



Maidenhead Civic Society NEWS



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RBWM Countryside Manager Jason Mills explains the enhancements to Ockwells Park to a group of Society walkers

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The Chairman's Page

We hear that changes have been made to the plans for the civic and cultural quarter around York Road, following the public consultation and our comment that the scheme lacked the necessary “wow factor”.

Although, at the time of writing, we've not seen the revised plans, we're told they're now “fixed” and will come forward as a planning application later this month, along with a revised scheme for The Landing on the Broadway, King Street, Queen Street triangle. As Martin McNamee notes in Planning Matters, it remains to be seen whether the redevelopment will offer an area of civic pride.

The Civic Society has been fighting the community's corner on town centre regeneration for ten years now, along with others - even consorting with developers on occasions. We've bent the ear of anyone who would listen – and several who wouldn't! – in an attempt to achieve what we believe are the right results for Maidenhead. And of course we continue to do the same on a wide spectrum of planning and environmental issues.

The Society is a respected voice, though in recent discussions with the town hall, doubts have been expressed about just how representative we are. Time then, our executive committee thought, to undertake a members' survey.

I hope as many of you as possible will complete and return the questionnaire which was delivered with this newsletter. It's self-explanatory and repeats a series of questions which we last posed in 2008. In essence, we're keen to know how you think the Society is performing and whether we do the right things.

As a result of changes in EU Data Regulations, the Society has also been obliged, in common with other organisations and charities, to seek your explicit consent for us to contact you. This applies even to simple things like newsletter distribution. There is more information about this opposite, and a consent form, which you'll need to return to us, was delivered with this newsletter.

Please return both forms to us by 25th May 2018.

Bob Dulson

Membership

We would like to remind our members who pay by cheque that your subscriptions are due on June 1st. If you would like to change the way you pay to a Standing Order the details are: Lloyds Bank, Sort Code 30-95-36, Account number 00277876. Subscriptions have not changed for the coming year but could you please check that your Standing Order is for the correct amount as listed below. Your prompt payment would be appreciated as this helps the Society carry out its good work on behalf of the members and to the benefit of Maidenhead.

If you have any queries please contact me on joyce@delasalle.me.uk or telephone 01628 637342/07917 876145.

Single membership	£12.00
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New Data Protection Regulations come into force on 25th May which require us to have the explicit consent of our members in order to contact them. Your details are used if the Society needs to contact you for one of the reasons listed below.

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Planning Matters

In our last edition we covered the upcoming major developments for the Town Centre. These were primarily the York Road Opportunity Area, The Landing and the Chapel Arches scheme to the north of the demolished Colonnade. The groundworks for the latter are now underway. There has been little further news on the Landing, although it is understood that a Planning Application is expected at the end of May. However, there have been ongoing discussions on the York Road proposals, and we are hopeful that some of the views of the Civic Society are being listened to. A Planning Application for the York Road scheme is also anticipated at the end of May. Building heights are still between 4 and 8 storeys, car parking provision has been increased for the new-build residential properties, but not for the public, and more space will be provided for the Heritage Centre. Whether or not the redevelopment will offer an area of civic pride remains to be seen. Of course, alongside this redevelopment lies the refused application for three blocks offering a total of 154 flats with associated parking on the site of the relocated Bowling Club, on the south side of York Road. This application by Shanly Homes has gone to appeal, and the decision is awaited.

We are disappointed that another proposed development by Shanly has been permitted on the Unit 5/Amber Centre/Thames Autos site on Oldfield Road. We have commented on this scheme several times over the past couple of years. The permitted buildings will overshadow the adjacent houses in Oldacres, some of the flats are below minimum space standards, and these will be 67 more flats to be added to the likely oversupply of flats in the housing market. Furthermore, this development has been “excused” an element of affordable housing on the grounds of..... “viability”!

As you will recall the Borough Local Plan has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. The Inspector has come back to the RBWM with several key questions relating to the submission. Firstly, on the subject of Green Belt: can the Borough demonstrate that every possible brownfield site and previously developed site has been identified for development before moving on to Green Belt such as Spencers Farm (see below) and the Golf Course? Secondly, the Borough has a duty to consult with adjoining local authorities – Bracknell Forest, Wokingham, Slough, South Bucks etc; can the Borough demonstrate that such consultations have taken place to maximise the delivery of potential homes? Thirdly, can the Borough demonstrate that it has done everything possible to mitigate the impact of pollution and congestion caused by the dwelling unit planning proposals generated by the BLP? These are interesting points, and it will be interesting to see the responses from the Borough, especially as infrastructure issues are so poorly dealt with in the BLP.

Our routine Planning Group meetings have continued on a monthly basis, although there have not been many major applications reaching application stage. However, two major schemes have been at a consultation stage. As many of you will know Spencers Farm is an area of Green Belt identified for future development within the

Borough Local Plan. It lies to the north east of the railway bridge where Cookham Road crosses the GWR branch line. There have been a number of consultations and there is now an Environmental Impact Assessment underway. Although included in the BLP we are not sure that this is a suitable site for 410 dwellings and a primary school. It is a genuine part of the buffer between North Maidenhead and Cookham, although the land to the west of the railway line has already been developed. The site is liable to flooding, especially the eastern half.



*Groundwater flooding on the site of the proposed housing development at Spencers Farm in January/February 2014. This was **after** the implementation of the Jubilee River and Maidenhead flood bund.*

Most significantly, the site has very poor and limited access and egress, with only one viable access point – to the east of the railway bridge. This site was first put forward in 2012 as the location of a new Furze Platt Secondary School and around 300 dwellings, thus permitting the redevelopment of the existing Furze Platt School site.

Another consultation was on the proposed redevelopment of the Laundry site at Furze Platt (see our detailed comments below). We are very disappointed that the scheme is intended for 65 dwellings – entirely flats. Not only is the density too high, but family houses should be delivered in such an out of town location. The adjacent Taylowe site, recently completed shows how, with more ambition and less maximisation of profits, a relatively high-density development of mixed house types can be achieved. The irony is that the same developer was involved on the Taylowe site.

Consultation comments on Development at Laundry Site, Furze Platt

Several members of our Planning Group have visited the exhibition and/or viewed the on line details provided. This is a brief summary of our thoughts on the proposals.

There will be a gross oversupply of new-build flats in Maidenhead in the coming years. This is largely driven by the number of apartment blocks under construction or proposed in the Town Centre. These include Chapel Arches, the York Road and West Street Opportunity Areas and The Landing. Construction of more flats outside the Town Centre is not desirable, and ideally should be restricted to the provision of “affordable housing”. The proposal to provide 65 dwellings on this site - comprised entirely of flats, is not acceptable. Furthermore, whilst squeezing the maximum number of dwellings out of the site, it does not make commercial sense. The oversupply of flats is already adversely impacting the marketability of such dwellings. There will be an ongoing shortage of family homes with garden amenity space in Maidenhead which already has a proportion of flats well ahead of the national average. Although communal open space is included in this scheme, balcony living is not conducive to raising a family. The nearby Taylowe site is an example of mixed residential development that can be delivered.



The now defunct Maidenhead and District Laundry Co. buildings at the corner of Furze Platt Road and Malvern Road

The “key corner building” on the corner of Furze Platt Road and Malvern Road appears to be constructed in traditional materials with pitched roofs to reflect the adjacent Victorian/Edwardian architecture. However, the remaining five blocks appear out of character with harsh modernistic materials and styling – up to four storeys in height. We are not sure that the industrial heritage of the site is a relevant factor in determining architectural styling. The landscaping and car parking provision are positive aspects of the proposals. Whilst we are in favour of the

residential development of the site, we are opposed to the scheme being exclusively dedicated to flats.

Maidenhead and Cox Green Neighbourhood Plan

In previous editions we have referred to the work being done to submit a Maidenhead and Cox Green Neighbourhood Plan (MNP). All parishes (excluding Cox Green) and Windsor, Eton and Ascot and the Sunnings have, or are in the process of submitting Neighbourhood Plans. These are community driven, evidence-based policies which if adopted can be used to refine and/or modify elements of the Borough Local Plan (BLP), when that is applied as the planning blueprint for the Royal Borough over the next 15 years.

The MNP deals with topics such as maximum building heights, massing and density, open spaces, vistas, streetscape, design, heritage and conservation, the Green Belt, parking, affordable housing, cycling and walking routes, the waterways, the mix and variety of house types, and community and infrastructure matters – including healthcare, education and traffic management. As can be seen from this comprehensive list these are all issues that cause concern within the context of any excesses within the BLP. Whilst the need for more housing is accepted, it is important that an unrelenting drive for development does not destroy the very character that makes Maidenhead such a desirable place to live. An adopted Neighbourhood Plan can draw attention to, and come up with, policies to modify areas of concern and act as a safety brake.

The MNP has been a work in progress for around three years. There is a small team, which is heavily dependent on Civic Society members – Mike Copeland, Roger Panton, Ian Rose and Richard Davenport (both also associated with the Waterways Group) and Martin McNamee make up two thirds of the Steering Group. It is important that the MNP is evidence-based and that clearly defined policies must be evolved. It must not just be a wish list or a critique of the BLP. At last we are reaching the stage where the policies are defined and a final draft can be drawn up.

Not only must the MNP be evidence-based but it has to be put to a referendum of residents. This will probably take place in about six months' time, and obviously there must be a successful outcome for the proposed document to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. Even though the BLP may well have been adopted by that time, it does not matter that the MNP follows afterwards. It should be remembered that we are considering a time scale of fifteen years of major change.

If any Civic Society members would like to join the MNP Steering Group we are looking to expand our base of views and expertise – even at this late stage. Whatever happens, please ensure that you and many friends and neighbours take part in the referendum when it occurs.

Martin McNamee and Bob Dulson

Reliving a bit of history in Guards Club Park

This year sees the 40th anniversary of the re-opening of Guards Club Bridge in Guards Club Park in September 1978. To mark the occasion, Brian Darracott has been delving into the Society's archives. This is an extract from his findings:

Guards Club Park was created by Maidenhead Civic Society as a Silver Jubilee project, which began in 1976 and took four years to complete. The centrepiece was the restoration of the delicate timber and iron footbridge, originally built prior to 1880, to which a team of Civic Society volunteers devoted their Sunday mornings between 1976 and 1978.

Guards and Glamour

The park takes its name from the Brigade of Guards Boat Club which occupied the site for sixty-one years from 1904 as a rowing and recreational facility for officers, bringing glamour and a touch of notoriety to Edwardian Maidenhead.

Founded in 1865, BGBC's original premises were in Mill Lane, Taplow, next to the Orkney Arms/Skindles. They moved across the river when offered the larger site on the Maidenhead bank between the road and rail bridges. This comprised two substantial Victorian houses, one a former gentlemen's club, with their extensive riverside gardens and an island, connected to the bank by a footbridge.

The club featured as the Cruikshanks Hotel in the 1949 film "*Kind Hearts and Coronets*", starring Alec Guinness, Dennis Price, Joan Greenwood and Valerie Hobson. It had become the scene of glittering regatta and Ascot Week balls to which society mothers brought their debutante daughters in the hope of finding a good match. Certain gentlemen housed their mistresses in a local riverside terrace which came to be called "Gaiety Row" across the river.

However, the club's finances were a constant cause for concern. A bold plan to demolish and rebuild was mooted but this fell through and in 1965 – in its centenary year – the club gave up its lease and closed.

The site was sold to J A Pye, a developer from Oxford, who also owned the land where homes in Oldacres and Horseguards Drive were later built. Pye was given permission for those developments, and for two blocks of riverside flats on the open space at the back of the site; but the council insisted that the island and the area on the riverfront should be protected for public use. The club buildings were demolished but the footbridge and a boathouse on the island with a distinctive spire were left to decay and finally collapsed during the floods of 1974.



The near derelict bridge and boathouse ca. 1975

Volunteer effort

In 1973 – European Architectural Year – the Civic Society put on an exhibition about the architecture of Maidenhead. The photographs of the rotting footbridge galvanized the Society into doing something to prevent it being lost. We set about persuading the developer to let us work on the bridge *before* he actually handed it over to the council. We also persuaded him to modify his plans, deleting the blocks of flats to increase the area dedicated to public use.



Local scouts salvaging the boathouse spire

Work started in 1976, with the salvaging of the cast iron arches and stanchion posts. The wooden structure was completely replaced. With the exception of the pile driving and the recasting and repair of some of the ironwork, the entire project was carried out by Civic Society volunteers. The paint (Dulux Gloss White, Poppy and

Goldcup!) was donated by ICI Paints Division in Slough, where Jack Widgery was the resident colour advisor.

Members of the team included Jack Widgery, surveyor Harold James (the “Gaffer”), architect Michael Bowley, Pat Symons, George Mair, Aubrey Norris, and chairman Richard Poad. In a second phase Vincent Becket, Mac Mackrory and Brian Darracott joined the team building the shelter in the park.

Local scouts were called on. With their expertise in ropes, knots and pulleys, they rescued the fancy spire from the roof of the collapsed boathouse and this was incorporated into a park shelter in phase two of the project.

With fewer than 150 members, very little money in the bank and an estimate from Harold James that the restoration would cost up to £10,000, the project was a considerable challenge for the Society. Promoting it as a Silver Jubilee project helped – as a result of the publicity, the Society’s membership doubled in a single year, and then doubled again the next year. Funds for the project flowed in, and in the summer of 1978 we began to clear the paths on the island and get the unkempt lawns into shape. A hundred shrubs were planted on Guards Club Island and fifty rose bushes donated by the Maidenhead Evening Townswomen’s Guild. All the landscaping was carried out by volunteers, many from local youth groups.



Volunteers clear away rotten timbers from the bridge deck near the island

The fully restored footbridge was formally opened, to great acclaim, on the afternoon of 30th September 1978 by the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire and the Mayor and Mayoress (Cllr and Mrs Neville Whitely) who arrived in a procession of a dozen boats, including steam and slipper launches, having set off from the High Steward’s barge, which in those days was moored at Bridge Gardens, the other side of Maidenhead Bridge.

The public was invited to the opening and there were stalls, sideshows and entertainment by the Ellington Morris Men and the Band of the Welsh Guards. The official part of the proceedings over, the public tea tent opened and Society members stayed on hand to show off their work – and encourage more folk to join the Society.



A rather anxious-looking Richard Poad (left, with trademark beard) looks over his shoulder!

Guards Club Park Emerges

The volunteers took a year off, and then built the little shelter in the park, using a wooden summerhouse on top of which we put the spire rescued from the boathouse.

The building of Guards Club Shelter has particular memories for Brian Darracott, having been almost literally “roped in” to help. Living near to the park, he was intrigued by all the weekend activity and went to take a closer look.

“As I recall it, the frame of the shelter was up and the workers were pondering how best to lift up the quite heavy spire on to the top,” said Brian. “I offered the use of my heavy-duty block and tackle gear (previously used to assist in getting my Jeep out of tight spots in the African bush!) and was immediately



The “workers” pose proudly with the Mayor and Mayoress

dragooned by Richard Poad into the work party. It was only a matter of time before Ann and I were signed up for membership.”

The little shelter in the park was formally opened by the Mayor of Windsor & Maidenhead, Cllr Arthur Jacob, around Eastertime 1982. A pair of pillars were salvaged from a nearby site and were used to support the gates from Maidenhead’s original public library, which had been languishing in the council depot. These still form the gateway at the Guards Club Road entrance to the park.

The final phase of the Civic Society’s involvement in the creation of the park before it was handed over to the council was the installation of commemorative plaques at the two entrances to the park. These were formally unveiled on 23rd April 1989.



*A rare glimpse of the bridge and gazebo, taken in 2002,
before the trees obscured the view*

At Guards Club Park the Civic Society created a public asset of lasting worth, and not surprisingly has a proprietorial interest in the area. After an initial period of neglect, the park is now well looked after by the council and provides a quiet oasis at the riverside, where the only modern things in sight are the trains on Brunel’s bridge and the planes above your heads. Add a little imagination, and you could be back in Maidenhead’s heyday, with punts on the river and pretty girls installed across the river in Gaiety Row!

The Civic Society is planning a small exhibition to mark the anniversary of the restoration of the footbridge. Details will be announced in due course. You can read the full, illustrated version of Brian Darracott’s article in the Projects Section of the Society’s website at www.maidenheadcivicsoc.org.uk.

Maidenhead Civic Society Plaques

The Civic Society is keen to see sites of historic interest in the Town Centre identified by plaques, and has over the years taken the initiative to commemorate important events in the town's history, and we have actively supported other to do likewise. Maidenhead & District Civic Society (MDCS) was inaugurated in May 1960 and was renamed Maidenhead Civic Society (MCS) in 1991. All the plaques, with the exception of the "Blue" plaque, were paid for by the Society.

Outside the NatWest Bank in the High Street, Maidenhead



On the west end of the road bridge across the Thames



"Maidenhead's first bridge was built about 1280. In 1400, earls in rebellion against King Henry IV fought a three day battle here. The Guild of St Andrew & St Mary Magdalene founded 1451, who were the forerunners of the bridgemasters and the Corporation, built the second bridge in about 1460. Sir Robert Taylor designed the present bridge which was built in 1772-7 and freed from toll in 1903"



On the east end of Brunel's railway bridge across the Thames



Plaques on both entrances to Guards Club Park



Blue plaque, on Chapel Arches bridge

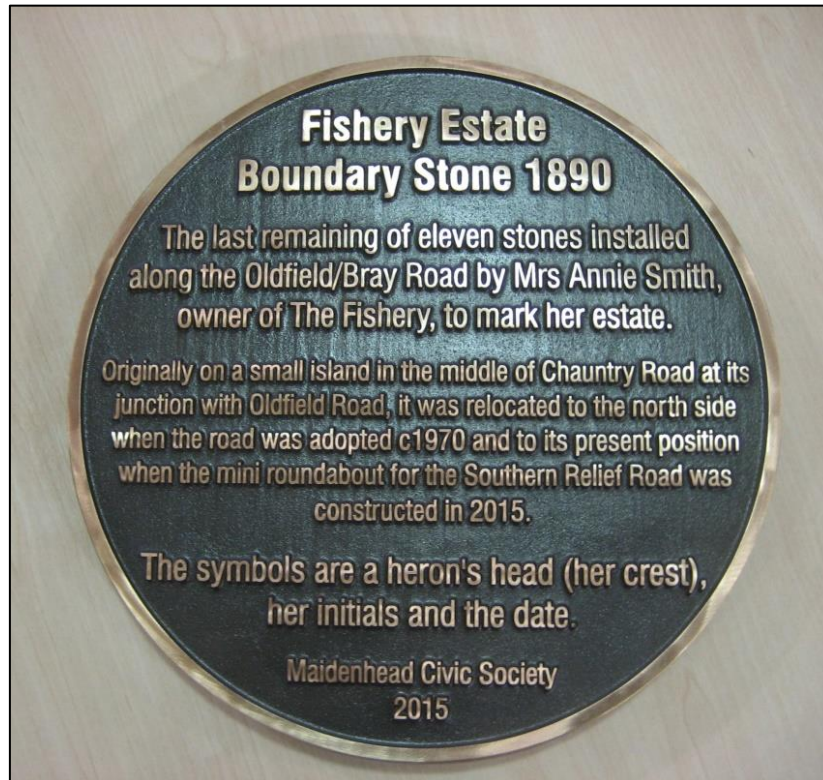
Maidenhead Civic Society proposed this plaque and drafted the inscription. It was erected in 1996. In 1995 the pedestrianisation of part of the High Street near the Bear Hotel brought to light foundations of the early church after which Chapel Arches is named. In 1451 John Norreys and his brothers helped to found a guild based at the chapel. In 1997 the Civic Society provided a commemorative plaque on the site of the chapel, set in the ground in the forecourt in front of the Bear Hotel (see below). The guild's responsibilities included maintaining Maidenhead Bridge. It was the precursor of the Borough Council, and every year the new Mayor still goes in procession from the Town Hall to the present church of SS Andrew & Mary Magdalene for a civic service.



On ground outside the Bear Hotel in the High Street, Maidenhead



At the junction of Oldfield Road with Chantry Road



Maidenhead grew because it was a place where the River Thames could be crossed. Roads and then railways contributed to the growth. Maintenance of roads and bridges led to the growth of civic life. This is reflected in the plaques put up by the Society.

Ann Darracott

Putting People In The Frame

Preparations are under way for our fifth *Maidenhead and Me* art and photography competition; and this year the focus is on people.

Maidenhead and Me aims to encourage public appreciation of the place we call home. Picking up on a remark by our patron, Rt Hon Theresa May at last year's prize-giving, this time the organisers have chosen the theme "People make it what it is" as the challenge for our entrants.

Once again there are some very attractive prizes of up to £200, thanks to the generosity of our joint sponsors, the Louis Baylis Charitable Trust and the Nicholsons Centre. The closing date is the weekend of October 13th and there'll be an exhibition of all the entries from October 20th.

"We've extended the deadline this year in the hope of attracting more entries from the talented teenagers who we know are out there," said Society chairman Bob Dulson. "Please help us to spread the word."

The competition has three age categories, adults, teenagers and juniors, and full details of how to enter are contained in the entry form, copies of which are available from Bovilles Art Shop, the Nicholsons Centre or via the Maidenhead Advertiser website (www.maidenhead-advertiser.co.uk) or from our own website at www.maidenheadcivicsoc.org.uk.



Some of last year's winners with our Society patron, Theresa May, and chairman, Bob Dulson.

In Memoriam

Sarah Copeland (1946-2018)

It is with great sadness that we have to announce that long-time Society member Sarah Copeland passed away on 22nd March, after a short illness. Together with husband Mike, Sarah had over the years helped out with many of the Society's events and outings. Indeed, she was often the driving force behind the scenes and on more than one occasion managed to save the day when things didn't quite go to plan.

She was extremely outgoing, quite a flamboyant dresser, always with a smile on her face, always with time for other people. She had lived in Maidenhead since 1975 and had a real passion for the town, often campaigning to improve its image. Apart from her involvement in the Civic Society she was very much involved in working with the elderly and the blind – especially the Darby and Joan Club.

Sarah was always willing to help at Society events: memories include her dealing with invitations to the opening of the Ockwells exhibition in the library in 1991, organising lunch for the inaugural walk of the Millennium Walk in 2000 (when guests included the now Prime Minister) and the opening of the Thames Path-Millennium Walk link in 2005. More recently, in 2015, when travelling with Ann Darracott to Stonor, Ann's car broke down in Henley and Sarah immediately took a taxi on to Stonor so that the Society's visit there wouldn't be held up. She was a good friend who will be greatly missed.

She leaves behind husband Mike, her two children – Luke and Amy – and two grandchildren. Her funeral was held at Amersham Crematorium on 16th April and was attended by nearly two hundred people – testimony to the affection and popularity in which she was held.



Forthcoming Events

The Civic Society will be busy with a presence at a number of events throughout the summer in order to publicise the Society and the work we do. These will include:

- a stall on Saturday 12th May at the Cox Green Show;
- “*Maidenhead Week*” which will run from Saturday 23rd to Friday 29th June. We hope to have the opportunity to publicise the Society during this event;
- on Sunday 1st July the “Gin in the Park” event will again be held in Guards Club Park;
- the weekend of 21st/22nd July – Maidenhead Festival in Kidwells Park;
- Monday 27th August at the Littlewick Show to be held at Knowl Hill,
- and Saturday 20th October the “*Maidenhead & Me*” Prize Presentation which will be held in the Town Centre.

Reminder

We still have places on our “Steamy Day Out” to Didcot Railway Centre and The Steam Museum in Swindon on Wednesday 13th June 2018. Details can be found in the February Newsletter along with the booking form. Please return your forms to Mike Copeland by Thursday 17th May.

Picnic in Guards Club Park

We plan to hold a Celebration to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the renovation of the Edwardian Guards Club footbridge, which the Society completed in 1978. It will take place on a Sunday afternoon in August (date to be confirmed), and will be a great opportunity to learn about the transformation of the park to its present state and also a chance to meet other Society members in a beautiful setting. Bring a picnic and your own seating – or just a rug for the more agile members! We’ll keep you informed on this.

Advance Notice: Wednesday 21st November 2018, 7.45pm for 8.00pm. AGM at St Luke’s Community Centre and presentation by architect Martin Knight:

Martin will talk about his career and his design philosophy. You will recall that he featured in our February 2018 Newsletter as the designer of the new bridge across the Thames, linking Boulters Island and the Taplow side of the river. The bridge is expected to be opened in spring 2019, when the Mill Lane Development final phase is complete.

Tina Sell

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 RVS Centre, 42 York Road, Maidenhead SL6 1SH; 7.30 for 8pm; visitors £3; contact 01628 630924 for talks, and 01628 629614 for outings)

Wednesday 30th May: Talk by Hugh Grainger *Nancy Wake – a major leader in the French Resistance*.

Wednesday 27th June: Talk by Colin Oakes *Rags to Riches – English coronations through time*.

We also have two outings: Sunday 20th May to Arundel Castle, town and museum; and Saturday 16th June to RHS Wisley Gardens. Details of these from David Cornwell, 01628 629614.

Marlow Archaeology (MAS)

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

Thursday 17th May 2018, 8pm: *King Alfred*, talk by Katie Tucker (jointly with AiM).

Thursday 14th June 2018, 8pm: *Cox Green Roman Villa*, a short vintage film, followed by the MAS AGM.

Thursday 20th September 2018, 8pm: *The Boxford Mosaic*, talk by Steve Clark (jointly with AiM).

Archaeology in Marlow (AiM)

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

Thursday 17th May 2018, 8pm: *King Alfred*, talk by Katie Tucker (jointly with MAS).

Thursday 21st June 2018, 8pm: *Cathedral Archaeology*, talk by Graham Keevill, followed by AGM.

News from the Heritage Centre

Maidenhead's Royal Connections – an exhibition to celebrate Prince Harry's wedding on 19th May, 24th April to 19th May 2018.

Spitfire Summer – an exhibition to mark the 80th anniversary of the Spitfire entering RAF service. 26th May to 22nd September 2018.

Maidenhead Week: Sat 23rd – Sat 30th June 2018, including 25th **Anniversary Gala Dinner** on Friday 29th June.

As always, full news and information about the Heritage Centre is available on our website www.maidenheadheritage.org.uk

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 13 th June 2018 Outing	Visit Didcot Railway Centre & Swindon Steam Museum 09.15 at Bridge Ave.; 09.30 at Braywick carpark
Saturday 21 st - Sunday 22 nd July 2018	Maidenhead Festival
August 2018 (date TBC)	40 th Anniversary of Guards Club Park Picnic in the Park
Wednesday 21st November 2017	Civic Society AGM , preceded by a talk by local architect Martin Knight. St Luke's Community Hall, Norfolk Rd. 7.45 for 8.00pm.

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At the Maidenhead Advertiser Offices, Bell Street, unless otherwise notified

9th January, 13th February, 13th March, 3rd April, 8th May, 12th June, 3rd July, 11th September, 9th October, 13th November, 11th December

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 21st November 2018 at 8.00 pm, venue to be announced

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