

MAIDEN BRADLEY NEWS

OCTOBER 2023



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MAIDEN BRADLEY PARISH NEWS - ISSUE 412

DIARY OCTOBER 2023

- 1 Sun Sunday Catch up – Village Hall 10am
2 Mon Green Recycling
4 Wed Black box and Blue bin recycling
6 Fri **Macmillan Coffee Morning 10-12am**
Temporary Measure Pop up Pub from 6pm
7 Sat **Temporary Measure Pop up Pub from 6pm**
8 Sun No Service
10 Tues **Auction of Promises – ends today!**
11 Wed **Household waste collection**
13 Fri **Coffee Morning at the Hall in aid of The MB News – cakes and raffle 10-12am**
14 Sat **Underwoods Fish and Chip van 4.30-5.30pm**
15 Sun **Harvest Festival Service in church led by Rev Caroline Husband, Rural Dean 10am**
16 Mon Green recycling
18 Wed Black box and Blue bin recycling
20 **COPY DATE to pat@visa-office.com**
22 Sun No service
25 Wed **Household waste collection**
28 Sat **Underwoods fish and chip van 4.30-5.30pm**
29 Sun **All Saints day parish communion - Archdeacon Alan Jeans 10am**
30 Mon Green recycling

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EDITORIAL

Change, it is a word that evokes many emotions and means different things in different ways. The change in the village recently has been the interruption to the flow of traffic during the road works concerning the electricity supply to the new development at the Old Timber Yard. Short lived, as it has been, cars crossing the road at the crossroad have benefited from the traffic lights making it safer to proceed.

The change in the social structure emanates from the departure of a farming family from the village. No longer will we see their cattle in the fields or benefit from the timely cutting of the hedges and verges along the lanes. The duties performed by Mary within the Village Hall cannot be fulfilled by another due to the quiet way she went about her volunteering. And those cakes that Mary baked will be sorely missed.

The seasonal change is upon us and I am already thinking towards Christmas and what needs to happen to make it special for the family. Certainly the cake is made and soaking up the brandy, the pudding will be made closer to the date, I know what to buy the grandchildren and am going to gather some of the abundant hawthorn berries, with which to decorate the house. Early planning is one of the benefits of retirement and a huge change in the way we live our lives.

Pat Kennedy

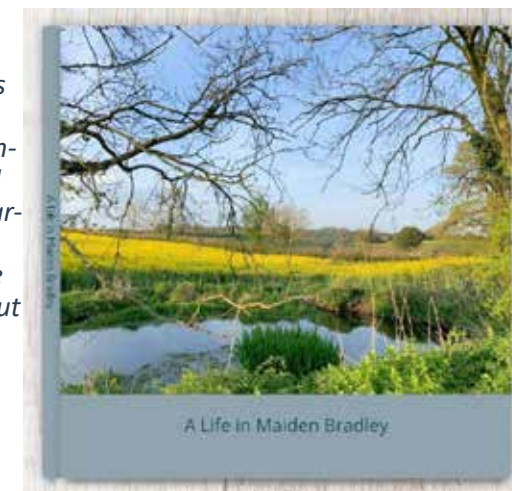
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**THANK YOU, THANK YOU,
THANK YOU!**

Words cannot portray our gratitude to everyone who said such kind words about us in the lovely book 'A Life in Maiden Bradley', it's so well put together and is certainly a treasure to keep! The overwhelming generosity of the garden voucher will be put to good use in getting our garden looking how we would like. We may be moving away but will be popping back on occasion!

Best wishes and many thanks to all,

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both evenings*



**Friday 13th October
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for the Parish Newsletter 10-12**

Saturday 14th October – Underwoods Fish & Chip Van 4.30-5.30pm
Saturday 28th October – Underwoods Fish & Chip Van 4.30-5.30pm

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REGULAR EVENTS

MONDAY	9.30 - 10.30 10.40 - 11.40 17.00 - 18.00	Advanced Pilates Beginners Pilates Dr's Surgery
TUESDAY	9.30 - 10.30 13.00 - 15.00	Bradley Babies Post Office Service
WEDNESDAY	18.15 - 19.15	Yoga Flow
THURSDAY	9.30 - 10.30 11.00 - 12.00	PILATES NEW CLASS Restorative Yoga
FRIDAY	10.00 - 12.00	Coffee Morning

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APPLE PRESSING DAY SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER

The Maiden Bradley community Garden would like to invite everyone to come and join us in the community garden and enjoy a glass of freshly pressed apple juice. There's nothing quite like juice fresh from the press! If you bring some apples and a container we can press you some juice for you to take home too. Everyone is welcome.

2pm - 5pm MB Community Garden

Church News

On October 29th, All Saints Day, our Patronal Service will be led by the Venerable Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum.

This year the service has special significance as we will mark the end of Maiden Bradley's association with the benefice of Mere, and the beginning of our new association with the four parishes that are Upper Stour. It is a lovely opportunity for old friends and new to come together and to share in marking the occasion with something of a flourish.



Refreshments will be served in church after the service and our bells will be rung with gusto! Please join us if you can.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please remember that the on line auction to raise money for the church organ is currently ongoing at: [Jumblebee.co.uk/savethechurchorgan](https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/savethechurchorgan). The auction finishes on 10th October so please put your bids in as soon as possible, your support is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Repair the Church Organ!



The beautiful historic organ in the Church of All Saint's in Maiden Bradley is sadly in need of some expensive repairs to maintain its wonderful sound quality and prolong its life for future generations to enjoy.

Contact administrator

Lot Number	Price	Days Left	Description
Lot 4	£25	3	Well rotted cow manure
Lot 14	£70	5	Glider flight in Wiltshire
Lot 29	£100	6	Tour of Bradley House with The Duke of Somerset
Lot 15	£65	4	18 holes at Orchardleigh Golf Club for 4 People
Lot 36	£65	10	60 minute Beauty Treatment at the Potting Shed
Lot 37	£110	5	Tour of Bradley Estate with the Duke of Somerset
Lot 9	£43	8	True Grace Diffuser and candle
Lot 6	£55	5	Guided tour and tasting at Langham Wine Estate
Lot 1	£75	10	The Newt Garden Membership
Lot 28	£74	11	(Image of food)



Q&A WITH MARK LUCAS-PHILLIPS ABOUT THE SOON-TO-BE-OPENING BRADLEY PANTRY.



WHAT CRITERIA ARE YOU USING TO CHOOSE THE PRODUCTS FOR THE SHOP?

Our business values & the village survey results, which we knew would give us valuable insight & help us understand what is important to our customers. The answers have shaped our business plan & approach as well as confirming our own inclinations. The Pantry team are passionate about food, the systems behind our choices, the impact on our health and the health of the planet.

OUR VALUES ARE UNDERPINNED BY 3 MAIN CRITERIA.

QUALITY stands at the front of our business. Food costs us more now, and as an independent village store, we struggle to compete with the buying power of the supermarkets, but we can compete on quality, sourcing products that stand out, taste great, function consistently and which we source with a focus on natural ingredients wherever possible. Food made from natural ingredients involves less processing and hence less energy to produce, making them better for our planet & for our health.

LOCAL. We are local people ourselves; there have been 5 generations of the Lucas family in Maiden Bradley. My family were dairy farmers in Stoke St. Michael & my grandfather was a greengrocer in Frome. This is a heritage of which we are proud, but it doesn't stop there, 'local' to us is about keeping our food miles low and reducing our carbon footprint. Buying from local suppliers ensures we can focus on fresh, natural food that has less distance to travel, smaller supply chains and can be delivered to us frequently. It is a win-win situation that scored top of the list on the survey. 'Local' is also about supporting other independent businesses in the area. Some of the best food in the country is made in the West Country, so why go further afield?

SUSTAINABILITY, We feel fully responsible for the choices we make and how they impact on the environment. This goes into not only our products and how they are made, packaged and shipped but also in the equipment we have been sourcing. We have a saying at the Bradley Pantry, and that is that we want our products to have a low impact on the environment and a big impact on our customers.

TELL US HOW QUESTIONS ABOUT CO2 FOOTPRINT AFFECT YOUR BUSINESS PLAN?

Sustainability is at the core of our values, we take our impacts seriously, within this of course we have our carbon footprint. It is one of the influencing factors behind sourcing local, but we also examine our suppliers' sustainable credentials because local doesn't always mean sustainable. It's a balancing act of getting the quality right, whilst considering our impacts & those of our supply chain. We are also looking to actively offset food miles we incur sourcing some products from further afield, by ensuring our suppliers source their ingredients locally & not from all over the country, or worldwide. Our pastry supplier for example source their ingredients from a 10-mile radius of their bakery and a Cornish Pastry has to come from Cornwall. They have also tagged us on to an existing supply chain route into the West Country.

We recognise it's not just about food miles and fossil fuels, so with our equipment sourcing we have a clear focus on greener energy rated equipment. Our fridges & freezers are low energy rated and use state of the art refrigerants that are safer for the environment as well as using less energy to run. Our coffee machine was chosen with a greener angle too, utilising a new technology that requires 30% less energy to brew a cup of coffee. We are fitting the shop out using local tradespeople and with upcycled materials where we can. Why make new when we can reuse and make new from old?

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

This is a huge question, extending well beyond our carbon footprint, as we know the issues are much larger than this single greenhouse gas. Essentially, I think we all know about climate change & that it is our responsibility to make a difference. The food system is responsible for 25-30% of global greenhouse gas emissions. It is second only to fossil fuel in terms of the damage we are doing to our planet and because of that, it really does matter.

Being a Food Technologist myself, thinking about food, its quality, consistency, how it is farmed, sourced, processed, packaged, distributed, retailed & consumed is something I have been involved with for over 35 years. And whilst I have much experience in the world of food manufacturing, it has felt like a big responsibility to enter the world of retailing food ourselves, as the choices we now make extend so much further than our own kitchen. We take this extended responsibility seriously. It's therefore important to us to make the right choices and have a positive

impact wherever we can. With this in mind, I have been re-educating myself and researching the wider impacts of our food system since the Bradley Pantry was first considered. Reading has included Ravenous by Henry Dimbleby, which it has opened my eyes further and will continue to shape the choices The Bradley Pantry makes, as well as the food I personally choose to eat.

TELL US ABOUT SOME OF THE SUPPLIERS THAT HAVE INSPIRED YOU?

Sustainability and impact are on most business agendas today, whether driven by moral, or commercial advantage, or a combination of the two, it can be difficult to sift through the spin at times. More progressive companies are working towards B Corp certification, a system of assessing the environmental and social performance of a business, giving a means of transparency to challenge businesses' green credentials. We are working with several suppliers with this accreditation, one of our wholesalers is B Corp certified, also Marshfield Ice Cream, and I think we'll see (& encourage) more of this in our business. Such certifications require resources and tend to be possible for larger companies, so what often impresses us are simple, effective, impactful solutions. For example, our coffee supplier Roundhill Roastery, is a great local company just 19 miles away. Their coffee is fantastic, and we love how local they are and the fact that they think about their impacts in a simple yet effective way, delivering our beans for the coffee shop in returnable containers. They use 100% renewable energy in their roastery & have zero wastage in their roasting process. This is a great example of a small local business making sensible steps in a positive way which inspire us ticking all 3 of our boxes.

WILL YOU HAVE SOME ORGANIC PRODUCTS AND HOW DO YOU SEE THEM IN THE GRAND SCHEME?

We will definitely have organic products in the shop, and we prefer to buy organic as consumers ourselves, as much as we can afford. But we also recognise the importance of having a choice. We will therefore offer organic & conventional products where possible, focusing on both quality & value to appeal to all pockets.

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON PACKAGING?

I understand its necessity but think it is overused by manufacturers and in many supermarkets and shops. We will be going back to basics, our fruit and veg will be loose, with paper bags, not plastic, for customers to use if they require them. We are looking at refillable options for both food and non-food items, such as toiletries and cosmetics. We want to source a good range of shampoo & conditioner bars, refillable shampoos & cleaning products. Reducing our packaging and sourcing products made from recycled, or recyclable products will always be something we will continue to prioritise.

Mark Lucas-Phillips and the Bradley Pantry Team

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LINK NUMBER 7 - MARIA BLACKBURN

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED MAIDEN BRADLEY?

I moved here from Bath with my husband and son in spring last year.

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

To the South of Argentina to visit family. My parents live in Patagonia, in the foothills of the Andes, and it's been a few years since I was last able to go and see them.

TELL US SOMETHING OF YOUR WORK PAST AND/OR PRESENT.

I used to work in publishing, but in 2017 I changed career completely. I'm now a yarn dyer and knitwear designer under the name Marina Skua; I design patterns and yarns for hand knitters. I work with local fibres as much as possible, and dabble in a lot of other textiles crafts, including spinning and weaving.

TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR LEISURE ACTIVITIES.

I love walks in nature and gardening –both when the weather is good! Most of my non-working time is now spent with our toddler, and we draw, read and dance a lot together.

WHAT IS YOUR EARLIEST MEMORY?

I was about three, and poked my finger into a foxglove; there was a bee in there and it didn't end well for either of us.



WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FILM/TV SERIES?

Film: *Pride & Prejudice* (the 2005 one) – the cinematography and costumes are beautiful, and who doesn't love a good costume drama.

TV: *Gardeners World* – though I seem to stop watching in about June every year, possibly because by then there's enough going on outside by that point that I don't need to get my garden fix from the television.



NAME YOUR FAVOURITE MOUNTAIN.

Cerro Chapelco – it's the mountain where my parents live, and my grandparents before that. They have the most beautiful views, and so much snow in winter.

TELL US SOME THINGS THAT

YOU LIKE ABOUT THE VILLAGE/AREA.

The local countryside is beautiful and peaceful. I love being able to walk in the woods and not see another person, but then come back to the village where everyone has been so friendly and welcoming. We're lucky to have some other lovely young families here, and our little baby & toddler group is wonderful!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE SEASON?

Summer and its long days just make me so happy. Though I love spring for its hopefulness, autumn for its golden light, and winter for the cosy fires, knitwear and increasingly rare crisp, frosty mornings.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?

Homemade pasta and pesto. I love making gnocchi, and the smell of fresh basil is heavenly.

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

I'm currently re-reading *Lord of the Rings* (again). I really enjoy Tolkien's love of language and nature, and a bit of nostalgic escapism never goes amiss.

CHURCH RAILINGS REPAINTED

Right on time as we planned, we started operations in the second week of August and were able to complete within the 10 days planned.

All this was carried out by a small group of seven members of the community and Wiltshire Council who loaned equipment and all worked very hard indeed to bring this project to the successful conclusion it reached. So quickly and so well.

Thank you all for all your hard work, time to get this project completed. A brilliant effort and very much appreciated.

Made the more so by both temperature and the adverse conditions of working close to the road as we had to with the traffic. Our Yellow Wheel nut indicators collection underlines how close the vehicles came at times regardless.

Simon Wager

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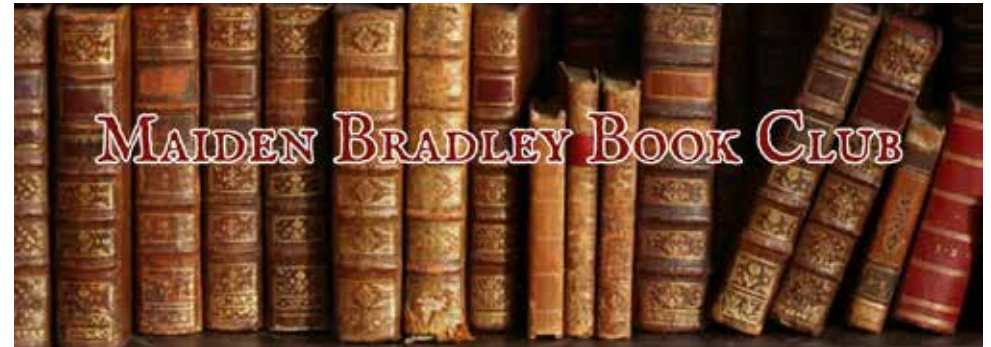
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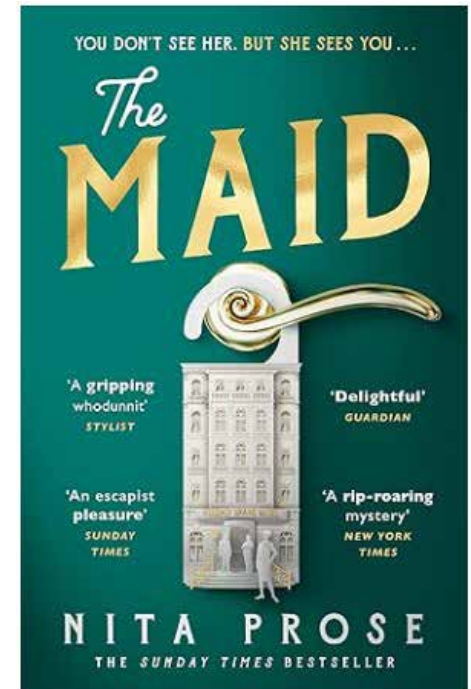
Di Stevens won first prize at the Frome Show for her artistic flower arrangement. Congratulations to Diana.



Book club: Review of The Maid, by Nita Prose.
By Alex Channer

You might think a novel about a murder, a maid, a rich man, and a luxury hotel sounds like a tried and tested story, but this book is entertaining, tightly written, and also gently surprising. It takes you inside the world of Molly, a young woman who sees people and events through the lens of autism, and who finds solace in a daunting routine of cleaning, and the dignity of work, values instilled by her grandmother.

Molly is invisible to most as a maid, but her approach to life and her decisions, make her stand out. Although we chose the novel as a light read, and it feels like that when you read it, the book actually addresses serious ethical issues like human trafficking, assisted dying, and of course, murder. It makes you think about innocence and culpability, and the benefits of seeing the world through someone else's eyes. Apparently, a second book is coming out soon. And, one last thought, we wondered whether Nita Prose was a nom de plume for Neater Prose!



Our next book is Betty by Tiffany McDaniel and we meet on 24 October.

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DON'T LET YOUR HEDGE BE A HAZARD.

As we enter the Autumn season and the annual flail cutting of roadside verges starts, I thought that I would write a few words about roadside hedges.

Travelling around the villages I see many examples of overgrown hedges alongside footpaths and country lanes. These pose a real hazard to people who are disabled or who are visually impaired and young children or other pedestrians who risk injury or damage to their faces or clothing from thorns and branches. If the pavement (footway) is narrow or the obstruction is excessive, they may be forced into the road.

This is particularly dangerous for wheelchair users or for people pushing a pram or buggy. On junctions and bends overgrown hedges may obstruct sight lines and the clear view of motorists. They may also obscure traffic signs or streetlights and with many of our country lanes being narrow, increasing the risk of accidents.

Many hedges grow on the edge of the highway and mark its boundary with private property. It is the responsibility of the adjacent landowner or occupier to properly maintain them and any trees or other vegetation the hedge contains.

Landowners and occupiers are required by law to trim any hedge next to the public highway where the growth is preventing the passage, or affecting the safety, of the highway user.

So please, check hedges on your land bordering the highway regularly and cut them back if they're obstructing visibility or the passage of vehicles or pedestrians along the lanes. Also check vegetation is not obscuring signs or streetlights.

If Wiltshire Council exercising its powers as the Highway Authority identify an obstructive hedge or potentially dangerous tree on your land, they can send a letter saying what work you need to carry out to make the vegetation safe as stated in The Highways Act 1980. If you don't deal with the obstruction, they may do the work and claim back the cost from you.

If trees, shrubs and hedges are regularly maintained to within your property boundary there will be no need for the Council to ask you to take action.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help with local issues.

Best wishes,

Bill Parks

Wiltshire Councillor – Warminster North and Rural

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Welcome Club

On Tuesday 26th September the Welcome Club went on their monthly outing and this month it was to Abergavenny. We left with overcast skies and the forecast did not look good, but we hoped for the best. Our coffee stop was at Chepstow Garden Centre and they had altered the restaurant since we were there the last time and it was now waitress service. We had told everyone that we would spend an hour at the garden centre but it turned out it was not enough time to have a look around the centre after coffee and so we arrived at Abergavenny at about 12.30pm. We all agreed to leave at 4pm.

People went off to do their own thing and most had lunch then looked around the town. It was market day and we enjoyed the indoor market, although Wales is known for its rainfall, we had a beautiful day blue sky lovely sunshine all the time we were there, so everyone really enjoyed themselves. We did not have any rain till we got past Bradford on Avon on the way home. Lesley and Tom did the raffle which people find great fun? Our next outing is to Newbury on October 17th which is our last Outing of the year where has the year gone? If anyone is interested in coming, please contact Pearl on 219289 or Lesley on 211355.

Here is a picture of the Kudu Bull that decided to pitch up for tea on my daughters Stoop in South Africa a few weeks ago. From what I have been told the bull was really in his prime. Standing about 1.5mtrs on the shoulder. Despite their rather fierce looks they are normally quite passive unless threatened.

Simon Wager





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The Editor thought it would be good to hear from some of the people who use or drive for the Link Scheme, so we asked Judy Stutchbury who has done both. Judy says “I first came across Link when I had appointments at Southampton Hospital. I found the drivers were so kind, helpful and very enjoyable to be with on a long journey. I always said that when I was back on the road I would volunteer for Link, which I did a couple of years ago.

I have found it to be so rewarding driving people to their medical appointments and sometimes, hairdressers and shopping. The people are so lovely and, like me, so grateful for the Link service. I have met some wonderful people and had so many lovely chats, all very rewarding. I am grateful to be able to repay Link for all the support they gave me.”

New drivers are always welcome so, if you would like to find out more about volunteering as a driver, please call our co-ordinator on 01747 860096.

We did 90 trips in August which is the monthly average so far this year. 35 of the trips were to Salisbury District Hospital. Our volunteer drivers take clients to medical appointments, including Covid vaccinations, and even shopping when 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 coordinators work in their own homes – we do not have an office - so please 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 (not including Saturdays and Sundays) as we cannot guarantee **our co-ordinator will be at home to arrange last minute requests.**

Finally, early notice that the Link will continue to take people to medical appointments over the Christmas and New Year period but please note that our phone will not be “manned” on 25, 26, 27 December and 1 and 2 January 2024. So if you have a medical appointment between these dates please let us know by 24th December to give us the best chance of getting you a driver.

John FitzGerald,
Link Chair

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

“High Street”

We have been advised that they will be coming to put a second surface on High Street commencing 19th September so the the 20mph roundels on the road as agreed will follow I suspect. 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 still have had no response until the next CATG traffic meeting

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 are waiting for the dates from CATG

We have requested removal of the traffic calming by the church as there was yet another incident there on Sunday 9th July 2023 This is in progress and discussions are in progress and waiting for the engineers overview as the best way to proceed. To support this a second SID has been ordered and will be set up in a similar way to the one on Frome Road that has been and continues to be so successful in calming traffic.

“CSW”

We had our holiday, the dedicated CSW team needed this break. They work hard and sometimes are sometimes abused, (Dirty disposable nappies seem to be the weapon of choice at the moment) to try and keep the roads around the village safe with little recognition and thanks.

WE thought we would be back in business come September. However it was not to be as they are digging up Church Street, yes!! after resurfacing some of it?????? This means we cannot operate from the approved locations until the roadway is returned to normal. This is confirmed by Wiltshire Police CSW Officer Rodger Fooks.

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**



**PCC SAYS:
VICTIMS WILL ALWAYS
BE BELIEVED
WHEN ACCESSING
SUPPORT SERVICES**

Victims who access support through commissioned services will always be listened to and taken seriously regardless of whether they've reported a crime or not, Wiltshire's Police and Crime Commissioner has said.

PCC Philip Wilkinson wants victims in the county to be confident they will always be provided with the support they need after the weekend's media revelations of historic rape and sexual assault allegations by several victims against a comedian.

Last month the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) launched a new campaign focusing on signposting the broad range of commissioned support services available for victims of all types of crime, including rape and sexual assault – and the fact don't need to report to get support.

Mr Wilkinson said: “With the shocking historic allegations coming to light in the media this weekend which may have left victims feeling unheard, I want to reassure the people of Wiltshire that they can come forward in confidence that they will be listened to, and mostly importantly they will be believed.”

“My office's victims' campaign is about signposting our commissioned services that are there to help people when they most need it, and rest assured victims will be treated with respect, dignity, and care by teams of highly trained support workers and medical professionals.

“I want to stress that all victims can access support via my office's commissioned services regardless of whether you've reported a crime to Wiltshire Police or not – and if you do decide you'd like to report a crime at a later stage, you'll be supported accordingly throughout the entire process.

Alongside of the funding made available to the police to enforce the law, more than £4.5M is being spent in Wiltshire this year alone to help and support victims, contribute towards community safety, aid in the reduction of serious violence and reduce reoffending.

To find out more, please visit our online Victim and Witness hub

<https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/Victims-and-Witnesses/victim-and-witness-hub/>



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Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

Friday October 6 / Saturday October 7th
6pm - 11pm (last orders 10.30)



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CHILDREN WELCOME UNTIL 8PM