

MAIDEN BRADLEY NEWS

OCTOBER 2022



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DIARY OCTOBER 2022

2	Sun	Catch up Coffee Morning – Hall 10-11am
3	Mon	Green Bin collection
5	Wed	Blue bin and black box recycling collection
8	Sat	Kangaroo Kylie Band, Dance – Hall 7pm Harvest Festival church decorating 10am
9	Sun	Harvest Festival with Jane Hurd
12	Wed	Household waste collection
14	Fri	Film Night – Operation Mincemeat- 7pm
15	Sat	Churchyard Tidy-up 10am
16	Sun	Morning Worship with Celia Blay 10am
17	Mon	Green Bin collection
19	Wed	Blue bin and black box recycling collection
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23	Sun	Communion with Judith Thompson 10am
26	Wed	Household waste collection
28	Fri	Coffee Morning in aid of MB Parish News
30	Sun	Benefice Service with Archdeacon Alan Jeans Starts 10am – refreshments to follow service
31	Mon	Green Bin collection
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1	Tue	Witches of Selwood Forest – A talk by Andrew Pickering 6.30 pm
4	Fri	Live music with Jon Kenzie

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HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

The death of our dear respected Queen has brought much sadness to all of us.

She was a wonderfully constant presence in our lives for many decades, inspiring so many with her dedicated life of duty to our nation and the Commonwealth.

She brought qualities of national pride in times of celebration, together with service and joy throughout her long reign.

We all have our personal memories and some of us had the good fortune to meet her in person and I count myself amongst those lucky ones. I confirm what so many have written, that in person she was always charming, welcoming and interested in what one had to say.

I pay tribute to her friendly warmth on a personal level; and on behalf of The Duchy of Somerset, and my family, we send our best wishes to His Majesty the King, The Queen Consort and The Royal Family.

JOHN SEYMOUR - HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF SOMERSET



EDITORIAL

On this 400th edition of the Maiden Bradley News, I couldn't let it pass without recognising the loss of our Queen, Elizabeth II. A wonderful human being of great religious conviction and dedication to the duty of State and world affairs, the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. I am in no doubt that our new monarch Charles III, will make an excellent King aided by Camilla, the Queen Consort, and carry on the legacy that the Queen has left for them.

Patricia Kennedy 845397

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Friday 30th September
Charity coffee morning in aid of Macmillan

Sunday 2nd October – 10-11am
Catch-up coffee morning

Saturday 8th October
Doors open and bar from 7pm
Kangaroo Kylie Band - Ceilidh Dance

Friday 14th October – Film Night
Operation Mincemeat

Friday 28th October
Coffee morning in aid of the
Maiden Bradley Parish Magazine

Tuesday 1st November 6.30pm
Presented by historian and author
Andrew Pickering –
Witches of Selwood Forest

Friday 4th November
Live music with Jon Kenzie

REGULAR EVENTS

MONDAYS 10.30AM-11.30AM

Yoga

MONDAYS 5.00PM-6.00PM

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TUESDAY 1.00PM-3.00PM

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OUR VILLAGE TRIBUTE TO THE LATE QUEEN ELIZABETH II

On Monday 5th September Her Majesty The Queen met with our new Prime Minister, Liz Truss and just three days later on 8th September, we heard the sad news from Balmoral Castle in Scotland that Her Majesty, our beloved Queen, had died.

Being a bell ringer I knew that this was a call to action for the bell ringers across the nation and those with the responsibility for lowered the tower flag to half-mast, which was managed promptly.

"Operation London Bridge" had swung into action and even the bell ringers at Maiden Bradley were party to this protocol as it contained our instruction on what we should do in the event of the Monarch's death.

It is only the Monarch on their death that are afforded a fully muffled peal of bells. On this sad occasion we were required to fully muffle one to five of our bells, with the sixth bell, the Tenor, to be half muffled, in order to hear the mournful note of a tolling bell at every round of the bells.

Fortunately, about two years ago we equipped ourselves with a new set of muffles and these were made by Celia Blay our Church Warden, from our collection of old and new muffles ensuring we could assemble a full muffling set when the day came.

The next problem was to fit the muffles, for that an agile member of the team is equipped with face mask, overalls, muffles and a roll of carpet tape to hold these devices into place if the straps were insufficient and most of all, a lookout. Our picture shows David Puckey, having just emerged from under the bells having removed the muffles on 20th September.

Because every ringer was suddenly in demand we had to put together a band of six to ringers from our own tower and on the morning after the death of our Queen - Friday 9th September, it was announced and we had to ring continuously for one hour and we did. The All Saints Ringers who rang in mourning for Her Majesty were as follows, pictured left to right: Lucy Payne, James Kennedy, Patricia Kennedy (Vice Captain), Kate Moore, David Puckey (Captain), Colin Dowson and not pictured, Pete Dean.



We rang a series of rounds repeatedly and broke the momentum with call changes into a pattern known as "Queens" which in this case was appropriate. (A sequence so named after Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother commented on how much she enjoyed that particular sequence.)

Having completed the honour of ringing for Her Majesty we had to prepare the bells for the Proclamation of Accession to the throne of King Charles III, therefore on Sunday we rang for service and welcomed the Prince Charles into his new role as King Charles III, which we managed on unmuffled bells and we rang some joyous rounds and changes. 19th September 2022, with the bells muffled again, we rang with a full band between 10:00 am and 11:00am and rang a series of rounds and call changes in and out of "Queens", where the bells strike order is 135246. Final duty was to return the Union Flag to mast head before 1:30pm 20th September this was completed.

WITH OUR LOVE AND THANKS, MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.

GOD SAVE THE KING

James Kennedy

HARVEST FESTIVAL DECORATIONS

Church decorating will be on October the 8th from 10 am. Everyone is welcome to come and join in. If you do not have time to arrange flowers then please donate any you have spare and we will put them to good use. Non perishable foods are welcome to be brought on the morning of the 15th or on the morning of the Festival itself, hope to see some new faces.

Sue Priestner 844244.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP TIDY UP THE CHURCHYARD ON
SATURDAY, 15TH OCTOBER AT 10AM.

These are some of the jobs to do:

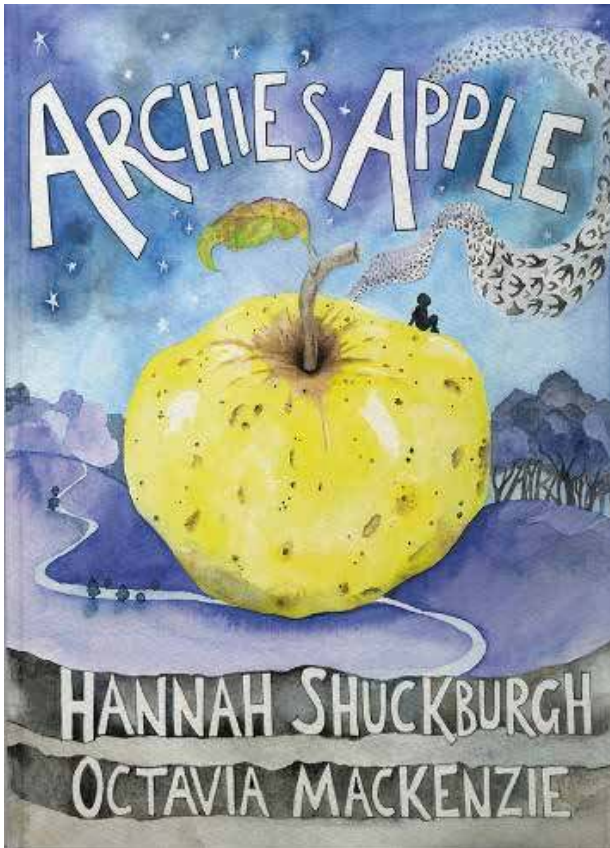
- 1) Prune the yew trees
- 2) Remove the ivy growing on the gravestones and up the Churchyard wall
- 3) Cut back some of the overhanging shrubs and branches around the Churchyard.
- 4) Weed the rose bed
- 5) Dead head the roses

Please bring a pair of secateurs, a bow saw, a wheelbarrow and a hoe if possible. Please bring warm waterproof clothes, boots and gloves if the weather is inclement
Many thanks,

Martin Brown

More local talent from the village of Maiden Bradley

My name is Octavia Mackenzie and I have been working for the past year, illustrating a new children's book written by local author Hannah Shuckburgh, which will be published by Little Toller Books in October. Archie's Apple is the story of a little boy who discovers a new variety of apple while playing in woodland. It is inspired by a true story- the authors husband did in fact discover a new variety of apple in the West Country, not too far from here during lockdown. The story was widely published in newspapers all over the world and the book is aimed at 4-9 year olds and is set in the West Country. The book is a hard back picture book, with full watercolour illustrations throughout. Many of the illustrations are inspired by the surrounding landscape. In fact some parts of images may be particularly familiar to villagers from local walks! The story is about the magic of discovery in nature and the need to protect it.



Octavia Mackenzie is an artist and illustrator based in Somerset. A childhood spent between the Far East and the Highlands of Scotland instilled a love of exploring landscapes. Best known for her reverse glass paintings, her work is inspired by long walks in nature, the plants she grows and wildlife. Archie's Apple is her first picture book.

Hannah Shuckburgh is a writer and stylist. Formerly a features editor, she now writes about art and interiors for magazines and newspapers. She lives with her husband and two young sons on the border of Wiltshire and Dorset. Archie's Apple is her first picture book.

MERE AND DISTRICT LINK SCHEME

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Link Update October 2022

The number of Link trips we are doing each month has fluctuated recently between 65 and 92. The August figure was 70 including 27 to Odstock. However, requests have started to come in for the new round of Covid vaccinations which may lead to a busy month or two. Most trips are to the Nadder Centre in Tisbury and we may ask people to share a car in order to optimise the use of our drivers.

We held a very successful volunteers' buffet lunch on Sunday 4 September arranged and hosted by Mary Wilson. Around 40 volunteers, partners and helpers gathered for the Volunteers' Lunch and we were very lucky with the weather as the forecast rain did not materialise. The setting, in Mary Wilson's garden was ideal. A big thanks to Mary and Nigel for hosting us and organising the excellent food and to Hamish Bell for arranging the gazebos from the Grove Building and chairs from St Michael's. We were also lucky to have very willing help from the Ukrainian refugees staying with Mary who were a credit to their country.

Our volunteer drivers are available to take you to medical appointments, including Covid vaccinations, and, if resources allow, shopping. 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. Our co-ordinator isn't required to sit by the phone all day so if there is no answer please leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as she can.

As ever we are looking for new drivers so if you would like to find out more about driving for the Link please have a look at our website:

www.merelink.org.uk

or call the Link number 01747 860096.

John FitzGerald
Link Chair

Fundraising Coffee Morning for the Maiden Bradley News

**On Friday October 28th, the coffee morning in the
Memorial Hall will be held to support the
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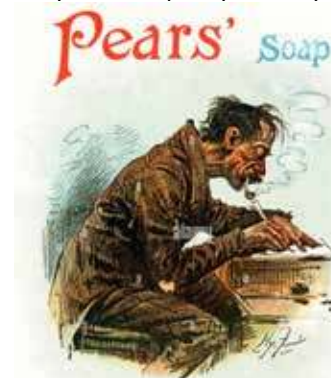
A Happy Man 3 "I built an L & S W R milk & fruit van"



At the start of the Covid Pandemic Lockdown 2018 and therefore being at a loose end and having completed my Adams Radial Locomotive. The mind wandered to other things and having a broad interest in LSWR rolling stock both Passenger, non passenger and freight. I decided to build the above Special Milk Van. In a 5 inch gauge of course.

A little bit of History. Between 1907 & 1909 16 were built 32 ft long on a six wheel under-frame with insulated roofs to help with cooling. Sliding doors. Dual braked with a drainage channel running down the centre of the floor space. They were also fitted with racking facilities for the seasonal fruit trade that the LSWR enjoyed.

They had a capacity to carry 188 standard milk churns when they were used before milk tankers. (If you think I was going to make 188 milk churns, forget it.) I made 15 in 3 different sorts and that is IT. They were to be painted in Salmon Pink all over to LSWR standard non passenger specification. However there are no photographs showing this livery. all show them in the standard LSWR Passenger Livery of Salmon Pink upper half and lower half dark brown/greenish tinge. They were long-lived. Some being still extant as late as 1958/60 as maintenance Mess and Tool Vans.
 A Happy Man.

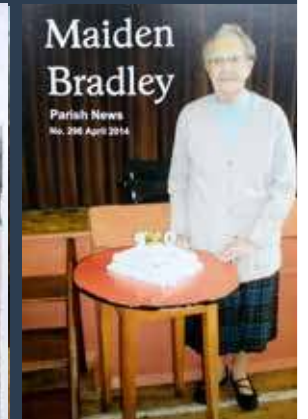


"Two years ago I used your Soap, since when I have used no other."

Simon Wager



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Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Wilkinson



I've now been 'in the job' of PCC for a year, and if there is one thing that's been made abundantly clear to me, it's that your confidence in policing is not where I want it to be.

Whilst there are clearly some exceptional individual officers, overall, there have been gaps in the service you receive. In the past year, I have made practical steps to address them, such as the purchasing of effective technology such as drones and ensuring more officers are deployed to the rural crime team.

The damage done by crimes such as hare coursing, criminal damage and theft have a massive impact on the rural community and history shows that at times of recession, farms become targets.

I regularly speak to farmers and I'm all too aware of the reasons why you feel that reporting crime is not worthwhile. In my Police and Crime Plan, I've committed to ensure Wiltshire Police takes these crimes seriously and deals with them effectively. This is why I've taken steps to ensure the rural crime team has the capabilities and staffing it needs.

As part of this commitment, Wiltshire Police has introduced online crime reporting specifically for rural crime. The form takes about ten minutes and is picked up by the same people who answer 101 calls.

It's vital that to build up an overall picture and identify patterns of criminal activity, all crime is reported, no matter how small it may seem.

As this has only recently been introduced, I welcome your feedback about how the system is working. It's only through working together that we can stop these crimes from happening and make Wiltshire a safer place to live and work.



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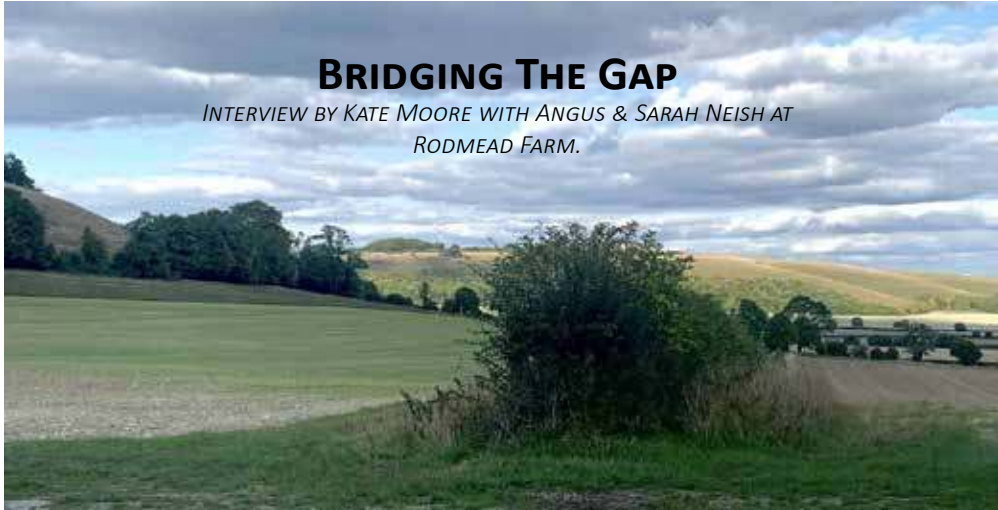


The Maiden Bradley Climate Collective

Activating Maiden Bradley's Environmental Response

BRIDGING THE GAP

INTERVIEW BY KATE MOORE WITH ANGUS & SARAH NEISH AT RODMEAD FARM.



As a non-farmer myself I was under the impression that conversations about environmental issues were not very popular amongst the farming community. I went to Rodmead Farm to hear about the Neish's approach to managing their beautiful 1,700 acre farm on the edge of the downs.

They expressed enormous enthusiasm as they told me about their achievements over the last 25 years.

How does the environmental conversation go in the farming community?

We are part of several groups that promote farm management to improve diversity. Organisations such as the NFU & Wylie Valley Farmers Group hold meetings about new projects, Farmers Weekly has regular articles, and then there is the general trend of government policy. Farming Today on Radio 4 talks about environmental issues very regularly.

Would you say that farming is heading that way generally?

Yes, but there needs to be compromise. We have to produce food but that needs to be done in an environmentally friendly way. There are so many lobby groups



all of which have different views, for example on White Sheet Hill (rented as part of our farm) the butterfly people want the grass at a certain level and the bird people (for the skylarks) want it at a different level. This is a micro example of a bigger problem for instance, it is true that cows emit methane, but because ours are free ranging on grass, which is itself a huge carbon sink, the cattle are maintaining a landscape which is doing more good than harm. In the USA cattle are often housed in huge feed-lots (sheds) so intensively that the land gets no benefit so the balance is completely different.

Ancient prairies would have had buffalo roaming across them and our system is more like that. In a more free ranging setting cattle dung provides food for beetles and flies, the birds need the flies and so on.



Carbon offsetting can result in the planting of conifer (or other non-native) woodland. Businesses claim that they are carbon neutral but actually the consequence is a decrease



Thick hedges with 6metre margins

in biodiversity since the undergrowth area of non-native conifers is relatively barren.

When we moved to Rodmead 25 years ago the farm had been subject to the 1970s incentive to take out hedges. The previous farmers grew wheat on a continuous basis, resulting in soil depletion. We have planted 10-15 km of hedges since then using native spaces such as hornbeam, holly, spindle berry, hazel, hawthorn.

Some hedges are cut every 2 years, some every 3 thus fostering bird & small mammal nesting terrain and allowing berries to develop for winter feed. The hedge laying continues every year to thicken and develop the field boundaries.

We have left lots of 6 metre margins on the sides of the fields next to the hedges which give cover for birds and if there is spraying in the fields it protects the hedge. Spraying is kept to a minimum and certain pests are just accepted as part of the process.



Our fields are sown on rotation; oil seed rape, wheat, barley, then beans. This maintains the soil health & controls diseases. All these crops are sold as grain. Our animals are generally not grain-fed. What we produce is for human consumption and the cattle eat the grass which humans cannot consume and live in parts of the farm where it would not be practical to grow crops for us to eat. Land has specifically been planted to nurture birds such as corn buntings and tree sparrows. In the winter that land is left for the birds. We also plant clover to nourish the soil by the natural process of nitrogen fixation.

It is all about mixture & balance. Whatever your views about badger culling (for TB) we have noticed that since culling the hedgehogs have returned. Badgers do not have any predators and with a lot of maize grown round here, the numbers went stratospheric. We have seen many more hares since culling. My theory is that the young leverets are taken by the badgers so they never become mature hares.



Millet and linseed planted to provide winter feed for wild birds



We have planted a lot of woods, flowering crab apples, apples trees & other native species.

This a pond which we created from the rubbish dump that was on this spot when we arrived. The swallows and swifts swoop over it.

In the barns we have installed barn owl boxes and sparrow boxes on the poles. We have a population of now very rare tree sparrows. Volunteers come and count and ring them. We are not

paid for any of that, we just enjoy it and indeed have become much more passionate about it since we began. Many voluntary groups are engaged with farmers in this way.



Would you say that you have an influence on other farmers with what you have been doing?

I would say that 70-80% of farmers are very interested in the environment. There is no doubt that subsidies are a vital support; we are all running businesses. I am in a higher level environmental government scheme partly because we have lots of downland. That was established before Brexit and is at the moment being rolled on. Any new system needs not to be too onerous and have a genuine benefit rather than incentivising actions that do not really have a positive impact or even have unintended negatives such as the tree planting for carbon offsetting as mentioned.

Since the Ukraine war people are starting to understand that we cannot depend on global systems for our food and we need to be more self-sufficient in this country. It is not practical to re-wild huge areas of farmland.

Do farmers see climate change issues as central or peripheral?

Some farmers do not have the time or capacity to invest in the land. If you are milking at 4am every morning with very little help, improving the environment may not be as much of a priority. Scale matters, small farms may have larger challenges. Huge intensive arable



Wild thyme growing on anthills on the downland

farms eg. in East Anglia will not have great environmental credentials but over here we are part of an AONB, a lot of farmers have land that is on or next to the downland and are genuinely interested in the environment.

Of the 1,700 acres we farm, 1,300 acres are arable, the rest is for cattle. We started with sheep but then migrated to cattle. Most of the environmental initiatives are on our arable land. Our grass is unfertilised and not intensive therefore it is full of wildflowers.

Has the environmental conversation changed since you started farming?

More and more it is about global warming but it is such a complicated issue and we need joined up thinking. We need to manage countryside better and educate the public, it is vital that we bridge the gap and work together.

THANK YOU SARAH AND ANGUS FOR TAKING THE TIME TO TALK TO ME ABOUT THESE VITAL ISSUES AND WHISKING ME AROUND YOUR BEAUTIFUL FARM.

This is from KEY FINDINGS on the United Nations website:

<https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/science/key-findings>

“The food system currently accounts for around 30% of the world’s total consumption of energy, most still produced using fossil fuels that generate emissions.”

Government data (<https://tinyurl.com/yjvb4xwx>) states that “...farming is the most significant source of water pollution and ammonia emissions into the atmosphere in the UK. It accounts for 25% of phosphate, 50% of nitrate and 75% of sediment loadings in the water environment, which harms ecosystems.”

If other local farmers would like to tell us how they are dealing with these challenging issues we would love to hear from you, please contact greenermaidenbradley@gmail.com

ROB AND SALLY HIGGINS
FARMERS
CHURCH FARM

CHEESEMAKING

Rob: "My grandparents made cheese in Witham Friary. They were heavily involved in the Frome cheese show. My grandmother made cheese at Tyneroad - Cheddar and Caerphilly. When we came here to Church farm with the cows, we carried on making cheese - we had one cheesemaker who went on to be a judge, and then Joan Bell was our cheesemaker, until she got married to Doug in 1962. We stopped when lean left. That's when we gave up the pigs. Cheesemaking goes quite well with pig farming because you can feed them the whey. I think we had about 20 sows on the farm when I was growing up."



grandparents and aunts of Rob Higgins

Joan Bell cheesemaking



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QUEEN ELIZABETH II



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Melbury's vehicle repair garage - now Zarah Press



Beckwith Farm being developed into housing

PETE AND WENDY DEAN
FARM WORKER
RODMEAD AND NEWMead FARM



Pete: "I moved to the village when I was 19, in 1959. My uncle asked my dad to come up here to work for him, but then, his son returned, so there was no job for him, and no house for the family to live in. After about 18 months, we all moved into No. 35, which we bought in 1961 for £400. My dad knew Mrs. Little who used to live there and helped her in the garden. She told my dad that the owner wanted to sell."

JOHN SEYMOUR
HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF SOMERSET
BRADLEY HOUSE



John Seymour, 3rd Duke of Somerset, with the Duchess, Edith and a page

THE CORONATION, JUNE 1953
"My grandfather [Evelyn Seymour] died in 1954, and I think he must have been ill or too frail to go to the coronation. My father hadn't taken over, so it was unlikely there was a family member there. I don't remember hearing any stories about it. But in the past, several dukes have carried the orb or sceptre."
WHAT ROLE HAVE THE DUKES OF SOMERSET PLAYED AT THE CORONATION?
At least 9 Dukes of Somerset have carried the coronation orb since the 17th century. Evelyn Seymour (grandfather to the current duke) carried the sceptre with the cross of the coronation of George VI in 1937. The orb and sceptre are symbols of sovereignty.

Seymour at the coronation

MOVING TO BRADLEY HOUSE

"I was born in Devizes, in 1952. My father [Percy Seymour] was in the army then, and we lived in Devizes and Warminster before moving into Bradley House, after my grandfather [Evelyn Seymour] died in 1954.

My father had served in the Wiltshire Regiment, and he fought in the war, in India, and in Burma. He was in the Arakan campaign against the Japanese. He never took up his place in the House of Lords, he wasn't particularly interested in that side of things."



Chicken of the woods (*Laetiporus sulphureus*)

Growing in the churchyard 31st August 2022 on the stump of the large tree that was recently lost through foul weather. Bright, bold and soft to the touch. With its distinctive look, chicken of the woods is easy to spot on the trunks of trees like oak and cherry. Value to wildlife Chicken of the woods is a vital species, supporting a host of wildlife. There are some specialist beetles which only feed on bracket fungi like chicken of the woods, including the hairy fungus beetle (*Pseudotriphyllus suturalis*). It is also eaten by deer. Uses of chicken of the woods Chicken of the woods fungus is edible, although it does not agree with everyone. It has been known to cause dizziness and stomach upset. It is inedible when found growing on a poisonous tree, like yew.



Simon Wager

Welcome Club

On Tuesday 27th September the Welcome Club went on their monthly outing and this month it was to Sidmouth. We set off in showers of rain and hoped for better things to come. Our coffee stop was the Donkey Sanctuary between Honiton and Sidmouth but once again our journey was disrupted because the road to the Donkey Sanctuary was closed at Honiton and so our driver Lionel tried an alternative route but we landed up in a brand new building site building of new houses. Lionel said he had brought us there to choose a new house but we all declined. The trouble was poor Lionel had to do a three point turn on a building site with a coach some of us closed our eyes but of course all was well. Then we all decided we would go to Otter Garden Centre for coffee. When we got to Sidmouth it was overcast but not raining and we did see the sun although there was a cold wind on the sea front. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day and there is a large selection of shops to look round. We were sorry that we had at least 10 people who were ill including Tom unable to come on the trip. We stopped at Cartgate for a comfort stop and raffle on the way home. Lesley did the raffle with the kind help of Charles. Our next trip is to Cadbury Garden centre we do not leave till 9.45am at Horningsham and 10.00 am Maiden Bradley and we will be spending the whole time at the garden centre so if you need anything for 2023 gardening or even Christmas shopping, I feel sure we will have places on the coach

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COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH NEWS

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



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

Sadly with the passing of our Sovereign Queen and inclement weather activity in September has been light this Month with 3 sessions logging 371 vehicles counted. Vehicles booked for speeding over 35mph only 11. Majority being cars averaging 37 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 September 2022 it showed an HGV every 1.62 minutes, or 608 HGV tonnes per hour through our village.

Again The HGV configuration remains similar, vehicles are either "32 tonne 4 axle rigid vehicles Mainly Quarry Traffic or 44 tonne 5 / 6 axle Articulated" With a maximum length of 16.5mtrs (54ft - 2ins) Almost exclusively Distribution Traffic which appears to be steadily increasing.

The High Street team has started operating in other areas of concern within the village.

The second SID (Speed Indicator Device) Frome Road. is installed as planned and we have been advised by many parishioners that it is really effective. So much so that a second one of the same type is being considered at the other end of the village.

We are still as always looking for volunteers to spread the load rather than the active seven members carrying out CSW duties. It's only 45 minutes every fortnight in good company.

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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Christmas Menu

37.50 per person

Starters

pear, bath blue & walnut salad
goose leg rillette, pickled prunes, sourdough
smoked salmon, beetroot, horseradish

Mains

turkey crown, stuffing, goose fat potatoes, carrots, parsnips,
sprouts, bacon & chestnuts, gravy, cranberry sauce
or
vegan nut roast

Desserts

christmas pudding
or
apple crumble, custard

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