

SCENE IN BAYDON

..a bi-monthly digest of what's going on in Baydon: **December 2008**



Tree by Charlie Major . Santa by Sam Austen

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Hello All

Hoorah! It's the festive season again! And we have a bumper edition of Scene for you this month.

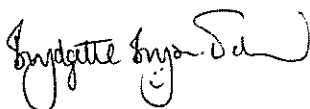
But before I look forward - I really feel I must add my sincere congratulations and thanks to all those involved in Baydon's bonfire and fireworks extravaganza! It was brilliant despite the wild and woolly weather - I felt so proud to be part of the village and my (Reading-based) guests were so very impressed that our little village could put on such a fantastic event. Well done to all of those involved and everyone who delved into their pockets for firework money and many thanks too for the delicious and much-needed mulled wine to hug!

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 box

Have a fantastic Festive Season and the Scene Team hope 2009 brings peace, happiness and oodles of good things to you all!

All the very best



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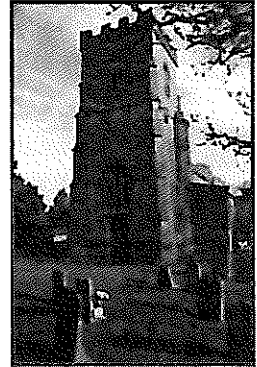
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Church Letter..

Dear All

It is with some apprehension we look forward to Christmas and 2009 knowing that we will not have Sandy and John to lead and guide us through the Advent and Christmas Seasons when there is much involvement with Christian activities – nativity plays, carol services, Christingles, crib services and of course the very special Midnight and Christmas Day services.



Peter, Joan, Tony, Jackie and I though will be doing our best to keep the parishes running as smoothly as possible by cooperating and working with the churchwardens in meeting the needs of the communities whilst the interregnum takes place.

Whilst we are looking after your needs there is a lot of work to be done by the PCCs to decide on the profile of the clergy to replace Sandy and John. To this end there is a new initiative in the Diocese which gives us the consultancy of one of the Diocesan staff during the interregnum to create a vision for the church in our area.

When this process has been done the Team Council will be able to draw up a profile of the clergy needed to compliment our own (laity and ordained) skills and advertise, in the first instance, for a Rector. Contributions to the vision are very welcome, so do have a think and let someone know!

Peter, Joan, Tony, Jackie and I also want to assure you that we are here and if you need us in any way then do please call the same number as you called Sandy and John on and the call will be picked up and actioned by one of us.

In the meantime the team, including the office, wish you a blessed and happy Christmas followed by a peaceful New Year. We hope that we will also have the chance to meet up with you at one of the many Christmas services to celebrate, with you, our Lord's birth.

With love and on behalf of us all

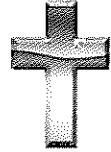
Ann

Rev'd Ann Massey, Whitton Team Curate





St Nicholas' Church—Baydon
CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER - JANUARY



- 7 Dec Family Service - Christingle
14 Dec Holy Communion
21 Dec Carol Service **at 4.00 pm**
24 Dec Midnight Mass **at 11.30 pm**
25 Dec Christmas Day Communion **at 9.30 am**
28 Dec Team Eucharist at Aldbourne **at 11.00 am**
4 Jan Family Communion
11 Jan Holy Communion
18 Jan Morning Prayer
25 Jan Holy Communion

All services are at 9.30am unless otherwise stated

From the registers:

Baptism: 25 October - Joanna Sheppard

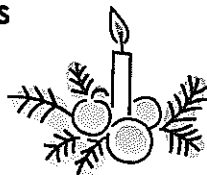
Burial: Freda Coyle

St Nicholas Church Baydon
Coffee Mornings
Saturday 13th December 2008
10.30 – 12.30

**A crafty morning where we will be able to
make cards and table decorations**



Coffee, Chat and Mince Pies



VILLAGE FUN AUCTION



This joint event between Church and School was held in the school hall on Friday 17th October where 160 lots were auctioned by the very talented and amusing Peter Ludlow from Aldbourne.

The event was really well supported by villagers, parents and friends who had much fun and generously bid for the vast range of items on offer.

A fantastic £3,300 was raised on the night which will help fund the eroded pathways linking Church and School. The Committee would like to reiterate their thanks to everyone who donated items or promises and of course, those who came on the night to buy and help.

Helen Chambers



What's Going On?

11 December	Outside School	Mobile Library visit - 11-11.40 am
11 December	BYPA Hall	WI - Harp talk & Recital - 7.30 pm
13 December	St Nicholas Church	Crafty Coffee Morning - 10.30 - 12.30
14 December	St Nicholas Church	Holy Communion - 9.30 am
16 December	Downsmead	Plastic & cardboard recycling skip
18 December	Red Lion Pub	Gentlemen's Christmas Party - 8pm
18 December	Village Post Office	2nd class mail last posting date
19 December	School	School breaks up - 2pm
19 December	Village Green	Carols by the Tree - 6pm
19 December	Red Lion Pub	Mulled Wine & Mince Pies - after carols
20 December	Village Post Office	1st class mail last posting date
21 December	St Nicholas Church	Carol Service - 4 pm
23 December	Village Post Office	Special Delivery last posting date
24 December	Village Stores	Santa visit - 09:30-11:30
24 December	St Nicholas Church	Midnight Mass - 11.30 pm
28 December	St Nicholas Church	Team Eucharist - Aldbourn - 11 am
4 January	St Nicholas Church	Family Communion
6 January	Valley Film Society	No Country For Old Men. 7 pm
11 January	St Nicholas Church	Holy Communion - 9.30 am
12 January	BYPA Hall	Parish Council Meeting
18 January	St Nicholas Church	Morning Prayer - 9.30 am
21 January	To Editor	Copy deadline - Scene in Baydon
25 January	St Nicholas Church	Holy Communion - 9.30 am

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)

Parish Council Corner

A round-up of Parish Council news by the editor of Scene...



- * The procedural documents used by the Parish Council in meetings are being reviewed & updated where necessary.
- * At this time of year the budget for the Parish is discussed & the precept determined for 2009 - 10.
- * The status of the lane by the Parish Field in terms of ownership & any associated responsibility for its maintenance is being investigated.
- * The allotments on the Parish Field have been & are still a major topic for discussion involving communications between the Parish Council & a National Association of Local Councils solicitor. This involves determining the relevant legislation that applies to the decision to use part of the Parish Field for allotments.
- * The fireworks & bonfire were a great success & congratulations & thanks were due to Jim Grove, Trevor Dominy & their other helpers for organising the whole evening. The Parish Council contributed £280 for the insurance & a contribution towards the fireworks.
- * The Christmas tree is now in place with new lights bought by the Parish Council. The switch-on was delayed awaiting Southern Electric who had to refix the socket box on the Green after its collapse. Thanks went to Debbie & Allan from the shop for donating the tree & also to Jim Grove who together with Sue, Alison Tomkins, Rob & Tony Prior erected the tree in far from pleasant weather conditions.
- * Several "good housekeeping" items have been or are being addressed - a new litter bin by the school paddock, street light repair, out of hours use of the paddock, dog fouling in the village & vehicle access to the Parish Field.

If you'd like to help your local community & are interested in local affairs, then you could consider becoming a Parish Councillor. Baydon Parish Council meets on a Monday evening about every 6 weeks and is non-political.

Want to know more? Call Liz Carmichael on 540942 for an informal chat or email baydon-parishclerk@yahoo.co.uk

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Heads Up!

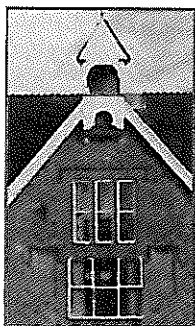
Baydon St. Nicholas CE Primary School Report

Baydon St. Nicholas CE Primary School has had an excellent start to the new school year: We have 17 new children starting in Reception – all are settling in well.

We welcomed Mrs Fiona Gruneberg to the staff team, who is teaching in Class 4 with Mrs Warner (Years 5 and 6).

There's been a lot happening in the school diary so far this year: The School/Church Village Auction took place in school on Friday 17th October – over £3,300 was raised! An amazing achievement, thanks to all the hard work of all involved. The money will be used by the Church and School to repair pathways.

Bags2school ran again this year, and raised over 1040kg of unwanted clothes – over £302 for school.



The school Christmas Fayre was held in school on Saturday 15th November. It was well attended, Father Christmas made an appearance too! Again, a very successful fundraiser for the school for much needed ICT equipment.

We are currently asking for donations of unwanted mobile phones and inkjet printer cartridges (Canon, Hewlett Packard or Lexmark please), as this too can raise welcome funds for school. If you think you have any of these items, please do bring into school. Thank you.

The children have a busy few weeks until we break for the Christmas Holidays (2pm Friday 19th December), with the School Christmas Party, Christmas Lunch, and a Pantomime (Dick Whittington) visiting school.

Mr R Chambers.

Headteacher

Baydon WI News

Four members from Baydon attended the Membury Fort Group meeting which was held at Chilton Foliat in October for an excellent talk on the history of Punch and Judy.

The Institutes October meeting took the form of a quiz night when teams of members pitted their wits against one another with various quizzes.

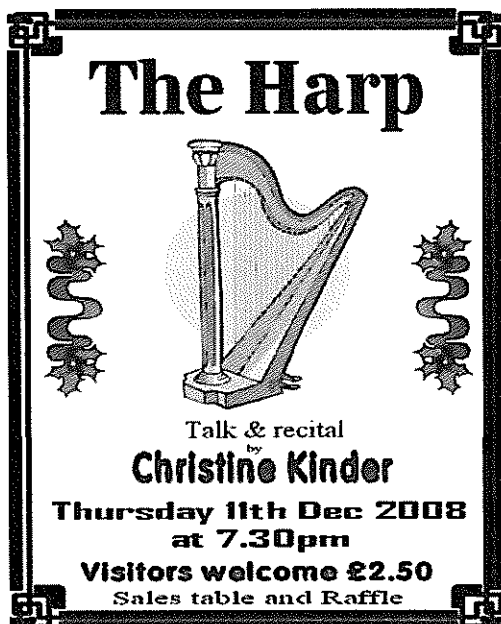
The quiz master for the evening was Mrs Tina Evans and the winning team consisted of Pat Mapstone, Christine Ralph, Pat Thompson and Joellè McGowran

20 Baydon WI members and their husbands enjoyed a Skittles evening and supper at the White Hart, Wroughton on Friday 14th November.

Mr Jim Thompson was the overall winner for the men's section and Mrs Pat Mapstone won the Ladies trophy.

Next meeting will be on December 11th when Christine Kinder will give a talk and recital on the Harp.

This will be an open evening when visitors will be very welcome, entrance will be £2.50.



The Harp

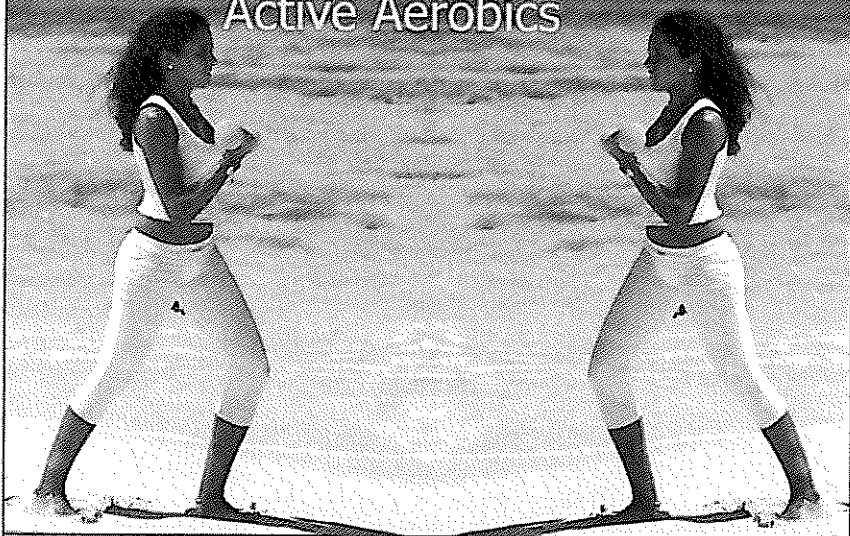
Talk & recital
by
Christine Kinder

Thursday 11th Dec 2008
at 7.30pm

Visitors welcome £2.50
Sales table and Raffle



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The Village Plan Update

The Village Plan is currently being drafted based on the like/dislike surveys, the Village Plan questionnaires and all of the consultation that the Steering Group carried out.

Photographs are being collated and taken to use in the Plan and the design is being worked on.

If all goes according to our project plan, we hope to have the first draft prepared shortly after Christmas with the view to finalising the Plan and getting it out to everyone in the Spring

Thank you again to all who took part & happy Christmas!

The Baydon Village Plan Steering Group

HUGE THANKS!

I think I can speak for all residents of Baydon who were present on the cricket ground to witness that most magnificent display on 8/11. A big thank you to Jim Grove and Trevor Dominy and all who worked so hard to make it such a professional show! The effort they put into it was appreciated by us all.

Anthony Barin

Village Bonfire.

What a spectacular show the village was able to enjoy. Non stop fireworks lit up the sky in great explosions of colour for a good twenty minutes.

It was dazzling, and such fun - the rain dampened it not at all.

Great thanks must go to Jim, Trevor, Martin and others who were involved in so much effort to present what is most surely the very best display the village has seen. *Mo. Rafford*

I have been overwhelmed by the thoughts and prayers of so many village friends over the last few months and thank you all so very much for your love and support. The fight goes on!!

With love, *Mo.*



CAROLS BY THE TREE

Friday 19th December 2008

6pm



On the Village Green around the Christmas Tree

Followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies in the Pub

BAYDON THURSDAY CLUB

On October 2nd we held our annual Auction—always an enjoyable affair—when we raised around £50 for Club funds. On the 15th, twenty of us met for a very good lunch at the Blue Boar.

Our visitors on November 6th were Christine Hills & Helen Jackson - specialists in gemstone jewellery. We were given an interesting talk on gemstones and their properties and we were then given the opportunity to buy items from a very large selection that they'd brought with them - a very good chance to choose Christmas gifts without any "hassle"

On November 6th, Stan Titcombe had prepared an excellent Quiz - the answers to which were all horticultural, so the keen gardeners among us were in their element!

We're now looking forward to our Christmas Lunch at the Village Inn.

Reggy Slater

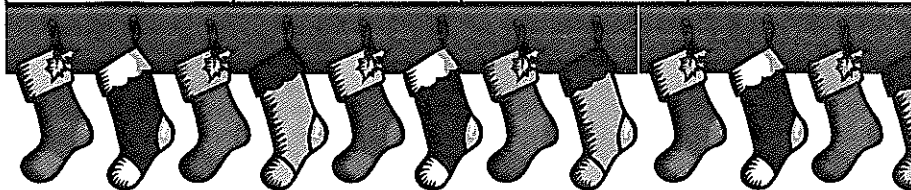
BAYDON VILLAGE STORES

Ermin Street Baydon SN8 2JP

Tel: 01672 540266

CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

Day	Date	Shop	Post Office
Monday	22 nd December	06:30-19:00	09:00 – 13:00
Tuesday	23 rd December	06:30-19:00	09:00 – 13:00
Wednesday	24 th December	06:30-18:00	09:00 – 13:00
Thursday	25 th December	Closed	Closed
Friday	26 th December	09:30-12:00	Closed
Saturday	27 th December	08:00-18:00	09:00 – 13:00
Sunday	28 th December	09:30-12:00	Closed
Monday	29 th December	08:00-18:00	09:00 – 13:00
Tuesday	30 th December	08:00-18:00	09:00 – 13:00
Wednesday	31 st December	08:00-18:00	09:00 – 13:00
Thursday	1 st January	09:30-12:00	Closed
Friday	2 nd January	08:00-18:00	09:00 – 13:00
Saturday	3 rd January	08:00-18:00	09:00 – 13:00
Sunday	4 th January	09:30-12:00	Closed



BAYDON VILLAGE STORES

Christmas Notes

KEEPING WARM



We stock household coal, kindling, fire logs, gas cylinders, thermal hats, gloves, socks and of course a range of wine and spirits. Everything you need to keep warm & snug.

NEWSPAPERS

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



ROYAL MAIL

The last recommended posting dates for UK Christmas mail are:

2 nd Class	Thursday 18 th December.
1 st Class	Saturday 20 th December.
Special Delivery	Tuesday 23 rd December



SANTA



Santa will be here on Christmas Eve (09:30-11:30) to enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie or two.
Why not come along and join him?



Mobile Library

The library will visit Baydon on December 11 - parked outside the school from 11am to 11.40 am

Recycling

Plastic and cardboard recycling skip will be in Downsmead from 8 am to 10.30 am on 16th December



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Focus On...

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

This month, Editor tracked down Ben Potter - Chair of the Village Plan Steering Group & novice Morris Dancer with the Icknield Way Morris Men. Ben has kindly penned a piece about his recent debut in the Morris Dancing limelight...

FIRST TIME OUT

Most of the side seem to look forward to the annual Wantage Dickensian Evening and to dancing there. I had no prior experience, not having been before. More than that - I had never danced outside practice sessions before! My wife complained of my witterings in the car on the way - nervous chatter, I suppose - but I didn't want to let the side down. Parking at the Abingdon Arms

gave a feeling of familiarity and I was very pleased to meet Steve D and we walked together toward Sainsbury's in good time. I'm still adjusting to the concept of 'Morris Time' so was mildly surprised to see the side gather early as per the Bagman's request. But this has begun to crystallise my experience of the side - a seeming casualness of attitude and lightness of spirit



which overlays a serious desire to give of one's best. There is also a very generous desire to help the beginner coupled with a tolerance of mistakes. As a teacher myself I find it refreshing being a student again and rich in insights.

The familiar faces gather and I gradually realise that my kit is in order, with borrowed bells ('there aren't any bad dances left in those, so you'll have to do good ones') and weskit, as my mother would have called it. Wantage Silver Band are playing well but eventually finish with 'Jingle Bells' - we help. Soon, we'll be on. Graham the squire is sorting out what to do - I try to head him away from Bampton Sidesteps - still one of my weak areas and I'd rather make a start on more familiar territory - Lichfield would do nicely. Rowan, John and Theo, neighbours from Baydon, have arrived and I'd rather show the best I can do. The side begins to perform - a good turn out (22, in the end) so some big double sets are fielded.

My turn at last! So long as I keep my wits about me and don't go walk-about during the 'Hey' all should be well. And indeed, I think it does. Jim the Fool was pinioned against Sainsbury's window by our end of the set and I struggled with my concentration, half-expecting some challenging action - fortunately, I had sticks and he didn't. Job done, I hand in my sticks and doff my hat, as per instructions. Pete Ambidge shakes me by the hand - 'first time up, then?' - and gently suggests the beers are on me. People smile - and that, it seems to me, is what Morris Dancing is all about. I have found over my short apprenticeship of about 10 sessions that mere talk of Morris makes folk grin which seems simply marvellous.

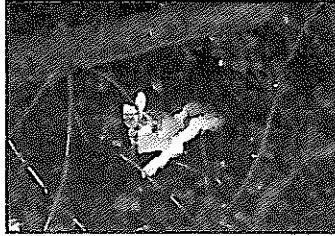
And then we are done and off to Waitrose. Did I dance once or twice? I can't remember. Jingling my way through the town I decide I deserve a half of beer. Diners and drinkers turn and they, too, smile as I make my way to the bar and order a half to go in my shiny second-hand tankard - a bargain from the Baydon School auction. Later, I'm told it needs a few dents to look properly 'run in'. The beer is very welcome and tastes good as I find my way across the square crowded with stalls and fairgoers, mixed smells of food wafting up.

The final venue is between King Alfred and the Christmas Tree on the square. It seems fitting for Morris Men, somehow. The circle dancers finish and we're on again - Shepherd's Hey for 12 in the gloom, me not among them. A pretty job, too. I think I finished the evening with Vandalls of Hammerwich but can't be sure. My brain has a bad habit of muddling things - I should have taken this up when I was younger and sharper. But gentle enquiries suggest I shan't be sacked (yet!) so confidence is built. We finish with Bonny Green Garters - precisely the dance which tipped me over the edge into finding my nearest side and getting involved. And so to the pub with the side and my dear wife, whose encouragement and skill with needle and cotton has made me presentable. I think I'm going to enjoy becoming a Morris Dancer!

For more info on the Icknield Way Morris Men - want them to dance at your bash or want to join - contact Pete Smith - The Bagman
Tel: +44 (0)1367 820259 or Mob: +44 (0)7815 290543 or email Pete on
bagman@icknieldwaymorrismen.org.uk

If you have an interesting story to tell about yourself or someone else that lives in Baydon (please get their permission first!) - alert the Editor - Brydgette - 01672 540100 or brydgette@email.com and one of the Editorial Team will go and talk to them

SEEN IN BAYDON – ON ERMIN STREET IN SEPTEMBER



Tied plastic bags containing
dog pooh left in the hedge

Dogs are neither responsible for these plastic bags nor for paying the fines. It's the owners!

(£50 fixed penalty, a maximum of £1000 for fouling and £2500 for litter in a court decision)

Tied plastic bags can be deposited in litter and wheelie bins.

This problem is of continual concern to the Parish Council both in general and specifically because of the potential risks to children's health.

The Parish Council asks for your co-operation in this matter.
Thank you.

Update on last month's Focus On..

So they did it! Harriet and her sister ran a mighty respectable 3hrs 57mins in the Abingdon Marathon. Look out 2012! They were aiming for anything under 4 hours so were very pleased with themselves! Well done to you both!



Harriet and her sister -
nearly there!



Valley Film Society



www.valleyfilmsociety.org

Season Four

Tues 6th January **No Country for Old Men**

US (2007) Stars: Tommy Lee Jones, Javier Bardem, Woody Harrelson. Dir: Coen Brothers
Violence and mayhem ensue after a hunter stumbles upon some dead bodies, a stash of heroin and more than 2 million dollars in cash.

Tues 3rd February **Leningrad Cowboys**

Finland (1989) Stars: Matti Pellonpaa Dir: Aki Kaurismaki
This cult film follows the Leningrad Cowboys, a Finnish rock band, as they travel to America to seek their fame and fortune.

followed by: **The Guernica Children**, documentary about the Basque children evacuated to Southampton during the Spanish Civil War.

Tues 3rd March **Manchurian Candidate**

USA (1962) Stars: Frank Sinatra, Laurence Harvey, Angela Lansbury. Dir: John Frankenheimer
The classic original. A former Korean POW is brainwashed into becoming a assassin. However another former prisoner may know how to save him.

Tues 7th April **Juno**

GB (2008) Stars: Ellen Page, Michael Cera. Dir: Jason Reitman
Faced with an unwanted pregnancy an offbeat young woman makes an unusual decision regarding her unborn child.

Tues 5th May **Pan's Labyrinth**

Mexico/Spain/USA (2006) Stars: Ivana Baquero, Sergi Lopez Dir: Guillermo del Toro
In 1940s fascist Spain, the bookish stepdaughter of a sadistic army officer escapes into a captivating fantasy world. This Oscar winner is a creative yet challenging tour de force.

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 to be delivered in the interval.

Full membership: £27 ; concessions (unwaged): £18.
Season Four guest entrance will be £5.

For more details please ring Penny Brewer 01488 72305, email penny.locke@freeuk.com or log in to www.valleyfilmsociety.org



RED LION

...Latest News...

Michael and Deborah Barden (the Newco Group) are the new owners. The previous temporary Manager has left and Cath Thomas is running the pub for Michael and Deborah
The pub will not close - instead plans are afoot to build a restaurant onto the side and rear
Any bookings can be made on **01672 540348** or by emailing newcodev1@btinternet.com

Opening hours:

Monday to Thursday - 12 noon to 11 pm
Friday & Saturday - 11am to midnight
Sunday - 12 noon to 10.30 pm

Food

Sunday Lunch - from 12.30 to 4pm - £7.95
Curry Nights - £7.95 including a pint or glass of wine
A new weekday menu will start soon including a one-day-a-week senior citizens lunch on Fridays

The small bar now has a 42 inch screen that covers all sporting events including Sky Sports, Setanta, RUK and ATR

Keep an eye on the baydon.org website and the blackboards outside the pub for special events

Any suggestions or if you'd like to discuss any matters relating to the pub - email Mike and Debbie on newcodev1@btinternet.com

The Red Lion - Baydon . 01672 540348



And now for something really scrumptious!..

We know that the WI play a unique role in providing women with educational opportunities & the chance to build new skills, to take part in variety of activities & to campaign on issues that matter to them & their communities. But we also know that many members are great cooks! The Baydon WI have very kindly offered to provide Scene with recipes each edition. A former member Pam Johnson (now Pam Butt) gave this recipe to the WI before she left the village following her marriage.

Pam's Apple Galette

Pastry:

10 ozs plain flour
Pinch salt
6oz butter (or marg) chilled
1 egg yolk
2 tablespoons cold water

Filling

1 ½ lbs bramley apples
Rind of 1 unwaxed lemon
Juice of ¼ lemon
4 ozs sultanas
3 ozs caster sugar
1 heaped teaspoon cinnamon

Flan

Grease a 9" flan tin which is about 1½ inches deep
Cut the pastry in half then roll out and line the tin with the pastry. Put in the filling and pop on the pastry lid - press well around the edges to seal
Bake at 190 c. Gas no. 5 for about 30-40 mins or until evenly golden
Take out of the oven and immediately cover the top

Topping

Heat 3 good tablespoons of apricot jam & spread with a palette knife all over the top
Have ready 3-4 ozs sifted icing sugar mixed with water so that it drizzles off the spoon easily
Drizzle over the jam right to the edges and leave until cold before turning out

Method

Sift flour & salt, grate butter and rub in
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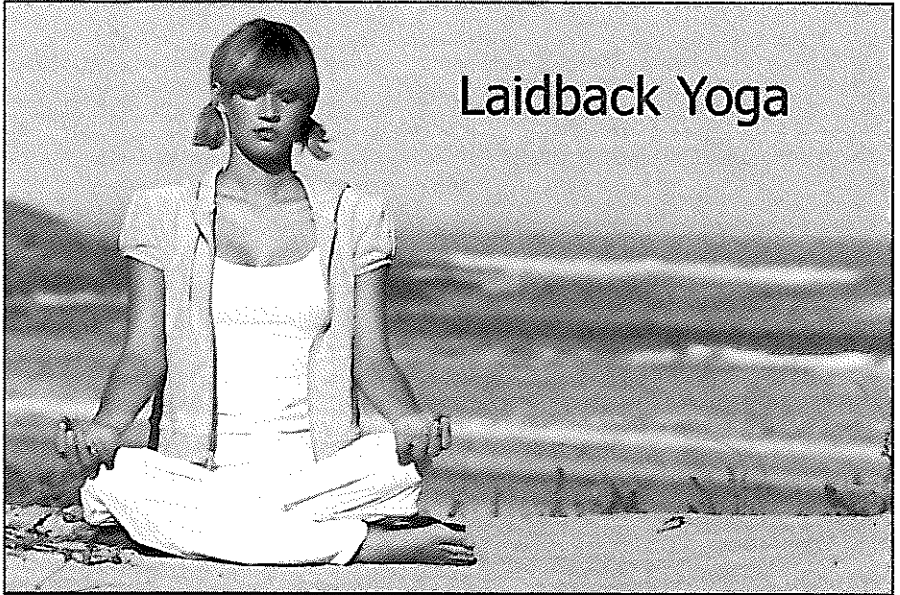
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And now for this month's brain teaser!

Chrimble Conundrums!

- 1 Who wrote the Christmas poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'?
- 2 Who said "Christmas! 'Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of charity in the heart"?
- 3 What was the last ghost to appear to Scrooge in 'A Christmas Carol'?
- 4 Name the two reindeer whose names begin with 'C'?
- 5 What's the name of the angel who helps James Stewart in 'It's a Wonderful Life'?
- 6 Who had the Christmas number 1 in 2007?
- 7 What do the Four Calling Birds represent in the song 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'?
- 8 In Tchaikovsky's 'The Nutcracker', who is the Nutcracker's main enemy?
- 9 How did Boxing Day get its name?
- 10 Which year was the Queen's Speech first televised?
- 11 Where was St Nicholas from?
- 12 Why did Joseph Mohr compose the carol 'Silent Night'?
- 13 Which country issued the first Christmas stamp?
- 14 In which year was the celebration of Christmas banned in the UK?
- 15 Where did the three ships sail in the Carol 'I Saw Three Ships'?

Answers in the next edition

HAPPY CHRISYMAS AND ALL THE VERY BEST FOR 2009
THE SCENE TEAM

Answers to last edition's quiz - 'Figure It Out'
1. Nine Lives of a cat 2. Fifty four cards in a pack (with jokers) 3. Eighteen holes on a golf course 4. Three coins in the fountain 5. 57 - Heinz Variety 6. Eleven Players in a football team 7. Seventy six trombones in the big parade 8. Twelve days of Christmas 9. Twenty four blackbirds baked in a pie 10. Ten green bottles hanging on the wall 11. 2-4-6-8 who do we appreciate? 12. Twenty one spals on a dice 13. Twenty four old pennies in a pound 14. Thirteen in a baker's dozen 15. Three little pigs 16. Sixty seconds in a minute 17. 1066 - the Battle of Hastings 18. £200 for passing go in Monopoly 19. Sixty four squares on a chess board 20. Four horsemen of the Apocalypse



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