

Maiden Bradley Parish News

373 July 2020



Happy Birthday to Colin

Diary for July

- 6 Mon **Household waste collection**
- 8 Wed Lady Chapel at All Saints' Church open for private prayer 10am-4pm
- 12 Sun Lady Chapel open 10am-4pm
Plant and Cake sale, Hall Garden from 2pm
- 13 Mon **Green bin collection**
- 15 Wed Lady Chapel open 10am-4pm
Blue bin and black box collection
- 19 Sun Lady Chapel open 10am-4pm
- 20 Mon **Household waste collection**
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- 22 Wed Lady Chapel open 10am-4pm
- 26 Sun Lady Chapel open 10am-4pm
- 27 Mon **Green bin collection**
- 29 Wed Lady Chapel open 10am-4pm
Blue bin and black box collection

Useful Telephone Numbers

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Pilates	01985 511693
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Welcome Club Outings	01985 844779
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Editorial

Probably, like me, you are now fully used to lockdown and also quite enjoying the time to dedicate to all those jobs around the house and garden that have been neglected due to a very busy life-style. Even after these three months spent at home, I have not completed my list of improvements that I feel need doing, but could of course, live without. We are currently working on decorating our bedroom and have banished ourselves to the spare bedroom, which will be next on the list and leaves me hoping that lockdown will last so we can complete the process. Our dog Bertie is quite tired from all the walks he seems to get these days but is always so pleased to socialise with the other dogs he meets on a daily basis.

The village hall is holding its first post lockdown event this month and the Lady Chapel is opening for private prayer on selected days, life will slowly return to a new normal and it is good to see a glimmer of it on the horizon.

Pat Kennedy 845397 pat@visa-office.com

NEWS FROM THE HALL

We hope you are all keeping as well as possible and can now bring you some news at last, as we go through the easing of lockdown.

The committee have decided to hold an event where social distancing rules can be applied, so there will be a Plant and Cake sale, plus a Raffle, outside the back of the hall at 2pm on Sunday 12th July. So come on all you growers and bakers, time to show off!! If anyone would like to donate please contact Brenda 01985 844512 or Sheila 01985 844218.

Whilst on the subject of donations, we must thank everyone who has brought garden produce/plants to the shop, all of which were snapped up and helped to add much needed funds to the hall.

The village quiz has proved to be very popular and the winner will be announced in the August issue of the parish news.

It is hoped the Friday coffee mornings will be able to recommence in the not too distant future so watch this space!

Meanwhile the book and jigsaw library remains available during shop opening times.

Finally, a big shout out to Sheila and the team of volunteers for keeping the shop going during these very challenging times. They have kept us safely supplied with so many essentials, for which I'm sure everyone who used the shop is extremely grateful. Please continue to support it, thereby ensuring it will remain with us for the future.

Best wishes for good health and staying safe - Pam Thomlinson

A reminder: please can you send Rosie Brown your contributions on life in lockdown by Tuesday 30th June.

Church Reopening for Private Prayer

Who would ever have thought it- churches closed completely for 3 months! Now as with so many things there is a cautious easing of arrangements and I'm delighted to say we feel confident about opening the church again.

In Maiden Bradley we have decided after carefully assessing the safety situation that we will open the church for private prayer on Sunday and Wednesday from approximately 10-4. The area set aside is the Lady Chapel to the front and left of the church and there will be hand sanitisers and clear instructions as you enter the church.

The only seating will be in the chapel – please don't use the pews. There will be a sign on the seat which we ask you to turn over to indicate that no one else should sit there. This is really important as the virus has been passed on by using a chair from a Covid sufferer within even 6 hours.

We really want to keep you safe as you worship and are so looking forward to opening our doors again. We haven't got a clear idea of when we can gather for full services yet but we can hold small funerals. We will keep the frequency of our opening under constant review.

I hope you have been able to stay hopeful during the stringent times of lockdown. I like Henri Nouwen's thoughts on this from *Here and Now*. Joy and hope are never separate he says. Wishes and happiness on the other hand usually refer to things and events. I wish it would stop raining then I'd be happy again. Hope and joy are spiritual gifts, for we hope in God and rejoice in his presence even when your wishes are not realised and you are not very happy with the circumstances of your life. But joy doesn't simply happen to us we have to choose it every day and *keep* choosing it. It is a choice based on the knowledge that we belong to God and have found in God our refuge and our safety and that nothing can take God away from us.

Blessings and love

Rev Carol

Village Produce Show.

As you were probably already expecting, we have decided to defer this event until 2021 due of course to covid. We have heard that the Frome show has been cancelled, which is about 3 weeks after ours and this tipped the balance in respect of our decision making.

Perhaps we could do a virtual show like they have done for Chelsea. During the week leading up to August 22nd we could take a photo of produce grown in our own Maiden Bradley veg plots, and forward them for the September newsletter. Any other ideas? Please get in touch.

Flower Festival in church.

Similarly this too has been deferred for a time when people will feel more confident to visit other churches. Although we have many visitors from the village, we also rely on people coming from the surrounding area.

Sue Priestner. 844244.

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On the 6th June 1944 Britain was at war with Germany,

It was also Colin Dowson's birthday.....

Moving on 76 years Covid-19 is also having a war like hold over the country, but adhering to government guidelines, and maintaining social distancing a small number of people from the church met outside Colin's house to wish him a happy birthday and present him with a water colour print of a section of the village including the pub and his house. This was in recognition for all the work and help Colin has given over many years.

Colin was born in Maiden Bradley, and spent the very early years of his life in 2 other houses in the village. He moved with his parents to his current house at the age of about 18months.

Colin's contribution to the church started in the churchyard whilst at school, helping to cut the grass originally with a scythe and hook. He continued this, with more modern machinery, for many years and stopped when things became too difficult. As a boy he was in the church choir, he also pumped the organ in the loft at the chapel. Inside the church, he helped his father keep the church boiler running, which for Colin meant collecting the coke in a wheelbarrow. There are hand rails which Colin fabricated to assist those who were a little unsteady, one at the chancel steps, and one outside leading to the churchyard. In 1973 he took over the decoration of the Christmas tree from his father and with help from others, continued this activity up until 2 years ago. Colin is an excellent bell ringer and has rung the bells at Maiden Bradley for many years only stopping when climbing the tower steps to the ringing chamber became too painful. His contribution to others who have rung in the tower has been very encouraging, and he would always offer good advice where needed, and would say it as it was!

In the 60's he was scout leader, when cubs and scouts were strongly supported in the village. He had a varied career, among other jobs working for Geoffrey Luff at Perry Farm. Having a love for horses he eventually went and trained at Hereford College and became a very accomplished farrier and blacksmith. Colin was a very respected farrier by horse owners due to his quiet calm approach to the animals.

The timing of this meeting was primarily for his birthday, and it was thought at the time to be in conjunction with his leaving the village. At this moment in time Colin is still not sure when, or if this is going to happen. All that can be said is, when his move takes place he will be greatly missed. When that time arrives and he has settled in, it would be a great asset to the village if he could put pen to paper and offer his wealth of knowledge and stories he has collected over the years.

David Morse, Sue and John Priestner.

Message from Teazole

Hello everyone, I thought I would introduce myself to you as I so often hear you talking about me as you go past my window.

If you have not noticed me I live somewhere that I think the humans call the Hice Treat. Presumably it has something to do with mice. I bring these in for the humans nearly every morning and kindly leave them on the rug. They rather ungratefully tread on them usually but I pawgive them.

Sometimes when I see you go by you are balancing two feet which looks very unstable. But often you are on those strange things with wheels, sometimes two which is very dangerous, and sometimes four; more natural but too fast!

When my family moved me here from North Brewham it was all very upsetting so I found the highest spot in the room and stayed there as much as I could. That is where you see me as like my brother Muesli (don't ask, this lot are obsessed with that food!) I am a creature of habit. He decided early on that the sofa and the two-foot's laps were his chosen spot and I often wonder if he made a better choice than me, it does look comfy, but then he doesn't get to see all of you gallivanting past. So I am sticking to my perch and since

the family seem to be around all the time nowadays for some reason SHE has even found time to clean the windows so I can see out even better than before.



Teazole and
Museli (left)



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News Update - Shear Water and Heaven's Gate

Following calls from parishioners regarding the high volume of visitors at Shear Water and Heaven's Gate causing concern that the emergency services might not be able to get through to the village, the Parish Council have been in contact with the Rural Policing Team. See their reply below:

"The Rural Policing Team go through Shearwater a few times each shift so they are aware of the issues at Shearwater and Heaven's Gate with traffic and visitors to the area. The Rural Policing Team have spoken to Wiltshire Council Highways to discuss the Clearway that is in place that starts in the village and runs for a mile way past the end of the lake itself.

The clearway was decriminalised in the year 2000 making it a civil offence to park on the Clearway and as such Wiltshire Police cannot enforce it for this reason. If a vehicle is completely off the road then this is not considered an offence, but if they are half on the carriageway and half off, then this is an infringement and an Enforcement Officer (what was a traffic warden) can write them out a ticket. The clearway must be marked by a start and an end sign and DOES NOT require any white lines being painted on the road and as such is correctly marked in situ at present.

It seems that Enforcement Officers have not been in operation during Covid-19 but are now restarting on Monday 1st June 2020. The Rural Policing Team have asked that they attend the Shearwater Lake so enforcement can be started.

Since Lockdown has been eased slightly, it was always inevitable that once people were allowed to go out with less restriction they would visit in greater numbers due to the close proximity to Warminster, but also people maybe not wanting to visit beaches on the south coast with all the crowding we have seen on social media. Warminster Officers have been engaging and educating members of the public at Shearwater and removed a number of groups from the lake during the day and car park in the evening.

With current Covid-19 restrictions, members of the public are able to visit the lake freely as many times as they wish to exercise, have a picnic as a family, or just sit by the lake. Wiltshire Police will still engage with members of the public about Covid 19, but they are not able to enforce Social Distancing as they do in Scotland and Wales."

Sarah Jeffries PSLCC

Parish Clerk Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield

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I want to start this month by stating that this page is not meant to be preachy... most of you are probably doing lots of the things mentioned already and have your own brilliant ideas/solutions. The hope is just to keep the conversation going so that we do not let these vital issues slide down the agenda of our lives.

Having had lots of time at home many of us have probably been sorting things out in a way that we could only have dreamed of when we made those new-year's resolutions a few months back!

For years charity shops have provided us with a great way to move things on but currently this is not necessarily the answer. Now that the retail shops are able to open again charity shops may have part

of their income stream back but this is a quote from a charity shop manager:

"Probably only 30% of the items I get donated are fit to sell. Worn, torn, filthy and not even fit for rags in a lot of cases. Overseas markets have dried up, West Africa doesn't need wool sweaters, they have warehouses of them. If you wouldn't buy it yourself don't give it to charity, it costs us to dispose of it which rather defeats the object of charitable donations."

In other words, the countries where the UK sent its waste textiles no longer want them as the 'rag trade' system has broken down due to C19. This means that we need to be as re-sponsible as we can when we dispose of things especially to charity shops. Last month I heard about a bag of baby & children's clothes. We split them between two families we knew who were having babies. This shortened chain that knows the end results is helpful. Facebook is useful in this way, not just the village page but a much wider audience in the local 'marketplace' sections. There will be many other solutions and the main thing is to try to be aware of the consequences of the actions that we take and where possible to find local answers rather than ones that depend on systems that may or may not still be functioning successfully. Perhaps when we are allowed to we should have a good old fashioned village jumble sale?

Please send ideas and pictures of your beautiful bee friendly gardens to kate-moore@silkmillstudios.co.uk or ring 844305.

Thanks for reading! - **Kate Moore**



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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.

With the possible easing of lockdown restriction plans are being put in place for the CSW teams to resume activities hopefully in the second week of July.

In the meantime the Police have been very active in the area including visiting Maiden Bradley when 3 offenders were booked speeding through the village.

The Community Policing Teams have been working hard to provide visible speed enforcement across the county. Since 19th April we have deployed targeted speed enforcement operations on 219 occasions, which equates to approximately 4/5 sessions per day. Of these sessions 209 have been conducted on local and village roads. We have issued 36 drivers with fixed penalty notices and 37 drivers have been reported directly to court.

Paul Mills QPM
Deputy Chief Constable

We have two new volunteers joining the team which is great news indeed and they are very welcome indeed.

As always we still need volunteers to help with this important duty, so come and join the team just call me on 01985 844848 and start the process of being a Community Speed Watch Volunteer.

Keep Well. Keep Safe

Simon Wager

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



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The closing date for applications is Friday 31st July 2020.

Village Hall Lottery

May

1 st	Geoff Smith	£25.40	2 nd	Fe Roche	£12.70
3 rd	Vera Crossman	£7.65	4 th	Jim Boulter	£5.00

June

1 st	R Stevens	£25.40	2 nd	John Green	£12.70
3 rd	Rose Brown	£7.65	4 th	Tricia Cox	£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.

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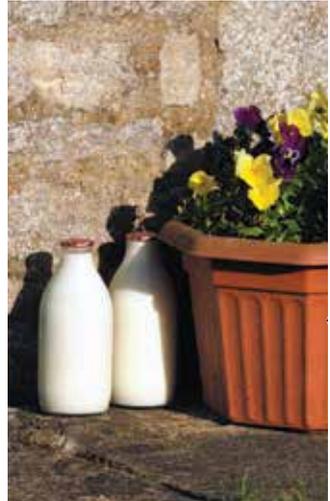
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A View from Frome View



Sunrise

You have to be up early at this time of year to catch the stunning sunrise across the fields towards the northeast and even earlier if you want to gain the full benefit of the dawn chorus. For me it is a time of excitement, not really knowing what the day will bring. You may have made plans for the day but such plans often fall away as the day unfolds.



Sunset

For me, sunset is a time to reflect on how the day has gone and look forward to what the evening may bring, perhaps a good night's sleep or even romance but in my case it is sometimes a cool pint of Guinness (Fridays only!) while I listen to the dusk chorus.

Who knows what the 'new normal' will be? I hope it means I can do more work from home which suits me as I can take my dog to work! I also hope/expect it will continue to bring more respect for the staff at the NHS, care workers and all the others that we depend on in our daily lives but have come to take for granted.

The trick is to be around as the 'new normal' unfolds and make the most of it.

Adi