

# MAIDEN BRADLEY

# NEWS

## JUNE 2023

The roof is off!



After being closed for 5 years, we are pleased to announce a return of the village shop to the heart of Maiden Bradley, bringing this much valued service back to our community.

Opening this Autumn, it will be a family run, independent village store.

Wendy, Poppy & the team will be pleased to welcome you through the doors for all your convenience needs, and maybe a coffee and cake to share with friends and family.

Over the coming months we will be posting regular updates via the village magazine, Facebook & Instagram on the rebuild progress, as well as supplier highlights. Watch this space for more exciting news...

Wendy, Poppy & Mark Lucas-Phillips

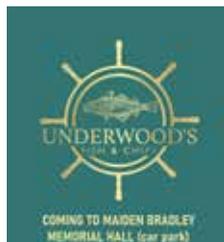
## THE VILLAGE SHOP

## IS TO RETURN THIS AUTUMN!

# MAIDEN BRADLEY PARISH NEWS - ISSUE 408

## DIARY JUNE 2023

- 4 Sun Catch up Coffee Morning 10-11am
- 7 Wed Household waste collection
- 10 Sat Fish and Chip Van at the Hall 4.30-5.30pm
- 11 Sun Morning Worship with Celia Blay 10am
- 12 Mon Green recycling
- 13 Tue Parish Council Meeting Hall 7pm
- 15 Wed Black box and blue bin recycling
- 18 Sun Plant, Cake and Produce sale 2-4pm  
Morning Worship with LLM Jane Hurd 10am
- 20 Wed Household waste collection
- COPY DEADLINE copy to [pat@visa-office.com](mailto:pat@visa-office.com)**
- 24 Sat Fish and Chip Van at the Hall 4.30-5.30pm
- 25 Sun Communion Service Rev Stella Wood 10am  
Songs of Praise St Peter's Stourton 3pm  
(If you would like to add your favourite hymn or song to the list, please contact Celia Blay.)
- 26 Mon Green recycling
- 27 Tue Welcome Club outing to Weston Super Mare
- 28 Wed Black box and blue bin recycling
- 29 Thur AGM Village Hall 7pm



As this is the season for cutting the grass in the churchyard, our grateful thanks go to Martin Brown, John Priestner and the team of volunteers who keep on top of things and make the churchyard a pleasure for all who visit.

Diana Bourne

## EDITORIAL

What fabulous news it is this month, our village shop is re-opening! One of the main reasons we considered living in Maiden Bradley 13 years ago was the fact that although the village was in the middle of nowhere, at least it had a shop. Sadly that did not last despite the hard work to keep it open by many villagers. So we wish Wendy, Poppy and Mark every success with their new venture and call on everyone to give their support with plenty of footfall, when they open in the autumn.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our appeal for funds via the recent donations envelopes sent out with last month's News. Sufficient funds have been raised to keep us going for now and we will be holding another event later in the year.

I have noticed over the years that copy is sent with our name on it. However, when we receive several files entitled "Parish News" it takes time to find out who it is from. In future please title your copy with your name on it. E.g. Hall news, Church times, Green initiatives etc. Thanks.

**Patricia Kennedy**

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# Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

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## REGULAR EVENTS

**MONDAYS 11.00AM-MIDDAY**

Slow Flow Yoga

**MONDAYS 5.00PM-6.00PM**

Dr's Surgery

**TUESDAY 9.30AM - 10.30AM**

Bradley Babies

**TUESDAY 9.30AM - 10.30AM**

Post Office Service

**WEDNESDAYS 6.15PM-7.15PM**

Yoga Flow

**THURSDAY 11.00AM - MIDDAY**

Restorative Yoga

**FRIDAYS 10AM-12PM**

Coffee Morning

**EVERY OTHER SATURDAY**

Fish and chip van

*Book library available during hall  
opening Friday mornings*

## PLANT, CAKE AND PRODUCE SALE



**MAIDEN BRADLEY MEMORIAL HALL**  
**on Sunday 18th June**  
**2pm - 4pm**

**11.30am onwards for donations**

**PLEASE BRING AND BUY:**  
**homemade cakes / scones / biscuits**  
**jams / chutneys**  
**homegrown plants / vegetables**  
**proceeds go towards the Hall funds.**

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

### **JUNE EVENTS COMING UP....**

*Sunday 4th June 10-11am – CATCH-UP COFFEE MORNING*

*Saturday 10th June 4.30-5.30pm – UNDERWOODS FISH & CHIP VAN*

*Sunday 18th June 2-4pm – PLANT, CAKE & PRODUCE SALE*

*Saturday 24th June 4.30-5.30pm – UNDERWOODS FISH & CHIP VAN*

*Thursday 29th June 7pm – AGM MB MEMORIAL HALL*

*Advance Notice - Saturday August 19th - VILLAGE PRODUCE SHOW*  
*Entry form included with this issue*

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
MAIDEN BRADLEY MEMORIAL HALL**

The Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall will hold the Annual General meeting on **Thursday 29th of June at 7pm**. This is a public meeting and we encourage all villagers to attend.

The hall belongs to the village and is managed on the village's behalf by a committee which is ideally representative of all factions of our community.

At the AGM, the current committee will collectively stand down and can stand for re-election if they wish, alongside any other members of the community who put themselves forward.

Our constitution allows for 12 committee members in total – we currently have 11 as follows:

**Elected Officers:**

*Chair – Charlie Carter*

*Vice Chair – John Priestner*

*Treasurer – Elaine Lavender*

*Secretary – Carol Kenzie*

*Bookings Manager – Jo Gilbert*

**Elected Members:**

Keith Appleton

Rosie Brown

Brenda Smart

Sarah Muir

Christina Bullen

**Representative Members:**

Susanna Lisle representing the Parish Council

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11.00am	Monday	SLOW FLOW	Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall
12.45pm	Monday	MEDITATION	Longbridge Deverill Village Hall
1.15pm	Monday	YOGA FLOW	Longbridge Deverill Village Hall
6.30pm	Tuesday	RESTORATIVE YOGA	Longbridge Deverill Village Hall
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11.00am	Thursday	RESTORATIVE YOGA	Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

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KING CHARLES III

Many of you will have noticed the new giant planter outside the Memorial Hall. This was installed as part of the exterior improvements which have been taking place over the past few weeks. It will shortly have a plaque as pictured left.

***Many thanks to the MBPC, Nick Morgan (Lakeside) and Lucinda Stokes (Rural Business Services) for their generous sponsorship.***

....and thanks to the Hall Team for their invaluable hard work to make it somewhere we can all be proud of!



## KANGAROO MOON WITH BLUE MIDNIGHT

We've seen some really good music at the Hall over the last year or so and Kangaroo Moon with Blue Midnight were no exception! The hall was full to capacity and really buzzing. There was plenty of dancing and a huge amount of applause for the 2 amazing sets.



The common denominator of these two bands and also of 2 previous Hall events – (Kangaroo Kylie and Chris Jagger) is the amazing violinist, Elliot MacKrell. If you haven't been lucky enough to see her perform yet, I suggest you watch this space. Hopefully she will be back in Maiden Bradley in some incarnation or other before too long!

***Elaine Lavender***



## THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK 2023

The Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest call for action on climate change, and will take place between 10th and 18th June 2023.

This is an opportunity to show decision makers that people from all walks of life are stepping up to take action on climate change.

Last year, over a quarter of a million people got involved in Great Big Green Week across the UK in small towns and villages like ours, by showing up for the planet.

Events like these bring us together as a community and help us feel part of the solution, rather than part of the problem.

As we live so close to Frome, we are lucky to have access to a full range of events from visiting churches, walking in nature, clothes swaps and bike riding.

You can choose from lots of free workshops on home energy use, food choices, jewellery making and fashion. View the full program on the opposite page.

For more details and information about events in other areas visit:

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Day	Time	Event
S 10	10am-4pm	Whose Hands - The Journey of Jewellery (repeats)
	11am-1pm	Welcome to the Seed Library Garden
	12pm-3pm	Nature Volunteer Day
	12pm & 6pm	Lo Rapitenc's Market Menu
	1pm-2.30pm	Tour of a Low Carbon Home (repeats Wed/Fri)
	10am-5pm	Christ Church Open Courtyard (repeats Sunday 11th)
S 11	10am-11.30am	Trinity Neighbourhood Litter Pick
	11.30am-2.30pm	Planet-Friendly Picnic: Fun, Sun and Low Impact!
	11.30am-1.30pm	Food Waste to Magical Compost
	1pm-3pm	Sustainable Witham Family Bike Event
	3pm-6pm	Elderflower Champagne Workshop
M 12	10am-11am	Green Community Connectors
	10am-4pm	Energy Advice Drop In
	3.30pm-4.30pm	Tiny Forest Citizen Science Workshop
	6pm-8pm	Bike Maintenance Class
T 13	10am-4pm	Dr Bike
	12pm-1pm	Yoga in the Meadow
	1pm-4pm	Open day at Rodden Nature Reserve
	4pm-5.30pm	Food Sustainability Workshop
	7pm-8.30pm	DIRT! The Movie
	7.30pm-9.30pm	Climate Cafe
W 14	10am-11am	Talking Bench
	3.45pm-4.30pm	Nature's Rainbow Art Session
	4.30pm-5pm	Community Wildlife Mapping
	7pm-9pm	Green Spaces Walk
	7pm-9pm	The Big Green Clothes Swap
T 15	9.30am-12pm	42 Acres Guided Tour
	10am & 3pm	Foraging & Nature Connection Walk
	1pm-2pm	Tour of Wellbeing Garden
	1.30pm-2.30pm	Pond Dipping
	5.30pm-6.30pm	Cycle Confidence Class
	6.30pm-9pm	Big Green Summer Meet Up
F 16	10am-4pm	Flax Workshop
	7pm-9pm	Gardening Together
	7pm-11pm	This Food is Rubbish
	7.30pm-9pm	Frome Architect's Eco Home - Practice What You Preach
S 17	10am-2pm	River Festival
	12pm-2pm	Ready Steady Cook with the Community Fridge
	2pm-5pm	How Do We Tackle the Climate Emergency
	2.30pm-4pm	Frome Heritage Tree Walk
S 18	9am-12pm	Community Bike Ride
	10am-12pm	Garden Gather at Broadway Community Garden
	11am, 2pm & 4pm	Tour of Tellisford Mill
	1pm-3pm	Plastic Fantastic? Reuse, Reduce, Recycle & Play!
	2pm-5pm	Green Open Doors

## A RIGHT ROYAL SUCCESS FOR THE WYLVE VALLEY ART TRAIL!

In this Coronation season the Wylve Valley Art Trail is thrilled to announce that it has won the much-coveted Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, one of the last awards granted by Her Majesty before she died last September. Nick Andrew, founder and co-ordinator of the Trail, was presented with the award on Friday by Sarah Troughton, Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire. The Trail, run entirely by volunteers, has brought art to this corner of Wiltshire for over 20 years, and has become a real fixture in the artistic calendar of the county.



The Royal connection goes on: furniture maker extraordinaire Matthew Burt, a veteran of the Wylve Valley Art Trail, has created an exquisite box that's to be sent to the King as a Coronation gift. Made of English burr elm with boxwood detailing, its Wiltshire sycamore interior is filled with artworks by artists taking part on the Trail – a gift truly fit for a king.

This year the Trail ran until 8th May in a delicious lozenge of creativity running from Westbury in the north to Donhead St Andrew in the south and from Steeple Langford in the east to Gasper in the west, and was chock-full of amazing art and artists. Is animal art what you're after, or does abstract attract? Would you like a piece of furniture or a piece of sculpture? How about handmade jewellery or handmade textiles? Do ceramics scintillate?

There was so much to see- as ever!

For further information go to [www.wvat.co.uk](http://www.wvat.co.uk)



The Memorial Hall, The Old Chapel and Susanna Lisle's studio were the WVAT venues in the village.

Tonia Gunstone (featured at the Old Chapel) designed a commemorative Coronation postcard for Maiden Bradley. You can pick one up at the Hall amongst other locations in the village.



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## RING FOR THE KING



Since my appeal in last month's Maiden Bradley News, I am pleased to report that we have received interest from the village regarding the skill of ringing Church bells. One of those who enquired had previous experience of bell ringing over fifty years ago and very quickly has slotted into our band. Her skills were quickly recovered as we fast tracked Sara into a bell ringing tour 29th April.

We had been invited to ring at Wells Cathedral and we rang there for service on Saturday morning, followed by, a ring in a private garage at North Wooton, then on to East Pennard which has the heaviest ring of 5 bells in the country, on then to Ditcheat to ring the finest 8 bells in the world, lunch at The Den, John Thorners, on then to Chilcompton and a ring of 12 bells; on then to Mathew Higby's works at Holcombe. Higby are a well-known bell hangers and engineers and we had a tour of the work and his own ring of 8 bells the heaviest being 2cwt. The next stop being the ring of 8 bells at Marston Bigot near Frome and quite delightful to ring then finally The Bradley Hare for much refreshment. A splendid day out for 14 ringers associated to Maiden Bradley and our grateful thanks to Sam Shead (Captain) of Bells at Wells Cathedral for organising the visits.

Therefore by the end of the tour Sara was flying, and her confidence renewed, and since, The Salisbury Guild of Ringers have approved her full membership to the bells of All Saints, Maiden Bradley.

That said, Sara joined our band, as did the following: David Puckey (Capt), Pat Kennedy, (Vice Capt), Kate Moore, Sara Keith, Mel Cooper, and James Kennedy to Ring for the King between 10:15 and 10:45 on Coronation Day.

Further to help out other towers over the Coronation weekend some of us went to St Denys, The Minster Church in Warminster and the church of St Peter and St Paul, Longbridge Deverill to "Ring for the King"

Mission accomplished.

If anyone wants to learn the skill of bell ringing they should get in touch with me on 01985845397 or email:

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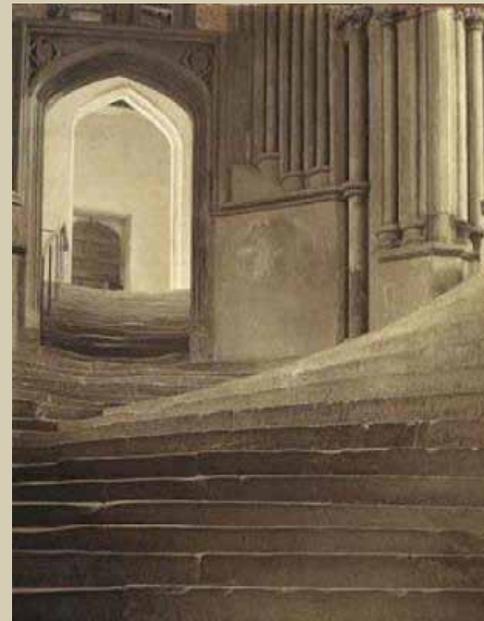
**James Kennedy**



## THE PASSAGE OF TIME IN WELLS CATHEDRAL.

Frederick Evan's famous photo 'The Sea of Steps' was taken in 1903 (left). My recreation in 2009 shows little change, despite the bells of Wells ringing for 6 monarchs and countless other events over the years.

**Elaine Lavender**





#### **LINK NUMBER 4 - ELAINE LAVENDER**



#### **HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED MAIDEN BRADLEY?**

Nigel and I moved here from Frome in September 2014.

#### **WHAT IS THE FURTHEST YOU HAVE TRAVELLED IN YOUR LIFE AND WHY?**

I left behind a troubled life in Nottingham and 'ran away' to Bath in 1990 for a fresh start.

No great distance, but my old life soon felt a million miles away.

#### **TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR LEISURE ACTIVITIES**

I enjoy dog walking, cycling, motorcycling (passed my test when I was 55) and have recently taken up woodturning. Playing about with wood was a bit of a lockdown hobby, then Nigel bought me a woodturning course for Christmas 2021. It is the most engrossing and therapeutic hobby I have ever had.

#### **TELL US ABOUT YOUR PETS, PAST AND/OR PRESENT**

After a lifetime of cats, Nigel and I became dog people in 2014 just before we moved to MB. Our first Cavalier, Matthew, was an absolute godsend when I was caring for my parents in their last few years. They adored him and he was fantastic therapy for them and certainly kept me sane during some very difficult times.

We now have Cavalier Number 2 – Georgia. Most of you will have seen her walking around with Chipmunk in her mouth!



#### **DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE FILM?**

Oh yes, most definitely. The Wicker Man. It has a cult following these days and just celebrated it's 50th anniversary. However I was one of the first in the queue to see it – just after release and as a support film to 'Don't Look Now' when I lived in Nottingham. I was a huge Christopher Lee fan at the time and was lucky enough to meet him in the same year at his fan club convention.

#### **WHAT ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF IN YOUR LIFE?**

33years, 5 months and 29 days of sobriety.

#### **TELL US SOMETHING THAT YOU THINK WILL SURPRISE MOST READERS?**

I have seen Van Morrison in concert 31 times since 1984 and have been a huge fan since 1969. He is the soundtrack to my life, without a doubt and his music is very important to me. However - my best concert experience ever was definitely Leonard Cohen in 1979 (Manchester). He did 7 encores.

#### **WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE WAY TO ENTERTAIN YOURSELF?**

When I'm not watching the Wicker Man or listening to Van Morrison (LOL!!) I enjoy being involved with the Village Hall, doing the Village Newsletter as well as volunteering for the East Somerset Railway. I do seem to spend a lot of time at a computer screen but it's usually either for 'work' or something creative.

#### **WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE SEASON?**

I love golden autumn days.

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I said last month that, with the four day junior doctors' strike, it looked like April could be a quieter month and, for once, I was right. After 109 trips in March we did 69 trips in April but the co-ordinators have said May has been busier again. With drivers taking well earned breaks we are finding it more difficult to meet all the requests for trips so if you would like to find out more about volunteering as a driver please call our co-ordinator on 01747 860096.

Our volunteer drivers are available to take you to medical appointments, including Covid vaccinations, and even shopping, if resources allow. Once you have an appointment please call 01747 860096 to book a Link driver. As a charity we do not charge for trips but ask for a donation.

Please remember that our co-ordinators work in their own homes– we do not have an office - so keep calls to 9-5 Monday to Friday and only use the 01747 860096 number. Also, please try to give us 48 hours notice, if at all possible, as we cannot guarantee our co-ordinator will be at home to arrange last minute requests. A final reminder that the Link Scheme AGM will be held on Friday 23 June at 7pm in the Grove Building. After the meeting we will have a drinks and nibbles social. Everyone is welcome.

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## WELCOME CLUB

On Tuesday May 23rd the Welcome Club went on their monthly outing, this time it was to Lymington. Our coffee stop was Lyndhurst and Lionel our driver surprised some of us by leaving Salisbury by the Southampton road not the normal route of the Bournemouth road. When I spoke to Lionel at Lyndhurst he said he took us one way and was bringing us back the usual way. One benefit of going the different way into Lyndhurst meant that we were not in queuing traffic to get there. After an hour and quarter break we went onto to Lymington getting there about 12.30pm.

We spent 4 hours in Lymington, I think most people enjoyed themselves and most of us walked down to the quay. I think some of us found a shortage of eateries, but I think everyone found somewhere to get food. There were plenty of shops to buy things, and some people met up with family and friends. We stopped on the A36 in a layby for Tom & Lesley to do the raffle and Tom thanked Lionel for a nice day out. Also, we had some lovely weather which everyone enjoyed. Our next outing is to Weston Super Mare on Tuesday June 27th if you are interested we may have seats available so please contact:

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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.***

***“Look out High Street” Here comes the CSW Team***

Again it has been a month a bit like the Curate's Egg. Good in places started well with sunny weather which improved our activity if not speeders. We achieved 4 sessions out of the possible 6 for the month. Very few (3) booked for speeding on the B3092 as the traffic volume was extremely high, and remains so, cars rather than HGVs. The average vehicle count was in the range of 241 vehicles in the 60 minute session with 51 HGVs.

We are having quite a lot of police attention. So we can expect police visibility there on the High Street once the 3 month probationary period is over.

We have held two speeding sessions on the High Street 20MPH speed limit, regardless of not yet receiving formal consent to proceed. The first session on Wednesday lunchtime, 17th May was rather quieter than expected with only 41 vehicles passing of which only 4 were booked for speeding. Friday 19th May breakfast time was a different matter with 66 vehicles counted of which 17 were in excess of the speed limit 20MPH, in fact they averaged over 30MPH. Interestingly when the CSW team were there we noticed that most dropped down to 20MPH which confirms they are in fact aware of the 20MPH speed limit. So for at least the next CSW session we will be concentrating on high Street.

I would like to say a very big thank you to the very dedicated, very active members of the CSW team that make every effort to carry out and promote CSW activity in our village. Without their hard work we would not be able to carry out what we do.

THANK YOU Maiden Bradley Village and Community for all your support you show and give for the Community Speed Watch Team.

*Simon Wager*

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



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PHILIP WILKINSON  
MAY COLUMN

Wiltshire Police has faced low points in the last year but it is becoming clear some of the improvements put in place are starting to deliver - and with a new leader at the helm, the Force is in safe, steady, hands.

Chief Constable Catherine Roper's drive and commitment to delivering a quality policing service to Wiltshire residents, which is contributing significantly to

Making Wiltshire Safer, has been apparent since she took the role.

Focused strategic direction introduced immediately looked to answer the criticisms in the HMICFRS PEEL report with Chief Constable Roper leading her officers, staff and volunteers from the front and with the implementation of clear priorities for the Force: Safer Public Spaces, Violence and Burglary.

Communities have been seeing focused operational work to tackle serious violence through increased engagement, highly-visible, and proactive, policing. This is alongside a commitment to attend 100% of residential burglaries. Currently, the Force detection rate for burglaries is 9.7%, which is a significant improvement, but I will always challenge for more.

I know residents want safer roads, safer communities with more police officers – this hasn't been lost on the new Chief. Significant focus has been given to consistent proactive roads policing stop checks, continued speeding enforcement in hotspots across our communities and increased engagement with all communities.

With support being given to our fantastic Community Speed Watch volunteers by the Force's Speed Enforcement Officers, and the work of the Roads Policing Unit, notices of speed awareness courses, fines and court summons have increased from 192 in 2021 to over 2,000 in 2023's first five months.

In addition, the Force recently hit government's officer recruitment targets, achieving the highest number of officers since 2010. It has also introduced a quicker, non-degree, route to get police officers through training in 20 weeks and on to our streets.

Wiltshire Police remains in the Engage process but I am confident reforms and improvements put in place by Chief will improve in those specific PEEL report areas of focus, for example: victims' service, 101 and 999 improvements, increases in justice outcomes for rape and serious sexual assault.

All of this is really promising, and excellent delivery of my police and crime plan, but I, and my office, will continue to support and challenge Chief Constable Roper to deliver on behalf of Wiltshire's residents.

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THE ELIZABETHAN EVENING AT MANOR FARM,  
BA12 7QE Sunday 30 July 2023 at 6.30pm

Tickets: [illyria.co.uk](http://illyria.co.uk),  
01373 832 113

Gates open: 5.30pm. Performance approx. 1hr 50mins (inc 20min interval). Seating IS PROVIDED. Picnics welcome.  
Cancellation in dangerous weather only, when performance will be rescheduled. Adults £16 Child £10. Tickets are non-refundable. Licensed Bar

[www.theelizabethanevening.com](http://www.theelizabethanevening.com)



## Robin Hood

Sunday 30th July 2023, 6.30pm

Illyria is back!

This summer, the award winning company presents Robin Hood, an action packed heist for the whole family. This fast moving production delivers huge laughs, swashbuckling adventures, and well deserved revenge!

While good King Richard is away fighting the crusades, his friend Robert Fitzooth, under the assumed name of Robin Hood, resolves to relieve corrupt landowners of their wealth, to ruin the inept Sheriff of Nottingham and to do all he can to prevent the power-mad Prince John from seizing the throne.

Featuring tales of camaraderie, good against evil and riotous comedy, this remains one of Illyria's most popular ever titles. You'll definitely laugh, you'll probably cry - and if you're not cheering at the archery competition involving the entire audience then you must be dead.

Pack a picnic and join us for a fantastic performance in the beautiful grounds of historic Manor Farm in Wiltshire.

Tickets £16 adults and £10 children,

for more information and tickets:

[www.theelizabethanevening.com](http://www.theelizabethanevening.com)

*Running time (approx): 1hr 50mins (inc 20 minute interval)*

*Suitable for ages 5+ (younger children also welcome!)*

## **NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY GARDEN**

*We have two new colonies of bees in the community garden!! Having lost our previous pollinating friends due to the prolonged cold winter, we were rather bereft as the hives sat empty. But to our delight, our old friend and community garden founder Franck Baudrain turned up with two local swarms he had collected. They are both now rehomed in our Dartington Long Hives. We will have to give them time to settle but hopefully they will be happy in their new abodes. They are both bringing in pollen already so the signs are good.*

*It is easy to help any of our valuable pollinators in your garden. Just plant as many nectar rich flowers as possible, don't weed your dandelions out (bees love them best of all) and, if you have room, leave a small wild patch - great for wildflowers and nesting sites.*

**Sam Ribeck**



21st of June 2023

6pm - 8pm

**Wine Club Wednesday - Rosé Special**  
**The Bradley Hare x Yapp Brothers**

Join us in the garden at The Bradley Hare, where Yapp Brothers will be showcasing six delicious Rosés, accompanied by savoury snacks prepared by our Head Chef Pascale and team.

£35 per person

You can book your spot via our website. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of staff.

# FROME FESTIVAL at the SILK MILL



7th JULY 7.30pm £13-15  
BRASS JUNKIES



8th July 10-4pm FREE  
SMALL PUBLISHERS' FAIR



8th JULY 6-12am FREE  
SWEET MACHINE & GUESTS



9th JULY 10-5PM FREE  
RING OUT WORKSHOPS



9th July 7.30pm £13-15  
RADIO BANKSKA



11th July 7.30pm £13-15  
COMEDY AT THE SILK MILL



12th July 1-2pm £10  
MUSICKE IN THE AYRE



12th July 6-7pm £10-15  
IZZY YARDLEY



13th July 7.30 £13-15  
BIDDY



14th July 8.30pm £13-35  
CROSSING THE ROCKIES



15th July 7pm-2am £15-18  
SENSONIC & GUESTS



16th July 7.30m £13-15  
CORACLE

Events at the Silk Mill in Frome, BA11 1PT  
on our covered outside stage or in the gallery + bar in evenings.  
Tickets & more: [silkmillstudios.co.uk](http://silkmillstudios.co.uk) & [fromefestival.co.uk](http://fromefestival.co.uk)



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