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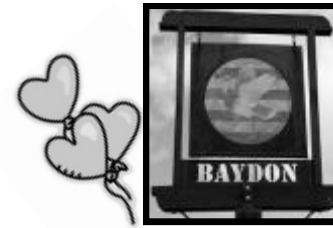


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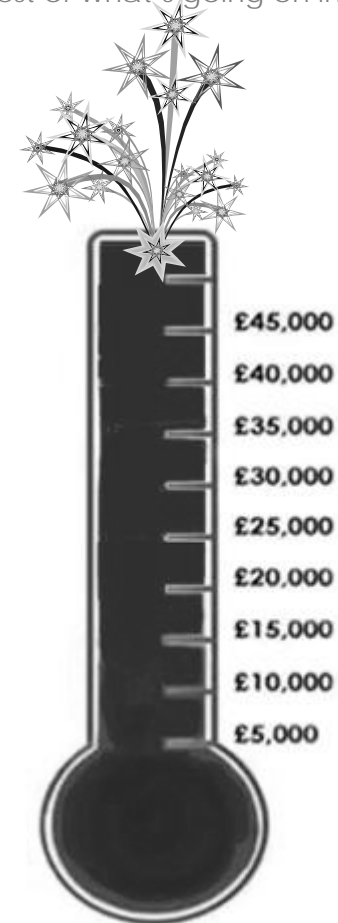
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Scene in Baydon

..a bi-monthly digest of what's going on in Baydon: February 2011



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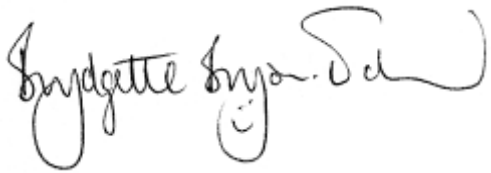
February was named after the Latin term *februum*, which means *purification*, via the purification ritual *Februa* held on February 15 in the old Roman calendar [Wikipedia again so beware my facts]. And 1st February is Ireland's St Brigid's Day - my saintly namesake. I can't say I can live up to her virtuousness - but I'll try harder! And then of course, we have St Valentine's Day on 14th and National Wear Red Day in aid of heart disease awareness.

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 (which, according to my sources, falls in late April this year), Spring, cutting the grass and generally sorting out the garden. Just keeping my fingers crossed that we don't get too much snow in between times. Happy Valentine's Day.

All the very best



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And now the answers to last month's brain teaser!

The Completely Crackers Crossword!

Apologies for the mess up with the completely crackers Christmas Crossword. It didn't appear to put many off - we had oodles of entries - both correct and incorrect! Thanks to everyone who had a bash (if it helps, my husband didn't manage to complete it all and he reckons he understands my bizarre brain).

And the big winner is... wait for it... wait for it...

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



- 6 February Family Service
- 13 February Holy Communion
- 20 February Morning Prayer
- 27 February Holy Communion
- 6 March Family Service
- 13 March Holy Communion
- 20 March Morning Prayer
- 27 March Holy Communion

All services are at 09.30am unless otherwise stated



Clergy letter...

Once we have got into the New Year, people begin to look ahead to the future. The prospects for this year do look rather gloomy; although success against the Australian cricket team in Australia does lift the spirits a little. Undoubtedly the economic and employment situation will be tough and many of us will be affected, either directly or through members of our families.

The Christian faith has a good deal to say about steadfastness and about hope. The pages of the Bible are littered with the cries of those who are displaced, facing economic hardship, political exile or family tragedy. What it reminds us is that, however difficult things are at present, these are often part of cycles. The writer of the book of Ecclesiastes (in words written 3,000 years ago) says: 'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.'

The words of Ecclesiastes are bleak but not without hope. In the Christian faith we have a confidence in God's love for the world he created and for a personal care for each one of us. If he sees the fall of the sparrow, observes Jesus, how much more does God notice and care for those who place their trust in him.

Yours in faith

Simon Weeden

Team Rector



What's Going On?

4 Feb	Red Lion Pub	Live Music - Scarlett - 21:00
6 Feb	Church	Family Service - 09:30
7 Feb	A' bourne Library	Police Surgery - 18:00
8 Feb	St John's School	Marlborough Area Board Meeting
10 Feb	School	Baydon Social Group Meeting - 19:30
13 Feb	Church	Holy Communion - 09:30
17 Feb	Cricket Field	Field closed for the day
17 Feb	Outside School	Mobile Library - 10:50 - 11:40
20 Feb	Church	Morning Prayer - 09:30
21 Feb	BYPA Hall	Baydon Parish Council Meeting - 20:00
22 Feb	Downsmead	Plastic & Cardboard Recycling - 09:00 - 11:30
26 Feb	Red Lion Pub	Live Music - Vicki Bee Bee - 21:00
27 Feb	Church	Holy Communion - 09:30
28 Feb	School	Teacher Development Day - no pupils
3 March	Outside School	Mobile Library - 10:50 - 11:40
6 March	Church	Family Service - 09:30
10 March	School	Baydon Social Group Meeting - 19:30
13 March	Church	Holy Communion - 09:30
17 March	Outside School	Mobile Library - 10:50 - 11:40
18 March	Red Lion Pub	Live Music - Street Corner Talking - 21:00
19 March	Swan Inn Wilton	Wilton Windmill Volunteer Recruitment - 10:30
20 March	Church	Morning Prayer - 09:30
27 March	Church	Holy Communion - 09:30
30 March	Downsmead	Plastic & Cardboard Recycling - 09:00 - 11:30
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4 April	BYPA Hall	Baydon Parish Council Meeting - 20:00

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Notre Dame des Bois

The Whitton Benefice is due to receive to a group from our French twinned parish from May 20th – 23rd. We shall probably need about six or eight homes to receiving host to welcome our guests. Please offer to the Team Office if this is something you are able to accept. A little French language might be an advantage, but by no means essential.

Alton Abbey Retreat



Last year's retreat at the Benedictine abbey was much appreciated. This year it will be the Bank Holiday weekend, August 26th – 28th, tea time on Friday till after lunch on Sunday. We are accepting bookings; Please contact either the Team Office or Canon Peter Ball

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St Michael's Church, Aldbourne on 7 May 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 2010 to come with his partner to entertain us with a concert of mixed music - opera arias, songs from the shows and duets.

Baydon School

'Built for the Future'

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

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to our fund raising, whether it was big or small.

Please see opposite an account of how we achieved our fantastic result and well within our time frame too.

Every contribution from carol singing to cupcake sale to small and to large donations has enabled us to reach our objective.

Many of you will have visited our School since the build was completed and you have been able to admire the magnificent result; larger brighter rooms equipped with up to date technology and an environment that will be of benefit to all.

The early winter frosts forced a delay in laying "The Path of Knowledge", our successful Brick Project, this will happen soon.

On behalf of the governors, staff and children we have a debt of gratitude to those who made it possible for us to establish a building for the future enabling the opportunity for educational excellence. First and foremost this is for the current and future School education but it is also there for the village community.

Special thanks to:

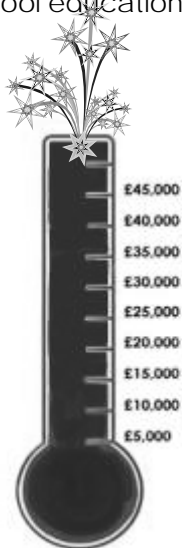
- Friends of Baydon School
- The staff and children
- Baydon Stores and P.O.
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To all many, many thanks.

Emid Johnson

Chairperson of the Fund Raising.



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PLEASE continue to support the Easyfundraising website.

Monies raised will continue to support our School.



Heads Up!

Baydon St. Nicholas CE Primary School Report

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

The lead up to Christmas was very exciting in school with our children performing excellent Christmas productions, enjoying watching a professional production of Jack and the Beanstalk in school, and having fun at the Christmas lunch and party, to which Father Christmas came.

Our new term has got off to a flying start with plans underway for our Years 5 and 6 children to enjoy a three day residential trip to Braeside Education & Conference Centre in February. Many of our KS1 children are participating in a 10 week swimming course at Marlborough leisure centre and our football and multi skills coaches will commence after school clubs starting at half term.

In class the children are enjoying looking at new topics including dinosaurs (Robins & Goldfinches), ponds, streams and life cycles (Kingfishers) and Home and Away comparisons (Eagles). We are also looking forward to celebrating Education Sunday on 6th February.

Yours with best wishes

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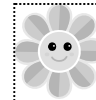


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1st Baydon Brownies has started to meet again after the Christmas break. We have a fun packed term planned for the girls. We are very pleased to be full to capacity.

If there is anyone willing to come forward to help as a Unit Helper (you do not need to take any qualifications for this, just come with enthusiasm), please contact Jayne or Wendy. You do not have to be able to make every week, but a regular commitment would be much appreciated. We meet on Wednesday evenings between 6.00 and 7.30pm, at the BYPA.



Run for it!

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




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The all new and sparkly..



In January 19 people met together and discussed the future of a Social Group. There were many suggestions regarding activities including outings, books evening walking Crafts, theatre trips, pub suppers, wine tasting, ten pin bowling and invited speakers, being just a few of the ideas brought forward.

It was decided that the group would meet every 2nd Thursday of the month usually in the Skylark Classroom of the School. The first meeting will be a cards & board games evening, where all are welcome to come along and join in the games or learn to play Bridge or Cribbage.

Membership is £12 per year and £1 per meeting attended or visitors welcome £3 per meeting.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided, but please feel free to bring along any other drinks you would prefer.

We are in the process of arranging future meetings but it is hoped that the programme for the year will include:-

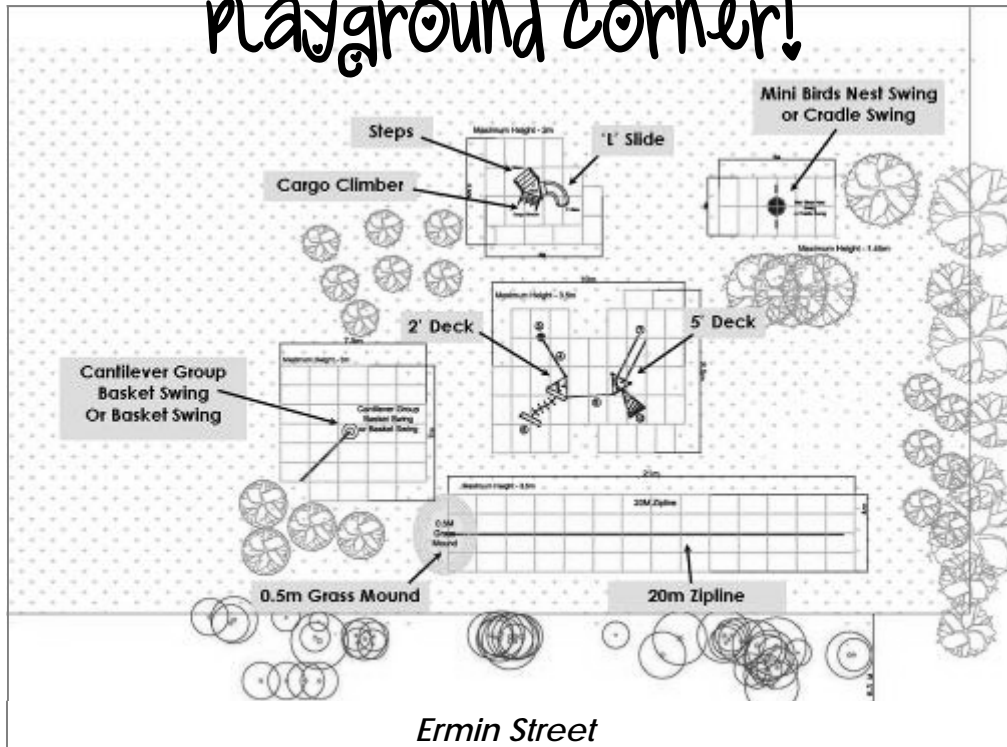
- Visit to Ramsbury Brewery followed by a pub supper
- Talk/ Demonstration by Ann Swan Botanical Artist
- Ten Pin Bowling
- Garden visit
- Wine tasting
- Strawberries & Wine event
- Crafts & chat evening
- Walking trip



If you would like to join in come along to one of the meetings, all are welcome. If you have any suggestions for events, or have any questions please contact Pat Rhodes on 540481 or patricia-rhodes@sky.com

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

Parish Council Corner Playground Corner!



- Phase 1 – *Adventure Risk* (8-13 year olds) , zip line and basket swing.
- Phase 2 – *Toddler Equipment*, mini tower and mini birds nest swing.
- Phase 3 – *Junior equipment* , multi unit.

Good News - Baydon Parish Council is pleased to announce that they were successful in their bid for £10,000 from the Big Lottery Fund. This means that all three phases of the Playground are now funded!

Phases one and two have been ordered and should be installed by the beginning of March 2011. Phase three is also ordered and we expect installation to be shortly behind the other two phases.

Over 70% of the total cost, (£34,761 ex VAT) has been found through external grants which is a great achievement in the current economic climate.

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Equipment with Deck - view 2

an idea of some of the play equipment ordered

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21 February at the BYPA Hall - 8 pm
4 April at the BYPA Hall - 8pm

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

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



PCSO Jonathan Mills
Marlborough
Rural East

Traffic Related - Baydon

Police patrols will still be carried out in this area due to the time of year and deterioration of the road conditions.

Consultations

Come along to the following locations to let us know your concerns:

Monday 7th February – 6pm to 6:45pm

Aldbourne Library – Police Surgery

Monday 7th February– 7pm to 7:45pm

Ramsbury Library – Police Surgery

The Police Station Enquiry Office is also open at Marlborough during the week.

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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Ramsbury & Wanborough Surgery Update

A new GP Partner Dr Rachel Lambert - has joined the surgery from the 1st of January this year. She has been working in the practice as a locum for the past 18 months.

The surgery is changing its clinical system and will be going live on the 1st of February. Could patients be aware that there may be teething problems at the beginning whilst everyone gets trained. Appointment durations may be slightly extended over the next few weeks to allow clinicians to get used to the new system.

Dr Rayner has taken over as Chair of the Practice Based Commissioning objective for the Kennet area and will attend all relevant meetings with regard to changes within general practice.

**Ramsbury
Tel: 01672 521234**

**Wanborough
Tel: 01793 790527**

For more information visit the website
www.ramsburyandwanboroughsurgery.com

Marlborough Area Board

Next meeting is:

Tuesday 8th February 2011

St John's School & Community College
Granham Hill, Marlborough, SN4 9RH



Chairman
Councillor Chris
Humphries

More news:

The 2011 census will be undertaken on 27 March by the Office of National Statistics

The publication 'Just a Minute' is a summary of the official minutes for the Marlborough Area Board.
Just A Minute is available in full on Baydon's Website. Copies of the full set of formal minutes are available from Kevin Fielding, kevin.fielding@wiltshire.gov.uk or 01249 706612.



Would you be able to volunteer some time to join a Baydon Community Speed Watch scheme (CSW). This would only need to take an hour or so of your time every few months

With the recent closure of the Wiltshire Safety Camera Partnership, Baydon no longer has the police speed camera van visits. However Wiltshire Police and Wiltshire Council are happy to introduce a Community Speed Watch scheme here in Baydon if a sufficient number of volunteers can be found in the village to join our Baydon CSW Team

- CSW is not about spying or snooping on neighbours, it is about taking positive action on the ground working in partnership with the police, helping to improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in the village of Baydon. See this website for further details :- <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community-speedwatch.pdf>
- We have our Baydon primary school and will soon have a village play area both next to Ermin Street along which 78% of vehicles are going over 30mph (source - Wiltshire police metrocount Summer 2010). Fact:- 80% of children hit by a car travelling at 40mph will die, 80% of children hit by a car at 30mph will live
- Speeding traffic and road safety in the village was by far the biggest local concern and the main priority to address highlighted by the detailed Baydon Village Plan



If you are able to volunteer to join a Baydon Community Speed Watch team, please let us know by:-

- Returning this form to Debbie in the Baydon Village Stores after completing the following details : Name
Address
and Contact details (phone/e-mail) or
- Sending your details via an e-mail to CSW@baydon.org or
- Registering your interest online on the Baydon website (ie www.baydon.org)

If you would like to discuss this further before volunteering using any of the above three methods, please contact Bryan Harber on Tel. 541267

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

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Bus to Newbury

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

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

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

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

Barbara F.



Mobile Library

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

☉ 17 February 3 March 17 March 30 March
10:50 - 11:40

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 Friday 25th February, MARLBOROUGH 0845-1015
 Friday 11th March, TIDWORTH 1530-1730
 Friday 25th March, DEVIZES 1000-1200
 Friday 8th April, PEWSEY 1000-1200
 Friday 22nd April, BULFORD 1000-1200

To make an appointment, please phone (01672) 512675, or write to Claire at The House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA - office@devizesconservatives.org.uk

For more information go to Claire's website at <http://claireperry.org.uk>



Valley Film Society

Season Six (2010/11)

www.valleyfilmsociety.org



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 bittersweet 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: Stephen Elliot Stars: Colin Firth, Kristen Scott-Thomson
 When young Englishman John Whitaker brings his new American bride home to meet his parents, marital bliss descends into bedlam in this stylish remake of Noel Coward's 1920s classic.

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 pennyandbob.brewer@iscall.co.uk



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Warm welcome, tiered seating & wide screen but bring a cushion for extra comfort if you wish. Social club bar open and the option to order a Hippy Chippy supper (last orders 7.20 pm latest) to be delivered in the interval.
 New members are very welcome and can join for Season Six on the evening.
 Full membership: £27; concessions (unwaged): £18. Guest entrance: £5.
 For more details please ring Penny Brewer 01488 72305, email penny.jocke@freeuk.com or log in to www.valleyfilmsociety.org

Baydon Post Office

Post Office Opening Hours
 Monday - Saturday - 09:00 - 13:00
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The Post Office offers a range of services including (but not limited to):

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Film Day

Saturday 5th March 2011

4pm **How to Train Your Dragon (PG)** (2010 USA) 98 min animation Directors: Dean DeBlois, Chris Sanders
 A hapless young Viking, Hiccup, who aspires to hunt dragons becomes the unlikely friend of a young dragon himself, and learns there may be more to the creatures than he assumed.
 Free to accompanied children.

7pm **Made in Dagenham (15)** (2010 UK) 113 mins. Director: Nigel Cole. Stars: Sally Hawkins, Bob Hoskins and Andrea Riseborough
 A dramatization of the 1968 strike at the Ford Dagenham car plant, where female workers walked out in protest against sexual discrimination.
 Members free. NB 7pm start. Guests £5 for film. Post-screening meal available by advance booking.
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RED LION



Well Happy New Year from all at The Red Lion. It already seems that Christmas has been forgotten and that everyone is looking forward to the Summer, but there is lots to look forward to in the up and coming months.

So what have we got in store for you in Feb/Mar.... Well the most important item for your diary is Friday 4th Feb - my Birthday Party, we have live music from 9pm with Scarlett along with lots of dancing. Then

- ★ 9th Feb - Quiz from 8pm Cash Prize
- ★ 11-14th Feb - Don't forget to book you candle light table for St Valentines Day
- ★ 23rd Feb - Quiz from 8pm Cash Prize
- ★ 26th Feb - Live Music from 9pm with the return of Vicky Bee Bee
- ★ 8th Mar - Shrove Tuesday - pop into sample one of Sam's Delicious pancakes
- ★ 9th Mar - Quiz from 8pm Cash Prize
- ★ 18th Mar - Live music from 9pm with the return of Street Corner Talking
- ★ 25th Mar - Quiz from 8pm Cash Prize

Don't forget our weekly food offers, meat raffle and bonus ball game pop in to find out more!

Keep your eyes posted for any last minute deals we decide on.

One last thing - we value all your support and custom over the last 8 months and for those of you who have yet to pop in we would love to meet you!

Watch out for the next scene for details of Mothers Day, Easter and our 1 Year anniversary!

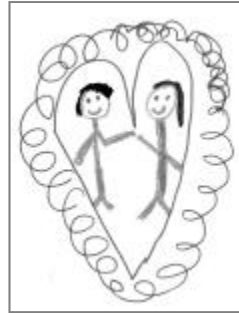
Sam & Clair

Royal Wedding Celebrations Volunteers needed!

Baydon is going to have a knees-up to celebrate William and Kate's nuptials in April.

We need a team of folk to come up with ideas, help plan and execute the fun.

Call Brydgette on 540100 if you'd like to help in any way at all - to help to plan or to donate time, space or ideas or just to help on the day.



By Oliver Aged 10

Wilton Windmill Volunteer Recruitment Day Saturday 19th March

We convene at [The Swan Inn in Wilton](#) at 10.30am for coffee and then walk or drive up to the Windmill to learn about the various disciplines.



This is open to anyone who would like to be a miller, help in the shop, do guiding or help at events. If you are already a lapsed Windmill volunteer, then you are more than welcome to use this as a refresher.

Places are limited! If you are interested in coming to the Volunteer Day, you can register or find out more information by contacting susie.brew@hotmail.co.uk

Having a clear out? Bags 2 School returns on Friday 25th March

Please donate any unwanted adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains and bedding.

Please leave any bags outside Baydon Post Office by 9.00am

Many thanks for all of your help

Friends of Baydon School

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 5 yrs from 2009.

And welcome to Baydon!



During dry spells the situation became desperate for local people. Wells lost their levels and ponds and storage tanks petered out.

The village pump was sited by the roadside in front of the school; pumping and dipping were both laborious and unproductive at times. Four other wells supplied the village, by the grace of their owners. These were at East Leaze, Field Barn, Bailey Hill and Manor Farm - this last reputed to be very deep. There was also a very large storage tank sunk in a hollow beside the bridle track at Greenhill.



Water pump

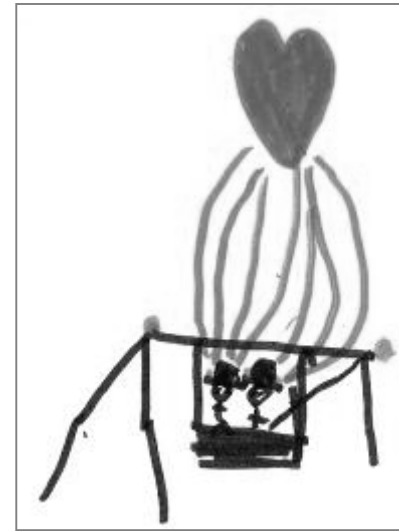
Every house and farm had tanks to catch the precious rain-water from roofs. St Nicholas' Church tower was even used as a catchment area. A pipe, leading down, ran under the Churchyard to a sunken tank, where the cattle trough is now. The villagers often referred to this as 'Holy-water', and some say that, despite the many interments, no digging has since uncovered the undisputed water-pipe.

Farm ponds, as long as supplies lasted, were used by humans as well as cattle. There were about twelve of these around the parish. One native resident recalls how his mother used to send him out to a pond to collect water. On many occasions he had to skim away the green slime before obtaining a meagre supply.

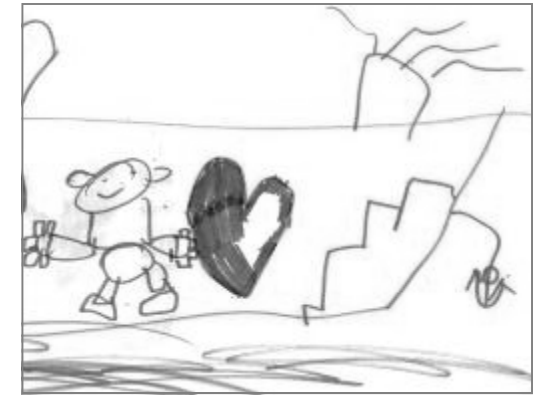
Next Edition - Villages Help Out, Welfare and Transport

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.



By Nathan Aged 8

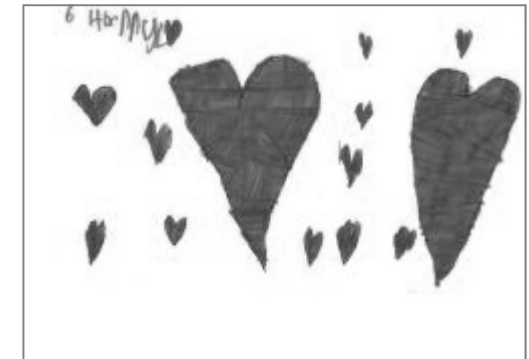


By Henry Davis aged 6

Village Artists



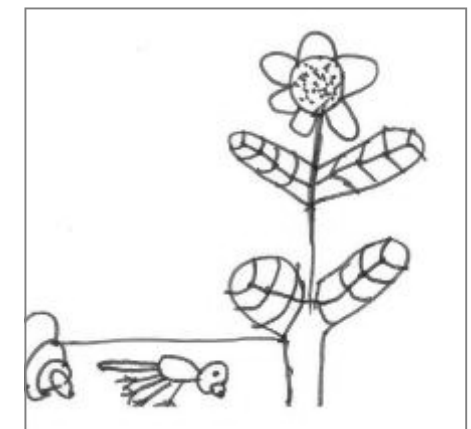
By Caitlin Elliot-Sopp aged 8



By Harry



By Anna Colling Aged 8½



By Jack D

And now for something really scrumptious!

Penny Stephens has supplied this very timely and romantic recipe to Scene this month. Thanks v much Penny - yummy! **If you have a recipe you'd like to share - send it to me at brydgette@email.com or 5 Manor Lane, Baydon or to the shop.**

Sweetheart Biccies



You'll need:

1 medium egg	2-3 drops vanilla extract
75g (3 oz) caster sugar	100g (4 oz) butter or marg
200g (7 oz) Plain Flour	Pinch salt
50g (2 oz) polenta or semolina	
To decorate: 250g (9 oz) Icing sugar	Pink food colouring

Makes about 30 and they can be frozen

Method

1. Position the oven shelves towards the top of the oven & pre-heat to 200 degrees (180 fan ovens - Gas mark 6). Lightly grease 2 baking trays
2. Beat the egg, vanilla and sugar together with a wooden spoon
3. Put the butter into another mixing bowl with 150g flour and salt. Beat with a wooden spoon until smooth and creamy. Gradually beat the egg and sugar mixture in. Add the rest of the flour and the polenta/semolina and mix to make a smooth dough
4. Turn out onto a lightly floured worktop and roll out until 5mm thick. Cut with heart shaped cutter and pop onto baking trays.
5. Bake for 16-18 mins until golden brown. Cool for a few mins on the trays then transfer to wire rack to cool
6. Make icing up with a little water and 1-2 drops of food colouring and decorate. Add sparkles and edible flowers etc!
7. Mooch up together and savour!

Several annual occasions were especially looked forward to. Baydon Fair was held every summer, in the field opposite the School, where the Council houses are now. It lasted a week and Messrs Edwards and Jennings provided the usual roundabouts, swing-boats, stalls etc.



Dancing at the Fair

Baydon Flower Show was held in Upper Barn Meadow. In addition to the normal activities of such functions, an evening sports programme was arranged - superintended by the redoubtable Fred Lawrence - and a welcome feature was the presence of the Aldbourne Band. Other diversions, dear to the hearts of those young and active enough to make the journeys, were the Marlborough Mops, Aldbourne Feasts and the fairs held in every town or village. Several villagers, happily still with us, remember walking long distances to enjoy the excitements of these occasions.

One other diversion of those days is of sufficient importance to merit mention: - poaching. There were rich 'pickings' of rabbits, hares and game for those who were daring, skilful and unscrupulous enough to make their secret forays. Cut logs were a temptation too. A story is told of a local farmer, suffering unduly from thefts from his log pile, determined to lay the thief, so he plugged a twelve-bore cartridge into one log and left it in an inviting position in the pile. The next week a suspected local poacher, who could never be caught in the act, had his fireplace shattered.

Not one of the main services that we take so much for granted today came to Baydon until well after the first World War. Gas came to the village in the 1920's; water and electricity in the 1930's; drainage in the late 1950's and street lighting in the 1960's.

By far the most important domestic problem was the supply of water. At an altitude of around 800 feet, and without a single water course the size of a large brook, Baydon was literally high and dry for varying periods of the year.

BAYDON CIRCA 1900 - A SERIAL HISTORY

by the late R J NAISH JP

Episode 7 - Pastimes and Essential Services

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.

Household chores, as has been noted, were very time consuming. Men had to patch shoes, cultivate gardens and rear pigs and poultry to eke out the family budget. With no mains services of water, gas, electricity or drainage available, women were tremendously hard worked. Washing, heating and lighting took much time. Water had to be collected from well or pump, wood collected from copse or hedgerow, and oil lamps needed trimming and filling every night. Sometimes dried cow-dung was collected for burning.

But Sundays, for the majority of families, were days of rest when, if you were respectable, you dressed in 'Sunday best' and sat sedately in the sitting-room - seldom used on any other day of the week - between Church services and Sunday School. The 'Sunday Companion' and similar publications were the only approved literature, apart from the Bible.



Children playing marbles

On weekdays, children played various games that have long since been discontinued. Many of these were simple diversions dependent upon home-made equipment such as rag balls, sticks and the like. 'Burn-ball', a kind of rounders, was played on the Village Green; 'Erki', a type of hide-and-seek included manipulations with a tin; 'Kiver' needed a tin in a circle marked out in the mud or dust in the road; 'Tip-cat' was played with a stick used to smite a small wooden bit, pointed at both ends, after the latter had been jumped into the air by a sharp tap. Marbles, hoop-bowling, hop-scotch, skittles and the usual make-believe games involving acting and dressing up were also played.

Cricket Field Closed - Dates

The Cricket Field will be Closed for Access
on Thursday 17th February & Thursday 14th April

by order of the owner Mr Jonathan Smith

Ankle deep in beer cans!

For several months now I have had to pick up beer cans that are scattered along Manor Lane, almost on a daily basis.

I have collected as many as 8 cans of various brands (plus the plastic holders) in one day.

Please can I ask that the person/persons responsible take their litter home and place them in the recycling bin?!

If I, and other responsible residents, stopped picking up these cans we would surely be "ankle deep" in beer cans before the end of the year.

Thank you in anticipation.

Barbara Furber

Thanks and Help Needed!

Many thanks to the ladies who very kindly clean the brass and supply and arrange the flowers in St Nicholas Church throughout the year and for the special festivals.

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

For further information, contact Dorothy Newman on 540388

Recycling

**The plastic & cardboard recycling skip will be in
Downsmead from 9am to 11.30am -22 Feb & 30 March**

Recycling in the pub car park

**Please 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.**

Focus On..

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

Love Scene - A special Valentine Story



You thought that Scene was just a bi-monthly publication that gives you events and happenings, allows you to advertise your business locally and keeps you a bit up-to-date with what's going on in Baydon.

You'd be wrong. It's much more than that! Scene can start romances too.

Take Jo Wheeler and Dennis Simmons. Jo runs 'We Love Pets' looking after animals for a living here in Baydon and when she started advertising in Scene, she was the answer to Dennis' prayers (on more than one level it transpired).

He needed someone to look after his German Shepherd puppy, Ruby whilst he was busy controlling pests (this isn't a hobby - its what he does as a business) so in January 2009 he called her.

They started to walk their dogs together (Jo also has a German Shepherd called Megan who is eight) and Ruby and Megan and Jo and Dennis found firm friendships.



Megan & Ruby

In August 2009, Jo and Dennis' friendship blossomed and they became more than friends. And now they're planning to get married sometime in 2012 (if they can find time in their busy schedules).



Dennis & Jo

Jo (32) - originally from Reading - and Dennis (40) from Henley obviously love animals - Jo also has a cat named Monty who believes he's a dog. And Dennis has a trained Harris hawk which he uses in his pest control business.



They love to hike and walk the dogs, travel and experiment at cooking - sometimes with good results! But they have opposing tastes in music - Jo is a bit of a rock chick - preferring the Rolling Stones to Dennis' Rossini but when they marry or get more animals, they'll have to move to a larger house (they want to stay in Baydon) and perhaps they can have separate music rooms?

According to Jo, Dennis has a really tough exterior but cries at films like 'Love Actually', and can often be found cuddling the kitten and talking to him in a silly voice! And when they first got together, he planned a treasure hunt for her, the clues were all over Baydon (one was even at the post office) and it led to a prize of a lovely bracelet, Jo says, "it took a few hours and was very sweet!"

So, the lesson here is - this Valentine's Day, if you're lovelorn and lost, get out your Scene in Baydon and see what you can find. You never know, it could be the start of something special!



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