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Scene in Baydon

..a bi-monthly digest of what's going on in Baydon: February 13



A snowy walk in Baydon

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 19 March 2013.....*Please!*

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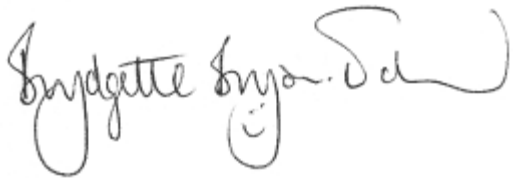
Just indulge me....Someone once said, "Age is not a particularly interesting subject. Anyone can get old - all you have to do is live long enough". But it's interesting to me right now. I turn 50 any minute. Half a century on this earthly realm. Blimey! And as I write this, it's heavily snowing - just as it was apparently (I don't remember) the day I was born in 1963. Growing older has never really bothered me much. Things you can do nothing about don't tend to worry me. I think Mark Twain said, "Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter". I agree. I'd hate to be 15 again. But to anyone who is celebrating a birthday imminently - no matter how old (or young). Happy Birthday!

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
- 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

Happy New Year to all - I think 2013 might be excellent - just as soon as the snow has melted and the Spring starts springing!

All the very best



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And now for this month's Brain Teaser

The Snow & Ice Quiz

1. The more than 1,150 mile Iditarod Sled Dog Race begins in Anchorage and ends in which Alaskan City?
2. As the atmosphere gets colder, what happens to snowflakes?
3. Which moon of Jupiter is completely encased in a layer of smooth ice?
4. In which South American nation do pilgrims trek to a glacier to gather sacred ice during the festival of Qoyllur Riti?
5. How many sides do most snowflakes have?
6. The UK is in the grip of one of its longest cold snaps for almost 30 years, but - as yet - it hasn't beaten the great white winter of 1962/63 when it snowed consecutively for how many days?
7. The Polar Bear is one of the few all white mammals and unafraid of humans. Scientists study the animals on Wrangel Island - in which ocean?
8. Which Canadian female singer had a hit in the USA, Canada and the UK in 1970 with Snow Bird?
9. Which island - the world's largest - hosts a snow festival that has been recently changed to an Ice Sculpting Festival as a result of global climate changes?
10. What city holds the Guinness World Record for the most snow angels made simultaneously in one place?
11. What Canadian province is home to the Rideau Canal - the world's largest naturally frozen rink?
12. What colour snow fell over an area of 1,500 sq. km. in Siberia on 2 Feb 2007?
13. Which 'winter' film opens with the following text? "This is a true story. The events depicted in this film took place in Minnesota in 1987"?
14. What is an Alberta Clipper?
15. Scientists believe that the entire atmosphere of which dwarf planet freezes each year and falls back to the ground as snow?

Answers to last edition's quiz - Christmas Song Quiz

1. Hark the Herald Angels Sing 2. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen 3. Rudolf 4. O Holy Night 5. We Three Kings of Orient Are 6. Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas 7. What Child is this 8. Deck the Halls 9. O Little Town of Bethlehem 10. Jingle Bells 11. Chestnuts Roasting on an open fire 12. O Come All Ye Faithful 13. Silent Night 14. 9 15. Do you see what I see?



St Nicholas' Church - Baydon



FEBRUARY AND MARCH SERVICES

3 February	Education Sunday Service
10 February	Holy Communion
13 February	Ash Wednesday - Holy Communion with Ashing - 19:30
17 February	Morning Prayer
24 February	Holy Communion
3 March	Family Communion
10 March	Mothering Sunday Service
17 March	Morning Prayer
24 March	Team Communion at Aldbourne - 10:00 (No service in Baydon)
29 March	Good Friday - Silent Vigil - 10:00
31 March	Holy Communion

Extra service at Aldbourne on **Thursday 28 March - Last Supper Meal & Communion**

Church Letter

View from the Vicarage

February is the shortest month of the year but I think, even when it is cold and wet, it can be a positive one because we see the early spring flowers pushing through the earth which remind us that out of the cold, wet ground comes new life and God's creation is very beautiful and intricate. We also celebrate Valentine's Day; this is traditionally a day on which people express their love for each other by sending cards, flowers or chocolates, often anonymously! The holiday is named after an early Christian martyr named Valentine, who lost his life trying to convert the Emperor Claudius of Rome. It wasn't until the Middle Ages it became associated with romance! Love in the air reminds me of two incredible pieces of theatre I have recently seen. The first is the play, War Horse, about the love of a horse and a young man for each other. The second, the musical, Billy Elliot, about the love of dance and the lives of the mining communities in the strikes in the 1980's. Although they were very different they had the same thread about love, the fight for survival, and being there for each other through thick and thin. So it is good to remember this month that God started the whole love thing and he loves us unconditionally. We can depend on him because he is always there for us through thick and thin.

In 2013 may his love will flourish in all our lives.

Pandice Marcus
Team Vicar



Baydon Church Electoral Roll – 2013

This year a **new** electoral roll must to be prepared prior to the annual Parochial Church Council meeting on Thursday 11th April 2013.

Anyone who wishes to be included in the roll, including those already registered, can collect forms from Baydon church or contact Shirley Smith (Church Warden) on 01672 504654 or Sue Harris (Electoral Roll Officer) on 01672 540696.

If you are in any doubt whether you are eligible to be included please contact the Electoral Roll Officer or a member of the Parochial Church Council. All completed forms must be returned to the Electoral Roll Officer or left in the box at Baydon Stores by Monday 25th March 2013.

Sue Harris - Electoral Roll Officer

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ANNUAL MEETINGS 2013

The 'Annual General Meetings' of each Parish Church take place each year before the end of April. The dates of the meetings for the parishes of this Benefice are as follows:

Aldbourn - Monday 4th March at 7.30pm
Baydon - Thursday 11th April at 7.30pm
Chilton Foliat - Wednesday 6th March at 7.00pm
Froxfield - Monday 8th April at 7.30pm
Ramsbury with Axford - Tuesday 19th March at 7.30pm

Each AGM is a two-stage process. The first meeting is the **Annual Meeting of Parishioners** (sometimes called the 'Vestry Meeting') for the election of churchwardens. Any resident of the Parish is entitled both to attend *and to vote*, whether or not their name is on the church's Electoral Roll.

The second meeting is the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** at which the principal business is the election of representatives of the laity to the Marlborough Deanery Synod (every three years), the Parochial Church Council and the Whitton Team Council; to receive the churchwardens' report on the state of the church building and contents; and to receive the Treasurer's report. Again, any resident of the Parish is entitled to attend, but **ONLY** those whose names are on the church's Electoral Roll are entitled to vote in the election of Deanery Synod members, PCC members or Team Councillors, or on any propositions laid before the meeting.

It is important for your Parish Church to have the support of the community, and for YOU to have the opportunity to express your views about the way in which it works. Overleaf you will find the notice convening the meetings and the Agendas. Please come along to the Annual Meetings and play your part in the life of your local Church.



Gran's Pulley

A drying frame, up near the ceiling,
Fetched by ropes and pulleys, squeaking.

Vests and stockings and big knickers
Graced its cast iron, ropes and timbers.
The sheets and clothes hung there to dry,
dripped down your neck as you walked by.
The soapy residues, white and creamy,
left the tiled floor wet and slippery.



Once Gran bought her tumble dryer
(With the hose stuck out the window),
She lost a cupboard, by the pantry,
So now the pots hang on the gantry.
The pulley's scary shadow falls
On creepy corners, floors and walls,
And terrifies her poor grandchildren,
Who need to step inside the kitchen.
Robbers, werewolves, ghosts and monsters:
Cast by jugs and sieves and graters,
Kitchen gadgets, pots and gubbins,
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Village News

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Extra Baydon Parish Council meeting taking place on Monday 4th February

An extra Parish Council meeting is going to take place on Monday 4th February at 8pm in BYPA Hall to discuss planning applications, 2013/14 Precept/Budget and set remaining meeting dates for 2013

Red Lion Update and Planning Application

Sadly the village pub remains closed with no signs of it re-opening in the foreseeable future. However the owners have recently submitted a planning application to build a new dwelling on the grass play area to the right of the pub and to include part of the current car park. The only information we have about this is that shown on the Wiltshire Council website with the details available by going to Wiltshire's planning site and entering E/2012/1575/FUL (no space after the L) in the application number box. The deadline for any comments is 7th February 2013 - the application will be discussed at the Council meeting on 4th February

The BYPA Hall Projects

The BYPA Committee are pleased to announce that we have received lottery funding to put in central heating into the hall. This work was completed in October and the hall is now lovely and warm

Other projects are also planned to redesign the toilets put in new flooring. Roof insulation and a new kitchen were done over the Christmas period and so were all ready for the start of 2013

If you would be interested in hiring the hall please email:
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Feb 14	Book discussion/swap evening
Mar 14	Ten Pin Bowling
April 11	Talk with music on Glen Miller
May 9	Wine Tasting
May 25	Visit to Crofton Beam Engine and Wilton Windmill
June 13	Barbeque
July 11	Canal narrowboat trip
Aug 8	Boules and Croquet evening
Sep 12	Walk and meal
Oct 10	Merchants House visit and meal
Nov 14	Talk by Commodore Ian Gibb
Dec 12	Skittles

Pat

Please phone for more details.
Pat Rhodes 540481.

To keep up to date with planned events please visit Baydon's website or look out for information on posters.

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The Jogging Group will be meeting at **08:30 on Saturdays** - whatever the weather! Anyone interested in joining in, meet by Downsmead notice board

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

Valley Film Society



www.valleyfilmsociety.org

Tuesday 5 February 2013

Red (2010) cert 12. 106 mins.

Dir: Robert Schwentke; Stars: Bruce Willis, Helen Mirren, Morgan Freeman
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Tuesday 5 March 2013

Heartburn (1985). Cert 15. 105 mins

Dir: Mike Nichols; Stars: Meryl Streep, Jack Nicolson
An autobiographical look at the breakup of the marriage of a food writer at a New York magazine who meets Washington columnist Mark at a wedding and ends up falling in love with him despite her reservations about marriage.

Tuesday 2 April 2013

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Are you aware of the plan to put a house on the pub car park – details at http://eastplanning.wiltshire.gov.uk/Northgate/DocumentExplorer/Application/FolderView.aspx?type=NLP10GL2_DC_PLANAPP&key=441812 – and do you think it would detract from the amenity of Baydon residents or do you think it's time the pub closed its doors?

There are a number of organisations who are monitoring rural villages for changes in their amenities and some are concerned about Baydon's ability to sustain a pub and shop.

Those I have spoken to mention that if the pub were to remain closed:

- ♦ we lose an important meeting place in our village.
- ♦ we lose a local business
- ♦ it might affect access to and therefore the passing trade to the shop
- ♦ we lose the prospect of developing the pub into a more profitable venture
- ♦ it might create a commuter or corridor village
- ♦ it might affect the value of our properties

One said, "We are concerned that this proposal to build a house on the pub car park would adversely affect the village and should be strongly resisted. Reducing the car park to only seven spaces would make the pub, and probably the shop, non-viable, reducing Baydon to a dormitory. I suggest that those who are concerned should get together, probably with the Parish Council, and formally object". They are also willing to help compose letters of objection if there is enough in the village.

Another concerned about the planning application stated, "Given the disappointing history of the pub over the last decade or two, one wonders whether this is part of a longer-term plan to do away with the pub although, of course, one cannot object to a planning application because of speculation as to what the owner might do next".

There is a Parish Council Meeting to look at this application on 4th February at the BYPA Hall at 8 pm. If you have strong feelings (either way), come and discuss at this meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL CORNER

Messages from Chair - Andy Knowles

Welcome to 2013 and on behalf of everyone on the Parish Council, we wish you a very Happy New Year.

Many projects have been started over the last few months and now we hope you are all enjoying some of the benefits? The BYPA hall has been through a transformation, with more work to come throughout 2013, so if you haven't seen it yet inside then please do and think about any purpose you could hire the facility for?



We have seen some great changes on the junction of Ermin Street and the Aldbourne Road that should help with the quest to make our roads safer. Plus with the footpath on the school journey being made wider and safer this has improved many aspects for all parents attending the school. The work continues and we hope to have further news soon regarding further projects.

As ever, we struggle with volunteers for many things that we put on in the village, so please keep an eye on the noticeboards and website for information and help if you can. Furthermore, we still have vacancies on the Parish Council and we would welcome any volunteers to come forward as having a full complement of councillors means we have greater representation within the village.

The Precept for 2013/14, although has seen an increase this is only due to the input of funding for traffic calming measures that will benefit the whole village, otherwise the precept was kept inline 2012/13.

Please come along a support the Parish Council meetings held each month as it's vital we have your input and opinions

Andy Knowles

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Marlborough Area Board

Next meeting is: Tues 29 January 2013

Marlborough Town Hall, Council Offices, 5 High Street, Marlborough SN8 1AA
6.30 pm

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.

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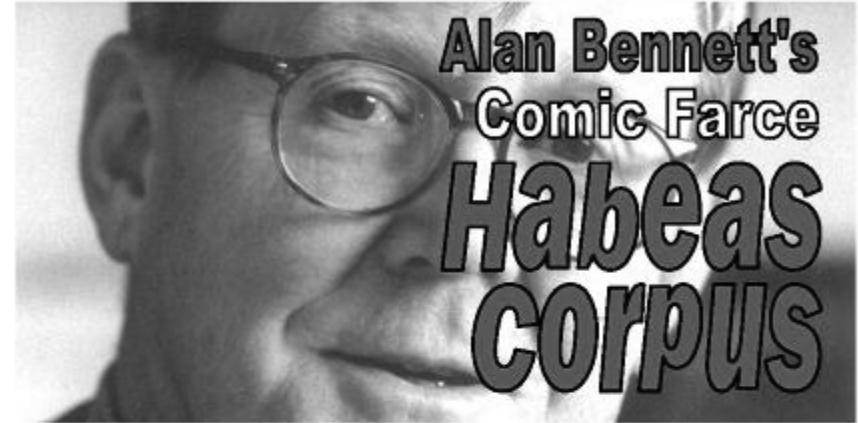
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It leaves Newbury at 1.30 pm for the return journey.

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Barbara F.

St Nicholas Church, Baydon warmly invites you to join a 5-week Lent course entitled:

'Glimpses of God' Hope for today's world

A York Courses bible study
Written by Canon David Winter

With input from:
Bishop Stephen Cottrell; Revd Professor David Wilkinson;
Rt Hon Shirley Williams; Revd Lucy Winkett and Dr David Hope.

Commencing on:

Thursday 21st February: The God who hears our cry

Thursday 28th February: The Shepherd who guides and guards His people

Thursday 7th March: The Son who is the Way, the Truth and the Life

Thursday 14th March: The God who shares our pain

Thursday 21st March: The God who calms our fears

7.30pm start at 20 Newton's Walk, Baydon
(Home of David and Margaret Hill)

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Editor: If you've never tried it - it's a lovely dog walk from the windmill down to the canal and along by the Crofton Beam Engine.

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Santa Comes To Town!



Santa on his brightly lit sleigh coming towards the carols on the Village Green was a great sight

Please can I send a huge thank you to the Fire Comittee for helping "Santa" arrive in the village on Friday evening during the Carol singing. Our little boy absolutely loved it, Santa was amazing & great with the children who were so excited. Thank you so so much for keeping the christmas spirit alive and making it special for us all, we really appreciate how much work is involved. Merry Christmas from the Robins family.

Wow! what a lovely surprise I had this evening as I drove into Baydon, a sleigh complete with Father Christmas - the sleigh halted by the Christmas tree where Santa disembarked and proceeded to hand out chocolate or clementines to the children of the community. How lucky they are that he had time to make a visit to them so close to the big day.

The band and the carol singing was lovely but certainly Santa topped the bill for all the young of the village. Lets hope he has time to make a visit again next year -as for sure the youngsters will remember and expect him :)

ALDBOURNE AND BAYDON AID IN SICKNESS FUND

History. The formation of the NHS led in about 1953 to the funds in Aldbourne's defunct branch of WW2's District Nursing Association being allowed a 'change of purpose' under Charity Commission rules. The funds were then used to form the Aldbourne and Baydon Aid in Sickness Fund (the Fund) exclusively to benefit residents in the two parishes.

Today. Nowadays the Fund "benefits the sick or those in financial difficulty due to sickness" by giving small grants to residents of the two parishes and lending them (and their short-term visitors) items of medical equipment which perhaps should have been provided on discharge from hospital.



Debbie Moxon (tel 540266) represents the Fund in Baydon. Other-wise applications for small grants and medical equipment should be made direct to Jocelyn Evans. All *bona fide* enquiries are welcome, including those made by friends or neighbours.

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Scene Review

Where anyone can review books, pubs, restaurants, events, special places or pretty much anything (keep it clean!). Send your review to Editor at brydgette@email.com

"The Life and Death of Mary Wollstonecraft", by Claire Tomalin



Claire Tomalin's biography of Mary Wollstonecraft is thoroughly researched and thoroughly readable, with a detailed and wide-ranging bibliography which includes contemporary personal correspondence.

Wollstonecraft spoke out against the gender injustices she experienced and observed in the late 18th century. She published works regarding girls' education and work opportunities for women – extremely limited in her time – and against moral hypocrisy. She battled with determination and resourcefulness for herself, her brothers and sisters, her friends and associates – for all caught in situations similar to hers. Sometimes wrong-headed and domineering, her position becoming clearer and better reasoned as she grew up and experienced more of life and the views of others challenging the status quo.

Mary lived variously in England, Ireland and France, experiencing at first hand the Terrors of the French Revolution. Her violent father put all his resources, both practical and emotional, into his eldest son, leaving the other children to fend for themselves, and ill-equipped to do so. Mary's brother refused to help. It was heart-warming to read how, in a time without social security, families would take in other relatives and friends or send them money in time of need – and dismaying when some were refused. There was no hope where there was no practical compassion. Feisty and flawed, Wollstonecraft's reputation and impact varied wildly after her death, as supporters and detractors argued their viewpoints in the press. Her most famous book, "A Vindication of the Rights of Woman", is still in print; most of her contemporaries' opinions on it are not.

Tamzin grew up in Baydon, attending St. Nicholas School before moving on to St. John's. She comes back a few times a year to visit family, when she can sometimes be spotted at church. She has always enjoyed reading for fun, and now and then exercises the creative part of her brain by writing reviews like this one, and her blog. <https://tamzinsblog.wordpress.com>



A message from Friends of Baydon School

The Friends of Baydon School team would like to say a BIG thank you to all of the parents, family, friends and villagers who helped out at, or came along to support the Christmas Fayre.

The Fayre was a great success with in excess of £2000 being raised to buy much needed equipment for the school. We will let you know in the next edition of the Scene how the funds have been used.

In the meantime, here are details of upcoming FoBS fundraising events:

23rd February - Ice hockey match at The Link Centre Swindon, home of the Swindon Wildcats. This is a fun evening for all of the family to enjoy, if you would like to join us, please collect a booking form from the school office.

Pub Quiz @ The Crown, Aldbourne. Please keep an eye on the website and noticeboard for confirmed date.

Wine tasting evening (date and location tbc)

We are always grateful for anyone who can assist us with our fundraising. You do not have to have a child at the school! If the thought of becoming a member of FoBS appeals please contact Mandy Dore, chairperson, via the school office.

Many thanks

The Friends of Baydon School Team

Thanks!

Many thanks to the ladies who clean the brass and provide and arrange the flowers in the church throughout the year and to those who help at festivals.

We have very few people doing this work. If you would like to help please put your name on the list which is on the notice board just inside the church.

We try to work it so that it is done fortnightly. For further details contact Dorothy Newman - 4, The Green, Baydon. Tel: 540388

One of My Favourite Poems

By Mary

As a child, my Grandmother used to tell me the story of Lovell the bridegroom who, after a game of hide and seek never again saw his bride. For many, many years I thought it was just a fairy tale but in fact, it sadly is all TRUE! (*Editor - not for the faint hearted*)

The Mistletoe Bough

By Thomas Bayley (Born 1797 - Died 1839)



The mistletoe hung in the castle hall
The holly branch shone on the old
oak wall
And the Baron's retainers were blithe
and gay
And keeping the Christmas holiday

The Baron beheld with a father's
pride
His beautiful child, young Lovell's
bride;
While she with her bright eyes
seemed to be
The star of the goodly company.

"I'm weary of dancing now," she
cried;
"Here, tarry a moment — I'll hide, I'll
hide!
And, Lovell, be sure thou'rt first to
trace
The clew to my secret lurking-place."

Away she ran — and her friends
began
Each tower to search, and each
nook to scan;
And young Lovell cried, "O, where
dost thou hide?
I'm lonesome without thee, my own
dear bride."

They sought her that night, and they
sought her next day,
And they sought her in vain while a
week passed away;
In the highest, the lowest, the loneliest
spot,
Young Lovell sought wildly - but found
her not.

And years flew by, and their grief at
last
Was told as a sorrowful tale long past;
And when Lovell appeared the chil-
dren cried,
"See! the old man weeps for his fairy
bride."

At length an oak chest, that had long
lain hid,
Was found in the castle - they raised
the lid,
And a skeleton form lay mouldering
there
In the bridal wreath of that lady fair!

O, sad was her fate! - in sportive jest
She hid from her lord in the old oak
chest.
It closed with a spring! - and, dreadful
doom,
The bride lay clasped in her living
tomb!

Baydon 11 Survives Unscathed!

Great News. Further to my article in The Scene of last September, I am delighted to report that the application to close part of Baydon 11 bridleway has been rejected by Wiltshire Council and action has been initiated to make the route available to the public in the way originally intended. This success is a direct result of the many letters that were written to the Council, primarily by residents of Baydon but also Aldbourne and the Rambler's Association.

It was heartening to hear how strong were the feelings of residents on the subject of our rights of way with many of them taking the opportunity to vent grievances to the Council about other local footpath issues. This helped strengthen the message to the Council that residents care greatly about their footpaths and are prepared to fight for what is rightfully theirs. Of the responses received by the Council, 23 objected to the application, 5 supported it and 2 expressed a neutral response.



In addition, a petition was received containing 61 names and signatures of Baydon residents all objecting to the application.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who wrote to Wiltshire Council and those that signed the petition. I am convinced that the decision the Council has made is the best for our community and look forward to Baydon 11 being fully open and passable by both foot and hoof traffic.

Bernie Gribble

15 Ermin Close

[Baydon 11 is the footpath that runs beside the stables at Baydon House Farm]

The Smartie Challenge

St Nicholas Church, Baydon would like to thank everyone who has supported 'The Smartie Challenge'. We have now topped **£1,000** since it's launch in September 2011 which is a marvellous result.

The Church Council has agreed that it continue 'in church' to help pay off our debts now the leaky church roof has been replaced, but also agreed that Debbie at Baydon Village Stores be relieved of her considerable efforts on our behalf.

We are very grateful to Debbie for all the hard work she put in to promote the challenge and for housing our Smartie boxes for so long, we really appreciate all she has done and send a big 'thank you' from everyone at church.

If people are still willing to fill a Smartie tube with 20pences there are some tubes in church with instructions of where to take it when filled.

Thank you

Margaret & David Hill

Helping Hayden

Dawn and Kevin Howell would like to thank all who visited the 'Paper Stuff' stall at the Baydon St Nicholas Christmas fair on the 2nd December. The stall sold wrapping paper, gift tags and book marks, all handmade by Eleanor and her friends. Their goal was to raise money for 'JoiningJack', funding research to find a cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. The stall raised £76 for the charity, and this amount has been doubled by a local employer. For further information please visit www.helpinghayden.org

Thank you!

