

MAIDEN BRADLEY NEWS

MARCH 2024



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MAIDEN BRADLEY PARISH NEWS - ISSUE 417

DIARY MARCH 2024

1 Fri **COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF BRADLEY BABES 10AM**

Professor Till returns to the Hall for another fascinating talk about current world conflicts in Israel/Gaza and Ukraine. 7 for 7.30 start, in aid of the Church Clock.

2 Sat Underwoods Fish and Chips 4.30-6pm

3 Sun Third Sunday in Lent - Morning worship at St. Martin's Zeals 10am

4 Mon Green Recycling

6 Wed Black box and blue bin recycling

10 Sun Mothering Sunday – Parish Communion at St. George's, Bourton. 10am

All Age Service at Maiden Bradley 10am

13 Wed **Household waste collection**

16 Sat Underwoods Fish and Chips 4.30-6pm

QUIZ NIGHT IN THE HALL 7 FOR 7.30 START

17 Sun Fifth Sunday in Lent Parish Communion at St Peter's Stourton 10am

18 Mon Green Recycling

20 Wed **Copy date – to pat@visa-office.com**

Black Box and Blue Bin recycling

24 Sun Palm Sunday Procession of Palms and Parish Communion for the Benefice at St. Mary's Kilmington at 10am.

25 Mon **EASTER BINGO, DOORS OPEN AT 7 FOR 7.30 START**

27 Wed **Household Waste Collection**

28 Thur Maundy Thursday Parish Communion at St Martin's Zeals 10am

29 Fri Good Friday Last hour of devotion for the Benefice at St Mary's Kilmington 10am

31 Sun Easter Day 6am Sunrise Service @ Search Farm Stourton. 10am Parish Communion at St Martin's Zeals and 10am Parish Communion at All Saint's Maiden Bradley.

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6 Sat **VILLAGE LITTER PICK – MEET AT THE HALL AT 10AM**

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WWW.MAIDENBRADLEYVILLAGE.ORG.UK

EDITORIAL

Wow! What a delightfully entertaining pantomime we were treated to last month and it has to be the very best that Carol Kenzie has written. A number of new faces trod the boards, young and older members of the village and of course our colourful Dame, Tom Allday, who has performed magnificently in pantomime in the village for many years. Well done everyone!

The Bradley Pantry is busy! Following the opening of the village's new Coffee Shop and Grocery store, the staff at The Pantry would like to send out a big Thank You to everyone for their support during their first month of trading. As a regular visitor, I can vouch for the pastries, coffee, pasties, yogurts, ham, bread, coffee etc. and the sweets for the grandchildren. There is always a ready welcome, heating is on and chatting available even if it is only an appropriate greeting. If you have not visited The Bradley Pantry yet, you are missing a new social hub for the village.

The re-wilding talk given by Ben Goldsmith was very informative on many issues with the loss of habitat strongly in view but the devastation by the domestic cat on the wild bird population was quite a shock. His answer to that question was to re-introduce wild cats as they prey on the domestic cats. My solution to this problem in the first instance would be to put a bell round the neck of the cat! Did you miss his talk? Ben has a current Podcast on Rewilding The World, for you to listen to.

So where does Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Gaza go from now? Could these conflicts have been avoided? Are we sleepwalking into the third world war? Come and ask your questions of the expert, Professor Geoff Till on Friday 1st March in the Hall. The Bar opens at 7pm and the talk will commence at 7.30pm. Tickets available on the door.

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G-O-D-D-E-F-E-A-T-E-D-T-H-E-E-N-E-M-Y

Do you like happy endings?

There are those who thoroughly enjoy the *Hallelujah Chorus* from Handel's *Messiah*, but who wouldn't dream of listening from the beginning to hear it. Others might love to listen to the cannons and bells in the finale of Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*, yet never listen to a complete performance. Is it hardly surprising then that far more people come to church on Easter Day than on Good Friday? Of course people love happy endings, and Easter is without a doubt the happiest of endings.

The trouble with focussing all one's attention on the happy ending is that it doesn't last very long and soon gives way to an emptiness since there is nothing to sustain it. It's easy to imagine that we have received the best life has to offer by avoiding the worst, but the fact remains that there can be no 'best' unless there is also a 'worst'.

When the women went to the tomb in the darkness and fear of that first Easter morning, they had already experienced the worst. Jesus was dead. Besides, the death that he had suffered had been tortuous and horrific. Once death had come mercifully to him, they had seen his lifeless body taken down from the cross and wrapped quickly in strips of cloth; they had watched as his body was placed hastily in a nearby tomb; they had wept the bitter tears of grief as the grave had been closed. During the intervening time they would have suffered in the depths of despair as they awaited the time when they could return to the tomb and complete the job of anointing his body, thus consigning him to death forever.

In June 1815, at the end of the Battle of Waterloo, news of the result had to be brought across the English Channel by boat and then signalled overland by semaphore to London. High atop Winchester Cathedral the signal began to arrive, letter by letter: W-E-L-L-I-N-G-T-O-N-D-E-F-E-A-T-E-D. Then a dense fog blew across the city, as gloom and despair began to spread. Only when the fog lifted did the whole message become clear: W-E-L-L-I-N-G-T-O-N-D-E-F-E-A-T-E-D-T-H-E-E-N-E-M-Y.

On Good Friday a fog of despair settled on the disciples, such that they could only perceive a part of the message: GOD DEFEATED. However, on Easter Day the whole message became clear: GOD DEFEATED THE ENEMY. This news brought such joy to them because they had experienced such dreadful despair only days earlier. The power of Jesus' resurrection is especially clear to those who have reflected upon his suffering on Good Friday. Moreover, the power of Jesus' victory can be seen in that, even after two thousand years, Christians continue to experience its life-changing and life-giving effects.

Easter is therefore the most happy of endings that turns out not to be an ending at all, but rather a new beginning.

Regards,

Graham - *Graham Southgate (Rector)*

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Rector to the Benefice of Upper Stour with Maiden Bradley, and Surrogate for Marriage Licences.



LET'S INVESTIGATE TO STOP THE PLASTIC CRISIS

According to Everyday Plastics (everydayplastic.org) and The Big Plastic Count (thebigplasticcount.com) nearly 100 billion pieces of plastic packaging are thrown away by UK households every year, and just 12% is recycled in the UK.

It's time the government got serious about tackling the plastic crisis. You can help by taking part in **The Big Plastic Count!**

Count your plastic for one week –

11-17 March 2024.

For one week in March, thousands of people around the country are going to count their household plastic waste and submit the data to the UK's biggest investigation into household plastic waste.

The evidence will put pressure on the UK government to push for an ambitious Global Plastics Treaty to end the use of plastic for good.

The plastics problem is still with us.

Together we can convince the government to act. It is very easy to register here:

thebigplasticcount.com

Greener Maiden Bradley are arranging a visit in April from Charlotte Knowles-Lawson who is the **WASTE AND RECYCLING ENGAGEMENT OFFICER** for Wiltshire Council. We have some questions for her and would like to hear from others. If you have questions that you would like to ask then email greenermaidenbradley@gmail.com We will let you know the date of the meeting in the April edition of this magazine, so hopefully you can attend in person to ask your question.

We really enjoyed seeing lots of you happily carrying off your finds at the **SWAP SHOP** last month. We managed to raise nearly £80 for the Village Hall in donations and saved a lot of good stuff from being wasted! We hope to do it again in some form next year.



Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH – Coffee Morning fundraising for the Bradley Babes Group 10-12

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

SATURDAY 2ND MARCH – Underwoods Fish & Chip Van 4.30pm-6pm

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH – Quiz Night Doors open at 7 for a 7.30pm start
£3.00 per person, bring your own refreshments

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MONDAY 25TH MARCH - Easter Bingo – Doors open at 7pm
Eyes down for 7.30pm start

SATURDAY 6TH APRIL –
Community Litter Pick 10am-4pm



AN ILLUSTRATED TALK BY
PROFESSOR GEOFF TILL
Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall
Friday March 1st at 7.30pm
Doors open at 7pm - bar available
Tickets E15
online from [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) or 01985 845397
PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH
A DONATION WILL ALSO BE SENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF
RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES (IFRC)

Geoff Till is a British naval historian and emeritus professor of Maritime Studies in the Defence Studies Department of King's College London.
He currently holds the Dudley Knox Chair in Naval History and Strategy at the US Naval War College.



COFFEE MORNING FRIDAY MARCH 1ST will be in aid of the BRADLEY BABES



**ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO
TOWARDS PROVIDING TOYS
AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE
BRADLEY BABES GROUP**

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REGULAR EVENTS

MONDAY	9.30 - 10.30	Pilates
	10.45 - 11.30	Chair Pilates
	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
	<i>MUSIC AND MOVEMENT WITH DAWN - COFFEE AND TEA AFTER</i>	
	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
BOOK LIBRARY AVAILABLE DURING HALL OPENING FRIDAY MORNINGS

QUIZ!

SATURDAY MARCH 16TH

Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm
£3.00 per person
Maximum of 6 per team
Raffle

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS

**MAIDEN BRADLEY
MEMORIAL HALL**

BINGO BINGO BINGO

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Monday March 25th
7.00pm for 7.30pm start
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MEMORIAL HALL**

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FREE PROSTATE CANCER TESTING EVENT



Saturday 23rd March 10am-4pm

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Frome Lions Club are hosting this **FREE** event in conjunction with Somerset Prostate Support Association (SPSA) and Frome Freemasons on Saturday 23rd March 10 am – 4 pm for men aged 40 and over.

Every year in the UK 40,000 men are diagnosed with Prostate Cancer and around 10,000 die from the disease. Early diagnosis can be crucial to successful treatment.

Appointments take 10-15 minutes and **MUST** be BOOKED IN ADVANCE. It will **NOT** be possible to be tested on the day without a prior appointment.

All tests are confidential and are carried out by qualified medical practitioners.

For any questions regarding the tests please contact Peter Hopwood;-

telephone 01458 441669 or email peterhopwood46@gmail.com

Donations to SPSA for future testing events will be gratefully received

To book your appointment at a time to suit you;-

- (1) Visit <https://myspatests.org.uk/Events/> or via the link on Frome Lions Website www.fromelions.org.uk
- (2) register yourself using your email address.
- (3) click "Find an event" - search for SPSA and Frome Lions.
- (4) Select this event, scroll down, choose a convenient time slot and book it

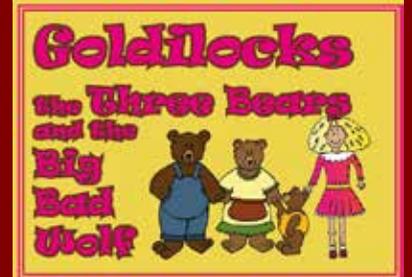


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*I wish to say a big thank you to the amazing players and all the lovely people who helped create our latest Panto. Although I wrote and directed it, absolutely everyone had an input to make their character unique and express their individuality, from the Pussies to the Dame. All the back stage crew who kept us laughing and whose ideas saved the day. Of course, the younger members of the cast were the real stars - Charlotte Higgins, Ed Ransome, Georgia Higgins and Yasmin Ferreira. THANK YOU. XXX
 Carol Kenzie*



The Memorial Hall would also like to say a huge THANK YOU to Carol and the panto team for donating the panto profits of just over £2000 to kick off the window fundraising initiative





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Maiden Bradley

LITTER PICK

6th April 2024

Meet at Village Hall

10.00am - 4.00pm

**Please join in helping to keep
Maiden Bradley beautiful!**

ONE MAN AND HIS DOG ON EPIC WALK FOR CHARITY

Deverills' dog, Louis the English setter, and his human Nick Johnson will set off on an incredible 3000 mile journey around the English coastline together on March 10th.

Raising both awareness and funds for the Charity Ovarian Cancer Action in memory of Nick's late wife, Lisa, their target is £50,000 to sponsor a cancer research scientist for a year.

Some call it inspiration, others craziness! However, following the passing of Lisa last summer to the disease their desire is to spread the message, as today many women do not know the symptoms and early diagnosis is critical. Poignantly, their adventure starts at Highcliffe Castle in Dorset on Mother's Day and is estimated to take them seven months.



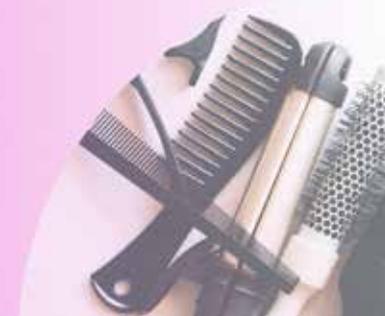
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HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED MAIDEN BRADLEY?

About three and a half years

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

The furthest I have been in terms of distance is Japan, but in terms of experience and remoteness I would say the wilds of the Caucasus mountains. I spent many months in Georgia over about ten years - it always fascinated me as a country and I finally went in 2007 and then made friends and went back again and again. The most remote I was was in the Khevsureti region of the mountains - it almost became an even stranger journey as I was feeling a little tired so stayed at our camp when my friends went for a hike. I decided to find a nice spot to nap and was woken up by a bemused Georgian border guard as I had accidentally wandered to Chechnya!

TELL US SOMETHING OF YOUR WORK PAST AND/OR PRESENT

Most of my new friends in the village know me as a writer as my latest book, Tender Maps, came out last year, but I am also an artist, having had public art commissions including a miniature museum in the boot of my car that toured Somerset collecting memories and stories. My day job is in creative education - I run learning and community projects at The Salisbury Museum, but for many years I was freelance working for clients from Bath Festivals (whose Young Writers Lab I ran) to The Eden Project. My specialty is teaching creative writing, especially to build confidence and aspiration in young people.



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

My beautiful old cat Dylan who died of old age in 2016. He used to come to the pub, the beach... I would hear stories of him helping out by sitting on the counter at the post office! His death truly broke my heart - people really underestimate pet grief I think - and it inspired the writing of my first non-fiction book Cat Women.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FILM/TV SERIES?

Film - Harold and Maude. TV show - Gilmore Girls - ultimate comfort viewing.

NAME YOUR FAVOURITE RIVER

I love the river Exe, but mainly because of the valley it runs through - that road from Dunster to Dulverton is possibly my favourite in the country...

TELL US SOMETHING THAT YOU THINK WILL SURPRISE MOST READERS?

I used to be much better known in Serbia than England - big in the Balkans! I've done lots of collaborative poetry projects with musicians on the radio there... I also did my first work experience on Sesame Street in New York! I once had a public art commission in Bucharest, I've met Lassie the dog, I once took Vashti Bunyan guitar shopping in Nashville... My life is a bit random when I look back at it...

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE WAY TO ENTERTAIN YOURSELF?

Although these days I seem to spend most of my time in the garden, I am a complete 90s indie kid with a huge record collection, so I would say music...

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

I adore the woods and the downs. I had known the village for years as I moved from nearby and grew up not so far away. I love how it nestles between two such different but beautiful landscapes - and the foxgloves in the summer are something else...

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE SEASON?

Spring - no contest - I'm a spring obsessive...

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?

Khachapuri - Georgian cheese bread - impossible to make right without sugumi cheese, so I miss it - so delicious... I don't have a sweet tooth - would rather have a bowl of pickles or olives than sweets!

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

I'm a huge Anne of Green Gables [by Lucy Maud Montgomery] fan. I have a tendency to read widely and a lot of experimental work too, but Anne Shirley will always be my literary heroine - when I was little she taught me you could be both girly and adventurous, that imagination is a superpower and that being clever is cool. I also love the Moomins [by Tove Jansson].

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

January

1 st	Bill Brookfield	£25.50	2 nd	Diana Green	£12.75
3 rd	Nick Olding	£7.70	4 th	Chris Downes	£5.05

February

1 st	Brian Gunter	£25.50	2 nd	Kate Burgess	£12.75
3 rd	Tricia Cox	£7.70	4 th	Mark Higgins	£5.05

Thank you - To all those contributors to the Hall Lottery, a very big thank you for helping maintain this vital social hub. Over this year alone £600+ has gone to you in prizes and £600+ to the maintenance of the Hall.

If you would like to help support your Village Hall, please get in contact with John Priestner on 844244 who has some spare numbers. Only 50p per number per month, you can have more than one number. Half the draw's income goes to the Village Hall and half goes in prizes.

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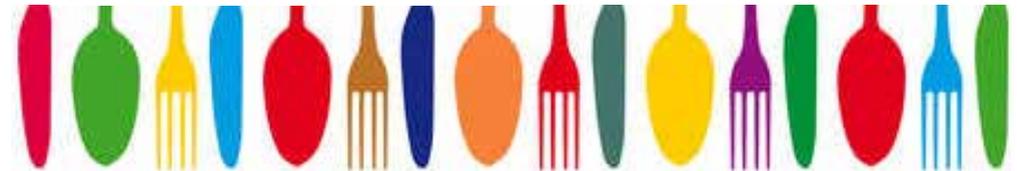
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LUNCHEON CLUB NEWS

Luncheon club will close on 21st March for the Easter break and reopen on 11th April. For newcomers to the Horningsham and Maiden Bradley area the club is open every Thursday for anyone over 60. There is an annual fee of £5 for membership. We meet at Horningsham Village Hall from 12 noon for lunch at 12.30pm. The lunch cost is £4 for a freshly cooked main course, pudding and tea or coffee. We do ask that each member brings a small raffle prize each week and the proceeds of the raffle goes towards the hire of the hall.

We are very lucky to have a team of volunteer cooks and helpers who provide a good variety of meals. If you are interested in joining us, whether as a member or helper, please ring either of the numbers below.

Margaret Long 01985 844756
Lesley Trollope 01985 211355



MERE AND DISTRICT LINK SCHEME

www.merelink.org.uk



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9am – 5pm Weekdays Only

Like last year January was a busy month for the Link with 105 trips 31 of which were to Salisbury District Hospital. We are a local charity and our volunteer drivers take clients to medical appointments, including Covid vaccinations, and even shopping when resources allow. New drivers are always welcome. If you are interested in volunteering as a driver by calling 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 please keep calls to 9-5 Monday to Friday and only use the 01747 860096 number. Also, it is a great help if you can give us a minimum of 48 hours notice (not including Saturdays and Sundays). Once you give us a request our coordinator has to ring round to find a driver who is available to take you to your appointment and we cannot guarantee our co-ordinator will be at home to arrange last minute requests.

At our Committee Meeting in February our Treasurer confirmed we are in a good position financially although the monthly donations in January were slightly less than our expenses. We also agreed that our AGM will be held on Friday 7 June at 7pm in the Grove Building. After the meeting we will have a drinks and nibbles social. Everyone is welcome.

John FitzGerald,

Link Chair

Mere and District Link Scheme

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www.merelink.org.uk

**Additional drivers are needed
to join the LINK team**

To find out more call our co-ordinator
on 01747 860096.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH NEWS

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



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

WE ARE BACK!

We restarted activities week commencing 5th February 2024 on back lane, not much activity with only one vehicle noted at 37mph. By Percentage 20% of the vehicles passing along Back lane.

Then on Friday the 9th February we restarted on High Street. 39 vehicles counted with 20 in excess of the 20mph speed limit. 52% in excess of the 20mph speed limit regardless of the limit being clearly

marked on the roadway and duly signed. This has been registered with the Police and urgent support requested.

All this shows our priorities, namely High Street and Church Street by the church in particular.

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

A question often asked of us is, "Of course my registration number is not noted is it?"

Well what can a red blooded CSW operator say, other than.....

"I will check the list!"

Simon Wager

Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator.

Chairman Maiden Bradley Parish Council

Telephone No 01985 844848

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5TH MAR	BURGER NIGHT	6PM - 8:30PM
6/7TH MAR	PENSIONERS LUNCH	12:30 - 2:30PM
9TH MAR	SIX NATIONS - ITALY VS SCOTLAND	2:15PM
9TH MAR	SIX NATIONS - ENGLAND VS ITALY	4:45PM
10TH MAR	MOTHERS DAY	12:30 - 5:30PM
10TH MAR	SIX NATIONS - WALES VS FRANCE	3PM
12TH MAR	BURGER NIGHT	6PM - 8:30PM
13/14TH MAR	PENSIONERS LUNCH	12:30 - 2:30PM
19TH MAR	BURGER NIGHT	6 - 8:30PM
20/21ST MAR	PENSIONERS LUNCH	12:30 - 2:30PM
26TH MAR	BURGER NIGHT	6PM - 8:30PM
27/28TH MAR	PENSIONERS LUNCH	12:30 - 2:30PM