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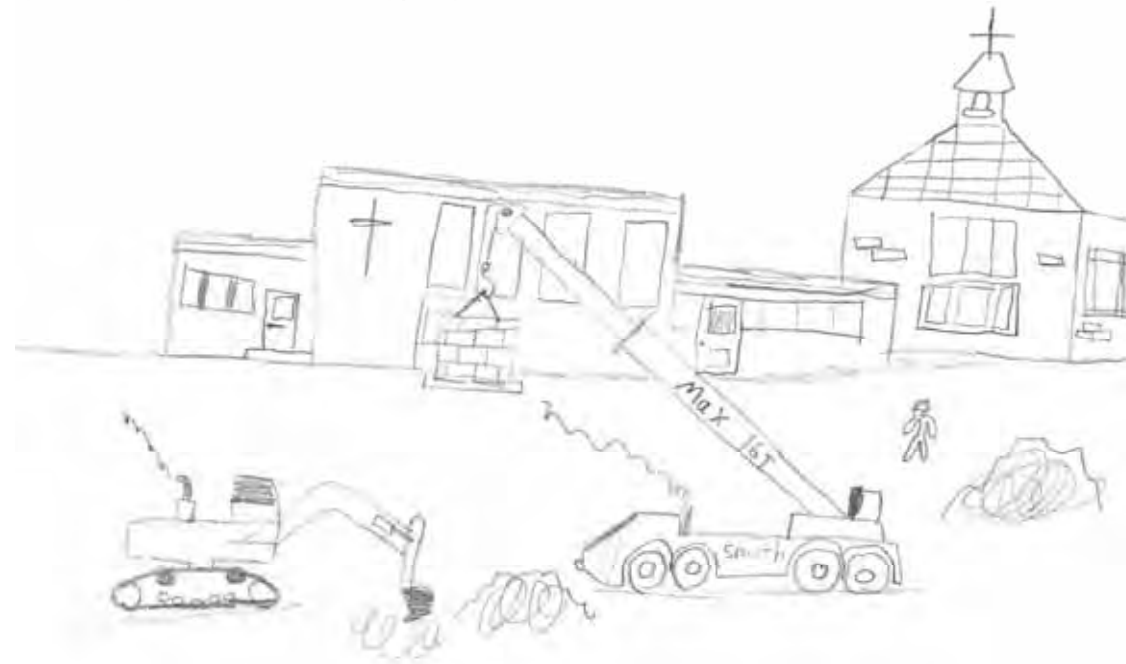
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Scene in Baydon

..a bi-monthly digest of what's going on in Baydon: February 10



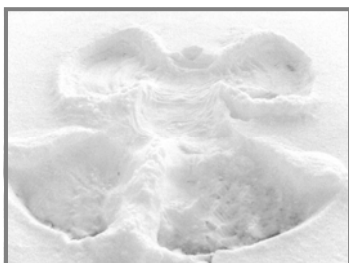
Building Work Starts on the School

*By Charlie Major
Hearts by Katy - Aged 7*

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Hello All

Snow. That's pretty much all I have to say really. And the snowy season hasn't even started in the UK yet....still, whilst out walking the dog the other (snowy) day, I happened upon a hoard of people - young and old enjoying the fact that schools were closed and that they couldn't leave the village and instead were tobogganing in the fields and playing with their four-wheel drive cars in the snow. So I made a snow angel and confused the dog completely.



My snow angel. Fantastic!

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

See you in April - ready for Easter festivities including (if I'm lucky) plenty of chocolate!

All the very best



By Anna Colling

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And now for this month's brain teaser!

Transport of Delight!

All the answers are related to a form of transport

1. Paddle your own? (5)
2. Boat with two hulls (9)
3. Could be in a drawer or on a curtain (5)
4. Long ado (anagram) (7)
5. Made for two (6)
6. A trainer (5)
7. A long hollow cylinder (4)
8. A bit of luxury (5,5)
9. Propelled by foot (7)
10. What dragons do (8)
11. The R101 (7)
12. Violent storm (9)
13. This one has no engine (6)
14. As 13, but pendent (4,6)
15. Agreement (8)
16. Leap gas (4,3)
17. A county town bomber (9)
18. Crop it heel (anagram) (10)
19. Sounds like a small lamp (9)
20. Castle in the sky (6,8)

Answers in the next edition

Answers to last edition's quiz - Christmas Conundrums

1. Mexico 2. An old silk hat 3. Tchaikovsky 4. Boas Festas 5. Aramaic 6. Four 7. Eat it 8. 2004 9. 24 December 10. Frost Fair on the River Thames 11. Australia 12. Pig 13. Nativity Scene 14. King's Canyon Nat Park, California 15. Earth Song 16. Vistavision 17. Oklahoma



St Nicholas' Church - Baydon
CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH



7 February	Family Service - Education Sunday
14 February	Holy Communion
21 February	Morning Prayer
28 February	Holy Communion
7 March	Family Service
14 March	Mothering Sunday - Holy Communion
21 March	Morning Prayer
28 March	Palm Sunday - Holy Communion
4 April	Easter Day - Holy Communion

All services are at 9.30am unless otherwise stated

SUE DUNHAM Age 73 years

With sadness we report the death of Sue who lived on Manor Lane for several years with her husband Mike and two sons Jason and Ross.

Before moving to Florida, Sue was a churchwarden at St Nicholas' Church and a school governor. Sue was also an original editor of Scene in Baydon.

A few years ago they returned from the United States to settle in Taunton.

Jason now lives in Wiltshire and Ross in Australia.

Clergy Letters...

Dear All

January brought a very cold start to the year 2010. The branches of the trees outlined in frost and snow were stunning – even if walking on the pavements was treacherous. Someone remarked to me recently that, although virtually marooned at home, it was no bad thing after a busy Christmas season, as it gave them a chance to rest.

But at this time of the year do you find yourself hankering after Spring? I do! I can't wait to see the bulbs and the fresh green of emerging leaves signalling the passing of winter. Spring will see the ending of our "interregnum" and we look forward to a new beginning with the new Team Rector, the Reverend Simon Weeden, when he joins the Whitton Team in April.

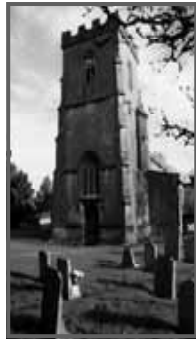
During this month of February, the church begins the 6 week journey towards Easter known as Lent. Traditionally it is a time for reflection and self discipline. There will be Lent groups in most of the villages for people to discuss the Christian faith on an informal basis. I like to think of it as a time of preparation or training. Lent is a season of repentance, and renewal, shaking off the old, and preparing to celebrate the most joyous festival in the Christian calendar – Easter - when the full glory of Christ's resurrection brings us fresh hope and joy.

This month also brings Valentine's day, a day for exchanging love messages. One Legend has it that this day has its origins in a Roman martyr who died for refusing to give up his faith in Christ. He left a note for the jailer's daughter who had become his friend – signing it "your Valentine". Whether or not that is true, love is in the air, as we already have 25 Weddings booked for this year. We always welcome enquiries from those who feel drawn to a Church Wedding and would like to explore it further. Occasionally couples renew their wedding vows as I did last year, in the church where my husband and I were married. It is, I believe, a lovely way to give thanks for the love and partnership received in marriage. and at the same time energising for the future we have together.

So February is a time for taking a look at ourselves and our relationships and asking ourselves what we need to do in the future to show our love for God and one another. Do we need to reaffirm our love for each other? Do we need to get rid of the old and start afresh?

J ackie H ollander

Licensed Lay Minister



What's Going On?

4 Feb	Outside School	Mobile Library visit - 10:50-11:40
7 Feb	Church	Family Service - Education Sunday - 09:30
8 Feb	Aldbourne Library Ramsbury Library	Local Police Surgery - 19:00 - 19:45 Local Police Surgery - 20:00 - 20:45
11 Feb	School Hall	WI talk on Swindon Parks - 19:30
14 Feb	Church	Holy Communion - 09:30
15 Feb	School	Building works start
15 Feb	BYPA Hall	Baydon Parish Council Meeting - 20:00
18 Feb	Outside School	Mobile Library visit - 10:50-11:40
21 Feb	Church	Morning Prayer - 09:30
22 Feb	School	Teacher Development Day - no pupils
26 Feb	School	RACE NIGHT - 19:30
28 Feb	Church	Holy Communion - 09:30
4 March	Outside School	Mobile Library visit - 10:50-11:40
5 March	Aldbourne	Help For Heroes Talk - 19:30
7 March	Church	Family Service - 09:30
14 March	Church	Mothering Sunday - Holy Communion - 09:30
17 March	School	Bags2School
21 March	Church	Morning Prayer - 09:30
23 March	Downsmead	Plastic & Cardboard Recycling - 08:00 - 10:30
28 March	Church	Palm Sunday - Holy Communion - 09:30
29 March	BYPA Hall	Baydon Parish Council Meeting - 20:00
4 April	Church	Easter Day - Holy Communion - 09:30
23 April	TBC	Parish Assembly Meeting

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And from Tony....

Attending an Orthodox church service whilst on holiday in Cyprus reminded me how uncomfortable it is to be faced with a situation where one doesn't know what's going on, understand what's being said or what one is supposed to do. This was emphasised as the congregation wasn't given any opportunity to participate in the service - no singing hymns, no responses - not even saying amen at the end of a prayer!

If a similar feeling about attending church is inhibiting you or your friends from exploring the Christian faith, there will be opportunity to do so through the House Groups that will meet during Lent to consider and discuss aspects of the Christian faith. Here, everybody can be open to say what they really think, to raise queries or to share experiences. They also offer the opportunity to make or deepen friendships.

In Lent 2010 we've chosen to follow this year's York Course entitled "When I survey ... Christ's cross and ours". According to the Bible, the death of Jesus is not the end of a track - it's the gateway into life. His crucifixion gives rise to many key themes which are explored in the course - the place of silence in a noisy world; despair and hope, a suffering world and the challenge of living as followers of Jesus when Christianity is no longer mainstream.

The course includes recorded contributions from Revd John Bell (Iona Community), General Sir Richard Dannatt (ex Chief of the General Staff) and Dr Christina Baxter (Principal of St John's Theological College, Nottingham). Dr David Hope (former Archbishop of York) introduces the course and Colin Morris (President of the Methodist Conference) provides the Closing Reflection at the end of each session.

We plan to arrange groups in each parish to meet five times during Lent (between Wednesday 17th February and Saturday 3rd April) which will be open to all denominations. Attendance at all five sessions isn't compulsory! If you'd like to offer your home, lead or join one of these groups, or would like further information, please contact Tony Eyles, 55a High St, Ramsbury on 01672 520789 email estony@estony.freeserve.co.uk OR the Team Office on 01672 520963.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year
Tony Eyles.



Baydon WI News

The W.I. Membury Fort Group Carol Service was held in St. Nicholas Church on Monday 7th December.

Members of the four Institutes, Aldbourne, Baydon, Chilton Foliat and Ramsbury, sang traditional carols accompanied on the keyboard by Moya Dickinson.

Poems and prose on the theme of 'Families - the distaff side' were read by Annette Jerran (Aldbourne); Christine Ralph and Pat Mapstone (Baydon); Marion Barber (Chilton Foliat); and Maureen Palmer and Rosalie Winter (Ramsbury). The Aldbourne W.I. Choir performed three musical items.

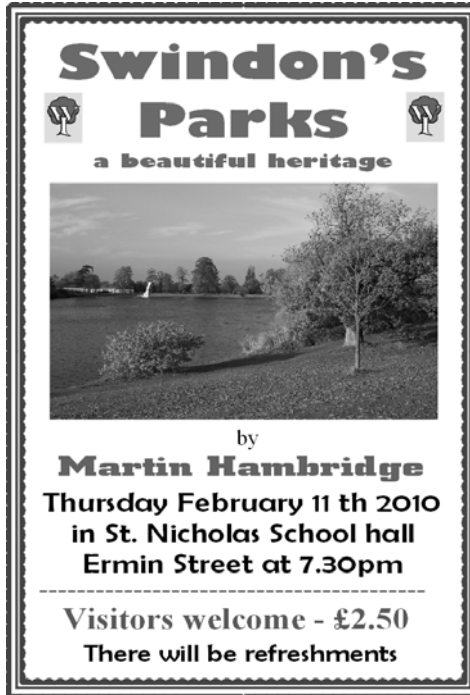
A total of £120 was collected and has been donated to the Thames-down Hydrotherapy Pool in Swindon.

The service ended with a closing message from Heather Athawes followed by mince pies and coffee.


Twelve members and two visitors enjoyed a fascinating and informative talk by Mr Derek Gale on Contemporary Social Photography at the W.I.'s December meeting. Mr Gale also showed some excellent examples of wedding and portrait photographs that he had taken in a power point presentation.

Unfortunately the January 2010 meeting was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.

On February 11th 2010 Mr Martin Hambridge will speak about Swindon's Parks, a beautiful heritage, at St Nicholas School Hall. Visitors are welcome (entrance £2.50) and there will be refreshments.



Swindon's Parks
a beautiful heritage



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Baydon St. Nicholas CE Primary School Report

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Prosperous New Year.

The start to 2010 in school has been somewhat frustrating with the snow creating huge disruption resulting in school having to close or only open between 10am and 2.30pm on certain days. However, we can now hopefully put the bad weather behind us and look forward to a very exciting year with our build commencing on 15th February.

Building work is envisaged to last until the end of August. I would ask everyone to please note that during the first few weeks of the build access to school will be via the pedestrian entrance on Finches Lane ONLY. The gates on Ermin Street will only be accessible to building contractors.

If anyone has any storage space that we could borrow to store some of our large PE equipment in during the build I would be delighted to hear from you.

Our fund raising efforts continue. Please look out for the Race Night posters around the village for the race night evening on February 26th. The FOBs are also organising another Bag2 School event in March so please start collecting.

Best wishes

Mr P N Chambers - Headteacher



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

Works on the school are due to start on 15th February. As Peter says, please use the entrance on Finches Lane once the works start.

The village has really come together to support this project - **HUGE** thanks to everyone!

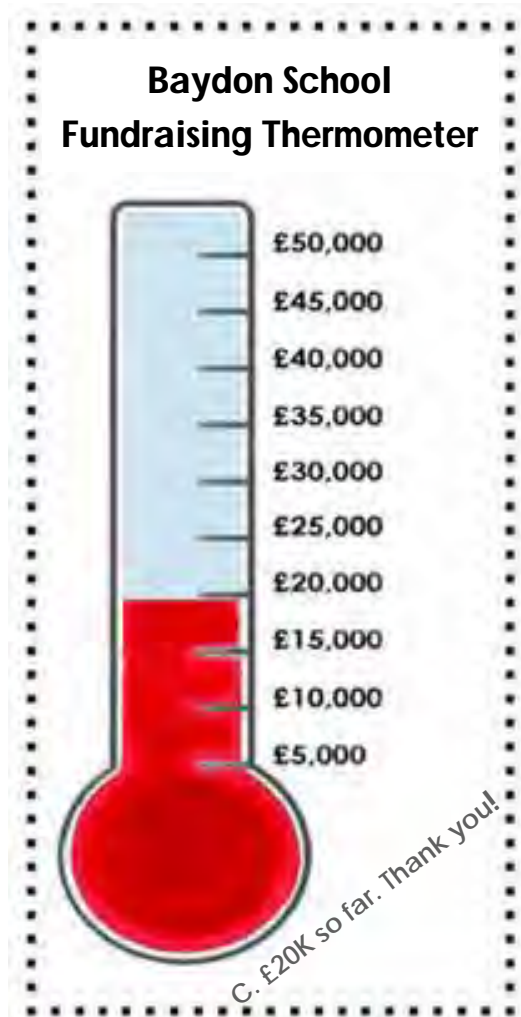
Please don't forget to register at easyfundraising.org.uk and do your shopping through the site. It won't cost you a penny more and it raises loads of money for the school. We've already made £400 through the site. Thank you!

Upcoming events are listed on next page - look out for another Car wash and a Painting Workshop coming soon.

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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.

Please can you help?

The school building work starts mid-February and is due to be completed by September. During this period we are looking for somewhere safe and dry to store our large PE equipment. If anyone has any storage space we could use during this time would you please contact the school on 01672 540554

Baydon St Nicholas School Fundraising Scheme - Events and Activities

Event	Date	Time	Where
Race Night	26 Feb	19:30	School

2010 Calendar of fundraising events isn't yet finalised but watch out for:

Summer fete	Summer	TBC	
Barn Dance	Summer	TBC	

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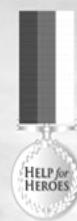
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Marlborough Rural N/East Neighbourhood Policing Team Newsletter

I would like to make everyone aware of our current running priorities for the area.

- Traffic related issues in Baydon -Parents dropping children off at Baydon Primary School are parking inconsiderately and causing an obstruction. This, combined with speeding vehicles in Ermin street directly outside the school, causes danger during school drop off and pick up times.
- Anti-Social Behaviour in Aldbourne specifically Westfield Chase and Whitley playing field areas.

These three priorities were set as a result of information received by the community during surgeries held in Ramsbury and Aldbourne libraries in 2009 and are managed by the Neighbourhood policing team at Marlborough and other local officers.

I would like to make everyone aware of upcoming police drop in surgeries which will be held in January 2010 by myself.

- Aldbourne Library Police Surgery – January 25th at 7pm till 7.45pm
- Ramsbury Library Police Surgery – January 25th at 8pm till 8.45pm.
- Aldbourne Library Police Surgery – February 8th at 7pm till 7.45pm
- Ramsbury Library Police Surgery – February 8th at 8pm till 8.45pm.

Please do come along to discuss any concerns you may have no matter how small you might think they are.

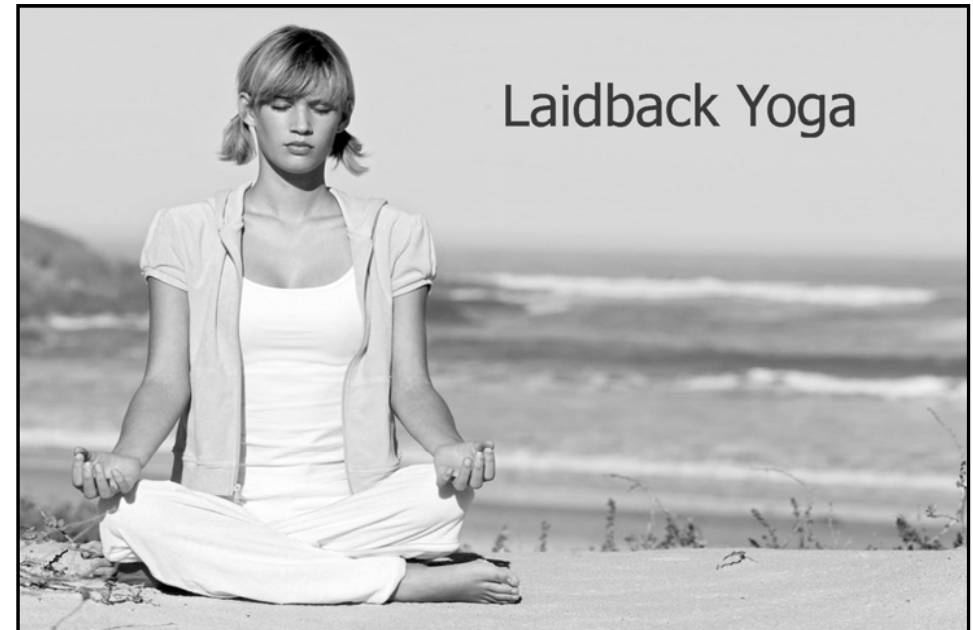
If you would like to be added to the email mailing list, or receive a hard copy please send me an email or leave a message on our NPT voicemail.

My email address is: jonathan.mills@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

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

(Your call will be recorded)

www.wiltshire.police.uk



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Or email: Knowles.baydon@btinternet.com

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Fancy delivering Scene in Baydon to all houses in Manor Lane, Walronds Close and the lane?

Once every 2 months

Call Brydgette on 540100

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PROPERTY MARKING

Every year police recover thousands of pounds worth of property from the hands of criminals. One of the biggest drawbacks in an investigation is trying to trace the owners of this property. Being able to trace the ownership of the property not only helps the owner to get the property back, but it can also provide evidence that is vital in securing convictions. There are several different ways of marking your property depending on the type of object you want to mark, and modern technology is introducing new and better systems all the time. Before marking any valuable items (those individually identified on your household insurance) check with your insurance company that they are happy for you to do so.

Property Marking Solutions

These solutions are a recent addition to property marking, and contain artificial DNA, UV, Micro dots, or a mixture of two or three of these elements. The clear solution is easily painted onto even small items of property, and the unique code is registered to you individually. Once dry the solution is only visible under UV light. When you have marked your property and registered your contact details on the company's database, this makes the property traceable and identifiable to you and only you.

Ultra Violet Pens

Quick, easy and cheap, marking your property with your postcode and house number with a UV pen is one of the most popular ways of making your property identifiable. However, it is not suitable for small items, such as jewellery, and has to be checked every 12 months as it can fade, especially if exposed to heat or sunshine.

Engraving/Etching

Property can be engraved by using scribing pens, ceramic marking pens or electric hand engravers. Etching applies a unique reference number to your property using a chemical solution and stencil. Both of these methods are permanent and visible and can be used to mark china, glass, bikes (except high performance aluminum frames), lawnmowers, engines and other heavy metal objects.

Stamping/Punching

Stamping your postcode on sturdier items with a hammer and a set of punches is a permanent way of marking them. This method is especially suitable for tack

MARKING YOUR PROPERTY MAKES IT TRACEABLE AND LESS ATTRACTIVE TO THIEVES

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

BAYDON YOUTH CLUB URGENTLY NEEDS YOU!

At the moment we are running without a full quota of staff we need two or more dedicated and enthusiastic people to join our team and support these great kids!

We meet on Fridays during term time between 6pm and 7.30pm at the BYPA Hall.

We are looking for someone (not necessarily a parent of school age children) who can commit to coming each week (although we aim to work on a rota basis) and fulfil some of the duties required. These include opening up, participating and organising activities and chatting in an informal way with the children.

We really hope you will be able to support this great community facility and look forward to hearing from you. **Please call Gordon on 01672 540129**

Youth Club relies on voluntary helpers so please do consider coming forward. **Thank you for your support.**



Aldbourn & 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 (Aldbourn) on 540206

Snowy Baydon in Pictures



The dog loved it!



Playing in four-wheel drive cars



Icicles



Winter sun sinking on the white fields



That's how you make snow angels!



(Nearly) virgin snow scene

Wilton Windmill AGM Update

The Annual General Meeting of the Wilton Windmill Society took place on Friday 5th December at the new and stunning Coronation Hall in East Grafton.

The Chairman's report highlighted many successes of the 2009 season, including news that in May this year, filming for the Christmas Special of BBC 2's Victorian Farm took place at the mill, which had to remain a secret until the transmission date was released. Ruth Goodman and Alex Langlands (who had been our guest at the Victorian Day) took part in the milling process, led by our own Peter Lemon! The windmill scenes were in the first episode on Friday 11th December on BBC2.



Flour sales, member numbers and visitor figures were up, as was revenue, so the Society is particularly well placed in the current financial climate, although, as always, there is plenty of maintenance required!

Attendees enjoyed a film of the various events that had taken place over the year as well as catching up with friends whilst enjoying delicious refreshments served up by the members.

We are always looking for more members and volunteers – if you are interested, please contact the Society Secretary, **Susie Brew by email** Susie.brew@hotmail.co.uk or on 01264 731404. www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk

Recycling

The plastic and cardboard recycling skip will be in Downsmead from 8 am to 10.30 am on 23 March 2010

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!

Aldbourn & 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

Parish Council Corner

The PC wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

A quick update:

The Traffic Calming Working Group is working hard to tackle speeding on Ermin Street. Baydon's concern has been accepted as a priority by the neighbourhood policing team. In order to increase awareness of the 30 mph limit new signs and village gates (like those in west Berkshire) will be installed. If awareness does not register then the now periodic radar speed checks will produce the well known consequences.

The Parish Field play area is progressing. A £10,000 grant has been awarded for year 2 (from April) of the Playbuilder scheme. The scheme requires that equipment includes "adventure risk" elements. A parents' Working Group is planned to make sure that preferred equipment, within practical layout and financial limits, is purchased.

Rowan Cockcroft will be co-ordinating the setting up of the Group and will be contacting parents who expressed an interest on the location leaflet and the PC will set out the terms for this group.



The next stages are to obtain draft quotations to enable a planning application to be lodged with Wiltshire Council and then apply for another grant so that equipment for the whole age range expressed at last year's Parish Assembly can be catered for.

This year's Parish Assembly will be held on 23 April. The venue will be advised nearer the time and will depend on progress with the school building work. All Baydon groups are invited to describe their year's activities at the meeting.

The skip will now be available at monthly intervals thanks to a request from the Parish Council. Dates are listed on the web site and in Scene.

After taking up residents' requests a grit bin was placed at the junction of Ermin Street/Manor Lane just before the snow arrived. It must be emphasised the grit is for road/pavement use – not house drives. Co-operation on this matter will enable roads to be made safer.

Occasionally a tricycle or bicycle made its somewhat laborious way, picking up many a vicious flint as it went. The right-of-way of the latter machine was often contested by the older inhabitants, who resented its silent approach and imperious bell-tinkling. It is reliably told how one old worthy, on being startled thus, swept his thick walking stick sideways to send an adventurous cyclist sprawling in the dust.

The cross-roads by the Village Green was, socially, an interesting place to be in. It was a vantage point at which to while away a summer evening - if you weren't at work - to watch the little world go by and observe the comings and goings at the pub, the school or the church.

It will be evident from the foregoing that the most used means of transport were the human legs. Baydon folks just walked!

They walked many miles each year, traversing the muddy or dusty roads and lanes, frequently using the many local bridle-ways and footpaths that afforded the shortest cuts.

The few who had the means rode around on horse-back farther afield and, of course, at a much faster rate. That this mode of transport had other advantages is borne out by the fact that a well-known worthy often relied on his mount to bring him back to the village after he had drunk strong liquor not wisely but too well.



Major transportation was carried out by various types of horse-drawn vehicles: gigs, traps, floats, carts, wagons and brakes. They carried both passengers and goods, averaging about 10 mph. When darkness fell two candle-lit lanterns, each in a socket on either side, strove pitifully to illumine the gloomy way. For believe it or not, street lighting came to Baydon only within the last decade*

But travel generally speaking, was only for those with the means and the time to spare. Few in Baydon had either. Small wonder that a cynic declared that rural England of those days was a 'Paradise for rich women, a purgatory for poor housewives and a hell for horses.'

** That is - in the 1960s*

Next Edition - dwellings

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

Even a visit to Swindon or Newbury, unless one had private transport, cost more than the majority could afford. A trip to Swindon necessitated a walk over Peak Hill to where the Lottage Road joined Ermin Street, there to await the Carrier - appropriately named Mr Waite. Similar walking and waiting about, in all winds and weathers, had to be endured in order to get to other local towns.

It can thus be readily understood why quite a large proportion of Baydon folk rarely left the village; some hardly ever during the whole of their lives; and so a somewhat independent spirit grew up within the Parish.



Ermin Street. Looking towards Swindon with the pub on the left beyond the carts

By modern standards, both roads and vehicles were antiquated in construction and design. Ermin Street and Aldbourne Road were little better than tracks made from compacted flints broken up with sledgehammers by men called 'stone-crackers'. They were rutted and muddy in winter and thick with dust in summer. It was with considerable difficulty that gigs, carts and wagons made their way along them; and indeed, a great event when a steam-roller from Ramsbury appeared, in an attempt to iron out their more pronounced irregularities. But traffic was light. The busiest times were when local farmers were hauling mangolds, hay and corn, or driving cattle and sheep either to market or pastures new. For in those days farm workers drove livestock by road all the way to Swindon and other centres. Children played scare-interrupted games in the roads, often plastered by animal droppings as well as mud or dust. Villagers hailed one another unconcernedly in the middle of the road, and dogs, cats, ducks and hens wandered at will.

Flooding after heavy rain or snow melt has been occurring in a dip near Stokes, Hanks, Dennis premises, creating a significant driving hazard. The blocked gully has been cleared and hopefully will avoid any repetition.

One last thing – dog mess is still a concern and worry for residents. Please do the proper thing when walking the dog! And please take your bags home and bin them. Thank you.

Next Parish Council Meetings are:

15 February at the BYPA Hall - 8pm

29 March at the BYPA hall - 8pm

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 for up-to-date village news & events, weather and features, Parish Council minutes & agendas



By Nathan - aged 7

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!



Wiltshire County Council's Waste Consultation

Your chance to have your say

Wiltshire Council is now responsible for collecting and disposing of household rubbish.

Before the unitary council came into being on April 1, 2009, rubbish was collected by the four former district councils and the then county council disposed of it. The move from five councils to one means the service is different across Wiltshire and needs to be standardised to ensure everyone has the same efficient, high quality service.



The council is facing tough recycling targets and the cost of landfill is due to double. Currently landfill costs are between £40 and £72 per ton - £4.4 million. This will go up to £8 million in three years. The amount going to landfill has been reduced 90,000 tons each year. A 40 per cent recycling rate has been achieved and the target is 45% recycling by 2015 and 50% by 2020.

Currently, the differing services, their costs and recycling rates are:

North - Household rubbish collected weekly, recycling fortnightly and fortnightly garden waste (charged) - average collection and disposal cost per property is £117.25. Recycling rate is 28%.

South - Household rubbish collected weekly, recycling (including plastic and cardboard) fortnightly and fortnightly garden waste (charged) - average collection and disposal cost per property is £136.06. Recycling rate is 35%.

East - Household rubbish collected fortnightly, recycling fortnightly and fortnightly garden waste (charged) - average collection and disposal cost per household is £97.97. Recycling rate is 45%.

West - Household rubbish collected fortnightly, recycling fortnightly and fortnightly garden waste (not charged) - average collection and disposal cost per household is £115.51. Recycling rate is 45%.

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

First a little about Jack:

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.

Jack retired from the Swindon Education Service in 1962, where he had done splendid work in the Adult and Youth Education field, giving much time and ability to development, especially of Youth Work, across the town.

He retired at sixty and, already keen on gardening, became very knowledgeable in horticulture, his advice often sought by individuals and the Parish Council. For many years he organised and ran the horticultural stall at the annual Garden Party (now Church and School fete). Both he and Mary were willing and happy participants in all aspects of village life.

Mary continued living in Baydon until her death a few years after Jack.

BAYDON CIRCA 1900 - A SERIAL HISTORY by the late R J NAISH JP

Undoubtedly the outstanding characteristics of life at the turn of the century, in a hill-top village like Baydon, was its comparative remoteness. Not that the village was cut off from surrounding population centres; it had regular supplies brought in by carriers, out-riders and other means. Newspapers, mail, medical and other services were available; except, of course, during those occasional winter periods when snow made approach roads impassable. Moreover, the local farmers, their wives and some of their men, went regularly to local markets. The more adventurous spirits attended fetes, flower shows and fairs during the summer and autumn. A few made infrequent visits further afield, travelling by rail from Lambourn, Swindon or Newbury. The fact remains, however, that the majority of Baydon folk stayed put. They had neither the means nor the time to travel.

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Valley Film Society



www.valleyfilmsociety.org

Season Five (2010)

Tues 2nd February The Road Home (U)

China (1999) 89 mins Stars: Matti Pellonpaa Dir: Yimou Zhang
Returning home to the funeral of his father and prompted by the grief of his mother, a city man recalls the magical story of how his parents met. "An unforgettable journey into the realm of the heart"

Tues 2nd March Murderball (15)

USA (2005) 85 mins Dir: Henry Alex Rubin & Dana Adam Shapiro
An inspiring film about paraplegics who play full-contact rugby in Mad Max-style wheelchairs - overcoming unimaginable obstacles to compete in the Athens Paralympics. "Not to be missed!"

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.

East Garston Village Hall • Doors & bar open at 7pm •
Screenings start at 7.30pm • Guests welcome • Food ordered on the door • For membership information contact Penny Brewer on 01488 72305 or Penny Locke on penny.locke@freeuk.com



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.

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

Please note that we do have a couple of alterations to the programme in the New Year. The **April** film will be Tuesday **6th** (not 5th as advertised in error) & we are moving the May film forward a week to **May 11th** as the Watermill Theatre have asked to use the hall in East Garston for their next travelling production.

The council wants to ensure everyone has the chance to comment on the proposals and to know the full facts and figures. All the options and costs are being publicised and people asked to let us know their preferred option.

The consultation starts at the end of January and runs until the end of April.

It includes:

- o Displays at area board meetings from February 2 to April.
- o Roadshows in Chippenham, Trowbridge, Devizes and Salisbury - dates tbc.
- o Feedback through Your Wiltshire magazine.
- o Online at www.recycleforwiltshire.com
- o Questionnaires at area board meetings, in libraries and council offices.



By Emma Waterer

The options are:

1. Household rubbish collected one week, recycling the next + garden waste charges
 - o Annual average cost per household - £123 (collection and disposal)
 - o Expect to recycle - 43%
2. Household rubbish collected one week, recycling the next + fortnightly collection of plastic bottles and cardboard + garden waste charges
 - o Annual average cost per household - £131 (collection and disposal)
 - o Expect to recycle - 44%
3. Household rubbish collected one week, recycling the next + fortnightly collection of plastic bottles and cardboard + weekly collection of food waste + garden waste charges
 - o Annual average cost per household - £148 (collection and disposal)
 - o Expect to recycle - 54%

And now for something really scrumptious

Juliet Keel from the fantastic Baydon WI has kindly proffered this recipe (which sounds absolutely delicious and I'm told is gorgeously moist but I can't make it because I'm on a diet). It's for:

Fruit Salad Cake

You'll need:

- * 175 g (6 oz) roughly chopped dried fruit salad mixture or make up mix of dried apples, apricots, prunes, pears etc
- * 250 ml (8 fl oz) hot tea
- * 225 (8 oz) wholemeal SR flour
- * 5 ml (1 tsp) grated nutmeg
- * 50 g (2 oz) dark muscovado sugar
- * 45 ml (3 tbs) skimmed milk
- * 45 ml (3 tbs) sunflower oil
- * Demerara sugar to sprinkle
- * Pinch salt



Method

1. Soak chopped dried fruit in hot tea for several hours or overnight; drain and reserve any liquid
2. Preheat oven to 180EC/350EF/Gas mark 4; grease a round 18 cm/7 in cake tin and line base with non-stick baking paper
3. Sift flour into bowl, stir in nutmeg, muscovado sugar, fruit, any remaining tea, oil and milk and mix well
4. Spoon mixture into prepared tin and sprinkle with demerara sugar. Bake for 50 - 55 minutes or until firm.
5. Turn out and cool on a wire rack

Thank You's!

Big Thank You to Sheila

A special, heartfelt thank you from Brydgette (and Mo too) to Sheila McCleery who has delivered Scene in Manor Lane for aeons and is now retiring!

Thank you so much for your help Sheila and continued thanks to all of the distribution and editorial team!

Brydgette

Many thanks to those who help keep our church looking bright and well cared for by cleaning the brass and arranging the flowers throughout the year.

If you would like to help with this work, please put your name on the list which is on the notice board inside the church.

For more information, contact Dorothy Newman on 540388

Dorothy Newman

Thanks!

I would like to say thank you to everyone who sent me get well cards and flowers during my stay in hospital. I really did appreciate it!

Thank you once again.

Phyllis Bishop

BAYDON THURSDAY CLUB

The club enjoyed a good Xmas lunch and a happy time together at the Village Inn in early December. Since then we have returned to hibernation !!

We hope to meet up for our first meeting on 21st Jan. Meanwhile a Happy New Year to all

Peggy S later

Pat & Kevin Barnes are off!

Pat & Kevin Barnes moved to Ermin Close 14 years ago and soon became active members of the community. Pat re-established the Brownie pack and Kevin became a parish councillor, and subsequently the chairman through a very difficult period. Kevin also re-instated the "Beating of the Bounds" in the Millennium year and latterly took on the British Legion Poppy Collection in the village. He also visited France with Denys Cook to document the burial grounds of the men from Baydon who died in the two World Wars (more information on this subject later, hopefully). The couple have made an impact on our village life and will be sadly missed when they move to their new home in Cyprus in February this year.

Best wishes to Pat & Kevin in their new venture! *B arbara F urber*

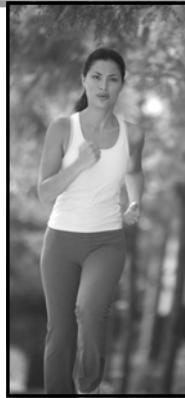
Run for it!

A Jogging Group has started in Baydon for anyone interested.

It's for all levels from complete beginners to Marathon distance. Meet at 8.30 am on Saturdays outside the Red Lion (now we've lost the evenings!)

Contact either myself, Heather Burch on 07796 300645 or Harriet Knowles 07767 895986. Or email:

hburch1@yahoo.co.uk



Netball



WANTED !!!

**Baydon Womens Netball Team.
All abilities & ages welcome.**

DATE: Thursdays @ 7.30 pm for 1 hr

WHERE: St Nicholas school when warm
Lambourn centre when cold !

STUFF: Fun is the key, Skills optional,
subs £2 a session. Call Kat on
540336 for more details.



B us to N ewbury

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).



B arbara F .

Mobile Library

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

- ⊗ **4 February**
- ⊗ **18 February**
- ⊗ **4 March**

10:50 - 11:40

Baydon Post Office

Post Office Opening Hours

Monday ~ Saturday - 09:00 ~ 13:00

Closed Sundays & Bank Holidays

The Post Office offers a range of services including: (but not limited to):

Bill Payment

Card Accounts

Home Insurance

HomePhone

Car Insurance

Foreign Currency

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Post Office Credit Card

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A full range of Postal Services

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Alliance & Leicester, Bank of Ireland, Barclays, Cahoot, Clydesdale Bank, The Co-operative Bank, Lloyds TSB, Nationwide & Smile.

&

Gift Vouchers for many of the UK's leading retailers.

Baydon Village Stores

Ermin St, Baydon. SN8 2JP . 01672 540266

Opening hours: Mon- Fri - 06:30-18:00

Saturday - 08:00-18:00

Sunday - 09:00-12:30

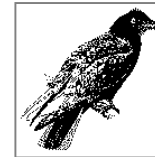
Bank Holidays - 09:00 - 12:30



- ⊗ We sell **local produce** wherever and whenever possible
- ⊗ We stock **fresh Fruit & Veg, Plants & Flowers, Free Range Eggs**
- ⊗ We bake **fresh organic bread** everyday (Bank Holidays to order only)
- ⊗ We have **Bread & Milk** delivered fresh, six days a week
- ⊗ We bake **hot pies and savouries** every weekday
- ⊗ We stock **Groceries, Chilled and Frozen foods, Soft Drinks, Fruit Juices, Beers, Wines & Spirits**
- ⊗ We are agents for **Swift Dry Cleaners**
- ⊗ We are a Newsagent supplying **National & Local, Daily & Weekly papers**
- ⊗ We carry a wide range of **Magazines**, if we don't carry what you want, we'll be happy to order it for you. Newspapers and Magazines can be reserved on a regular basis
- ⊗ 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!

Ramsbury & Wanborough Surgery Update

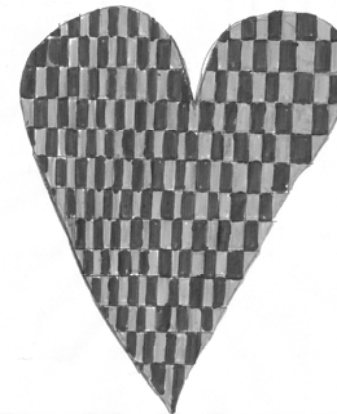
Ramsbury
Tel: 01672 521234



Wanborough
Tel: 01793 790527

Dr Wardley has resigned from the practice with effect from the 31st of January and as yet, no decision has been made with regards to a replacement

*Dr Owen-Jones & Partners
Ramsbury & Wanborough Surgery*



By Sam Austen

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

Bike Rides from Baydon

A new addition to Scene with oodles of thanks to Niall Cooling

Ride 03

Lambourn Loop

Distance: 26Km

Time: 1:30-2:00

This is a pleasant ride down into Lambourn and up onto the Lambourn Downs. There is a little more road time, but only navigating through Lambourn itself.

Start/Finish: Start as usual at the village green, heading off towards Russley Park over the motorway bridge.

- ⌘ Take the first right down towards Baydon Hole. Keep following this track past Baydon Hole and up a slight incline until you reach a bridleway crossroads.
- ⌘ At the crossroads take the right hand track which will bring you down past Baydon Mowers at Farncombe Farm.
- ⌘ Cross Baydon Road and carry on until the bridleway veers sharp right.
- ⌘ Instead of following the path around to the right you are looking for a bridleway with a gate on your left (don't take the straight-ahead option either). Follow the track along the field, with the trees to your right.
- ⌘ About ¾ of the way along you are looking for the bridleway to cross into the field on your right. The gate is easy to miss and if you reach the road you've missed it. Follow the bridleway until you reach the B4000. There is a track just down the road which you want to take. Cross the road with extreme care as the traffic comes around the bend far too quickly.
- ⌘ Follow the track until you pick up the bridleway and head down into Lambourn. The bridleway will join up with Greenways and take you past the school down to Edwards Hill.
- ⌘ Turn right into Edwards Hill and follow this down past Lambourn Sports Club (which turns into Bockhampton Road) until you reach the T-junction.
- ⌘ At the T-junction with Newbury Rd., turn right and then 1st left onto Long Hedge. The good news is that that's pretty much all the road work over with, the bad news is that Long Hedge is the longest climb of the ride.
- ⌘ Follow the track around until you are back on tarmac and come to the crossroads with Sheepdrove Rd. Turn right here and follow the bridleway, the bridleway does split here so keep to the left-hand track.

- ⌘ At the end of this track, turn left and follow the byway until you reach a barn.
- ⌘ At the barn take the track (this is tarmac'ed as well so nice and easy) that is effectively straight-on. This track will take you all the way to the B4001 Wantage Road.
- ⌘ At the B4001, turn left and follow the road for a short distance until you see byway to your right.
- ⌘ Take the byway and follow it to the bottom of the hill (this is probably the best downhill bit, very fast and not too rutted).
- ⌘ The byway will meet up with the seven-barrows road. Head straight on until road veers to the left. Don't continue on the road; instead carry straight on up the byway.
- ⌘ At Hangman's Stone the byway is crossed by another, make sure you keep going straight. This will bring you down into Upper Lambourn.
- ⌘ When you enter Upper Lambourn take a right (onto the High St.) and 1st left (mistake on map - the Malt Shovel PH isn't quite here). This will bring you up to the B4000 (Lynchets View). Cross straight over the B4000 and up the byway onto Row Down.
- ⌘ At the byway crossroads keep going straight.
- ⌘ This will then meet up with the Baydon Hole track. Take a right here and follow you nose back to Baydon.

