

MAIDEN BRADLEY

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AUGUST 2022

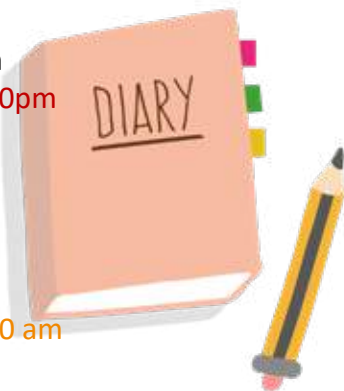


MARY STEVENS PRESENTS A CHEQUE TO SSAFA
REPRESENTATIVE, JAMES GARVIN

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(30 July Sat **Swish Clothes Swap – Hall 10am-4pm**)

- 3 Wed Household waste collection
- 4 Thurs Luncheon Club Outing – Hall 8.45am
Rory McLeod music evening Hall 7.30pm
- 7 Sun Coffee and Catch up – Hall 10am
- 8 Mon **Garden waste collection**
- 10 Wed **Blue bin and black box collections**
- 14 Sun No church service
- 17 Wed Household Waste collection
- 20 Sat **Produce Show – Exhibits 8.30 – 10.30 am**
Show open 2pm



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- 21 Sun Show Service in the Village Hall 10am
- 22 Mon **Garden waste collection**
- 28 Sun Communion Service with Judith 10am
- 31 Wed Household waste collection

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 |
| Church contact | Diana Green | 01985 844500 |

Contributions for the newsletter are always welcome.

Please email pat@visa-office.com by 20th of the month

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EDITORIAL

The old saying – never go back- is repeated for a reason but despite this, on a recent visit to Sussex where we lived for 38 years, I was curious to find out how an old haunt of ours was faring after all these years. Sadly the venue was run down, neglected and practically deserted. I tried to discover why and what had happened to the owners. The internet provided some of the information I sought and the venue, a vineyard and restaurant went into administration at the start of the pandemic which I found odd as there was so much financial aid from the government at the time. Then I read a Trip Adviser review which was so damning it would have put any business on the rocks. All those jobs lost because someone didn't like his/her dinner. I rarely give reviews. If I am unsatisfied with service I speak quietly to the manager out of earshot of anyone else. It is so easy to vent without realising the damage it does and when venting in the written word it is even worse.

Patricia Kennedy 845397 pat@visa-office.com

PS - It is that time of the year to address vegetation overhang, so please cut back growth where it overhangs towards pavements – thank you.

COVER STORY - SSAFA COFFEE MORNING TO REMEMBER MEL THOMAS

Thank you to all those who helped, supported, and donated to the coffee morning in aid of SSafa - the late Mel Thomas's favorite charity.

We raised the phenomenal amount of £530. Thank you to Yorkshire Tea for the tea and coffee bags. Mr James Garvin from SSafa and the two comrades of Mel who attended.

Mary Stevens

Cover pic :Carole Appleton, Pearl Hudson, Mary Stevens, James Garvin and Keith Appleton



Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall
01985 845303 (answerphone)

At the AGM, we said 'goodbye' to outgoing chairperson, Jannine Barron (right) and welcomed our new one - Charles Carter.



We also welcomed two new committee members - Sarah Muir (welcome back!) and Christina Bullen.



Events in August:

Saturday 30th July
Thursday 4th August

SWISH Clothes swap
 Rory McLeod live music night 19.30
 Tickets available on Eventbrite.co.uk or on the door on the night
 10-11am Catch up coffee morning
 Produce Show & Best Village Dog 2pm
 Afternoon tea and coffee and cake!
 Produce Show Service

Sunday 7th August
Saturday 20th August

Sunday 21st August

Upcoming events:

Saturday 17th September - Plant and cake sale
 Friday 23rd September - Harvest Supper
 Saturday 24th September – Quiz Night
 Monday 26th September – Bingo



Regular events:

Mondays	10.30am-11.30am	Yoga
Mondays	5.00pm-6.00pm	Dr's Surgery
Tuesday	1.00pm-3.00pm	Post Office Service
Wednesdays	6.15pm-7.15pm	Yoga Flow
Fridays	10am-12pm	Coffee Morning

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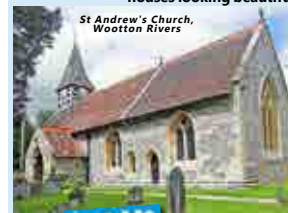
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RIDE+STRIDE for Churches

**10 SEPT
2022**

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Half of the money you raise for Ride+Stride goes to the church of your choice and the other half to the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust, enabling us to make grants to local churches to help with urgent repair and maintenance costs.

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Join Us

Your local parish contact:

Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust

Contact:

kcr.rs@btinternet.com

01380 831199

Find out more at:
www.wiltshirehistoricchurchtrust.org.uk
Charity number: 1075232

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**Ride and Stride
Saturday 10th September**

If anyone is interested in participating in this very worthwhile annual event to raise vital funds to help care for the fabric of our historic parish churches, please do read on.

What is Ride+Stride?

- An annual sponsored bicycle ride, walk or horse ride, with 50% of the money raised benefitting your own chosen church, and 50% going to the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust.
- Riders/walkers visit as many or as few churches as they like. They can be sponsored for the number of churches visited, or with a lump sum.
- There is no entrance fee and no set itinerary. You choose your own route. A stroll between one church and another can count as participation.

It is an opportunity to explore the beautiful countryside and historic churches of Wiltshire, either as an individual or in a small group. All ages can take part.

Prizes

- The event is not a competition, but there are cash prizes for the most churches visited and the most money raised, for cyclists in three age categories (16 and under, between 17 and 65, and over 65) and similarly for the most successful walkers.
- There are two cups: the Brooke Cup (plus £500) awarded to the best achieving Church, and the Junior Group Cup (plus £100), also generously donated by Lord Brooke of Sutton Mandeville, for the Church with the most successful group of Under-18s.
- The prizes for the photos posted to Instagram and judged by the organisers to be the most inspirational will be: 1st prize £20, 2nd prize £15, 3rd prize £10. In addition there are cash prizes given to the best achieving cyclists and walkers from three different age groups: 16 and under, over 16 and over 65.

**Further details and sponsorship forms are available from:
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POSSIBLE PANTO 2023:

I would like to invite anyone who is interested in forming a Panto Group to an informal workshop, with a view to putting on a production in February. Please come to the Memorial Hall on Friday 5th August at 2.00 pm to share your ideas on songs, stories and characters you think would be fun to have in the Panto.

If there isn't any interest or support then it will not go ahead as it is very hard work to put on a production without a team.

Hope to see you there.



Carol Kenzie
Maiden Bradley Pantomime



Lending with Heart and Mind

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You will already be aware the police force watchdog HMICFRS has placed Wiltshire Police into 'special measures' as a result of its performance. The Inspectorate's report is a sobering read and is highly disappointing, as I know it will to our county's residents. It's especially disheartening because I know Wiltshire Police has many dedicated officers, staff and volunteers, working hard to deliver a quality, efficient, frontline service. But this report makes it clear - there are areas of concern Wiltshire Police need to address: victims of crime, vulnerable people and our communities deserve better.

You had told me this in volume when I was on your doorstep and the results of my countywide survey and consultation only confirmed this, as well as from local councillors and MPs, on the policing service they were getting.

It was fortunate those areas highlighted by the Inspectorate's report had already been picked up as part of my own strategic assessments of the Force and it meant this shaped my Police and Crime Plan and influenced the robust and challenging scrutiny sessions I hold with the Chief Constable from the outset.

We now have a police and crime plan which ensures Wiltshire Police will meet and deliver those priorities influenced by you, focused on delivering a service the public want and prioritising those crimes that matter most to communities.

My role as PCC is to scrutinise the policing service provided, to challenge where I see performance issues and then support the Chief Constable and Force to implement change and improve in times like these.

The necessary remedial measures needed to make the improvements highlighted in the report are already in progress and my immediate priority is to ensure that Wiltshire's Chief Constable, and his senior leadership team, move with focus and speed, particularly in the Force's response to the public and to vulnerable people and victims, in dramatically improving performance and the quality and effectiveness of investigations.

My aim, alongside the Chief Constable, is for Wiltshire Police to prioritise those crimes which matter most to communities so we can satisfy the Inspectorate but, more importantly, we can satisfy you as residents

Working together, the Chief Constable and I have already agreed on a back-to-basics reset for the Force so I can assure you the process of change is already progressing.

I expect to see a tangible change in service delivery and the Chief Constable has reassured me the necessary changes are in place. I will be receiving regular progress reports from him, and his senior leadership team, to ensure those remedial actions are completed as soon as possible.

Thankfully many residents do not need to use our policing service frequently but when they do, the service they receive should be a quality, frontline, response. I will continue to ask for those assurances on behalf of Wiltshire's residents and ensure Wiltshire Police is delivering on behalf of all of the communities it serves.

Contact Information:

Emma Morton - Head of Communications and Engagement - Wiltshire OPCC
07384 820760

WELCOME CLUB

On Tuesday 26th July the Welcome Club went on their monthly outing - this month it was to Weymouth. We set off in fine weather but cloudy. Our coffee stop was Dorchester, which is popular, we arrived at 10.10am and stayed till 11.30am which everyone enjoyed. We got to Weymouth at around 12noon the sun was out but not too hot and stayed till 4.30pm. Once again everyone had enjoyed themselves having lunch, shopping, paddling (I do not think anyone swam in the sea!!) and, of course, sat on a seat people watching. We stopped at Cartgate on the A303 for a comfort stop and raffle getting home at about 6.30pm after a lovely day.



Our next trip is to Henly on Thames on the 23rd of August.
Anyone interested please contact Pearl on 844779
or Lesley on 211355

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DELAYED BIKE RIDES IN FRANCE

At long last and after a two year delay we were able to go on our planned bike trip down the Rhone river valley in May/June. One good thing is that we didn't need to plan all the accommodations etc, having done so two years earlier!

We started in Givors just south of Lyon and over the following nine days made our way approximately 250 miles South alongside the river Rhone to the Mediterranean, with stopovers in Serrieres, Tournon, Le Pouzin, Vivieres, Caderousse, Beaucaire, Saint-Gilles and Port Camargue. As usual for Europe, the cycle path, in this case the Eurovelo Route 17, was excellent, largely traffic free and smoothly paved, allowing us to fully enjoy the scenery, ever changing river views and charming riverside towns and villages.

From the Camargue, we packed the bikes on the car and drove 240 miles to Agen on the Canal du Midi, which joins the Atlantic and the Mediterranean where we spent a few days cycling on the lovely Canal des 2 Mers cycle route, after which we drove another 180 miles to visit friends North of Limoge for 5 days.

We then drove North to Langeais on the river Loire and spent another few days cycling on the Eurovelo 6 cycle route, which connects the Atlantic to the Black Sea – but Carol wanted to come home!! So we went to the ferry at Cherbourg. If anyone is considering similar cycle holidays in Europe we would be pleased to have a chat to share our experiences.



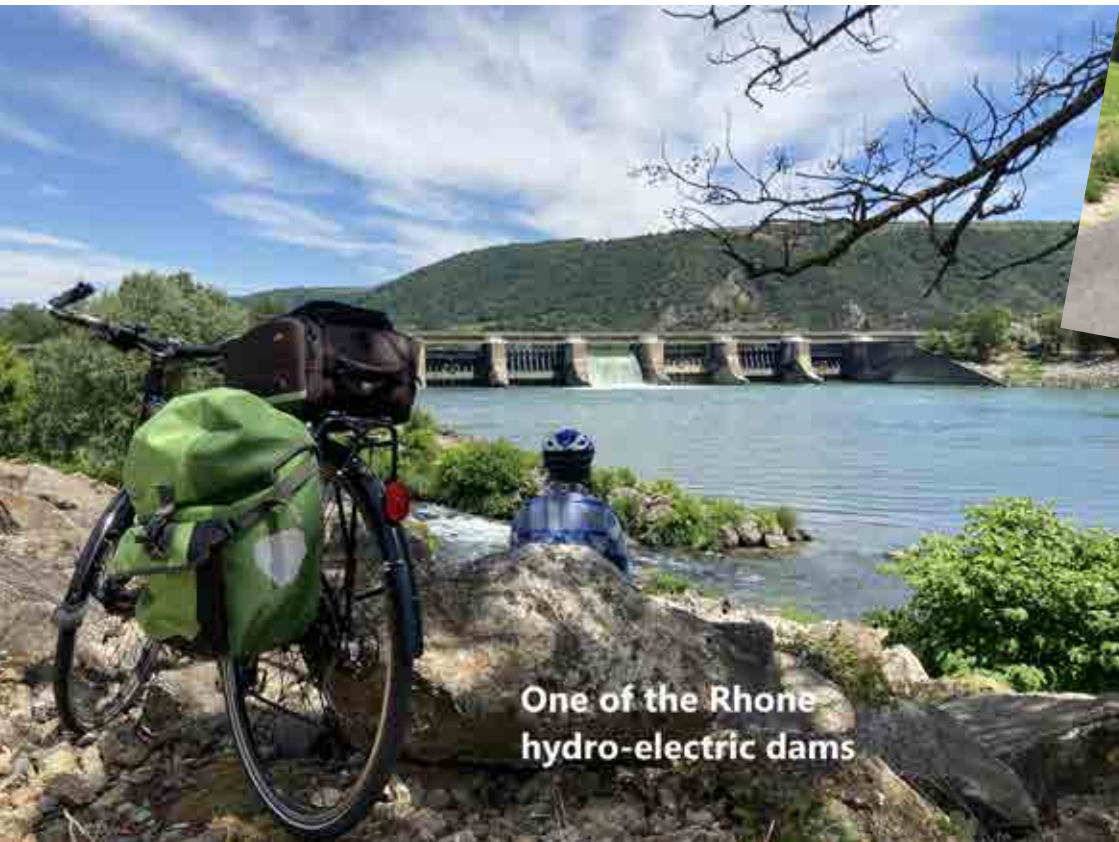
Wanquet on the Canal du Midi over the river Garonne



Viviers old town on the river Rhone



Chateau d'Usse - the inspiration for "Sleeping Beauty"



One of the Rhone hydro-electric dams



Saint Pierre de Boeuf on the river Rhone



The river Loire

**ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY
RAY AND CAROL KENZIE**



Rosie Brown held a tea party for four of the village's newest residents.

The baby boy's ages range from 7 months to just 3 weeks!

Left to right: Scott and Leo, Laura Rayner, Barnaby, Cordelia and Oswald Charles, Rosie Brown, Ben, Amy and Lena,

Front bench: Jerry and Arthur Rayner, Marina and Ellis

Parish Council 12th July 2022

Planning - Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015 Planning Application Consultation

Resolved: that the Parish Council would object to all of the below applications and that it wishes the Maiden Bradley Weight Watchers comments to be Supported and repeated from Maiden Bradley Parish Council.

Planning Decisions- the Parish Council noted the below decisions made by Wiltshire Council.

Application No: PL/2022/04260

Application Type: Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area

Proposal: 199: Section felt southern beech leaning dangerously towards the B3092 200: Fell large, hollowing beech, whose weight presents a high risk to the B3092. Retained adjacent trees means no replanting is necessary

201: Thin understorey conifers and small broadleaves (marked with green paint) to enhance woodland diversity and structure. As a thinning, replanting is not appropriate

202: Fell large beech growing against and damaging the historic wall on Kingston Lane. Retained adjacent trees means no replanting is necessary

203: Cut back laurel growing on the roadside and affecting light on the road and adjacent overhead cables

204: Fell uncharacteristic Norway spruce that is undermining a historic wall and shading the community allotment 205: fell dense section of diseased woodland of 10 trees over footpath. Replace with flowering trees in jubilee ring; create village viewpoint on Public Footpath

Site Address: Bradley House, Kingston Lane, Maiden Bradley, BA12 7HL

Decision: No objections

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

Decision: In pursuance of its powers under the above Act, the Council hereby Grant Listed Building Consent for the above development to be carried out in accordance with the application and plans submitted (listed below), subject to compliance with the condition(s) specified hereunder:-

Conditions: (2)

1 The works for which Listed Building Consent is hereby granted shall be begun before the

expiration of three years from the date of this consent.

REASON: To comply with the provisions of Section 18 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

Location and Block Plan (Drawing No. PDW210256-SP) - Submitted on 14/03/2022

Existing Floor Plan (Drawing No. PDW210256-01) - Submitted on 04/01/2022

Existing Elevation Plan (Drawing No. PDW210256-03) - Submitted on 04/01/2022

Proposed Floor Plan (Drawing No. PDW210256-05A) - Submitted on 07/06/2022

Proposed Elevation Plan (Drawing No. PDW210256-04B) - Submitted on 07/06/2022

REASON: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning

Traffic Calming and Speeding Traffic - Action Plan Transport & Traffic

1. THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE (C41 HIGH STREET, MAIDEN BRADLEY WITH YARN-FIELD) (20MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2022

2. THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE (VARIOUS ROADS, MAIDEN BRADLEY WITH YARN-FIELD) (RESTRICTED ROADS) ORDER 2022

The Parish Council Supports these orders as the request is a result of a petition received from the Community.

Proposed 20mph Order, Proposed 30mph Order, Indicative Plan, Press Notice and Statement of Reasons.

(This Traffic Regulation Order proposal has been agreed by the Warminster Area Board as a result of an issue raised by Maiden Bradley Parish Council through the subsidiary Community Area Transport Group. A speed limit assessment has been carried out with the recommendation for a reduction in speed limit implemented in the interests of highway safety)

Please find attached a copy of a proposed Traffic Regulation Orders forwarded to you for consultation. This proposal will be advertised in the Western Gazette on 7th July 2022 and the consultation period ends on 1st August 2022.

Comments on this proposal, quoting reference LJB/TRO/MBRA20 may be made by:

Email to trafficorderconsultations@wiltshire.gov.uk or in writing to:

TRO Team
Highways & Transport
Sustainable Transport Group
County Hall
Bythesea Road
Trowbridge
Wiltshire BA14 8JN

Action Plan update – the Parish Council approved the draft Parish Action Plan update and informed the Clerk that no additions or corrections were required. The Clerk was instructed to publish it on the bus stop noticeboard, website, and Facebook pages. Copies can be requested from the Clerk directly.

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/she is elected or appointed would regularly have retired, and he shall then retire).

Maiden Bradley Parish Council 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 the 5th September 2022.**

Items for the next Agenda - ROSPA Play Area Annual Check, Community Emergency Plan update, Second Precept Payment, ½ **yearly budget Report**, Clerks Appraisal, Budget Preparations, Update Risk Assessment, Communications/Corporate Image of the Council, Area Board Finger Post and Walks Leaflet.

Date of the next Full Council meeting is Thursday the 13th September 2022; the Meeting will start at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend. 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.

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

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Maiden Bradley Weight Watchers

August update

Following our meeting with our M.P. and Wiltshire Council councillors and officials on May 6th it was agreed that we would all meet again on July 22nd to discuss the Council's findings on HGV movements in our area. The Council said that this would not take long as they now use TomTom and ANPR, (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) to facilitate this.

Unsurprisingly(!) the Council have cancelled the meeting on July 22nd as the data has not been fully developed. This is because they have gone back to a highways consultant, W.S. Atkins, who did the initial survey in 2001 to do this. The three villages involved, Maiden Bradley, Chapmanslade and Corsley all argued that this was unnecessary as a significant cost will be involved and that the traffic situation has got worse over the past 10 years, but to no avail.

So the meeting has now been rearranged for the 2nd September when we will all meet to discuss their findings as to where the HGV's come from and where they are going to as a starting point to trying to stop them, in our case, using the B3092.

Having had that discussion the agreement is that we all meet again on the 2nd December when a final decision will be made on stopping this traffic through our village. This is at the behest of our M.P. Andrew Murrison who is fully supporting what we and the other 2 villages are trying to achieve.

For those of you who are not aware, following the 6th May meeting MBWW have appeared on BBC Radio Wiltshire, BBC Points West, and ITN West Country to further our cause and all 3 programmes have caused a lot of interest from other communities who have similar problems to ours. The three channels of communication have all expressed interest in doing more articles on us if necessary.

Our goal is to get a weight limit imposed on the B3092 and for road freight to use routes designated by Wiltshire Council on roads which are suitable for and maintained at the correct level for heavy goods vehicles to travel along.

MBWW
Martin Brown
Alex Channer
Ian Ferguson
Alex Haig



QUARRY PLANNING OBJECTION LETTER

MB Weightwatchers submitted an objection to the expansion of Westdown quarry in the Mendips, on the grounds that the planning application does not contain an assessment of the onward HGV impacts on our village. The extra aggregate quarried will be moved all day and night (24 hour activity) from Monday to Saturday and this will increase both the volume and size of Mendip Quarry Producer HGVs using the B3092.

The estimate is that production will rise from 4.85 tons p.a. to 7m tons p.a., an increase of 44%, and undoubtedly we will see an increase in the number of aggregate trucks if planning permission is granted!

The objection letter stated:

I write on behalf of Maiden Bradley Weightwatchers, a civil society group based in Maiden Bradley, Wiltshire, to object to planning applications:

SCC/3795/2021

SCC/3836/2021/IDO

SCC/3837/2021/IDO

SCC/3838/2021/ROMP

The development of Westdown Quarry and the concurrent operation of this and other quarries would have a severe, adverse, and cumulative HGV traffic impacts on the lives of people living in Maiden Bradley and other communities on the B3092.

Our village is already used as a cut-through by HGVs servicing the quarries, even though we live on a B-road that is entirely unsuitable for heavy traffic and is not a designated strategic route. Convoys of HGVs, approximately half of which are HGVs servicing the Mendip Quarry Producers, drive along our narrow main street, where pavements are less than 100cm wide, and they do this at all times of day and night.

The cumulative impact of HGV traffic is destroying the social fabric of our village, causing the following adverse impacts:

- Fear and intimidation, and harm to mental health caused by the size of HGVs, noise, and vibration, including at unsocial hours
- Damage to our physical infrastructure and heritage conservation from vibration and accidents
- Air pollution from dust, and dirt, and emissions
- Damage to our physical infrastructure including bollards, manholes, drains, sewage and water pipes
- Impeding children's safe movement around the village and across the road, when catching the school bus, or in normal play at home
- Pedestrian delay and safety, especially the elderly crossing the road to access the village hall and doctor's surgery

We note with concern that the documents supplied for this planning application do not consider onward and cumulative HGV impacts on communities outside the assessment area.

- The latest clarification provided to the Highways authority (21 October 2021) states that up to 4 million tonnes of material per year will be transported by road (2 million from Whatley and 2 million from Westdown) and that the HGVs from both quarries will use the same routes to deliver material. Much emphasis is made of the fact that “the majority of the transportation effects would have already been considered and accepted as part of the February 1996 permission for Whatley Quarry.” (ES, section 12.4) However, onward HGV social and environmental impacts on our village on the B3092 have never been considered.
- The ES and other documents for this application still provide no information about onward routes of HGVs travelling along the A361, even though we raised this issue in our last objection. As no information is provided about onward routes, the potential adverse impact on our village is not included in the assessment area, or in the assessment. Consequently, the report concludes there are no relevant cumulative impacts.
- Although the ES report mentions frequently the use of defined strategic routes in Somerset, no mention is made of any commitment to use defined strategic routes in Wiltshire for onward HGV movements, as no onward routes are included in the assessment.
- The study notes that HGVs will operate at Westdown quarry between 6am and 8pm and at Whatley between 6pm and 4am, Monday to Friday, with a half day operational on Saturday (6am to 12pm). This implies 24-hour HGV movements Monday to Saturday morning and will worsen the HGV impacts our village already suffers from quarry traffic at unsocial hours.
- The study notes that materials will be transported in rigid HGVs (20 tonnes) and articulated HGVs (30 tonnes) and of the total, 65% will be rigid and 35% will be articulated. Yet we regularly see 5 axle (40 tonne) HGVs servicing the Mendip Quarry Producers driving through our village.
- The ES still provides no clarity about how many HGV movements will affect our village on the B3092.
 - Table 12.14 states that on a weekday there will be 1,304 HGV movements per day, with 604 occurring from Westdown between 6.00am to 8.00pm, and 706 occurring from Whatley, between 6.00pm and 4.00am.
 - Table 12.16 confirms that 72% of HGVs will route east on the A361 but does not define their onward journeys.
 - What proportion of these planned HGV movements plan to use the B3092?

For all the above reasons, we strongly object to this planning application and to the use of the B3092 by HGVs servicing the quarries.



**Maiden Bradley
Weightwatchers**



LETTER FROM ANDREW MURRISON MP CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF WESTDOWN QUARRY:

Dear Mr Bond,

I write in strong support of the submission dated 5 July objecting to plans to develop Westdown Quarry submitted by Maiden Bradley Parish Council.

The reason for my objection is the impact of HGVs on villages in Wiltshire whose roads are wholly unsuited and in which numerous old properties face directly onto minor village roads.

Wiltshire Council is in the process of updating its modelling of traffic flows, now ten years old, with a view to remedial action. Until that process is complete, it would not be reasonable to impose further heavy traffic on my constituents.

I hope the applicant will work with the two relevant highways authorities to reduce the impact of its heavy traffic on residents. Until it has done so to their satisfaction, I see no prospect of the very large number of people in Wiltshire and Somerset who have submitted objections being reassured that their lives will not be further disrupted by quarry traffic.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Murrison

RT HON DR ANDREW MURRISON MP



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COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH NEWS
Police Community Volunteers working on behalf of
the Wiltshire Police and Maiden Bradley



*Produced by the Maiden Bradley Community Speed Watch Volunteers
to keep the village safe and aware of our activities.*

Activity in July has been lighter than normal this Month with 6 sessions logging 441 vehicles counted. However, vehicles booked for speeding over 35mph have risen considerably to 37. The Majority being cars averaging 38 mph.

The HGV traffic continues to remain the same as last month, based on the numbers logged during CSW activity. During an average 60 minute CSW session in July 2022 it showed an HGV every 1.80 minutes, or 683 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)

CSW Cannot now operate along the High Street as the change of speed limit notices are up. Now can we operate for 3 months after the signage is out in place. So they will not have gone away. They will be operating in other areas of concern within the village.

We are still waiting for Rngway to forward installation dates for the second SID (Speed Indicator Device) Frome Road.

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.
Chairman Maiden Bradley Parish Council**



A Happy Man



The end of a 5hr passenger hauling run at our Yeovil track recently.

The locomotive is an Adams Radial Tank engine built by myself to 5 inch gauge over some 30 years. All to exact works drawings. I apologize for the 12inch to the foot mug on the bunker. Regardless of scale all drivers need tea!!!!

The locomotive is No 0520 of The London South Western Railway as originally built by Dubs. Works No.2109 She was rebuilt in the 1930 at Eastleigh and carried the prefix E in Southern Days to indicate it was an Ex LSWR locomotive serviced at Eastleigh works.

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The Arts Society Wylde Valley (ASWV) is very generously offering sponsorship of a selected young artist to the tune of £500, to help pay for materials, venue costs, presentation and any other expenses relating to staging an exhibition; meanwhile, the Wylde Valley Art Trail is waiving the entrance fee for the selected candidate.

The Art Trail is widely recognised as one of the great cultural events in Wiltshire's artistic calendar – it's just won the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service – so the winning candidate will get fantastic exposure as well as support and encouragement during the early stages of their creative career.

Applications for the Wylde Valley Young Artist Award open online at www.wvat.co.uk from the start of August 2022 and close at the end of September, with the winner announced by the middle of October, so get making, and start applying!

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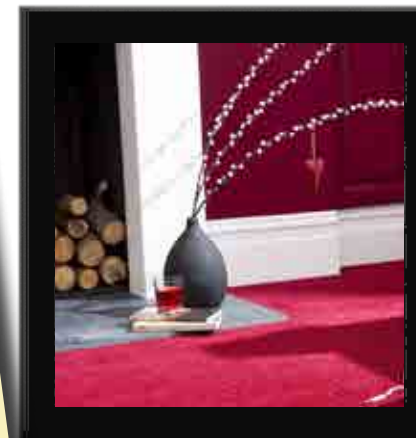
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