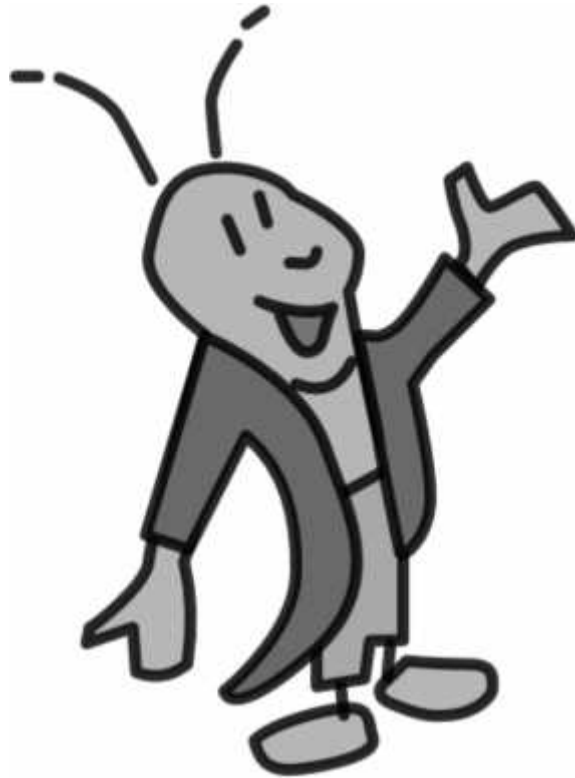




# Scene in Baydon

..a bi-monthly digest of what's going on in Baydon: **Apr 17**



**Baydon's Little Crickets Pre-School gets "good" from OFSTED**

Visit [www.baydon.org](http://www.baydon.org) for up-to-date village news, events, and features

Hello All

A committee now exists for Saving the Red Lion - see details inside and good news about the village pre-school - Little Crickets.

We also have an interview with the new Head of Baydon St Nicholas

Happy Easter to you all.

Jo Cooling

**Since the last Scene Muttley has...**

(SHOCK HORROR) ....been very good!

Here is a photo of him proving he can exercise self control around food



**Scene in Baydon** - published by Jo Cooling

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# St Nicholas' Church - Baydon



## Apr/May SERVICES

<b>2nd April</b>	<b>10am</b>	Team Communion at Froxfield
<b><u>Palm Sunday</u></b>		
<b>9th April</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer (CW)
<b><u>Maundy Thursday</u></b>		
<b>13th April</b>	<b>7pm</b>	Last Supper Meal & Communion at St Michael's, Aldbourne
<b><u>Good Friday</u></b>		
<b>14th April</b>	<b>10am</b>	Readings and Reflections
<b><u>Easter Day</u></b>		
<b>16th April</b>	9.30am	Family Communion
<b>23rd April</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion
<b>30th April</b>	11am	Matins at Chilton Foliat
	11am	Holy Communion at St Michael's, Aldbourne
	6pm	Team Choral Evensong at Ramsbury
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<b>7th May</b>	10am	Team Holy Communion in St Nicholas, Baydon
<b>14th May</b>	9.30am	Matins
<b>21st May</b>	9.30am	Informal Morning Worship
<b>28th May</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion

*(Keep an eye on the Whitton Team website - <http://whittonteam.org.uk>)*

### St Nicholas Church repairs – update

We have had another quote for £11,013.90 for the Vestry roof and additional stonework repairs where the stone fabric of the building has become friable. At the 3 March 2017 we had £2,988 in the building fund, so we still have a lot of money to raise.

Many of you have already donated for which we thank you, but if you are thinking about it, but have not got around to it, this is a little prompt!

Or if you would consider becoming a Steward of St Nicholas church by committing to a regular donation by standing order of perhaps £10 per month, but £5 or £3 that would really help too. And, if you are in a position to Gift aid it, your donation would increase by 25%.

The standing order and Gift aid forms are in the church or please get in touch with one of the Church Wardens: Margaret Hill 540789 and Mike Ball 540117 or any other church member you know.

## A VISIT TO HIGHGROVE

Mindy Milne has arranged a tour of the gardens at Highgrove, Prince Charles's country home, on Thursday, 25th May. **Anyone who might be interested in visiting Highgro** should get in touch with Mindy on 01672 520260 or [mindymilne@btinternet.co](mailto:mindymilne@btinternet.co) as soon as possible.

## From the Minister...



Yesterday when I began writing this I was looking out on a wonderfully cold clear blue sky thinking of April and today it is pouring with rain and I can hardly see the end of my garden! I am reminded about a lot. How diverse and unpredictable life is and how we need to make the best of everything God gives us. Family, friends, neighbours, colleagues, the places we live, the people we meet they all make up the rich pattern of the world we live in. April is a time of celebration – in the church we celebrate Easter, the pinnacle of the Christian year, it is the time when we think about Jesus, his journey to the Cross during Holy Week, his death on Good Friday and his glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday. He conquered death for us so that we have the gift of life everlasting. Life that goes beyond the physical and embraces the spiritual side of our lives. We have hope, a future and a God who loves us beyond anything we can ever imagine. Then inspired by this we want others to understand that Church isn't about a building, it is about people who come together under a banner of love. It is about finding out who Jesus can be in each of our lives and how we can become the extraordinary people God has created us to be. It is important to explore new ways of doing this and we are introducing in the Whitton Benefice on 23<sup>rd</sup> April Breakfast Church at 10.15 am in St Michael's Aldbourne for 35 minutes before the main service of the day. It is a time for families and friends to gather, we will eat together, chat about things and there will be activities for the kids to do too and there will be a brief thought for the day. Everyone is welcome so come along and see. The dates for your diaries are 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 28<sup>th</sup> May and 25<sup>th</sup> June.

I pray that this month will be a good one for you, full of hope and love.

With my love

**Candice**

### Quiet Day - Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>

Following the much valued day in Ramsbury last September there will be a second opportunity for a quiet time in Aldbourne at West Leazes by kind invitation of Mike Hellier. It offers a break from the everyday business of life and a chance to refuel the spirit.

The day will run from 10.0 am to 4.0 pm. There will be three or four short talks and the rest of the time will be largely in silence. There is plenty of in the house for people to find a private space and the view is lovely. Given nice weather the garden also provides ample places to walk or sit.

There is a leaflet about the day in the churches with a tear-off slip to book your place. Please return it soon, as numbers are limited. If you have any questions get in touch with Peter Ball, 01672 520259.

## Activities for Baydon Children in the Whitton Team

stories, craft, songs and activities at St Michael's church Aldbourne :

See <http://whittonteam.org.uk> for full details

**"Sparklers"** – activities for 5-11 schoolers term-time Mondays 9.15 – 10.30 songs, stories, activities, playtime and refresh

**"Sparkler Plus"** incorporating activities suitable for older siblings and other children 'Building an Easter Garden' on Monday 10 April, from 10am – 12 noon. for more information contact Si Rodd 01672 541571 [revsuerodd@btinternet.co.uk](mailto:revsuerodd@btinternet.co.uk)

**Saturday Club** – for 5-11 year olds (with a parent or carer) from 10 am – 11.30 am 18<sup>th</sup> February and 18<sup>th</sup> March: Church Rooms, Ramsbury. – Church Rooms, Ramsbury. Games, quizzes, crafts and bible teaching, for more information please contact Judith Weeden 01672 520235 [judith@weeden.plus.com](mailto:judith@weeden.plus.com).

**Sunday Services with Children's activities** take place at Holy Cross Ramsbury see website for information

**ReFuel** welcomes those in secondary school to join us for fun, food and lively discussions. This year we are meeting the first Sunday of each month. If you want to come along, know more or have questions please contact Nick Whelan 01672 541022 or Revd Candice Marcus 01672 540311.

**For Adults** - full details can be found on <http://whittonteam.org>.

**Food Bank** Swindon food bank provides help for Swindon people in crisis. Details of what is needed are on the hamper in the church or the website <http://www.swindonfoodbank.org>. foodlist

**Parochial Visitors** Tina Evans 540250 and Kate Buckingham 07860 388197 are Baydon's Parochial Visitors. If you would like some support or a visit for a cuppa please get in touch with either of us and we can either help out or put you in touch with someone else better to meet your needs.

**Church Building** - We are still looking for someone to work with PCC but only on the church building repairs. Are you or do you know someone who loves old buildings and has the enthusiasm and some building knowledge to manage the works that need doing?

**Church Secretary Required** - The current Local Church Committee Secretary is standing down at the end of March and we are looking for a replacement to fill this volunteer role. The job mainly involves the preparation of meeting agenda minutes, together with a small amount of general admin. This is an ideal job for someone who wants to be more involved in Baydon but at the same time is not a full-time job (averaging about 5hrs a month). The current Secretary (Rowan Cockcroft) would be happy to talk to anyone who is interested in finding out more about what is actually involved. Contact details: [Church@baydon.org](mailto:Church@baydon.org)

## Heads Up!

We are delighted to welcome back Miss Hayhoe from maternity leave. It feels like she's never been away and has fitted back in to the team really well. We are also pleased to welcome Mr Smith who has been working with us as a PE coach but has decided to change career and joins us as a teaching assistant. Finally, we welcome Mr Reeve who, having recently left school, is taking a year out before he studies Education at University and so is volunteering with us on a daily basis.

Our residential trip to Braeside in Devizes for years 5 and 6 was a real success. The children spent three action-packed days enjoying a range of activities including: visiting a local farm, orienteering, the Roundway Down 6-mile walk, marshmallows over a bonfire, and, last but not least, the 'Leap of Faith'. Together with fantastic food and an opportunity to chat with friends in their dorms, it's hardly surprising that the children loved every minute. They were a real credit to themselves and the school and my thanks go to all those involved in making the trip such a success.

Our Explorer's Day which we held to tie in with World Book Day was also a huge success. The staff demonstrated their creativity, energy and commitment by delivering a day which children will remember. Our focus was on exploring the land, sky, sea and space and the children, who came to school dressed as explorers – both real and fictional, enjoyed an orienteering activity which ended in making flatbreads over a campfire (thanks to Mr McCracken who spent the whole day fanning the flames!), working out how to make the best parachute, enjoying learning about and making deep sea creatures and exploring their own creativity in space art.

It's important for children to be aware of the needs of others so, on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, along with all the other schools in the Marlborough area, we all dressed in green to raise money for Prospect Hospice. The children were also given a box of Smarties (kindly donated by Sainsbury) which they took home and have returned full of 20p!

PE is often high on children's list of priorities so, on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, we held a very successful inter-house sports competition. The older children played football and dodgeball - our thanks go to one of our parents, Mr James, for giving up his morning to referee - and, in the afternoon, the year 6s acted as Sports Leaders and ran a carousel of activities for the KS1 children. A really successful day.



*Pictures from Braeside*

To keep the children fit and active, we have recently held a Skip2Bfit workshop, the impact of which has been amazing. "We absolutely loved it!" Over 80 ropes have been sold and the playground is a sea of skipping ...



In order to promote music in school, we held a drumming workshop which proved to be so popular that we now have 18 children taking lessons. We had originally planned a Friday for lessons and have had to arrange a 'spillover' day to accommodate everyone. Our thanks go to Slater Music School.

12 children attended the Dance Festival at St John's recently and danced quite beautifully to the theme of music from films or shows. Our children, dressed as senioritas and matadors, danced a mixture of Flamenco and Paso Doble - a wonderful evening of creativity, costumes and colour.



Explorer's Day

As always, our parents support us in many ways and we are very grateful to FOBS (Friends of Baydon School) for their recent film night. We now look forward to their Easter Eggstravaganza which takes place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

**Caroline Knighton**  
Headteacher

## **An informal cycle club in Baydon**



*This is what we do:*

- *A ride of about 20 –25 miles, every Thursday evening.*
- *Mostly on quieter local roads with a different ride every week.*
- *Shorter versions possible if 20 miles is too much!*
- *Ad hoc rides and events organised at other times.*
- *A really great social way to get and stay fit.*
- *We keep together so no-one's left behind and offer mechanical support if you need it.*
- *We go whatever the weather.*
- *We all meet after the ride for drinks in the Red Lion.*
- *Lots of free cycling advice and help.*
- *Gents and Ladies over 18 welcome.*

**Every Thursday departing the Red Lion 6.30 pm**

returning about 8.30– 9.00pm. You will need lights for the last bit of the ride.

Rob: 07903 830 259

***Please tell anyone you think might be interested!***

NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME

## **GARDEN OPEN**

ROOKSNEST, ERMIN STREET, LAMBOURN WOODLANDS RG17 7SB

10 acre traditional English garden

**Wednesday 26 April 2017**

**11.00 am - 4.00 pm (last entry 3.30pm)**

car park, light refreshments, wheelchair access

**Admission £4.50 (children free)**

**all proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support and other charities nominated by NGS**

[www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)



You may have seen the Flyers out in their new Baydon Flyers Cycling Kit. Here is a photo of some of them sporting the new kit at the recent Childrey Spring Classic

## An Interview with Caroline Knighton, Head of Baydon St Nicholas

Caroline took over as the Head of Baydon St Nicholas at the start of the academic year. I thought it would be good for the Scene to catch-up with her, know a bit more about her, her plans for the school and some of her favourite things:

**How long have you been a teacher?**

*I qualified as a teacher in July 2005. Prior to this, I worked in the commercial and voluntary sectors for 10 years having initially qualified as a solicitor in 1993.*



**Why do you like being a teacher?**

*Because I believe that teachers can make a difference to young people's lives.*

**How has teaching changed since you started teaching?**

*There have been so many changes to teaching even since I qualified (a new National Curriculum, the introduction of the academies programme, a new assessment system to name but three) but the heart of the profession has not changed. Teachers and teaching assistants come in to the profession to make a difference and this is true of all the staff at Baydon school.*

**What is the best thing about teaching?**

*Watching children grow and develop. It's also great fun particularly when working with colleagues and parents who have the same aspiration:*

**What is the hardest thing about teaching?**

*Always wanting to do the best for the children in front of you – if you're not careful, you go home each day worried that you haven't done as much as you could have.*

**If you could ask the government to change one thing about primary education what would it be?**

*To promote the profession and celebrate the wonderful work which teachers do across the UK each and every day.*

**What attracted you to Baydon St Nicholas?**

*Great children and a staff team who want to continue to provide the best for the children in their care.*

**What would you like to improve at the school?**

*There are so many great things about our school but schools always need to grow and develop. Our focus over the next few years will be on continuing to develop the high quality education which the children receive whilst maintaining the family relationships and Christian ethos which runs through all that we do*

**What is the best thing about the children at Baydon St Nicholas?**

*The children at Baydon are a true highlight of the school. Last week, the man who was testing our electrical appliances told us that he has never been in to a school where the children were as polite and friendly as they are at Baydon – how right he was.*

**What was your favourite subject at school?**

*I was lucky enough to enjoy most subjects and had a wonderful education but the subject which has probably lasted longest with me is English as evidenced by the fact that I constantly have my head in a book.*

**What is your favourite colour and why?**

*Green as I love being outside.*

**What is your favourite food?**

*Anything from Italy ...*

**What is your favourite pop band/pop star?**

*I don't really have an 'all time' favourite. I listen to a range of music from Mozart to Bob Marley. However, at the moment, what I really love listening to are the songs which my children download from Spotify as we're washing up after suppe – it keeps me young and in touch and is a highlight of the day!*

## THE BEDWYN MUSIC SOCIETY 2017

MARTIN JAMES BARTLETT – piano – BBC Young Musician 2014  
on Friday, 28th April 2017, at 7.30 pm,  
St. Mary's Church, Great Bedwyn.  
Admission at door: £14 (members £10) Children free  
Enquiries: Andrew Hutchison 01672 870 970

THE YORK PIANO TRIO  
On Friday, 19th May, at 7.30 pm.  
St. Mary's Church, Great Bedwyn.

### PROSPECT HOSPICE BOX INFORMATION

The next collection is due in April, and I should be grateful if you could bring your boxes to me, or to Debbie at the Baydon Stores, as soon as possible please, so that they can be counted and the money sent off to Prospect .

Many thanks  
Penny Stephens  
10 Fiveways.  
01672 540283



### Rubbish and recycling collections

Tues Apr 4	Plastic and Card + black bin recycling
Tues Apr 11	Garden waste & Household waste
Tues Apr 18	Plastic and Card + black bin recycling
Tues Apr 25	Household waste only
Tues May 2	Plastic and Card + black bin recycling
Tues May 9	Garden waste & Household waste
Tues May 16	Plastic and Card + black bin recycling
Tues May 23	Garden waste & Household waste
Tues May 30	Plastic and Card + black bin recycling

## BAYDON TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Baydon's newest club has now been running for just over two months and it has turned out to be a very pleasing success story. We have attracted the attention of almost twenty residents of the village who have turned up on more than one occasion to play the game.

We mostly play doubles which has the added attraction of having to move out of your partner's way so that they can take their shot. Collisions are inevitable but then this is part of the attraction of what is a very sociable sport. Table tennis is a very easy sport to begin playing (although difficult to master) so it is not long before the novice can play at a satisfying level. This is particularly true when playing doubles where differences in playing skills are easily accommodated and both the experienced and inexperienced player can have very enjoyable games together. I think we all have noticed a significant improvement in our game since we started last January. The last game of the evening is always around the table game where, using one table, all players take part and must run in a clockwise direction taking a shot from alternate ends. Each player has three 'lives' which means that after making three foul shots they are eliminated. The speed of the game clearly increases as players are eliminated until eventually there is only one player left standing, (which invariably is one of the younger members of the group!)

After finishing at 9 pm many of us migrate to the Red Lion for a well earned bevy or two. It is particularly pleasing to know that the Club may be bringing a little extra trade to the pub.

So if you think you may be interested in playing table tennis why not drop down and give it a try? We meet every Friday evening between 7:00 and 9:00 pm in the BYPA Hall. Trainers are the recommended footwear and you will need to obtain a bat, which is relatively cheap to buy, although we can supply one for your first visit. If you would like any more information please call me on 01672 540461 or Ged on 01672 540765 or better still come and join us on Friday evening.

Bernie Gribble



## Meet your CAM!

Andrew Jack, Marlborough's Community Area Manager, will be working in Marlborough Library from approximately 12.00pm until 5.00pm on most Wednesdays. Andrew is available to chat concerning Area Board matters, such as Community Area Grant funding and consultations as well as signposting other Wiltshire Council services. Andrew can be reached on 01225 713109 or email: [andrew.jack@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.jack@wiltshire.gov.uk)

## Marlborough Area Board

**Next meeting is:** Tuesday 23 May 2017

Marlborough Town Hall, High Street, Marlborough, SN8 1AA  
6.30 pm for a 7pm start

**More news:** The publication 'Just a Minute' is a summary of the official minutes for the Marlborough Area Board and is available in full on Baydon's Website. Parish News from the Council also available on the website.

## Marlborough CAN Newsletter

**Marlborough CAN** helps you keep in touch with things that are happening locally. With regular news from the Council, Police, NHS and many other local community groups and organisations, you can be the first to know what is happening. With opportunities to have a say on important issues and to take part in local events and activities, **Marlborough CAN** will put you in the picture.

See the latest CAN at [Baydon.org](http://baydon.org) or go to  
<http://marlborough.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/>

## Baydon Notice Board

If you are a Facebook user, do you know there is a public group called the Baydon Notice Board?

A great place to see what's on, available services in the area, items for sale etc.

Also a great place to broadcast items of current interest to Baydon villagers.



Visit [www.baydon.org](http://www.baydon.org) for up-to-date village news & events, weather and features, Parish Council minutes & agendas

## Community Beat Manager



The community beat manager for Marlborough rural, which covers areas such as Ramsbury, Aldbourne, Baydon and Chilton Foliat is Anthony Boardman.

He can be contacted either by email address which is [NPTMarlborough@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:NPTMarlborough@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk) or at Marlborough police station via the 101 non emergency number using extension number 77430352.

Any crime reports should go through the proper channels and be reported through the 101 or 999 systems.

PC 352 Anthony Boardman  
**Marlborough police station**  
**Neighbourhood police team**  
**Wiltshire Police**

**Non emergency number - 101**  
**extension number 77430352**

**WILTSHIRE POLICE**

**101**  **999**

101 is the number to call when you want to contact the police - when it's less urgent than 999.

999 is the number to call when you want to contact the police in an EMERGENCY.

**In a NON EMERGENCY dial 101 if:**

- you want to report a crime/issue that does not require an immediate emergency response
- you or someone else are not in immediate danger
- you would like to speak to your local police officer
- you want to provide information about a crime

**Dial 999 if:**

- you need an immediate response because a crime is in progress or you think it is
- you or someone else is injured or there is a threat to life
- a serious road traffic collision has taken place
- violence is being used or threatened

This is a guide not a definitive list

If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired you can textphone 18001 101 in a NON EMERGENCY

If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired you can text 80099 in an EMERGENCY

[www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

**WILTSHIRE POLICE**  
Non emergency number:

**101** IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999

## Road Calming in Manor Lane - a letter from resident Tom McGowran

I have lived in Manor Lane for nearly forty years and in that time have experienced a growth both in the number of vehicles using the lane and the speed they are travelling at. I have noted that since the chicanes were installed on Ermin St. there has been an increase in the through traffic East to West. Many of these drivers are travelling at an inappropriate speed in the lane but not necessarily breaking the speed limit of 30mph. I have questioned some drivers as to why they were using the lane as a through route and they have replied that their GPS systems have guided them that way!

When travelling East on Ermin St towards the chicane one can observe that if traffic is halted to allow east bound traffic, the entrance to Manor Lane is welcoming and it is all too easy to turn left and use the lane as a shortcut to Aldbourne Road.

The Government published its national Strategic Framework for Road Safety (SFRS) in May 2011. It places an expectation on local government to continue to prioritise road safety and seek improvements by adopting policies that reflect local priorities and circumstances. The SFRS emphasises the importance of local decision-making to reflect local road safety priorities. A key theme of the SFRS is to 'make it easier for road users to do the right thing'.

Fast and aggressive driving intimidates all road users, particularly pedestrians and cyclists. It deters people from these sustainable modes and may discourage parents from allowing their children to walk and cycle to school and for other journeys.

- Many suggestions have been put forward to calm traffic in the lane, these include;  
Make the lane one way. The problem with this is that traffic is likely to speed up knowing no one is coming in the opposite direction.
- Make the last 50 yards from Dark Lane to Ermin St one way. Effectively no entry from Ermin St. This would make the lane a no through route but would have the consequence of lorries visiting the sewage works would then have to use the Aldbourne Road entrance to the lane.
- No Entry signs for through traffic; These are used at the Foxhill crossroads on the way to Wanborough. Unless this type of signage is monitored no one takes any notice.
- Speed humps could be considered. These cause an increase in noise and pollution. Surveys have indicated that drivers speed up between humps.

More extreme measures include to apply for a licence to hold a street party for three hours every fortnight!

One can also apply to make the road a children's play area or quiet street. This allows one to close the road to through traffic and give children the right to play in the road. This does not affect residential use of the road. This is difficult to monitor.

One could also apply to close the road with a gate or barrier across the road, say between Waldrons Close and Dark Lane. Emergency appliances and service vehicles would have a key for access. This particular calming measure is one of the few measures available that does not have to be policed to be effective.

Manor lane currently meets the criteria for reducing the speed limit to 20mph. It has no pavements, narrow with poor street lighting, a youth club/playgroup village hall, many blind spots together with numerous driveways which necessitate cars reversing into the carriageway.

I am informed that the cost of reducing the speed limit would be in the region of £4,000. Whilst this speed limit cannot be monitored it would at least be a start in informing drivers that it is inappropriate to exceed this speed. Secondly I would recommend that the entrance from Ermin Street into Manor Lane be reduced or squared off to discourage through drivers from taking it as a shortcut.

Manor Lane is only one road in Baydon that needs traffic calming but it is perhaps one of the easiest to implement traffic calming upon. I would appreciate any views or comments you may have on the above.

You can email me on : [McGowran@gmail.com](mailto:McGowran@gmail.com)

## Are you looking for a venue for your party, group or meeting?

Look no further than Baydon (BYPA) Village Hall, on Manor Lane.

Its spacious, clean and has all the facilities you need, including:

- A full equipped, modern kitchen
- A pretty, sunny garden with children's play equipment
- Plenty of parking
- Clean, accessible toilets

You'll struggle to find a more affordable option for your event within easy reach of Lambourn, Swindon, Wantage and Wanborough.

Hire of the hall costs only £5.50 per hour Monday – Friday and £10 per hour at weekends.

Please contact [bypabooking@gmail.com](mailto:bypabooking@gmail.com) if you'd like to book the hall.



*The BYPA Committee (Baydon Young Peoples Association) is a registered charity and is run by a group of volunteers.*



# BAYDON SOCIAL GROUP

Members of the Baydon Social Group enjoyed an informative and lively talk on Ashdown House given by Mrs Jo Wright in February.

Mrs Wright is a knowledgeable National Trust guide to Ashdown House and members had many questions later concerning the house and its present tenant.

In March nineteen members gathered at the home of Mr & Mrs Ralph for a quiz night, which was fun.

The winning group were Mr & Mrs Prior, Mrs Pat Mapstone and John Whitcutt.


The next meeting on April 13th will be a talk about Guide Dogs by Mr Fletcher (accompanied by a guide dog).

This meeting will be held at 25 Downsmead.

All those interested in attending please call (01672) 540695 to confirm

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*I hold regular surgeries around the Constituency  
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# Baydon Village Stores

Ermin Street Baydon SN8 2JP  
Tel: 01672 540266



## Shop Opening Hours

Monday – Friday	0700	-	1745
Saturday	0800	-	1330
Sunday & Public Holidays	0900	-	1200
Christmas Day	CLOSED		

## Post Office Opening Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday	0730	-	1630
Wednesday	0730	-	1300
Saturday	0800	-	1300
Sunday	0900	-	1200

## Off Licence Hours

Monday – Saturday	:	from	8.00am
Sunday	:	from	10.00am



## The Red Lion FREEHOUSE

Ermin Street, Baydon, Wiltshire SN8 2JP  
01672-541224

### OPENING TIMES

**Mon & Tue** Closed all day  
**Wed & Thurs** 4.30pm to 10.00pm  
**Fri** 4.30pm to 11pm  
**Sat** 12 noon to 11pm  
**Sunday** 12 noon to 7pm (except quiz night)

Guinness Quality award.

We are in CAMRA's Good Beer Guide 2016,  
UK's Best Selling Beer & Pub Guide.

**Baydon Bikers (motorbike club)** - Meet regularly throughout the month for rides and social gatherings. Check out their website baydonbikers.co.uk for more details and contact numbers.

**Baydon Bicycle Club** - Every Thursday - Departure is from the Red Lion car park at 6.30pm and again anyone wishing to join them just turn up.

**Casual Cribb Club** – The league starts again in September, come along to play or learn the game in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere on a Wednesday evening. Contact Tanya Brown on 07986730470.

**Quiz Night**– First Sunday of the month at 7pm. Teams of 4 at £2.00 per person.

**Wiltshire Good Neighbour Community Lunch** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 12pm

A social afternoon for anyone in Baydon or the surrounding villages to join us for a relaxed lunch, light conversation and good company. A two course pre booked meal for only £7.50

### Events:

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7pm</b> -	Quiz Night raising money for "Prospect"
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b> -	Apologies – No Wiltshire Good Neighbour Community Lunch his month.
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b> -	Quiz Night raising money towards "The Dogs Trust"
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b> -	Wiltshire Good Neighbour Community Lunch - Pre booking required

*For full details of all our clubs and events look out for posters or look at The Red Lion or Village website.*

Remember you can book the pub or dining area for a Corporate event, private function, party or workshop. We can cater for a sit down meal or a buffet. Please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to make your event as pleasant and stress free as possible. I thank you for your ongoing support.

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*Julie  
Apr 17*



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*We hope to hear from you soon!*

## Scene View

Where anyone can review books, pubs, restaurants, events, special places or pretty much anything including your own view (keep it clean!). Send your (review to Editor

### La Nuit de Feu” (“Night of Fire”)

by Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt

I’ve read several of Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt’s novels and short stories. However, this book is an account of a real-life trek in the Algerian desert which the author undertook as part of filming a documentary on Charles de Foucauld, a European who, a century before, had gone to live among the nomadic peoples there.

In no other of Schmitt’s books that I’ve read has he written so eloquently and with such careful choice of words as when he describes his “Night of Fire”, as he becomes separated from his companions, lost in the desert as night falls and can see nothing at all except the stars. Faced with the prospect of death, alone and cold, instead the former philosopher has a phenomenal spiritual encounter, a communicative interaction which fills him with intense joy and has a profound effect on him. It took Schmitt 25 years to get around to writing this book; which I think speaks of the depth of the impression the experience left in him. He reflects on how we value one another, how we value just being alive, and what is that is important in life. Being a philosopher, he questions his experience as he lives it and afterwards, and concludes that there are three possible honest answers to the question of whether God exists: the believer, who says, “I don’t know but I believe so”; the atheist, who says, “I don’t know but I believe not”, and the agnostic, who says, ‘I don’t know but it doesn’t matter



*Tamzin grew up in Baydon and comes back from time to time to visit her Dad. After some gadding about, she currently lives in the beautiful north east of England, working for a start-up exploiting a new X-ray imaging technique.*

### BYPA - any help welcome!

Please roll up your sleeves and bring your green fingers along to the Baydon (BYPA) Village Hall on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May from 10am to help with tidying up the great garden that we have available to our village.

The more volunteers we can get together on 21<sup>st</sup> May, the easier it’ll be to turn our hall garden into a rural paradise.

Refreshments will be provided.



## Birth Announcements



**CONNOLLY** - to Cassie and Thomas on 21st November 2016 in Nambur hospital, Queensland, Australia - a beautiful baby girl ISLA ROSE, most welcome baby sister for Evie and very precious second grandchild for Linda and Roly. (apologies for announcement not being complete in last issue)

**GROVE** on January 28th, at GWH Swindon, to Christopher and Renée a daughter Libby Mabel, a sister for Millie.



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### **'Community Lunch at the Red Lion'** **All Welcome**

PLEASE NOTE: Many apologies but there will not be a community lunch in April.

(This is the first time we have ever had to cancel and apologise

We look forward to seeing you in May)

### **NEXT COMMUNITY LUNCH**

**12pm Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**

Join us for a relaxed lunch and light conversation

Sausages, Mash & Onion Gravy  
or  
Chicken Kiev, Chips & Sweetcorn  
*Plus a pudding of*  
Lemon Tart & Ice-Cream  
or  
Apple Strudel & Custard

To book your place or to discuss any dietary requirements or for a vegetarian option please call Julie on 01672 541224 prior to the event

## Baydon Village Fun Auction in aid of church renovations



**Date:** Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

**Venue:** Baydon School Hall

**Time:** Viewing from 7.00pm

**Bidding starts at 7.30pm**

**Admission: £3.00 (includes a free glass of wine/juice).**

We need your help to make this a huge success

Donations of unwanted gifts, wine, chocolates, new books, tickets of events, / concerts, promises ( baby sitting, dog walking, gardening, cake making etc....) or company donations all gratefully received.

For further information, offers of help, donations of goods please contact:

Donni Blackwell 07973191654 Helen Chambers 07948238745

# Baydon Village Fun Auction

## Example Lots :

- Promises of baby sitting, gardening, cake making, ironing, logs
- Luxury day out for 2 in Oxford with transport
- 2 tickets for Mamma Mia
- 2 club enclosure tickets for The Investec Oaks or The Investec Derby in June
- Tickets for family days out
- Winter 4 ball golf at Bowood
- Champagne
- A week bed and (self service) breakfast in Cornwall for 2
- Drone photo of your home
- And lots lots more!!

Please come and join in the fun and help save your village church.

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Dear Community,

I'm delighted to update you on the progress of Little Crickets Pre School. There has been a huge change this academic year with a new set of 6 volunteers on the committee and a new management team in place. In January we were rated "Good" by Ofsted and received some great comments e.g.

*"Children develop high levels of confidence and self esteem" & "Staff support children to understand about fairness, how to share and be kind"*

Earlier this month the Committee secured a grant from Marlborough Area Board for just under £1000. This is to be used for resources for the children. This is fabulous news and we're really looking forward to providing the children with new activities.

You may be aware that we are non profit making charity and our income is generated by the fees and funding paid for from the children that attend the school. We are in the progress of advertising our pre school and our annual fund raising event took place on March the 25th. The numbers of children attending is increasing but is still low, and we desperately need to increase these to ensure the pre school remains financially viable.

**Please help us** by providing us with an indication of whether you are considering using the pre school in the future it doesn't matter if its 3,6,12 mths or even 2 years down the line. It will help us build a picture of the sustainability of the pre school. If you or you know of anybody in Baydon or the surrounding villages that would benefit from this service please come and talk to us or drop us an email.

It's an old saying but it is becoming a case of either "use it or lose it" which would be a real shame as we've moved forward so far. I'm sure we don't wish to see another service disappear from our village.

Phone Little Crickets on 01672 541781 or email [Baydonpreschool@outlook.com](mailto:Baydonpreschool@outlook.com).

Thank you for reading our update,

Best wishes

Fraza-jane Robins





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New children are welcome! Contact us on 01672 541781 or email baydonpreschool@outlook.com to arrange a visit.

We are really looking forward to meeting you and your preschoolers!

"Leaders have good systems in place to evaluate the quality of the provision"

"Children develop high levels of confidence and self esteem"

"Children develop good skills to support them in their future learning"

"Staff support children to understand about fairness, how to share and be kind"

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SaveBaydonLion.UK

Hello Everyone

The Save Baydon Lion Team want to be absolutely sure that you all know exactly what is happening with regard to the campaign to acquire the Red Lion as a Community Pub/Asset.



SaveBaydonLion.UK

Hopefully, members of the Team will have spoken to you personally as part of our Door to Door Survey which we conducted to:

- establish exactly what you, the residents, want the Red Lion to be as your Community /Asset.
- gauge just how many of you are interested in investing in The Red Lion Community Pub Limited so we have a real feel for the level of funds we can raise within the village.
- understand who is willing to help from a skills perspective i.e. who has experience in running a small business and is willing to share their expertise, who has painting, decorating, building skills, etc., - all help and advice is welcome.
- invite you to the **Village Meeting on Tues 4 April at 7.30pm in The School Hall** to discuss where we are and what needs to be done next.

The Team held its first meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> February and in the very short space of time since then we have:

- Set up the Constitution of the Save Baydon Lion Team with the objective of transforming the Red Lion into a Community Pub and Asset to be run by the community, for the community.
- Worked with Baydon Parish Council to register the Red Lion as an Asset of Community Value.
- Designed a website which went live in super quick time – savebaydonlion.uk
- Opened a Bank account.
- Sent out two eShots to core supporters and potential investors.
- Carried out a leaflet drop to all Baydon households.
- Conducted a Door to Door survey.
- Designed banners raising awareness of Save Baydon Lion
- Prepared a Business Plan available to interested members of the community following the Village Meeting
- Issued a Media Alert to the local press focusing on the support of Save Baydon Lion by our local MP, Claire Perry and Wiltshire County Councillor, James Sheppard.
- Met with Ramsbury Estate Manager
- Met and received support from local breweries
- Set-up the Red Lion Community Pub Limited

If you don't want to lose your local pub then now is the time to pledge your support by emailing [info@savebaydonlion.uk](mailto:info@savebaydonlion.uk) or visit the website [savebaydonlion.uk](http://savebaydonlion.uk) and register on the Help page.

Don't leave it to others to get involved.

Remember, if we lose the Red Lion it could decrease the value of our houses by between 1% and 5% or possibly more! There are many articles which highlight the importance of local amenities and their influence on property values.

If everyone invested all, or a fraction, of the money we could lose from a significant drop in the value of our houses, the community would easily raise enough funds to secure the Red Lion as a Community Pub/Asset. The pub is an important historical, community asset and an important social focal point for our village community life. Whether you use the facilities currently, as an occasional or more frequent user, join the Save Baydon Lion campaign and play your part in saving the identity of Baydon and protect the value of your house. A win win situation.

**Colin Newbould, Chairman, Save Baydon Lion Team.**

The Save Baydon Lion Team is a not for profit group of volunteers working together to bring the Red Lion pub into community ownership for the benefit of the people and village of Baydon.

## Parish Council News

- The Parish Assembly will be held on May 12th at 8pm at the BYPA Hall.
- The Annual General Meeting of Baydon Parish Council will be held on Monday 15th May at 8pm in the BYPA.
- Baydon Parish Council would like to extend their congratulations to the Little Crickets for obtaining a 'Good' in their OFSTED report.
- There are a couple of vacant allotment plots available for rent from 25th March. They cost £20 for a full plot and £10 for a half plot. For further details please contact the Clerk on [baydonparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:baydonparishclerk@gmail.com)

### Traffic Calming update for Ermin Street

Baydon Parish Council held an Extraordinary Meeting on Monday 20 March, essentially because Wiltshire Highways did not agree that the proposed western buildout should be dropped due to safety concerns. (They suggested safety could be improved by cutting the hedges.) Highways had also stated that they would be unsupportive of progressing just half the scheme i.e. a single eastern buildout, as previously proposed by BPC.

In addition, Highways had reiterated that there are no other possible locations for the western build-out and the 30mph limit cannot be moved further out of the village towards the cricket field. Other traffic calming measures such as platforms, cannot be installed until build-outs are in place. The £12k funding for the project was due to expire imminently, therefore, Cllrs needed to decide whether to:

a) Continue with the proposed western build-out, enabling the whole traffic calming project for Ermin St to go ahead

OR

b) Discontinue with traffic calming for Ermin St, because the current and only scheme available was unacceptable.

Cllrs unanimously resolved to continue with the proposed scheme for two buildouts on Ermin St. Among many other considerations, Cllrs noted that traffic calming was the top priority highlighted by residents in the Village Plan and there are no alternative traffic calming schemes available. Cllrs agreed to assist the immediate neighbours (if requested), to cut their hedge and install a mirror, consequently improving their sightlines near the western chicane.

Dates for the work to take place will be confirmed in due course.

**Baydon Parish Council**



## 2017 Parish Council Dates are:

- |                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ★ April 3 <sup>rd</sup>      | ★ June 26 <sup>th</sup>      |
| ★ 12th May (Parish Assembly) | ★ July 31 <sup>st</sup>      |
| ★ May 15 <sup>th</sup> (AGM) | ★ September 11 <sup>th</sup> |

BYPA Village Hall, Manor Lane.

Agendas and minutes are available at [www.baydon.com](http://www.baydon.com) and the Parish Council notice board outside the shop



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## Season Twelve Valley Film Society



**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Vertigo** Cert A 128mins  
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**Director: Alfred Hitchcock**

**Stars: James Stewart, Kim Novak, Barbara Bel Geddes**

A San Francisco detective suffering from acrophobia investigates the strange activities of an old friend's wife, all the while becoming dangerously obsessed with her.



**Tuesday 2nd May 2017**

**Theeb** Cert 15 100mins  
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**Dir: Naji Abu Nowar**

**Stars: Jacir Eid Al-Hwietat, Hussein Salameh Al-Sweilhiyeen, Hassan Mutlag Al-Maraiyeh**

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**6 June 2017**

**The Lady in the Van** Cert 12A 104 Mins  
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## Mobile Library

The Mobile Library will be outside the school on the following dates:

- ♻️ **27 Apr**
- ♻️ **25 May**

10:50 - 11:40

Mobile Library times can be found at

<http://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/Library/Stop/78>

## Aldbourne Library Opening Hours

- **Monday** from 2:00pm till 5:00pm & from 6:00pm till 8:00pm
- **Tuesday** from 10:00am till 12:00pm\*
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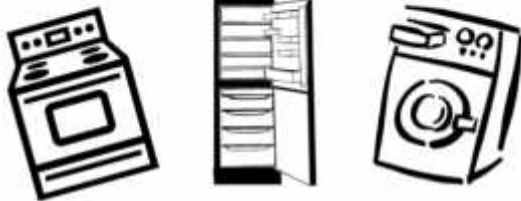
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