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Scene in Baydon

...a bi-monthly digest of what's going on in Baydon: October 12



The always amazing
Baydon Bonfire & Fireworks Night 2012
is on the Cricket Field on Saturday 3 November
Bonfire lit at 18:15 Fireworks at 18:45

Visit www.baydon.org for up-to-date village news, events, weather and features

Hello All

It's with great sadness that I publish Scene this edition. The news of Mo Lafford's passing is a great loss to the village and to me personally. Mo instigated Scene in Baydon many, many moons ago and produced it until she was too poorly when I took over. She and John continued distributing it to Manor Lane and surrounding lanes and John - her lovely husband will continue this.

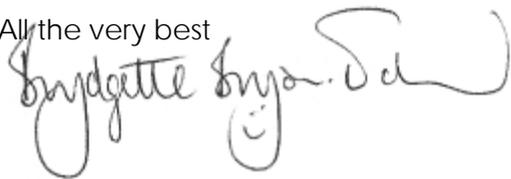
My abiding memory of Mo is sitting nattering with her in her garden room admiring her bluebells that were so abundant in her garden. I mentioned that I loved bluebells because they reminded me of our wedding day. A month or so later, a huge bag of bluebell bulbs appeared on my doorstep. They've bloomed and proliferated each year since. Each Spring, they will always remind me of her lovely, caring soul. Love to all of her family at this sad time.

The Scene Team are always on the look out for local stories, adverts and nuggets - please feel free to send anything you think might be of interest to those in Baydon. Either:

- email me at brydgette@email.com
- pop any items through my door at 5 Manor Lane, or
- drop copy into Debbie at the Shop who will pass it onto me for inclusion. If Debbie's not there - drop it in the Baydon Scene bag

Here's to Autumn leaves, log fires and Baydon fireworks! Next edition will be Christmas issue. Let me know if you have anything to shout about.

All the very best



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And now for this month's brain teaser:

The Autumn Quiz!

1. An easy one to start: What do folk in the USA call Autumn?
2. In which month does Autumn begin in the Southern Hemisphere?
3. Which Shakespeare sonnet talks about, "That time of year thou mayst in me behold, When yellow leaves, or none, or few, do hang"?
4. 'Autumn Sonata' was a 1978 Swedish drama film written and directed by whom?
5. Who wrote the words to the harvest hymn 'Come, Ye thankful people, come'?
6. Which UK Prog Rock band started in Saddleworth, West Yorkshire, in September 1966?
7. Who wrote 'A Year Without Autumn'?
8. Who sang the 2007 song 'Autumnsong'?
9. Whose 'Concerto No. 3 in F major' (also known as 'Danza Pastorale') celebrates Autumn?
10. Who wrote to a friend, "Somehow, a stubble-field looks warm - in the same way that some pictures look warm. This struck me so much in my Sunday's walk that I composed upon it." And thus composed a poem?
11. Which Welsh Celtic goddess is associated with Autumn, the harvest and fertility?
12. On which date(s) is the 2012 Harvest Moon?
13. Whose 4th studio album was named 'Harvest'?
14. Which artist painted 'Autumnal Cannibalism' in 1936?
15. What is the common name for '*Epirrita autumnata*'?

Answers in the next edition



St Nicholas' Church - Baydon
CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER



7 October	Harvest Thanksgiving
14 October	Holy Communion
21 October	Morning Prayer
28 October	Holy Communion
4 November	All Age Morning Worship
11 November	<u>Remembrance Service - 10:50</u>
18 November	Morning Prayer
25 November	Holy Communion

All services are at 09.30 am unless otherwise stated

Clergy Letter...

What a summer it's been!

The Jubilee, the Olympics, and the Paralympics – where the opening ceremony gloried in the striving, questioning human spirit.



The Paralympic tag line has been "focusing on what you CAN do, not on what you can't", and I suspect that many people will be marvelling at the amazing triumphs on show, of will and talent and sheer guts over accidents of birth or circumstance.

But it's been a memorable summer in a bad way too – we seemed to get little snatches of sun between deluges of rain, and the harvests this year are late and disappointing. But I keep hearing, both from local farmers and from the News, a stoical acceptance that some years are good ones and some not – and having gladly enjoyed the good years, we have to deal with the bad ones.

And that's very like the attitude that underlies the Paralympics: a realisation that we live in a fallen, imperfect world, where bad stuff sometimes happens – even to good people.

But what counts, ultimately, is how we deal with it. The Christian message is that God walks alongside us through both bad and good, and helps us cope with and overcome the bad, and celebrate and build on the good.

October is traditionally the month when the churches celebrate harvest. What particular harvest has there been in your life this year, that God has blessed, and that needs celebrating?

With love

Sue Rodd

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All Souls Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving at Holy Cross, Ramsbury

Sunday 28th October 2011 at 4pm.

Each year we hold a service to remember those who have died and give thanks to God for all that they have meant and continue to mean to us. The service takes place on the nearest Sunday to All Soul's Day (2nd November) and will be at Holy Cross, Ramsbury on Sunday 28th October at 4pm and will be followed by a cup of tea for those who would like to stay on.

It is open to all and those attending may light a candle in memory of their loved one. During the service, the congregation will be invited to lay a piece of rosemary in the chancel to make a cross around the names of those remembered. This will be formed from the names of those who have died in the last year, along with names written on the forms left in the churches. Whilst many of those present will be giving thanks for people in these communities, those we wish to remember do not need to have lived in our villages, so please come along for this special service.

If you would like to talk to someone about the service, please ring Revd Simon Weeden (01672 520235) or the Team Office (01672 520963). The form to add the name of someone you would like to remember will in the Whitton Team churches from 1st October.

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I have travelled all over the world with the families I have worked for – moving from a stately home in Kent, to a castle in Ireland, to Government House in Canberra and then to smaller homes in Oxford. The children I cared for have become my life and are still a large part of it as we keep in contact.

The story continues after my retirement at 70 and tells of my life in Oxford and then in the last 4 years among the people in Baydon.

Shirley Smith

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The Mobile Library will be outside the school on the following dates:

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Unfortunately I was unable to attend the September evening, which was a guided tour of Burford followed by a pub supper. However I am told that it was a very good evening and once again the weather was kind to us.

On the **Thursday 11th October** we will have **Sue Hulbert from the South West Wiltshire Wildlife Sanctuary** coming to talk to us about the wild birds (and sometimes hedgehogs) which people bring to her and she cares for them until they can be released back into their environment. Species of birds range in size from swans to blue tits and including birds of prey. She will be bringing a few of her charges with her (the ones who for various reasons cannot be released back into the wild). Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

Venue;- The Church. Time;- 7.30. Open to all. Members free, non-members £3.

For the November meeting we will be having a **card and board games** evening. This is an informal social meeting where you decide what you would like to do. Bring along your favourite game or games. Play or learn to play card games including cribbage, canasta, whist, snap or any other game you like. Play chess, draughts, snakes and ladders or upwords or any other game which is brought along. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided

Venue;- BYPA hall. Time;- 7.30. Open to all. Members free, non-members £3.

Pat

Please phone for more details.
Pat Rhodes 540481.

To keep up to date with planned events please visit Baydon's website or look out for information on posters.

Extracts from Marlborough's CAN Newsletter

Meet your CAM!

Andrew Jack, Marlborough's Community Area Manager, will be working in Marlborough Library from approximately 12.00pm until 5.00pm on most Wednesdays. Andrew is available to chat concerning Area Board matters, such as Community Area Grant funding and consultations as

Do You Have the X Factor?

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To celebrate Local Democracy Week and to prepare for the forthcoming elections in May 2013, Wiltshire Council is holding events across the county so that you can find out more about becoming a local councillor.

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- ♦ Monday 15 October at the Civic Centre, Trowbridge
- ♦ Tuesday 16 October at the City Hall, Salisbury
- ♦ Wednesday 17 October at the Town Hall, Chippenham
- ♦ Thursday 18 October at the Corn Exchange, Devizes

All events will start at 7pm and will last about two hours. Why not come along and find out more? Interested? Please contact Rita Sanders on 01225 718375 or email rita.sanders@wiltshire.gov.uk to book your place.



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Marlborough Area Board

Next meeting is: Tues 27 November 2012

Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge, Marlborough SN8 4EL
6.30 pm

More news: The publication 'Just a Minute' is a summary of the official minutes for the Marlborough Area Board and is available in full on Baydon's Website. Parish News from the Council also available on the website.

Next Parish Council Meetings are:

15 October 2012 at the BYPA Hall - 8 pm
26 November 2012 at the BYPA Hall - 8 pm

Visit www.baydon.org for up-to-date village news & events, weather and features, Parish Council minutes & agendas

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PARISH COUNCIL CORNER

Messages from Chair - Andy Knowles

Welcome to this addition of the Parish Council corner and after a successful summer of British sport the work continues around the village to make ours the 'best of British'!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the continued drive to create and establish a village hall facility under the guidance of the BYPA. A lot of work has gone into the maintenance, redecoration and grounds up-keep during the summer so it's a big thank you to all the volunteers that have helped.



As we move into the latter part of the year the minds of the Parish Council move towards financing the village for 2013 via the precept. It is very important for all that sit on the council to have the support and backing from the village with regards to getting the financial contribution right.



The precept will be discussed in October however the thoughts are very much focused on asking for more into the precept so that we can support the village better. The precept for Baydon is significantly lower than those of our neighbouring villages and we feel we miss out on vital support within the community. It is very much our intention to fund the support

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Thank you Councillors and Clerk, your support, dedication and time is very much appreciated by all within the village.

Healthy regards

Andy Knowles
BPC Chair

Could you be our Parish Councillor?

We still have a vacancy on the Parish Council, the Clerk would be delighted to talk to anyone interested in joining the Council.



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All of the Council Minutes and agendas are on Baydon's website



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Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service's 'Partnership Matters' newsletter is at Baydon.org - it's a wealth of info on the work of the service and important information for everyone.



Red Lion - Tel 01672 540112



RedLion@baydon.org

Hello

Well as the nights get colder and darker, we hope you have had a chance to see that finally the outside has been redecorated and it now seems much brighter and cleaner! Just the table and chairs to do and some pretty hanging baskets should finish it off.

We hate to end summer so quickly but we did warn you, our Christmas Party Nights and Christmas Day Menus are now available and bookings are now being taken with just a £10 deposit per person required once booked. **Christmas party nights start from £16.95 and Christmas Day starts from £42.95** per person let us help you relax and organise a special Christmas treat for you.

Pushing that aside we launch our new winter/grill menu on Tuesday 9th October, with a special deal on Friday 5th October to try anything of our new grill menu and a drink for just £10.00 please note that our food special offer nights are becoming really popular and booking is advisable.

As always all of our quiz/bike nights/ food offers and live music dates can be found on the Baydon website www.baydon.org

Our next **Quiz night is Wednesday 3rd October** and our next music night is the ever popular **karaoke night on Saturday 13th October**.

Don't forget our fancy dress **Halloween party on the 26th October** when 'Fuzed' once again return hopefully in fancy dress too!

That's it for now and as always your support is gratefully received

Sam & Clair

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 **Baydon Brownies** 

Soup & Sandwich Kitchen

Saturday 20 October 2012

Baydon St Nicholas School Hall
12-2 pm

Cost £5 - Adults - £2.50 - Children
Includes soup, sandwich and drink (tea, coffee or squash)

Plus raffle!

*To raise funds for Baydon Brownies & so the girls can obtain their hostess
badges*

Baydon Bonfire and Fireworks

Saturday 3 November
6.15 pm at the Cricket Field, Baydon
Fireworks start at 6.45 pm

We totally rely on your donations towards the cost of fireworks - every penny donated is spent on the fireworks

Please donate at Baydon Shop or Pub. Many thanks!

Refreshments provided by Little Crickets Pre-School and Baydon Brownies

A little more info on the Baydon Bonfire & Fireworks Spectacular

The land owner has asked that we all vacate the cricket field by 2000 hrs and no vehicles to be allowed onto the field.

You are welcome to put any garden rubbish on the bonfire - a key for the field will be available from the shop where there will be the donation pot for you to make any donations toward the cost of the fireworks, there will also be a donation pot in The Red Lion.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE can you only put things on the bonfire that will burn !!!! NO MATTRESSES, CARPETS, SOFT FURNISHINGS, METAL OR GLASS.

We would like to thank you all for support with your donations. Look forward to seeing you on the night

Trevor, Jim, Martin and Steve



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Church of the Holy Cross, Ramsbury

Saturday 13th October, 2012 at 7:30 pm

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Conductor: Sir Peter Beale
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Bus to Newbury - No Need to Book!

Did you know that there is a bus that runs from Baydon to Newbury at 10.30 am every Thursday for Market Day?

It is now a regular service so no need to book

The bus will leave Baydon (bus stop on Aldbourne Road) at around 10.30 am and take a slightly different route to Newbury.



It leaves Newbury at 1.30 pm for the return journey.

It may not be as quick, or follow such a direct route, as in the car but it certainly beats finding a place to park – and of course it is free for those over sixty (providing you have your bus pass).

Barbara F.

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Baydon 11 is Under Attack Again!

A letter from Bernie Gribble

No- I am afraid this letter is not about football but instead about one of our bridleways, namely Baydon 11, part of which is being threatened with extinguishment. Baydon 11 is a bridleway that now contains the alternative path around Baydon House and then continues south between Baydon House Farm and the two adjacent cottages for about 500 metres when it emerges into the larger bridleway that goes to Preston.

It is this 500 metres south of Baydon House Farm that is now under threat of extinguishment because the landowner claims it is not needed as it has not been used for many years and that two other bridleways (No 2 and 8) form an alternative route.

Now this particular section of Baydon 11 has been a source of contention for many years in our village because of the difficulty in using it, but its importance should not be underestimated. Firstly this path is close to our village centre and would appeal to many of us who want a short walk (provided it is open and passable) as opposed to a hike and secondly, it would form part of a circular route with the return path being Baydon 2 and 8 mentioned above. This last point is important to many recreational walkers like myself who prefer not to retrace their steps during a walk and will always choose a circular route if available. So this path is needed and would provide a popular amenity for villagers if only it were open and passable.

This southern end of Baydon 11 has not always been impassable as I used to walk it frequently with my family when we first came to the village. In recent years it has become progressively more overgrown and now it is almost impossible to get through on foot let alone on horseback. Our landowners are supposed to be the custodians of the footpaths that cross their land and are therefore responsible for ensuring the paths are clear and passable by the general public at all times. This clearly has not been the case with this section of Baydon 11 and it seems particularly unfair that the current landowner is now claiming 'lack of use' as a reason for extinguishment.

Many of our footpaths go back hundreds of years and have been walked by numerous generations before us. Are we to deny all future generations the freedom to walk where their predecessors did because the current landowner wishes to take that right away from us? Extinguishment is the correct word to use for closing a footpath, because once it happens, it is forever and can never be reversed. The only way we can prevent the closure of this path is to voice our disapproval to Wiltshire Council so please contact Sally Madgwick at the address below quoting "Extinguishment of Baydon11 (part)" by 19th October 2012. If you want further information please come and see me at 15 Ermin Close or call 01672 540461.

By doing this I am sure we can save a very small but never the less, important part of our superb Right of Way network for both our own and our children's enjoyment.
Thank You

Bernie Gribble

Mo Lafford

Mo Lafford passed away quietly in the morning of 31st August 2012, at home, with her family, after a sterling four-year fight against cancer. During this time, she determinedly overcame it multiple times, getting back to swimming 50 lengths or more every Saturday morning with her "Soggy Squad" friends, followed by coffee in The Polly Tea Rooms; digging the garden, walking in the village and seeing her many friends.



Mo swam a mile for Marie Curie Cancer Care at the end of April this year, raising over £300 for the amazing work of this charity. She was ceaselessly concerned for and interested in her family and friends, never wanting any fuss to be made of her. Everyone who knew her has warm memories of her care, laughter, thoughtfulness, pro-activeness, organisation, determination, willingness to help, and loyalty.

Mo moved to Baydon in 1973 with her husband, John, and their three young children, Tamzin, Damon and Justin. They proceeded to turn the house into a building site, and many photos of the time show the baby in the pram surrounded by foundation trenches and rubble, or the other two children "helping" stack bricks or pour concrete. Mo knocked holes in walls to remodel the inside of the house, and mixed mortar as well as cups of tea.

Since surviving the children's use of it as a football pitch, badminton court, cricket square and generally somewhere to make mayhem (to cries of "Mind my roses!"), the garden (and the parents) breathed a sigh of relief and flourished under Mo and John's creative TLC, and the fir tree has grown now it no longer has the top idly pinched out during conversations with the neighbours' kids.

Mo was involved in many aspects of village life over the years, being instrumental in starting a playgroup, a babysitting circle, BYPA and the Baydon Scene. She was clerk to the Parish Council for many years, helped out with the Link Scheme, and was latterly administrator at St. Nicholas School, where, after retirement, she went in weekly to help pupils with their reading. Her community involvement stretched further than the village, however, including several years' volunteering as a Samaritan. More recently, talents in marquetry and watercolour painting surfaced – her and John's artistic capabilities being reflected by their grandchildren in the pictures stuck to the fridge and on Mo's pinboard.

Mo's thanksgiving service took place on 7th September in St. Nicholas Church, led by Revd. Joan Prout. It was a bright, warm, sunny day, and, as Mo wanted, it was a joyous occasion with people dressed in bright colours – a celebration of her life. Heartfelt tributes were presented by her children, Damon's entertaining memories raising fond laughter from a packed church. Many friends, some going back to school days, joined the family back at the house, sharing memories and enjoying the colourful garden which Mo loved and into which she had put so much effort. Photos of Mo and her family and friends over the years looped in a continuous slide-show. There was so much warmth and friendship – Mo would have loved it

The Lafford Family.

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There are many, many more. I'm afraid the photographer failed to capture the pagan evening - mostly due to too much Jubilee Juice (but probably a good thing!).

The Baydon Village Fete 2012

We would like to thank everyone who attended, helped and donated items for the Church and School Fete on Saturday 16 June.

With your support, we raised just over £1,961 which was a wonderful achievement. The profits will be shared between the Church and School.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the Fete being held in the Paddock again this year, despite the weather which was not so good with strong winds all day and sunny spells for some of the afternoon.

Once again, a very big thank you to all

Pauline & Tony Copp

'Oldbourne' Boys to Paris

I would like to thank everyone who supported me and the rest of the crew who cycled from Aldbourne to Paris on the 8th August. We raised well over our target and are just over £5,000.00 with money still coming in. It was a great experience and a lot of fun, even with the cramps, aches and pains.....

I planned to join in to see if I could do it but after all the sponsors starting rolling in it mean I had to keep going, even when I thought I couldn't make it.

The first day was 110 miles and the last day, which was the hardest I found, was 75 miles.

By the last day the effect of living off energy gels and bars had taken its toll which ended up with stomach cramps, being close to tears and being sick - all while still pedalling!!

It felt weird arriving back in Aldbourne on the Sunday the 12th with everyone cheering us - but it made it all worth it. The three charities the money is going to are -

Alzheimers
Naomi House
and Aldbourne Primary School

Once again - many thanks for being so generous.....

Tom Connolly

A little belatedly (apologies) but here are some views from the

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