

Maiden Bradley Parish News

382 April 2021



Many thanks to all the volunteers who planted spring bulbs around the village, the Parish Council for funding the project and to Lakeside Garden Centre for the kind donation of daffodil bulbs

CLLR ALEX CHANNER

Apri Diary

2	Fri	Good Friday, the church will be open for private prayer from 2pm - 3pm. Come and go as you please.
4	Sun	Easter Day Communion 10 am.
5	Mon	Green bin collection
7	Wed	Recycling collections
11	Sun	A Service of the Word 10 am.
12	Mon	Household waste collection
13	Tue	Parish Council Zoom Meeting at 7pm
18	Sun	A Service of the Word 10 am.
19	Mon	Green bin collection
21	Wed	Recycling collections
25	Sun	A short service at 10 am followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which is open to all parishioners.
26	Mon	Household waste collection

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Book Club

Pilates

Cookery Demonstrations

Luncheon Club

Welcome Club Outings

Scrabble Club

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Maiden Bradley Parish News – contributions are preferred in editable text format.

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EDITORIAL

Thank goodness it is Spring, daffodils, lambs in the fields and tiny shoots of new life in the bushes and hedgerows. I would like to join Cllr Alex Channer to thank those steady individuals who braved very cold weather to plant the many bulbs around the village verges. Incidentally if you are the person responsible for mowing those verges, please wait for the daffodil leaves to die back completely before strimming. Failure to do this will mean that the bulbs will not bloom again as the nutrients from the leaves are re-absorbed to help form the following year's growth.

Should you have any Family News that you would like to share with the village, please send it in and we can publish in the next issue.

The News Team wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Pat Kennedy 845397 pat@visa-office.com

EASTER MESSAGE FROM REV CAROL

As a child settling down with my dad for a bedtime story I loved it when the story began "Once upon a time..." It drew me in, made me feel excited, anticipating what might come next. In adult life as a Christian and priest the words that have had the same effect are in the gospel of John chapter 20: "Early on the first day of the week while it was still dark". Just hearing that sentence makes my heart quicken, raises hope and anticipation.

It begins with a group of people going out in the dark in the early morning, exhausted with grief not sure what they will find and encounter. They all react to events in different ways. The Beloved disciple realises what's happened but just goes home to ponder whilst Mary Magdalene absolutely can't contain herself she wants to tell everyone that "I have seen the Lord". She is ecstatic with joy that the old maxim that death and sin prevail have been overturned – she knows after all she is living proof of it.

Our experience of life has been turned upside down in this last year. All our certainties thrown on their heads, no family is left untouched by anxiety, sadness, loneliness or grief. Over the Easter period Christians travel the journey of Jesus and his disciples through fear and grief on Good Friday to new hope and life from the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

My prayer for you who are struggling in any way, is that you reach deep into your heart and find that tiny piece of hope that is there and let it shine with Easter joy. A hope that says bad things, hurtful words, illness and grief, will not have the final say. Connect yourself with the ultimate story of hope over expectation – Jesus Christ is risen, Alleluia!



REV CAROL GREEN, PRIEST IN CHARGE OF MERE WITH WEST KNOYLE TO MOVE ON

Rev Carol Green is moving to pastures new. She has been appointed Team Rector of the Haldon Mission Community in Exeter Diocese which is a Team of 8 churches covering Teignmouth, Bishopsteignton and Shaldon within sight of Dartmoor. The team has a full time Team Vicar, associate priest, retired clergy, 3

readers and admin support in this busy, holiday area. She will be leaving in early summer after a special service - dates are to be announced. Carol says "There are many special people in this area, people who truly care for their community members and it has been a joy to serve alongside you whether church members or not. I'm looking forward to this post as a new challenge in another beautiful part of the world."

Church services, weddings and funerals will continue to be covered until a new priest is appointed.

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NEWS FROM THE HALL

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Easter opening: Good Friday & Easter Monday open 9.00 - 10.00.

Post Office - Tuesdays 1-3pm

EVENTS - subject to the Government's 4 step roadmap we are hoping to re-instate the Friday Coffee Mornings in July.

AGM on 30th June (details to follow).

The new chairs are ordered, hopefully to be used in the not-too-distant future. Thanks to all who contributed!

Also, the refurbishment of the toilets has hopefully commenced (due end of March).

Best wishes,
Pam Thomlinson

THE MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE HAS A VACANCY FOR CHAIRPERSON

Applications for nomination are welcome from all existing committee members as well as anyone new who would like to play a part in the running of our successful village hall.

Previous committee experience (somewhere) is desirable.

***If you are interested in putting your name forward, please contact:
Sheila Foley (sheilafoley122@hotmail.com)
or 'phone 01985 844218 for details/nomination form.***

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Dear Maiden Bradley residents,

I am happy to formally announce the re-opening of your village pub! We will be opening to locals on Friday the 30th of April with a beer garden only set-up.

The beer taps are in and the kitchen is soon to follow. Our team are working tirelessly to be fully prepared to welcome you back safely for what I am sure you will all agree will be a momentous and much needed return to some degree of normality.

Further details regarding booking and menus will be made available to you all in due course.

Kind regards,

Andrew Kelly
Director – The Bradley Hare

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Appeal To Dog Owners As Lambing Season Approaches Message Sent By Shea D'arcy (Police, Communications Officer, Wiltshire)

We are appealing to dog owners to be responsible when out enjoying the countryside and to keep all dogs on a lead when around any livestock. As lockdown begins to ease and people start to go out and about again there is an increasing danger that dogs off the lead will worry sheep and other livestock. This is especially worrying as lambing season will soon be in full swing.

LIVESTOCK WORRYING IS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE AND THE PENALTY CAN BE SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT AND/OR A FINE OF UP TO £1000.

Sgt Greg Fergusson, Rural Crime Lead at Wiltshire Police, said:

"We are asking all dog owners to help us to protect livestock in Wiltshire by putting your dog on a lead. "It can be traumatic for farmers who have to deal with the aftermath of an incident, not to mention the financial impacts it has. Whether your dog is large or small, naughty or well behaved, the message is simple: Your dog, your duty. Keep your dog on a lead when you are near livestock.

You can't assume your dog's good nature means it won't chase or attack livestock. If your dog's natural instinct to chase livestock kicks in it could be too late before you realise anything is wrong. The public need to be aware that sometimes when entering a field, you may only be able to see a small part of it. So, you need to be 100% sure before you go in that there are no livestock out of sight, maybe over the brow of a hill. We want people to be able to enjoy the countryside. If people are out using the public rights of way with a dog, use a bit of common sense. Use a lead if there is livestock around and don't deviate from the footpaths as potentially, they could be trespassing."

LIVESTOCK WORRYING IS TRADITIONALLY THOUGHT OF AS A DOG BITING/ATTACKING LIVESTOCK, BUT IT ALSO MEANS:

Chasing livestock in such a way as may be reasonably expected to cause injury or suffering; in the case of ewes, this includes abortion or loss or reduction in the number of offspring she has.

Not having a dog on a lead or under close control when close by, or in a field or enclosure with livestock.

If you see anything suspicious, please call 101 or 999 if you can see a crime is in progress. Or you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Simon Wager

**Vice Chairman Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield
Parish Council**



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grazing**



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keep dogs
on leads**

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Maiden Bradley Produce Show

After the cancellation of last year's show (I wonder why ?) we thought we would hopefully make it happen this year. The date for your diaries is Saturday August 21st so please look out for the schedules which will be distributed to you all in the Newsletter by June.

The Village Garden Competition 2021

The Rose Bowl is looking for a new home! Obviously, you will realise that the judging did not take place last year but this year we are going to continue. The week of judging will take place during the week of July 5th to the 9th although the actual date is yet to be confirmed. Closer to the time an entry list will be found in the village hall or you can book your garden in by phone.

**more info - please phone
Sue Priestner on 844244**



PHOTOS FOR THIS SPECIAL
'DAFFODIL EDITION' WERE
TAKEN BY KATE MOORE,
PETER RUSSELL, PAT KENNEDY
AND ELAINE LAVENDER.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THEM!



Happy Easter Green Bradleys!

THIS WONDERFUL ANCIENT SPRING FESTIVAL IS SUCH A POSITIVE TIME OF YEAR. WE CELEBRATE THE THRILLING EMERGENCE OF FLOWERS, LENGTHENING OF DAYS AND STRENGTHENING OF LIGHT AS WELL AS THE GERMINATION OF MUCH TENDED SEEDS AND NESTING OF BIRDS

Easter celebration often involves food and one particular type of food at that - yes I'm talking about CHOCOLATE!

You are probably much more organised than I am so have cleaned out all the Fair-Trade Easter Eggs in the area! If by any chance you are still shopping for that essential egg for your loved ones (or yourself!) then don't forget to look for the eggs with recyclable packaging.

Whether or not you have given chocolate up for 40 days and 40 nights or whether you have carried on eating with vim & vigor throughout Lent here is a very chocolate centered recipe that makes good eating:

Chocolate Crunch:

200g (8oz) digestive biscuits

100g (4oz) icing sugar

250g (10oz) chocolate

200g (8oz) butter or margarine

(The recipe also has 1/2 tsp vanilla & 100g currants but I don't usually include these, however nuts can be a good addition)



Bars, tray bakes, whatever you will, these goodies cooked in a tin up into pieces to suit the richness are cut as large as others can only be for they are quite a bakes I have included standard swiss roll in a swiss roll tin is special fruit squires, requires inches deep. Incident is not the usual 'sp much lighter confect delicious served w pudding or cold for recipes in this section there are some cake gingerbread and pie excellent, as in the

Date and Slice

2 eggs
200 g (8 oz) caster
25 g (1 oz) flour
2.5 ml (½ teaspoon
pinch of salt
200 g (8 oz) dark
200 g (8 oz) milk

Beat eggs and sugar
Add the flour sifted
and salt. Add choc



Crush the digestive biscuits but not too finely
 Add icing sugar
 Put chocolate in a bowl with butter (or margarine)
 and melt over a pan of hot water
 Stir in biscuits (plus vanilla, currants etc if using)
 Pour mixture into a swiss roll type tin & press down
 (a potato masher works well for this)
 Mark out bar sizes and allow to set

I can't take a tempting cookery book-style glamorous photo of the finished article for you as I don't have the ingredients to make it today but the page of our (very old) cookery book says it all!

Before our children were the biggest green motivators in the family the frantic rush to fill a Christmas stocking used to tempt me to rash purchases of single use seasonal rubbish... don't be dragged down that merchandising path for Easter... there is masses of it out there and it only encourages them.

Your main job for the first weekend of April is to enjoy the amazing village daffodils and have a HAPPY EASTER!!

Do send me your green achievements & suggestions to katemoore@silkmillstudios.co.uk or ring 844305



Chocolate Crunch

- 200 g (8 oz) digestive biscuits
- 100 g (4 oz) icing sugar
- 250 g (10 oz) chocolate
- 200 g (8 oz) margarine
- 2.5 ml (½ teaspoon) vanilla essence
- 100 g (4 oz) butter

Crush the digestive biscuits, but not too finely. Add icing sugar. Put chocolate in a bowl with the margarine and melt over a pan of hot water. When melted add the vanilla. Stir in the currants and biscuit mix. Butter a swiss roll tin and pour in the mixture. Smooth over with a spatula and allow to set. Cut into 24 pieces.



- 60 ml (4 tablespoons) strong coffee
- ½ kilo (1 lb) icing sugar
- 70 g (2 oz) chopped walnuts
- 3 ml (½ teaspoon) vanilla essence

roll tin. Bake at 350°F, Gas 4, 25 minutes. Cool slightly and then cut into 1-inch wide fingers. While still slightly in granulated sugar.

Mix sugar and flour. Melt butter or margarine, white fat, cocoa and water in a pan and bring to the boil. Mix in the flour and sugar and add milk, soda, eggs and lastly the vanilla. Beat well. Pour into a greased and floured swiss roll tin. Bake for 55 to 20 minutes at 400°F, Gas 8, 200°C. Cool.

Make the icing by melting the margarine and chocolate with the coffee. Pour on to the sifted icing sugar and beat well. Add the chopped nuts and the vanilla and spread over the picnic cake. When cooled and set cut into squares. Keeps well.

Crunchy Coconut Squares

- 1 cup self raising flour
- 1 cup cornflakes
- 1 cup coconut
- ½ cup sugar
- 100 g (4 oz) margarine

Mix the dry ingredients and pour into the tin. Mix well. Press into a greased and floured swiss roll tin and bake at 350°F, Gas 4, for 25 minutes. Cut while hot into squares and allow to cool. In the middle put a spoonful of plain glacé icing.



Picnic Cake with Walnut Icing

- Cake**
- 300 g (12 oz) sugar
 - 200 g (8 oz) flour
 - 100 g (4 oz) butter or margarine
 - 100 g (4 oz) white cooking fat
 - 45 ml (3 tablespoons) cocoa
 - 1 cup water
 - ½ cup milk
 - 3 ml (½ teaspoon) bicarbonate of soda
 - 3 eggs
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla essence

Date Fingers

- 200 g (8 oz) flour
- 20 ml (2 teaspoons) baking powder
- pinch of salt
- 150 g (5 oz) caster sugar
- 2 eggs
- 25 ml (1 tablespoon) butter
- 25 g (1 oz) chopped walnuts
- ½ kilo (1 lb) dates
- 15 ml (1 tablespoon) hot water

Sift dry ingredients. Beat sugar and eggs together until light, and then add the

Crunchy Slice

- 200 g (8 oz) plain chocolate
- 50 g (2 oz) margarine
- 100 g (4 oz) soft brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 25 g (1 oz) coconut
- 25 g (1 oz) glacé cherries
- 25 g (1 oz) mixed peel
- 25 g (1 oz) salted almonds
- 50 g (2 oz) Jordan's Crunch

Parish Council 9th March 2021

Planning for Parish Council comment - Application Ref: 21/01382/LBC Application for Listed Building Consent Proposal: - Proposed internal works at: 28-29 Church Street, Maiden Bradley, BA12 7HW
Resolved: Supported. Council did wish to highlight to the Wiltshire Council Planning Team, that the plan showed a drainage pipe for the soil stack going into the new bathroom, which stops under a toilet and it is believed it should have a vent.

Application Ref: 21/01643/FUL Application for Full Planning Proposal: - Replace existing garage with new garage with office above. At: 95 Frome Road, Maiden Bradley, BA12 7JA
Resolved: Supported.

Planning Decisions made by Wiltshire Council- Existing BT Pole SSMAl-10-00, Grass Verge outside Maiden Bradley Village Hall, High Street, Maiden Bradley, Warminster, BA12 7JG
Wiltshire Council Decision: Part 16 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER PRIOR APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR SITING AND APPEARANCE OF DEVELOPMENT

Site: Existing BT Pole SSMAl-10-00, Grass Verge outside Maiden Bradley Village Hall, High Street, Maiden Bradley, Warminster, BA12 7JG Proposal: The installation of one tri-sector antenna, measuring 600mm in height, located within a shroud mounted to the top of the existing telegraph pole, the installation of one equipment cabinet, measuring 1230mm(W) x 500mm(D) x 1282mm(H) located at ground level, and ancillary development thereto.

I refer to your application for a Telecommunications Determination for the above site and proposal dated 21 January 2021, which was registered as valid on 21/01/2021. I am writing to confirm that in accordance with Part 16 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, this Council does not require a formal application for the prior approval of the above development. This decision is valid for five years from the date this application was registered, and you should note that if you proceed with the development it should be carried out by that date and only in accordance with the submitted detail.

Application 20/10822/FUL Former Sydenhams Yard, Bradley Lane, Maiden Bradley, BA12 7JR.
Wiltshire Council Decision: Target date 4th March 2021. The Parish Council have inquired as to why a decision has not been met to date 16.03.21. The Parish Council has received the below reply from the Planning Officer.

There have been a number of consultee responses regards this application which raise some issues, and these have been passed to the applicant. They are considering how these consultations can be incorporated into the scheme and/or whether some adjustments need to be made to the scheme. At the current time, I am therefore awaiting a response from the applicant about how they wish to proceed and therefore the application process is ongoing. The time frame of the application is therefore currently in the applicant's hands and I would suggest that a decision may not be issued until early April if not later depending on how they wish to proceed.

Parish Plan Interpretation Board - Councillor Alexandra Channer updated Council on the project, the below specification was agreed by all. It was approved that Councillor Alexandra Channer would visit the Bradley Hare to meet with the publican to discuss the final size and site of the Interpretation board. It was agreed that Councillor Susanna Brigden would mock-up a sheet for size comparison. Councillor Alexandra Channer was asked to arrange for the publican to email the Clerk so that the approved agreement on size and sighting could be filed. Delegation was given to the Clerk to approve the final tender content so that the project was not delayed.

Size: A0 or A1 – to be confirmed Tuesday at 1pm with publican.

Village area – Church St, High St, Back Lane, Kingston Lane, The Rank, Frome Road

Illustrations

Landmark buildings x 7 - Village Hall, Church, gates to Bradley House (or the House), community garden, pub (Bradley Hare), recreation area and Back Lane.

Local wild-flowers and birds x 7 – orchids, wild thyme, cow parsley, and swifts, rooks, kestrel, and hare

Mapped area:

Natural landmarks x 5 – Brimsdown Hill, Long Knoll and Little Knoll, Mapperton Hill, Bradley Wood.

Symbols marking starting points of footpaths x 6 - Church Farm, The Rank, Back Lane/High Street, Brimsdown (Kingston Lane and Warminster road path), Long Knoll.

Symbol to mark the national cycle route x 1 – along High Street and Bradley Lane

Force March- Council noted the correspondence received from the Forces March. It is with a heavy heart that we have taken the decision to cancel The Forces March 2021 and will instead focus efforts on next year's event instead. The ongoing uncertainty surrounding the pandemic means that we just could not take the risk of continuing with plans given the potential impact on the towns and villages we go through. Please thank the Council and Community for their continued and very valued support. We are missing the event terribly but must and always do, put safety first. Best wishes Danny Greeno Chief Executive Officer the Veterans Charity.

Parish Council Virtual Meetings- The Parish Council advertises the online Zoom link for its meetings on the published Agenda, which comes out three working days before a meeting as per the Local Government Act 1972 and the Parish Council Protocol on Virtual meetings. Parishioners can access this link via the Parish Council website when the Agenda has been uploaded to the Parish Council Website or from the Facebook pages link advertising the upload of the Agenda. It is also published in hard copy on the Noticeboard at the Bus Stop. The dates for Parish Council meetings and the dates the Agenda will be published are listed below up to August 2021:

Meeting Date	Agenda Published Date
13th April 2021	7th April 2021
11th May 2021	5th May 2021
8th June 2021	2nd June 2021
20th July 2021	14th July 2021

There are no meetings in August

Items for the next Agenda: Elections, Prepare New Councillor Packs, Book New Councillor Training Session, Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for the May meeting, Internal Audit, Year End Accounts,

Date of the next meeting. The Council agreed that the 13th of April 2021 would be the date of the next Parish Council meeting. The Agenda will be published on the 7th of April 2021. 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 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 the Parish Clerk can be contacted by email on maidenbradley@virginmedia.com, by phone on 01985 213436, or post to Parish Clerk, 9 Beech Grove, Warminster, BA12 0AB

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Letter from Maiden Bradley
Weightwatchers to the Leader
of Wiltshire Council

CC: Maiden Bradley Parish Council; Bill Parks; Andrew Murrison MP

Dear CLL Whitehead

Thank you for your letter to Maiden Bradley Parish Council of 20th December 2020, Ref: PW/PT/PW20123.

In your letter, you noted that you supported the argument to mitigate the impacts of HGV traffic through Maiden Bradley and beyond, and you also noted that revoking the weight limit on the B3089 (the slip road from the A350 traffic lights to the A303 at Willoughby Hedge) is a legitimate option for consideration.

However, you concluded that you were unable to support our request to temporarily revoke the weight limit along the B3089, because in your view, it would “exchange one safety concern for another” and “it would also have the potential to dilute the case for a more permanent solution at the A350/303 junction.”

Delay of the A350/303 junction

According to a response we received from Highways England on 12 February 2021, the A350/303 junction is not currently funded in the UK Government’s 5 year Road Period (2020-2025).

It remains one of 32 Pipeline schemes that may or may not “be included as schemes committed for delivery” in the next Road Investment Strategy for the next 5 year period (2025-2030), and this depends on whether Highways England proposes it for delivery at the end of this year.

Given reported delays to work at Stonehenge, even in the very best scenario, work on the junction – if funded - will not start before 2030.

This is approximately 20 years after Wiltshire Council’s 2011 decision to adopt an environmental weight limit, but defer implementation. At that time, the member for Warminster had argued:

“The Highways Agency are unlikely to find sufficient priority for the A350/A303 improvement for some considerable time; the more modest - and affordable - modifications to the A303/A3089 junction could permit the weight restrictions to be implemented in the near future.”

This prediction has proven accurate.

Our request

We believe that temporarily revoking the weight limit on the B3089 at Willoughby Hedge is the most reasonable and effective option currently available to Wiltshire Council, enabling it to meet its 2011 commitment to impose a weight limit on the B3092.

- The B3089 slip road contains no housing from the A350 traffic light to the A303 exit.
- The B3089 exit would improve safety for HGVs travelling west, given the only other alternative at present is turning right across the A303 traffic.
- Opening up the B3089 exit would direct HGV traffic onto strategic routes which are better equipped to cope with heavy traffic impacts.
- HGVs using strategic routes are likely to have lower carbon emissions given the ability to maintain a constant speed, without the braking and stopping/starting required to navigate narrow roads and traffic calming in Maiden Bradley.

The impacts of non-action

Not taking action leaves our community exposed to repeated severe environmental, safety and social impacts from HGV traffic, and in particular from the quarry companies that use the B3092 as their primary communication route.

The table summarises the impacts on villagers, identified in the 2019 parish consultation survey for our Development Plan. A total 83% of all survey respondents expressed concern about HGV traffic – the highest response rate for any question in the consultation.

NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF HGV TRAFFIC
Physical safety and mental health
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The B3092 in our village is not wide enough to accommodate large lorries. Pavements are very narrow, between 100cm and 190 cm from building to kerbside. This makes it both intimidating and risky for pedestrians when lorries pass by - especially children walking to catch the school bus during rush hour, and elderly residents.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lorries and vehicles frequently mount the pavement to avoid oncoming traffic, putting pedestrians at risk. We worry that it is only a matter of time before a resident is injured.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In the last 6 months, three lorries have driven off the road and into hedges on entering and exiting the village, demonstrating that the B3092 is not suitable for HGV traffic. These incidents caused damage to property and disruption to other road users; but thankfully no casualties so far.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residents report feelings of anxiety and sleeplessness from vibration, noise and night-time convoys. These adverse impacts on mental health are cumulative as there is no respite from the HGV traffic.
Environmental harm
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residents are exposed to air pollution from diesel fumes as well as noise pollution due to the proximity and volume of passing trucks.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Windows, walls and floors of buildings on Church Street shake and reverberate as lorries pass by and this includes impacts on 19 listed buildings and monuments.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heavy HGV traffic undermines efforts to conserve and protect the Maiden Bradley local environment within the Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HGV traffic makes bicycling on the B3092 unsafe, thus limiting our ability to reduce our carbon footprint and cycle to Frome and Mere.
Physical damage to property
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are numerous cases of villagers whose property, such as parked cars and walls, have been damaged as cars and lorries navigate the narrow road to pass one another.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• House infrastructure such as plaster and pointing cracks and disintegrates due to the constant vibration of heavy traffic.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Road, water and sewage infrastructure requires constant refurbishment due to heavy traffic
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our local taxes for the parish precept have to fund measures to upgrade our infrastructure (such as manholes and drainage) and traffic measures (such as traffic calming) to manage the heavy traffic

Harm to the social fabric and sustainability of our village

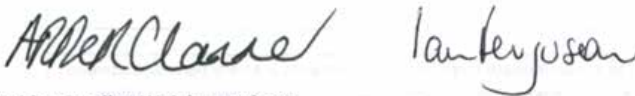
- The size of the lorries passing through and the volume, including convoys, in the day and night, turns the road into a barrier that splits our community in two.
- Families are less likely to make their homes in a village where children are exposed to the risk of lorry traffic, as they walk to and from the school bus, and the recreation ground.
- Isolation and loneliness are less easy to combat as it is impossible to have a conversation with your neighbour outside your door at rush hour.
- The heavy presence of lorries on the B3092 impedes residents' access to local services, such as our village hall, run by community volunteers, which hosts a shop and weekly doctor's surgery, as well as other parish and leisure events.
- Vulnerable members of our community are impacted most severely. The leisure of children and elderly residents is restricted because walking on the pavement and crossing the road is dangerous.

Conclusion

For ten years, our community has patiently respected the decision of Wiltshire Council to defer implementation of the B3092 weight limit in the expectation of a more permanent solution. But there is no prospect of such a solution in sight. It is not fair to expect yet another generation in our village to bear the burden of the region's HGV traffic.

We therefore ask you to reconsider your decision and to initiate the process to temporarily revoke the weight limit on the B3089 slip road thus enabling HGVs to use this junction to connect to the A303, and then to impose the B3092 deferred weight limit.

Regards



Maiden Bradley Weightwatchers

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HM Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire becomes a Patron of Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service

Mrs Sarah Rose Troughton, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire, is giving her support to Swindon and Wiltshire's domestic abuse charity by becoming a Patron.

Mrs Troughton, who is the official representative of Her Majesty the Queen, has been Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire since February 2012 and was the first woman in the county to hold the position since its creation in the 16th Century.

Mrs Troughton said: "I've been aware of the terrific work of Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service for many years and I am delighted and honoured to become a Patron.

"During the pandemic domestic abuse support services have been needed more than ever. I'm especially keen to lend my support in raising awareness and helping male as well as female victims of domestic abuse, and this is an area in which I know SDASS are working hard."

Nicky Alberry, Chair of the board of Trustees of SDASS said: "We are all so pleased that Sarah Troughton has agreed to become one of our Patrons. She has always taken a keen interest in our work and her passion and determination will be a great help for us going forward.

"Her appointment is reflective of the work we are now doing across Wiltshire in supporting all victims of domestic abuse, and we look forward to working with her in what will be a very busy time as COVID restrictions are lifted."

The appointment of Mrs Troughton follows on from the recent appointment of Dame Esther Rantzen OBE as a Patron earlier this year.

Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service is free and confidential, serving Swindon and the surrounding area. Our service operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, supporting both female and male victims of domestic violence, those in lesbian, gay, heterosexual relationships, those who are in fear of being forced into marriage and those who fall victim to honour-based violence. We also work with young people aged 16-25 years who may be experiencing domestic violence or abuse as part of an intimate relationship.

SDASS operates a refuge which has been purpose-built and specially designed, with 22 individual flats it can accommodate lone females or families with children up to 18 years old and has a dedicated team of trained staff. In the community SWA has a network of Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA) who work with victims, within the Great Western Hospital, Doctor Surgeries and Health Centres across the town.

Our dedicated helpline – 01793 610610 – is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year covering Swindon and extends to the county of Wiltshire every day 5pm – 9am, every weekend and bank holiday.



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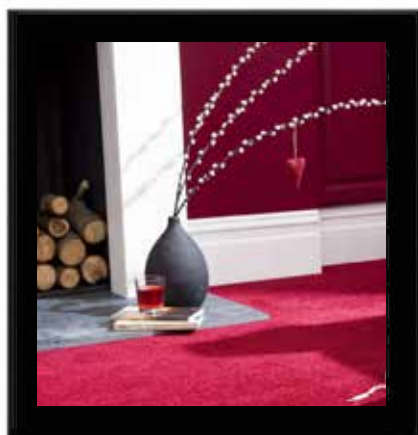
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COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH NEWS

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.

Well good news for a change. From the 1st of April Maiden Bradley Community Speed Watch Teams will be operating again and have planned 16 sessions through to the first week in May. Also you will have noticed the Speed Indicator Device is now back and operating as of the 22nd of March.

The Maiden Bradley CSW teams are ready to start operating again and help to reduce the level of speeding that takes place in our village.

We are always looking for volunteers, therefore if you wish to join the Maiden Bradley CSW teams please contact me. Full training is given and it really only requires up to one hours commitment per week or less.

I know I am repeating myself, however it is important that if you see an incident that you think should be reported, *make sure you get the registration number*. A home visit could then be carried out and words of advice given. If members of the Maiden Bradley community wish to report instances please 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 you take the registration number*

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 Coun-



THE WYLYE VALLEY ART TRAIL

is an inspiring and eclectic festival of visual art and craft set in 48 venues across southwest Wiltshire: open studios and workplaces, galleries, art group exhibitions, student groups, virtual exhibitions and other fascinating events including 'hands on' activities, demonstrations, workshops and talks. This year there are over 140 exhibitors, ranging from award-winning artists with international reputations, to

those just starting out on their creative journeys.

This is a unique opportunity to view a wide range of artistic skills, from painting to print-making, furniture making to photography and sculpture to ceramics as well as contemporary art forms such as digital art, installation, video and art using recycled materials.

All venues will be following current Covid guidance: maximum visitor numbers, requiring face coverings, social distancing and providing hand sanitiser.

NICK ANDREW, THE FOUNDER AND COORDINATOR OF THE WYLYE VALLEY ART TRAIL STATES:

"I hope you enjoy following the 11th Wylde Valley Art Trail. I can't believe that it is 20 years since the first event in 2001, when 34 studios, workshops and makeshift galleries threw open their doors, stretching a vibrant trail across this beautiful corner of Wiltshire. Since then it has taken place every two years, growing in size and bringing a wonderfully colourful and varied patchwork of visual creativity across the landscape to the attention of enthusiastic and art hungry visitors.

The first art trail very nearly didn't happen, though. The early months of 2001 saw the outbreak of the worst foot and mouth epidemic this country had seen, closing off much of the British countryside to visitors. We came so close to cancelling but thankfully, by late spring, many of the restrictions had been lifted and we simply had to ask visitors to follow precautions and keep away from farmland and livestock.

That experience has resonated only too clearly throughout the planning and organising of this year's event (but amplified greatly by the catastrophic effect that the Covid pandemic has wrought on many people's lives). We have had to steer a delicate and twisty path between that urgent desire to bring visual art and craft out of lockdown and into the open again, and the important considerations for the safety of visitors and exhibitors alike. And a number of times we have come close to calling a halt. But, having decided to go ahead (albeit in a more limited form), our hope now is that WVAT'21 will be seen as an uplifting glimmer of creative light in the cultural life of this area and, as long as we continue to follow guidelines and take all necessary precautions, something that will bring much enjoyment and stimulation to everyone visiting and taking part."

Website address: www.wvat.co.uk For more information please contact info@wvat.co.uk or phone 07730 400784



HAPPY EASTER

**The church will be open for
private prayer from 2-3 on
Good Friday April 2nd.
Come and go as you
please.**

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