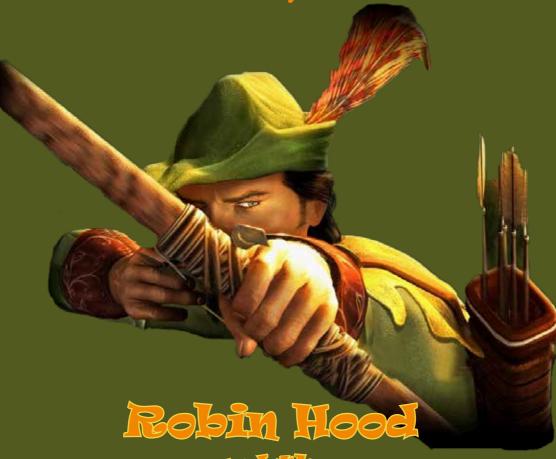
# Maiden Bradley News

February 2022



end the Belbes in the Wood

#### ISSUE 392 DIARY - FEBRUARY 2022

6	Sun	Sunday Catch-up Hall 10-11am
7	Mon	Green bin collection
9	Wed	Blue bin and black box collections
12	Sat	Climate Coffee Morning Hall 10.30-11.30am
13	Sun	Morning Service with Celia Blay 10am
14	Mon	Household waste collection
20	Sun	Morning Service with Jane Hurd 10am

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21	Mon	Green bin collection
24	Thurs	Pantomine Hall 7 for 7.30 start
25	Fri	Pantomine Hall 7 for 7.30 start
26	Sat	Pantonine Hall 2 for 2.30 start and 7 for 7.30 start
27	Sun	Communion with Baptism Rev Ben Randall-Evans 10am
28	Mon	Household waste collection

#### USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Speed Watch Co-ordinato	r	Simon Wager simon.m.wager@gmail.com			
Nadder Oil Buying Club		Email: richard.willan@me.com			
		www.oilbuyingclub.com			
Neighbourhood Watch Co	-ordinator	Derek Stevens	01985 844428		
Community Garden	Kate Moore	katemoore@silkmillstudios.co.u	k 01985 844305		
Book Club		Jessica Johnson	01985 844174		
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	mui	rrisona@parliament.uk	01225 358584		
Mere Link Scheme			01747 860096		
Bell Ringing Tuesday 7.30pm in the Church Bell Tower - beginners welcome 01985 845397					

Contributions for the newsletter are always welcome. Please email pat@visa-office.com by 20th of the month Magazine available online on the village website:

www.maidenbradleyvillage.org.uk

#### EDITORIAL

Winter watch has returned to BBC 2 and is one of my favourite programmes because we are treated to the nocturnal activities of our wildlife. Here in Maiden Bradley we are fortunate to see a good variety of wildlife from ravens to polecats, rats to birds of prey. A sparrowhawk regularly visits The Rank in pursuit of our sparrows and waking up to a pile of feathers on the lawn shows what successful birds they are. The RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch assists us in keeping track of numbers of our feathered friends and sadly, the swifts and martins have been put on the Red List of endangered species. If you find that you have nesting swifts and/or martins this year get in touch with the RSPB and let them know.

What are we to think of the new rules in the Highway Code? Opinions to me please for the next copy date.

Pat Kennedy 845397 pat@visa-office.com



#### CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Ben

Rundell-Evans....
.....who we hope will soon be officially appointed as our new vicar, is taking a communion and baptism service on February 27th at 10.00.



#### Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

01985 845303 (answerphone)

#### www.maidenbradleyhall.co.uk

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Sunday Catch-up Coffee Morning 10-11am

**Saturday 12**<sup>th</sup> **February** –10.30am-11.30am Climate Coffee Morning with guest Jen Gale author of Sustainable(ish)

### Pantomime - Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood

## Thursday 24th February Friday 25th February

Doors open 7.00pm, Curtain up at 7.30pm

#### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Matinee performance -Doors open 2.00pm, Curtain up 2.30pm Evening Performance - Doors open 7.00pm, Curtain up at 7.30pm



#### Saturday 12th March - Chris Jagger & Band

A bluesy, rocking acoustic band £12.50 per person

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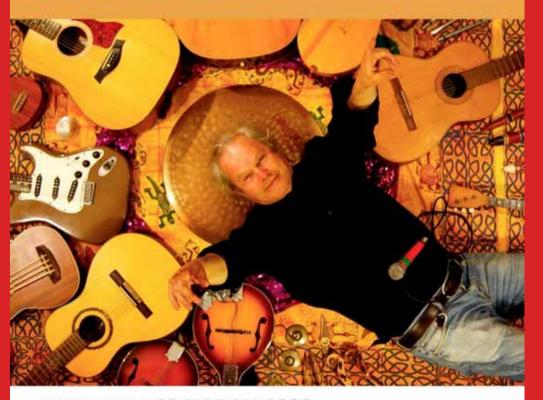
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Mondays	10.30am-11.30am	Yoga
Mondays	5.00pm-6.00pm	Dr's Surgery
Tuesday	7.00am-8.00am	Yoga Flow
Tuesdays	1.00pm-3.00pm	Post Office Service
Wednesdays	6.15pm-7.15pm	Yoga Flow
Fridays	10am-12pm	Coffee Morning
Saturdays	5.00 - 6.30pm	Fish & Chip Van

Book and jigsaw lending library available when hall is open for regular events

THE HALL WILL BE CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE FROM WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH until SATURDAY 5 MARCH NO COFFEE MORNING ON FRIDAY 4 MARCH 2022

MAIDEN BRADLEY HALL PRESENTS

# CHRIS JAGGER & BAND



**SATURDAY 12 MARCH 2022** 

**VENUE: MAIDEN BRADLEY VILLAGE HALL BA12 7JG** 

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Activating Maiden Bradley's Environmental Response

On a cool, dark, wintry night last month a substantial crowd of people gathered at the Village Hall to listen to a presentation by alternative energy companies; Ecobubl and Daikin.

There was lots of useful information which I will try and summarise.

#### The key debate was:

Is it feasible to install alternative energy systems in our village and if so what are the costs and benefits.

#### YES!!

There are systems which can be retrofitted in older buildings without too much disruption or undue cost.

This is encouraging from the practical as well as the planning point of view as, despite what suppliers may have said in the past it seems that this kind of technology is now permitted in a conservation area or area of outstanding natural beauty unless your building is actually listed. Indeed, provided the appropriate planning permissions are applied for listed building can be included. This is a change from the past when listed buildings were simply not considered for such things as solar panels or double glazing. The team did stress the need to insulate builders as much as possible which is another whole conversation!



We heard about grants for this kind of work.

The first grant is finishing at the end of March for £11,000 but homeowners have to find the cash upfront and then it is paid back to you over a number of years.

The second grant starts in April and although somewhat less at £5,000 it is a an upfront sum that is paid to the installer and would probably cover around half the cost of an installation in an average house. With electricity prices soaring all these equations seem more attractive by the day!

The grants are relatively easy to procure and that ecobubl do the paperwork for you if you go through them.

Last but far from least ecobubl agreed to offer a discount if we could commission at least 5 systems in the village. That feels like a very manageable target for us and a real possibility that we might begin to relinquish our local dependancy on oil.

The presenters also talked a bit about batteries and how they might be deployed so that any solar panel system could be made to function more smoothly.

They showed us an electric car charger which could be sited at Village Hall and thereby improve the feasibility of purchasing of electric vehicles for some.

We heard about varieties of air and ground source heat pumps that can connect up to radiator networks that are already in place.

There is a great deal to think about and January's meeting was really just the very beginning. We plan to have a second meeting at some point in March. If you can't wait that long ecobubl have a YouTube channel with some videos on it that talk about various things that they offer; you might want to look them up!



# ALL WELCOME!

to the first of our regular

coffee morning gatherings on Saturday 12th February at 10.30 at the Village Hall where Jen Gale will deliver a presentation along the lines of her excellent books The Sustainable(ish) Living Guide and the Sustainable(ish) Guide to Green Parenting.

Kate Moore



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#### **BELLS:**

For those who have wondered and never asked, we have six bells in our tower the Heaviest Bell the Tenor weighs in at 13 Cwt 2 Quarters 7Lbs that's 1519 Lbs or 690 Kgs and tuned to F. The Tenor bell makes that lovely Bong and is the time keeper when we are ringing. The bells all have names and they get smaller and the lightest bell is the Treble. Our bells were refitted back in 1993 and therefore the engineering is fairly modern but the bells themselves are quite old and they have a lovely mellow tone.

However things do wear out and we need to plan to replace the bell rope on our number 5 bell and indeed all our bells over the coming years so that we can ring for another decade.

I was asked the other day when did I start ringing bells, the enquirer was quite surprised when I said 2018 in my 71st year. So I know a bit about ringing. But we have a Bell Captain David Puckey, who has being ringing since he was 9 and learned his skills in Devon and Cornwall, Vice-Captain Pat who has rung for 11 years, Kate who has been ringing for 3 years and each have learned at MB and with the Mere group of tower ringers and Mike who has a good experience learned at the Minster. Are you going to join us and make our numbers up, its very good upper body exercise and we do go to the pub after practice which is on a Tuesday evening. Why don't you give it a try, give me a call 01985845397 or ping me an email 64therank@gmail.com we can't come to you but we can fix a convenient day and time to give you a taste of the bell ringing at All Saints.

#### THE CLOCK:

The clock had its blue face and gold finished hands refurbished last autumn and it looks grand. However, the clock has not run for four years and not chimed in recent history. We managed to remove the hundreds of cluster flies from their winter quarters in the clock cabinet and we have repaired the winding mechanism and removed much grime and grease from the mechanism itself, have set the clock in motion but the clock manages to lose an hour a day; however it is running. We suspect slipping escapement wheel may be the cause of the problem. However a thorough mechanism clean might help the problem and this maintenance may get the clock back into good time keeping.

#### FLAGS:

Maiden Bradley has in recent years become home for many flag poles, flags and masts. This year I hope we will see them all flying a suitable flag in respect of Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee.

Our highest mast is the one on the top of the tower at All Saints Church, which I am pleased to say has a sparkling new mast and currently flies a very old and damaged St George Cross flag which is now past further repair.

We need, in honour of Queen Elizabeth II accession to the throne 6th February, be flying the Union flag, and we don't have one.

In order to spruce up our flag etiquette, we need both a Union Flag and a St George flag to fly from the topmost point of our village. The flags will fly appropriately and proudly this year and we hope for a number years to come and the flags will be kept in the Bell Ringing chamber of the tower. Can you help us, we have raised £150 by donation and we need another £50 to cover the last part of the purchase. This breaks down to 4 people or families or groups affording £12.50 each.

The new flags have been ordered and we expect to be delivered by the end of the month and it would helpful to have names of those willing to donate so that the flags can be paid for on delivery.

Call me or email me 01985845397 or 64therank@gmail.com. Many thanks,

#### James Kennedy

#### The Welcome Club

The Welcome Club meeting will be held on the 17th March 2022 at Horningsham Hall 2pm where we will collect the yearly subscriptions of £5.00 per person. We will be discussing the first outing of the year on 19th April 2022 so please attend. Many thanks.

**Pearl Hudson** 

#### COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH NEWS

Police Community Volunteers working on behalf of the Wiltshire Police and Maiden Bradley



Community Speed Watch News, January 2022, Compiled and produced by the Maiden Bradley Community Speed Watch Volunteers to keep the village safe and aware of our activities.

Activity in December has been very quiet for 3 sessions with 431 vehicles counted and 4 vehicles logged for speeding. The weather has had a very big effect on our activity. However the HGV traffic continues to increase, based on the numbers logged during CSW activity. During a 60 minute CSW session 18th January 2022 26 HGV vehicles of which 19 were directly related to the Quarry/Aggregate industry. An HGV every 2.3 minutes. Or 545 hgv tonnes per hour through our village.

Also more HGV vehicles are either "32tonne 4 axle rigid vehicles or 44tonne 5 / 6 axle Articulated" With a maximum length of 16.5mtrs (54ft - 2ins)

Drawbar combinations are becoming more common. They are governed to the same GVW of 44000kg their overall length is greater at 18.5mtrs (61ft-6ins) makes them more difficult to manoeuvre through our roads and traffic calming.

Again all this information gets passed back to the Maiden Bradley Weight Watchers group, who are working so hard to get the 7.5gvw weight limit implemented.

Maiden Bradley Community Speed Watch Team and all the villagers that support their efforts. Thank You.



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

#### Maiden Bradley Weight Watchers

Our meeting with Wiltshire Council Councillors and officers, due to be on the 17th December, was cancelled because of working from home restrictions for the council officers. We were offered a Zoom meeting but with the agreement of our partners from Corsley and Chapmanslade we decided to postpone the meeting as we would rather meet face to face to discuss our proposals. We are hoping for a date later in February to meet.

But, we are still working hard. Our chums from Community Speed Watch are noting the HGV axle configurations which gives us a close estimate of the weight of the HGV's.

This is because anecdotal evidence is that the size of the HGV's has increased in recent years, so we need to get the actual data.

We are also doing some 24 hour monitoring sessions to get the numbers and names of the HGV operators by time, looking at those travelling at anti social hours especially during the night. This has just started in mid January.

We feel that we need to do this to get as much hard data as we can accumulate to back up our thoughts and then proposals to Wiltshire Council.

Martin Brown, Alex Channer, Ian Ferguson, Alex Haig



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#### Parish Council 11th January 2022

Maiden Bradley Parish Council needs new team members; if you think you would like to take the wishes of the Parish Plan forward are over 18 years of age, contact the Clerk on 01985 213436 email maidenbradley@virginmedia.com or write to Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield Parish Council 9 Beech Grove Warminster Wiltshire BA12 09AB

#### What is a councillor?

Councillors are elected to represent an individual geographical unit on the council, known as a ward or - parish – in Maiden Bradley it is the entire parish. They are generally elected by the public every four years, but there are 3 Co-option spaces available on the Parish Council at the moment.

#### What do councillors do?

Councillors have three main components to their work.

- 1. Decision making Through meetings and attending committees with other elected members, councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.
- 2. Monitoring Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.
- 3. Getting involved locally As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations. These responsibilities and duties often depend on what the councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available, and may include:
- Going to meetings of local organisations such as the Rural Police Neighbourhood Tasking Group
- Going to meetings of bodies affecting the wider community (The Warminster Area Board)
- Taking up issues on behalf of members of the public

#### How much time does it take up?

Quite often councillors say that their duties occupy them for about one hour to four hours a week. Obviously, there are some councillors who spend more time than this - and some less, but in the main, being a parish councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community and helping to make it a better place to live and work. You can find out more about being a Councillor by looking at the website page

https://www.maidenbradley.org.uk/councillors/

The Good Councillor Guide produced by the National Association of Local Councils and the Role of a Councillor can be found there. As a councillor representing your community you will help keep it a great place to live and work. You will be supported in your role and will be expected to undertake training. You should be comfortable working electronically. You should have a positive outlook and a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team. If after reading this notice you are interested in applying, please contact the Clerk to the Council using the above details. The closing date for applications is 1st February 2022.

Defibrillator Training – there will be a free to attend Defibrillator Training Event held at the Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall on the 31st of January 2022 at 7.00pm, please do note it in your diaries. Come along and see how it works, you never know when you might find yourself needing to use it.

Communications with the Community direct using a Microsoft application called Sway – To enable its implementation, the Parish Council is seeking the contact details for those parishioners who wish to be contacted directly with information, copies of Agendas, Minutes, the Audit papers, newsletters, and take part in consultations as and when they take place. This be sent directly to parishioner's inboxes.

General Data Protection Regulations need to be adhered to. Parishioners are asked if they are interested in this service that they contact the Clerk by email at maidenbradley@virginmedia.com and provide their email address (the Clerk will provide them with a form to complete) they will be added to a circulation list. This list would be kept securely on the Parish Council laptop which is password protected. Parishioners would be able to contact the Clerk to be removed from the system at any time as per the General Data Protection Regulations. Parishioners would be able to contact the Clerk to be removed from the system at any time as per the General Data Protection Regulations.

Planning Comments - PL/2021/08100 Site Address: Former Sydenhams Yard, Bradley Lane, Maiden Bradley, BA12 7JR. Proposal: Demolition of certain existing buildings, conversion of former office building to form 2 dwellings, and construction of 8 new dwellings, with associated highways, drainage, utilities, public open space, and green infrastructure (resubmission of 20/10822/FUL)

The Parish Council noted that the comment was to be made on the amendments only. Council informed the Clerk that it supported the revised application with the comment: The border should be kept alongside the footpath at the shop for aesthetics.

Area Board Finger Post Grant - It was agreed that the Knapp finger post is put forward for refurbishment. The Clerk was instructed to action the grant application to the Warminster Area Board for match funding.

Interpretation Board - It was agreed to let the wood go to its natural state of grey rather than maintain the wood every year, once a year.

Dates for Council Meetings May 2022 – May 2023 - approved the below dates for the meetings in the 2022-2023 Civic year. The February 2023 meeting date would be moved forward to the 21st of February 2023 outside of the normal schedule due to Valentine's Day.

Annual Parish Meeting: Tuesday 10th May 2022 7.00pm (Meeting of Electoral not a Full Council meeting)

Tuesday 12th April 2022 7.00pm, Tuesday 10th May 2022 7.30pm Annual Parish Council meeting (Following on from the Annual Parish meeting), Tuesday 14th June 2022 7.00pm, Tuesday 12th July 2022 7.00pm, There will be no meeting during the August Summer break, Tuesday 13th September 2022 7.00pm, Tuesday 11th October 2022 7.00pm, Tuesday 8th November 2022 7.00pm, Tuesday 13th December 2022 7.00pm (Budget meeting), Tuesday 10th January 2023 7.00pm, Tuesday 21st February 2023 7.00pm, Tuesday 14th March 2023 7.00pm and Tuesday 11th April 2023 7.00pm.

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

Parishioner's request – A parishioner had asked the Parish Council to consider an application for a dog waste bin to be placed on back lane ideally as there are no bins anywhere near this popular walk.

The Clerk reported that she had received a guide price from Wiltshire Council, the cost of such a project would be £741.38 plus VAT for the Litter Bin and £195.00 plus VAT for a weekly collection service, a total of £889.65. It was agreed that this additional cost had not been budgeted for, so it was agreed to not move forward with the request, but it would move the request forward for consideration in the 2023/2024 budget. Unitary Councillor Bill Parks be thanked for his assistance in getting the quotation for the meeting.

Items for the next Agenda: Walks Leaflet, Councillor Responsibilities, Policy updating and Register of Interests update.

Date of the next Full Council meeting.

The Council agreed that the 8th of February 2022 would be the date of the next Parish Council meeting. The agenda will be published on the 2nd of February 2022. 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.

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Forty-five of our members, cooks and helpers sat down to a delicious Christmas Meal at the Hunters Lodge, Wincanton. The tables were laid with festive crackers and streamers and we were all waited on very swiftly with our chosen meal. Tom Allday organised a massive raffle with over 20 prizes and although some were not lucky everyone agreed they had enjoyed the party.

We opened Luncheon Club again on 6th January and will close for the Easter break on Thursday 14th April.

Anyone over 60 is very welcome to join us on a Thursday from 12 noon at the Village Hall. Lunch is served from 12.30 which includes a dinner and pudding followed by tea or coffee. If you have any food allergies or dietary needs then these are recorded in our book and the cooks will be able to help meet your requirements. The cost at present is £3.50 which will be reviewed in April.

If there is anyone interested in being a helper in the kitchen or a cook please contact Margaret or Lesley. The more we have on our rota the less often our volunteers are called upon.

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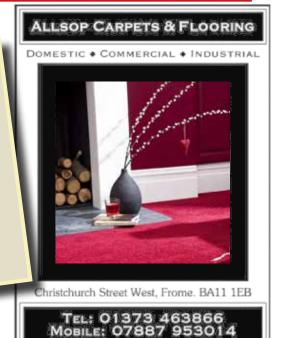
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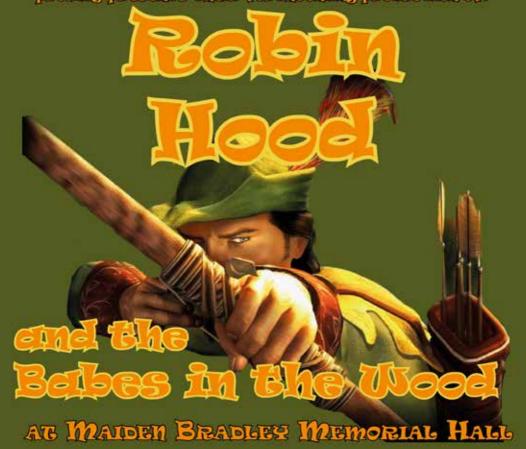
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