



Maidenhead Civic Society NEWS



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***Number One, Bridge Avenue
- Maidenhead's big hole in the ground!***

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The Chairman's Foreword

In my youth I was a keen cyclist, once pedalling a length of the Rhine from the Black Forest to Cologne. I have been known to take a bus on occasions, when the timetable was in my favour. But these days, unless I'm taking a stroll along the towpath, I confess my preferred mode of transport is the car. I suspect the same is true for the majority of Maidenians.

The advent of Crossrail and the amount of development planned over the next 10 - 15 years as part of the welcome regeneration of Maidenhead will have a significant impact on the town centre – and on us, as car owners.

I was interested to learn therefore that there is a paper currently doing the rounds in the town hall called an Access and Parking Study for Maidenhead. No doubt it will at some stage emerge for public consultation but I'm told that it presents a comprehensive picture of the current parking situation and a stark warning that to do nothing is simply not an option.

As we know, the Town Centre Area Action Plan's (AAP) provision of 800 new homes in the town centre has been scaled up and a figure in excess of 2,500 now seems likely. At a conservative estimate that's another 3,000 cars. Then, in a bid to attract big-name businesses to make Maidenhead their base, 100,000 sq m of office space is planned for their employees – and they're not all going to walk to work. And on top of that Crossrail predict a 40% increase in rush-hour passengers who will all want picking up or dropping off.

Currently, on an average day, there is spare capacity in our town centre car parks – though it never feels like it when you're looking for a space. But that is set to change, and quickly. The new Chapel Arches development will swallow a section of the Hines Meadow car park and in due course the West Street, Grove Road and even the town hall car park will be built upon.

So it's time for some new and radical thinking. The current review, I understand, is the first in 10 years, but it's timely. The number of people and the demands on space are increasing and eco-friendly automotive technology is leaping forward too, with the result that car ownership is much more likely to increase.

The Civic Society doesn't pretend to know all the answers but a few seem obvious:

parking should be convenient, easy and cheap

- in our compact town centre any suggestion for new surface car parks should be discarded
- underground or integrated parking and new or expanded multi-storey facilities should be the priority
- opportunities for more on-street, short-term parking should be explored
- look for more incentive schemes, like the successful free Sunday parking

Good parking facilities can transform a town's performance. Retail industry surveys show that if people can't park easily, they don't come.

Back in 2004 in our Strategic Review, the Civic Society advocated underground parking as the way forward for Maidenhead and the AAP reflected this as a preference, but only "where possible". We'd like to see the Council strengthening this policy to make underground parking a requirement in any new build and ignore the regular bleat of developers that underground parking is too expensive. Two major developments being undertaken or planned currently - Chapel Arches and The Landing - suggest that it is not.

The current trend for converting unused offices into residential apartments is welcome but greater consideration should be given to the parking requirements of these new residents. Government guidelines in recent years have been unhelpful in this respect. Developers are only required to provide parking for half a car per bedroom or, in cases where a development is near to public transport, no parking at all. But a recent statement by Eric Pickles gives room for manoeuvre. He said that local authorities could take account of local levels of car ownership in determining parking requirements.

We would also like to see the AAP proposal for an expanded multi-storey provision in Stafferton Way being vigorously pursued. If Network Rail can be persuaded to see the opportunity for creating a passenger drop-off point and a pedestrian link to the station as part of this, the benefits to parking provision and town centre traffic flow would be greatly enhanced. Currently, drivers approaching from the south have to navigate the town centre having dropped off or picked up at the station. A drop-off point for the station in Stafferton Way would enable drivers from the south (and other directions with the completion of the Stafferton Way link) to return without entering the town centre.

Regeneration is a competitive game and adequate parking is essential to success. Let us hope that whatever strategy emerges can put us ahead in that game and deliver what Maidenhead needs and deserves – a comprehensive forward-looking plan, not merely a sticking plaster solution.

Bob Dulson

Planning Matters

There is clear evidence that the rejuvenation of Maidenhead town centre is really underway - even though it is only in the early stages.

Shanly Homes are well into the construction of their second block of apartments on the eastern side of Bridge Avenue. Number One Bridge Avenue (the Old Cinema site) is having extensive ground works and excavation to provide underground parking for the impending waterside development of this site - all part of the Chapel Arches scheme. York Stream itself has been drained by diverting water into Maidenhead Cut and preparatory work is underway for the clearing and lining of York Stream to deliver the vision of the waterway project. On the opposite bank further groundwork is underway to the rear of Copthall House to prepare for the refurbishment, extension and redevelopment of that site. To the south of the Library, St Ives House and York Stream House have both been demolished to prepare for the redevelopment of the York Road Opportunity Area - hereafter referred to as YROA.



St Ives House and York Stream House – gone!

Early proposals for this scheme have been the subject of consultation - and are reviewed below. In the interim, the cleared ground area will be used for additional car parking. The West Street Opportunity Area sees the ongoing construction of a large office/ hotel block at Kidwells Park House which will incorporate a 126-bedroom Premier Inn. Alongside this development stands the completed nine-storey office building known as The Point. We are delighted at the news that this is to become the UK headquarters for Maersk Shipping - who are relocating from the City of London.

When the Point was first proposed (in 2010) we expressed concern at the height rising to nine floors. Today, things have moved on to the extent that such a height is regarded as modest. The approved project to convert Berkshire House into residential accommodation will effectively increase the height from eleven storeys to thirteen. The proposed office blocks for The Landing scheme (currently in the planning pipeline) reach a height of fourteen floors in the King Street/Broadway quadrant. The recent consultation for the YROA includes alternative schemes for The Wharf - a residential block which would be located on the west bank of York Stream - roughly in the location of the demolished York Stream House. The alternative options are twelve storeys... or eighteen!

There is clearly no clear defined policy on building heights in the town centre. Many larger cities do not have buildings of eighteen storeys. Are such heights really compatible with a town the size of Maidenhead? It is appreciated that in the drive to achieve housing targets whilst protecting the Green Belt, the Royal Borough are aiming for 2,000 new units in the town centre. To achieve this objective some high rise residential units will be necessary - but how high? And what about parking requirements? However much the Borough wish town centre dwellers to forgo their cars - this just will not happen. The town centre residential car users will be competing for parking with shoppers and commercial/office workers. Whilst there will always be demand for residential development, there must be concern at the potential total office space which will be delivered when The Landing and West Street Opportunity Area are joined by the offices within the YROA. The current forecast of new office space is 100,000 sq m. In old money this is an enormous area in excess of one million sq ft. When all this space is on stream, there will be a risk of long-term oversupply of offices.

As previously mentioned, there has been a consultation on the YROA. The focus of the presentation was to elicit early approval of the Borough's scheme for The Wharf, especially regarding the contentious issue of height. The original concept of creating a civic open space to have a public focal area for the town centre has not been delivered. Below is an edited version of our submission:

An early decision on The Wharf would be premature and should not be made in isolation from the proposals for the wider environs of the YROA. The entire scheme should be agreed and finalised so that piecemeal development, that has blighted Maidenhead in the past, is not repeated.

Although underground parking is provided for proposed residential blocks, the issue of public parking is not addressed. The Town Hall car park (primarily for Council employees), Grove Road car park and significant current on-street parking will all disappear. Visitors to this new vibrant civic centre will require parking - but there are no proposals in the consultation, other than a reference to an underground car park at Grove Road. This is the big opportunity for the parking issue in Maidenhead town centre to be addressed once and for ever. The flow of traffic - especially bus routes

through the town is not clearly represented - just what is implied by the part-pedestrianisation of St Ives Road.

The west bank of York Stream will have a walkway with outside cafe/bar/restaurant amenity space serviced by units occupying the ground floor of The Wharf. We welcome the open space between The Wharf and The Library. Elsewhere within the proposals “Community and Civic” space is scarce. There is no decent hotel/conference centre facility included in the proposals to create the focal draw for a town centre of this size.

The routine monthly meetings of the Planning Group have considered nearly forty applications over the last three months - and comments were submitted on fourteen of those. There are two major planning applications - both of which have been covered in previous newsletters. The residential development known as Stafferton Park - on the site of the Olympic Park and Ride has been permitted. The total number of dwellings was revised downwards from 293 to 271, but the concerns about inadequate parking, lack of amenity space and proximity to the Civic Amenity Site remain. The Landing - which is the ambitious residential, retail, leisure and office development of the King Street/Broadway/Queen Street triangle - is awaiting planning approval. As always, our comments as formally submitted can be viewed on our website.

There has been one significant new application, which has not been covered previously. This is the proposal to significantly expand the SportsAble Centre at Braywick. There has been significant discussion in the letters pages of the Maidenhead Advertiser about the merits or otherwise of this scheme.



SportsAble's proposed new facility at Braywick.

In planning terms we would regard any decision as premature. The potential development of Braywick Park (which is of course Green Belt) should be on a strategically planned basis. The likely residential redevelopment of the land area

currently occupied by the Magnet Leisure Centre and the Bowling Centre will require the relocation of a brand new Magnet equivalent in Braywick Park. Will there be overcapacity and/or competition for users with the Magnet sitting close by to the Sportsable enlarged facility? Sportsable will be a substantial offering requiring as it does parking for nearly 250 cars. How many car park spaces will the Magnet require? All of this happening on the Green Belt! The unilateral application from SportsAble disregards the existing space currently enjoyed by the Rugby Club, Archery Club and others, putting the enjoyment of those sports at Braywick at risk. Permission should not be granted in isolation until a total land use policy is agreed for Braywick which reflects current usage and future needs of all interested parties. Again our full comments are available to view on the website.

Finally, we can inform you of a positive move towards a Community Right of Appeal. Currently, planning appeals may be lodged only by applicants/developers who have been refused planning permission. Civic Voice - the national umbrella organisation for civic societies and similar bodies - is campaigning for a right of appeal against any planning permission that is objected to by stakeholder organisations. As examples, such stakeholders might be a chamber of commerce, a residents' association or a civic society. We have always believed it to be unfair that there is no right of appeal against perceived poor planning decisions. Individual residents would continue to have no right of appeal. The Civic Voice campaign is on hold during the run up to the elections - but we are hopeful that it will continue to a successful conclusion during the next Parliament.

Martin McNamee

“Maidenhead and Me” Launch

The Society will mark Civic Day on June 20th with the launch of our second ***Maidenhead and Me*** art competition.

Last year it attracted more than 60 quality entries and a lot of requests for us to do it again. So with the town centre regeneration now clearly under way, the challenge for artists this year is to demonstrate “why I love where I live” in the medium of their choice – be it painting, drawing or photography.

The competition runs until September and will conclude with a prize-giving and exhibition of all the entries in the Nicholsons Centre. Full details can be found in the entry form in this newsletter. Further copies of the entry form will be available from the Nicholsons Centre or Bovilles Art Shop from launch day onwards or to download from www.artonthestreet.org.uk.

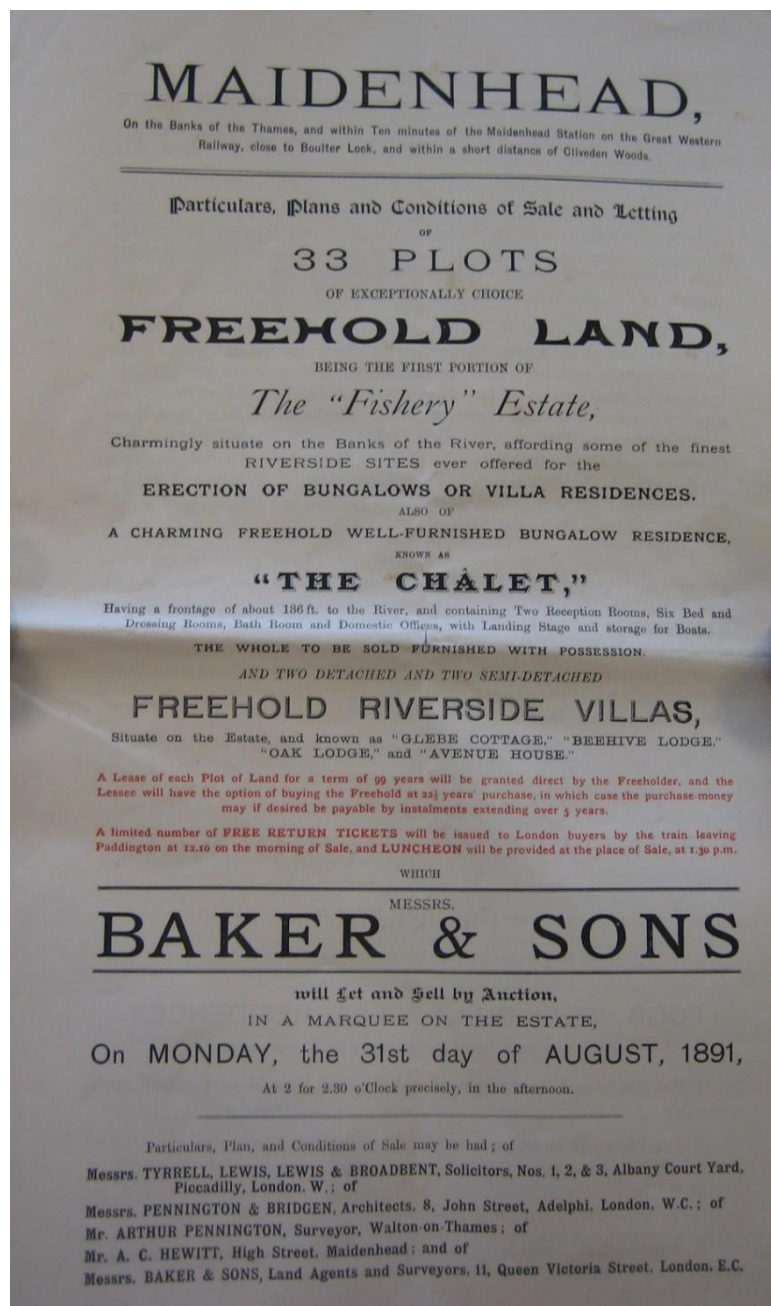
Bob Dulson

Projects

The Saga of Mrs Annie Smith and the Fishery Estate

Annie and her boundary marker featured in the February Newsletter. A discovery of the Sale Catalogue of the Fishery Estate in Berkshire Record Office has revealed that she evidently didn't sell the land for development in 1888, as previously thought. It went on the market in 1891 which was presumably why she had the boundary markers placed on the perimeter in 1890.

She not only put up 33 building plots for sale or lease but also three detached houses (The Chalet, Glebe Cottage and Beehive Lodge) and two semi-detached houses (Oak Lodge and Avenue House) were also for sale. Some of these houses survive (see below); a notable feature is the terracotta roof finials. Terracotta was also used for the herons that feature on top of the pillars of the bridge over the creek which was evidently an entrance to the Fishery Estate (see February Newsletter).



*1891 Sale Catalogue of Fishery Estate:
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*Picture your town
and win a prize*

in our unique art competition



Maidenhead and Me 2015

Paint, draw or photograph what Maidenhead means to you

Win one of a number of fabulous prizes up to £250

See your work exhibited in The Nicholsons Centre

Organised by Maidenhead Civic Society with support and sponsorship from:

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Enjoy Maidenhead

Art On The Street CIC

A Maidenhead Civic Society event to mark Civic Day on June 20, 2015

Maidenhead and Me 2015



MAIDENHEAD is changing. The diggers and cranes are moving in as the town begins the biggest regeneration programme in its history.

Few would disagree improvements to the town are long overdue. The Civic Society has campaigned for them for years. So, it's an appropriate time to consider what's important about Maidenhead... to reflect on 'what Maidenhead means to me'.

By taking part in Maidenhead and Me you will be raising awareness of the town and its artistic community and helping to restore pride in the place we love. Our competition will be launched on national Civic Day (June 20), with the announcement of the winners and the opening of an exhibition of all entries on September 26 in the Nicholsons Centre.

Maidenhead MP Theresa May who is also a trustee of the Civic Society will present the prizes.

How To Enter:

- Maidenhead and Me is open to all in two categories: Adult and Under-16s
- Entrants will portray 'What Maidenhead Means to Me' in the medium of their choice, including photography.
- Finished artwork should be no smaller than 30cm x 30cm (12in x 12in) and no larger than 76cm x 76cm (30in x 30in), excluding any mount or frame.
- No limit on number of entries. However, under-16s may not enter the Adult category (proof of age may be required).
- Entry forms should be fully completed and attached to the submitted artwork before delivery to Bovilles Art Shop, 124 High Street, Maidenhead, with the appropriate fee per entry – adult £2.50, under-16 £1.00
- Submissions of completed work can be made at anytime during August and September, up to the closing date of Saturday, September 12. Entries should be ready to hang with picture wire/cord and eyelets.
- Entries will be judged by representatives of the sponsors, including an independent art expert.

The Prizes:

Three prizes will be awarded in each category

- Adult: 1st £250, 2nd £100, 3rd £50
- Under-16: 1st £50, 2nd £20, 3rd £10



Maidenhead and Me Entry form 2015

Please complete in block capitals
All information is required

Title of work:

Medium:

Name:

Address:

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..... Postcode:

Email:

Daytime phone:

Terms and Conditions:

I agree to comply with the rules of the competition set out on page two of this form under 'how to enter'. Entries are submitted at artist's own risk; organisers take no responsibility for loss or damage to artwork. Entries are invalid unless clearly and securely marked on the reverse with a title, name and contact number. The judges' decision is final. My work will be displayed for the duration of the Maidenhead & Me exhibition and may be reproduced for publicity purposes (you may like to submit a digital copy of your piece by email for this purpose). Artists may sell their work via the exhibition, however, sales must be conducted as private transactions. Relevant information will be published alongside the work on display.

I want to offer this work for sale (tick box) ☐ at a price of.....

Signed:

If Under 16, please ask your parent or guardian to fill in below:

Name:

Signature:

**Please complete and return this form to Bovilles Art Shop, 124 High Street,
Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 1PT together with your entry fee.**

Adult fee: £2.50 per entry, under-16 fee: £1.00 per entry

**Additional forms are available from Bovilles Art Shop or can be
downloaded from www.artonthestreet.org.uk**

Please note: the entry fee is to cover the costs of administration.
Any excess funds will be donated to charity.

Maidenhead and Me 2015

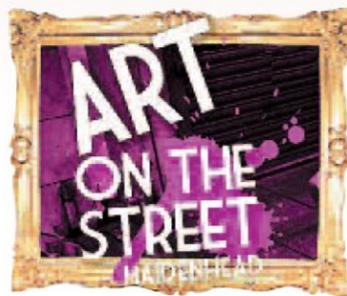
■ Civic Day, on June 20, is a chance for communities across the nation to say 'we value where we live'. It is organised by Civic Voice, the national charity for the civic movement, to which Maidenhead Civic Society is affiliated.



Maidenhead Civic Society

'Preserving the best, improving the rest'

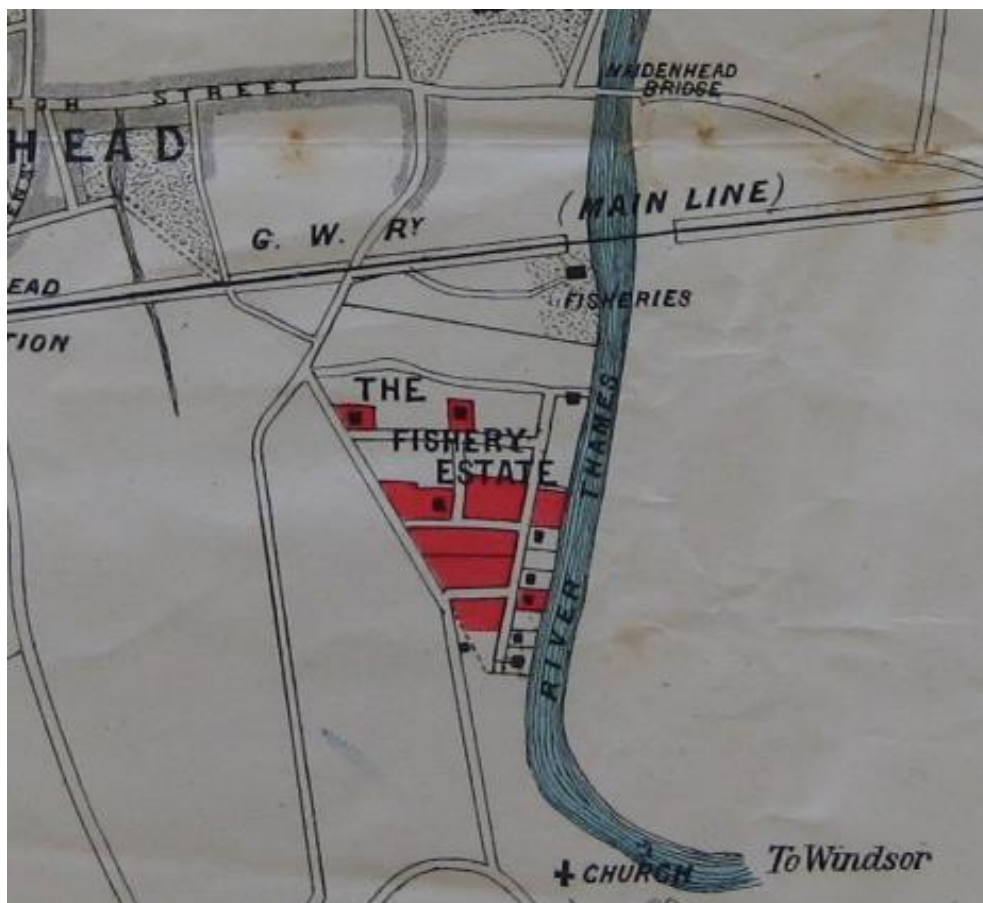
Maidenhead Civic Society is extremely grateful for the help, support and sponsorship given by the following in arranging this event.



Any questions please contact:
Art on the Street – marie@artonthestreet.org.uk
The Civic Society – joyce@delasalle.me.uk



“The Fishery”, seen from the Taplow bank of the Thames; Brunel’s bridge is just visible on the right



Plan of the Fishery Estate from the 1891 Sale Catalogue showing the Fishery Estate in relation to Annie’s house, The Fishery (Fisheries), near to the railway bridge (reproduced with kind permission of Berkshire Record Office, ref no D/EG EII/7)



The two semi-detached houses Oak Lodge & Avenue House (now Mayfield) with a terracotta swan (above) on Avenue House. A similar swan occurs on the roof of The Fishery.



Only Beehive Lodge (now Old Manor House), remains of the detached houses Mrs Annie Smith had for sale in 1891

The 1890 Boundary Marker

Only one of these markers, that bear the remains of her crest, a Heron, plus her initials A.S. and the date MCCCXC, survive and we photographed it being removed for safe keeping before the Southern Relief Road construction gets to it.



Ann Darracott

Events

There are no Society events planned for the coming quarter but here's advance notice of some to come:

VISIT TO STONOR PARK, Nr HENLEY – Tuesday 11th August 2015



A private guided visit has been arranged to one of England's oldest manor houses, situated in one of the most beautiful settings, owned by the same family of the same faith for 850 years. Built from c.1190 and constructed over centuries, the house is of considerable architectural interest and contains a remarkable collection of Old Master Paintings, European sculptures, stained glass and contemporary ceramics from Japan, Korea and Europe. There is also a mediaeval Catholic Chapel built on the site of pagan place of worship, dating from the late 13th or early 14th Century plus lovely gardens.

The particular reason for the visit, in association with the Friends of All Saints Church, is because of Stonor's connection with Bisham Abbey & Church. Stonor houses the Bisham collection, loaned originally by Margaret Dickinson, the last Vansittart descendent who lived at the Abbey. The collection includes portraits of Elizabeth and Anne, the daughters of Lady Elizabeth Hoby of Bisham Abbey, both of whom died in February 1570, as well as a magnificent portrait of her son Edward, as a young man. Also at Stonor are many dining room chairs owned by the Vansittarts and bearing their crest and well as ceramics acquired by that family.

You will need to make your own way there - it's only about three miles northwest of Henley on the B480, signposted off the A4130 to Wallingford, and there is ample parking on site. The visit is subject to a minimum number of 20 and a maximum of 55. The cost will be £12 for Members of the Civic Society & the Friends of All Saints Church and £14 for non-members. Arrive at Stonor at 1.45pm latest for a 2pm tour which will finish at 3.30pm, followed by the tea.

We have also arranged for a cream tea to be available at £5/head. Please note that refreshments have to be pre-booked.

Please note also, as the house is a collection of medieval buildings behind a Georgian facade, it is not suitable for wheelchairs as even the ground floor is not on one level. However, everyone's disability is individual and there are chairs at intervals for a visitor to rest. To see the first floor there are flights of stairs - one up and another down.

Please return your booking form (on next page) to Mike Copeland by 11th July.

HERITAGE OPEN DAY AT BISHAM ABBEY - Thursday 10th September 2015

Bisham Abbey has again agreed for us to open the house for Heritage Open Day (HODS) on Thursday 10th September, from 10am-4pm. Entry is free and refreshments will be available. We'll have more information in the next Newsletter. The Civic Society will be managing this event and in the meantime, if anyone would like to volunteer to be a guide or runner (to spell the guides) for this event, please contact Ann Darracott on Maidenhead 620280. Training will be provided.

JAZZ BY THE RIVERSIDE Saturday 26th September 2015

We're planning another evening of traditional jazz with Cookham's *Fabulous Shirtlifters* at Maidenhead Rowing Club to round off the summer on Saturday 26th September.

If you like a measure of fun in your musical cocktail, the return of the *Shirtlifters* promises to be a treat. Lovely setting, lots of laughter, great music. As before, you are invited to bring your own food to enjoy a picnic-style meal using the tables and chairs provided and there will be a pay bar.

Doors open at 7.30 and the evening begins at 8.00, with a final bow at 11.00 pm.

It's an event that's proved extremely popular in the past – both previous occasions sold out – and we are keeping the cost as low as possible at just £12.50 a head. So make a note of the date, ring your friends and contact Mike Copeland on 01628 634181 **by Tuesday 1st September at the latest** to reserve your places. Cheques should be made payable to "Maidenhead Civic Society" and sent to Mike at 14 Laburnham Road, Maidenhead, Berks, SL6 4DB. There'll be another reminder in the next Newsletter!

Booking Form

Stonor Park

Tuesday 11th August 2015

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 11th July 2015

NAME

ADDRESS

.....

.....POSTCODE

TELEPHONE No.

E-MAIL ADDRESS

(Please include this if you have one)

I wish to book

..... places on the tour for Civic Society/Friends of All Saints Church @ £12.00:

= £

.....places on the tour for non-members @ £14:

= £.....

.....cream teas @ £5/person:

= £.....

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)

If you have any problems or for last minute cancellations, please contact Mike Copeland without delay on 01628 634181 or mobile 07770 421221

Society members may also be interested in the following talks organised by local history and archaeology groups:

Maidenhead Archaeological & Historical Society (MAHS)

(Talks held the York Centre, 42 York Road, Maidenhead SL6 1SH; 7.30 for 8pm; visitors £2; contact 01628 630924 for more details)

Saturday 23rd May: Day Trip to Laycock Abbey (NT) and Avebury (NT) £ 23

Wednesday 27th May: *The Venetian Connection*, by Paul Whittle

Wednesday 24th June: *Sardinia before the Roman Era* by Judith Parry

Saturday 27th June: Day Trip to Watercress Line (Mid-Hants Railway) and Hinton Ampner (NT) £35.

Wednesday 26th Aug 26: Members Evening – short talks on theme of *Paths less Travelled!*

Marlow Archaeology (MAS)

(Talks held at the Liston Hall, Marlow, SL7 1DD; £4 non-members; contact 01628 523896)

Thursday 14th May, 8pm: *The Middle Thames Valley in the late Iron Age*, by Peter Carver. A full length talk, followed by our AGM

Thursday 18th June, 8pm: *The fight for Cookham's Commons*, by Keith Parry

Archaeology in Marlow (AiM)

(Talks held at the Liston Hall, Marlow, SL7 1DD; £4 non-members; contact 01628 485961)

Thursday 21st May, 8pm: - *Operation Nightingale*, by Phil Andrews (Talk)

Thursday 25th June, 8pm: AGM followed by talk: *Discovering Prehistoric Landscapes: Grims Ditch and HS2* by Sandy Kidd

News from the Heritage Centre

AN EVENING WITH THE WAR POETS – Tuesday 26 May, Norden Farm Studio at 8pm.

26 May 2015 is the centenary of the death of Maidenhead's own war poet, Julian Grenfell DSO, the eldest son of Lord Desborough. To mark this occasion, we will be holding a special evening of readings of World War I poetry, by men and women. Poems and letters of Julian Grenfell will be featured; they trace a change in his attitude to war from the gung-ho to the more sober and reflective. Readers will be

Greta Dixon, David Hazeldine and Edward Dixon. Tickets £10 available now only from Norden Farm Box Office, tel 01628 788997.

FREE FAMILY CRAFT DAY - Tuesday 26 May at the Heritage Centre, 10am - 4pm

Another of our increasingly popular family events, this time during May half-term. Watch our website for family events in the summer holidays.

RIVER THAMES CRUISES

Thursday September 3rd and Tuesday September 8th 2015

See the river from the river! Enjoy a 5-hour cruise on the beautiful River Thames, departing Maidenhead (Riverside Gardens) at 10am returning at 3pm. We cruise gently upstream along beautiful Cliveden Reach, passing Cookham and Marlow until we reach Temple Lock. Going downstream we go past Maidenhead and down to Bray before returning to Riverside Gardens. En-route there is a live commentary describing the river, its wildlife, its boats and its bank-side buildings, not to mention stories about the inhabitants of those riverside buildings! Bring your own picnic and enjoy a fabulous day out. **BOOKING NOW OPEN** Tickets £23 (£20 for groups of 10+). Phone 01628 780555

SUMMER EXHIBITION NOW OPEN

Our colourful summer exhibition **MAIDENHEAD'S THAMES** runs until mid-September.

You can discover how Maidenhead grew up when the first wooden bridge was built 750 years ago, and how in Victorian and Edwardian times Boulter's Lock was the centre of the summer season on the Thames, with Ascot Sunday on the river the absolute highlight. But how does a lock work? You can discover this too, on our touch screen computer which also has plenty of photos and even newsreel film of the great flood of 1947. A visit to this free exhibition will really help you to enjoy Maidenhead's beautiful riverside scenery even more.

YORK ROAD OPPRTUNITY AREA

Many thanks if you supported the Heritage Centre in your comments on the YROA consultation exercise. The development framework shows 'community facilities' in three places. One of these could be a new, much larger Heritage Centre where some of the universally attractive themes in Maidenhead history could be displayed as they deserve: trains, cars, planes, boats and movies, just for a start! We have not yet agreed to anything - there will be complex negotiations, not least so because we own the freehold of 18 Park Street and need to defend that interest. So as you can see from the events listed here, it is business as usual for what visitors have called a 'great little museum' and 'a hidden gem'.

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www.atamuseum.org.uk

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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 11th August 2015

Outing

Visit to Stonor Park, nr Henley

1.45 pm at Stonor Park.

Thursday 10th September 2015

Event

Heritage Open Day

Bisham Abbey & All Saints Church, Bisham. 10am-4pm.

Saturday 26th September 2015

Event

Maidenhead and Me; presentation of prizes by

Theresa May MP. Nicholsons Centre.

Saturday 26th September 2015

Social Event

“Jazz by the Riverside” with the *Fabulous Shirtlifters*

Maidenhead Rowing Club, 7.30 for 8.00pm

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 2015

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

13th January, 10th February, 10th March, 12th May, 9th June, 14th July, 8th September, 10th November, 8th December

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS FOR 2015

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

14th April, 13th October

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 18th November 2015 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 10th July 2015**

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