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*Strange times: the coronavirus lock-down leads to a near-empty
April Saturday morning High Street*

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The Chairman's Page

Under normal circumstances I'd now be looking forward to the society's annual dinner later this month. Unfortunately, like almost everything in the diary, that date has become a casualty of the dreaded Covid-19. However, the good news is that we have managed to re-arrange it for October 23rd, so make a note.

We'd moved the dinner to May from its usual January date because, for one thing, the ambience of Moor Hall is even more delightful in spring but also because May marks the Society's actual birthday. We are 60 this month. (I know, makes you feel young doesn't it!) To celebrate the occasion, this edition contains a few highlights from the last decade or so, collated by our esteemed editor, Brian.

As for the virus, being "of-an-age" my wife and I – like many of you, I suspect – have been observing the government guidelines on not going out pretty strictly, so much so that bin day has become a highlight of the week! On that note I'd just pause to pay homage to all those toiling to help in these extraordinary times – including the binmen, postal workers, delivery drivers etc., as well as our heroic doctors and nurses.

The pandemic raises lots of questions, not least how it will change our attitude to the accepted norm. Take social distancing. How long will it be before we are prepared to think of going to the theatre or getting on a plane?

During the lockdown those of us blessed with gardens have been able to get a little gardening exercise or simply find some springtime solace in the warmer weather. Wildlife too, we've noticed, were quick to enjoy the new quietness the lockdown brought. We're seeing creatures in our garden we've rarely glimpsed before, which suggests the natural world is often more resilient and ready to adapt than we are.

But I think daily about those who can't enjoy the space and fresh air of a garden, and particularly those with children. Currently, RBWM has plans to build around 5,000 new homes over the next few years in Maidenhead, 80% of them flats with no gardens. Will the lockdown experience prompt a re-think?

Early in the crisis the council took a decision to allow officers to determine all planning applications, without any input from councillors. However, emergency legislation came into effect on April 4th enabling local planning authorities to hold "virtual" meetings using the internet and the last we heard, RBWM were looking at the practicalities.

Technology, so often the bane of our modern lives, has been an absolute boon as a source of information and communication during the crisis. The Society's executive committee and the planning group, for example, have continued to "meet" this way.

The town hall doors may be closed to the public but we're told its near business as usual in the planning dept., though volume is down and most staff are working from home. It appears that some of our comments on the last draft of the Vision & Charter for the town centre were taken into account. A revised version emerged just as we were going to press which looks much improved. Final comments are due prior to a Cabinet meeting on 30th April.

I was surprised, however, to receive an email from Planning Policy saying "the BLP examination process has resumed". If you look at the Inspector's Position Statement to which the email refers, I think the Borough is putting a very positive spin on the situation. My reading of it is that the Inspector will decide only after the lockdown how or, indeed, whether to proceed. But as Martin McNamee intimates in Planning Matters, another area needing serious re-examination is development in the floodplain. The EA is taking a tougher stance but in light of the recent disastrous floods in the north of England and predictions of even more severe rainfall as a result of climate change, an urgent look at the rules is called for.

One final thought as the lockdown continues: Though I was never much of a fan of *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire* it gave us a phrase which we would all do well to remember at a time when so many are in isolation and perhaps alone – **Phone a friend.**

Bob Dulson

Another 10 Years!

In May 2010 we produced a special edition of the Newsletter to mark our 50th anniversary. We explained how the Civic Society came about and highlighted some of the more significant milestones of our journey through those fifty years. Well, this year we reach our 60th anniversary and here we celebrate just some of our more important achievements during the past ten years. But remember, behind these lie the ongoing efforts of Society members to continually monitor and improve the amenity and environment of Maidenhead.

Most of the Society's efforts are in the areas of planning and projects. In the case of the former, it is sometimes difficult to see in a physical sense what has been achieved, but there can be no doubt that the Society's watchfulness and consistent and persistent pressure on the local authority and developers will have had an impact. We only have to imagine how the town could have developed if it wasn't for the oversight provided by organisations such as ourselves and other like-minded groups.

So let's enjoy this trip down memory lane and at the same time hope that our next ten years are just as productive!

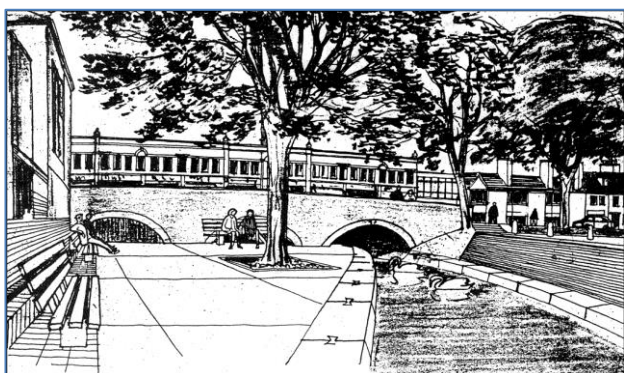
AREA ACTION PLAN

Following a survey of our members, the Society published a strategic review *Making Maidenhead A Better Place* in 2004, (revised in 2009). This prompted the Great Debate on the future of Maidenhead the following year, which we organised with the *Advertiser* and the support of our local MP and the Chamber of Commerce. In turn this led to PRoM (Partnership for the Rejuvenation of Maidenhead) being set up by the council in 2008. PRoM was a council/community partnership, independently chaired by the Society's own chairman. The brief was "to find and promote agreed solutions for the regeneration of Maidenhead town centre" and, after a period involving some of the most extensive community engagement ever undertaken in the Borough, PRoM produced the Town Centre Area Acton Plan (AAP), formally adopted in 2011, which provided a framework for future development. Unfortunately PRoM was disbanded by the council in 2018 but we are hopeful that an alternative community planning forum will emerge.



MAIDENHEAD WATERWAYS

The recent opening of the weir at Green Lane (see page 15 for photo) is a reminder that Maidenhead Waterways is another initiative with its roots in the Society's Strategic Review and even earlier in the Town Centre Local Plan of 1977. "Find imaginative ways of linking riverside and town centre," our document declared, suggesting that ways should be found to "exploit the opportunity for creating a navigable waterway to connect the town centre with the River Thames". Peter Prior drew up a plan which caught the imagination of the Great Debate public meeting and the Waterways Group was born.



Left: Society member Michael Bowley's 1976 proposal for the streamside at Chapel Arches. Right: As it is today. Looks similar?

TAPLOW RIVERSIDE

The Society was in conversation with the owners of Taplow Mill even before they decided to sell up and move out in 2006. Their site comprised 48 acres between Boulters and the A4 with the Jubilee River running through it, bounded by the Thames to the west and including Skindles. We wanted to ensure that, whatever happened, as much of the site as possible should be returned to Green Belt, with leisure opportunities, public access to the Bucks bank and views to and from the Thames. We formed a working group with other interested parties, including colleagues in the Taplow Society and the River Thames Society, and over the ensuing years promoted our preferences with the planners and conservationists at SBDC and RBWM, the EA, potential investors and successive developers. At the hands of Berkeley Homes, what's emerged in the last four years is a total transformation, a desirable, prestigious area known as Taplow Riverside, which incorporates many (though not all!) of the elements on our wish list – including the delightful footbridge.



Chairman Bob Dulson says: “I remember standing here in 2006 looking at Boulters and thinking a bridge would be good!”

RIVER THAMES POLICY

When Val Mason saw an early draft of RBWM's Local Plan in 2005 she was appalled. As well as an active member of the Civic Society, Val was an officer of the River Thames Society with a passion for the river and its environment. Although the Thames makes a unique contribution to the natural habitat and the lives of residents on its 25 mile journey through the borough, she found that the draft Plan made hardly any reference to it at all. So she set about writing a specific policy for its protection, maintenance and enhancement which the council accepted. Two years later at the submission stage, the council's plan was rejected for inadequacies on housing provision. But Val's policy for the Thames lived on, as one of several carried forward to the second attempt. Whether the emerging Borough Local Plan, currently being considered, will succeed or fail is still to be determined but it contains, as QP4, a policy for the River Thames Corridor with words only slightly changed from Val's original.



Maidenhead Bridge from the Rowing Club

FURZE PLATT TRIANGLE CONSERVATION AREA

The second, and successful, attempt to achieve the designation of the Furze Platt Triangle Conservation Area came out of Martin McNamee introducing local resident (and now Civic Society trustee) Ian Rose to Harry Wale, a Civic Society member who then lived in Linden Avenue. The idea was first sparked by the demolition of the Arts-and-Crafts house “Bradgate” in Courthouse Road, to which the Civic Society objected. Without these Civic Society triggers and connections, the Conservation Area wouldn’t have happened. Credit is also due to Sir John Smith of Shottesbrooke, who apparently instigated the idea of Conservation Areas.

GUARDS CLUB BRIDGE

During 2018 it became clear that, forty years on, Guards Club Bridge was once again in need of some restoration. The Society took the initiative and persuaded the Royal Borough to consider funding and implementing a thorough refurbishment. The council were extremely helpful and several site visits were held with Anthony Hurst, Parks and Countryside team leader. The first stage was the replacement of defective timber and application of anti-slip coating to the decking. Then the parapets and metal gate were cleaned and painted. The bridge, set in such a nice tranquil part of Maidenhead, is now almost fully restored. When we are allowed out, it would be nice to paint the underside of the bridge. Volunteers welcome!”



Bright new railings now adorn the bridge

THE MILLENNIUM WALK

This project grew out of an original idea of Peter Nevill of East Berks Ramblers (EBRA) in the 1970s to create a walk from Pinkneys Green to the Thames. With the millennium approaching, EBRA's Margaret Bowdery and the Society's Ann Darracott revisited the plan and extended the concept to Hurley so that our eventual route, entitled the Millennium Walk, would connect at both ends with the Thames Path. We also wanted another route from Marlow to connect with our walk and the Thames Path midway.

At the time of the inauguration of the Walk there were still three outstanding missing links. One of these, from Prospect Hill to Temple Golf Club, was completed in 2012. That year also saw the publication of the first Millennium Walk leaflet.



We continued clearing a path from the Lower Cookham Road that ran alongside the flood bund and then through the willow fields for use during the Boundary Walk. However, by 2013 this option was brought to an end by fallen trees caused by storms and floods that wrecked the bridge we crossed. Then in 2018 the Society alerted the Royal Borough that 110 acres of White Place Farm was on the market and we encouraged them to purchase the site to provide more public open space and to complete this missing link in the Millennium Walk. The new open space is named **Battlemead Common**. Currently, this missing link is not yet open because of concerns about the effect of walkers and their dogs on overwintering birds. However, it was walked in October 2019 during the Boundary Walk but otherwise a vital part of the link across the East Field remains locked up.

We were also due to use this section on 24th May during a walk from Pinkneys Green to the Thames Path as part of our 60th birthday celebrations and the 20th anniversary

of the inaugural Millennium Walk led by our MP Theresa May. Unfortunately, this event is on hold because of the coronavirus lockdown, but we hope it can be rearranged for later in the year.



Walkers on the east field during the 2019 Boundary Walk

One irony is that a footpath from Switchback Road to Maidenhead Road, a planning gain secured following Peter Nevill's suggestion when a housing estate was built next to Cemetery Field in the 1970s (*below*), now forms a major part of the last remaining missing link (assuming we ever get across the East Field on Battlemead Common!) This final link is held up because we haven't (yet!) got permission to cross the single track railway on which runs the Marlow Donkey, once every 30 mins.



COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES

In 2015 the imminent creation of a roundabout at the junction of Chantry and Oldfield Roads, part of the Stafferton Way link, necessitated the relocation of the last boundary marker of the Fishery Estate of Mrs Annie Smith. The Society recognised the importance of the marker and encouraged the Borough to re-instate it and we funded a plaque to be placed near to the relocated marker, explaining its historical significance.



This is the most recent of a series of plaques donated and placed by the society in and around Maidenhead over the past sixty years.

OCKWELLS MANOR SETTING

Essential to the protection of the setting of the house are the 1945 and 1947 covenants lodged with the National Trust by Sir Edward Barry, a past owner of Ockwells. In 2010 following an approach by the Trust, our extensive research into the history of Ockwells was drawn on by them when an attempt was made by the land owner, in contravention to the covenants, to develop the field opposite the manor house for housing. We worked closely with the Trust's landscape consultant, Dr Sarah Rutherford, and in 2012 when the claim came before the High Court it was thankfully withdrawn by the plaintiff. Subsequent attempts to persuade the Royal Borough to re-designate the field as greenbelt via the draft Borough Local Plan (BLP) were unsuccessful, despite Cabinet support, because of past permission for housing that had been granted subject to the covenants being lifted. However, we continue to be vigilant in case of any future attempts at development.

In 2016 most of the land attached to Thrift Wood Farm, adjacent to Ockwells Park, was bought by the Royal Borough and opened in 2017 as public open space. Following this acquisition, we helped with the report *Ockwells Manor Berkshire – Historic Setting Analysis* by Dr Sarah Rutherford (August 2019), commissioned by RBWM, thereby contributing to the management and preservation of the setting of Ockwells Manor.



Bluebells in Thrift Wood Park, April 2020 (courtesy Ray DeLasalle)

LOCAL HERITAGE

One of the Society's key objects is to secure the preservation and improvement of features of historic or public interest, through – amongst other means – lectures, studies and exhibitions. Towards this aim, we have during the past ten years organised and managed visits to several local buildings of historic interest. In particular we organised Heritage Open Days (HODS) at St Luke's Church, Maidenhead (2012 & 2016), St John the Baptist Church, Shottesbrooke (2013) and Bisham Abbey and nearby All Saints Church (2014 & 2015). Detailed History Trails were published by the Society for use at these events. 2014 also saw the publication of Ann Darracott's major work "*The Grandisons – their Built & Chivalric Legacy*" – a comprehensive account impact the Grandison family of Savoy on the history of Britain and the Continent. This is available for purchase as a printed book as well as a DVD/pdf version. It includes a chapter on Bisham Abbey.

All these studies and guides are available on our website.

Planning Matters

The Planning Group held its last meeting in February, with the March meeting being cancelled because of Covid 19. The March agenda was reviewed remotely by the members of the Planning Group and comments were submitted on three applications. For the foreseeable future the weekly lists of planning applications as published by RBWM will be scanned for potential items of interest on a rolling basis. These applications will be communicated to the Planning Group members for them to review on the Borough Planning Portal and feedback their input as necessary. Currently, the weekly lists published by RBWM are modest because of the disruption caused by the lockdown. Nevertheless, it is important to remain vigilant in case the prevailing circumstances are seen as an opportunity to get something contentious through the planning process. There is a concern that with the Town Hall virtually closed and planning officers working from home, our elected representatives may not have the usual awareness of some applications in the planning pipeline. It is unclear how the Development and Control Panel is going to function under lockdown and social distancing. These monthly Panels of councillors consider the more significant applications which are not decided by officers. A decision on virtual D and C Panels is awaited, but inevitable. It is to be hoped that they will be effective.



(Photo: Windsor & Eton Express)

In previous editions we have commented on proposals to demolish **Zaman House**, Church Road in The Fisheries (above). An earlier application to build 8 flats on the site has quite rightly been refused. This decision has been challenged and is currently going through the appeal process. However, in March we reviewed a further application to construct a block of flats. One of the concerns about the earlier

application was the proposal to introduce a new entry and exit point on Bray Road. The latest application reverts to the existing gateway on Church Road. Although an improvement, the proposed scheme still represents overdevelopment, with a block of apartments out of character with the streetscape and location which is adjacent to the Fisheries Conservation Area. You may recall that the original application in 2016 for a flatted development of this site also included a second block of 8 apartments to be constructed on the site of the property to the east of Zaman House.

In February there were two applications of interest. The public house **The Crown** on Wootton Way has a diminishing clientele. It does benefit from an oversized car park and it is proposed to build a block of 12 flats with allocated parking on the surplus car park area. However, in doing so the parking for the pub has been reduced to an inadequate four spaces. It is unusual for a “surplus” pub to continue trading when a development proposal is put forward, so the retention of a community asset is to be welcomed. However, it must have adequate off-road parking provision. We have suggested that a reduced development of 8 flats with associated parking would allow more spaces to be retained by the pub.

You will be familiar with the ongoing development proposals for a long vacant building plot at **31 to 33 Belmont Road**. Planning has been permitted for two detached dwellings for several years. In spite of this a variety of schemes for 6 or 7 dwellings has been sought and refused on a number of occasions. On appeal a scheme of 7 x 1-bed apartments has been permitted. Late last year a further appeal for 6 x 2-bed dwellings was dismissed on appeal. It appears that the developer is intent on maximising the number of bedrooms and there is a further current application for a scheme to deliver 6 x 2-bed dwellings.



31-33 Belmont Road: how much longer before it's developed satisfactorily?

We continue to oppose the scheme and hope that one of the two existing permissions will be implemented in the near future. It is unsatisfactory for such a legitimate infilling opportunity to lie dormant for more than a decade.

In our last Newsletter we reported on the proposed development of land adjacent to **33A The Crescent**. A pair of detached mock-Victorian dwellings was proposed for this vacant garden site. We welcomed the fact that this scheme was to replace an earlier application for an apartment block of 9 dwellings. Sad to relate the refused application for flats has gone to written appeal, and we await the outcome with great interest. Another appeal relating to the redevelopment of **Thames Riviera Hotel** has been postponed. The appeal hearing scheduled for early April did not take place because of restrictions associated with coronavirus.

Progress on the Borough Local Plan is also a victim of the emergency and its progress is being impeded. In particular, we are interested in the guidelines relating to the issue of development in the floodplain. Some sites such as **Deerswood Meadow** and **Summerleaze Gravel Pit** have been identified for residential development although located on the floodplain. Whilst we have supported the proposed outcomes for these sites, it is becoming increasingly clear that the prevailing climate emergency demands more stringent application of Planning Policy on the floodplain. Indeed, it appears that the Environment Agency is taking a tougher stance and flood plain issues will continue to feature in the BLP.

Progress on Maidenhead Neighbourhood Plan has regrettably ground to a halt. At the time of our last Newsletter **Maidenhead Neighbourhood Forum** was awaiting “Designation” by RBWM. This required the Royal Borough to agree that MNF was the right and proper organisation to represent residents’ interests in delivering a Neighbourhood Plan. The comprehensive application for designation was consulted on for six weeks. It is understood that there were several supporting statements (including from the Civic Society) and no negative response. However, the interim Head of Planning judged that the composition of the membership was not adequately representative in terms of ethnicity, age or social background. In addition he felt that although the membership of 56 was well above the 21 minimum required, the majority of members were not active in their participation. In light of this decision against designation, the second decision relating to the size of the Neighbourhood Plan area (ie. the seven unparished wards of Belmont, Boyn Hill, Furze Platt, Oldfield, Pinkneys Green, St Mary’s and Riverside) was deferred. There is no right of appeal against the decision, but gaining a more representative range of ethnicity, age and social background will be difficult. However, various surveys and questionnaires from MNF via social media have had a reach of many hundreds. Converting these into active participants may help to increase diversity. In the meantime, because of the difficulties surrounding the coronavirus lockdown MNF activity is currently suspended - except that an AGM is required by the constitution and a virtual meeting will take place before June 1st.

Martin McNamee

Projects

THE GREEN WAY

Over the last ten years we have continued to be an active member of the Green Way Working group, set up in 1989 following concerns when the stream dried out in the town centre; and yes, in the last ten years it did dry up again, this time in 2014. Work by Waterways volunteers has helped clear obstructions in the stream system north of Maidenhead, work the Society has recently helped with by contributing, together with the Royal Borough, to the cost of removing obstructing trees in the White Brook on Battlemead Common.



Ian Rose (in the blue hard hat) and Tony Ward wielding the chainsaw



The obstructed stream before (left) and after the work (above)

This now allows more water to flow into the town centre which has dramatically changed in the last ten years due to the development of the Waterways Scheme. The new weir was fortuitously opened just before lockdown due to the coronavirus.



The newly opened weir at Green Lane

Unfortunately, due to an error in the construction of the flood protection wall, a planning gain arising from the development, a permanently dry route for the Green Way under the A4 has yet to be achieved. However, we live in hope.



The flooded path under the A4, Mar 2020 (l) and the problem wall, Jan 2018 (r)

Once the town centre redevelopment near Chapel Arches is completed a new Green Way leaflet will be published.

NORTH TOWN MOOR POND

This pond is on the Green Way and was dug out and “re-made” by the Society in 1987 as it was silted up. The Royal Borough did it again in 2014 installing a better outlet control, and we began monitoring the aquatic fauna. Later that year we added hornwort to the pond to increase oxygen levels which improved faunal diversity so that newt larvae have been found there every summer as well as damsel fly, dragon fly and mayfly nymphs.



North Town Pond in March 2020. Note the tree stump just to the upper right of the platform in the centre of the picture.

Unfortunately, in recent years there have been several threats to the pond. In 2017 it was polluted with sewage due to a blocked sewage pipe overflowing into the storm drain that discharges into the pond. In 2019 the same storm drain became blocked with tree roots so that the nearby manhole cover lifted and water overflowed into the pond, thereby eroding the bank. Later that year the hornwort began to disappear for some unknown reason.

Then this year badger activity on a tree stump (they like to eat the stag horn beetle larvae & adults found there) next to the outlet led to wood debris accumulating in the water nearby, which rotted leading to deoxygenation of the water. This has led to mosquito larvae appearing in the pond after many years of absence. In an attempt to arrest this development, the Society has recently arranged and paid for the offending tree to be removed. We shall have to wait to see whether this helps improve faunal diversity.



Tony Ward demolishing the tree stump with his chainsaw and then all that's left

Ann Darracott

Membership Renewal Reminder

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 if you pay by Standing Order it 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.

Single membership	£15.00
Family Membership (2 members at one address)	£20.00

Brian Sanderson

We were sorry to learn of the recent death in March of Brian Sanderson.

Brian was a great supporter of the Civic Society, having joined in the early 1980s, and then later of the Heritage Centre. He was a graphic artist of the old school, trained in the era before Letraset, let alone computers, when all lettering was done by hand and a graphic panel was assembled by ‘cut and paste’. Brian produced many exhibitions for the Civic Society, some of which were displayed in the exhibition space at Maidenhead Library. These included *Maidenhead – Jewel of the Thames*; *History of Ockwells Manor* and *The Grenfells of Ockwells and Taplow Court*. His designs were always imaginative, with superb hand-drawn lettering and images – in particular the large images of footballers for *The Magpies Story* at the Heritage Centre. Interestingly enough, he never read the main body of typed text. He merely asked for the text, always on white paper, and the photos and other images that were to be included. He was such a professional that he never got them mixed up! These skills were essential when the Heritage Centre opened in Bridge Street in 1993, and Brian continued to design exhibitions for the Centre for at least 10 years; *Maidenhead and the Movies* was one of Richard Poad’s favourites.

Brian finally retired when his commercial clients insisted that it was time to move to computer graphics. That was a step too far, but in retirement he continued to be a keen walker and cyclist until ill health got the better of him. His legacy lives on, not least in the logos he designed for both the Civic Society and the Heritage Centre.



Brian (left) setting up the Taplow Court exhibition in 2002; and together with the “other” Brian designing the Society’s official stationery, 2003.



Forthcoming Events

Sadly, due to the present situation regarding the coronavirus, it has been necessary to postpone the events organised for this year:

Wednesday 18th March 2020 – Themed Tea – with Lee Dance has been postponed until the Autumn.

Tuesday 2nd June 2020 – Tour of Waltham Place garden also postponed until later in the year.

Friday 15th May 2020 – Civic Society Dinner at Moor Hall, with Ian Harvey, has been postponed to **Friday 23rd October 2020**, though is to be confirmed once we know the situation nearer the time.

Sunday 24th May 2020 – Millennium Walk from Pinkneys Green to the Thames Path has been postponed until later in the year.

Wednesday 18th November 2020 – AGM with a speaker

More on this in later editions of the Newsletter as our plans evolve. As you know, the “business” part of our meeting is preceded by a talk on a topical subject by someone prominent in that field. If members have any suggestions for an interesting topic, ideally related to Maidenhead and its development, or some other aspect of the town, then please do let us know. This is always a good opportunity to learn more about how Maidenhead and/or how we can improve our environment.

News from the Heritage Centre

The Heritage Centre may be closed for the duration, but we can still nourish minds even if we can't do your shopping. Our online presence has been greatly enhanced, with 8 exhibitions already on our website with more to follow. You can explore our vast collections at your leisure and browse through hundreds of historic maps which we digitised a couple of years ago. You should be able to work out when your house was built.

The loss of virtually all our income is a severe blow, but here are some ways you could help support us through the crisis. If you are looking for something new to read, why not visit our online shop (www.maidenheadheritage.org.uk/shop) where there are lots of books, including a just published World War II novel *Somerville's War*, by the son of an ATA pilot. It is a very good read and includes lots of references to White Waltham. For a special gift any time in the next year, how about a Spitfire simulator voucher? The voucher has no expiry date, but buying one now would really help our cashflow. Best of all would be to take out membership and become a Friend of Maidenhead Heritage Centre (www.maidenheadheritage.org.uk/support). Finally you could follow us on Facebook, where we have online quizzes and all the latest news. Find out more at: www.maidenheadheritage.org.uk and www.atamuseum.org. However, during the closure, please contact us by email only, via info@maidenheadheritage.org.uk.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 23rd October 2020
Annual Dinner
(To be confirmed nearer the time)

Civic Society Annual Dinner, with talk by Ian Harvey
7.15 for 8.00pm at Moor Hall, Cookham

Wednesday 18th November 2020
AGM

Civic Society AGM, preceded by a talk
Venue to be advised. 7.45 for 8.00pm.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 2020

At St Luke's Community Hall, Norfolk Road, Maidenhead

13th January, 11th February, 10th March, 14th April (cancelled), 12th May (cancelled), 9th June, 14th July, 8th September,
13th October,
10th November, 8th December

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 18th November 2019 at 8.00 pm, venue to be announced

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