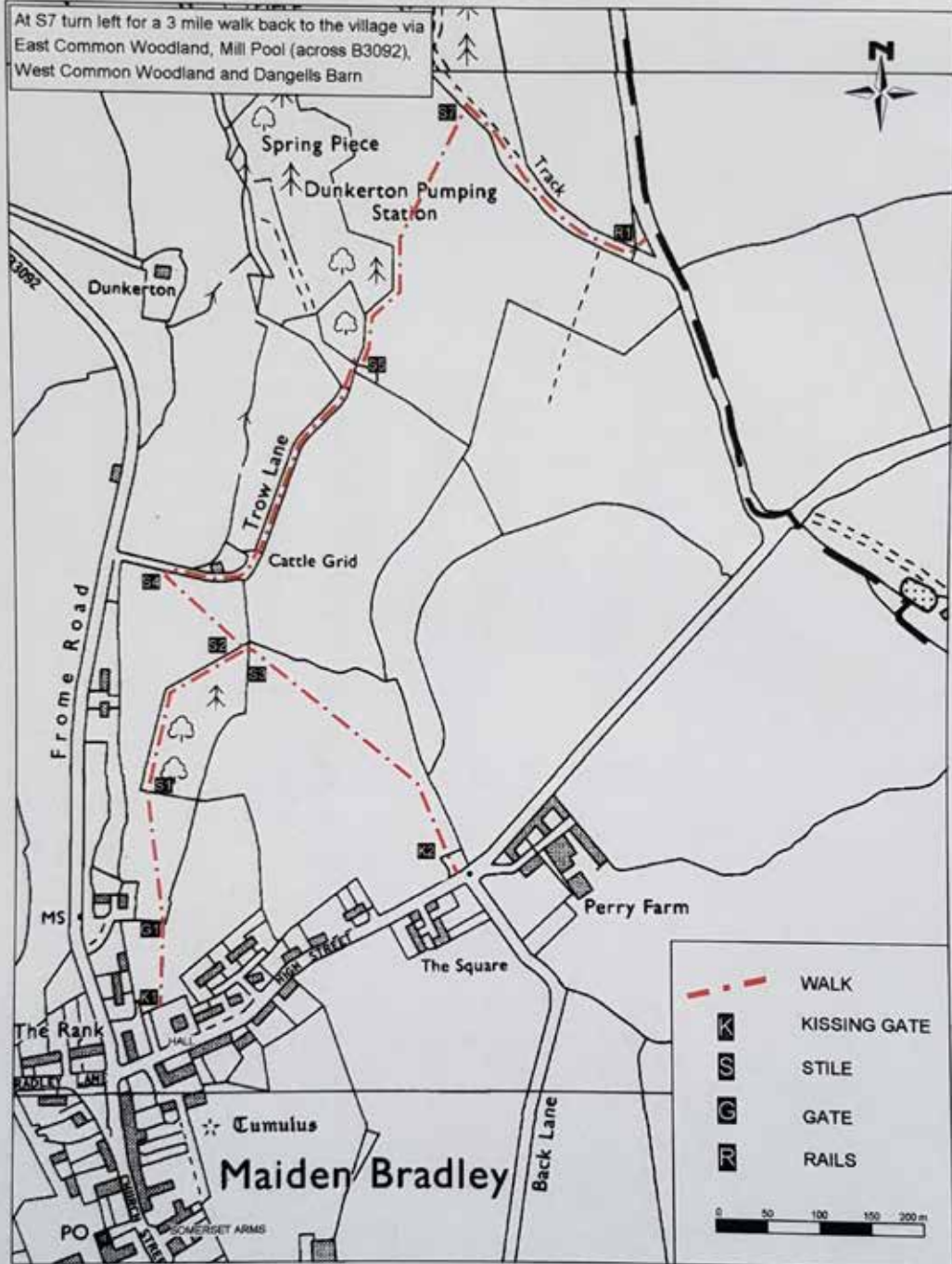




until you reach your original entrance

MAIDEN BRADLEY MILLENNIUM WALK

At S7 turn left for a 3 mile walk back to the village via East Common Woodland, Mill Pool (across B3092), West Common Woodland and Dangelis Barn



MILLENNIUM WALK CODE

Please use the walk properly and enjoy the countryside - like you it is part of creation.

Please take a few minutes to read the following **Code of Conduct**.

- Cars are parked at your own risk. Please check that your car is not causing obstruction, that it is secure and that it will not be blocked in by other cars coming to park.
- Dogs are welcome if kept under close control and if any mess on the walk is cleared up. Young cattle might come across to you if you have a dog - remember to let go of the lead if you are concerned so that the dog can run away.
- Please, if you are in a party, walk no more than two abreast across long grass in fields. Always keep to the paths as way-marked in yellow.
- If you find the entrance at the Village Hall (K1) temporarily closed proceed to the next entrance opposite Perry Farm (K2) which is always open.
- Do not smoke in woodland. Take empty packets etc away with you.
- If you eat or drink while on the walk be careful to take away all containers and wrappings (sweet papers included) - they can harm animals.
- Do not pick (or lift) any plants or foliage or remove any wood OR plant anything without permission from the managers.
- Do not light fires.
- Use only gates and stiles to cross fences. Leave gates fastened - either open or closed as you find them.
- Make no unnecessary noise and leave livestock, crops, wildlife and machinery alone. (A bull over 10 months old on the walk will be a beef breed and accompanied by cows or heifers and generally docile). Please take heed of any signs.
- If you come across a shoot in progress please make your presence known and wait if advised to do so. The same applies to movement of farm stock. Remember it is sometimes very difficult or even impossible to suspend these operations once started.

Article by John Vallins from the Guardian January 23rd 2001

“On a hard, frozen Sunday morning, we kept an appointment in the wooded country 600ft above sea-level, where the rivers Stour and Frome begin, the Stour to wind south and the Frome north towards the Bristol Channel.

The appointment was at Maiden Bradley with the forester who had initiated that village’s Millennium Walk. Together with its twin project, the Milestone Planting scheme, it had won the vote of the village’s millennium committee as the best way to mark the year 2000.”

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