

Hello All

Happy Easter! And may all of your Spring time and Easter wishes come true! My wish is that the garden fairies would come to my garden one night and sort it out. But I guess I'll just have to put some hard graft in and hope for some decent weather....Hey ho.

The Scene Team are always on the look out for local stories, adverts and nuggets - please feel free to send anything you think might be of interest to those in Baydon. Either:

- email me at [brydgette@email.com](mailto:brydgette@email.com)
- pop any items through my door at 5 Manor Lane, or
- drop copy into Debbie at the Shop who will pass it onto me for inclusion. If Debbie's not there - drop it in the Baydon Scene bag

See you in June when (obviously) the barbeques will all be out and Baydon will ready to bask in a lovely long, hot summer without any hosepipe bans. What a lovely thought!

All the very best



By Emma Waterer - aged 7

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And now for this month's brain teaser!

## Spring Bloomers!

All the answers are a flower

1. Shop's supplies? (5)
2. Saving (6)
3. First Lady MP (5)
4. Many sheep (5)
5. For Miss Blandish? (6)
6. Remember always (6-2-3)
7. Safety device for the toilet? (5)
8. Prickly wine (9)
9. What no girl wants to be (10)
10. A reminder of war (5)
11. Vessel for a dairy product (9)
12. Rest for the cardiac patient (10)
13. Cover for a holy man's head (9)
14. Fashionable Leo (9)
15. Girl from South Wales (4-2-3-6)
16. Those Frenchies seek him everywhere (7, 9)
17. To boast and swear (6)
18. Sad ringer (8)
19. Over worked girl (4,6)
20. Cold fall (8)

Answers to last edition's quiz - Transport of Delight

1. Canoe 2. Catamaran 3. Liner 4. Gondola 5. Tandem 6. Coach 7. Tube 8. Rolls Royce 9. Scooter 10. Spitfire 11. Airship 12. Hurricane 13. Glider 14. Hang glider 15. Concorde 16. Jump Jet 17. Lancaster 18. Helicopter 19. Microlight 20. Flying Fortress



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CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL & MAY



28 March	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> - Holy Communion
4 April	<b>EASTER DAY</b> - Holy Communion
11 April	Holy Communion
18 April	Morning Prayer
25 April	Holy Communion
2 May	Family Communion
9 May	Holy Communion
16 May	Morning Prayer
23 May	Holy Communion - Whit Sunday
30 May	Holy Communion
6 June	Family Communion



**All services are at 9.30am unless otherwise stated**

19 April at 7.30pm - Licensing of Rev'd Simon Weeden  
as Rector of the Benefice at Holy Cross, Ramsbury

Answers in the next edition



## Clergy letters...

Dear All

As I write the day is dreary, grey and cold just like so many of this winter's days. It has been snowing again and yet the exuberant joy of the first falls, when the air was full of laughter and excitement, seems to have disappeared. 'Oh, not again!' is now the cry.

Yet two days ago it was sunny, though cold, and the air was tinged with promise. Even though the snowdrops had previously arrived, now other signs were tentatively appearing. Surely my robin has a lady friend, the birds are trying out their song, and is that an opening bud on the wall-flower and has an odd baby cyclamen appeared on the lawn? The promise of Spring once made is in my mind and even though it snows today nothing can take away my belief that Spring is about to burst forth any time now.

Our journey through Lent is a dark, dreary time. We face our own darkness and examine the greyer areas of our lives. We remember Jesus as he bravely walked the path that he knew would lead him to Good Friday and the Cross. But we hold fast to his promise that on the third day, he will rise again.

Now it is Easter and on that wonderful Easter morning we shout, 'Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.'

This month also marks the end of our long wait for our new Rector. On 19<sup>th</sup> April the inauguration of Simon Weeden to the Office of Rector will be performed by the Bishop. We welcome Simon and his wife Judith and wish them every blessing. May I ask that you hold them in your prayers, also asking God to help us to support Simon as he accepts this demanding vocation.

A very happy Easter to you all.

*Rev. Joan Prout*



## What's Going On?

4 April	Church	Easter Day - Holy Communion - 09:30
8 April	School Hall	WI - Food & Feasts in the Middle Ages - 19:30
11 April	Church	Holy Communion - 09:30
13 April	Broad Hinton	Marlborough Area Board Mtg - 19:00
15 April	Outside School	Mobile Library visit - 10:50-11:40
17 April	Ramsbury Church	Avebury Vocal Ensemble - Concert - 19:30
18 April	Church	Morning Prayer - 09:30
19 April	School	New school term starts
19 April	BYPA Hall	Baydon Parish Council Meeting - 20:00
19 April	Ramsbury Church	Licensing of Rector - 19:30
23 April	TBC	Baydon Parish Assembly Mtg - Time TBC
25 April	Church	Holy Communion - 09:30
28 April	Downsmead	Plastic & Cardboard Recycling - 08:00 - 10:30
29 April	Outside School	Mobile Library visit - 10:50-11:40
2 May	Church	Family Communion - 09:30
3 May	Watch website	Beating of the Bounds
9 May	Church	Holy Communion - 09:30
10 May	BYPA Hall	Baydon Parish Council Meeting AGM - 20:00
15 May	Wilton Windmill	Victorian Food Fayre - 12:00 - 16:30
16 May	Church	Morning Prayer - 09:30
23 May	Church	Holy Communion - Whit Sunday - 09:30
27 May	Downsmead	Plastic & Cardboard Recycling - 08:00 - 10:30
30 May	Church	Holy Communion - 09:30
6 June	Church	Family Communion - 09:30

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## Canon Peter Ball writes about an...

### Away Break with a Purpose

In January's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity I went with the group of six people from Salisbury Diocese to the market town of Bernay in our twinned Diocese of Evreux in Normandy.

The link between the two churches is now twenty five years old and I found it very warm and vibrant. During the visit old friendships were renewed and new ones made. We were made very welcome and shared in services both in the parish church and in the near-by Abbey of le Bec Hellouin, which has a special place in the relationship between the Church of England and the Catholic Church in France.

As well as meeting people, we learnt a lot about how their parish with its eighteen churches works. We saw something of the ministries offered by lay people in so many ways and about their commitment to the service of people in need.

I look forward to offering a similar experience when a group from the Whitton Benefice goes over to spend the weekend in June 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> in the parish of Notre Dame des Bois near Louviers. We welcomed four people from there at the September celebrations of the 1100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Bishop of Ramsbury.

The list is open for people who would like to be in the group. Please contact me or the Team Office for details and a joining form. [peterball@whittonedge.org.uk](mailto:peterball@whittonedge.org.uk) or 01672 520259

*Peter Ball*



# Heads Up!

## Baydon St. Nicholas CE Primary School Report

As you may have seen the building work at school continues to progress rapidly. We are delighted with progress to date and would like to thank everyone for their help whilst we only had the pedestrian entrance in Finches Lane. Fund raising continues to support the building progress and again we would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supports our efforts. Please look out for our "Buy A Brick for the Path of Knowledge" campaign currently running.



Back in January our Year 2, 3 and 4 students took part in " Roadwise" to help make them safer whilst using public roads. Eagles class (Years 5 and 6) held a tremendous sale in aid of the Haiti Earthquake Disaster and raised a fantastic £644.

Many of our pupils, staff and Governors joined in the Education Sunday Service on 7<sup>th</sup> February and the Mothers Day Service on 14<sup>th</sup> March sharing classroom work, stories and prayers.

Our afterschool provision, Wagtails, in conjunction with Thatcham Stamp Collection Club have started a Stamp Collecting Club for pupils wishing to learn the art of Philately. We have also commenced a Football Club for KS2 pupils and a Sports Club for KS1 pupils. In the near future Wagtails hope to commence a Film Club and Raspberry Roulade is returning with a Cookery Club.

Late March saw many of our KS2 pupils attending St John's for a Wake and Shake Festival and our Year 6 enjoying an afternoon watching the St John's Disco Inferno production.

Best wishes

*Mr R N Chambers* - Headteacher

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## Baydon School

# 'Building for the future'

Baydon St Nicholas School needs to raise around £50,000 to contribute towards the planned improvements.

Works on the school have begun and according to Editor's sources, all is going well with little disruption so far to pupils and staff.

Huge thanks to Vodafone employees (via Tamsin Witt - our esteemed Councillor) who match funded over £1K for the school! Brilliant

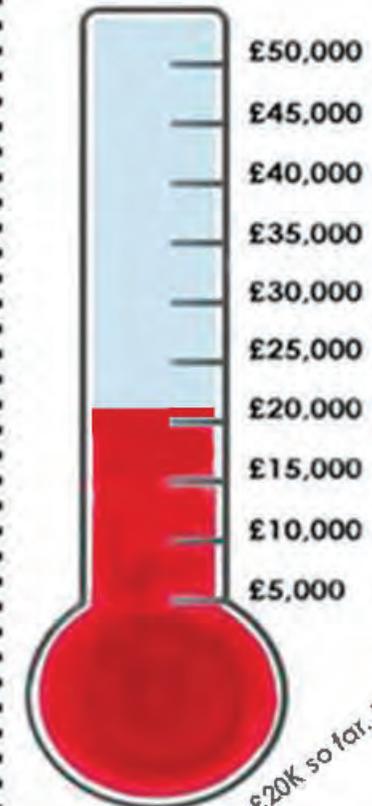
Please don't forget to register at [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and do your shopping through the site. It won't cost you a penny more and it raises loads of money for the school. We've already made over £400 through the site. Thank you!

Upcoming events are listed on the next page - and the 'Buy a Brick in the Path of Knowledge' order form is in the centre pages.

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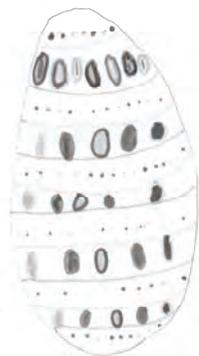
All donations supporting the fund will be most gratefully received and if possible supported by a Gift Aid form which are available from Bryan Harber.

The events planned so far are listed here - keep a close eye on the notice boards, Village Store and website for more news and events.

### Baydon St Nicholas School Fundraising Scheme - Events and Activities

Event	Date	Time	Where
2010 Calendar of fundraising events isn't yet finalised but watch out for:			
Summer fete	Summer	TBC	
Barn Dance	Summer	TBC	

*Keep an eye for posters on the notice boards, at the shop and on the website for other events and activities and for updates*



By Anna - aged 7

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# Wagtails Update



Pupils attending Baydon's after-school club, the Wagtails, enjoyed a new activity recently when they were introduced to Stamp Collecting. They proved very adept at soaking stamps off paper backing and carefully laying them out to dry; and were very quick to find stamps to fit various quiz questions from trays full of stamps from around the world. These they were able to take home in their own mini stock-books, and look forward to getting albums to stick them into at the next meeting.

Most of the materials have been kindly donated by Dauwalders stamp shop in Salisbury.

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By Nathan - aged 7 - Wagtails pupil



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## BAYDON THURSDAY CLUB

The meeting planned for Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> had to be cancelled due to weather conditions. The meeting on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> took the form of a social afternoon, when members caught up on all their news since our last meeting.

On Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, Derek Lyford from the R.S.P.B. came to show slides of garden birds and also gave advice on the positioning of bird tables, nesting boxes etc. and on the most suitable type of bird food. He was thanked by Geoff Slater and given a donation towards the R.S.P.B. Stan Titcombe had prepared one of his excellent quizzes on March 4<sup>th</sup> which was very much enjoyed and on the 18<sup>th</sup>, Jim Osborne came to talk and show slides of the Lake District. The talk was very enjoyable and there were some lovely scenic slides.

*Reggy Slater*

## **Baydon Cricket Club 2010 AGM**

The meeting began with thanks to The Red Lion for their hospitality and generosity.

Jim Gove, Steve Sutton, Josh Quinn and Martin Norman were also thanked for their help and contributions towards last season.

Pete Garnett provided the Financial Statement which showed a balance of £630.87 it was agreed that the Public Liability Insurance would be paid out of this amount. The only major purchase made by the club was the portable cricket nets.

Dick Maycock discussed the fixtures for the coming season and although there were a few gaps in the list, he was confident that many of those would be filled and we might have a full season of games.

Max Andrews was reappointed Captain.  
Josh Quinn was vote in as Vice Captain.  
Lee Hogan was reappointed as Chairman.

### **Awards were as follows :-**

Chairman's Shield - Richard West  
Captain's Cup - Ben West  
Most Wickets - Steve Cruickshank  
Most Runs- Josh Quinn

**New players wanted and welcomed.**  
All enquiries to Lee Hogan Tel. 541144 (01672)





# BROWNIES UPDATE



Pat Barnes has left the village for pastures hotter and Jayne Dominy has taken over as Brown Owl.

Baydon Brownies is still thriving, with 10 girls and a waiting list.

We meet on Wednesdays in school term time at the BYPA Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm. We have lots of fun, make lots of things, play games and work on Brownie badges - World Culture is our current badgework.

Volunteers to help are always welcome - either on a regular basis or to share a skill or some knowledge. We would be really grateful. Call Jayne Dominy on 540450



## BAYDON YOUTH CLUB CEASES DUE TO LACK OF VOLUNTEERS

After several unsuccessful appeals for regular help it is with regret that Youth Club will cease at Easter until more regular volunteers come forward.

We are optimistic that in time Youth Club will be resurrected by a dedicated team with new ideas and that it will continue to flourish as a great community resource.



If you are interested in becoming part of this new team and have ideas about how you'd like Youth Club to be run why not volunteer to help out?

If you, or someone you know, would like to become a regular BYPA Youth Club volunteer and help kick start it again please contact us via email on [YouthClub@baydon.org](mailto:YouthClub@baydon.org).

Venice Marriott remains the Chair of the BYPA and the hall will continue to function as normal. If you wish to contact Venice you can email her at [BYPA@baydon.org](mailto:BYPA@baydon.org) or contact her by phone on 01672 540091.





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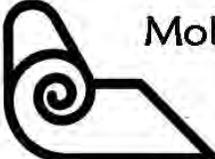
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## Run for it!

The Jogging Group will be meeting one evening per week during the summer months - anyone interested in joining in, please let us know which days and times would suit you

It's for all levels from complete beginners to Marathon distance. Watch the website and notice boards for details of meetings.

Contact either Heather Burch on 07796 300645 or Harriet Knowles 07767 895986. Or email: [hburch1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hburch1@yahoo.co.uk)



## Baydon WI News

Mr Martin Hambidge visited the W.I. in February to give an illustrated talk about Swindon's Parks and Gardens – a beautiful heritage.

Members and guests were enthralled to learn of the many areas of parkland owned by Swindon Borough Council. They were also delighted to have the opportunity to see many pictures of the gardens in bloom via a slide projector.

Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> 2010 saw the Annual General Meeting of the Baydon Women's Institute take place in the School Hall, chaired by the President Mrs Penny Stephens.

The members enjoyed entertainment ably provided by the "Songmen", a group of 14 men from local villages who excelled in the a-cappella style of singing.

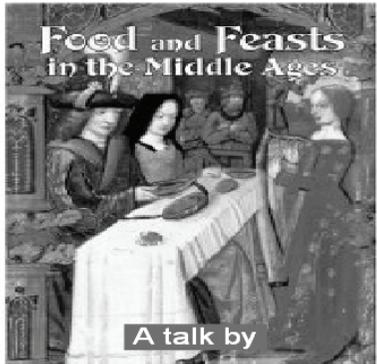
In the absence of any other candidates Mrs Penny Stephens was re-elected as president until December 10.

Tina Evans, Juliet Keel, Joele McGowran and Pat Thompson were all willing to stand for committee. However members were warned that as things stood the Institute would cease to exist from December 2010.

The Annual overall winner for both the "Bloom of the Month", and the "Competition" trophies was Juliet Keel with Barbara Furber in second place.

At the next meeting on Thursday April 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 Dinah Starkey will be speaking about Fasting and Feasting.

### Fast & Feast



A talk by  
**Dinah Starkey**

Thursday April 8th 2010  
in the St Nicholas School hall  
Ermin Street at 7.30pm

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**Sales table**  
Visitors welcome £2.50

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## Parish Council Corner

### From 15 February Meeting

- + Alternative routes have been adopted around Baydon House
- + A number of letters and complaints had been received regarding the Redcliffe Homes development see Baydon.org for more info
- + A number of issues around the Traffic Calming Working Group's (TCWG) work was discussed and agreed. More details on the website
- + A weatherproof door for the Downsmead noticeboard will be bought
- + The County Officer has agreed the Parish Field as a site for the playground. More consultation is imminent with the village and more info on this discussion on the website
- + It was agreed to hold the 2010 Beating of the Bounds on Bank Holiday Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

### Next Parish Council Meetings are:

19 April at the BYPA Hall - 8pm

10 May (AGM) at the BYPA hall - 8pm

**23 April - Parish Assembly Meeting - all welcome  
Keep an eye on the website for more details**

All of the Council Minutes and agendas are on Baydon's website and Editor recommends you have a read of Barbara Furber's meeting notes - they make plain English of the meetings!

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



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## Baydon Village Plan

If you're new to the village, pop into the shop for your personal copy of the Baydon Village Plan which outlines our plans for Baydon over the next 5 yrs.

And welcome to Baydon!



# NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES



**Marlborough Rural N/East Neighbourhood Policing Team**

## Newsletter

**Welcome** to the March edition of the Neighbourhood policing team bulletin.

Anti-social behaviour patrols are still being carried out by myself and my colleagues. There have been no reported incidents throughout the month of February. Lets hope that this can continue.

### Message from the NPT Sergeant Ben Braine:

A brief update for you re: the series of rural crime, burglaries, thefts of motor vehicles and agricultural machinery, and thefts of heating oil in the area.

Inspector Noble, myself, and our Community Beat Managers are committed to providing high visibility patrols at peak offence times in our areas. We have been running this targeted patrol scheme for several weeks now.

We have noted a sharp decrease in the overall number of offences being reported and believe this to be directly attributable to our increased presence in rural areas, and our tactics of proactively searching for and stopping all load carrying vehicles travelling through our areas.

Our intention at the outset was to prevent and detect crime, and to interfere with the movements of travelling criminals, hopefully gaining valuable intelligence in the process.

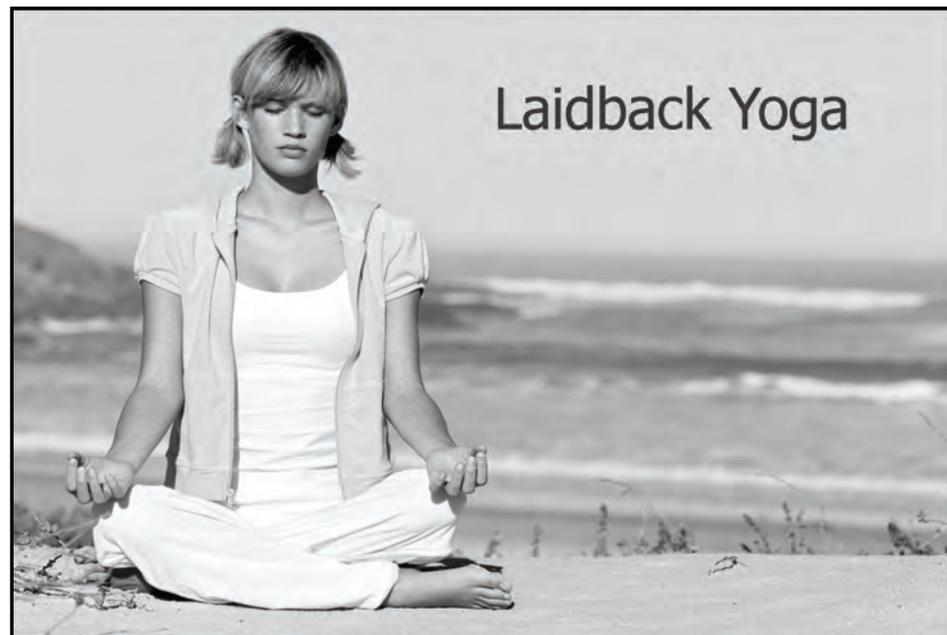
Whilst assuring you of the continued presence of Police patrols in your community areas it may be that you have noticed a slight reduction in the visibility of your Community Beat Manager. This will be solely due to their efforts directed towards combating rural crime during the early hours of the morning. At this time we are not sure how long we will have to continue with our high visibility rural patrols

If you would like to be added to the email mailing list, or receive a hard copy please send me an email or leave a message on our NPT voicemail. My email address is: [jonathan.mills@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:jonathan.mills@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

**In an EMERGENCY dial 999, all NON-EMERGENCY calls 0845 408 7000**

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## Do You Know Someone With Sight Problems?

You can hear all of the latest local news and gossip, a weekly selection of magazine articles, and get to know what's going on in your area from our local Talking Newspaper.

Produced each Friday by volunteers, a cassette is sent out free of charge to blind or partially sighted folk in the area.

Call Michael Brown on 01672 562979 and he'll do the rest!

## Classi Ads

### FOR SALE – BEFORE THEY HIT e-bay!

I have several good quality items to re-home, a small selection are listed here, please contact me via e-mail [lynda\\_aldbourne@yahoo.com](mailto:lynda_aldbourne@yahoo.com) for more items & further details inc. photos.

- + **Matchbox MegaRig construction toys** – Space Shuttle, Deep Sea Explorer & Rescue Mission (3 separate sets): £10-£20 each.
- + **'Trek' tag-along bicycle** (similar to the Mt.Train 201) – in great condition & with flag: £50.
- + **Boys bicycle**: Pro-Bike 'Diablo' 24" wheels, front suspension, 18 gears, black - very good condition: £30.
- + **Nikko remote controlled Subaru Impreza WRC 06 Classic** (in box): £10
- + **Selection of tanks, helicopters & the like** with 'action figures': £1-£5
- + **Camman build your own camera kit**, with film & photo album: £5.00
- + **IKEA curtain pole**, 'Konjugat', complete set with finials : £5.00

Want to sell, loan, buy or rent something? Lost something (or someone!) Or found something you think might be precious to someone? Advertise here for free! But please keep it short! And no commercial please...



## Meet the Community Team



**PC Jeremy Batchelor**  
CBM Marlborough  
Rural East

We are both based at Marlborough Police Station

We are further supported by a team of Special Constables, who all perform regular duties from Marlborough.

We can be contacted at Marlborough by phoning:  
**0845 408 7000**  
**EXT 739817.**  
**Mobile: 07969 501963**



**PCSO Jonathan Mills**  
Marlborough  
Rural East

## Wiltshire Rural Crime Team

Wiltshire Rural Crime Team went live in Wiltshire as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009. The team was publicised externally but here as a reminder are the Team:

### **PC 1103 TONY MILES**

Telephone: 0845 4087000 x 730819  
Wootton Bassett  
Mobile number: 07817689640

### **PC 962 MARK RANDLE**

Telephone: 0845 4087000 x 724515  
Amesbury  
Mobile number: 07952989999

### **PCSO 6017 JOHN BORDISS**

Telephone: 0845 4087000 x 739817  
Marlborough  
Mobile number: 07968942116

### **Supervisor**

**PS 693 ANDREA FAIRCLOTH**  
Telephone: 0845 4087000 x 723421  
Mobile number : 07855265975

If you know anyone who would like to become Neighbourhood Watch Area Co-Ordinators for **BAYDON and RAMSBURY** please contact us using the details above

PC BATCHELOR 1661 - Marlborough Parade Room, ext. 739-818.

- Phone: WILTS POL on 0845 408 7000 Internal ext 739-818
- E-mail [jeremy.batchelor@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:jeremy.batchelor@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

# Avebury Vocal

## ENSEMBLE

**Conductor: Sir Peter Beale**

**Organist: Simon Dinsdale**

## Spring Concert

Music for Chamber Choir including

**Mendelssohn: *Hear My Prayer***

**Samuel Barber: *Adagio***

**Stanford: *Magnificat for double choir***

**Saturday 17 April 2010**

**7.30 pm**

**Holy Cross Church, Ramsbury**

**Admission: £8  
(under-16 free)**



**Tickets on the door**

rollers rotated by a projecting handle attached to a huge wheel; whilst, hanging from a large peg on the wall, was a zinc bath, though it must be said that complete bathing was difficult and often shared by as many as four children at a time.

Upstairs, few cottages had more than two bedrooms and these often led one to the other. Brass or iron framed bedsteads were used with mattresses filled by the housewife with feathers or oat-chaff.



A mangle

Much is said today about housing shortages and poor living conditions and this, of course, is right and proper. However, the plain fact remains that around 1900 AD four Baydon families lived for some considerable time in a rectangular building called Upper Barn, adjacent to the Village Green. The four allotted living spaces were separated by three large wagon sheets suspended from the roof, and as may be imagined, only the crudest services were available. Ultimately a Mr Bracey built some cottages nearby to accommodate these very ill-housed people.

***Next Edition - work and education***

*If you have an interesting story to tell about yourself or someone else that lives in Baydon (please get their permission first!) or that might be interesting for those living in Baydon- alert the Editor - Brydgette - 01672 540100 or brydgette@email.com and one of the Editorial Team will go and talk to them*

## Thank You's!

### A Big Thank You

I would like to give a very big thank you to the young lady who came to my rescue on Tuesday 16th March at approx 7.30 pm at the entrance to the rental garages in Downsmead.

I unfortunately found myself in a very difficult situation and with no thought for herself, came to my aid. She is not only a credit to her age group (17) but also to her parents. I do not know who she is and have taken the opportunity of the Scene to thank her. *Mrs April Jukes*

I would like to thank neighbours, friends and relatives for the lovely cards, flowers and offers of help following my operation for a hip replacement. Also to thanks Helen and Christopher for so kindly carrying out the duties of organist. I am pleased to say everything went well and walking improves every day. Yours sincerely *Dorothy Newman*



By contrast, during the decade 1960-69 the number of Baydon deaths recorded was 23. Not one of these was under twenty years of age, and 15 (65%) were over the age of seventy: the average age of death was seventy-two.

Various factors account for this progress towards healthy living: but undoubtedly the crowded conditions, meagre and ill-conditioned water supplies and crude sanitation of those early days added to the anxieties of the harassed housewives.



Savernake Hospital c. 1900

Each cottage had an earth closet sited in a hut at the bottom of the garden. But, apparently, pride of place existed even here. One informant remembers how a certain family boasted of their triple-seated affair, fitted with holes of various sizes to accommodate different ages. The effluent of these places was emptied periodically and spread over gardens to speed the growth of next year's 'greens.'

The Village School and some houses had on-site drainage pipes leading to cesspits, but such pipes often became blocked from lack of flushing and over-full pits. As late as 1916 the School Managers applied to the LEA for, 'a tin of disinfectant to mitigate the risk of infection.'

The small scullery leading from the living-room to the back door of cottages stored wood, coal and various implements for carrying out the many chores of house and garden.

In the corner was a massive stone-built copper, consisting of a large zinc or iron bowl sunk into the upper part; a fireplace set into the stonework below served as an all purpose boiler for washing, baths, Christmas puddings and the like.

Inevitably there was a mangle, a monstrosity looking machine equipped with large wooden



Medicine bottles from the Victorian era

## The Icknield Way Morris Men are coming!

By kind permission of our host Gary, Icknield Way Morris Men - including our very own Baydon Morris Man, Ben Potter will dance at the Red Lion, Baydon, from 8.00pm on Wednesday 8th September 2010.



They may be joined by a second side, yet to be decided. There will also be music and singing and general jollification in the Red Lion to follow. A bumper fun evening!

Further details and posters will be forthcoming later.

In the meantime, further details of these nationally known Morris dancers can be found at [www.icknieldwaymorrismen.org.uk](http://www.icknieldwaymorrismen.org.uk)

## OPEN STUDIOS 2010

*West Berkshire and North Hampshire*

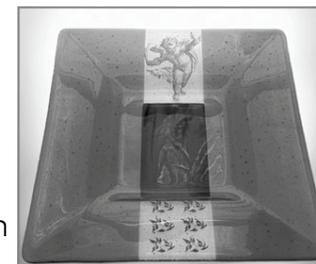
This year I have been lucky enough to be selected to take part in the Newbury Open Studios Scheme running the whole of May. It is a huge event with over 100 artists throwing open their studio doors to the public.

There will be the **INSIGHT 2010 exhibition at Greenham Arts Centre** that shows a piece of work by every participating artist and also many other satellite exhibitions. It is also possible to attend adult and child workshops in a variety of media.

If this sounds fantastic to you, brochures with all of the information will be available at Baydon shop or from myself at Dacre, Manor Lane.

As for my studio, in which I produce kiln formed glass, it will be open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in May - 10:00-17:00 and I would be delighted to see you!

*Sue Lashmar*





# Valley Film Society

## Season Five (2010)

www.valleyfilmsociety.org

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**Sat 27th March Saturday Film Day**  
3pm BOLT...followed by...5pm SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE...followed by charity fundraiser buffet

**Tues 6th April Gomorrah (15)**  
Italy (2006) 137 mins Dir: Matteo Garrone  
*An inside look at Italy's modern-day crime families, this is a contemporary Neapolitan mob drama that exposes Italy's criminal underbelly. "the best gangster movie since City of God"*

**Tues 11th May On Her Majesty's Secret Service (PG)**  
UK (1966) 142 mins Dir: Peter Hunt Stars: George Lazenby & Diana Rigg

**Tues 1st June Went the Day Well? (PG)**  
UK (1942) 92 mins Dir: Alberto Calvalcanti  
*Suspenseful & inspiring wartime thriller - rises way above its propagandist roots.*

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**East Garston Village Hall • Doors & bar open at 7pm •**  
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Warm welcome, tiered seating & wide screen but do bring a cushion for extra comfort if you wish.

Social club bar open and the option to order a Nippy Chippy supper (last orders 7.20 pm latest) to be delivered in the interval.

New members are very welcome and can join for **Season Five** on the evening  
Full membership: £27 ; concessions (unwaged): £18. Guest entrance: £5.

For more details please ring Penny Brewer 01488 72305, email penny.locke@freeuk.com or log in to [www.valleyfilmsociety.org](http://www.valleyfilmsociety.org)

## Mobile Library

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

- 🌀 1 April
- 🌀 15 April
- 🌀 29 April

10:50 - 11:40

Ornate biscuit tins and tea caddies were also around and bric-a-brac from the stalls of local fairs. Stone flags provided most of the ground flooring, the cold surface alleviated by odd pieces of matting or sacking.

These cottages were draughty as well as ill-lit, the only heat coming from the living room fire, which served for cooking as well. Often a metal bar traversed the wide chimney-piece on which could be hung a large iron kettle and a stew pot, which was seldom empty. Smaller utensils stood on the hob or on a trivet attached to the bars of the grate. A pair of bellows to invigorate a lazy fire hung by the



*Looking towards the pub across the Green*

hearth in every home. Various other pots and pans reposed on shelves or hung from books around the place and these, and other impediments and clothing, pretty well cluttered up the remaining available space.

It is indeed difficult to envisage how some families, with maybe four, five, or even six children, managed to live under the restrictive and crude conditions of their cottage homes. Yet it appears that they existed tolerably well. It is interesting to note that in 1901, following a request by the Wiltshire Education Authority to consider the advisability of setting up a Children's Advisory Committee, the Managers of the Baydon School unanimously agreed, 'that such a Committee was wholly unnecessary for Baydon, as the children were well-looked-after by their parents.'

But, health-wise, many were neither as robust nor healthy as youngsters today. Outbreaks of measles, diphtheria, smallpox, scarlet fever, ringworm and other ills took their toll and depleted many homes. In the first decade of this century (1900-1909) the number of deaths recorded in the village totalled 50. Of these 13 (26%) were young persons under the age of twenty, and 17 (34%) were over the age of seventy; the average age of death was forty-eight.



# Focus On...

*Where we focus on something of interest, someone or a group of folk in the village*

By popular demand, we're repeating the History of Baydon by Jack Naish which was serialised in Scene many moons ago. With oodles of thanks to Mo Lafford for collecting all of the editions together again.

## Jack Naish : 1902 - 1995.

Jack and his wife Mary lived in Aldbourne Road, Baydon, for more than thirty years. A very respected and much loved 'gentle' gentleman, he had a wide knowledge of local people and village life, and was always ready to help anyone in need of assistance.

## **BAYDON CIRCA 1900 - A SERIAL HISTORY by the late R J NAISH JP Episode 2 - Dwellings and Health**

At this time most of the dwellings in Baydon were of the small cottage type; only the Manor, the Vicarage and several farmsteads were of any size. The cottages were built mainly in sarsens, flints and chalkstone, and the roofs were mostly thatched. Walls were thick and windows small and narrow, passageways were shrouded in sepulchral gloom. Outside doors were of rough wood, fronted by irregular stone steps and paths. Two rooms up the narrow rickety stairway and two down were mainly the order of the day; a shed-type scullery was invariably added to the ground floor.

Furnishings were simple and sparse. Two wooden armchairs with padded seats - one on each side of the living room stove or range - presented the height of luxury. A table, an odd wooden chair or stool or two and, maybe a dresser or wooden settle, were the other main items available.

Mantel shelves and walls were cluttered with the assortment of knick-knacks that Victorians loved so well. Pride of place went to the odd family photograph - by now an innovation for the humblest household - and to small pieces of china of diverse shapes, displaying coats-of-arms, mainly of sea-side towns, mementoes of day trips taken over the years.

## *Bus to Newbury*

*Did you know that there is a bus that runs from Baydon to Newbury every Thursday for Market Day?*

The bus is actually subsidised by West Berkshire County Council and will visit the "Sheffords" on route if requested. It also travels into Hungerford. It is unclear as to why it also comes to Baydon, but a simple phone call to **01635 582929** (new contact number) will ensure you a seat.

It leaves Baydon (end of Downsmead) at 10.20am (new time) and leaves Newbury at 1.40pm for the return journey.

It may not be as quick, or follow such a direct route, as in the car but it certainly beats finding a place to park - and of course it is free for those over sixty (providing you have your bus pass).

*Barbara F.*



## **Wilton Windmill Society Update**

**The 2010 Wilton Windmill open season will be starting on  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April - not long to go!**

We have also finalised the dates for our major events this year and thought you might like to put them into your diary:

- + **Victorian Food Fayre** - Saturday 15  
May 2010 from 12 noon to 4.30 pm
- + **Heritage Open Day** - Saturday 11  
September 2010 from 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm



**Look out for more info on the website - [www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk](http://www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk)**



# **Bike Rides from Baydon**

*With oodles of thanks to Niall Cooling*

## Ride 04

Wellbottom Down Gallops

Distance: 18Km

Time: 1½ hrs

- ⌘ Start as usual from the green at Baydon.
- ⌘ Head out on the Russley road, taking the first right turn after the motorway bridge towards Baydon Hole Farm.
- ⌘ Follow this track past Baydon Hole, along the track and up the short hill.
- ⌘ At the track crossroads at the top of the hill, carry straight over. This will bring you down onto the B4000 Ashbury road.
- ⌘ Take a left onto the B4000 and after about 400m take the turning to your right.
- ⌘ Follow this road, which turns into a track, up the hill for about 1.5km until you reach another track crossroads (called Hangman's Stone). Again here head straight across.
- ⌘ After about 1km you're looking to take a bridleway on you left. This actually takes you onto the gallops
- ⌘ The bridleway runs for about 3km along side the gallops. This is the area called "Wellbottom Down".
- ⌘ At the end of the gallops, the bridleway splits into two. There is a bridleway running downhill to you left; take this one.
- ⌘ We're now effectively going to take the Uffingham Castle Loop (ride 2) outward leg back to Baydon.
- ⌘ At the bottom of the hill, follow the bridleway around the trees and keep going straight towards Weathercock Hill.
- ⌘ Head up the short, steep hill where the flagpole is at the top and back down the other side. This is a great downhill, but don't forget you'll come to the B4000 at bottom, so brake early!
- ⌘ At the B4000, cross straight over and head for Bailey Hill.
- ⌘ Climb Bailey Hill, knowing you're almost home, one last flat out downhill and eventually join the Russley road.
- ⌘ Turn right back over the motorway bridge and back to Baydon.

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# Baydon Village Stores

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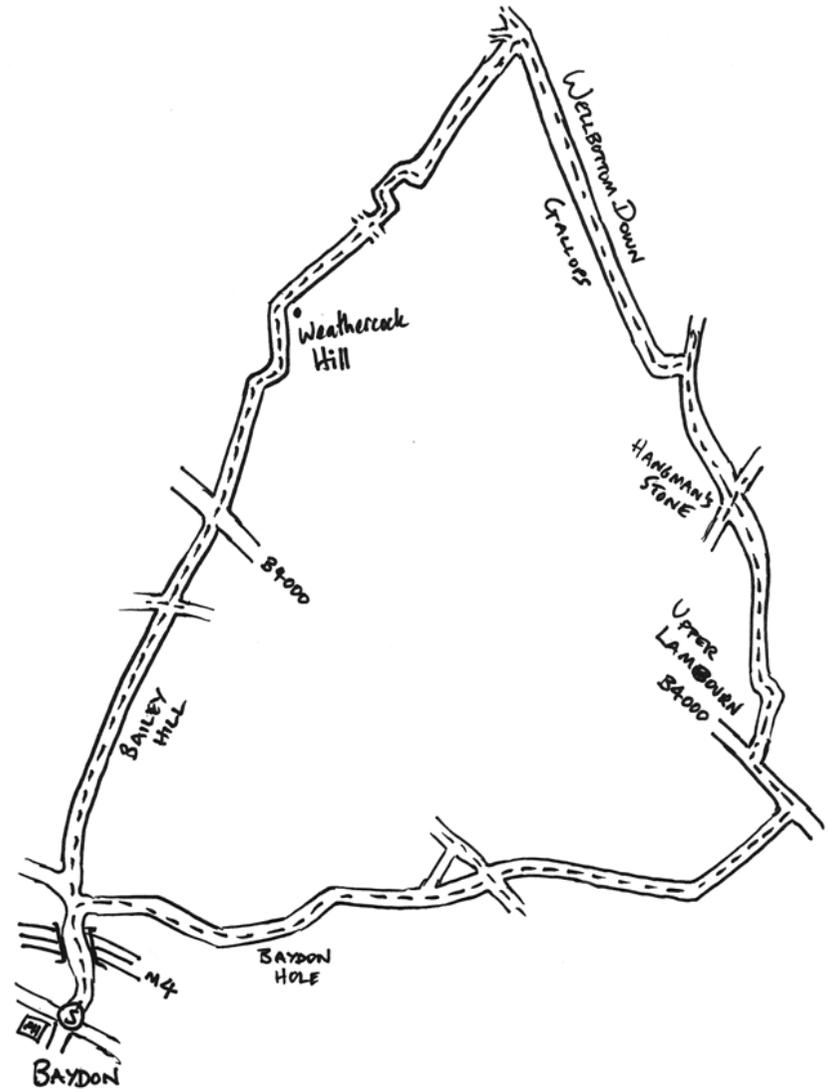
Saturday - 08:00-18:00

Sunday - 09:00-12:30

Bank Holidays - 09:00 - 12:30



- ⊗ We sell **local produce** wherever and whenever possible
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- ⊗ We bake **fresh organic bread** everyday (Bank Holidays to order only)
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- ⊗ We sell **Toiletries, Cleaning Products, Stationery, Wrapping Paper, Cards** for all occasions, **Toys & Gifts, Coal, Kindling, Gas Bottles, Pet Food, Sandwiches, Crisps & Snacks, Boxes of Chocolates, Tobacco** ..... and more and more!



## MONDAY COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS

These are proving popular as non-religious chat times. Everyone welcome at the Church between 10 a.m. until 11.45am on the first Monday of each month



Saturday Coffee Mornings have stopped for the time being



## And now for something really scrumptious

Penelope Stephens from the fantastic Baydon WI has kindly proffered this yummy Easter recipe (which seems very easy and Easterly and probably contributes at least two to your five a day!) It's for:

### Easter Biscuits *(yield 15-20 biccies)*

#### You'll need:

- \* 3oz butter or marg
- \* 2½oz sugar
- \* 1 egg - separated
- \* 6oz SR flour
- \* 1½oz currants
- \* ½oz mixed peel
- \* 1-2 tbspn milk
- \* ½ tspn salt



2 greased baking trays

#### Method

1. Cream butter and sugar
2. Beat in egg yolk
3. Sift flour and fold into creamed mixture
4. Add currants and mixed peel
5. Add enough milk to give soften dough
6. Cover and leave in cool place until firm
7. Knead lightly on a floured board and roll out to ¼" thick
8. Cut into rounds 2 ½" diameter
9. Bake at 400 F - 200 C -Mark 6 (fairly hot) for 10 mins.
10. Brush with egg white and sprinkle with sugar and bake for a further 10 mins until lightly coloured
11. Cool

### Aldbourne & Baydon Aid in Sickness Fund

The Fund benefits the sick or those in financial difficulty because of sickness. Small grants are offered to residents of the two parishes plus loans of medical equipment (to parishioners and visitors)

All *bona fide* enquiries  
welcome and those from friends and neighbours

#### Contact

Debbie Moxon (Baydon) on 540266  
Jocelyn Evans (Aldbourne) on 540206

### Aldbourne & Baydon Link Scheme

(Reg Charity 1112698)

#### Help is available for:

##### Transport for:

Medical, dental or other similar appointments  
Visiting a friend or relation in hospital  
Collecting shopping, library books etc

##### Help at home

Small tasks, visiting for a chat or a game of cards  
Occasionally caring for pets  
Helping with post or paperwork  
Small gardening jobs

There's no charge but the Link Scheme welcomes donations from those who use the service

Phone: 01672 541345

### Recycling

The plastic and cardboard  
recycling skip will be in Downsmead  
from 8 am to 10.30 am on 28 April and 27 May 2010

### Recycling in the pub car park

Please could you make sure you separate items properly  
and ensure the lids will go fully down before depositing in  
the recycling bins at the pub. Refuse Operatives refuse to  
take open or mixed bins. Thank you



## Baydon School's 'Building for the Future'

Buy a brick in the

# Path of Knowledge

Name

Address

Phone no. (in case we need to contact you)

Type of Brick (please tick)    Single        Double   

Colour of Engraving (please tick)    Black        Gold   

**Your Message:** Two lines for single brick, four lines for double brick. Name(s), Dates, Message . Please print clearly. 16 Characters per line (incl. spaces). Please put one character in each box.


**Method of Payment.** Please delete as appropriate . Please make cheques payable to 'Friends of Baydon School'.

Cash	Cheque	4 easy quarterly payments by post dated cheque
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Please complete and return this form with your chosen payment method to the school office or post to:

**Bryan Harber . Pear Tree Cottage . Aldbourne Rd . Baydon . Marlborough . Wiltshire . SN8 2HZ**

If you would like to buy more than one brick, please photocopy the form on the back of this leaflet and complete a separate order or call Bryan Harber on 07836 249670 or 01672 541267 for an additional form.



Be part of Baydon St Nicholas' School's

# Path of Knowledge

Sponsor a brick in the School's 'Path of Knowledge' as part of their 'Building for the Future' campaign

# Path of Knowledge

Baydon St Nicholas School needs to raise around £50,000 to contribute towards the updating of the school .

The works will improve the teaching space, make the school aesthetically more in tune with the main Victorian building and give pupils a safer, more sustainable learning environment.

The Fundraising Group have arranged an array of events over the past year raising almost half of the money we needed and we need your help.

The improvements are now underway and part of the new build will be the school's 'Path of Knowledge'. Over the next month, our 'Path of Knowledge' could help us raise a substantial amount towards our target.

The 'Path of Knowledge' will be a brick pathway made of personalised, long lasting engraved bricks winding from the pedestrian entrance to the main school doors. You or your business can make a lasting impression in the school by being part of our 'Path of Knowledge'.

Simply complete the order form on the reverse of this leaflet and you can be part of the school's future!



Friends of Baydon School is a registered charity no. 1027156

# Choose your brick

Bricks can be either single (with two lines of inscription) or double (with four lines of inscription). Each single brick is 210 x 105 mm x and each double brick will be 210 x 210 mm.

The bricks will be red coloured. The lettering is professionally engraved with long-lasting colour infill in either black or gold.

Prices for bricks in Baydon School's Path of Knowledge:

### Single bricks:

With black lettering - £40

With gold lettering - £50

### Double bricks:

With black lettering - £80

With gold lettering - £100



I wish to make an additional donation of: £\_\_\_\_\_

### Are you a UK taxpayer?

If so, you can use Gift Aid to make your donations go further by completing this declaration. If you Gift Aid your donation, the charity will continue to receive an additional 28p.

### Tick all that apply.

I would like to Gift Aid this donation

I would like to Gift Aid all future donations until further notice

I would like to Gift Aid all previous donations for the charity's current financial period

Thank you for your contribution to the future of our school.