

# Maiden Bradley News

May 2022



See the centre pages for details of  
our village celebrations

- 1 Sun Sunday Catch up, Village Hall 10-11am  
Forces March Depart the Hall 9.15am
- 2 Mon **Green Bin recycling**
- 4 Wed **Blue bin and black box recycling**
- 8 Sun Morning Service with Jane Hurd 10am
- 11 Wed **Household waste collection**
- 15 Sun Morning Service with Celia Blay 10am
- 16 Mon **Green Bin recycling**
- 18 Wed Antiques and Collectables Valuations Day - Church 4-7pm
- 19 Thur Wylve Valley Talk hall 8pm
- 20 Fri **Deadline for News copy pat@visa-office.com**
- 22 Sun Rogation Sunday Bison Farm 10.30am
- 25 Wed **Household waste collection**
- 29 Sun Communion Service with Bernard Joy 10am
- 30 Mon **Green Bin recycling**
- 31 Tue Some members of the village are going fishing!

### USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Speed Watch Co-ordinator	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.uk 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	murrisona@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:

When I reach this time of the year I always feel as if the year is passing quickly by. There are lambs in the fields leaves on the trees, spring cleaning screaming at me and plenty of weeding and planting to be done in the garden. Despite this urgency to be busy and plan holidays, I decided many years ago that I wouldn't go abroad in May again because I would miss the enormous changes of the countryside. I am reluctant to fly anywhere now due to climate change and I really appreciate our climate collective writing each month in the News. Don't miss their contribution this May.

**Pat Kennedy** 845397 pat@visa-office.com



### PANTO - A BELATED THANK YOU:

It has been quite a while since our four performances of "Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood" but I think I'm recovered now.

Joking aside, it was hard work writing and directing but our wonderful actors and helpers made it all worthwhile and loads of fun. Thank you to everyone who took part and to all of you who came to watch and, I hope, to laugh and enjoy the production.

As a result of all your support, the Pantomime Group was able to donate to the Village Hall a sum of £2,673, which I am sure will be put to good use for the benefit of the village.

**Carol Kenzie**

**Maiden Bradley Pantomime Group**

## Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

01985 845303 (answerphone)

THE FORCES MARCH DEPARTING FROM THE MEMORIAL HALL  
APPROXIMATELY 9.15AM SUNDAY 1ST MAY

SUNDAY 1ST MAY – SUNDAY CATCH-UP COFFEE MORNING 10-11AM

### *CELEBRATIONS FOR THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE*

THURSDAY 2ND JUNE – BEACON LIGHTING AT RODMEAD FARM, MAIDEN BRADLEY  
BEACON TO BE LIT AT 9.45PM

SUNDAY 5TH JUNE THE BIG LUNCH GARDEN PARTY AT BRADLEY HOUSE  
WITH KIND PERMISSION FROM THE DUKE OF SOMERSET  
12.30-18.00

BRING A PICNIC AND ENJOY A SOCIABLE AFTERNOON  
WITH LAWN AND CHILDREN'S GAMES

ALL SAINTS CHURCH OPEN ALL BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND  
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FOR MORE DETAILS, PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE

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

#### *Regular events*

Mondays	10.30am-11.30am	Yoga
Mondays	5.00pm-6.00pm	Doctor's Surgery
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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## The Sacred River:

### Prehistoric Landscapes of the Wylde Valley From Above.

Discover the hidden prehistory of the chalklands around Maiden Bradley in the company of aerial photographer, David Abram. David uses drones to capture extraordinary images of sites across Britain, and some of his favourites are around Maiden Bradley and nearby Wylde Valley, where traces of Neolithic tombs, Bronze Age burial mounds and Iron Age temples form a unique ceremonial landscape. Featuring extracts from his forthcoming book.

David's illustrated talk will take place in the Village Hall at 8pm on Thursday 19th May. Tickets cost £8.00 (£6.00 for students & over 65s). There will be a bar for wine & soft drinks.



### Have you spotted our fab new notice board?

Storm Eunice finished the old one off and our insurance paid for most of a new one. Many thanks to Mike Fullick, John Priestner, Keith Appleton and Jim Gilbert for construction and installation.

## UKRAINIAN REFUGEE SENDS LETTER OF THANKS

The incredible response of residents and companies across the Blackmore Vale has seen a huge amount of donations heading to Ukrainian refugees arriving in Poland. A number of groups have been instrumental in collecting items, Armishaws Removals in Wincanton who have so far sent 15 pallets and a further two lorries with approximately 15 tonnes of aid, received the following letter from Sofia Kobilnyk who had recently crossed the Polish border.

*"I would like to express my gratitude for the entire indescribable support that we are receiving from you.*

*It is difficult to express in words how crucial your help is. I'm a mother of a 5-year-old daughter, which whom I have stood for almost 24 hours on the Ukrainian-Polish border crossing during the first day of the war. There were a lot of people standing there with me, and fear was all that could be sensed in the air. Standing there I knew that a couple of kilometres ahead was my sister, on Polish side of the border, and that there was safety waiting for me.*

*However, many of the women that stood next to me with their children had no one waiting for them, they did not know where they would sleep or if they would have something to eat. They did not know if they would be able to wash their children. Sometimes the women did not have enough strength to carry their bags with them and would leave them on the pavement. Some of them only took very small bags with them as they had no time to pack themselves nor their children.*

*After a while a lot of people had nothing to drink, and some begun to lose consciousness. When the night has come, that is when we began fearing the most, as it was very cold, temperatures were falling below 0 degrees, and we were all still on the Ukrainian side of the border. The children were crying out of cold, tiredness and out of fear of not knowing what would happen to them. There were drones flying over us – now I think that they were belonging to the press or to the police, but then I was afraid of them, I was thinking only about possible provocations or bombardment.*

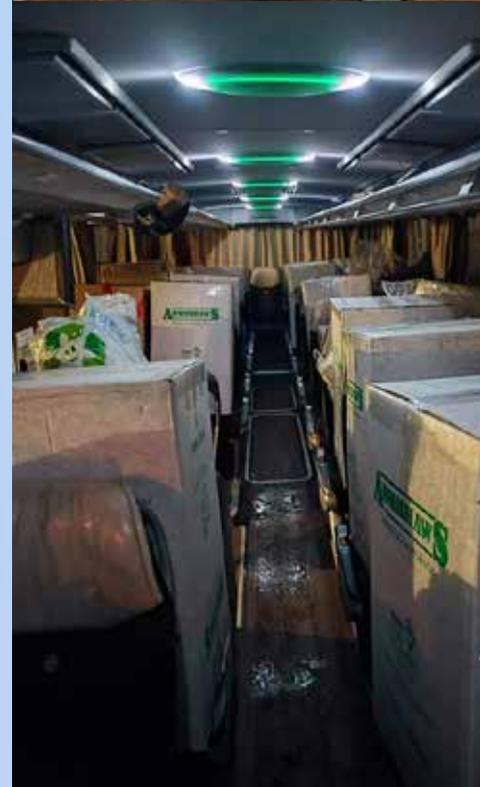
*When I crossed the border, I was very happy to see my sister waiting for me with hot tea, it was already after almost 24 hours that we managed to cross it. There was a lot of help waiting for everyone that was crossing. I knew that now, thanks to the good people that were helping, Irina, who was crossing the border with her newborn child next to me, will now have somewhere to sleep as well as food to eat.*

*At that moment I was calm as I knew that all women crossing the border will receive help. Your hearts are enormous, thank you very much, each one of you."*

Sofia's powerful account shows just how much of a difference your donations have made. From the children sending toys, families sending clothing, office collections to buy foods and toiletries, every item, every act of kindness is helping those that have seen their lives uprooted at a moment's notice.

While aid is still having trouble reaching affected areas inside Ukraine, for those crossing borders, in many cases with only what they can carry, the simple relief of clean clothes, hot food and shelter is helping to give some comfort and hope.

Undoubtedly the world must seem a darker place, but the kindness from strangers in the UK and across the world, perhaps offers a glimmer of light and a promise, that there will be better tomorrows.





# The Maiden Bradley Climate Collective

## Activating Maiden Bradley's Environmental Response

### The Maiden Bradley Climate Collective News

We are a group of Maiden Bradley residents committed to simple and fun actions that are climate positive and regenerates our environment and community. If you want to get involved or just join us at our next event or coffee morning, please email [janninebarron@gmail.com](mailto:janninebarron@gmail.com)

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### No Mow May

Join gardeners across the UK and say "no" to the mow this May to help our bees, butterflies, wildlife, and humans. So, lock up your lawnmower on May 1<sup>st</sup> and let the wildflowers in your lawn bloom, providing a feast of nectar for our hungry pollinators. At this time of year, you have daisies, buttercups and dandelions growing across our lawns. While many people think of dandelions as weeds that are a nuisance in the yard, they're quite good for the grass as their roots spread wide, acting as an aerator for the soil, while their roots also soak up nutrients from the deeper soil and spread those nutrients throughout the yard, working as fertilizer.

### Recycling the Difficult Things

Congratulations to the Maiden Bradley Village Hall Committee for the initiative to set up a unique recycling station for all of us to use. Recycling paper, plastics and glass is quite easy with council services but what are you putting in the grey rubbish bin that can be recycled?

Waste is an issue for all of us. We all create it but sending the waste back to the companies producing products is also important. Especially companies still making products from non- biodegradable materials.

This recycling initiative NEEDS YOU to make this a success. We are starting with the following four common items.

1. Toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes
2. Bubble wrap envelopes
3. Foil blister packs (medication)
4. Pens.

So how can you participate in a way that is easy for you? Just like your recycling bin, we suggest you create a shoebox or similar container that you place your unwanted items. You can then make one trip to the hall once a month or even once a quarter. Will you join us on this waste mission?

Companies, not just individuals, need to take responsibility for the rubbish they create. Remember you always have the consumer power not to buy from companies that over package their products.

### The Big Maiden Bradley Electrical Appliance Recycling Drive.

Do you have unwanted toasters, kettles, and other electrical items? We are doing one big recycling drive on Saturday 19 May. Bring them to the Village Hall on Friday 18 May between 10 – 12. Please ensure all items are clean and secure in a box or bag. On this day, we can only accept; toasters; kettles; food blenders; calculators, electric toothbrushes; hairdryers; shavers; straighteners and curling tongs, Cables; chargers and plugs; games consoles; remote control cars and children's toys

Unwanted electrical equipment is the UK's fastest growing type of waste. If you don't recycle electrical equipment, it will end up in landfill where hazardous substances can leak and cause soil and water contamination – harming wildlife and human health. So never throw any electrical equipment in your bin. Electrical equipment that can be recycled is marked with the crossed-out wheellie bin symbol. Many electrical items can be repaired or recycled, saving natural resources and the environment.

Find out what you can recycle in the UK here. <https://www.recycle-more.co.uk/home>

### NATURAL CLEANING PRODUCTS

I have also been so impressed by the stories of others in the village who also make their own natural cleaning products with vinegar, lemon, salt, and baking powder. The simple combination of baking powder and vinegar can remove stains in tough situations that many shop bought cleaners cannot do.

I have used homemade Apple Cider Vinegar as a cleaner since moving to Maiden Bradley. It is a natural way to clean most surfaces in the house (I do not use it on metal or wood), is organic and is free. Even if you do not have access to an apple tree there are numerous ones on roadsides, and it enables me to do my bit for the environment by not buying more harmful cleaners in plastic containers.

Apple Cider Vinegar has anti-bacterial properties, acts as a deodorizer, can remove soap residue and, when mixed with water can be sprayed in a room to freshen the air.

I expect to have a glut of apples this year, I often leave some outside to be taken but always have far more than I know what do to with and would be happy to make up additional apple vinegar for cleaning for anyone that is interested.

Please let me know if you are interested on [twisted-willow@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:twisted-willow@hotmail.co.uk) and I will start fermenting later in the year.

### Stories by Sharon Edney and Jannine Barron

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## MERE AND DISTRICT LINK SCHEME

Charity Registration 1062328



### LINK UPDATE APRIL 2022

The number of trips we are doing each month seems to have settled around the 70 mark with 68 in February and 74 in March.

Our volunteer drivers are available to take you to medical appointments, including Covid vaccinations, and shopping, if resources allow. Once you have an appointment please call 01747 860096 to book a Link driver. Please try to give us 48 hours notice if possible as we cannot guarantee to arrange last minute requests. Also, please remember that our coordinators work in their own homes so keep calls to 9-5 Monday to Friday and only use the 01747 860096 number. Any other number you have recorded will most likely be a coordinator's private number. Please do not use it.

We will be having a table at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee party on Saturday 4 June so please come and have a chat if you would like to volunteer as driver or to know more about the Link.

**John FitzGerald**  
**Link Chair**  
**www.merelink.org.uk**



*Lending with Heart and Mind*

### Wiltshire Council fund a not-for-profit loan scheme for homeowners.\*

If you have lived in your home for over 5 years and:

- Are over 60; or
- Are in receipt of State Benefits; or
- Have children under 16 living with you.

You may be eligible for a home improvement loan to keep your home warm, safe, and suitable for your needs.

Lendology CIC work in partnership with Wiltshire Council to deliver the council subsidised loan scheme. Our knowledgeable team of advisers will guide you through the process of applying. To book a no-obligation assessment, or for more information, visit [www.lendology.org.uk](http://www.lendology.org.uk) or call 01823 461099.

Heatherton Park Studios, Bradford on Tone, Taunton, TA4 1EU

\*subject to eligibility

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## LUNCHEON CLUB NEWS

Reading an article in the monthly Wiltshire Life magazine passed to me by one of our Luncheon Club members, it shows how lucky we are to be an independently run club. The club in question has learnt that Wiltshire Council says they will be changing their funding module. In the mean time this year their funding will be cut by 50% and next year cut by another 50%. This means as they buy in their dinners from Age UK's meals service for £7.50 per head and also charge members for the rent of the room their price is £10 per member per meal.

We on the other hand have volunteer cooks and helpers who produce a home cooked dinner and pudding with tea or coffee for £3.50 a head, a massive saving. We also have to thank the Hall Committee for giving us a very favourable rental charge. We don't have any grants but we do share in the profit from the Village Fayre as one of the organisations who benefit from this Annual event. This shows that without the support of all our volunteers (who incidentally are all getting on in years) the club would not be sustainable.

If anyone has a few hours to spare on a Thursday then please get in touch with us. Margaret does a rota so it works out about one Thursday in four you would be rostered on.

We are closed at present for our Easter two week break and will open again on 5th May. Our AGM will be held after lunch on 26th May.

## Village Hall Lottery

### March

1st	Giles De Mare	£24.75	2nd	Mrs M. Stevens E	£12.35
3rd	Renele Smith	£7.50	4th	Mel Thomas	£4.90

### April

1st	Mark Holbrook H	£24.75	2nd	Dave Barnett	£12.70
3rd	Fiona Russell	£7.50	4th	Gilly Haydon	£4.90

A Memorial Hall Thank you for all the support

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.

### THE VILLAGE GARDEN COMPETITION for JUNE.

Every year we try to think of a different theme. We have had the August garden, the July garden, so this year it will be the turn of the June garden.

The Rose Bowl will be awarded to the winner at the Village Show on August the 20th this year.

Please ring or see me to add your name to the list.

Looking forward to lots of entries again this year.

**Happy gardening ! Sue Priestner 844244**

### Welcome Club

On Tuesday 19th April the Welcome Club set off on the first outing of the season which was a mystery trip and our driver Lionel was only person on the coach who knew where we were going. We set off heading for Mere but we turned off at Stourton then onto Zeals then we turned off for the A303 We thought maybe South Devon. No we did not go onto the A303 but turned to Gillingham then to Sturminster Newton, ending up at Blandford for coffee break.

After our break we headed back to Warminster, we thought 'no not going home already' but we turned off for Wimborne then onto Bournemouth for lunch. Some of us went to Harry Ramsdens for lunch where we had the over 60s menu where we had small fish and chips, tea or coffee and pudding all very good and value.. Then back to the beautiful park to sit and people watch.

We were back on the coach at 2.45pm then Lionel took us onto Lyndhurst for tea it was a really lovely drive through the New Forest. The only rain we had was when we came out of the cafe after having tea. Back on the coach Tom thanked Lionel for a lovely outing and did the raffle. We arrived home about 6.30pm after an enjoyable day out.

There are some benefits being older to enjoy a day out in good company and all having a laugh looking at lovely countryside and not having to take the trouble to drive.

If you are interested in coming on our next outing to Teignmouth on Tuesday May 24th **please call Pearl on 01985 844779 or Lesley on 01985 211355.**

# THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



## BEACON LIGHTING

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 from 8pm

Beacon to be lit at 9.45pm

at

**RODMEAD FARM**

**MAIDEN BRADLEY, BA12 7HP**

leave the village on the B3092 towards

Mere following signs to event

*Dessert & Puddings Marquee*

*Barrel of beer and soft drinks*

*Dogs on leads welcome*

*Plenty of parking available*



THE QUEEN'S  
PLATINUM JUBILEE  
BEACONS

2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2022

for more details, please see

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

In association with Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall and Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield Parish Council

# THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



- Bring your tablecloth, picnic and refreshments (sorry no BBQs)
- Limited number of tables and chairs provided, feel free to bring a blanket too
- Children's games and lawn games
- Pedestrian access only, no dogs on this occasion

## THE BIG LUNCH GARDEN PARTY

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022

12.30-18.00

A chance to get together with neighbours,  
friends and family

and with the kind permission of

**The Duke of Somerset**

**at Bradley House**

Maiden Bradley, BA12 7HL

**VISIT ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

for Jubilee exhibition and floral decorations

### GET CREATIVE!



**MAKE YOUR OWN CROWN**  
Prizes for the best homemade crowns for  
the under 5's, 5-12-year-olds,  
12 + & adults

Competition for best homemade and  
imaginative table decorations

for more details, please see

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

## *Jubilee exhibition: Maiden Bradley 1952 to the present day*

As part of the Jubilee celebrations, there will be a small exhibition at All Saints' Church illustrating how our village has changed during the reign of the Queen. We would like to hear from past and present villagers about what changes you have observed in your lifetimes. Your responses will be included in the exhibition.

Please answer the following questions and return with any photographs to Alex Channer no later than May 15 (put through the letterbox at 30 Church Street or send via email to [adrchanner@gmail.com](mailto:adrchanner@gmail.com))

### *JUBILEE EXHIBITION QUESTIONS*

Please answer the questions below if you would like to be included in the jubilee exhibition about how Maiden Bradley has changed during the Queen's reign, from 1952 to the present.

- 1** When did you move to the village / how long has your family lived here? What is your name?
- 2** How do you think the village has changed since the 1950s?
- 3** What do you think has NOT changed since the 1950s?
- 4** (optional) How do you think the village may change in the next 70 years?
- 5** Do you have any photos that show the difference in your life/in the village since the 1950s (or around then) and the present?

## *All Saints Church*

*will be open over the  
Jubilee bank holiday weekend  
with floral decorations and  
Jubilee Exhibition:  
Maiden Bradley  
1952 - to present day*



If there are any budding chefs that would like to make a voluntary contribution to the Puddings and Desserts Tent for the Beacon Lighting Ceremony on Thursday 2nd June  
Please contact Jo Gilbert 01985 844057  
Thank you!

## Parish Council 21<sup>st</sup> April 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 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

## Planning the Parish Councils comment to Wiltshire Council- Application No: PL/2022/00037

Application Type: Listed building consent (Alt/Ext) Proposal: Partial demolition and replacement of existing external walls to existing rear dining room with oak framed glazed walling and external doors. Widening existing opening between the kitchen and dining room. Site Address: Rosebush Cottage, 20 Church Street, Maiden Bradley, BA12 7HW. Resolved: supported

**Planning Decisions** – the Parish Council noted the Planning decision below made by Wiltshire Council.

Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 Notification of intention to carry out works to tree(s) within a Conservation Area Application Reference Number: PL/2022/01250 2 Barcroft, Beech Cottage, Bradley Lane, Wiltshire, Maiden Bradley, BA12 7JR Particulars of Development: T1 Conifer in rear garden by fence, Fell At: Bradley Lane, Maiden Bradley, BA12 7JR Resolved: noted Wiltshire Councils decision In pursuance of its powers under the above Act, the Council hereby raise NO

OBJECTIONS to the above specified works to be carried out in accordance with the notification and plans submitted.

Application No: PL/2022/01123

Application Type: Householder planning permission

Proposal: Forming a private driveway in front garden with electric vehicle charging point, including excavation of garden and construction of new stone retaining walls and vehicular crossover, ramped / steps up to existing garden paths

Site Address: 56-57 The Rank, Bradley Lane, Maiden Bradley, Warminster, Ba12 7jf

Wiltshire Council Decision: officer report recommended refused.

**Speed Indicator Device** – Council approved the purchase of a solar charger being added to the new unit and that a Ceoval Company Engineer installs the unit and charger in its actual resting site. This would fit with the Parish Council ethos to have a regard for Climate Change.

### Items for the next Agenda

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Review Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Review of delegation arrangements to committees, sub-committees, employees and other local authorities.

Review of the terms of references for committees if required

Appointment of any new committees, confirmation of the terms of reference, the number of members (including, if appropriate, substitute councillors) and receipt of nominations to them.

Review of representation on or work with external bodies and arrangements for reporting back.

Council's period of eligibility to exercise the power of General Competence expires the day before the annual meeting, to review and make arrangements to reaffirm eligibility.

Review of the Council's and/or employees' memberships of other bodies.

Review the Council's complaints procedure

Review the Council's procedures for handling requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection Act 1998.

Review the Council's policy for dealing with the press/media

Review the Council's Filming, Photographing, & social media Policy

Review the Council's Complaints Procedure

Review the Council's Equal Opportunities

Review the Council's Lone and Isolated Working Policy

Review the Council's Community Engagement Statement of Intent

Review the Council's Petitions Policy

Review the Council's Procedure for public sessions  
 Review the Council's Grant Awarding Policies and Procedures  
 Review the Council's Information and Communications Technology IT Email, Internet and Phone Policy  
 Review the Council's Bullying and Harassment or dignity at work policy  
 Review the Council's Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults  
 Review the Council's Staff and Councillor Training and Development Policy  
 Budget Report - Councillor to report back  
 Certify the Accounting Statements- Annual Year End Accounts  
 Consider the Annual Internal Audit Report  
 Approve Annual Governance Statement  
 Approve Accounting Statement  
 Publish the Audit on the Website  
 Approve the dates for the Public to exercise their rights  
 Action Plan update  
 Walks Leaflet

**Date of the next Full Council meeting** is Thursday the 10th of May 2022, the Annual Parish Meeting will start at 7.00pm and that the Annual Parish Council meeting will follow on from this meeting. All are welcome to attend both meetings. 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](mailto:maidenbradley@virginmedia.com), by phone on 01985 213436, or by post to Parish Clerk, 9 Beech Grove, Warminster, BA12 0AB

## Monk's Magic - Part 1

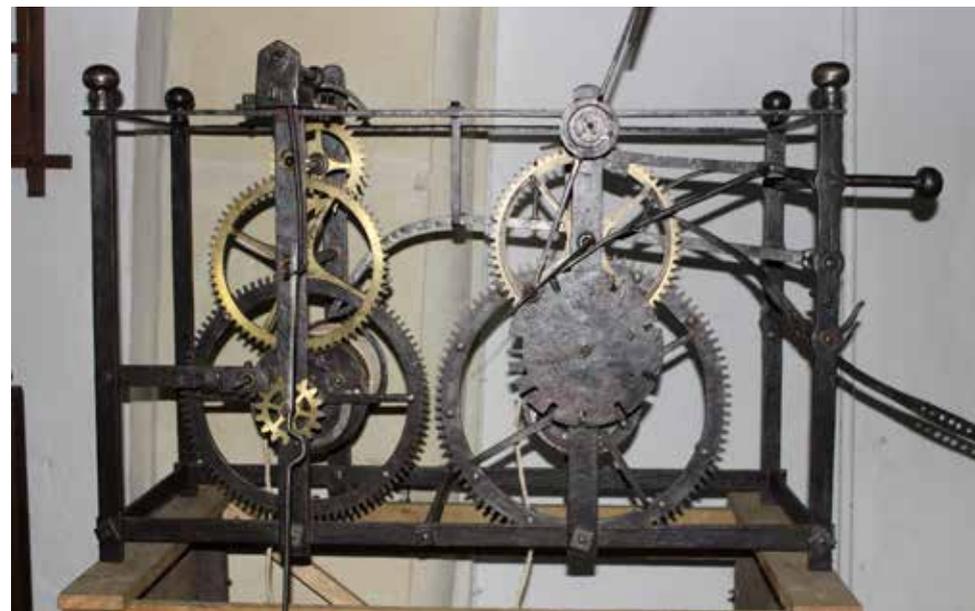
Today we take clocks for granted as they are on our wrists, feature on our mobiles, indeed everywhere we go we find something telling us the time and today clocks are eminently portable, accurate and reliable. The history of timekeeping devices dates back to when ancient civilizations first observed astronomical bodies as they moved across the heavens. Devices and methods for keeping time have since then improved through a long series of new inventions and ideas. Sundials and water clocks originated from ancient Egypt, and were later used by the Babylonians, the Greeks and the Chinese; medieval Islamic water clocks were unrivalled in their sophistication until the mid-14th century. The hourglass, one of the few reliable methods of measuring time at sea, may have been a European invention not to be used by others until the 16th Century. A finer method of timing keeping was needed. It seems that the development of a mechanical time piece was invented in the early 14th century by a Mr Henry de Vick and just about every improvement in time keeping emanated from this first clock movement. It seems our hero William Monk was thought to have been born in 1689 and baptised that year in the village of Berwick St John in Wiltshire to the East of Shaftesbury. William grew up and was probably apprenticed locally and trained as a Blacksmith and continued his training as a Black Smith and Clock-maker under the guidance of one of the many clock smiths that practiced in the area. William Monk was first an engineer and he had a reputation of developing clock movements without standardising the mechanisms. The word used about him was that of a Maverick. Nevertheless he designed and developed Turret Clocks.

Time in the 18th Century was bought to the population audibly. The workers in the field the blacksmith in his smithy, the vicar writing his sermon could not see the hands on the clock but they could hear the chiming and striking of the church clock on the hour, quarter, half and three quarters as the striker hit the Tenor Bell. The turret clock was positioned in the church tower close by the Bells. Today we can still see and hear this if you travel to visit St John the Baptist church as there is no clock face but the chiming of the quarters and striking of the hour. So take a short trip to Berwick St John and visit the church and churchyard and discover William Monk's grave just outside the Church door.

So it is said by the experts that the clock originally fitted into the tower at All Saints Maiden Bradley was designed, built and installed by William Monk in 1742 where the clock remained in service until 1969 when it was replaced with the current Turret Clock. This second Turret Clock had been installed at the New Kensington Barracks, London and then rebuilt by Theodore Varley a clockmaker of Crockerton who was said to have been an Australian. The William Monk clock relied on Isaac Newton's theory of gravity to provide the constant power of a heavy weight to drive the clock and the striking mechanism. It can be seen in our picture that the clock has two drums each of which had a length of Hemp rope wound around them and the clock had to be wound daily to keep the mechanism accurately running with the gravitational energy being released to drive the clock movement. Clocks with a chiming device had a secondary device called a Carillon to provide the tune for the quarter, half, three quarter and hour.

The William Monk clock of 1742 is now recovered to All Saints having had a chequered history over the recent 60 years. It is back, it works and it is going to be reinstalled within the church as a working example of William Monk's design.

### *James Kennedy - With a little help from Wikipedia*





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### Church News

The Quinquennial inspection took place in August but the report (over sixty pages long) was received last week. Some of the required work has been completed since the inspection. The report replaces this year's APCM fabric report which David Morse used to do. If you have any questions or suggestions they can be given at the annual meeting after the morning service on May 8th or to me by email.

A costed summary will be found in 'Part Three.' It will be immediately obvious that most of the work is well beyond our means. The last column indicates the type of permission that is needed before work on that job starts; the jobs with 'PCC' or 'work party' written are things that volunteers can do if they have a little spare time and while this might be only nibbling away at the problem all contributions help.

We are blessed in having so many who have given generously to the church and kept it going through their hard work and gifts; Storm Eunice bringing down part of the old yew tree could have been a financial disaster without help in clearing up and trimming the tree and when Carl ended his years of hard work caring for the churchyard we were so fortunate to have Martin and others volunteer to take on the task.

Please, if you can help in any way please offer. The report makes grim reading and it's little consolation to know that we are not alone but churches throughout the land are struggling to survive. Ideas and prayers welcomed.

**Celia Blay**

## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH NEWS

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



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

Activity in April has been normal this Month with 5 sessions logging 462 vehicles counted and 13 vehicles booked for speeding over 35mph. Majority this month White vans and two HGV's

The HGV traffic continues, based on the numbers logged during CSW activity. During a 60 minute CSW session in April 2022 showed an HGV every 1.87minutes, or 648 HGV tonnes per hour through our village.

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

Our Meeting with the new regional Coordinator for our area John Pollard, took place on the 31st March. as planned and was very positive and generated a lot of interesting conversations. It was very interesting to know that we suffer exactly the same problems with communication and support from the Police as all the other teams in the area. We are told that there are plans afoot to update and modify the process of administration and also more modern logging equipment will become available in the near future. All in all good news, which makes the job worthwhile.

Our New Traffic Enforcement Officer Scott Garcia has not as yet appeared, however, I am fully assured that he is real and not a hologram. I have no doubt he will and we must be patient as he has a massive area to cover. Also he will carry out speed checks when we are not operating.

The second SID (Speed Indicator Device) is in my workshop waiting to be installed in line with the White Gate project as both projects will require traffic control during installation. We are arranging a suitable date for this to be carried out as one exercise, further improving the traffic calming in 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 or take down.

As always, thank you Maiden Bradley Community for all your support of the Speed Watch Teams.

*Simon Wager*

**Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator,  
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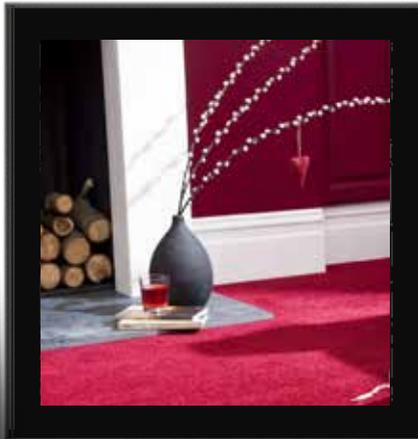


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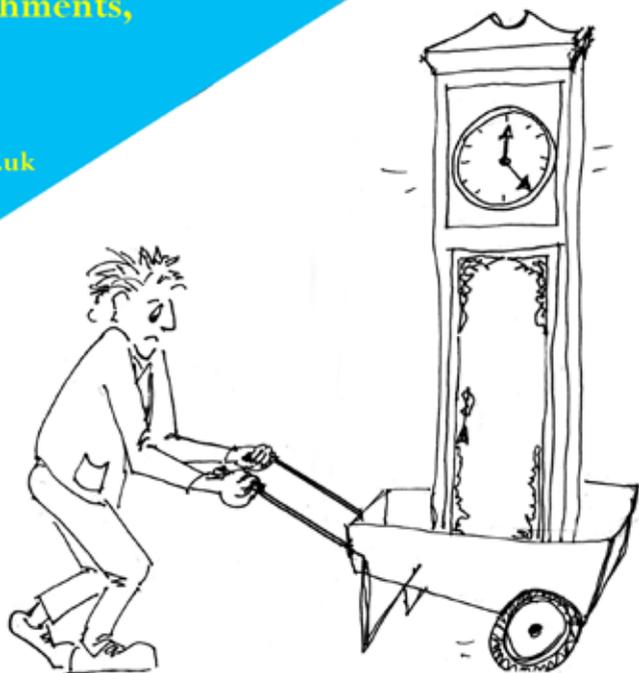
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