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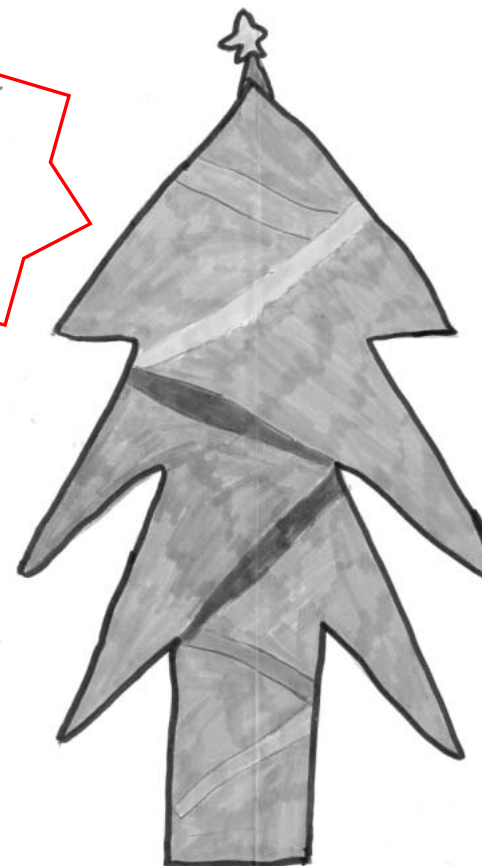
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# Scene in Baydon

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By Lucy Rycroft aged 11

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Hello All

It's that time again. Snow already - and everyone seems to be feeling the pinch this year. I spent last weekend with a friend and my daughter and we went Christmas shopping in charity and junk shops. Lots of books, bits and fabric to make presents from. Ee by gum we felt good! We thought it was a little like Christmas ought to be - specially chosen (or home made) presents bought from a shop that benefits charities. Now I'm busy making and sewing and rubbing down!

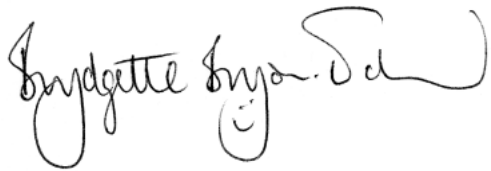
Happy Christmas and all the very, very best for 2011.

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See you in February. (Did you know - January and February were the last two months to be added to the Roman calendar, since the Romans originally considered winter a monthless period. Hmmm....)

All the very best




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## Clues

- |    |  |    |   |
|----|--|----|---|
| 1  | Songs at bedtime should be absolutely quiet (6,5)                                  | 1  | He comes in the night with the ants plus (5)                                      |
| 5  | Indigenous one with technology and querying brain presents a Christmas tableau (8) | 2  | January 6 is always an eye opener (8)   |
| 9  | Road worker finds the door just like the Magi - using the skies (8)                | 3  | Dance whilst breaking into the kernel   |
| 10 | Chime sits nicely with merrily on high (4)   | 4  | It's one of the things that waits for no man but I'll pass the news on anyway (7) |
| 12 | Quip found in baked wafers (4)   | 6  | Glean something winged from the mix up (5)  |
| 13 | Needle like cake topping (4)   | 7  | Two letters put together make a creeper (3)                                       |
| 14 | Moan about being thirsty (4)   | 8  | Ley line you put together to make a festive time (4)                              |
| 15 | Wooden shoe you can't see but burns well (3)                                       | 11 | In the poem you won't find this creature helping you stir (5)                     |
| 16 | The affirmative is dated (3)   | 18 | Scene in is jumbled but smells good (7)   |
| 17 | Irish 3's you'd only bother with around (34 down) (9,5)                            | 19 | Rich mole is put together to make it wiser (8)                                    |
| 22 | Adult female horse is changed and very chaste (4)                                  | 20 | Flashy seasonal stuff gets put about (6)  |
| 23 | Jumping insect loses A backward on little creature (3)                             | 21 | It's always the same hue (9)  |
| 24 | Rush bonkers one to hospital with hard drugs (7)                                   | 24 | Striped confections are great to aid walking (5,5)                                |
| 27 | Reverse the vermin and make it famous (4)  | 25 | Aged but can see the temperature's dropped when it's all put together (4)         |
| 29 | Sir prefers the dark but loses the silent bit (5)                                  | 26 | Magi origins, directionally speaking (4)  |
| 30 | Christmas song is proverbially one 'ell of a mix up (4)                            | 28 | The tree sounds like it's pelted (3)  |
| 31 | The baby makes none of it in the song (3)  | 33 | Wise men get called another name (5)  |
| 32 | Failure gets eaten for days (6)  | 34 | If you rearrange the duel with the yeti you'll have a great season (8)            |
| 37 | Dine at the rear or you'll miss the mixed up ungulates (8)                         | 35 | Jerusalem's lions stand on the hill (4)   |
| 38 | Taper. Can lead to missing A (6)   | 36 | It's all about the whitestuff (4)   |
| 39 | Gent in serge says hello to a little vowel change (9)                              | 40 | How many your Royal Highnesses? (5)   |
| 42 | Yawner gains an e in the confusion but celebrates anyway (3,4)                     | 41 | Better put something in the hat before it gets overweight (5)                     |
| 46 | Uphdd R gets put together so he can see in the dark (7)                            | 43 | I can spell the original Christmas tree you know (3)                              |
| 48 | An individual bit of a falling flurry (9)  | 44 | Are you calling me ancient, you Scotsman? (4)                                     |
| 49 | Never reverse or you'll lose the R and come out all flat (4)                       | 45 | Pastime adds to many Russian words! (3)   |
| 50 | Just the answer with a bit of nogg (3)   | 47 | When 3.14 recurring tastes fabulous (3)   |

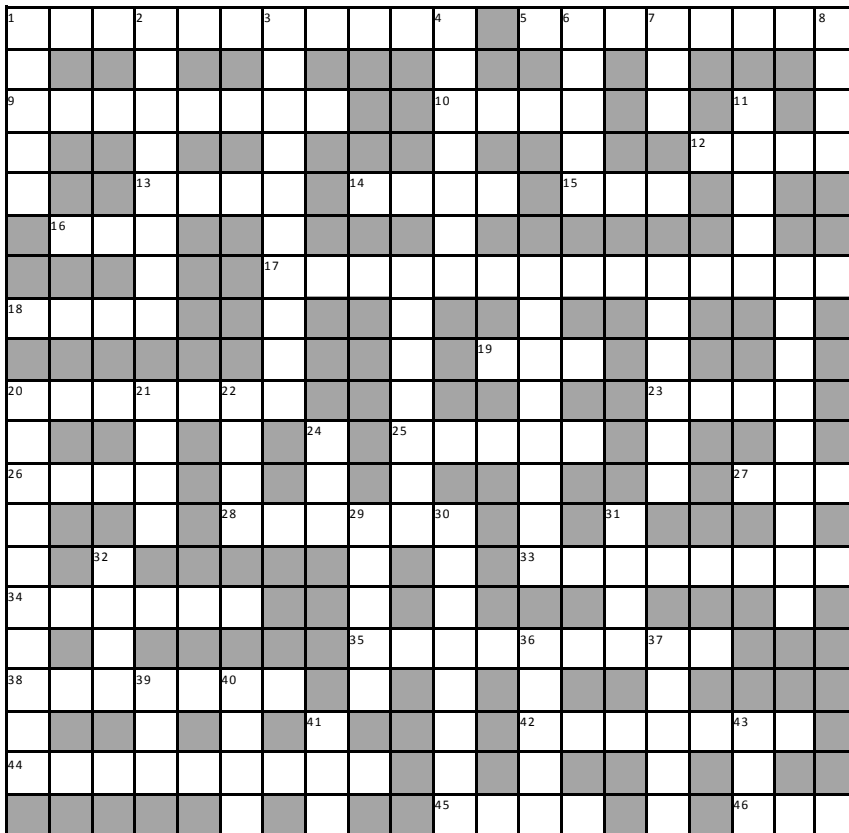
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# The Completely Crackers

## Cryptic Christmas Crossword

Answers all have something to do with the Winter and Festive Season. And as a VERY special Christmas treat - there's **£50** of shopping vouchers up for grabs for the first winner out of the hat. Send your completed entries to Editor, Scene in Baydon, 5 Manor Lane, Baydon, Marlborough, Wiltshire SN8 2JE by January 15th



Answers to last edition's quiz - Spring Bloomers

- 1. Corn Flake 2. Toast 3. Egg Benedict 4. Hot Chocolate 5. Shredded Wheat 6. Porridge 7. Coco Pops 8. Scrambled Egg 9. Black Pudding 10. Rice Krispies 11. Bacon Sandwich 12. Poached Egg 13. Tea 14. Grilled Tomato 15. Sirecky Bacon 16. Pain au Chocolate 17. Grapefruit 18. Kedgeree 19. Pancakes

Answers in the next edition



### St Nicholas' Church - Baydon CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY



- 5 December Patronal and Family Christingle Service
- 12 December Holy Communion
- 19 December Carol Service - **16:00**
- 24 December Midnight Communion - **23:30**
- 25 December Christmas Day Holy Communion - **09:30**
- 26 December Team Service Holy Communion at Axford - **08:00**
- 2 January No service at Baydon Church - instead New Year Covenant Team service at Ramsbury - **10:00**
- 9 January Holy Communion
- 16 January Morning Prayer
- 23 January Holy Communion
- 30 January No service at Baydon Church - Team service at Aldbourne - **10:00**

**All services are at 09:30am unless otherwise stated**

## Clergy letter...

There is an account of a well-know Victorian agnostic, meeting a working man on his way to Evensong in the local village church. In conversation the man was challenged over going to church to worship God. "He must be a very small God if you can worship him in a village church" said the agnostic. "No sir" said the working man, "He is so great a God that even the highest heavens cannot contain Him.

Yet He is small enough to enter my heart".

As I reflect on this account, I am reminded of the essence of our worship at Advent and Christmas. We celebrate both the majesty and glory of God in the heavens, and we come to celebrate and worship the infant Jesus. The Creator of the heavens is Emmanuel – God is with us. For Christians it is the foundation of our faith, because we see, revealed in the Christ-child, the unimaginable vastness of God's love for the world. *'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that all who believe in him, should not perish but have eternal life.'* John 3:16.

Amid all the busyness of the Christmas period, may I offer, on behalf of all the ministers, a warm welcome to the churches of the Whitton Team. May each of us experience the reality of God's presence this Christmastide.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

*Simon Weedon*

Team Rector



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## What's Going On?

3 Dec	Red Lion Pub	<b>Live Music - Street Corner Talking - 21:00</b>
5 Dec	Church	<b>Patronal and Family Christingle Service - 09:30</b>
9 Dec	School	<b>WI Event - Ghost Stories - 19:30</b>
9 Dec	Outside School	<b>Mobile Library - 10:50 - 11:40</b>
10 Dec	Azuza Marlborough	<b>Bluez n Zuz Disco - 18:30-21:00</b>
12 Dec	Church	<b>Holy Communion - 09:30</b>
12 Dec	School	<b>Big Band Christmas Concert - 16:00</b>
15 Dec	Red Lion Pub	<b>Quiz Night - 20:00</b>
17 Dec	The Green opp Pub	<b>Christmas Carols - 18:00</b>
17 Dec	Red Lion Pub	<b>Live Music - Red Hot Trio - 21:00</b>
19 Dec	Church	<b>Carol Service - 16:00</b>
24 Dec	Red Lion Pub	<b>Juke Box Favourites Night</b>
24 Dec	Church	<b>Midnight Communion - 23:30</b>
25 Dec	Church	<b>Christmas Day Holy Communion - 09:30</b>
26 Dec	Axford Church	<b>Team Service Holy Communion - 08:00</b>
31 Dec	Red Lion Pub	<b>New Year's Eve - buffet &amp; live music - 19:00</b>
2 Jan	Ramsbury Church	<b>New Year Covenant Team Service - 10:00</b>
9 Jan	Church	<b>Holy Communion - 09:30</b>
13 Jan	School	<b>Baydon Club &amp; Group Formation Discussion</b>
16 Jan	Church	<b>Morning Prayer - 09:30</b>
17 Jan	BYPA Hall	<b>Baydon Parish Council Meeting - 20:00</b>
23 Jan	Church	<b>Holy Communion - 09:30</b>
27 Jan	Dowrsmead	<b>Plastic &amp; Cardboard Recycling - 09:00 - 11:30</b>
30 Jan	Aldbourn Church	<b>Team Service - 10:00</b>
19 Feb	Aldbourn Church	<b>Musical Evening for Church Roof - 19:00</b>

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## Romania in June

Following the much enjoyed week in Andalucía earlier this year, Canon Peter Ball is organising a pilgrimage holiday to Romania from June 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. This short week offers a pilgrimage to Eastern Europe, visiting two important towns in Romania and a number of painted Orthodox monastic churches of a kind unique to the country and a World Heritage Site.

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## Welcome the French

Please make a date in your diary for the weekend May 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. That is when we hope to welcome a party from the Normandy parish, Notre Dame des Bois, with which our Whitton Benefice is twinned. We don't know the numbers at the moment, but we shall certainly be looking for people in the different villages to act as hosts for our guests. This is the return occasion following the very pleasant and fruitful visit a small group from the Team made to them in June.

## **Save the Date!**

# **MUSICAL EVENING**

**St Michael's Church, Aldbourne on 19th February 2011 at 7pm.**

*to raise funds for the repair of Baydon church roof*

We have invited a professional singer - Alex Ashworth - who has sung in the last night of the proms in the Albert Hall to come with his partner to entertain us



# Heads Up!

## Baydon St. Nicholas CE Primary School Report

Thank you all so much for the kind words, cards, texts, emails and flowers that have been sent to school following the sad death of Mrs Wright. We have taken great comfort in knowing the staff and children are in your thoughts and prayers.

The last few weeks have been extremely busy with the grand opening of school, a combined church and school Harvest Service held in the church and the school Christmas Fayre.

We have enjoyed many sporting activities over the last few weeks. Our KS2 children have enjoyed football club, multi skills clubs after school and at lunch times, and tennis club, whilst our KS1 children have participated in fundamental training and multi skills activities.

Most of our Years 6 children and some Year 5 children undertook their cycling proficiency training and test and have been awarded their Bike-ability Accreditation (this replaced Cycling Proficiency Accreditation).

Our grateful thanks go to Mrs Cathy Brown who won our school an npower Climate Cops Academy Event Day. The day focussed on the npower Brighter Future Programme incorporating:

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The lead up to Christmas is a very busy one in school with our children working hard practicing their Christmas productions. We also have a professional production company performing Jack and the Beanstalk in school, a traditional Christmas lunch and party.

Many I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Peaceful Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Best wishes

*Mr R N Chambers*

Headteacher



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# 'Building for the Future'

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

## More Fundraising Events Planned

Our "Building for the Future" fund is getting near to target. The thermometer isn't here this month because we're going to surprise you with a total next edition.

The auction went extraordinarily well as did the Fayre and we'll let you know where we're at and how Buy a Brick and everything else went in February! Watch this space

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This is a paid role although volunteers are always most welcome. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.



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School, Baydon  
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# Baydon WI News

## Women's Institute:

At the October meeting members were kept busy with a Card Workshop, under the watchful eye of expert Maureen Jepson, from Aldbourne.

In November members and their partners enjoyed the Annual Skittles evening at The White Hart, Wroughton which included a traditional pub supper.

It was a double achievement for the Furber household with Barbara winning the ladies competition and husband Bryn winning the men's prize.


On December 9<sup>th</sup> the guest speaker Ian MacGregor will talk about Ghost Stories.

On Monday December 13<sup>th</sup> the group will meet for the last time with Institutes from Ramsbury, Aldbourne and Chilton Foliat to hold their Carol Service at St. Nicholas Church, Baydon.

It is with great sadness that we announce the closure of Baydon Women's Institute after 83 years, (the group was formed in 1927) as the group are unable to form a committee.

# GHOST

## Stories



by  
**Ian Macgregor**

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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)



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## Message from Andrew Kerr, chief executive Wiltshire Council Where everybody matters

### The next four years – the challenges – update

I thought it may be helpful to update on the position we are in and the plans we have for managing this.

We estimated the government reduction in our grant funding would be approximately 25% (£122 million) over the next four years. The Comprehensive Spending Review in October announced cuts of 28.4% so we weren't far off.

Our business plan sets out how we will manage this reduction, plus other cost pressures, such as our growing ageing population, will cost us around £100 million. A programme of investment and improvements into our priority services will cost a further £124 million.

We have plans in place to save at least £40 million by next April and we are taking action right now to deliver these plans by implementing a review of our management structures to reduce the number of managers. We are also re-negotiating contracts with our biggest suppliers and contractors to reduce costs and we are reviewing our largest services to reduce waste and make improvements.

We have, however, been taken aback by the recent news that the cuts will be front loaded. This means we will need to find another £30 million in year one. This is causing cash flow problems in our financial planning. It does not change the overall savings that we need to find over the next four years, but it does mean we need to find more in year one to balance our budget.

In addition, the government has announced the reduction or removal of ring fenced and specific grants. This is welcome but will also impact on our business planning in a significant way.

We are implementing our plans to deliver £40 million savings by April, but we are now also looking at how we manage the cash flow problem and find an additional £30 million.

There are a number of areas we are considering. This includes slowing down or deferring some of the investments and improvements we plan to make, we will also examine the Area Based Grants and specific grants removal and we are looking at possible solutions to accelerate our plans to make savings - this is likely to include achieving 12% savings from each service area in year one rather than spreading the savings over the four years.

We are considering all the options right now on how we can achieve an additional £30 million savings in next year's budget.

I will keep you updated on how we intend to manage this situation. I want to repeat this is not additional money we need to find over the four years, but the need to find additional savings of around £30 million in year one to avoid a cash flow problem.

**Andrew**

# Parish Council Corner

## The Play Area Project

In 1994 Baydon Parish Council (BPC) purchased the field on the north side of Ermin Street and obtained planning permission in 1998 for recreational use. A separate bank account was set up with £3,000 approx.

In 2007 part of the Parish Field was set up as statutory allotments leaving the east part of the field as grass with some of the Millennium trees. The Village Plan published in 2009 and adopted by BPC called for a play area to be located and equipped. Consultations took place by leaflet and at the 2009 Parish Meeting and the preferred location was the Parish Field.

Since then BPC has obtained a new planning permission, ensured the transfer to the PC of the £5000 S106 funds from the Fiveways development and successfully applied for a Playbuilder grant of £15,000 from Wiltshire Council.

Quotations for play equipment were submitted to a Parents Working Group and a public meeting in the Summer this year to seek agreement for the type of equipment for both Juniors and Toddlers. The resultant quotations for the Playbuilder (8-13 Year olds juniors) and Toddlers amount to some £23,000 and orders have been placed with Miracle Ltd, the supplier chosen by BPC.



An application has been made to Lottery Funds for £10,000 required to fund the remaining Junior equipment. Installation is planned to take place over the next few months.

The Parish Council will also consider other improvements to the Parish Field eg. access and a fence in the field along the track side.

The success of the project is in no small way due to the leadership and persistence shown by the BPC Chairman.

## **Next Parish Council Meetings are:**

**17 January at the BYPA Hall - 8 pm**

**21 February at the BYPA Hall - 8pm**

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

**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!**

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**PCSO Jonathan  
Mills**  
Marlborough  
Rural East

### Traffic Related - Baydon

We will continue to carry out patrols in this area due to the time of year and deterioration of the road conditions. To date no persons have been caught exceeding the speed limit. The recent fatal accident on this roman road is still under investigation and although an obvious concern, these events are very rare.

### facebook

Our facebook page which went live in August had over 300 visits and 23 people "liked" our page in the first week, meaning that they will receive live updates on what is going on in the area. This is excellent news that residents are kept up to date on policing in their area. To access our Facebook page just type "Marlborough East Neighbourhood Policing Team" into Google and it is the top result.

## Specials Recruitment

Wiltshire Police are currently recruiting new members for the Special Constabulary. Further details are available via the Wiltshire Police website or from the Human Resources recruitment team on 0845 408 7000 Ext 720 2314.

- PC BATCHELOR 1661 - Marlborough Parade Room, ext. 739-818.
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- Saturday 13 Nov – Salvage Fashion Show (St John's)
- Thursday 2 Dec – Bowling (Swindon\*)
- Friday 10 Dec – Bluz n Zuz Disco (Azusa)
- Tuesday 14 Dec – Ice Skating (Swindon\*)
- Wednesday 15 Dec – Cinema (Swindon\*)

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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).



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www.valleyfilmsociety.org

## Season Six (2010/11)

### Tues 7th December White Wedding

South Africa (2009) 93mins Dir: Jann Turner Stars: Kenneth Nkosi, Zandile Msutwana  
*Will Elvis and his best man get to Cape Town in time for his wedding rehearsals? Join them for their hilarious disaster-prone trip that tests love, commitment and friendship.*

### Tues 4th January High Noon (U)

USA (1952) 85 mins Dir: Fred Zinnemann Stars: Gary Cooper, Grace Kelly, Lloyd Bridges.  
*A Marshall, personally compelled to face a returning deadly enemy, finds that his own town refuses to help him in this powerful 1950s Western.*

### Tues 1st February Samson & Delilah (15)

Australia(2009) 101 mins Dir: Warwick Thornton Stars: Rowan McNamara  
*When tragedy strikes, two teenage Aborigines turn their backs on home and embark on a journey of survival. They discover that life isn't always fair but love never judges.*

### Tues 1st March House of Flying Daggers (15)

China/Hong Kong (2004) 119 mins Dir: Zhang Yimou Stars: Zhang Ziyi & Takeshi Kaneshiro  
*Tang Dynasty leaders use blind dancer Mei to lead them to rebel group House of Flying Daggers. But all is not as it seems in this story told with martial art skills and outstanding cinematography.*

### Tues 5th April The Bridges of Madison County (12)

USA (1995) 129 mins Dir: Clint Eastwood Stars: Meryl Streep, Clint Eastwood  
*Photographer Robert Kincaid wanders into the life of housewife Francesca Johnson in 1960s America and they fall in love in this bitter-sweet romance.*

### Tues 3rd May Master & Commander (12)

UK (2003) 138 mins Dir: Peter Weir Stars: Russell Crowe, Paul Bettany  
*During the Napoleonic Wars, a brash British captain pushes his ship and crew to their limits in this exciting and refreshingly realistic action saga.*

### Tues 7th June Easy Virtue (12)

UK (2008) 96 mins Dir: Stephan Elliot Stars: Colin Firth, Kristen Scott-Thomson  
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Working men wore heavy jackets and coarse corduroy trousers, strapped just below the knee. In rainy weather they tied sacks round their shoulders and waists, but even their heavy hob-nailed boots could not give one tenth of the protection of a pair of Wellingtons today. It is interesting to note that most of the shepherds still wore long smocked frocks - the mark of their job, of which they were immensely proud. In 1905, men's suits 'durable yet elegant' were advertised for 14/- at a local fair.

*Family Best Clothes c.1900* Older girls went to school in heavy frocks surmounted by white pinafores; the boys wore knockerbocker suits and it was rare to see one without a patch either on knee or seat. It was difficult to determine the sex of children under four, because they all wore skirts, and their hair was cut short because of the prevalence of lice and ring-worm. Thick, black home-knitted stockings were worn inside boots - buttoned for girls and laced for boys - which were worn till they gaped at the toes.

### **Next Edition - Diversions, high days and helping out**

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## RED LION



Greetings from the Red Lion!

It's fast approaching our favourite time of year well mine anyway, we have finally started the Christmas shopping although it never seems to end!

At the Red Lion the Christmas decorations will be up even with all the building works going on! Our menu will be changing from next week so be sure to pop in and taste the changes.

We are still able to take Christmas Day bookings and Christmas Party Dinner nights. Pop in to discuss and pick up a menu.

So to the events...

**Fri 26th November** - Fish N Chips night - Fish, Chips and a Drink just £8

**Wed 1st December** - Quiz from 8pm.

**Fri 3rd December** - Street Corner Talking play from 9pm (Rock n Blues acoustic band)

**Wed 15th December** - Our final quiz for 2010 from 8pm with I'm sure a very festive theme

**Fri 17th December** - Red Hot Trio from 9pm (Rock a Billy /Rock n Roll band)

**Christmas Eve** - Come and play your favourites on the juke box

**Christmas Day** - We are opening from 11am till 3pm so pop in and have a drink with us

**Boxing Day** - Pop in and relax, the racing will be shown

**New Years Eve** - Just Testing play, along with a free buffet see in the New Year and dance the night away. Children welcome.

That's all from us except we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

*Sam & Blair*

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From heaps of couch grass;  
Yet this will go on the same  
Though Dynasties pass.'



*Harvest Time*

Little did they know!

The food of the poorer cottagers was simple, at times scanty and certainly lacking in variety. Yet the basic bulk foods were undoubtedly better in quality and flavour than similar kinds today; they were natural and locally produced.

Bread, at 2d a large loaf, was baked in the stone ovens of the village bakery; potatoes were grown in the 'tater-patch', which occupied the largest portion of every garden; fresh root vegetables from garden or field were in good supply. The stock-pot, mainly sustained by the ever proliferous rabbit, occupied a permanent place on the hob. For some families the killing of a pig, reared in a small sty at the bottom of the garden, provided luxury over Christmas and the New Year.

There were no refinements and very few delicacies. Children were often hungry and sought sustenance from the hedgerows. There was certainly no daily spending on sweets and chocolate at the village shop, despite the fact that 1/2d could buy an ounce of boiled sweets and 1d a sizeable bar of chocolate.

It has already been stressed that wages were incredibly low, but prices too, were on an altogether different plane from today. 'Cassell's Shilling Cookery', dated 1903, gives the following information:

Sirloin	1/1 per lb	Rumpsteak	1/6 per lb
Rib beef	1/- per lb	Brisket	8d per lb
Liver	5d per lb	Eggs were often	1/2d each
Butter	7d per lb	Cheese	4d per lb
		Sugar	2d per lb

In September 1907, James Reynolds of Lambourn offered to supply 'a good coal' delivered in Baydon for 26 shillings a ton. In 1910 a 'new kitchen range, with boiler' was supplied to the School House for £2.10s.0d.

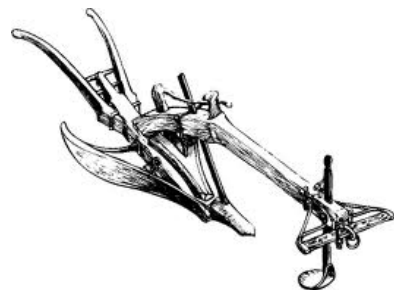
## **BAYDON CIRCA 1900 - A SERIAL HISTORY by the late R J NAISH JP** **Episode 6 - Farming, Food and Clothing**

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

Baydon was a centre of sheep farming. At lambing time the shepherds lived out on the downs in little shelters close to their flocks. One such habitation was still standing on Peak Hill until a few years ago. It is said that in one year as many as 2000 sheep were sent to Marlborough Fair. It has already been noted that because of their skill and experience a number of local shepherds were sent abroad to establish the sheep rearing industry in remote parts of the Empire.

Livestock of many kinds and breeds were kept and played their part in the economy of the farm. But pride of place went to the horse - the key to transport and motive power. The carter was the most important highest paid worker. He received as much as fifteen shillings per week and enjoyed many privileges.

Although as late as 1910 harrowing was carried out by a team of oxen on a local farm, horses had long since come into their own. Two horses, guided by the ploughman, worked a single furrow 'lack-head'. Some even used a 'turn-wrest', a type native to southern England since Tudor times. The pace was slow and the strip narrow and days were needed to plough a field which a modern tractor can accomplish in as any hours.



*A turnwrest*

At harvest time the sheaves of ripened corn were stacked into ricks, for every farm had to wait its turn to receive the hired threshing machine, which as driven by a long belt by a steam engine. The days of mechanisation were upon them and many a Baydon child returned home at the end of a day's threshing, smothered and half-choked by the barley dust emitted from the rear of these primitive machines.

Yet the rapid changes there were destined to affect agriculture after the 1914-1918 war were still not foreseen by most country dwellers. The great Wessex poet and novelist Thomas Hardy wrote at this time:

# **Carols by the Tree**

**Friday 17th December 2010**

**6pm**



**On the Village Green around the  
 Christmas Tree**

**Then gather in the Pub for  
 some refreshments!**

## And now for something really scrumptious!

This edition, Editor will share with you a recipe that she uses every Christmas (or at least she thinks she does)...it's for adults only and not quite as cloying as the bought ones!

### Baydon Coffee Cream Liqueur

#### You'll need:

- 2 cups of whisky
- 1/2 tin evaporated milk (200g)
- 1 tin condensed milk (400g)
- 2 teaspoons glycerine
- 1 tablespoon strong coffee dissolved in 1 tablespoon hot water
- 2 tablespoons chocolate syrup
- 2 teaspoons vanilla essence or (better) a few drops of extract

You'll need a bottle - it's best slightly chilled

#### Method

1. Put all of the ingredients in a blender
2. Blend and decant into a lightly sealed bottle
3. Put in fridge to chill

To serve, shake the bottle and pour over ice

Easy! And easy to drink too so be careful!



## Baydon Village Stores

### Christmas Notes

#### Free Range Turkeys

As in previous years, we will be supplying locally reared free range Turkeys. These must be pre ordered and can be collected on a date to suit you.



#### Christmas Trees.

Nordmann Fir Christmas trees will be in stock from December 1<sup>st</sup>. Various sizes available. These are one of the most popular trees having a good shape, soft dark green foliage, and excellent needle retention properties.



#### Groceries.

We stock a range of greengrocery, grocery, bread and dairy products. However, being a village shop we can not stock large quantities so why not pre order whatever you need to avoid disappointment



#### Flowers.

We will have fresh flowers as normal. Christmas wreaths available in the shop or bespoke ones can be ordered in advance.



#### Newspapers.

Newspapers are published every day with the exception of Christmas Day. If you normally have papers reserved then please let us know if you do not require them over this period.



#### Santa.

Santa is hoping to pay us a visit - keep an eye on the shop door window for more info. And don't forget Mince Pies and Mulled Wine available at the shop on Christmas Eve!  
And finally:



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## Christmas Opening Hours

Day	Date	Shop	Post Office
Friday	24 December	06:30 - 16:30	09:00 - 12:30
Saturday	25 December	Closed	Closed
Sunday	26 December	10:00-12:00	Closed
Monday	27 December	10:00-12:00	Closed
Tuesday	28 December	10:00-12:00	Closed
Wednesday	29 December	08:00-17:00	09:00-13:00
Thursday	30 December	08:00-17:00	09:00-13:00
Friday	31 December	08:00-16:30	09:00-13:00
Saturday	1 January	09:00-12:00	Closed
Sunday	2 January	09:00-12:00	Closed
Monday	3 January	09:00-12:00	Closed
Tuesday	4 January	06:45 -18:00	09:00-13:00

## Bonfire Night

Just a quick note to thank the following people for their help in making this years bonfire and fireworks such a huge success:  
 Steve Dawson, Martin Noman, John Woodward( Pains Fireworks), Mark Houghton, Sue Grove, Jakki Harber, The Parish Council, All the stewards, Baydon Pre School, Baydon Brownies, Sam and Clair (Red Lion), Debbie at the shop, Roger Forster and Tony Topp.  
 Plans are already being discussed for next years event which will be held on Saturday 5th November 2011.  
 Thank you for all of your donations and we have £358.69, 1 Pesata and 2 brown buttons towards next years fireworks.

*Trevor and Jim*

## Christmas Fayre

A big thank you to everyone who supported this fun event. We raised a massive £2,000 which is great for the school!

Thanks and have a very happy Christmas

*Mandy Dore*  
 Chair - FOBS

## BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE – FUN AUCTION

Our auctioneer for the event ensured that the evening was much fun and we had 124 donated lots of both promises and items. Our grateful and sincere thanks to all those donors and to those who supported on the night. With monies from the bids, raffle and donations we raised a magnificent **£3001**. A welcomed sum to add to our target.

*Emid*

## Poppy Appeal

Bryan Harber is our new village collectioneer for the British Legion Poppy Appeal and he reports a record collection in the village this year - a whopping £693.37!

A huge thank you to all those who contributed

*Support the boys and girls in Afghanistan - The British Legion - shoulder to shoulder with those who serve*

*Bryan Harber*



# Focus On...

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

## New House, New Job, New Baby – Newton's Walk.

Matt and Amanda Hodey are new to the village. They haven't come from far away but they really feel they've made the right move. They are one of the first new residents to buy a house in Newton's Walk and no sooner had they moved in than baby Ella appeared – a sister for 2 year old Lilia.

Matt grew up in Swindon and works in banking, loves Elvis, sings like a fish rides a bicycle (but is happy doing it!) and really believes they have found the place to put down some roots.

Amanda is in HR (although on maternity leave at the moment) and hails from Southport. She loves Michael Bublé (but not quite as much as Editor does), feels Abba makes her happy but also loves lots of contemporary music too. They met at University, married in Hawaii and Lilia was born in 2008. They moved to Baydon from Stratton (although they lived in Wanborough for a short time) and always dreamed of moving out to our area when the time was right. The time seemed right when Matt found work in London and baby Ella was imminent. Commuting from Hungerford is a much easier and more relaxing route to London than from Swindon.

And of course they are keen to bring the girls up in a local community with access to great schools and facilities. Baydon ticked all the boxes for them and they moved in to their lovely new house in August. Ella was born in September – in a home water birth (which Amanda thought was marvellous) and is a contented little girl. Lilia is a happy two year old who loves her baby sister and Peppa Pig.

Matt happened upon the Newton's Walk development one day and they never looked back. Six of the houses are now occupied on the development and more will be lived in by Christmas. The landscaping is not far from complete and it won't be long before all the works have moved off the site and it can start maturing.

Matt and Amanda and their young family have no regrets. When Editor visited, they were hanging pictures and making the place their own. For Matt and Amanda, their young family's future in Baydon is exciting. They intend to throw themselves into village life (as much as sleepless nights and long days working in London will allow). Baydon welcomes them and all the newest residents of Baydon.

*And Amanda would like to say a special thanks to Debbie at the shop and the ladies in Harriet's yoga class for making them feel so welcome*

## 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 9 am to 11.30 am - 28 Oct & 30 Nov**

### 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**