

# MAIDEN BRADLEY NEWS

FEBRUARY 2024



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## DIARY FEBRUARY 2024

3	Sat	Underwoods Fish and Chips van 4.30-6pm
5	Mon	Green recycling
7	Wed	Blue bin and black box recycling
9	Fri	BEN GOLDSMITH TALK ON REWILDING 6.30PM
14	Wed	Household waste collection
15	Thu	Pantomime in the Hall 7.30pm
16	Fri	Pantomime in the Hall 7.30pm
17	Sat	Pantomime in the Hall 2.30 and 7.30pm Underwoods Fish and Chips van 4.30-6pm
18	Sun	Communion Service with Rev Graham Southgate All Saint's Church 10am SWAP SHOP IN THE HALL FROM 10AM
19	Mon	Green recycling
20	Tues	Deadline for copy to pat@visa-office.com
21	Wed	Blue bin and black box recycling
28	Wed	Household waste collection
<b>MARCH</b>		
1	Fri	PROF TILL TALK ON UKRAINE AND GAZA WARS

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## EDITORIAL

How prepared are we as a nation to defend ourselves and survive? During the cold war my brother insisted that we build a bunker and stock it with provisions in order to ride out the nuclear winter that would follow should a third world war happen. Are we a long way away from that scenario? Could we even manage to survive the destruction that is currently metered out to Gaza and the Ukraine?

Professor Geoff Till returns a year after his very successful talk on the Ukraine/Russia Conflict to take us through the current state of the wars in Ukraine and Gaza. Tickets are available on Eventbrite or from myself.

Proceeds from the event go to the repair of the Church clock and the Red Cross.

**Patricia Kennedy** 845397 pat@visa-office.com

### NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS - A PIVOT POINT

Writing as I am in the middle of January, the outline of the trees appears stark against the skyline except for some very tall conifers and clumps of ivy, which are still green.

I remember hearing a story about three trees in a forest. On discovering that they were to be chopped down, they started discussing what they would like to become. The first thought that something useful like a feeding trough would be just the thing. The second hoped to be made into a marvellous ship that could carry precious cargo far across the oceans. The third thought hard and then said, "Actually I quite like standing here — people always know where they are when they pass me. Perhaps I should become a signpost so that when people are lost they will know which way to go." Soon the woodcutters arrived and started cutting down the trees, but they were not sad because each found itself used in the way it hoped. An innkeeper from Bethlehem bought the feeding trough and one dark night it was used as a cradle for the newborn Jesus. The marvellous ship turned out to be merely a small fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee, but it was able to boast of a truly precious cargo when from it the adult Jesus preached his Good News. The third tree was rather puzzled at first when, rather than being made into a signpost, it was fashioned into a cross for a gruesome execution; yet everything became clear when Jesus was crucified there.

The beginning of February sees what is really the end of our Christmas celebrations. The Feast of Candlemas on 2nd February, rather like the story of the three trees, allows us one last glance back at the manger in Bethlehem before turning our attention firmly towards the teaching of the adult Jesus and ultimately towards the cross, where our journey finds its fulfilment. I am thrilled to be joining you as your new Rector and walking with you as we make this journey, bidding the manger farewell, and travelling with Jesus towards the cross.

Over the next weeks and months there are going to be many opportunities for us to get to know each other and for us to be sharing of own insights on the journey ahead. Feel free to contact me should you wish me to visit.

**Graham Southgate (Rector from 25th January)**

# Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

Pantomime Rehearsals every Thursday evening  
6.30-8pm & Friday evening 7-9pm

Saturday 3rd February – Underwoods Fish & Chip Van 4.30pm-6pm

**FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY – TALK WITH BEN GOLDSMITH – A WILDER FUTURE 6.30PM**

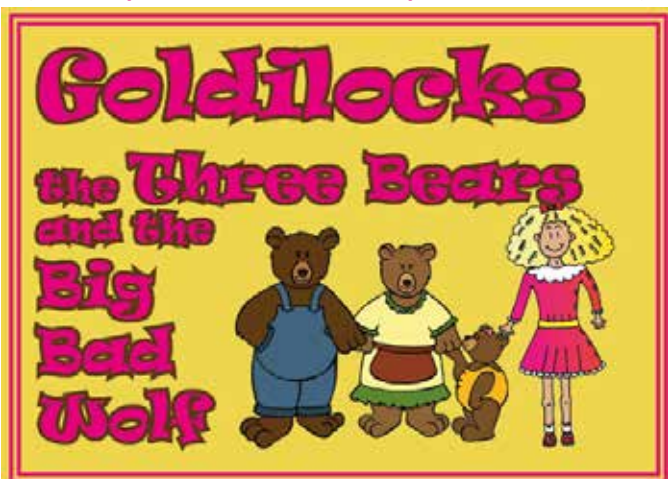
Saturday 17th February – Underwoods Fish & Chip Van 4.30pm-6.00pm

## GOLDILOCKS THE THREE BEARS AND THE BIG BAD WOLF

Thursday 15th February 7.30pm

Friday 16th February 7.30pm

Saturday 17th February 2.30pm Matinee and 7.30pm  
(doors open 30 minutes before performance starts)



Tickets available from Eventbrite or Carol Kenzie 01985 844745

SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY – SWAP SHOP FROM 10AM

Friday 1st March – Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start

Professor Geoff Till returns to the Hall to give another fascinating talk about current world conflict. Israel/Gaza and Ukraine

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	17.00 - 18.00	Doctor's Surgery
TUESDAY	9.30 - 10.30	Bradley Babies
	13.00 - 15.00	Post Office Service
WEDNESDAY	10.00AM-11.15AM	Silver Sneakers
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	18.15 - 19.15	Yoga Flow
THURSDAY	9.30 - 10.30	Pilates
FRIDAY	10.00 - 12.00	Coffee Morning

ALTERNATE SATURDAYS 16.30 - 17.30 FISH & CHIP VAN

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SATURDAY MARCH 16TH

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MAIDEN BRADLEY  
MEMORIAL HALL

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Monday March 25th  
7.00pm for 7.30pm start  
BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS

MAIDEN BRADLEY  
MEMORIAL HALL



PLEASE JOIN US AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY AT 1PM -4PM

Donations of good condition toys, books, clothes, household and garden items welcomed from 10am and exchanged for tokens to be used in the afternoon at the swap while finding all your wonderful wanted items.

Un-swapped items will go to charity shops unless reclaimed on the day.

Refreshments and cake available in the afternoon, all money raised will go to the village hall please bring your own bags.

If you would like to help on the day with set up, pack down, organising items or baking cakes to donate please contact me,

**Maria Langford on  
murtleertle@yahoo.com**



# A Wilder Future

a talk by Ben Goldsmith

February 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 6:30pm  
Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall



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## INTRODUCING THE NEW MANAGER OF THE BRADLEY HARE

I have a Swedish name, a Dutch grandfather and I live in Wiltshire. My career in hospitality started as a safari guide in Southern Africa. My days would be spent introducing people to the sights, smells and sounds of Africa and her fauna and flora.

I then completed an Honours Degree in International Hospitality Management at the Swiss Hotel Management School in Switzerland.

After my degree, I joined Singita in the Serengeti, Tanzania. Singita is set on the great plains of the Serengeti in the perfect location to witness the Great Wildebeest migration. Singita operates high end luxury hotels across Africa and is dedicated to environmentally conscious hospitality, sustainable conservation and the empowerment of local communities.

More recently my adventures have taken me to England where I assisted with the opening of The Parade Cinema in Marlborough, a boutique cinema and restaurant.

The Bradley Hare aligns well with my desire to manage a luxury hospitality product in the English countryside. In the same way that I introduced tourists to the sights, smells and sounds of Africa I would like to curate experiences; tastes, smells, sounds and sights that are authentically English. The Bradley Hare is a great canvas to further develop these experiences.

I look forward to meeting more residents of the village for a glass of wine and a chat.

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## YOUR 'NEW' NEW-YEAR APPROACH - BY STRENGTH FOR ENDURANCE

People often ask us if the New Year is a busy time work wise, what with everyone setting New Year's resolutions and the promise to 'get back on track' with their health and fitness. But quite honestly for us it doesn't work like this.

What often comes with these 'post-christmas weight loss plans' and gym membership promotions is an unsustainable and unrealistic approach to exercise and nutrition. The clever marketing strategies are targeted towards making you feel guilty about last year's habits and often promise results that are just too good to be true.

At SFE we aren't going to make any unrealistic guarantees. If you've been struggling with an injury for over 3 months or have had a break from exercise over the past year, neither are going to be resolved with miraculous results in two weeks, the body just doesn't work that way.

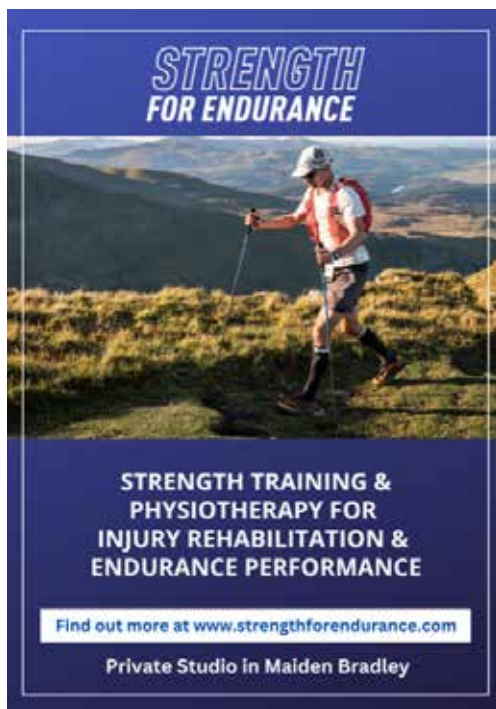
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Often the issue with these 'New Year' health kicks is that they simply aren't sustainable, they don't fit into your lifestyle and they aren't enjoyable.

***So what should your 'New Year' approach be?***

Find your reason 'why' - Your reason for making a change needs to be big enough if you're going to stick with it. Do you want to lose weight or solve your back pain so you can play with your children or grandchildren without pain? Do you want to get over injury because you've got a hiking holiday or race planned later in the year?



Understand where you're starting from - When we're young we can get away with a lot. But unfortunately as we get older (above the age of 30!) there are too many physiological changes that happen within the body to assume that we can do what we did when we were 20. But don't beat yourself up about it, you simply need to re-establish your starting point.

Get yourself an M.O.T - This is essential if you want to achieve some serious results. Testing your current individual strengths and weaknesses is the fundamental first step before embarking on any program. If you're not testing, how do you know what your weaknesses are and how are you going to ensure you're following the right plan for you?

Find a mix between education and entertainment - When it comes to training enjoyment is key, otherwise motivation is going to wane and chances are you'll throw in the towel. But equally if you have serious goals your training methods need to enrich your knowledge in order to be effective and bring long lasting results.

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## LINK NUMBER 11 - ALEX CHANNER

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED MAIDEN BRADLEY?

Since September 1, 2017

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

To Colombia. My dad and mum were posted there, so we lived there when I was a teenager.

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

I started out in politics, and now work as a consultant in business and human rights. I also translate from Albanian to English.

### TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR LEISURE ACTIVITIES

I love walking and running, and there aren't many footpaths in this area that I haven't explored.

### WHAT IS YOUR EARLIEST MEMORY?

Waking up in hospital with an oxygen mask on my face. I was about five years old, and we were living in an army quarter in Edinburgh. The chimney wasn't safe, so we all got carbon monoxide poisoning one winter. My dad came home at the end of the day, realised we didn't all just have a bug, and rushed us children and my mum off to hospital. They insisted on keeping my dad in too overnight, and according to family legend, he in turn insisted on smoking his pipe in bed – it wouldn't happen today!

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

Fred. He's my mum's rescue dog, and a rascal, but my faithful friend in many walking adventures.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FILM/TV SERIES?

I'm a sucker for TV series like Merlin, or Uhtred.

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

My surname is De Renzy Channer, and the De Renzy family claim descent from George Castriota, also known as Skanderbeg. He was the national hero of Albania in the 15th century, and in most pictures, he has a fine horse, and very sharp sword!

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

I worked for William Hague when he was leader of the opposition and coordinated his activities on the ground during the general election of 1997. We lost, of course! But it was incredibly exciting, and he was an inspiring and very funny boss.

### TELL US A BIT ABOUT HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THE FUTURE.

Hmm, worried about whether the spring bulbs will have survived all that rain we had!



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

I translate plays and film scripts from Albanian to English. I lived in Kosovo for some time, doing the research for my PhD. The majority of the population there speak Albanian, so I learnt it.

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

I love reading books!

### TELL US SOME THINGS THAT YOU LIKE/DISLIKE ABOUT THE VILLAGE/AREA

I love the chalk downlands, and the forest. I don't like the HGVs on our road and I'm looking forward to the day when Wiltshire Council implements the weight limit.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE SEASON?

I love them all, but spring is the best.

### TELL US ABOUT A CRISIS IN YOUR LIFE.

My dad got dementia and it was a very hard way to lose him.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?

Peas. I could survive on peas alone.

### TELL US ABOUT A HIGHLIGHT IN YOUR LIFE

Two years ago, I met the prime minister and the speaker of Kosovo. When I lived in Kosovo, I supported a nonviolent movement that was organising protests for Kosovo's independence from Serbia. It was a very small group back then, and there were many challenging moments, but the movement became a political party, and two years ago, they won a landslide election victory. So, my friends and colleagues are now putting all their ideas into practice as the government of Kosovo.

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

That's a tricky question. It's easier to tell you about the books that I love the most, and always re-read every few years. It's a set of novels about silver brumby wild horses in Australia, written by Elyne Mitchell. I read them as a young girl, and they opened up a world of delight in wild places for me. I think it's always good to return to what gave you joy as a child.

### TELL US A JOKE!

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We have received information on a project that may interest your passengers or even yourselves. There is a grant scheme to help people replace their broken boiler.

We have received a donation of £900 from the proceeds of the 2023 Mere Literary Festival. The MLF has been a major contributor to our funds for the last 25 years but the organiser has decided to stand down after the 2024 Festival. If you know of anyone who may be willing to take over please let me know.

All the best

*John FitzGerald,*

*Link Chair*

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## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH NEWS

Police Community Volunteers working on behalf of  
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### THE FUTURE

The deciding meeting took place on the 12th December as planned, following our writeup and request for new members in the November parish Magazine, which was very successful with two new members coming forward. Firstly it is a great pleasure to welcome our two new members Eleneor and Adrian to the team, Welcome.

*Community Speed Watch Volunteers keeping the village safe and aware of our activities.*

This brings the CSW complement up to 10 active members, thus enabling CSW to operate successfully within the five approved areas as agreed with Wiltshire Police. Both the new members will be going through the CSW/Wiltshire Police approval system as a matter of formality, then into action. Further, depending on location of operation you may at times see only two operatives at a particular location, not short-handed, rather the traffic flow is such that the 2 operatives can handle the volume. We plan to have an average of two teams operating every fortnight in line with the availability of the Speed/Radar gun. (It's only available to us every fortnight.) Well there it is CSW is back and possibly better than before ready to start Work as planned on 5th February 2024.

We do it for Maiden Bradley Village and Community? NOT because we are fanatical about collecting speeding vehicle registration numbers Hmmmmm well!

A question often asked of us is, Quote, Of course my registration No. is not noted is it?

Well what can a red blooded CSW operator say, Other than..... I will check the list! Perhaps a hint of Dad's Army hidden in here somewhere

*Simon Wager*

**Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator.**

**Chairman Maiden Bradley Parish Council**

**Telephone No 01985 844848**



**ISSUES IN CURRENT WARS:**  
**GAZA AND UKRAINE**  
**COMPARED**

**AN ILLUSTRATED TALK BY**  
**PROFESSOR GEOFF TILL**  
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**Friday March 1st at 7.30pm**  
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