

MAIDEN BRADLEY NEWS

AUGUST 2023



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MAIDEN BRADLEY PARISH NEWS - ISSUE 410
DIARY AUGUST 2023

2	Mon	Household waste collection
5	Sat	Underwoods Fish and Chip van 4.30-5.30pm
6	Sun	Catch up in the Village Hall 10am
7	Mon	Green recycling
9	Wed	Black box and blue bin recycling
13	Sun	St Mary the Virgin West Knole - Benefice Communion 10.30am
16	Wed	Household waste collection
19	Sat	Produce Show 2pm Underwoods Fish and Chip van 4.30-5.30pm
20	Sun	Village Show Service in the Hall with Jane Hurd 10am <i>Copy Date for the News to pat@visa-office.com</i>
21	Mon	Green recycling
23	Wed	Black box and blue bin recycling
27	Sun	No service
30	Wed	Household waste collection



EDITORIAL

Please be mindful that, as the summer progresses, so does the growth from our gardens across our narrow village paths causing obstruction to the walker. Briars are especially annoying, catching faces and clothes.

With holiday time upon us, what to do with the children and grandchildren is always a challenge. We go to Longleat with our annual passes, walks and picnics at Stourhead and one of our grandchildren's favourite destinations, the East Somerset Railway – especially when steam is up. The play area here is small but invites the children to use their imagination, which they seem to do for hours.

This year Sue and John Priestner will be organising The Produce Show for the last time. It is being held on Saturday 19th August at 2pm. Our thanks to Sue and John for their years of dedication to this excellent fundraiser in aid of the Village Hall.

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THE BATH BEAST



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Sunday 17th September 2023

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ENTER YOUR BEST FRIEND FOR THE 'BEST VILLAGE DOG' CLASS AT THE PRODUCE SHOW AUGUST 19TH

Judging is at 2pm in the Hall car park



A Talk

by

Dawn Lawrence

Author, and
Conservationist

On behalf of 'The Born Free Foundation' International charity working to stop wild animal suffering and protect endangered species

Founder: Dame Virginia McKenna OBE
Actress, author & wildlife campaigner

Friday 15th September 2023

*The Memorial Hall
High Street
Maiden Bradley*

7.30 pm.

REGULAR EVENTS

MONDAY	9.30 - 10.30 Pilates with Dawn 11.00AM-MIDDAY Slow Flow Yoga 5.00PM-6.00PM Dr's Surgery
TUESDAY	9.30AM - 10.30AM Bradley Babies 1.00AM - 3.00PM Post Office Service
WEDNESDAY	6.15PM-7.15PM Yoga Flow
THURSDAY	11.00AM - MIDDAY Restorative Yoga
FRIDAY	10AM-12PM Coffee Morning
SATURDAY FORTNIGHTLY	4.30-5.30PM FISH & CHIP VAN

BOOK LIBRARY AVAILABLE DURING HALL OPENING FRIDAY MORNINGS

EVENTS COMING UP....

Saturday 5th August 4.30-5.30pm – Underwoods Fish & Chip Van
Sunday 6th August 10-11am – Catch-up Coffee Morning

Saturday 19th August 2pm – Produce Show

Saturday 19th August 4.30-5.30pm – Underwoods Fish & Chip Van
Sunday 20th August 10am – Produce Show Service

FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER - SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
THE BATH BEAST CYCLE EVENT IN AID OF JULIAN HOUSE

Friday 6th October & Saturday 7th October
The return of the Temporary Measure – pop up pub

Welcome Club

On Tuesday 25th July the Welcome Club went on their monthly outing this time to Sidmouth. Weather wise we were hopeful of a bright sunny day because it was sunny when we set off and the terrible weather we had the previous days meant that anything could be better. We stopped at Broad Windsor craft centre for coffee which everyone seemed to enjoy although it did give us a longer journey to Sidmouth afterwards. We did have a couple of rain showers between Broad Windsor and Sidmouth, arriving at Sidmouth at 1pm. Everyone went off to do their own thing and it turned out really warm and sunny. Some of us sat in the park after finding somewhere for lunch, others sat on the promenade people watching and even eating ice-creams. I am not sure if anyone went swimming but there certainly was a lot of people in the sea. We left Sidmouth at 4.30pm stopping at Cartgate for a comfort stop and before the raffle everyone sang happy birthday to a group member then Lesley and Tom did the raffle. Tom thanked Lionel our driver for a lovely day out and we arrived home about 6.30pm. Our next outing is on 22nd August to Weymouth please contact Pearl on 01985219289 or Lesley on 01985211355 to see if we have any spare seats.

CLIC SARGENT YOUNG LIVES AGAINST CANCER STAMP APPEAL

Many thanks to all of you who have collected stamps to support this cause. Sadly, the Stamp Appeal is being discontinued following Royal Mail's switch to barcoded stamps. Clic Sargent would like to thank all their amazing supporters for their stamp contributions over the years. You have made a real difference for children and young people with cancer.

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NOTICE
MISSION AND PASTORAL MEASURE 2011
DRAFT PASTORAL SCHEME
19TH JULY 2023



The Salisbury Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee has prepared a draft Pastoral Scheme for:

SUMMARY OF MAIN PROVISIONS OF DRAFT SCHEME (NOT PART OF THE DRAFT SCHEME)

This draft Scheme provides for the transfer of the parish of Maiden Bradley in the benefice of Mere with West Knoyle and Maiden Bradley to the benefice of Upper Stour in the diocese of Salisbury where it shall continue distinct, for the selection of the incumbent for the enlarged latter benefice and for the consequential amendment of benefice names.

A copy of the draft Scheme may be inspected at:

- The Church of All Saints Maiden Bradley
- The Church of St Michael the Archangel Mere
- The Church of St Mary the Virgin West Knoyle
- The Church of St George Bourton
- The Church of St Mary the Virgin Kilmington
- The Church of St Peter Stourton
- The Church of St Martin Zeals

You may also access the draft Scheme on the Commissioners' website at www.ccpastoral.org or obtain a copy during normal office hours by applying to me. Large print and/or audio copies are available on request.

- Anyone may make representations to the Church Commissioners for or against all or any part or parts of the draft Scheme (please include the reasons for your views) in writing or by email to reach them no later than midnight on Tuesday 29th August 2023. Please send your representation to (e-mail: matthew.crowe@churchofengland.org) or by letter marked for the attention of Matthew Crowe, Pastoral Division, Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, LONDON SW1P 3AZ.
- If the Church Commissioners have not acknowledged receipt of your representation before this date, please ring 020 7898 1784 or e-mail them to ensure it has been received. For administrative purposes, a petition will be classed as a single representation and the Commissioners will only correspond with the sender of the petition, if known, or otherwise the first signatory – "the primary petitioner".
- When making a representation, please also indicate the nature of your interest in the proposals (e.g. parishioner, member of parochial church council, etc) and whether you would like an opportunity to speak to the Committee regarding your representation if the Commissioners decide a hearing should be held regarding the case.
- If the Commissioners receive representations against the draft Scheme, they will send them, and any representations supporting the draft Scheme, to the Bishop whose views will be sought. Individual representors and the primary petitioner will then receive copies of the correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and

will be told whether a hearing is to be held. They and individual petitioners may comment further to the Commissioners. Copies of all of the representations received and associated correspondence will be published on the Commissioners' website if the matter needs to be considered by the Commissioners.

- If a hearing is held, anyone may attend the meeting of the Mission and Pastoral Committee that considers the case and representors may have an opportunity to speak to the Committee. Otherwise the case will be considered in private.
- When the Commissioners acknowledge representations they will let individual representors (and the primary petitioner) know the next few dates of the Committee's meetings. They will confirm the actual date if a hearing is to be held nearer the time.
- The Commissioners' Mission and Pastoral Committee will decide if the draft Scheme should proceed when it considers all the representations on the basis of a paper prepared by the Commissioners' staff and any points raised at the meeting.
- The Commissioners will notify all representors of their decision and give a statement of the reasons for it.
- If they so decide the Scheme should proceed, any representor or petitioner against the draft Scheme may seek leave from the Privy Council to appeal against the decision.
- Please see www.ccpastoral.org for further information about the procedure. You may also contact Diocesan Governance and Pastoral Planning Manager for further information.

Please see below for contact details.

Miriam Longfoot

Governance and Pastoral Planning Manager

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July was again a busy month with 109 trips including 26 to Salisbury District Hospital.

Our volunteer drivers take clients to medical appointments, including Covid vaccinations, and even shopping when resources allow. We do both long and short trips. For example, in May we had trips to Basingstoke, Bath and Southampton hospitals and to appointments in Mere. So if you would like to find out more about volunteering as a driver please call our co-ordinator on 01747 860096.

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 coordinators 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 a minimum of 48 hours notice, if at all possible, as we cannot guarantee our co-ordinator will be at home to arrange last minute requests.

When you read this we will have had the Link Scheme AGM. If you were able to come, I hope you had an interesting and enjoyable evening.

John FitzGerald, Link Chair"
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GREENER MAIDEN BRADLEY BURSARY

Greener Maiden Bradley (formerly known as the Maiden Bradley Climate Committee) is excited to announce a £200 Bursary available for local residents or family members associated with a local resident. We aim to support individuals who have a clear vision for positive environmental change within our community.

PURPOSE:

The Bursary is intended to assist individuals in making a positive environmental commitment that can benefit our village through education or practical action.

USAGE:

The Bursary can be used for various purposes, including local actions or infrastructure, conference fees, accommodation, incidental expenditures, short courses, research, or travel expenses nationally or internationally.

ELIGIBILITY:

Bursaries may be awarded to individuals or groups where at least one person is a resident of Maiden Bradley or has a familial connection to the village. Applicants must be willing to share the outcomes of their bursary use through speaking or writing to our community. We encourage all ideas that can benefit Maiden Bradley through education or local action.

DISSEMINATION:

Recipients of the Bursary are required to disseminate the information or understanding gained from their project. This can be done by submitting a short one-page report to Greener Maiden Bradley, which may be published as a local article in our Parish Newsletter or Shire Newspaper or presented at our Village Hall. Sharing your learnings and practical applications benefits our environment.

HOW TO APPLY:

To apply to Greener Maiden Bradley (GMB), describe your proposed idea and how you plan to use the funds. Include your plans for disseminating the knowledge gained and how it can benefit Maiden Bradley. Successful applicants will need to agree on a final program with GMB at least six weeks before their visits commence.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

The current call for applications ends at 17:00 on October 1st, 2023. The Conference/Travel Bursary will be publicised in the Parish Newsletter. Bursary holders should complete their itinerary by June 30, 2024.

CONDITIONS:

Greener Maiden Bradley collectively makes all decisions regarding the Bursary. There are no special conditions, and we welcome any inquiries or questions. Reach out to us at greenermaidenbradley@gmail.com.

Join us in creating positive environmental change in our community with the Greener Maiden Bradley Bursary. Apply today and let's make a difference together!

MAIDEN BRADLEY BOOK CLUB

THE BOOK CLUB'S LATEST BOOK WAS DEMON COPPERHEAD BY BARBARA KINGSOLVER,
546 PAGES/21 HOURS.

"It is best when we do not agree" said one of our number... we sure didn't! Some of us thought it was beautifully written with witty insightful passages that made you think about the differences between the rural and city economies and the different ways that the Appalachian area of North America has been exploited for centuries. Others found it, wordy, predictable and relentlessly depressing. The book is based on the story arc of David Copperfield but set in 1990s USA with the background and increasing foreground of the Oxycontin crisis. It is cleverly structured; as with Dickens there are a huge number of characters and we all agreed that it was a bit relentless. Kingsolver uses Dickens' names cleverly, Uriah Heep becomes U-Haul, Agnes is Angus, Steerforth is Fast Forward. Some had read the book and some had switched half way through to the Audible version which is well presented and possibly a good way to experience it. Our next book is apparently a lighter read: The Maid by Nina Prose 352 pps/9.5hrs and we will meet to discuss it on 7th September.

There was a good turnout from Maiden Bradley Book Club for our local author Alice Maddicott's book launch at Hunting Raven Books in Frome. Her book 'Tender Maps' was published in July.



THE BRADLEY CHAIN

LINK NUMBER 5 - CATHY WILLIAMS THE SQUARE

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED MAIDEN BRADLEY?

Since August 2012

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

I went to India to visit family

TELL US SOMETHING OF YOUR WORK PAST
AND/OR PRESENT

I've had lots of different jobs in the past, but
have been supporting children who do not
have English as a first language since 2004

TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR LEISURE ACTIVITIES

I love cryptic crosswords and sudoku

WHAT IS YOUR EARLIEST MEMORY?

Seeing my mum in a rocking chair feeding my brother, I must have been
about 2 years old

TELL US ABOUT AN ANIMAL THAT MEANS A LOT TO YOU.

I LOVE Molly, our very hairy and noisy Jack Russell

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FILM/TV SERIES?

We recently re-watched The Shawshank Redemption – brilliant

DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER WITH A STORY THAT IS UNUSUAL?

My mum and stepfather are experts in Ottoman history and coinage!

WHAT ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF IN YOUR LIFE?

Being happily married, we celebrated 20 years in May

NAME YOUR FAVOURITE WATER WAY

The Aegean Sea

TELL US A BIT ABOUT HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THE FUTURE

Quite worried, I feel guilty about the legacy we are leaving our youngsters

TELL US SOMETHING THAT YOU THINK WILL SURPRISE MOST READERS?

I speak Turkish as I went to Istanbul with my parents in 1961. We drove there in
a VW Beetle, my mum discovered she was pregnant with my brother en-route.
He was born in Istanbul and we lived there until I was 17. I loved growing up
speaking three languages (French too!) and thought the UK was wonderfully
exotic when we came to visit!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE SEASON?

Springtime

TELL US ABOUT A CRISIS IN YOUR LIFE

All lives have crises – I have had a few and got over them and I try not to
dwell on them but learn the lessons they teach

TELL US ABOUT A HIGHLIGHT IN YOUR LIFE

Fostering an Iraqi lad who is now like a son to us

WHAT IS THE BEST BOOK YOU HAVE READ AND WHY DID YOU LIKE IT?

I love the Outlander Books – great story, wonderful writing and well
researched history

A BENCH FOR MEL



Liz Thomas has kindly sponsored a
bench in memory of her husband,
Mel.

The Hall grounds are currently look-
ing stunning thanks to the hard
work of a handful of volunteers.

*The bench and the planter will soon
be displaying their commemorative
plaques.*



HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF WILTSHIRE



This month Wiltshire Council will consider the review of the Wiltshire Local Plan. The draft Plan sets out the vision and framework for housing, infrastructure and land for employment growth for the next 15 years. Once adopted, all planning applications will be determined against the Plan, making it the most important place-shaping document for Wiltshire.

It also identifies sites for housing and employment development until 2038. There is good news in that following further work to assess the number of homes needed, the number of planned homes in the Plan has been significantly reduced from its last iteration by almost 9000. When the Plan was consulted on in 2021, it proposed 45,630 homes over 20 years to 2036, but the updated Plan proposes 36,740 homes, of which over 21,900 homes have already been built or are committed.

Several important policies are included in the draft plan:

40% of all new housing on developments of 10 homes or more to be affordable. Greater flexibility for rural exception sites to make it easier to provide affordable housing in villages where there is clearly identified demand.

New developments will have to meet zero carbon standards, including energy generation such as solar panels.

20% biodiversity net gain for all new developments, compared to the 10% legal requirement.

All new developments must also have cycling and walking connections.

Most of the housing development is planned to be in the major urban centres in the county, with Warminster the 5th largest of the County's 16 main settlements needing to plan for only an additional 120 homes up until 2038, when existing completions and commitments are considered.

Large Villages perform an important function of providing local services and facilities, often serving a wider rural hinterland, more so than Small Villages and other smaller settlements. Neighbourhood area housing requirements are therefore set at a scale of growth according to the Local Service Centres and Large Villages that lie within them, with an expectation that neighbourhood plan led growth will be focused on these more sustainable rural settlements, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). This reflects the Local Plan settlement strategy, in a way which will help to maintain the vitality of rural communities. Site allocations will generally be carried out by neighbourhood plans. Where this is not the case, it may be necessary for the Council to allocate sites.

Chapmanslade and Corsley are considered to be large villages in the housing plan and some development will ensure that these communities can continue to thrive and meet local housing needs.

Whilst Upton Scudamore, Horningsham and Maiden Bradley are Small Villages and have no identified housing requirement to be provided in the Plan.

This Local Plan is about providing for a choice of high-quality designed housing, including affordable homes, in the most sustainable locations; maximising development on brownfield sites; supporting town centres; and providing high quality new public open spaces.

A full consultation on the proposals is expected to take place in the Autumn so please do have your say about the plans. To read the full Cabinet report, go to: <https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=14748>

Bill Parks

Wiltshire Councillor for Warminster North and Rural.

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The poster for 'Wiltshire's Churches Open Day' features a vibrant orange background. At the top, the 'RIDE + STRIDES for Churches' logo is displayed in a playful, colorful font. To the right, there are two circular logos: one for the 'National Churches Trust 1953-2023' and another for the 'National Churches Trust' with the text 'Supported by the National Churches Trust Charity Number 11196E'. The central focus is a large blue banner with white text that reads 'WILTSHIRE'S CHURCHES OPEN DAY' and '9th SEPT 2023'. Below this, a smaller text block invites participants to 'Join us on a bike, on foot or on horseback to keep Wiltshire's historic churches, chapels and meeting houses looking beautiful and open for the future by raising money for your own church and the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust.' At the bottom, contact information for the 'Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust' is provided, including the email 'kcr.rs@btinternet.com', the website 'www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk', and the phone number '01380 831199'. A small image of a stone church building is visible in the bottom right corner.

Unfortunately, this worthwhile event again takes place on the same date as the Frome Show. However, if anyone is interested in participating, further details can be obtained from: Victoria de Maré 01985 844 695 victoria.demare@gmail.com

UPDATE FROM THE VILLAGE SHOP TEAM AT THE BRADLEY PANTRY

We are delighted to have received so much positive feedback from the village, thank you to everyone who has wished us well and pledged their support, it feels really good to know we have the village behind us.

The team at Stonevale Homes are doing a fantastic job of restoring our village shop and we are excited each time we visit the site to see the latest progress.



Meanwhile, the Pantry team have been busy sourcing equipment and shop fit, as well as starting to source suppliers.

We have a newly functioning presence on social media, on Facebook and Instagram, so do look us up to stay up to date with the latest news about the shop. Over the coming months we'll be giving some sneak peeks of the build progress, shop fit and highlight some of the suppliers we are working with.

However, before we begin on creating a stock list we'd like to hear from our most valued customers... which is you, the Village and parishioners of Maiden Bradley, so that we can supply the right products for as many of you as possible. To help us understand your

needs we've devised a questionnaire, which is available both online and as a hardcopy. For those who prefer pen and paper you should find a copy in this magazine. Please pop it back in our postbox at 63 The Rank once completed, before the end of August. We also have an online version and will be posting a link on our Facebook and Instagram pages, and on the Maiden Bradley Village News Facebook page.

It should only take a few minutes of your time but can make a big difference to our village shop, so please give it some thought, take 5 minutes, grab a cup of tea and let us know what's important to you.

Many thanks,
Wendy, Poppy & Mark
THE BRADLEY PANTRY



COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH NEWS

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



"High Street"

We have been advised that they will be coming to put the 20mph roundels on the road as agreed, we do not have a timing though at present. There is going to be extra traffic signage at the crossroads with the B3092 plus extra white lineage as required.

Just to reiterate, we are in the process of re applying for the original CSW location to be approved again. Plus a new location by the entrance to the Millennium Trees recently planted. This will give clear siting both East and West on high Street plus very good sighting along Back Lane. As yet we have had no response.

We are re-applying for the reduction of the speed limit on Back Lane and the section of Kingston lane from the junction with Back Lane to the junction with the B3092.

We have requested removal of the traffic calming by the church as there was yet another incident there on Sunday 9th July 2023

"CSW"

We have again carried out four CSW sessions on the B3092 three by the church and one on Frome Road, The sessions have shown an extremely high level of vehicles in general mostly cars, HGV's numbers seem to remain more or less the same although the vehicle GVW has increased, this shows as the rigid vehicles are almost all 4 axle (32 tonne GVW) and the semi trailers 6 axle (44 tonne GVW) has, while it has not shown any of those in excess of the 30mph limit it does show the extremely high level of vehicles passing through our village averaging about 139 per hour.

We are having a holiday, the small core of the dedicated CSW team need this break. They work hard and sometimes abused to try and keep the roads around the village safe with little recognition and thanks.

So Community Speed Watch will not be operating in August because of holidays and a rest. However WE will be back in business come September.

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



Philip Wilkinson

AS WILTSHIRE'S POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER, I HAVE WELCOMED SOME SIGNIFICANT CHANGES MADE BY NEW CHIEF CONSTABLE CATHERINE ROPER IN HER FIRST FOUR MONTHS BUT I DO HAVE TO CAUTION MORE TIME IS NEEDED FOR SUSTAINED PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENTS ACROSS ALL AREAS.

Some of the measures introduced include:

- Greater police visibility – increased community patrols and focus on bringing policing to rural communities with additional mobile police stations.
- Increased policing – proactive, intensified policing in communities where necessary and use of all available powers.
- Focus on service – ensuring staff are moving from a back-to-basics approach and evolving to drive improvement in the service received by residents.
- Putting victims first and at the heart of every police interaction.
- Focus on performance – driving slimmed down governance, introducing key role back into the policing structure, giving greater control to commanders, driving up standards.
- Opening Wiltshire Police up to enable more recruitment by dismissing need for mandatory police officer degrees.

Recruiting an experienced chief officer was a conscious decision on my part to drive the improvements Wiltshire Police needed to navigate its way through the Engage process but also so it can deliver the police service residents want – and deserve.

Despite only being in post for nearly four month, CC Roper's vision for Wiltshire Police is coming to fruition.

There has been a defined focus on quality of service, on driving performance, an increased focus on victims and quality of investigations to boost outcome rates. We have seen a determined effort by the Chief to encourage leaders within the Force to take control and drive up standards and for our communities to receive more visible, proactive policing.

Of course, we are both aware the scale of work required cannot be resolved in a short amount of time. There isn't a quick fix to sustained performance improvements across all areas and time is needed. The Chief and I are also acutely aware there will be challenges ahead for some time yet but the important point is: the right steps are being taken.

However, and more importantly, I have always known Wiltshire has many dedicated and hardworking officers, staff and volunteers and now they will be able to focus on what they want – delivering a quality, frontline, policing service which delivers for its communities.

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Church Railings Painting

Our railings by the church, along Church Street from the T junction with Kingston Lane are in desperate need of re-painting again. They were last repainted in 2018 by the community including a generator lent to power the pressure washer kindly lent by Dangells Farm, plus hoses and water supplied from the Community Garden. Paint and Materials supplied by Wiltshire Council Highways.

An excellent project all together and very much appreciated by all.

Sadly six years later the railings require painting again by the same process. To do this we plan to start the operation in the second week of August this year. It will be in two parts as the lower section of the railings basically from the start of the layby by the church can be carried out once the railings have been pressure washed. The upper section should start from the 21st August as we have traffic lights booked for that section for 3 days to protect the painters etc.

So if you have a sudden urge and feel the need to help paint the railings - Please do contact either:

Simon on 01985 844848

or

Keith on 01985 844722

Your kind help will be much appreciated.

Simon Wager

Accessible Trailer Day



Discover stunning Melbury Valley on an Accessible Trailer Ride

FRI 11 AUG | MELBURY VALLEY (NEAR SHAFTESBURY) | 10.30AM | NATURE TOUR

Join Rangers from the National Trust and Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for a visit to the beautiful Melbury Valley on this special tour on Friday 11th August.

Learn more about the area; how it is managed, its history and ecology and see if you can spot red kites, buzzards, deer, possibly even hares, as you discover its birdlife, wildflowers and insects.

Our accessible trailer seats 8 people, either in wheelchairs, or in fixed seats. It will take you, at walking pace, through the beech woods to the valley and back.

If you have a small group who would not otherwise be able to access this stunning site, who would benefit from being able to get out in the countryside, please call our Heritage and Community Engagement Officer, Rachel Limb on rachellimb@cranbornechase.org.uk.

If you would like to come on an individual basis please contact Rachel to register your interest.

Bring a flask or refreshments to enjoy whilst enjoying the views and chatting to our Rangers.

The tour starts at 10.30am and will take approx 2 hours, please note there are no toilet facilities at the site. Minibus pick-up from your location can be arranged, so please let us know your needs.

COVER STORY - BEES NEED WEEDS!

FARMERS TAKE PART IN BEE TRAINING

18 farmers from various farmer groups across the AONB took a break from harvest and haymaking to learn more about bees from farm wildlife expert Marek Nowakowski.

Topics covered included the importance of making sure bees have all their year round requirements met especially food, shelter and safe nesting sites, and how farmers can create and manage these habitats on farm.

Did you Know?

Bumblebee queens hibernate overwinter in the ground making use of vole nests and runs which are found in thick tussocky grass. Queens emerge in March when they are very hungry and need nectar sources to feed on. Common garden flowers such as dandelion and red dead nettle are really important and a good excuse to leave some weeds in your garden!

One of the most interesting facts was that honey bees are poor pollinators whilst our 200+ species of solitary bees are brilliant at it! Two of my favourite species are the brilliant named Pantaloon bee and the Hairy-footed flower bee!

A walk around some flower meadows converted from arable land next to the River Nadder with a net yielded loads of insects including butterflies, bees, grasshoppers and the impressive Giant green cricket which is the biggest insect I have ever seen!

The pollinator workshop is part of a 3 year Countryside Stewardship Facilitation Fund grant awarded to the Nadder Valley Farmer Group, a collection of 23 farmers working together for better environmental outcomes across 4000ha of Cranborne chase AONB.

Find out more -

www.cranbornechase.org.uk



Annual Flower and Produce Show



Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

Saturday August 19th 2pm

**Best Village Dog - judged at 2pm in car park
refreshments served**

phone 844244 for further details