

Message from the Chairman

Traditionally Spring is the time for setting budgets for the new financial year starting early April. It is encouraging to see the Headline Inflation Rate falling, after the problems of the past two and a half years. The Parish Council has agreed on a precept of £51.17 per band D property an increase of £2.61 for the financial year 2024/25.

In the last two years, inflation in year one was 11% then followed by a further 8% in the second year. You can see that this represents a 20% increase in cost over the two-year period.

You cannot help but have some sympathy with the Royal Borough who, over the same period were forbidden to increase resident's council tax bills by more than 5% per annum. This is an effective reduction of council tax revenue of 10%. This reduction coupled with increasing social care cost has squeezed RBWM from both sides. Adult and child social care is currently accounting for 70% of the unitary authority spending and this is happening to most local authorities across the country. On top of this we are told that the Borough has to service the more than £200 million debt inherited from the previous administration. Exactly how this sum managed to get so big without anybody noticing is frankly beyond me. Did they not have a financial department and auditors monitoring the situation?

With less money to play with the Borough finds itself seeking grants from central government and other bodies to keep things afloat. This looks to me like covert control of local politics by Whitehall. If you don't play nicely the money will be less easily supplied. This cannot be good for local democracy.

Currently, the financial position of the borough means that we find ourselves with an inflated BLP building program inherited from the previous Tory administration, and price rises implemented by the current LibDems in an effort to try to balance the books.

Enough of this gloom and doom, summer is coming. Your Parish Council will do its best to provide residents with value for money from your Parish Council precept in the coming year.

Cllr. Ken Elvin - Chairman

Allotment Competition 2024

Bray Parish Council have confirmed the date for this year's annual allotment inspection. It will take place on Monday 15th of July (with the reserve date being Wednesday 17th July).

Councillors will spend time perusing the plots at the allotment sites at Bray and Gays Lane, judging each plot on overall usage of the plot, whether they display a good variety of plants and to ensure they are free of weeds.

All winners will receive a personalised certificate and £30.00 voucher for a local garden centre. Runners up will be presented with personalised, framed certificate and a £15.00 voucher for a local Garden Centre.

Good luck!



Come and meet your local Independent Borough Councillor, Suzanne Cross



I am pleased to announce my next set of surgeries.

I have tried to schedule these at times you requested and in locations across the Ward.

Please drop in to say hello, ask me a question, voice your concerns – whether I secured your vote or not, you are all welcome!

The Jolly Gardener, Moneyrow Green

(1st Saturday of the month)

10.30 - 11.30am

6th April

4th May

1st June

Braywood Memorial Hall, Fifield

(2nd Wednesday of the month)

7 - 8pm

10th April

8th May

12th June

Bray Village Hall, Bray

(Last Wednesday of the month – incorporating police drop-in)

7 - 8pm

24th April

29th May

OGAFCA Forthcoming Events

Thursday 16th May

OGAFCA General Meeting

Braywood Memorial Hall 7.30pm

All welcome, free refreshments

Sunday 23rd June

Open Gardens, Oakley Green

Booking essential via website.

If you would like to open your garden, please contact us.

Sunday 4th August

FIFIELD FUN DAY

Deep Meadows, Fifield, 1-5pm

A great day out for all the family

Sunday 22nd September

Matthew Palmer watercolour workshop

Braywood Memorial Hall - fully booked.

Thursday 3rd October

OGAFCA AGM

Braywood Memorial Hall 7.30pm

All welcome - free refreshments



Community Speed Watch update

With longer days upon us, the Community Speed Watch teams will be ramping up their sessions across the Parish. We now have a robust complement of trained operators and new Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) to add to our existing ones.

The new SIDs have been in place for a few weeks now and we have received the initial data. The fastest cars coming through Bray village, where the speed limit is 20mph, were 50mph (in the early hours of the morning) and the average speed is circa 6mph over the speed limit, with most cars around the 30-40mph mark. Even when not in display mode, the SIDs continue to capture data. We are finding that the new multi-coloured speed displays are helping to modify driver behaviour to slow to under the speed limit.

The SIDs cameras capture speeds significantly ahead of the speed tables, in the same way the Bushnell handheld devices do, and we are currently utilising approved street furniture locations to host the devices as we move these across the parish to other locations.

As always, data from the teams is collated and sent to Thames Valley Police for processing.

With the new SIDs now operational, we have been able to relocate one of our other SIDs to outside the Braywood Church of England First School on the Oakley Green Road. Residents, Community Groups, school staff and parents of children at the school are all concerned about the speed of traffic along the road outside the school, and we hope that this device will help to remind drivers of the speed limit and the presence of the school nearby.

If you would like to join the parish Community Speed Watch team or find out more about the scheme, please contact Clare Stuart-Adams via csap@me.com. The Traffic and Highways committee is open to the public, and dates of when they meet can be found on the Parish website.



Commonwealth War Graves Commission Signs Project

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission Signs project commenced as part of the centenary of the First World War.

The aim of the initiative is to increase awareness of war graves within the UK and to remind the public that they need not travel abroad to find Commonwealth commemorations.

Since the project started, they have installed over 6900 signs and will be erecting one at Bray Parish Cemetery to commemorate the 4 fallen laid to rest there.



Corporal Charles Eggleton

Service Number: 6591

1st Bn., Royal Berkshire Regiment
who died on 06 February 1915 Age 29

Son of Charles and Amelia Eggleton,
of "Rosedale," Fifield Road, Maidenhead.

Regimental Boxing Instructor. Born at Fifield.

Remembered with Honour

Bray Parish Cemetery – Section F. Grave 11.

Pilot Officer Gerard Hamilton Maffett

Service Number: 80814

257 Sqdn. Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died on 31 August 1940 Age 24

Son of Lt.-Col. Reginald Ernest and Gwendoline
Mary Maffett, of Wellington Lodge, Maidenhead.

His brother John Francis also died on service.

Remembered with Honour

Bray Parish Cemetery - Section O. Grave 42.

Private H C Cripps

Service Number: 329950

2nd/1st Bn., Cambridgeshire Regiment
who died on 13 September 1918

Remembered with Honour

Bray Parish Cemetery - Section D. Grave 17.

Sergeant Henry John Russell Fisher

Service Number: 1330942

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve who died on
31 July 1943

Remembered with Honour

Bray Parish Cemetery – Section J. Grave 50.

If you would like to find out more about the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, please visit their website at www.cwgc.org.

Miss Dawn Hampshire – Assistant Clerk

Holyport Village Fair

One of the Parish's greatest traditions is back and back where it belongs – The Holyport Village Fair on The Green! This amazing tradition enters its 79th year, with the very first fair taking place in June 1945, to be interrupted only by Covid. We would love to see you all on Saturday June 1, from noon through to 8pm.

All the old favourite Fair traditional games & events will be back plus lots of new and exciting additions. This event is a major fundraiser for the Holyport Memorial Hall plus many other local groups and charities, all of which have been heavily impacted in recent years.

There is a team of people working hard to bring the fair back onto The Green. We always welcome newcomers, plus, we need you, our local community to help, we are looking for:

- Volunteers to help on the day, split hours so everyone can enjoy the day.
- Donations of old crockery for our smash up game
- Bottles, wine/bubble bath/beer/giftsets etc for our Tombola
- Sponsorship/advertising in our fair programme.

We will be happy to collect donations. For more information about the fair or how you can help, please email melaniedudley73@gmail.com.

The Holyport Fair Team

Captain Felix Lloyd – Davies 1903 – 1998

A gravestone in Bray churchyard commemorates Captain Cromwell Felix Justin Lloyd-Davies DSO, DSC. His is a name to bear in mind as this June marks the 80th anniversary of the D. Day Landings. From on board a cruiser Felix fired what was called “The Sounding Shot”, the signal that started all operations that day off the Normandy Coast.

At age 13 Felix went to Osborne and then on to Dartmouth. He qualified as a Gunnery Officer on HMS Excellent in Portsmouth in 1930. After other assignments on board the cruiser “Coventry” and battleship “Barham”, in 1940 he went to the Naval Ordnance Department of The Admiralty as Assistant Director. In July 1943 he was appointed Executive Office of the cruiser “Glasgow”, first escorting arctic convoys to Russia, and then in December 1943 together with the cruiser “Enterprise” seeing action in the Bay of Biscay where they sank three German destroyers. On D. Day, 6th June 1944, “Glasgow” was part of the bombarding force off Omaha Beach supporting the Normandy landings. She was damaged by shore batteries during the bombardment of Cherbourg on June 25th.

Lloyd-Davies was awarded the DSC for his service on “Glasgow”. His DSO came from his command of the cruiser “Ceylon” when serving with United Nations Warships in the first months of the Korean War in 1950/1951. He later served on Mountbatten's staff twice, in Ceylon and then in Naples and Malta.

Felix was a long-time resident of Canon Hill Drive in Bray Parish, and ultimately moved to Bray Bank. After leaving the Navy he joined Hawker Siddeley, a business concerned with the development of guided weapons.

While living in Bray, Felix was for many years a Parish Councillor. This was in a period largely embraced by the Chairmanship of Charles Birney, when the Parish Council made great strides. Felix instituted the Bray Preservation Society and the Bray Parish Plan - a result of a year's work, public meetings and consultations by the society - was developed. The draft of this was made available to the public in 1973. The Society declared “it believed that the plan will help the local planning authority to deal with the ever-growing pressures for development in a positive and constructive way which will benefit existing communities as well as new residents”. It was expected that the plan would need “revision and extension every five years”.

Felix had one beloved daughter who died some years ago. As residents of Bray Parish, I hope that we will remember him on this significant anniversary.

HMS Belfast also took part in Operation Overlord supporting the Normandy Landings in June 1944. She is now a museum ship preserved by the efforts of the HMS Belfast Trust and moored on the Thames near Tower Bridge. A popular tourist attraction, HMS Belfast receives many visitors each year.



Prostate Cancer Testing – Test Event- 28 September 2024.

Maidenhead Lions are inviting 600 men to take a free blood test known as Prostate Specific Antigens (PSA) test that is used to help detect prostate cancer in men. The PSA blood test measures the amount of this protein in the blood.

It is important that all men over 45 get checked out as early as possible. You can start with a FREE PSA blood test with Maidenhead Lions on Saturday, 28 September 2024, from 10am-4pm at the Desborough Bowling Club, 10 Green Lane, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 1XZ.

The testing will be done by the Graham Fullford Charitable Trust (GFCT) and the cost for this event will be approximately £18,000, largely due to cost of laboratory analysis. All men tested will be contacted in writing by Graham Fullford Charitable Trust (GCFT) soon after the event with their results.

You can book your test via the Graham Fullford Charitable Trust (GFCT) website (on a first come, first served basis) in **3 easy steps**

1. Visit the GFCT site (link below)
2. If it is your first time using the site, you would need to register with an email address.
3. Once you are able to log into the site, please search with your postcode to get details of the Maidenhead Lions test at the Bowling Club

[PSA Testing @ GFCT - GFCT \(mysatests.org.uk\)](https://mysatests.org.uk)



Cllr. Ken Elvin - Chairman

Maidenhead Community Watch Association

Maidenhead Community Watch is a community association which provides security assessment and items to elderly and vulnerable residents in and around Maidenhead.

It was formed in December 2022 and aims to help make the local area a safer and more pleasant place to live. A free home security survey is initially conducted by a Police Community Support Officer or a trained operator who will assess the security of a resident's property before making recommendations on any improvements that can be made to their safety and security. A variety of security items are available for free to residents unable to afford to buy them, and these items can also be fitted by the association, along with additional security items such as door chains and fake cameras, also free of charge.

The project has received financial support from The Prince Philip Trust Fund and the Thames Valley Police Local Policing Area (LPA) for Windsor & Maidenhead.

If you feel you might benefit from a free home survey, please do get in touch via email jrdmcw@gmail.com or via Facebook <https://bit.ly/Maidenhead-Area>

Bray Village Hall: Save the Dates

Bray Village Hall would like to invite all residents to the upcoming events:

- **June 8th:** 80th D-Day Anniversary Supper and Party
- **September 8th:** Bray Village Hall will take part in Bray Village Fete
- **October 31st:** Halloween Spooky Spectacular Trick or Treat Trail
- **December 7th:** Christmas Fayre & Evening Event
- **January 1st, 2025:** New Year's Day Survivors' Brunch

For more information and details of quiz nights, family films, and more, please follow Bray Village Hall on Facebook and Instagram.

CLlr. Joanna Filipczak-Korczak

180 Years Of Holyport Cricket Club

2024 is our 180th Anniversary and it is gearing up to be our biggest season ever.

Last year saw us near our objective of 'Cricket for Everyone' with the introduction of Walking Cricket.

We now offer cricket for men and women of all abilities from ages 5 to 105!

Other highlights from 2023 included:

- Running Berkshire's first **Disability Cricket** Festival with 60 Super 1s players from 3 counties.
- **Walking Cricket** running all year with over 30 men and women participating.
- A record number of participants for **Junior Cricket**.
- Our **Men's teams** saw improvement in availability and results
- Our **Women's team** played a record number of games.

This year, we plan to increase participation in all sections and improve our coaching facilities. As such, we are launching a Crowdfunder to raise funds for a new two-lane net. For more information or to help us visit: www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/newnets

Interested? We welcome cricketers of all ages and abilities from 5yrs+.

For the latest news, follow us on Facebook/Insta: @holyporthcricket

For club details and fixtures: www.holyport.play-cricket.com

For questions or to join, email: info@holyporthcc.org.uk or call/message 07774 243850

Off the Beaten Track

In Bray Parish we are blessed with something like 25 miles of footpaths, bridleways, and byways.

Public Rights of Way come under three categories.

- **Public Footpaths** – For pedestrian use only including buggies, prams, powered wheelchairs, and mobility scooters. To date, unfortunately, not all paths can accommodate wheelchairs and scooters, and it is worth checking access in advance. It is the landowner's responsibility to make sure you can pass safely. It is the user's responsibility to follow The Countryside Code – shut gates, keep dogs under control, and take litter home etc.
- **Bridleways** – Paths for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders but may be used by the odd motor vehicle for access. Part of Monkey Island Lane, for example, is a bridleway from the Windsor Road as far as the M4 bridge but the southernmost section from the Windsor Road is also used by motor vehicles to access the local clubs and businesses. It is only recently that the Parish Council managed to get the speed limit on this section reduced from 60 mph down to a more reasonable 30 mph, a much more sensible option.
- **Byways** – You can use a byway or B.O.A.T (byway open to all traffic) as detailed above or with a motorcycle or car. They are usually narrow unmade tracks, and all users should be aware that there may be other traffic using the byway.

In addition to the Public Rights of Way detailed above there is another category.

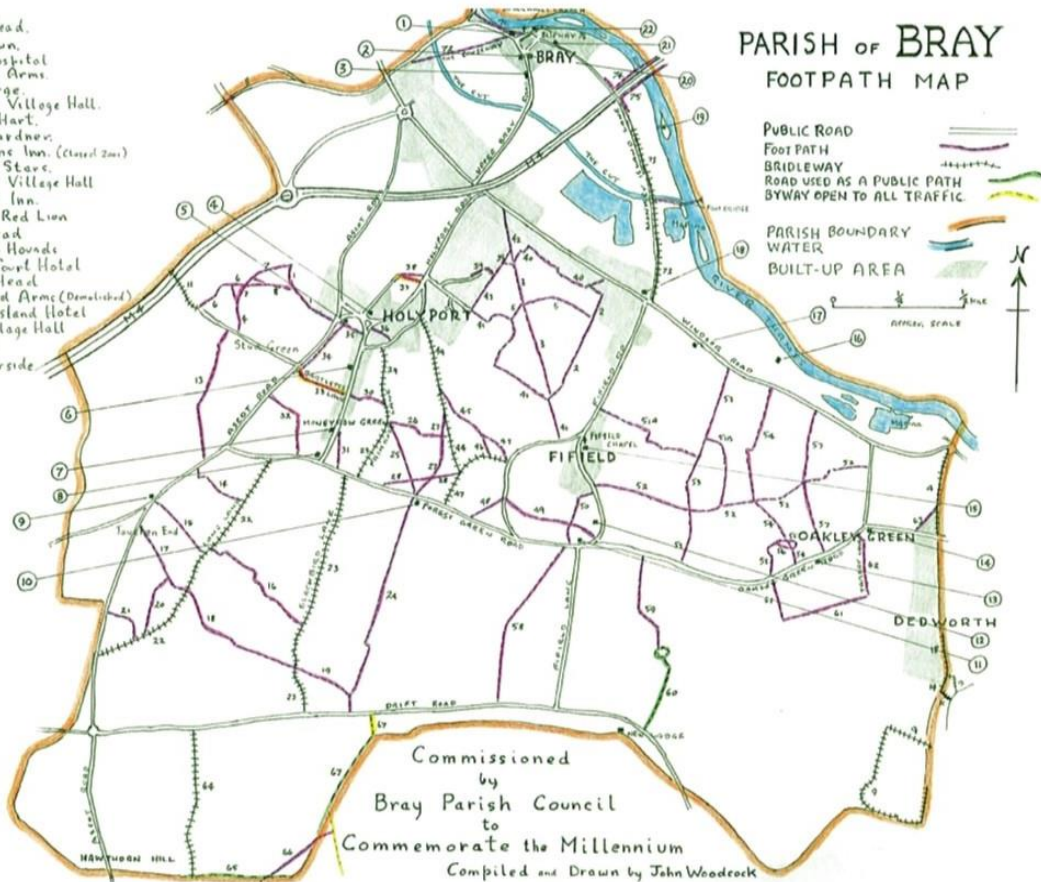
Permitted Paths – A permitted path is not a Right of Way but is a public route permitted by the landowner. The landowner can shut a permitted path at any time. The circular route around Bray Lake is an example of a permitted path in our parish.

Twenty-five years ago, Bray Parish Council produced a map showing Rights of Way in the Parish that was compiled and illustrated by John Woodcock a serving parish councillor. This map is now out of print; however, it can be found here <https://brayparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Parish-of-Bray-Footpath-Map-2000.pdf>

For the less energetic amongst us there is another publication, this time from RBWM, detailing "A picturesque walk round the village of Holyport". We have a number of these in the Parish Office should you require one.

Bray Parish Footpath Map & Leaflet Extracts

- 1 Hinds Head.
- 2 The Crown.
- 3 Jesus Hospital.
- 4 Belgian Arms.
- 5 The George.
- 6 Holyport Village Hall.
- 7 White Hart.
- 8 Jolly Gardner.
- 9 Win Aynes Inn. (closed 2011)
- 10 Sun and Stave.
- 11 Fifield Village Hall.
- 12 Fifield Inn.
- 13 Ye Olde Red Lion.
- 14 Nags Head.
- 15 Hare and Hounds.
- 16 Oakley Court Hotel.
- 17 Queen's Head.
- 18 Brayfield Arms (Demolished).
- 19 Monkey Island Hotel.
- 20 Bray Village Hall.
- 21 The Fish.
- 22 The Waterside.



Bray

The name "Bray" means "a marsh" and it is certainly not a dry village with numerous pubs and restaurants! A convenient starting point for a walk in Bray Village is the car park. Just opposite is the impressive 17th century building of Jesus Hospital. William Goddard, whose statue stands above the front porch bequeathed, in his will of 1609, the funding and design of the accommodation to house the poor and elderly of the Parish and Members of the Company of Fishmongers. It was completed in 1628. The Village Hall was built shortly after World War 1 as

a memorial to those who died and is a busy community centre. Just opposite is the Crown Inn, full of character and low beams which was originally several cottages dating back to the mid 1300's, it has been an inn for over 200 years.



Jesus Hospital
Bray

Walk through 'the throat' in Bray High Street to the village War Memorial,

dedicated by the Bishop of Oxford in 1920 and now a listed monument. Further along the High Street is the Hinds Head Hotel which has enjoyed an illustrious past. The interior contains some fascinating artefacts including photographs of the Queen and the famous Vicar of Bray proverb.

Bray Parish Council

Bray Parish Council, along with many others, was formed following an Act of Parliament in 1894 and covers the rural area between Windsor and Maidenhead. Most of the Parish lies within the Green Belt and has village centres at both Bray and Holyport designated as conservation areas. The Council employs a Clerk and a part-time gardener.

The name Bray originally designated the ecclesiastical Parish but does not illustrate the extent of the Parish which comprises Bray, Holyport, Moneyrow Green, Stud Geen, Touchen End, Braywoodside, Hawthorn Hill, Forest Green, Fifield, Braywood, Oakley Green, Water Oakley and a small part of Dedworth.

The Parish Council is directly responsible for the maintenance of village greens at Bray and Holyport, the Jubilee recreational area in Bray and recreational areas in Aysgarth Park, Springfield Park and at Gays Lane, Holyport. It maintains the Churchyard at St. Michael's Bray and for the past 100 years has owned and maintained the Bray Parish Cemetery situated on the A308 Windsor Road.

Millennium Rights of Way Map drawn by John Woodcock © 2001
Millennium Sundial photograph taken by Jeremy Hayes

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Bray Village Fete Returns: Save the Date for a Day of Fun!

Get ready for the revival of a beloved tradition! The Bray Village Fete is back!

Join us on September 8th, 2024, from 11 am to 4 pm at Bray Village Green for a day filled with excitement and community spirit. Whether you're a long-time resident or new to the area, live in Bray village or in neighbouring areas, everyone is welcome to join in the festivities!

Expect to see familiar faces and meet new friends as we celebrate the vibrant culture of Bray. From local charities and organizations to delicious food from our famous restaurants, there's something for everyone at this year's fete.

Calling all performers and musicians to take part in the Battle of Bands! Dog lovers, enter your furry friend in our dog show for a chance to win prizes and bragging rights. Plus, if you're looking to get involved and make a difference, join our volunteer group and meet like-minded individuals who share your passion for community spirit.

Local businesses, this is a chance for you! Partner with us to increase your online visibility, gain exposure during the event, and show your support for our community. Contact us today to explore all available opportunities and become a part of the excitement!

Don't miss out on the fun! Mark your calendars and spread the word. We can't wait to see you there!

For more information, email us at brayfete-core@googlegroups.com or call Joanna Filipczak-Korczak on 07957652101.

Cllr. Joanna Filipczak-Korczak

St. Michael's Church

The congregation on Sunday mornings has continued to recover in numbers, now often seeing as many people in church as before the pandemic. We still broadcast Parish Communion every Sunday morning on Zoom, which enables folk who, for whatever reason, are not able to be present, and this has proved to be a real blessing. After a successful but very busy series of services over the Easter period, we are all looking forward to the summer, and hoping that the rain which has plagued the early spring will finally become a thing of the past.

A perennial favourite not to be missed is the jazz concert in the riverside garden of St Michael's vicarage, when we will once again be entertained by the Josephine Davies quartet. Tickets for this event (Sunday 28th July) will be on sale a little nearer the time at £10 each. You are asked to bring something to sit on and are welcome to bring your own food and drink as there will not be any refreshments served.

The principal service in church is Parish Communion at 10.00am each Sunday morning, including hymns and the church choir. If you have never been before, do consider giving it a try. You can be assured of a very warm welcome, and the chance to chat with other worshippers over coffee after the service.

The Reverend Canon Ainsley Swift, Vicar

Did you find this?



This can be found in the wall to the left of the entrance of the now St. Michael’s Hall, which was once the Chantry Chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The carving is believed to be from the original Saxon church, and is of an animal, which is believed to be of no Christian significance.

Where is this?

This can be found somewhere in the Parish – do you know where?



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VACANT SEATS	Oakley Green & Fifield	



Tennis Court Hire



Bray Parish Council Tennis Court is available for hire at Jubilee Field for £6 per hour.

Scan the QR code above to make a booking.

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Allotment Plots Available

Bray Parish Council have Allotment plots available for rental by new tenants at both Bray & Gays Lane Allotment Sites at a cost of £9.00 per 25m square (pricing for 2023-2024 and subject to annual review).

Please contact the Parish Office to discuss further.

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