

# Maiden Bradley Parish News

381 March 2021



Finlay has his sights on  
the Tokyo Olympics!

## MARCH DIARY

1	Mon	Household waste collection	
7	Sun	Service of the Word	10am
8	Mon	Green recycling	
9	Tue	Parish Council Zoom meeting	7.30pm
10	Wed	Blue and Black bin recycling	
14	Sun	Mothering Sunday Service conducted by Jane Hurd	10am
15	Mon	Household waste collection	
20	Sun	COPY DEADLINE FOR M B NEWS <a href="mailto:pat@visa-office.com">pat@visa-office.com</a>	
21	Sun	Census Day	
22	Mon	Green recycling	
24	Wed	Blue and Black bin recycling	
29	Mon	Household waste collection	

## Useful Telephone Numbers

Speed Watch Co-ordinator  
Nadder Oil Buying Club

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Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Derek Stevens 01985 844428

Community Garden

Kate Moore [katemore@silkmillstudios.co.uk](mailto:katemore@silkmillstudios.co.uk) 01985 844305

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

Mere Link Scheme

[murrisona@parliament.uk](mailto:murrisona@parliament.uk)

Rev. Carol Wilson-Barker

01747 860096

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

## Editorial

Boris Johnson has set out his countdown to normal activity for the country with the earliest date for this to be achieved being 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021. Already there has been a surge in holiday bookings, mainly to other European countries. By then we may be ready to start travelling again but will those countries be ready and willing to host us? How will COVID-19 affect the ability to purchase meaningful health travel insurance? I am pleased to note that a Covid vaccination certificate is not being rejected as part of the way forward.

Congratulations to Finlay Saunders on his successful swimming achievements and for continuing his training during the difficult circumstances around lockdown. We will watch his career with great interest.

Apologies for not being able to print the Zoom access code for the Parish Council Meeting being held on 9<sup>th</sup> March. The PC Clerk is unable to accommodate our print deadline.

Pat Kennedy 845397 [pat@visa-office.com](mailto:pat@visa-office.com)



Community Allotment in the Snow  
Tonia Gunstone

## VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

### JANUARY

1st	Mark Holbrook	£27.00	2nd	Lisa Cripps	£13.50
3rd	Richard Morris	£8.20	4th	Sam Higgins	£5.30

### FEBRUARY

1st	Lucinda Stokes	£27.00	2nd	Jim Boulter	£13.50
3rd	Sarah Muir	£8.20	4th	Richard Cripps	£5.30

### A MEMORIAL HALL THANK YOU FOR ALL THE SUPPORT DURING LOCKDOWN

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.



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## HALL NEWS

Hope everyone is managing to keep well as we continue through these difficult times. Needless to say, there is little to report at present, but in this edition please see the advertisement for a finance assistant to help our treasurer Elaine.

Also a reminder to please support the shop, open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9 - 11.30am. There is also the book and jigsaw library, available during shop opening hours.

Hoping to have more to report by next month!

Best wishes,

Pam Thomlinson

## Do you have a little spare time and a head for figures?

The Memorial Hall needs someone to assist the Treasurer with the financial management of the hall.

### Duties are as follows:

- £££ Paying all hire / donation/ event / shop income into the Hall's bank account
- £££ Keeping detailed and organised records of all income received
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- £££ Assisting the Treasurer in the end of year reconciliation of the Hall Accounts

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## THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE LAKE!!!!

My eldest Daughter Claire, called me the other day to say they have had some excitement on her farm back in South Africa. She said shoes and handbags were loose in the lake!!!! Wat sê jy, Claire!!! Thinking Hmmm too many sundowners!!! Slow down girl!!!

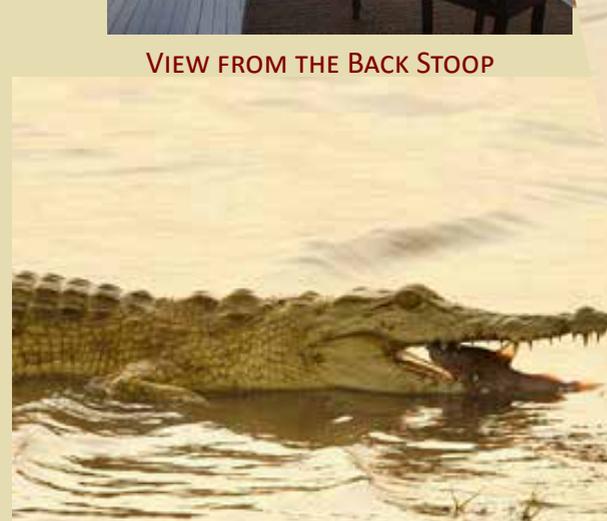
Dad we have crocodiles in the farm lake and they are eating the catfish. "Aaaah that explains the handbags and shoes comment" OK, have you called the Parks Board they will come and round them up and move them back to the river. Yes I have but they will not come for about a week or so. No problem Claire just keep clear of the edge of the lake and keep your eyes open around the place. The parks' board duly arrived and four mature crocodiles were rounded up and taken some miles away to another part of the river. It is unusual for them to come that close to people, rather it is people who intrude on their territory that cause the problems. So excitement over and all back to normal as much as it can be in my eldest daughter's life.

I asked for some photographs if Claire had thought to take any, luckily she did. So I have attached them to show what the excitement was all about.

*Simon Wager*



VIEW FROM THE BACK STOOP



LUNCHTIME!



## DENUDE MEANS 'WITHOUT PACKAGING'

WHAT IF THERE WAS A SHOP NEARBY SPECIALIZING IN SELLING THINGS THIS WAY... WELL JUST DOWN

THE ROAD IN FROME THERE IS!

## DENUDE ON BATH STREET...

I POPPED IN & FIRED QUESTIONS AT THEM:

### What is the most important thing about the shop for you?

We have been reducing our waste & trying to live sustainably for several years. Choosing to only buy what we needed & thinking of creative ways of minimising our waste.

In 2019 we decided to start a business that would help the people of Frome to do the same, allowing them to refill containers they already owned & subsequently reducing the amount of single-use plastic going to landfill. We love Frome & the fact that it's such a forward-thinking & eco-conscious town. What better place to have a dedicated zero-waste shop?!

### How long have you been here?

The shop has been open since Oct 2019. Cat, Oli & their two daughters have lived in Frome for 6 years. Sophie moved to Frome when opening the shop, but grew up locally, near Glastonbury.

### What is your best-selling line?



The best seller is actually the peanut butter, which you can make yourself using the peanut butter machine we have in store. We're never sure if the children or the adults have more fun!

### How many lines do you sell?

We currently have nearly 500 products! Although we are adding to the list every month. If there is something that we don't stock then we encourage customers to ask as we may be able to get it.

Our current stock list is on our website [www.denudestore.co.uk](http://www.denudestore.co.uk), customers find it a useful tool in helping them plan their shopping trip (& deciding which containers to bring).

### How does the refilling work?

Customers generally fill their own containers especially for dry goods such as pasta or cereals. They often ask us to refill the liquids for



them as they worry about mess. We try to put customers at ease, cleaning up is part & parcel of the shop & we definitely aren't immune to a spillage or two!

### How do your prices compare to eg Sainsbury's / Frome Wholefood Shop?

Prior to opening the shop, we price-checked all of our products with local supermarkets & independents. We wanted to be as reasonably priced as possible in order to encourage people to reduce their waste.

### Are the dreaded best-before dates something that we should be thinking about?

Because of the nature of our shop, most things have a very long best-before date (years in most cases). This is all part of managing our stock.

### Tell us about an unusual thing that you have filled?

Once a customer made an envelope out of a piece of scrap paper in her bag. She tucked some dried fruit in it!

### If a customer forgets their container do you have solutions for dry/wet goods?

For dried goods, we sell paper bags. For wet goods we sell glass jars (67ml, 290ml, 500ml, 750ml) & bottles (290ml, 450ml & 1 litre).

### What is your best suggestion to help people change habits & become kinder to the planet?

Start off small. Don't try to change everything at once as it can become too much of a challenge, & you're less likely to make a long-lasting habit. We recommend taking one room in the house, taking note of where the plastic is & seeing if you can refill them next time they run out, rather than buying a new item. Once you've tackled one room, you can move on to the next. Most people start off buying a few things from the store, but then gradually build up to making more & more swaps. It's a gradual process, but making one change is better than making none at all!

### How has the pandemic affected the business?

The main impact has been footfall, with only a handful of shops open, this has had a dramatic effect on the number of people around the town centre. Saying that, we are very lucky to have such lovezzy regular customers, who have come to shop with us throughout all of the Lockdowns.

We are very much looking forward to the whole town opening up again, & getting some of that lively Frome community spirit circulating again!

### Where is the shop?

We are located at 4 Bath Street, the main road running through Frome town centre. We're next to the music shop Sounds of Frome. Currently our opening hours are:

Mon: 9.15-3, Tues: 9.15-5, Wed: 9.15-5, Thurs: 9.15-6, Fri: 9.15-5, Sat: 9.15-5

Please contact Kate if you would like to spread your cunning plans for helping us all to be kinder to the planet on [katemoore@silkmillstudios.co.uk](mailto:katemoore@silkmillstudios.co.uk) or 844305.



## COVER STORY



Some good news in these trying times: Finlay Saunders has qualified for the British Swimming Championships in his two top events the 200m and 100m Backstroke. The Championships, which will also act as the qualifying event for the 2021 Olympics in Tokyo, will see the top senior and junior swimmers in Britain compete at the London Aquatic Centre from 13-18 April. Finlay (17), who swims for Team Bath AS based at the University of Bath along with his younger brother Oliver (15), heard he had qualified for the event following British Swimming's announcement in January that revised the qualification window and times to reflect the restrictions Covid has placed on the ability to train and compete for the last year. As a junior competitor this event will give Finlay vital experience to build on as he makes the transition to senior swimming, with a view to competing at international events in the coming years. All fingers are crossed that Finlay is able to get back to pool training very soon and that the event is able to be staged this year after being cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic. Regardless of these unknowns, it is a real achievement to reach these challenging competition entry requirements and we wish Finlay every success with his preparations and for the competition itself. The British Swimming Championships will be available to watch live on line (for free!) – the schedule is yet to be published, but all the details can be found on the event page here and will be updated as further information becomes available.

[www.britishswimming.org/events-and-tickets/  
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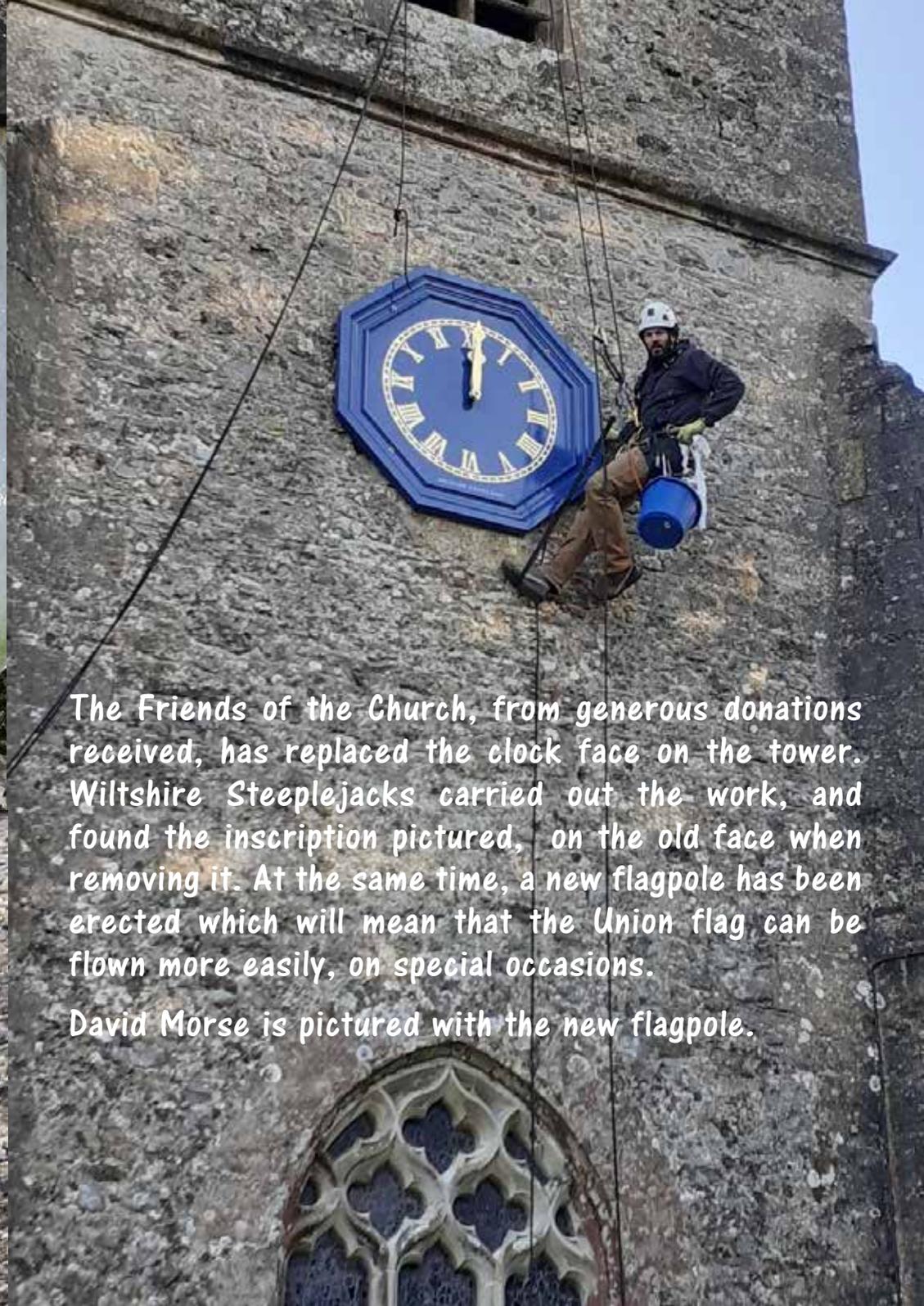
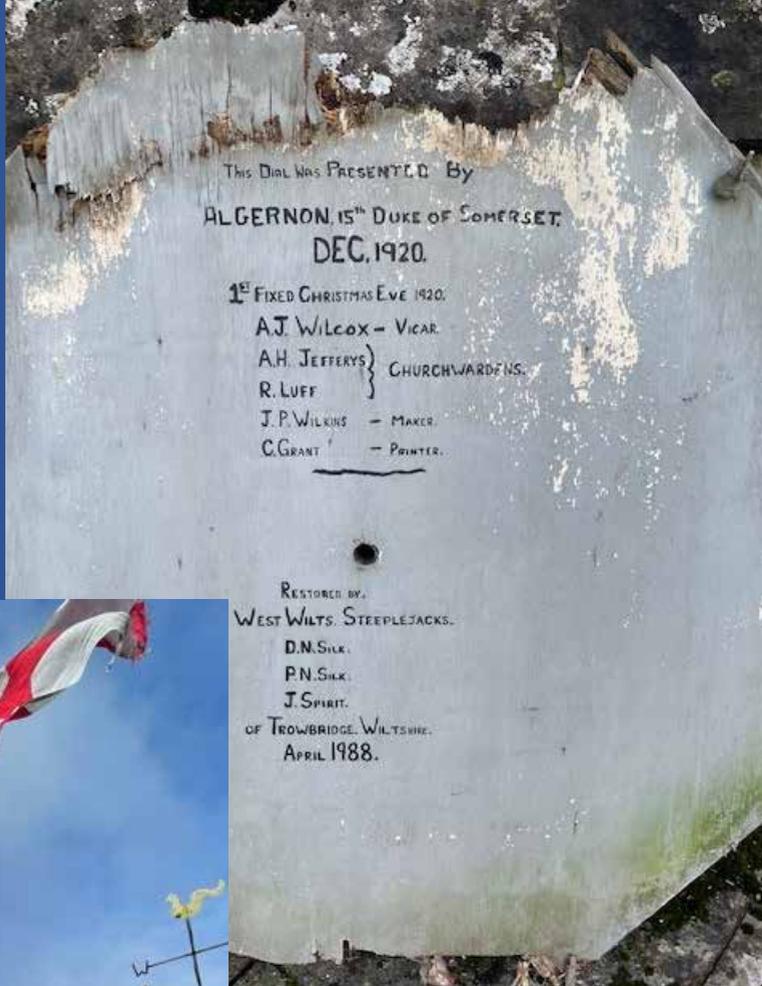
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The Friends of the Church, from generous donations received, has replaced the clock face on the tower. Wiltshire Steeplejacks carried out the work, and found the inscription pictured, on the old face when removing it. At the same time, a new flagpole has been erected which will mean that the Union flag can be flown more easily, on special occasions.

David Morse is pictured with the new flagpole.

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We have been working with Dorset Mammal Group, Wiltshire Mammal Group, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and Tisbury Natural History Society to develop an exciting new project looking at collating images of mammals and birds from trail cameras.

If you have images of wildlife from trail cameras we'd love to include them so please email any to [jonathanmonteith@cranbornechase.org.uk](mailto:jonathanmonteith@cranbornechase.org.uk) and let us know who to credit. We have some wonderful images of mice, badgers, deer, polecat, turtle doves and many more so please do send any you have, the more the merrier.

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## Parish Council 9th February 2021

Planning for comment - Application Ref: 21/00755/TCA

Application for Work to Trees in a Cons Area

Proposal: - T1 Yew tree situated to the front of property. Reduce the house side by approx 1 metre and reduce all other sides by up to 2.5 metres to balance the width and spread. Reduce height by up to 2 metres. Work is to contain shape and size close to the property and road.

At: 41-42, Church Street, Maiden Bradley, BA12 7HW

Resolved: Supported the above planning application.

Parish Plan Interpretation Board - Councillor Alexandra Channer updated Council on the below proposed interpretation board. The Village Hall location or Public House near the milking station were areas discussed. Councillor Sebastian Seymour agreed to seek views on a site near the public house and come back to the next meeting with confirmation, if agreed.

An upright standing information board was agreed, and the preferred site noted as at the Public House. Councillor Alexandra Channer agreed seek the artwork quotations and come back with them to the next meeting. The Clerk confirmed that the Budget did take into consideration possible costs for the interpretation board.

Proposal - The idea is to create a visual representation – sketched illustration - of the village that includes landmarks, from the village and nature. This is an interpretation board, as you find in many villages or at a heritage or nature site.

Design to include, for example:

Village area – Church St, High St, Back Lane, Kingston Lane, The Rank, Frome Road  
Landmark buildings in the village - Village Hall, Church, gates to Bradley House (or the House), community garden, pub (Bradley Hare), and Back Lane. Could add some local features like porches, gables etc.

Natural landmarks connected to the village – e.g., Brimsdown Hill, Long Knoll and Little Knoll, Mapperton Hill, Bradley Wood.

Local wild-flowers and birds - e.g., wild garlic, swifts/swallows, rooks, red kites

Symbols marking starting points of footpaths - e.g., Church Farm, The Rank, Back Lane/High Street, Brimsdown (Kingston Lane and Warminster road path), Long Knoll.

Weight Limit - the Parish Council noted the Weight Watchers update report to Council on the current position re Maiden Bradley Weight Watchers. It was noted that Tarmac, Hanson's, Wainwrights and Batemans had committed to avoid non-essential journeys through the village, though noting that their lorries will still use the road when no other reasonable alternative is available, so some are taking some steps to reduce the traffic through the village. It was though noted that Asda have been written to yet again as they had agreed not to use the village, but it had been noted that lorries were coming through the village again now. It was also noted that Sydenhams had used Back Lane recently, Sydenhams had been contacted regarding this and noted the highlighted issue.

Campaign to Protect Rural England Wiltshire and the Hills Group Best Kept Village Competition 2021 - Councillor Alexander Channer has agreed to lead in the Best Kept Village Competition for 2021, more details to follow.

Local Plan Review: Warminster and Rural Proposals – The Parish Council agreed to support the comment “Do you agree there should be a target of 40% affordable homes on all new schemes of more than five dwellings in the rural area?” All agreed to support this proposal in the Local Plan Review. The Clerk was instructed to reply to Wiltshire Council with the Councils comment.

S137 Grants – The Parish Council approved a Grant for £400.00 to the Link Scheme. The Scheme supports several vulnerable parishioners in the community and supported by a group of volunteers in the parish. This will be awarded in April 2021 within the 2021/2022 Grant Budget

Items for the next Agenda: VAT Reclaim, Asset Register Review, Budget Review, Councillors Internal Check, Year End, Annual Parish meeting (Meeting of the Electors) Arrangements. (This is a meeting of the electors not a parish council meeting. The meeting is chaired by the Chairman of the Parish Council. Action Plan interpretation board and Brown village signage

Date of the next meeting. The Council agreed that the 9th of March 2021 would be the date of the next Parish Council meeting. 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](http://www.maidenbradley.org) can be accessed to read a copy of the Agenda and Minutes electronically or copies are displayed on the Millennium Notice Board at the Bus Stop.

The Zoom link to join the virtual meetings is displayed on the Agendas, all are welcome.

Mrs Sarah Jeffries can be contacted by email on [maidenbradley@virginmedia.com](mailto:maidenbradley@virginmedia.com), by phone on 01985 213436, or post to Parish Clerk, 9 Beech Grove, Warminster, BA12 0AB



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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.

As you all are aware we cannot operate until the relaxation of imposed lockdown regulations. Hopefully in the not too distant future.

The lack of our activity has definitely shown an increase in the speed of vehicles passing through Maiden Bradley and a raised level of aggression in the process.

All is not lost though as we have had two sessions when the police have arrived and monitored the traffic through the village, their presence certainly has a positive effect on the traffic speeding. The police are quite busy, however they do endeavour to try and support Maiden Bradley to encourage more suitable speeds.

There has been an incident where an HGV breached the 7.5Tonne weight limit on Back Lane. This was reported to the police and the driver and company duly spoken to by the police. As said before if the registration No. and time are noted, it can be reported and action taken.

While CSW activity is at a standstill a lot of work has gone on to streamline the administration and make things much easier. It's important to note that the Police now use "what-3words" for locations as it is far more accurate, within 3mtrs of any given location. Far better than postcodes.

So our Bradley CSW teams are ready and waiting to get started again.

As said before if one sees an incident that you think should be reported. Make sure you get the registration number. Then a home visit could be carried out and words of advice given. If members of the Maiden Bradley community report similar instances please use either call 999 if the driver is still on scene, or if the incident has passed then call 101. Do not engage with said driver, ensure they take the registration.

Thank you for all your support in the CSW activities and for your support in the future.

*Simon Wager*

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

**census**  
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## Your questions answered

### **WHAT IS THE CENSUS?**

The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. All kinds of organisations, from local authorities to charities, use the information to help provide the services we all need, including transport, education and healthcare. Without the census, it would be much more difficult to do this.

### **WHEN SHOULD I FILL IN MY CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRE?**

Census Day is Sunday 21 March – but you can fill yours in as soon as you get your access code in the post. Your answers should be about the people who usually live in your household on this date – even if you're filling it in before then. If you need help, visit [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

### **DO I HAVE TO TAKE PART?**

If you live in England and Wales, you must take part in the census - it's a legal requirement. Census information helps inform how billions of pounds of public funding is spent. By taking around 10 minutes per person to fill in the census questionnaire, you will help make sure your community gets the services needed now and in the future.

### **WILL THE GOVERNMENT USE THE INFORMATION I PROVIDE TO IDENTIFY ME?**

No. The Office for National Statistics (ONS), which is an independent public body, carries out the census in England and Wales. It only ever publishes anonymous information from the census. In fact, it's a crime to share personal census information and everything you say is protected.

### **HOW WILL THE CENSUS MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO ME?**

The census makes a difference to everyone. It's a once-in-a-decade chance to have your voice heard and help inform the future of your local area.

### **WHAT IF I DO NOT IDENTIFY WITH THE CENSUS OPTIONS?**

The census asks you about your ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation, religion and national identity. It's up to you to decide how you would like to answer each question. Some questions allow for a free text response rather than having to use predefined categories. Do it in the way that you feel best represents you.

### **COULD INFORMATION I SHARE AFFECT MY BENEFITS OR IMMIGRATION STATUS?**

No. The information you share in the census cannot be used to influence benefit claims, a residency application, immigration status or your taxes. Officials dealing with payments or services you receive cannot see your census information.

### **WHAT IF I CANNOT FILL IN MY CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRE ONLINE?**

The ONS can help with a wide range of support services to make it as easy as possible for you, whatever your needs.

Services include: • guidance and support in many languages and formats • help over the phone, in a web chat or on social media • a paper version of the questionnaire, if you prefer • accessible census guidance, for example in braille In addition, there will be a Wiltshire based Census Support Centre to provide help with online completion.

The contact details for this will be available very shortly.

### **WHERE CAN I GET THIS INFORMATION?**

Everyone will receive a postcard followed by a letter with their digital access code which will contain both the website address and phone number for census support.

### **WHAT OTHER LOCAL SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?**

If you run a local community group or organisation and would like more information for your website or newsletter or if you are holding any online events or meetings and would like to receive a presentation or the opportunity to ask questions, you can also contact the ONS Census Engagement Manager for Wiltshire, Jonny Corbett, at [jonathan.corbett70@field.census.gov.uk](mailto:jonathan.corbett70@field.census.gov.uk)

### **WHY IS THE CENSUS ASKING ME ABOUT MY GENDER AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION?**

This census asks voluntary questions about sexual orientation and gender identity for the first time. This is to give us more accurate information on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender populations. This will help organisations combat any inequalities these groups face and show where services are needed. The census will only ask people aged 16 years and over these questions. If you do not feel comfortable identifying on the same form as the rest of your household, you can request an individual census questionnaire and answer separately.

### **CAN I HELP FRIENDS AND FAMILY FILL IN THE CENSUS?**

Yes. If a friend or family member needs support, help them if you can. Always fill in your own census first. You can also ask for help for yourself, or for someone else.

### **IS IT SAFE FOR THE CENSUS TO GO AHEAD AT PRESENT?**

Yes. The ONS has planned and built a flexible operation which can adapt to the changing circumstances of the pandemic. It will continue to review and adapt these plans to ensure census staff and the public can be kept safe and everyone can be safely counted. It is important to note that the ONS hopes that about 75% of the population will complete the census online without the need for any additional support. Census 2021 will also be crucial to our understanding of how the people of England and Wales have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and it will give us detailed information on the health, social and economic impacts on all of us. It is essential we understand the needs of different groups and communities and the challenges people are facing in order to inform future decisions and policy making.

### **WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?**

• Your local Census Engagement Manager, Jonny Corbett can provide you with talks, presentations, posters, leaflets in many languages and social media content. Contact Jonny via [jonathan.corbett70@field.census.gov.uk](mailto:jonathan.corbett70@field.census.gov.uk) or call 07452930302 • Downloadable resources are available at [www.census.gov.uk/downloadable-resources](http://www.census.gov.uk/downloadable-resources) • There are still jobs available at the Census [www.censusjobs.co.uk](http://www.censusjobs.co.uk)

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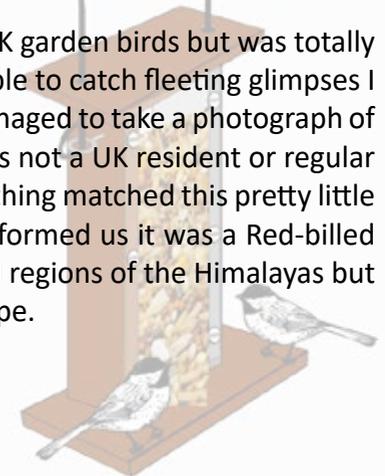
## Frome View 'Birding'



Fe and I maintain bird feeding stations in our garden throughout the year but 'customer demand' goes up during the winter months. We both take great pleasure in watching the birds that visit us, often in large numbers. The territorial conflicts going on between Robins, Black-birds etc is a sure sign that spring is on its way. Recently I was watching one such conflict between two Robins from my office, a welcome distraction when the chasing Robin crashed into the office window. I went out to investigate to find the bird alive but not able to move so I carefully picked him up and put him on my office desk. My main concern was that he may have broken wing but after about 10 minutes he hopped onto my phone, did a number two, and flew away – likely only stunned by the collision.

I like to think that I am able to identify most UK garden birds but was totally stumped by one of our recent visitors. Only able to catch fleeting glimpses I found it difficult to identify, that is, until Fe managed to take a photograph of it. All I could say for sure was that the bird was not a UK resident or regular visitor. We looked at all the UK species and nothing matched this pretty little bird. We got in contact with the RSPB who informed us it was a Red-billed Leiothrix, (see back cover) native to China and regions of the Himalayas but are slowly spreading west into mainland Europe.

**Adi Roche**



**Red-billed Leiothrix and  
Nuthatch (below)  
photographed by  
Fe Roche.**

