

# Maiden Bradley News April 2022



Maiden Bradley  
Supports Ukraine



## ISSUE 394 DIARY APRIL 2022

- 3 Sun Catch up in the Hall 10-11am
- 4 Mon Bingo in the Hall 7.30 for 8pm  
Green recycling
- 6 Wed Blue bin and Black box recycling
- 9 Sat Climate coffee morning-hall 10.30-11.30 am
- 10 Sun Palm Sunday-Jane Hurd 10am
- 12 Tue Parish Council Meeting 7pm
- 13 Wed Household Waste collection
- 17 Sun Easter Sunday-Archdeacon Alan Jeans 10am
- 18 Mon Green recycling
- 20 Wed Blue bin and black box recycling

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- 22 Fri Film Night "The Father" Raffle 7 for 7.30pm
- 24 Sun Communion-Rev Ben Rundell-Evans 10am
- 27 Wed Household Waste collection
- 30 Sat Quiz Night in the Hall 7 for 7.30pm

### May

- 1 Sun Catchup in the Hall 10-11am

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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		<a href="http://www.oilbuyingclub.com">www.oilbuyingclub.com</a>	
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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		<a href="mailto:murrisona@parliament.uk">murrisona@parliament.uk</a>	01225 358584
Mere Link Scheme			01747 860096
Bell Ringing Tuesday 7.30pm in the Church Bell Tower - beginners welcome			01985 845397

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

## EDITORIAL

A magnificent turn out for the Ukraine Appeal from donations and workers. Sadly, and at the last minute, 25 boxes of clothes were not allowed to be transported to Poland by the carriers and these were gratefully received by The British Heart Foundation locally. Keith Appleton and Martin Brown were instrumental in organising this well co-ordinated collection and our thanks go to them both and of course everyone involved in this humanitarian response.

The Ukrainian flags are flying all over the country in support of the Ukrainian people who have been dropped into the middle of a full scale war and no doubt over the next few months many of these people will find refuge here in the UK. Before and during the second world war 80,000 Jewish refugees made their way to the UK to escape persecution and the current statistics for the number of refugees here lies at 156,000 as of 2021, with 83,489 pending asylum cases and 3,968 stateless persons. Should it be considered that these numbers are low compared with the intake of refugees by other European countries, consider also that England is the most overcrowded large nation in Europe according to UNHCR.

Further support for our fellow Europeans may yet be required and it is gratifying to know we will be there to help them.

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



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**SUNDAY 3RD APRIL**  
 Sunday Catch-up Coffee Morning 10-11am

**Monday 4th April - Bingo**  
**Doors open 7.30pm**  
**eyes down 8.00pm**

**SATURDAY 9TH APRIL**  
 10.30am-11.30am  
 Climate Coffee Morning

**FRIDAY 22ND APRIL**  
**FILM NIGHT**  
**THE FATHER**  
 Doors open at 7pm, film starts 7.30pm Free entry with a raffle to cover costs



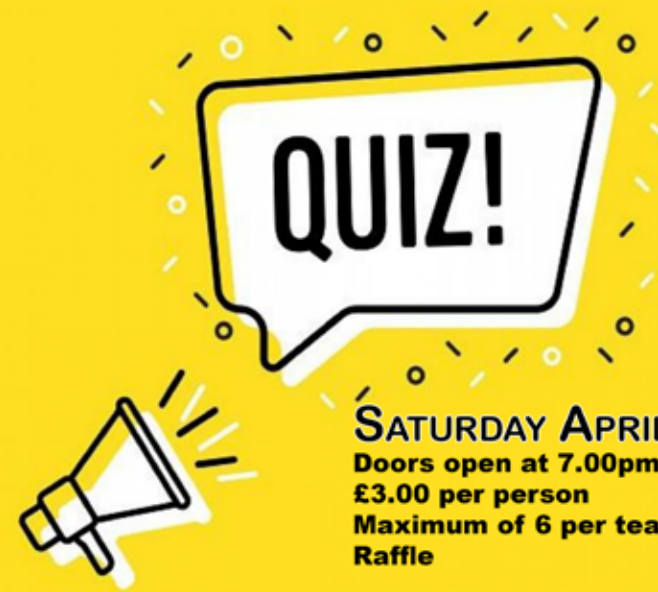
**SATURDAY 30TH APRIL QUIZ NIGHT**  
 Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start  
 £3.00 per person, max 6 per team, bring your own refreshments  
**SUNDAY 1ST MAY** – Sunday Catch-up Coffee Morning 10-11am

**Regular events**

Mondays	10.30am-11.30am	Yoga
Mondays	5.00pm-6.00pm	Doctor'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

**BOOK LIBRARY AVAILABLE DURING HALL OPENING FOR REGULAR EVENTS**

Saturdays	5.00-6.30pm	Fish & Chip Van
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**SATURDAY APRIL 30TH**  
 Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm  
 £3.00 per person  
 Maximum of 6 per team  
 Raffle

*Please bring your own refreshments*

**MAIDEN BRADLEY MEMORIAL HALL**



A TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS FROM  
 MAIDEN BRADLEY ARE BUSY  
 PLANNING SEVERAL EVENTS TO MARK  
 THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE  
 CELEBRATIONS

**THURSDAY 2ND JUNE 2022**  
 WITH KIND PERMISSION OF THE NEISH FAMILY  
**BEACON LIGHTING CEREMONY AT  
 RODMEAD FARM**

**SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 2022**  
 WITH KIND PERMISSION OF THE DUKE OF SOMERSET  
**THE BIG LUNCH GARDEN PARTY AT BRADLEY HOUSE**

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH**  
**OPEN ALL BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND WITH FLORAL DECORATIONS**



# ENCOURAGING WILDLIFE IN YOUR GARDENS

Do the quiz & give yourself a star:

## Section 1, Food:

1. Do you put out food for birds?
2. Do you have any fruit trees in your garden?
3. Are the flowers you grow nectar rich?
4. Are there some lovely berry bearing shrubs and plants for the later months?
5. Have you ever left food out for hedgehogs (cat/dog or specially bought hedgehog food = good but milk, bread and mealworms = bad)?
6. Do you have a vegetable and/or herb patch?
7. Is there a lovely tousled wild patch of weeds: nettles, dandelions or brambles, dandelions, daisies etc?
8. Do you have any of those early spring flowers that lift your spirits in the early months; lesser celandine, primrose, snowdrops?
9. And do you have those late autumn flowers eg ivy, michaelmas daisies?



Section 1 Score:

## Section 2: Shelter

1. Do you leave any of dead wood, logs or tree stumps?
2. Is there a rock or stone pile?
3. Have you got any nesting boxes for birds or bats?
4. Much wildlife loves climbing plants on wall or trellis, do you offer them those?
5. Have you got a hedgehog house?
6. Is there a place where solitary bees could nest?
7. Do you have an insect or bug hotel?
8. Do you leave patches of lawn/grass to grow long for some of the mowing season?
9. Do you have any mature trees in your garden?



Section 2 Score:

## Section 3: Water

1. Do you have a wildlife pond without fish?
2. Or a pond with fish?
3. Do you have any other water features such as a shallow water dish or ground level water source for insects and hedgehogs to drink?
4. How about a bucket or container pond?
5. Or a bird bath or other water feature where birds can bathe?
6. Better still... do you have a bog or permanently wet area?
7. Do you grow drought resistant plants such as lavender?

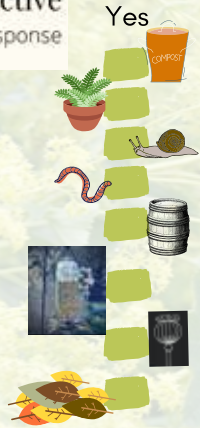


Section 3 Score:

The Maiden Bradley Climate Collective  
Activating Maiden Bradley's Environmental Response

## Section 4: Natural Solutions

1. Is your compost peat free?
2. Do you check whether plants you buy are potted in peat free compost?
3. Do you avoid using pesticides, herbicides/fungicide or slug pellets?
4. Do you have a compost area or bin or wormery?
5. Do you collect rainwater in a water butt?
6. Have you recycled any materials to make garden features, such as, bottle bird feeder, bamboo for bee home or plastic tray for seeds?
7. Are seed heads and stems left uncut over the winter to provide homes for insects to hibernate/nest?
8. Do you leave piles of leaves in a quiet corner or under a hedge?



Section 4 Score:

## Section 5: Connectivity

1. Have you got any mixed native hedging along your garden boundaries?
2. Do you have a row of trees or shrubs to connect different areas of the garden?
3. Have you created any corridors of long grassland to connect different areas of garden?
4. Are there gaps in fences to allow hedgehogs and other wildlife through?
5. Have you chatted across the fence for collaboration with your neighbours to improve connectivity between gardens?
6. How about swapping seeds/seedlings or cuttings with neighbours?



Section 5 Score:

If you scored more than  
20 give yourself a  
BRONZE star



If you scored more than  
25 give yourself a  
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If you scored more than  
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TOTAL  
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**MERE AND DISTRICT LINK SCHEME**  
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**Link Update March 2022**

It is really nice to see some sun and blue skies as I write. Long may it last. We saw a reduction in trips in February when we made 68 journeys. These helped people get to medical appointments (at hospitals, surgeries, dentists, opticians and the physiotherapist) and other appointments including trips for visiting at a care home and hairdressing.

We also did our weekly run delivering prescriptions from Mere and Silton surgeries to people living outside Mere.

Disappointingly, we have heard of a rumour in town that there is no point in ringing the Link as they can't help. This is simply incorrect. Whilst we are looking for more drivers, we only rarely have any difficulty in getting a driver as long as we have reasonable notice - (ideally 48 hours).

We are a charity and our volunteer drivers are available to help those who cannot make other arrangements e.g. with a relative or neighbour, to get to their medical and other appointments.

So, once you have an appointment please call 01747 860096, between 9 and 5 Monday to Friday, to book a Link driver.

**John FitzGerald,**

Chair Mere and District Link Scheme



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**THE MAIDEN BRADLEY MEMORIAL HALL IS THE  
HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY.**

Once a year, a committee of 10 villagers are elected at our AGM to make decisions about hall maintenance plus social and educational activities. It's a wonderful way to experience village life to the full, to meet your neighbours and make a contribution to our community's welfare and to have fun together.

**IT'S TIME WE FOUND OUT WHAT NEW EVENTS AND INITIATIVES  
YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE AT OUR HALL.**

**THE BEST WAY TO DO THIS IS TO COME ALONG AND HAVE YOUR SAY AT THIS MEETING.**

Even if you don't know many people or have not joined a local meeting for years, you are very welcome to join us at this informal event. We have new residents moving into Maiden Bradley every year and there are many of you that we have not got to know yet.

The community meeting is an opportunity to learn more about what events and initiatives you would like to see in the hall. It is also an opportunity to have your say before our Annual General Meeting in mid year when a new committee will be elected.

In the last six months, we have had three sold out music events alongside regular coffee mornings, yoga, bingo, quiz nights, film nights and more alongside our regular doctors surgery, podiatrist visits and post office facility. The recent pantomime was a huge success and initiatives such as cooking demonstrations, history nights and IT support sessions are just a few of the initiatives.

**SO WHAT ELSE DO WE NEED AT OUR HALL?**

Come and tell us what you would like to see happen at the village hall. If you haven't visited our website for a while, it has recently been updated with all our events and a photo gallery of anything you have missed.

**[www.maidenbradleyhall.co.uk](http://www.maidenbradleyhall.co.uk)**

If you have any questions about the evening, please email our chairperson Jannine at [maidenbradleyhall@gmail.com](mailto:maidenbradleyhall@gmail.com)

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What an incredible response we had from the village and surrounding areas to our request for donations in aid of the Ukraine crisis. Never in our wildest dreams did we think that in just a few days we would fill over 100 boxes of essential items which were shipped to the Poland/Ukraine boarder by Armishaw removals of Wincanton. No sooner had we placed notes through the letter boxes of the village that donations came flooding in. The Memorial Hall was set aside on Wednesday March 16 as a point for donations to be handed in.

Despite the appalling weather there was a non-stop procession of people visiting the hall with their donations, At one time there were twenty volunteers receiving the goods, unpacking, sorting and repacking. We also ran out of boxes and so Martin went to Storagebase in Frome with his begging bowl and they kindly donated 150 boxes and rolls of tape. Our thanks also go to NFU Mutual office for printing the fliers and supporting us at the hall on the day.

Thank you to Richard Munro who lives in the Deverills and turned up at the hall unannounced and offered to transit 50 boxes to the relevant collection point. A wonderful gesture. Of course a massive thank you to everyone who helped out at the hall, most of whom spent the whole day there and were regularly watered by Elaine and Sarah.

And finally a huge thank you to all the wonderful people who donated those essential items that were desperately needed. Let's hope they find their way to the people who really need them the most, those whose lives have been turned upside down in such a short space of time by this dreadful situation.

We all hope and pray that this crisis ends soon.

***Keith and Martin.***



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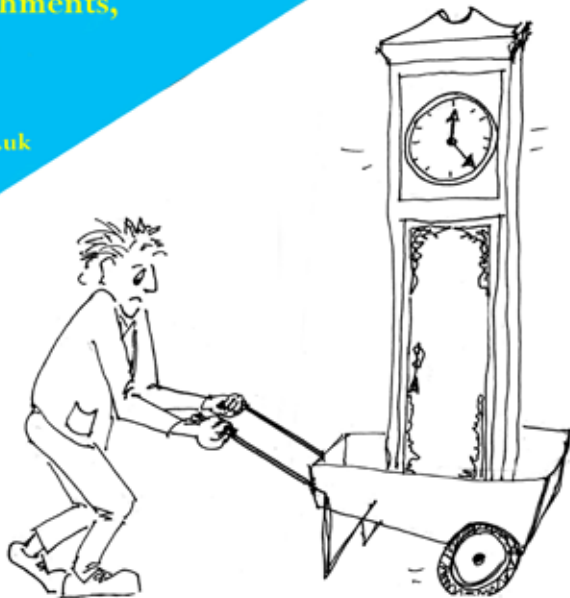
**WEDNESDAY, 18th MAY 2022**

**MAIDEN BRADLEY CHURCH**

**4.00 - 7.00pm**

**Cake Stall, Refreshments,  
Tower Tours**

**Further Information:**  
[sarah.neish@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sarah.neish@hotmail.co.uk)



Only £2 per item - all proceeds to the Friends of the Church

## Church News

We were disappointed to learn last month that Rev. Ben Rundell-Evans had withdrawn from the appointment as priest in charge of Mere, West Knoyle and Maiden Bradley in a united interim benefice with the Upper Stour benefice. This arrangement had seemed the best option as financing a new priest is an issue as the ministry costs are not being covered by our church's contributions. It now seems unlikely that we will even get a shared priest for some time. Ben has kindly offered to continue to help by taking some services as will local retired priests but most services will be lay led.

Archdeacon Alan Jeans has been most helpful and will be taking our Easter Eucharist, do come if you are able as it will also be a chance to talk to him.

The Easter Service will also be a chance to see our historic and interesting church silver when it is used for the last time before being deposited for safe keeping in the cathedral.

It would be good to be able to open the church for visitors now that the better weather is coming but to do so we need volunteers to close the church in the evening. Perhaps someone passing by on their way home from work or someone who regularly takes an evening walk in that direction might be willing. If you can help, even if for one day a week or occasionally, please contact Celia Blay 01985 844817.

Back in the church after many years away is our historically important turret clock works made by the well-known clock maker William Monk c.1740. It is a remarkable piece of work and well worth seeing.

James Kennedy has kindly offered to write an article on it for publication in the near future.

**Celia Blay**





## Parish Council 1st March 2022

Co-option- LGA 1972 S89 Filing Casual Vacancies & s90 Term of office (A person appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office until the date upon which the persons in whose place he is elected or appointed would regularly have retired, and he shall then retire). The Parish Council has welcomed Councillor Ann-Marie Halligan and Councillor Milena Stancomb to the Council Team.

Maiden Bradley Parish Council now needs one more team member; 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 is a Co-option space 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 April 2022.

Planning the Parish Councils comment to Wiltshire Council- Application No: PL/2022/01250 Application Type: Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area Proposal: T1 Conifer in rear garden by fence, Fell Site Address: Bradley Lane, Maiden Bradley, BA12 7JR Resolved: Supported.

Planning Decisions – the Parish Council noted the Planning decision below made by Wiltshire Council. Application No: PL/2021/11245 Application Type: Householder planning permission Proposal: Conversion of single garage to provide holiday accommodation Site Address: Wyvern, High Street, Maiden Bradley, Warminster, BA12 7JG Decision: approved with conditions

HGV Restrictions - Council noted that the meeting with Wiltshire Council Representatives, MP the RT Hon Dr Andrew Murrison, Corsley Parish Council Chapmanslade Parish Council, and the Weight Watchers Group was cancelled due to the red weather warning. The meeting is to be rescheduled to the 6th of May 2022.

Best Kept Village Competition – The Parish Council discussed the invite to take part this year but instructed the Clerk that it would consider taking part next year when the Phone Box refurbishment has been completed.

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.

Items for the next Agenda the Action Plan update, Walks Leaflet, Year End, Annual Parish meeting (meeting of the electors), Annual Parish Council meeting, Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for the May meeting.

Date of the next Full Council meeting. The Council agreed that Tuesday 12th April 2022 would be the date of the next Parish Council meeting. The agenda will be published on Wednesday the 6th of April 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](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.

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

## GOOD NEWS!

Our Church Railings are fully repaired again a full six months before the projected date. So they are now complete again and just await painting. So should some kind person or persons get the need to paint the repaired railings prior to our Sovereign's 70 Jubilee celebrations it would be very much appreciated.

Paint brushes and materials provided.

Please contact me on 01985 844848 to arrange the painting.

## *Simon Wager*

Chairman



## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH NEWS

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



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

Activity in March has been slower than normal. With only 3 sessions caused by inclement weather, RAIN!!! 381 vehicles counted and 7 vehicles logged for speeding over 38mph. As I have said the weather has had a very big effect on our activity this month..

The HGV traffic continues, based on the numbers logged during CSW activity. During a 60 minute CSW session in March 2022 showed An HGV every 2.1minutes. Or 635 hgv tonnes per hour through our village.

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

We have a new regional Coordinator for our area John Pollard, who will be working with the teams in his responsibility, in fact he is attending our Annual CSW meeting on the 31st March. Should generate some interesting conversations

We also now have a new Traffic Enforcement Officer Scott Garcia who will be with our CSW teams whenever he is able, Also he will carry out speed checks when we are not operating.

We have taken delivery of a second SID (Speed Indicator Device) and will no doubt bring further traffic calming to the village. We are still looking for 2 people willing to help with the putting up and taking down of the SID. Not an arduous task and takes at most 30 minutes once a fortnight to install otr take down.

Minutes of the CSW Annual meeting will be published in the April Newsletter as it is later than the cut off dates for this month's publication.

*Simon Wager*

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



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## Welcome Club

The Welcome Club held their meeting at Horningsham Hall on Thursday 17th, we had about 25 people attend who paid their subscriptions had a chat plus a cup of tea and biscuit. We are always very pleased to see new members.

Our first Outing is on Tuesday the 19th April 8.45am at Horningsham 9.00am at Maiden Bradley. Our first outing is a mystery trip and only the driver knows where we are going!

We are always looking for people to join us on the outing because of the cost of the coaches and fuel prices going up in price. At the moment our charges are £15.00 for members £18.00 for non members which is very reasonable prices with the cost of petrol and diesel.

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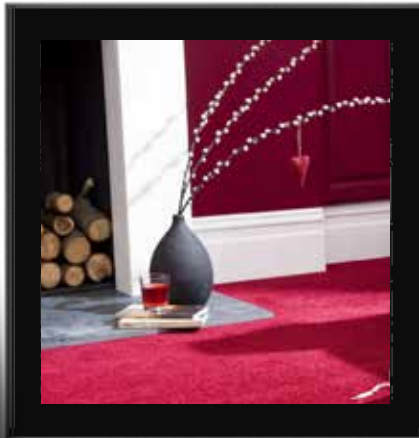
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