



Maya, Kiran and William enjoy the zipline



Charles & Brandon see how far the big swing will go whilst (below) Sophie and Lucy try the small swing







...a bi-monthly digest of what's going on in Baydon: June 11



Baydon Children Welcome the New Playground (well most of them!) More pics inside and on the website

Visit www.baydon.org for up-to-date village news, events, weather and features

## More pics of the new playground



Lucy, Sophie and Olivia try the big swing





William and Thomas see how far they can push the big swing



Harvey monkeys about



Olivia and Sophie love the slide



Olivia enjoying the small climber



Emma, Martha, Oliver & Thomas on the big swing

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Kiran gives the playground the thumbs up



Busy Baydon Children!

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#### Hello All

Happy Summer! And happy new playground - it's fab - the children I snapped were so thrilled with it. Whatever their age! Well done to the PC and everyone else who helped out! Pitch up for the official opening on 25 June (11 am) and check it out for yourself. And don't miss the Church and School Summer Fete this year - I intend to help out behind the barbeque again. So arrive hungry!

June is known for the large number of marriages that occur over the course of the month. According to some, June is named after Juno (Hera). Juno was the goddess of marriage and looked after a married couple's household, so some consider it good luck to be married in this month. I was married in May - when you're supposed to 'rue the day' (apparently because it was traditionally a time for celebrations which included outdoor orgies and was, therefore considered an unsuitable time to start married life!) I've yet to rue the day but there's still time! The things you learn from the oracle that is Scene in Baydon!

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 August ready for sun, barbeque's, long, hot summer evenings and the inevitable wet bank holiday!

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5 June

St Nícholas' Church - Baydon CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE & JULY

Family Communion



|         | -              |
|---------|----------------|
| 12 June | Holy Communion |
| 19 June | Morning Prayer |
| 26 June | Holy Communion |
| 3 July  | Family Service |
| 10 July | Holy Communion |
| 17 July | Morning Prayer |

24 July Holy Communion

31 July Team Service at Chilton Foliat - **10:00** 

All services are at 09.30 am unless otherwise stated

What's Going On?

| 4 June  | Woodhay Gardens   | Baydon Social Group trip - Call 540481        |
|---------|-------------------|---|
| 5 June  | Merchant's House  | Marlborough Open Gardens - 14:00              |
| 9 June  | Outside School    | Mobile Library - 10:50 - 11:40                |
| 9 June  | School            | Baydon Social Group Craft evening             |
| 15 June | Red Lion Pub      | Quiz Night - 20:00                            |
| 17 June | Red Lion Pub      | Live Music - Andy Margaret                    |
| 18 June | School & Paddock  | Church & School Summer Fete - 13:00           |
| 19 June | Wilton Windmill   | Artist Day - see page 18                      |
| 20 June | School            | Teacher Development Day - no pupils           |
| 21 June | Downsmead         | Plastic & Cardboard Recycling - 09:00 - 11:30 |
| 21 June | Aldbourne School  | Marlborough Area Board Meeting - 18:30        |
| 23 June | Outside School    | Mobile Library - 10:50 - 11:40                |
| 25 June | New Playground    | Official Opening of Playground - 11:00        |
| 27 June | BYPA Hall         | Baydon Parish Council Meeting - 20:00         |
| 29 June | Red Lion Pub      | Quiz Night - 20:00                            |
| 2 July  | Marlborough       | Claire Perry MP local Surgery                 |
| 7 July  | Outside School    | Mobile Library - 10:50 - 11:40                |
| 8 July  | Red Lion Pub      | Live Music - Greg Winters                     |
| 12 July | Downsmead         | Plastic & Cardboard Recycling - 09:00 - 11:30 |
| 13 July | Red Lion Pub      | Quiz Night - 20:00                            |
| 15 July | School            | Quiz Evening for Chruch Roof Fund - Time TBC  |
| 21 July | Outside School    | Mobile Library - 10:50 - 11:40                |
| 23 July | Red Lion Pub      | Live Music - Scully                           |
| 24 July | M'borough College | Merchant's Summer Lunch - 12 pm               |
| 25 July | BYPA Hall         | Baydon Parish Council Meeting - 20:00         |
| 31 July | Uffington Church  | Avebury Vocal Ensemble Summer Concert - 19:30 |
|         |                   |   |

For more information go to www.baydon.org, see this or previous copies of Scene in Baydon or call the relevant contact (see inside back cover)

### And now this month's brain teaser!

# The Really Quite Hard Quiz!

- There's one sport in which neither the spectators nor the partici-1. pants know the score or the leader until the contest ends. What is it?
- Who was the son of Mary Arden? 2.
- 3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
- Why was the novel 'Fahrenheit 451' by Ray Bradbury so named? 4.
- 5. What is the only professional sport in which the ball is always in the possession of the team on defence, and the offensive team can score without touching the ball?
- It's the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, 6. processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh. What is it?
- Only three words in standard English begin with the letters "dw." 7. They are all common. Name two of them.
- What did Sherlock Holmes keep in the toe of a Persian slipper? 8.
- Name six or more things that you can wear on your feet, that 9. begin with the letter "s."
- 10. There are fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name half of them?
- According to Shakespeare who stabbed Caesar first? 11.
- At noon and midnight the hour and minute hands are exactly 12. coincident with each other. How many other times between noon and midnight do the hour and minute hands cross?
- What fruit has its seeds on the outside? 13.
- You can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. 14. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
- What famous North American landmark is constantly moving 15. backward?

Answers in the next edition

Clergy letter...

I've been watching with some interest the launch of the Action for Happiness movement reported by the BBC on 12<sup>th</sup> April.

I quote what the movement says in the BBC article, 'Despite massive material progress, people in Britain



and the US are no happier than they were 50 years ago, while there are many societies in which people are much happier than in Britain.' They reject a societal focus on materialism and self-obsessed individualism and prioritise healthy relationships and meaningful activities as a means to happier living.

It professes to have no commercial, political or religious affiliations, (except for the support of the Dalai Lama). It gives 'advice for happier living, such as to do things for others; keep learning things; be comfortable with who you are; and connect with people.' I suppose most of us can go along with those objectives but as a Christian I would like to add one or two things that Christians find helpful.

Firstly, it's very important to find some time in the day just 'to be'. This may be a time of reflection or prayer or just a time of quiet peace away from the pressures of life. We try to count our blessings, bring others to God in prayer, examine the things we regret and seek help in times of pressure, trouble, sorrow or distress of any kind. Sometimes we have no words at all but just drink in peace and try to form positive attitudes to things that are distressing us. It's remarkable in this time how we suddenly realise where we are being unreasonable. We ask for guidance that we may reflect God's will and not just our own and we seek his forgiveness and help.

I applaud any initiative to make people happier and pray that God will bless the efforts of all who try to help others.

Rev'd Joan Prout

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Columbus 7 The Nile 15.

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edition's quiz - The Discovery Quiz 2. Smallpox 3. The Americas 4. Van Vostok 1 11. Arabia 12. Dutch 13. U

Answers to last e 1. James Cook 2. Good Hope 10. V Conquistadors

Unknown

## **Heads Up!** Baydon St. Nicholas CE Primary School Report

School has been extremely busy since our Easter break. We participated in a hugely enjoyable school "Royal Wedding". The sun shone, staff and children together with members of the community dressed up in clothes fit for a royal wedding, a lovely wedding service was conducted in church by Rev. Joan Prout, and we finished our celebrations with fun and food in our decorated playground. Our youngest children took on the roles of Prince William and Kate Middleton and our oldest children, the Royal Family.



Our Kingfisher's children had a wonderful time visiting Highclere castle to see the Egyptian

Exhibition which incorporated viewing Egyptian antiquities, following the path to discovery of Tutankhamun's Tomb and the experience of discovering the tomb together with the wonderful treasure within it.

Our Mini Lifesavers First Aid and Archery clubs have now commenced to complement the range of extra curriculum activities our children already enjoy including football, multiskills swimming and chess. We are also pleased that our Skipathon raised over £1,000 for the British Heart foundation and provided us with some fantastic skipping ropes and sports equipment.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May we enjoyed fun and dancing at the school disco and are now looking forward to the church and school fete on  $18^{th}$  June 2011.

We now have Tesco Schools and Clubs Equipment and Sainsbury Active Kids voucher boxes in reception so please look out for them when you shop and bring them into school. May we also remind you that we also collect old mobile phones, box top tokens and small inkjet cartridges which help in a small way with our fundraising.

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Yours with best wishes

Mr & N Chambers





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## St. Nicholas Church Roof - ALERT!

The Baydon St. Nicholas church roof is badly leaking and needs urgent repair.

Throughout rainy periods buckets have to be put out in the church to catch the drips! It is hoped to mend the roof this summer before the bad weather starts in the winter but we need help to raise the £20,000 required. Baydon Parochial Church Council, (PCC) have made a start and our recent concert raised over £1700 towards the total but we need your continued support.

A letter explaining the problem will be popping through your letterbox in the next month.

Please look out for our fundraising activities coming to Baydon throughout the coming months – starting with the ever popular:

Quiz Evening in the School Hall

## Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> July.

If you feel you can help with fundraising or want to know more details please contact the PCC .

Baydon PCC - church@baydon.org

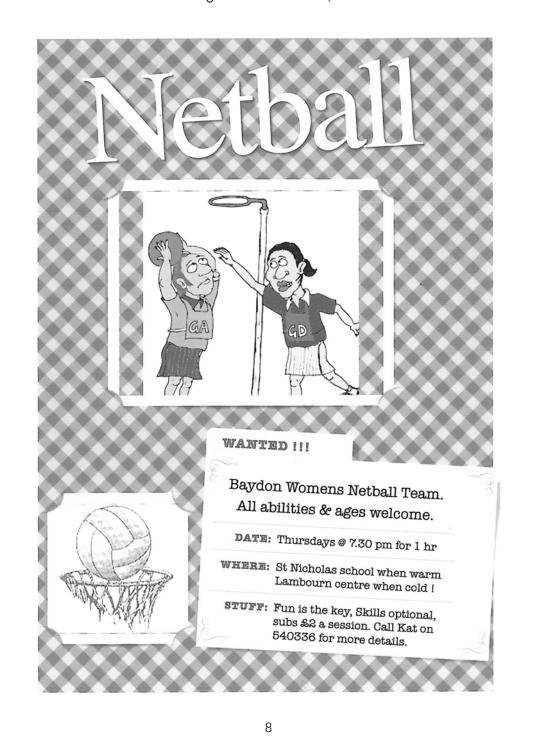
# Run for ít!

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: <u>hburch1@yahoo.co.uk</u>





## The all new and sparkly..



The Social Group is thriving with more people joining each month. Hopefully this will continue.

In April the group had a visit to Ramsbury Brewery, a fascinating visit with plenty of beer for those who wanted it, and finishing at the Crown and Anchor. An enjoyable evening.

In May Barbara organised a walk. 19 people walked the round trip from Ramsbury via Littlecote, and joined others at the pub. By all acounts perfect weather for walking and an excellent evening. Our thanks go to Barbara. We look forward to a second walk on September 8th. However before that we have other activities planned.

Our trip in June is to the West Woodhay Garden Show on the 4th June and meeting up at lunch time to eat our picnic and discuss the "must see's" at the show.

This show is only on every two years so if you don't go this year you will need to wait until 2013. For more information regarding the show the website is <u>www.westwoodhaygardenshow.co.uk</u>

The Social Group meeting on the 9th June is a craft and chat evening in the school. Non members will be very welcome. If enough people attend then we might be able to consider a Craft Group as a sub group.

July the 14th is the Social Evening at Hambledon, Manor Lane. This will be for members (and their partners) only. If you want to come to this, there is still time to become a member.

Also other dates for your diary.

August 11th;- Meeting at the Red Lion. Book discussion/ exchange. September 15th;- Ann Swan Botanical Artist, Talk and Demonstration.

More information about these in the next issue of the magazine.

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

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## **Baydon Cricket Club**

# New players wanted and welcomed.

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#### BAYDON CRICKET CLUB FIXTURES 2011

| Sunday | May  | 29th | Bishops Cannings      | Home |
|--------|------|------|-----------------------|------|
| Sunday | June | 5th  | Great Bedwyn          | Away |
| Sunday | June | 12th | Shalbourne            | Away |
| Sunday | June | 19th | Kempsford             | Home |
| Sunday | June | 26th | Swindon Civil Service | Home |
| Sunday | July | 3rd  | Ramsbury              | Home |
| Sunday | July | 10th | T.B.A.                |      |
| Sunday | July | 17th | Chaddleworth          | Home |
| Sunday | July | 24th | Kennet Valley         | Home |
| Sunday | July | 31st | Lambourn Woodlands    | Home |
| Sunday | Aug  | 7th  | T.B.A.                |      |
| Sunday | Aug  | 14th | Kempsford             | Away |
| Sunday | Aug  | 21st | Chaddleworth          | Away |
| Sunday | Aug  | 28th | Aldbourne             | Home |
| Sunday | Sept | 4th  | T.B.A.                |      |
| Sunday | Sept | 11th | Bishops Cannings      | Away |



### Yoga

Sadly the weekly Yoga sessions are no longer able to take place and so have been cancelled until further notice





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# **Parish Council Corner**

# playground progress

# Official Baydon Playground opening - 25<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 11.00 hrs.

Please come and enjoy the official opening of the new Baydon Playground on the Parish Field on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> June. Everyone is invited to witness the formal opening at 11 O'Clock.

If you haven't been to the Parish Field recently, this is a great opportunity to see the new equipment in use and mark this historic Baydon moment!

Delighted Parents watching their children enjoy the new playground.





Theo on the big climber

### Next Parish Council Meetings are:

27 June at the BYPA Hall - 8 pm 25 July at the BYPA Hall - 8pm

# **Parish Council Corner**

#### Parish Field Damage – what is the point?

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April there was an incident on the Parish Field involving a number of local boys. In addition there was an act of mindless vandalism which involved pulling plastic posts out of the ground and breaking three of them into small pieces. The posts have been - and will continue to be replaced - if there is any repetition. The cost of damage can only be reflected in an increase in the precept which affects every household in the village.

There are witnesses and the police have been informed. Further action will be taken if this unacceptable behaviour does not stop. You know who you are, and so does the Parish Council, so please start acting responsibly and respect equipment and other people.

#### Parish Field Access

Please explain to all children using the Parish Field that access is only via the track. There have been some frightening experiences witnessed recently with unaccompanied children using the bank next to Ermin Street as a short cut. Ermin Street is a notoriously busy road and it can never be safe to climb up the adjacent bank, access to the Parish Field is via the track and the gate only.

## 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.

# Baydon Village Plan 2000

#### And welcome to Baydon!

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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## Marlborough CAN Newsletter

Marlborough CAN is a new way to 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.

See the latest CAN at Baydon.org.uk



Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service's 'Partnership Matters' newsletter is at Baydon.org.uk - it's a wealth of info on the work of the service and important information for everyone.

# **Baydon Parish Assembly Meeting**

Was well attended. The full report by the excellent Barbara Furber can be found at: www.baydon.org/generalcontent/ Parish Assembly 2011 news report.htm

Plastic & Cardboard Recycling Skip/Lorry - A Request The Parish Council has requested that residents do not leave their recycling out until the morning of the lorry pick-up, as the piles of recycling left overnight in Downsmead have become a problem. Also, would residents please respect the neighbouring driveways when dropping off their recycling.

## <u>Recycling</u>

The plastic & cardboard recycling skip will be in Downsmead from 9am to 11.30am - 21 June & 12 July. Please note Parish Council request not to leave recycling out the night before. Thanks.

### 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.

# Marlborough Area Board

Next meeting is: Tuesday 21st June 2011

St. Michael's C of E Aided School, Back Lane Aldbourne SN8 2BP 6.30pm for 7pm start.

**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.

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#### Marlborough Area Board - Library Review Feedback

The Library service Review: approved by Wiltshire Council Cabinet Jan 2011

#### The Wiltshire library offer from 1 September 2011:

The library service will be able to keep all libraries open.



Chairman Councillor Chris Humphries

- 21 council operated libraries with rationalised core opening hours.
- All 5 mobiles libraries will continue to operate, including the homes mobile.
- 10 libraries operated in partnership with the community providing opportunities for local community volunteers, working in partnership with Wiltshire library staff.
- Opportunities for volunteers to extend the opening hours at other libraries.
- Investment in Radio Frequency Identification (R.F.I.D.) self service technology.

#### Marlborough Area Library Services from 1 September 2011:

- All mobile library stops will continue to operate.
- Marlborough library opening hours will be reduced from 42.5 to 33 hours a week.
- Ramsbury which is amongst Wiltshire's 10 smallest libraries, accounting for 3% of visits overall, would be operated in partnership with volunteers, and supported by the library service.
- Aldbourne Library is currently under discussion with possible precept raising by its Parish Council to fund it.
- New self service technology will be introduced to all libraries.
- The Contactpoint service at Marlborough Library will cease.

## **BAYDON ST NICHOLAS CHURCH & SCHOOL**



At St Nicholas School & Paddock Saturday 18th June From 1pm



This year we will be welcoming **The Icknield Way Morris Men** to entertain us during the afternoon.

Please help us by donating items to eat or sell, the kinds of things we need are cakes for refreshments (please label returnable containers), cakes for the cake stall, produce & garden plants, bottles for tombola, raffle prizes, nearly new items of good quality, sweets & small prizes suitable for children.

Any of the above will be gratefully received at the school on the week of the fete, cakes & fresh produce on the evening before or on the day, or get in touch with Pauline & Tony Topp 541171 or Kate Buckingham on 541120 and we will arrange collection.

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Hello again, well we have been busy with all the bank holidays together and our 1<sup>st</sup> year celebrations were fun too, thank you to everyone who took part and who have supported us throughout the year and long may it continue, if you have any ideas or suggestions on what you want for your pub then do pop in.

So what do we have in store for you in the next couple of months:?

Sat 28th May - Tulla's Boys - a band from Baydon play from 9pm not to be missed!

Wed 1st June - Quiz from 8pm cash prize for the winners Fri 3rd June - Curry and a Drink for £8

Wed 15th June - Quiz from 8pm - cash prize for the winners

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> June - Andy Margaret (soloist) plays music through the last four decades

Sun 19th June - Fathers Day - Dads eat mains for free, to book 01672 540112

Wed 29th June - Quiz from 8pm cash prize for the winners Fri 8th July - Grea Winters returns (soloist) from 9pm Wed 13th July - Quiz from 8pm cash prize for the winners

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> July - 2 main courses for £10.00 excluding steak

Sat 23rd July - Scully return to rock the night away from 9pm

Don't forget that Thursday's are still steak nights and for all you avid bikers, Baydon Biker Club bike night meeting will be on Monday 6th June - all welcome.

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To book a place, please contact: Hilary Arnold-Baker ~ 01672 870360 ~ <u>hilaryarnoldbaker@talktalk.net</u>



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#### Marlborough Town Hall

## Thursday 9th, Friday 10th and Saturday 11th June 2011

8pm

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For more details go to www.marlboroughplayers.co.uk



**Quiz Evening in the School Hall** 

Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> July.

In aid of the Church Roof Fund

# Ladies!! WHE Group Formed

We're a recently formed WI group in Aldbourne called WI-NE (WI New Era. This WI Lite is one of the 'next generation' Women's Institute groups to be launch in the UK. Essentially, these next generation WIs are all about bringing the image of the Women's Institute up to date to attract younger members, and offering meetings and activities that are more relevant to a new generation. Although based in Aldbourne, Wiltshire - we are keen to attract women from surrounding villages no matter which county they are in; we currently have members from Aldbourne, Baydon, Lambourn & Hungerford. We're a friendly group and hope to raise a lot of interest of women coming to our meetings. We're also very aware how intimidating it can be to join a new group so will be happy to chaperone new guests to the next meeting.



Our last evening was at Aldbourne and was called "Bosoms & Bras". We had a health official discussing how to check your breasts for suspicious lumps and what changes to look out for. There was also be a breast cancer survivor who told us of her own courageous battle. In addition, Mystique from Marlborough was on hand to measure breasts and advise us on the correct bra fittings and had bras available for sale.

Our next meeting will take place on 15th June at Aldbourne Memorial Hall at 7:30pm. We will be having a GROW YOUR OWN evening with info on growing your own fruit and veg as well as a flower arranging demonstration.

Check out our web site: www.wi-ne.co.uk or even our Face Book Page: http://www.facebook.com/pages/WI-New-Era/109605659120748

Thank you for your time.

Best Wishes

Georgena Bowdidge Email: <u>gb@gbzk.co.uk</u>

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# Valley Film Society

# Season Six (2010/11)



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Tues 7th June Easy Virtue (12) UK (2009) P6 mine Dir: Stephen Elliot Store: Colin Firth, Kristen ScoleThomas When young Englishman John Whittaker brings his new American bride home to meet his parents, marital blies descends into bediam 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 pennyandbab.brewer@liscali.co.uk



Warm welcome, liered sealing & wide screen but bring a cushion for exha comfort if you wish. Social club bar open and the option to order a Nippy Chippy supper (last orders 7.20 pm talest) 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 enhance: £5. For more details please ting Penny Brewet 01488 72305, email penny,locke@treeuk.com or log in to www.valleyfilmsociely.org



A programme of music for the summer season

Sunday 31 July 2011 - 7.30 pm

St Mary's Church, Uffington

**Conductor**: Sir Peter Beale

For more information go to: aveburyvocal.org

**Official Baydon Playground** opening - 25th June 2011 at 11.00 hrs.

## Bus to Nowbury

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 <del>S</del>.

## **Mobile Library**

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

9 June 23 June
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7 July 21 July

4 Aug

10:50 - 11:40

#### **CLAIRE PERRY - MP FOR DEVIZES - SURGERIES**



Friday 10th June, DEVIZES 0930-1100 Friday 17th June, GREAT BEDWYN 1500-1630 Saturday 2nd July, MARLBOROUGH 1000-1130 Friday 8th July, TIDWORTH 1000-1130

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

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

#### Drummond Will

Thanks to everybody who came along to "The Drummond Will" film evening on 13th May, for making it such a fun occasion. Your generous donations to the Church, where much of it was shot, amounted to £200, and are greatly appreciated.

Trudie Forster, Sam Forster, and "Kneejerk Productions".

## WILTSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE APPEAL



Wiltshire's Air Ambulance was established in April 1990 as a joint venture between the Wiltshire Ambulance Service and Wiltshire Police. **Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal** which is a registered charity.

Everyone in Wiltshire has a stake in the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. It is an essential service that serves the people of Wiltshire what ever your age or gender. We are there for those life and death situations where the speed of the helicopter and the skill of the crew play a major part in the outcome of the patient.

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Almost half of all incidents the Air Ambulance attends are Road Traffic Collisions across our county roads or on the Motorways. Other situations include, cardiac arrests, horse riding accidents, work related injury, sporting injuries, farm accidents, fires and burns. No two day are ever the same.

We are entirely dependent on public support having to raise over £700,000 each year to cover the running costs. We do not receive government funding but totally rely on the generosity of people of Wiltshire.

We are able to fly 19 hours a day, 365 days of the year.

But.....Without you, we would be grounded.

#### PROSPECT HOSPICE

The village Spring collection for the Prospect Hospice in Wroughton amounted to £212.92. Many thanks to all the box holders for again giving so generously to this very worthy charity. If anyone would like to join the box scheme in Baydon, please contact Penny Stephens on 540283 or email <u>pene-lope.stephens@btinternet.com</u> and I will get a collection box to you. They are

emptied twice a year - Spring and Autumn.



Our Baydon forefathers were, in the vast majority, people of quality and integrity. They knew how to work, how to play, and how to pray. They often lived in the shadow of poverty and fear, but they had, as we have noted, their fun and humour too, chaffing one another as they went on their daily rounds. 'I shan't let X make my coffin,' said one worthy,

Baydon School Pupils c.1913

'cause there'll be too many chinks to peep through, and I shall know who's followin' be'ind.'

These were folk who moved, in the words of Thomas Gray, 'Along the cool sequester'd vale of life' at a time when London - by then the social and political hub of the world - glittered under gas-light chandeliers and the British Monarch and the Czar of Russia reigned over half the world. But they had an ordered, predictable existence in a setting that had really altered little for hundreds of years. They occupied a minute but clearly definable space in the social order, and accepted it with equanimity. They knew where they stood, and their background seemed as permanent as the local downs.

World War 1 came upon them out of the blue; its rumblings were unmistakable and ominous. It marked a watershed in rural English life and when those gallant, saddened young survivors returned to their Baydon homes from Flanders fields, it was to find that life could never be the same again.

#### THE END

'Baydon Circa 1900' by R J Naish, was originally published in The Aldbourne and Baydon Parish Magazine in 1974, and in the Scene in Baydon over five issues commencing October 2000.

#### 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.

# The Merchant's Summer Lunch

One of Marlborough' most enjoyable summer events takes place on **Sunday 24 July**, 'The Merchant's Summer Lunch'.

The lunch will be held in the delightful surroundings of the Marquee in Marlborough College Court between 12 noon and 3.30pm (by kind permission of Marlborough College Summer School).



Entertainment will be provided by The Sarsen Songmen, and a special 'Quirky Question Time', as well as a quiz, raffle and display of artefacts from The Merchant's House Museum.

Tickets: £17 (£15 MH Friends) include a welcoming glass of fizz and a buffet lunch.

Cash Wine Bar available.

Tickets are available from The Merchant's House, 132 High Street, Marlborough.

Why not make up a table and invite some friends.

The lunch is sponsored by Brewin Dolphin and all proceeds will go to The Merchant's House Appeal.

# Marlborough Open Gardens



Make a note in your diary that Marlborough Open Gardens will take place on

#### Sunday afternoon 5 June from 2-6pm.

Starting from the 17<sup>th</sup> century style Merchant's House garden, 132 High Street, take a gentle stroll round a dozen or so gardens in the centre of Marlborough and

enjoy tea at Ryecroft, Back Lane.

Tickets, with route map of gardens: £4.50 (children under 14 free) available in advance from The Merchant's House, or £5 on the day only from The Merchant's House Garden.

#### Teas 3-6pm £3.50 at Ryecroft Back Lane.

#### "The Drummond Will"

A special showing of the film "The Drummond Will" was seen in Baydon St. Nicholas School hall on 13th May. The full-length film was made on location in and around Baydon in 2009 and one of the scriptwriters was our very own Sam Forster from Baydon Hole.

Since completion the Drummond Will has won five "Audience Favourite" awards around the world. The hall was packed with a very appreciative audience for the showing. A very funny and well-scripted film, was the verdict. Tickets were free but donations of around £200 were collected for the Church Roof Fund They kept an amazing assortment of goods, stored under conditions that would appal health inspectors today but this was the only possible and practicable means of business, in those times.



Baydon's Crossroads with the pub and what used to be the shop on the right

As one entered the shops, one was assailed by a notunpleasant smell, compounded of many ingredients. Cheese and butter reposed on open slabs on the counter; sugar, flour, various grains and powders were served from sacks with scoops on to all-purpose scales; tea was extracted from large chests; the packaging of sweets and chocolates and

other comestibles was almost unknown. These shops were ill-lit and feebly heated by oil lamps and stoves, which added their particular tang to the all-pervading odour. The shop keepers worked hard and long for very little profit. By their compassion and trust they were often the victims of bad debts. They contributed considerably to the communal life of the village.

The growth of towns and cities, with their increasing industrialisation and remarkable inventive developments, touching almost every aspect of daily life, had been the outstanding feature of our twentieth century existence. Yet there are many who still believe that the best of England has been, and always will be, life in rural communities: that the truly most contented people were (and still are) those who have lived simple and comparatively uneventful lives amongst the beautiful English countryside - life so quiet, so unexciting, so unsensational, so serenely busy in unobtrusive workaday affairs, so little recorded, that posterity is hardly privileged to hear about it.

A record of some of these very mundane, ordinary, everyday matters has been attempted in these chronicles, which have been contributed entirely from memories of a number of older local residents. No attempt at a documented or deeply researched monograph has been made; and memory, the fickle faculty that it is, may have faulted at times or been guilty of omissions. If so, it is sincerely hoped that neither hurt nor offence has been committed.

### **BAYDON CIRCA 1900 - A SERIAL HISTORY**

#### by the late **R** J NAISH JP Final Episode - Vital Services and Jack's Summary

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.

Carriers transported heavy goods to and from the village either by private arrangement or by making routine calls at the Forge, run by



those adaptable handy-men, Bert and Bill Aldridge. Charges for goods and transport were extremely low. In 1916, for example, the School Managers gave favourable consideration to an estimate of thirty shillings for the supply and delivery of 'a harmonium, two blackboards, a

A rural carrier c.1900

door and a cupboard'.

Medical attention was available to Baydon from single private practitioners living in the larger communities. They came up either on horse back or in gig or trap, very smart these outfits were, too, and a cause for considerable professional pride. It is said that one doctor from the adjoining county sometimes drove a sleigh to visit his rural patients when snow was deep.

Newspaper and mail came to the village daily. Both were collected from Lambourn Station off the twelve o'clock train from Newbury. The postman, Johnny Wakefield, walked daily from Aldbourne to Lambourn and back, via Baydon, to collect and distribute letters and small parcels on his way, cheerful and uncomplaining about fatigue and the hardships of his job.

It was possible for men to get a haircut without going to town; a Mr Lawrence cut men's hair for 2d (boys' a penny) in his cottage room. In failing light he held a candle cautiously in one hand and snipped away with the other. It is not recorded whether 'singeing' was included or not.

Whilst attempting to chronicle some of the services available, one must not forget the contributions of those who, at various times, ran the village shops: Miss Ann Alder, Miss Louise Everett, Mrs Palmer, Charles Alder and others.

# And now for something really scrumptious!

Barbara Furber has supplied this very summery recipe to Scene this month. Thanks v much Barbara - yummy! According to Barbara, it's perfect early summer jelly using gooseberries and elderflowers that are about to come into season. 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.

# Gooseberry & Elderflower Jelly

| 1lb (450 g) Gooseberries           | 4 oz (110g) Sugar          |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 x 4 oz (11g) Sachets of Gelatine | 4 tbsp Elderflower Cordial |
| 12 fl oz Sparkling Wine            |                            |

#### Method

- 1. Top and tail the gooseberries
- 2. Sprinkle sugar & place on gentle heat – soften for 5 – 6 minutes. Stirring occasionally.
- 3. Soak gelatine in a cup with 3 tbsp water
- 4. Stir in gooseberries slowly so as not to break fruit too much. Cool
- 5. After 45 minutes stir in elderflower cordial and wine.



- 6. Mix thoroughly and pour into 7 fl oz wine glasses.
- 7. Cover with cling film and chill.
- 8. Serve with cream or fromage frais and a sprig of mint or elderflower!

For details on how to make your own Elderflower Cordial contact Barbara at bfurber@talktalk.net (before the elderflowers disappear from the hedgerows.) A refreshing summer drink for adults and children alike.

## **Royal Wedding Celebrations**

It appears that Baydon celebrated the Royal Wedding in style, whether at private parties or street parties.

Ermin Close residents enjoyed an organised and delicious afternoon tea, whilst Downsmead was the scene of a more informal party that was thrown open to people from Newton's Walk and anyone else who cared to join.

Around 50 adults and children gathered at 4pm amidst bunting, flags and balloons to enjoy food, drink, each others company and of course to discuss the fairytale wedding that had just taken place.





# Beating the Bounds

A group of eight people left the Red Lion car park on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May to "Beat" the Baydon Boundary.

The first half of the figure of eight boundary was to the north of the village, and was done in a record time of just under two hours.

After taking a break for lunch, the afternoon session took the walkers along the side of the motorway towards Membury. The boundary

then goes on to Aldbourne where it touches the Aldbourne to Hungerford road for a short distance before the climb up the hill and back to Baydon.

This half of the boundary took 2hrs 15 minutes, the weather conditions were very sunny but with a strong wind at times.

Oodles of thanks to Barbara Furber for Village News. Editor



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

## Gardening this Summer!

Well, here it is: the longest day of the year, 21st June. And this means long hours in the evenings to sit back in our gardens, relax and enjoy all our hard work. But, if you're anything like me, you'll always find stuff to do. Here are some of the never-ending jobs that need tackling:

- Keep on cutting your lawn. This is the number 1 job you can do to keep your garden looking neat and tidy. Some of the grass can be looking quite dry right now, a sign of the little rain we've had in April and May. But do keep it trim and a crisp edge will give it that professional look.

- Watering pots and hanging baskets is also a priority over the summer. Now, whether or not you believe in Climate Change, water is precious and scarce and we all have a duty to harvest as much water as we can. So use water butts and other containers specifically for watering outdoors. Personally I think sprinklers are a definite no-no as they waste so much.

- Regularly go round the garden and stake any tall and delicate plants, such as hollyhocks. Don't wait til it's too late and winds and rain have beaten them down. Tie them up, fairly loosely to allow them growing room, as soon as you see the need.



- Protect fruit trees from birds. You could hang unwanted CDs in trees to scare them off - or if small enough, you could try netting the trees too!

- As always: weed whenever you can. It's up to you how much time and effort you put into this job, but at the very least please try and hoe the weeds off before the seeds spread. It's not always necessary to get the roots out, if you haven't got the time and energy - hoeing will at least keep the weeds in check!

- Watch out for crop infestations, be this from greenfly or slugs and snails. If at all possible, use natural methods to combat pests. Ladybirds, for example, thrive on greenfly; hedgehogs love slugs; frogs and toads love little flies! We all have our favourite snacks...

And if it's raining? Check out recordings of Chelsea this year and be inspired. Wasn't it amazing? And my personal favourite was the garden which re-used every single drop of water that landed within its reach. We certainly need to learn from this!

Darren West

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