



# Maidenhead Civic Society NEWS



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***Flooding on Holyport Football Club ground on the Spencers Farm site where housing is being considered– see page 5.***

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# Chairman's Foreword

It could be that 2014 will go down as the turning point in Maidenhead's regeneration. The last chorus of Auld Lang Syne had barely finished when news broke that the Broadway triangle site now has a new owner.

Bounded by Broadway, King Street and Queen Street, the site is key to the rejuvenation of the town and its future success. After the disappointment of ING's failure to deliver a viable scheme, there is now optimism that a new consortium – a marriage of experience, UK developers London & Aberdeen Group, and Norwegian funding – will deliver a scheme to breathe new life into the town centre. Hopes are heightened by the key player in the partnership being a local resident, Bill Higgins from Burchetts Green, who shares the community's passion for finding the right solution. It will be a while before the diggers move in but Higgins's plan to put the scheme out to architectural competition is an encouraging start.

There are men with spades, however, ready to start on the first section of the Waterways scheme, the York Stream between the A4 at Hines Meadow and GWR railway arches. Work begins this month on clearing overgrown trees and undergrowth before the reconstruction of the stream can start in the summer. We can expect too to see work beginning on the first phase of the 3-part transformation of east end of the High Street, the redevelopment of the old cinema site. Further up the High Street, the Society is promised a say in the final designs for the conversion of Berkshire House into serviced apartments. A condition of the planning approval given in December was that amenity groups like ours would be consulted – perhaps something of a poisoned chalice!

Elsewhere, another eyesore, Skindles, and the rest of the former paper mill site, is about to get a new owner. It's understood that a well-known prestige house builder with a good reputation locally has acquired an interest in the site. The Society has suggested putting together a mutual interest group of representatives from both sides of the river.

Finally and crucially, RBWM has kicked off the new year by publishing its preferred options for a Borough Local Plan for public consultation (see page 6). It includes some critical elements, e.g. finding space for over 3,000 new homes in the next 15 years and some question marks over sections of the Green Belt.

We should encourage as many people as possible to join the debate. Last time, fewer than 3% of residents responded to the consultation. We owe it to future generations to prepare and plan wisely and avoid putting at risk anything that contributes to Maidenhead's appeal.

Preserve the best – improve the rest!

*Bob Dulson*

# Planning Matters

At the time of the last Newsletter there were two major applications in the pipeline - Oldfield School and Berkshire House. Both were considered at a specially convened Development Control Panel of the RBWM in early December. Around 250 people attended to witness the outcome of the proposal to build a two-form entry school on the Bray Road, south of Charlbury Grove. It is well documented that the site is both in the Green Belt and a flood risk zone. Furthermore, there were concerns about traffic congestion and road safety issues. The prevarication and uncertainty of the September meeting were put aside. Such was the groundswell of opinion and the exceptional case for increasing primary school capacity that the Panel voted unanimously in favour of the proposal. It is hoped that this is an isolated exception to Green Belt/Flood plain policy and not the thin edge of any wedge. Because the approval was contrary to planning policy it required approval from the Secretary of State, which was subsequently granted.

About five people remained to hear the application regarding the refurbishment of Berkshire House. Approval has been given in principle - subject to the finalisation of a limestone effect cladding and other architectural details. We were disappointed that the addition of an extra two storeys was not an issue, or the fact that all the one bed flats will be smaller than the minimum London standard of 50 sqm. It appears that these flats for rent will be more modest and aimed at a different market to others in the town centre - for example Chapel Arches.

A factor in driving through the approval of the Berkshire House scheme was the potential threat of Permitted Development. As part of the Government's initiative to accelerate development, it is now possible for owners to internally convert redundant or surplus office buildings to residential use without any planning permission. In the case of Berkshire House, the landmark eyesore would remain in its existing glory. The outcome is an architectural improvement - with stone facing, more attractive windows, some with balconies and introduction of the curved structural "veil" to disguise the perpendicular elevations.

Interestingly, there have already been two "office to residential" Permitted Developments granted for smaller office blocks. No.2 Castle Hill Terrace is to be converted from offices into eight apartments. This building is situated in a Conservation Area and it is encouraging to see the building's architectural merits being retained. Shelley House at 2-4 York Road is a more modern block which is also being converted to fifteen apartments. Because of the central location only eight parking spaces will be provided - presumably to reflect RBWM planning guidelines of 0.5 spaces per dwelling in the town centre. It is not clear how the spaces will be allocated or managed - but the current office block enjoys 31 spaces.....what has happened to them? Both applications have been waved through with no comment - other than they must be completed by a date in 2016 - which is presumably related to the three year window for such development legislation being passed in 2013.

There are two locations where substantial detached houses are planned to be demolished and replaced by blocks of flats. One such application for nine flats at 104 Boyn Hill Road has already been refused. There are problems with access, parking and the size and bulk of the structure overlooking neighbours. However, a decision is still awaited on an old chestnut at Greenfields House, which sits on the southeast quadrant of the Braywick Road/Stafferton Way roundabout. In the last seven years a series of applications for nineteen flats has been refused by the Borough. In 2011 permission was granted on appeal. For a variety of reasons that permission has now lapsed, and a further application is in the pipeline. The scheme remains essentially the same - high density overdevelopment with poor access from the rear (through Greenfields) and inadequate parking and turning arrangements. The outcome is awaited with interest.

The uncertainty about plans for 3-6 Bridge Avenue continues. As reported in the last Newsletter there are already outline permissions for a five storey office block or a six-storey 119-bed hotel. A third scheme for a similar height building is about to be decided upon - this time for sheltered accommodation. We believe that this important site, in close proximity to Chapel Arches, needs planning resolution as soon as possible. Even if there are three outline permissions granted on this site, we will not be aware of what the ultimate building will look like until detailed planning permission is applied for.

The January flooding has focused attention on the impact of planning decisions relating to development on the flood plain. There should not be any complacency on the part of our Planning Authority regarding Flood Plain Policy. Such relaxation is partially caused by the perceived success of the Jubilee River in reducing the incidence of flooding in the Borough. We continue to be disappointed that flood related issues do not feature in the standard application form for planning proposals. With the long term pressure to deliver the Government's housing targets being evaluated in the Borough Local Plan, this problem is not going away.

The latest flood event has now passed and the Jubilee River – for some Maidenians – has partially repaid the £106m cost of construction. But whilst many locations that flooded previously have been spared, Cookham, Datchet and Old Windsor have suffered the worst floods in living memory, and we sympathise with those affected.

However, this is not a time for complacency. Maidenhead Civic Society believes that as a riverside planning authority the RBWM should be more alert to the issues related to building on the flood plain. Flood related issues are not even featured in the application forms which accompany every planning application. The Environment Agency only comments on the larger schemes within the flood plain. Smaller projects are permitted, often without a Flood Risk Assessment. To make matters worse, Permitted Development can see unfettered extensions in a flood risk area erected without permission until 2016. The Borough should use all possible powers to arrest this threat.

Areas adjacent to the flood plain are also a cause of concern. Although not at risk from fluvial flooding, the run-off water only goes one way – downhill. One of the last bills of the outgoing government in 2010 was the Flood and Water Management Bill, which addressed many aspects relating to flood plain development. Today everyone refers to “sustainability” in planning, especially since the publication of the National Planning Policy Framework last year with its “presumption in favour of sustainable development”. This is not just about insulation and solar panels. Within the Flood Bill, rainwater management is one of the major references to sustainability. So, does this not raise the question - is building on the flood plain sustainable?

With the current consultation underway regarding the Borough Local Plan, let us not get seduced into building on flood plain within the Green Belt. The potential development site at Spencers Farm was partially underwater in the early January floods (see front cover). Things will get worse if we carry on, until the stage when even the Jubilee River cannot cope.

*Martin McNamee*

### **Planning for the Future – Borough Local Plan – Have Your Say**

It will not have escaped your notice that the Royal Borough is consulting residents on options for a new Borough Local Plan (BLP). The consultation runs until March 7th.

The plan will set the long-term strategy for development across the Borough and guide decisions on planning applications for the next 15-16 years. It will also set out what development will be required to meet the Borough’s needs and where that should be sited, as well as those areas which should be protected.

The BLP will replace the old Local Plan, which has been around with various subsequent amendments since 1997. You will recall that an earlier attempt at updating the plan failed in 2007 when, under the auspices of the previous government, the proposed policies were found “unsound” at public examination, largely for lack of evidence in support of its housing needs strategy.

It will come as no surprise that housing needs are again set to be the focus of attention this time round – along with development in the Green Belt.

A key aspect of the consultation is inviting views on the suitability for development of 23 areas which are in the Green Belt and on the edge of settlements.

The town centre Area Action Plan (AAP), which is already adopted, will become a supplementary document to the BLP and should not be affected by it; although opinions gleaned through the consultation may be incorporated in future amendments. Neighbourhood Plans, though quite a separate process, are considering many similar issues and will therefore dovetail in due course with the BLP.

As we go to press, the Society's Planning Group is due to consider our formal response to the BLP Preferred Options at a special meeting. However, as we have in the past, the Society is encouraging anyone who has an interest in the future of the town to respond to the consultation. This can be done online – there's a link on the RBWM home page – or hard copies are available at the town hall and in libraries. There's a simple but useful guide to the main issues in a pull-out section of *Around The Royal Borough* which was distributed to all households in January.



The BLP documentation in its entirety is daunting; there must be well over 1,000 pages in all! The central document, however, is the Borough Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation (a mere 292

pages!) which contains the main thrust. As a Society we will be taking a special interest in:

- The Overall Strategy
- Housing
- Green Belt & Countryside
- Town Centres
- Conservation & Environment

Having considered what the main document has to say, you may then want to explore some aspects further in ancillary documents, e.g. the Edge of Settlement Analysis or the Housing Site Assessments, not forgetting transport.

If you'd like to share your thoughts and comments with us, we'd love to see them.

*Bob Dulson*

### **Maidenhead's Potential Underlined at House of Commons Event**

There's been a good level of interest from investors and developers, following a campaign to promote Maidenhead's potential for regeneration involving Home Secretary and Maidenhead MP Theresa May.

More than 50 company representatives converged on the House of Commons in December for "Transforming Maidenhead", the second of two such events inspired



by PRoM (the Partnership for the Rejuvenation of Maidenhead) and organised by the Royal Borough. The other was held in Maidenhead earlier in the year.

Feedback on the day and since has been exclusively positive and interest is strong. The Civic Society's Bob Dulson, as chair of PRoM, was MC at both events. He said: "Once you set out the stall, Maidenhead's immense potential is plain to see and the level of interest has been very encouraging."

As well as Theresa May, guests heard a distinguished line-up of speakers including Council leader David Burbage, head of planning Simon Hurrell and local developer Michael Shanly. They set out the benefits of investing in Maidenhead and the opportunities for development offered by the town centre Area Action Plan (AAP). Speaking of the many projects already underway or planned and residents' desire to see the rejuvenation agenda taken forward to attract more people into the town centre, Mrs May said: "The future for Maidenhead attracting business is bright."

The Council's cabinet member for planning, M J Saunders said the AAP was a powerful platform for regeneration and he paid tribute to the many volunteers, including PRoM and the Maidenhead Waterways group, for their contribution to a "growing surge in confidence" in Maidenhead.

Bob Dulson said an important aim of the AAP was to ensure that Maidenhead regained its reputation as a "destination of choice" through good urban design and quality architecture.



*(l to r) Simon Hurrell, M J Saunders, Bob Dulson, Theresa May MP, David Burbage, Michael Shanly and Cllr Richard Kellaway in the Churchill Room at the Palace of Westminster prior to the presentations.*

**Bob Dulson**

# Projects

## OCKWELLS MANOR

### Ockwells and the Local Plan

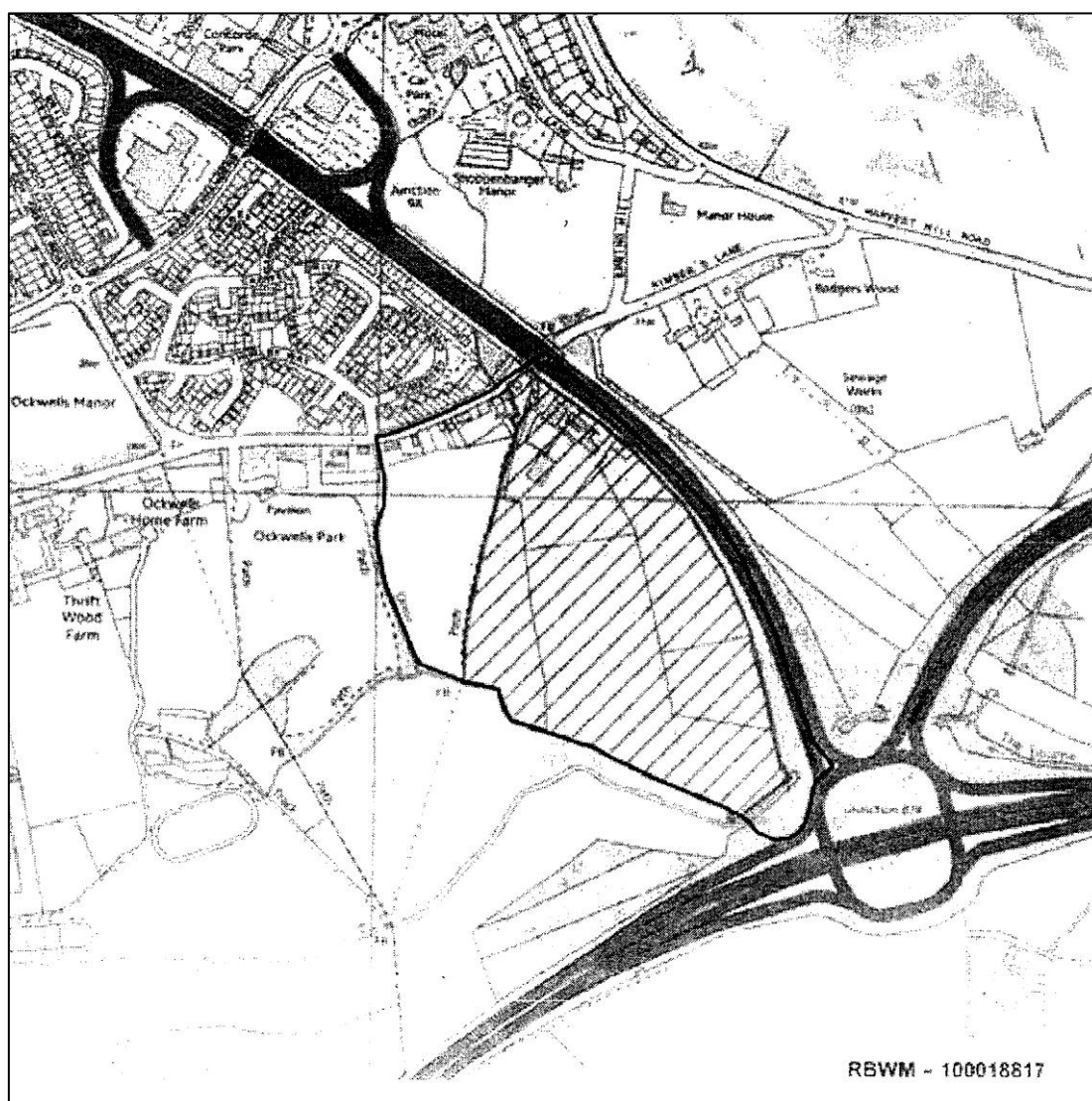
A central function of the Civic Society is to comment on planning issues in this area and Bob Dulson has mentioned the Borough Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation, open for public consultation until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, and has asked you to make a contribution. As Bob says, copies are available in Maidenhead Library or on the RBWM website ([www.rbwm.gov.uk](http://www.rbwm.gov.uk); click on the Borough Local Plan picture link). I reiterate this plea and ask for your support in relation to two proposals in the plan that affect the setting of Ockwells Manor. As you may remember the Society has since 2009 been campaigning to protect the setting of this house. In particular, therefore:

- i) Please support the Borough's plan to re-designate the field opposite Ockwells Manor as green belt (see Section B Map 7, p167 of the Borough Local Plan);
- ii) Various areas of the green belt are to be *analysed for development suitability* (i.e. housing). Please oppose the inclusion of an area that consists of Fir Tree Farm, next to the A404M, together with 10 acres of land bought by the District Council in 1979 for recreational use. The 10 acres now forms a third of Ockwells Park. The rest of Ockwells Park (34 acres) was given to the Council in 1984 by the then owner of Ockwells Manor, Reginald Broadhead, at a time when the Council had planned to acquire Ockwells for community use and the 22 acre field (see (i) above) for recreational space.

The Borough Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation envisages that 200 houses could be built on Fir Tree Farm and the adjacent 10 acres (see Section 7, Table 6, p61; Fig 9, p63 & Section F, p268). The figure below, taken from a leaflet being circulated locally, illustrates the area involved. The 10 acres is currently waterlogged and building on it will decrease the amount of public open space in Cox Green; affect the visual amenity of the area, and the traffic generated will inevitably cause problems. The road that would have to serve any future housing estate is a cul-de-sac which was created when the A404M cut Kimbers Lane off from Ockwells Road.

There are several ways to comment – either online at <http://consult.rbwm.gov.uk/portal> or by email to [planning.policy@rbwm.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@rbwm.gov.uk); or by obtaining a “Representation Form” available at Maidenhead Library. A separate form is needed for each representation!!! If these are not available you can phone (01628) 683868. If all else fails write a letter giving your name and address and your comments, identifying the part of the document concerned (see above). The postal address is: Planning Policy Unit, FREEPOST RLYH-SHYR-JUXJ, Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, Town Hall, St Ives Road, Maidenhead SL6 1RF.





*The Borough Local Plan proposes 200 houses to be built on this green belt site consisting of Fir Tree Farm (hatched area) and 10 acres of Ockwells Park - all outlined in black*

### **Ockwells Manor - A Virtual Tour and an Actual one!**

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January I gave a talk *A Virtual Tour of Ockwells Manor* to Marlow Archaeology and the following day, with kind permission from the owner, Mr Brian Stein, members of Marlow Archaeology, the Oxford Heraldry Society and the Mortimer History Society toured the house and grounds. The Mortimer History Society came down from Ludlow especially to see the armorial achievement in Ockwells for Sir Hugh Mortimer (d.1460). Moreover, one of their group had come even further: Pat Sargent from Akron, Ohio, in the USA came over specially for both talk and tour. Pat had picked up details of the events from the Mortimer History Society's website.



*The combined tour group at Ockwells*



*Pat Sargent, Hugh Wood and Ann Darracott outside Ockwells*



The reason Pat made the trip is that she is associated with the mansion called “Stan Hywet”, in Akron, that was built ca. 1915 by F.A.Sieberling, founder of Goodyear Tyre Company. The Sieberlings had stayed with Sir Edward Barry at Ockwells in 1915 and had apparently wanted to buy the glass. As this wasn’t possible, F.A. Sieberling commissioned replicas of eight of the 18 Ockwells armorial achievements and these were put up in the Tower Room at Stan Hywet. The great hall at the Akron mansion was modelled on that of Ockwells.

Stan Hywet manor house was modelled on three British mansions: Ockwells Manor, Compton Wynates in Warwickshire and Hadden Hall in Derbyshire. It is hoped that one day all three houses could be visited by a group from Stan Hywet.

## **FLOODING AND THE GREEN WAY**



*Water flowing through the flood control gate (on left of picture) in the North Maidenhead Flood Bund, January 2014. The trees mark the line of the stream*

Among the many localised areas recently flooded was the Green Way path alongside Hines Meadow car park. In the winter, the lower sections under the A4 and under the Crown Lane bridge often flood, but in January this year the higher level was also flooded. Our chairman in his introduction says that “men with spades will be clearing trees and undergrowth from the A4 at Hines Meadow to the GWR railway arches” in preparation for the reconstruction of the stream in the summer as part of the Chapel Arches redevelopment. This will include removing the coir rolls that create a sinuous channel for the stream, the planting and presumably the stones dumped on the stream bed to facilitate the construction of the car park.



*The Green Way flooded in Town Moor, January 2014; the path is near the bench*

If you are not familiar with this part of the Green Way this may be your last opportunity to see the planting scheme (financed by Sainsbury's S106 funding in 2007) that features primroses, flag iris and many attractive waterside plants. We understand that the Green Way path itself is to survive; we certainly hope so.



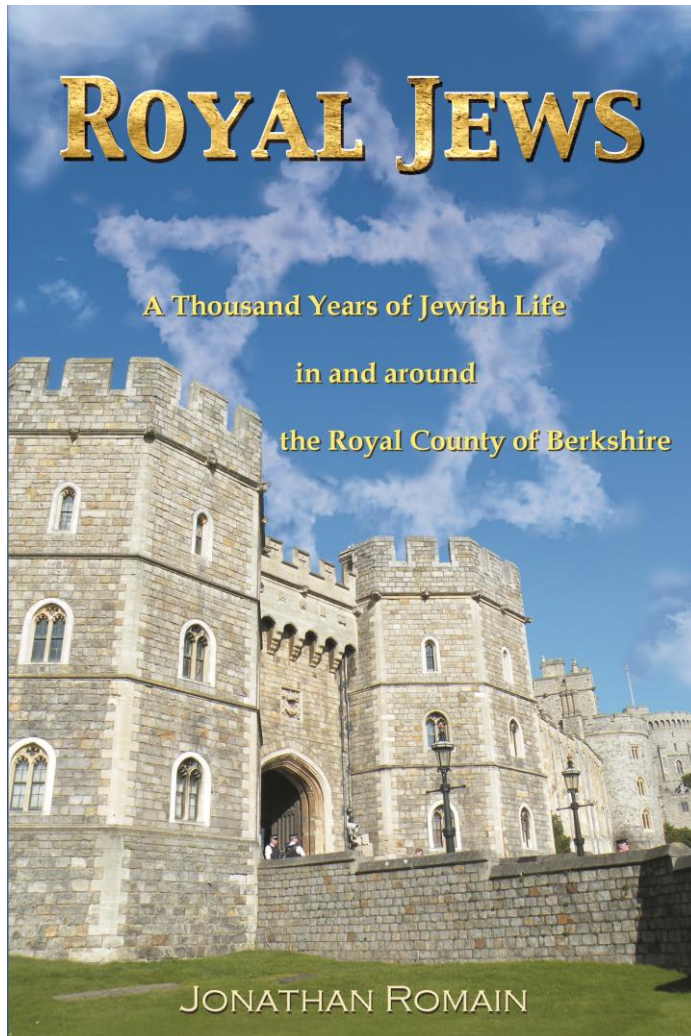
*Water-loving plants in York Stream next to the Green Way path (on right): the stream bed is to be reconfigured so that narrow boats can chug up and down*

*Ann Darracott*



# The story of Maidenhead's Jews brought to light

Some surprising discoveries have come to light about the Jewish community in the Royal Borough during the research for my recently published book entitled *Royal Jews*. Here I give a brief insight to the fascinating story of some of Maidenhead's Jews who in recent years have played a notable civic role in the Borough.



It had been assumed that local Jewish life began when the Synagogue was founded in 1940 – but in fact it started almost nine centuries ago.

They came with William of Normandy, who encouraged Jewish migration here after he defeated Harold's forces. Thanks to the Close Rolls – administrative records relating to the royal chancery – we also know of individual Jews who either spent time locally, such as Abraham son of Joseph and Muriel, or were so associated with the area that they became known by it, such as Isaac of Windsor.

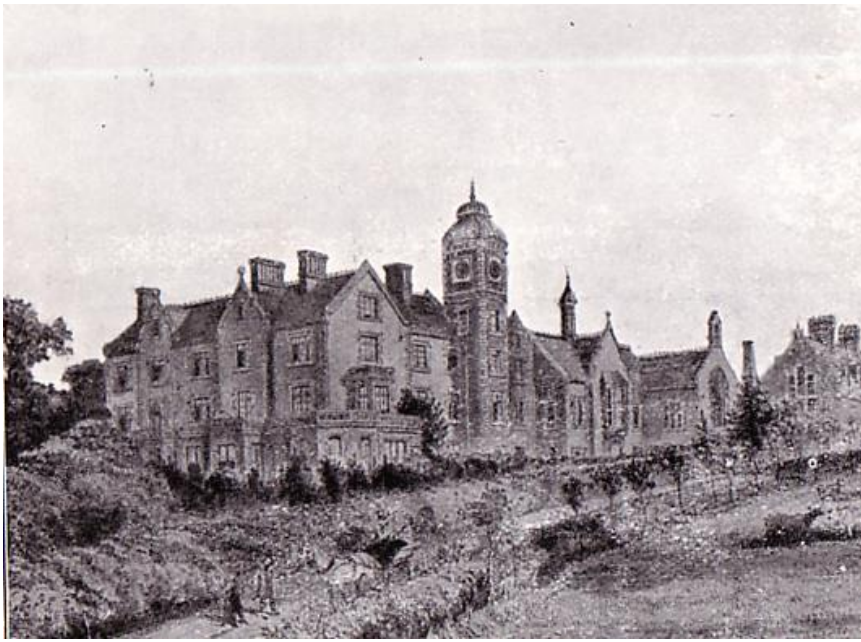
Sadly, the 13th century was marked by an unholy mix of ignorance and bigotry. At a time when the Catholic Church was intent on eradicating any belief but its own – be it other Christians or other faiths – the Jews were an

obvious target and subject to much persecution. It culminated in Edward I expelling the Jews from England in 1290.

Jewish life resumed both nationally and locally after an absence of almost four hundred years when Cromwell ordered the Readmission in 1656. It was partly for religious reasons – as a Puritan, he was particularly attached to the Hebrew Bible and valued 'the people of the book'. He also had economic motives, as he was keen to bring as much expertise as possible to his new Commonwealth.



Another surprise was that even before there was a Synagogue locally, there was Jewish boarding school – Craufurd College – which taught children from 8 to 17



*The former Craufurd College*

years from London and the Provinces. It began in 1897, situated in the premises of a former prep school on Gringer Hill, and lasted till 1926. The seven-acre site was then used as a hospital by Middlesex County Council, but later demolished to make way for housing.

Some of the subsequent Jewish residents not only contributed to the town's development

but physically left their mark. This includes the philanthropist Sam Lewis who was reared in poverty in Birmingham, but moved to London, where he made his fortune. In 1895, he bought a riverside residence from Lord Cowley, 'Woodside', a few hundred yards north of Boulters Lock and today split into three properties. On his death six years later, Lewis left £10,000 for an entire new wing for the then Maidenhead Cottage Hospital (closed in 1977). It was opened by Princess Christian, sister of Edward VIII. He also gave money to establish a Working Boys Club in Maidenhead, as well as for three cottage homes for the Royal Berkshire Regiment. Another gift, a drinking trough for horses, can still be found at Bridge Gardens, inscribed to the memory of his wife Ada.



*The "Ada Lewis" drinking trough – now a fountain – in its present position in Bridge Gardens. It was until recently nearer to the bridge by the main road.*

Equally visible – reclining on a bench at Maidenhead Station – is the statue of one of the town's most famous citizens, Sir Nicholas Winton. He became a celebrated figure when his activities in 1939 to save 669 Czech Jewish children from extermination came to light in 1988, and for which he was knighted. Moreover, a few years earlier, Winton had already received the MBE for entirely different reasons: his work with both MENCAP and Abbeyfield Homes. Winton House in Dedworth Road is named after him.



*.....sitting on the bench on Platform 3 at Maidenhead Station*

The evacuation of many Londoners to the Home Counties during the Blitz included a number of Jewish families and led to the birth of the Synagogue in Maidenhead. At the same time, many of the menfolk were away on war service, including David Wolff who was commander of a Royal Navy minesweeper and Edward Miller, who rose to captain in the Royal Artillery.

At first the community met in people's homes, then in rented accommodation – Oddfellows Hall in Brock Lane (off the High Street, but now no longer existent) and Woodcarvers Hall in Marlow Road (knocked down in 1974 to make way for the War Graves Commission building). It acquired its own premises in Boyn Hill Avenue in 1953, before further expansion led it to Grenfell Lodge.

Other Jewish Maidenians of note included the late Ruth Doniger, who was not only a leading child psychiatrist but became the first single woman in Britain to be allowed to adopt a child. Jessica Blooman (*see below with Princess Margaret*) was Chief Probation Officer for Berkshire, as well as a national leader of the Girl Guides Movement.



There have also been local celebrities with connections to the Synagogue, ranging from the television presenter Bernard Falk to singer Frankie Vaughan to Michelin-starred chef, Heston Blumenthal.

The synagogue today belongs to the Reform branch of Judaism, which aims to marry the traditions of the past with

the realities of modernity. This includes full equality for women and permits female rabbis.

Alongside the many internal activities – such as services and the religion school – the Synagogue plays a role in the wider community. It provides a midweek lunch for the homeless; offers free premises for weekly sessions for the PND (Post Natal Depression) group, and is involved in many inter-faith ventures.

The Synagogue receives regular visits from local schools – as well as adult groups – and even entertained a royal visitor when Princess Margaret was guest of honour as its Golden Jubilee in 1990 (*see right*).

*Jonathan Romain, rabbi of Maidenhead Synagogue*





# Future Events

## **BBC Broadcasting House Tour Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

We have arranged a behind-the-scenes tour of Broadcasting House in central London.

This will be a great opportunity to see this brand new centre with state-of-the-art technology. You will see the new News studio and also will be able to see live shows going on air and hear about the history of the BBC. A visit to the new One Show studio is also planned as well as the restored Radio Theatre. The tour will last about 1½ hours. As we are in the centre of London there will be plenty of time for lunch and shopping.



The cost of the trip including coach travel, driver's tip and entrance charges will be £32 per person. Please send in your booking form by 28th April 2014 at the latest and indicate pick up point. The coach will arrive back in Maidenhead at approximately 5.30 pm.

# Booking Form

## BBC Broadcasting House

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Please cut out and send this completed form,  
together with your cheque/postal order,  
payable to "MAIDENHEAD CIVIC SOCIETY", to reach  
Mike Copeland, 14 Laburnham Road, Maidenhead, Berks, SL6 4DB

**not later than 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

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.....POSTCODE .....

TELEPHONE No. ....

E-MAIL ADDRESS .....

*(Please include this if you have one)*

***I wish to book***

.....seats @ £32.00 = £ .....

**Please treat any profit on this outing as a Gift Aid Donation (please tick).....**

*(You must pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax equal to the tax we reclaim on your donation)*

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<b>Please circle pick-up point</b>	<b>Bridge Avenue</b>	<b>Braywick Sports Gnd.</b>
	<b>08.30</b>	<b>08.45</b>

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# News from the Heritage Centre

## **AN EVENING WITH MAIDENHEAD HERITAGE CENTRE**

Thursday March 20th at 7.30pm at URC Church Hall, West Street.

This fund-raising event will feature two talks from the Heritage Centre speaker team: “Temple to Taplow - Victorian Millionaires and their riverside mansions” by Keith Parry and “Maidenhead and the Movies” by Richard Poad. Wine will be served in the interval, when the audience will have a chance to win a prize in a historical picture quiz. Tickets £10 from the Heritage Centre in Park Street.

## **EXHIBITIONS**

“Mapping our History” is the current exhibition at the Heritage Centre, and runs until March 22nd. From March 26th until May 10th local charities, some of them dating back to the 17th century, will be in the spotlight in “Charity begins in... Maidenhead!” Salters Almshouses and Jesus Hospital at Bray will both be featured in this exhibition.

## **EDUCATION OFFICER APPOINTED**

In January Maidenhead Heritage Centre appointed Virginia Jenner as its Education and Learning Officer, thanks to a grant from the Louis Baylis (Maidenhead Advertiser) Trust.

Heritage Centre chairman Richard Poad said “Virginia is brimming with ideas and enthusiasm, and we are delighted she is joining our team here in Park Street. With over 30 local schools to contact and two family events to arrange at half term, she will be hitting the ground running.” 22-year old Virginia, from West Sussex, has degrees in History and Mediaeval Studies, and has previously worked at her local museum and at the London Transport Museum, where she was a learning volunteer helping to run school sessions and family activities during the school holidays. Virginia also volunteered at Sutton House, a National Trust house in Hackney, where she ran the regular family days and was involved in the research and planning of Black History Month activities.

Visit [www.maidenheadheritage.org.uk](http://www.maidenheadheritage.org.uk) for details of the half-term events mentioned above. You will also find details of the lunchtime lectures at the Heritage Centre on the second Thursday of each month.

# Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014  
**Guided Tour**

BBC Broadcasting House  
Guided tour. Depart Maidenhead 08.30.

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 2014

Parish Centre in St. Luke's Church, at 7.45 pm.

14<sup>th</sup> January, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 9<sup>th</sup> December

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS FOR 2014

Parish Centre in St. Luke's Church, at 7.45 p.m.

8<sup>th</sup> April, 14<sup>th</sup> October

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014 in the Wesley Hall at the Methodist Church at 8.00 pm.

**The closing date for copy for the next issue  
of the Newsletter is 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

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