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*An unfamiliar view? Looking south towards the One Maidenhead scheme over the site of the now demolished Broad Street carpark*

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# From the Chairman

This has been an interesting month with the general election taking place on 4 July and a new government appointed to lead the country over the next five years.

The government will want to make its mark by changing different pieces of legislation, and none more so than in planning. They have already indicated a need for housing development throughout the country.

Also, through this process planning policies change; as any previous administration will testify, old policies are replaced with new ones for the new government to grow the economy.

I am fully aware that when it comes to planning, not everyone embraces change, or the amount of development that is required for future generations. This is always a tricky subject, as a variety of consultants are employed to indicate future growth rates, and from those statistics, they can establish the Objectively Assessed Housing Need (OAHN) to determine how many dwellings are required each year for a Local Plan period.

The Borough Local Plan touched a huge nerve when the plan was adopted, but it should not be feared as it also gives certainty on future potential developments. Any development that may come along in the future can only be allocated to the sites identified, during that planning period identified. Otherwise, new proposals could be turned down and an appeal inspector would reject anything that has not been identified as a potential allocated site.

However, there is also a new thought process that developers will only build if there is a market to support that growth – as we know from the past about supply and demand. The developers could effectively ‘land bank’ sites until such a time they know that they are going to be able to sell what they are going to build.

As I started saying at the beginning a new government will want to make changes to planning law. The previous government only made changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in January 2024. This government could make sweeping changes to planning law and only time will tell if it will bring future growth.

What we are interested in as members of Maidenhead Civic Society is to protect our heritage, conservation areas and remaining green belt for the future.

Only time will tell.....

*Derek Wilson*

# Planning Matters

In the February edition of our Newsletter we first referred to the proposal to construct a 6-storey block of 43 flats on a car storage lot known as **Stafferton Way South**. This site is currently used by the nearby VW car servicing depot and lies to the east of Lidl, sandwiched between York Stream and Stafferton Way. This first application has been refused but has been replaced by a subsequent proposal which scales back the number of flats to 25. They have reduced the visual height and mass of the building by creating two smaller blocks of 6 storeys linked by a 2-storey section which provides a roof terrace of communal amenity space. However, the footprint remains the same and the building encroaches on the banks of the waterway posing a potential ecological risk. The car parking element is as before, situated in a ground level undercroft, so that the ratio of parking to the number of flats has improved. There is a provision of 32% affordable dwellings. Essentially, the site is too narrow for a development on the proposed scale, and, as we go to print, it is good to be able to report that this revised application has also been refused.

Another proposed block of 8 storeys comprising 46 apartments is located to the rear of **Poundland - 88 to 90 High Street**. This building will have frontage onto West Street and will be combined with an already approved application to create 6 flats in existing space above the retail area on the High Street.



A total of 52 flats will result. Although in a town centre location, there is a provision of 19 car spaces at ground level which is a bonus. Most flats have balconies/terraces and all have access to communal amenity space. It is also noted that the sight lines from ground level on the High Street indicate that the block is not visible in spite of the height. However, the recently adopted Tall Buildings Policy for the town centre

recommends a maximum” context height” of 5-storeys in this location. There is also an issue of loss of daylight on nearby residential dwellings resulting from the 8-storey height of the scheme. We are recommending that the height is reduced to 5 storeys.

In mid-July a further West Street application which has been awaiting a decision for more than 3 years has been amended. In late 2020 we objected to a proposal to construct a 13-storey block of 108 flats on land at **106 to 114 High Street**, basically land to the rear of old post office and an adjacent retail unit to the east. The re-submitted application is for a 7-storey block with 57 apartments and parking provision for 59 vehicles on the ground and first floors, serviced by 2 car lifts.



*How the revised scheme might look: from the High Street (top) and West Street (bottom)*

Although the original scheme has been significantly scaled back it is still above the recommended “context height”. After a period of 3.5 years and a series of amendments the latest scheme is unrecognisable from the application submitted in December 2020. In reality, the original application should have lapsed, and a new application raised for this latest scheme. In 2020 there were several 12 to 13-storey buildings being dreamed up for the south side of West Street, so we should be thankful that at least that nightmare has not come to fruition.

The most significant recent decision has been to uphold the appeal against the refusal of the application for **Spencers Farm**. It is evident that sites identified within the Borough Local Plan are going to be developed. This Outline application was for 330 dwellings (30% affordable) and a primary school. Despite the poor access, potential flood risk etc. the development will go ahead. On this and other BLP sites if Outline permission is assured, there will be an issue regarding the opportunity to have some input on the Full Planning Application when it is submitted.

As we go to print a decision is awaited on the application to demolish **Lawnfield House** on Westmorland Road to create a 70 room care facility. This was covered in depth in our last Newsletter. A proposal to construct 4 dwellings (2 x 2 pairs of semis) on surplus car parking space at **The Crown, Wootton Way** has been refused because of too much hard standing and substandard parking provision – including spaces in tandem. Another pub, **The Ark, Ray Street**, has also had the latest in a string of applications refused. A 2-storey residential block of 2 x 1-bed flats on land to the rear is deemed to be cramped and out of character, while one of the proposed new flats in the extended main building does not meet minimum space standards. There are two applications relating to the proposal to convert **Bridgewater Lodge** into a pre/nursery school. This is a distinguished red brick Listed Georgian building near Maidenhead Bridge. One application relating to Listing/Heritage issues has been permitted. The second application covering change of use, access etc has still not been decided.

We continue to participate in RBWM consultations with the most recent being a proposed SPD on **Affordable Housing**. Historically, we have fallen well short in the provision of such dwellings in Maidenhead. In spite of all the flats being built in the town the number of shared ownership or affordable/social dwellings is miniscule. The average over the past five years has been 58 new dwellings. Only the Magnet scheme currently under construction has had the required element of affordable homes. All other major town centre developers have demonstrated that affordable dwellings are “unviable” – even though they have not been required to make any Section 106 contribution or pay Community Infrastructure Levy. Maidenhead has an immediate crisis with homelessness, overcrowding and affordability. The private rented sector is increasingly unaffordable and shared ownership schemes are increasingly unattractive. The current priority is for affordable rent and social rent units for key workers and for larger living units for families.

With a change of government there is likely to be an increased focus on the provision of housing in total and social housing in particular. The current performance of RBWM is reflected in the latest **Authority Monitoring Report** which is analysed below. It should be pointed out that the current perceived view at Westminster that the “Planning System” is getting in the way of housebuilding numbers is not currently evident in Maidenhead. There were 4,733 dwellings permitted in Maidenhead in the pipeline at March 2023; 2,596 were under construction and 2,137 had not commenced building. Yet we only completed 316 in the year to March 2023, against a target of 400. We have a delivery/fulfilment issue rather than a planning bottleneck. It is to be hoped the target for the 2023/24 year of 1,400 completions will be achieved as many of the 2,596 under construction will surely have been completed by March 2024.

The irony is that the year to March 2024 has already been closed – but we will not know the housing data until the next AMR is published in April 2025.

### **RBWM Authority Monitoring Report 2022/2023 Analysis of Housing Data**

As always, the information provided suffers from the time lag factor; this AMR relates to the data for the year up to March 2023. Nevertheless, it provides a snapshot of where we were and the trends on previous years.

- Only 316 dwellings were completed in the 22/23 year up from 288 the year before. A BLP target of 400 dwellings applied in both years. The highest year for delivery of new dwellings was in 18/19 when there were 705. The last two years saw the lowest number of completions in the past ten years.
- The BLP target is 1,400 per year for the next three years – up till March 2026. With major schemes like “One Maidenhead” (450 units) not coming on stream until the current year to March 2025, it is very likely that the 1400 units for the year just ended in March 2024 will be underachieved – although as stated below 2,596 were under construction.
- At end March 2023 there were 4,733 outstanding “housing commitments” of which 2596 were under construction with 2,137 dwellings not started. There is likely to be a time lapse in meeting the BLP targets.
- As in previous years there is no analysis of the 4,733 outstanding pipeline commitments so the housing type and size of dwelling will not be known until the relevant Monitoring Report is published – 15 months after the year end.
- At last, the proportion of flats was down to 68% from 81%, and the trend towards smaller units (1 and 2 bed) has stabilised.
- As always Maidenhead (unparished) had the vast majority of housing completions with 132 out of the total of 316. Sunningdale was second with 74 – because of the Sunningdale Park development mentioned below. Windsor followed with 42.

- Of the 316 new dwellings only 122 were on allocated sites within the BLP. The balance of 194 units were on “windfall sites” – smaller plots and infilling.
- The year saw a high proportion of sites (30%) developed on the Green Belt, although this was exceptional because of the 67 units being completed at Sunningdale Park.
- The trend of change of use from offices to residential flats slowed down with only 15 units (4.7%) being created. This is the lowest % since 14/15 .
- The delivery of Affordable Housing remains an issue. Only 27 units were delivered in the year – the lowest since 17/18. The best year was 20/21 with 85 affordable dwellings.
- The type of affordable accommodation has shifted significantly – shared ownership is now out of favour. In 20/21, 78 out of 85 were shared ownership. In the latest year only 2 out of the 27 were shared ownership with 25 being for social /affordable rent.
- It is regrettable that no analysis is provided of the size of affordable homes or the type of dwelling. There is evidence that there are not enough larger/family homes being provided and that overcrowding is an issue as well as homelessness.

In summary, the total number of dwellings completed in the 2022/23 is below target and there is still too high a proportion of flats and 1- or 2-bed dwellings. The BLP target for 23/24 of 1,400 dwellings is unlikely to have been met, although we will not know until this time next year. We still do not know the make-up of thousands of permitted dwellings in the pipeline and whether the imbalances in our housing stock will be improved when these reach completion. Despite the recent Supplementary Design Document on Affordable Housing and the perceived priority, we are failing to deliver adequate social rented property for key workers and families.

*Martin McNamee*

### **Planning applications – a personal viewpoint**

Our planning group routinely selects a number of planning applications for review prior to deciding which ones merit comment. Here, Brian Davies, a member of the planning group, suggests this may no longer be enough:

One of the main functions of Maidenhead Civic Society is to comment on planning applications. The really big change happening in Maidenhead is the construction of large blocks of apartments, the result of meeting government targets for housing. We all know that because of population growth and the desire for people to have their own homes and not share with other family members, we need more suitable accommodation of all types, not just one- and two-bedroom apartments. In Maidenhead, for every 3-bedroom property that becomes available through re-lettings, there are 10 households who are waiting to be housed. For 4-bedroom properties there are 33 households waiting for each letting.

Of course, we must make the most of our existing buildings. Demolition should be a last resort. The buildings and construction sector is responsible for over a third of greenhouse gases. The production and use of materials such as cement, steel, and aluminium have a significant carbon footprint and the world is running out of sharp sand used in concrete (beach and river sand is no good). VAT for most renovation work on houses and flats by builders and similar trades like plumbers, plasterers and carpenters is charged at the standard rate of 20%. On new build it is zero – hardly an incentive to refurbish a property instead of demolishing and rebuilding. Tenants need to make better use of office buildings by using shared occupancy. There seem to be plenty of empty shop units and many shops have accommodation above which could be refurbished and possibly extended.

Some planning applications are an imaginative use of converting existing properties such as boat houses and office blocks. But according to estate agents Knight Frank, there is now a shortage of office space in Maidenhead. Unfortunately, planning applications for property renovations, extensions and building on small plots are often subject to our adverse comments. This is because such proposals frequently provide a substandard environment (tiny rooms, a lack of light or minimal garden/balcony space) with a shortage of parking spaces. It appears that anything better is unaffordable – literally. High costs of doing business here mean that Sensodyne toothpaste, Centrum vitamins and Panadol will no longer be made in Maidenhead. The Rightmove website states that semi-detached properties in postcode SL6 are selling for an average price of £564,744 whilst detached properties sell for an average of an astonishing £1,032,940. How much should “affordable” housing cost and what should be the specification?

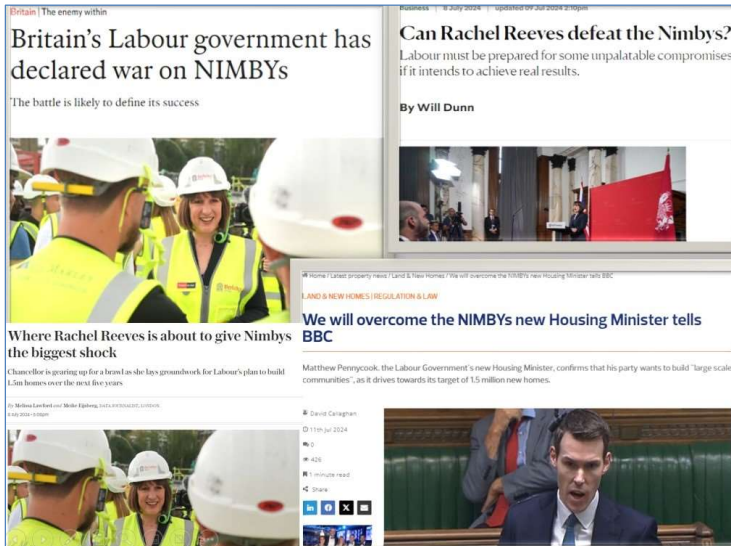
We await details from the Labour government to see if mandatory housing targets and a reform of the planning system will affect our ability to have any impact on these. Whilst we may be able to continue commenting on planning issues, these comments may no longer carry much weight. We might need to lobby councillors on the Maidenhead Development Management Committee for issues we feel passionate about. Some of our members are in the Maidenhead Neighbourhood Forum, so they can incorporate any views they may have in the proposed design code and neighbourhood plan. I don't know about you, but I am conflicted and frustrated as to how we can best improve the social quality and amenity of Maidenhead, one of the Civic Society objectives. The centre of Maidenhead is almost unrecognisable from a few years ago. There are certainly some improvements, such as York Stream and some of the associated adjacent developments. However, the shortage of family housing is worsening. Maidenhead has been a dormitory town for many years, but where are all these young commuters moving into one of the many new one-bedroom apartments going to live when they start a family?

*Brian Davies*



Following on from our Chairman’s introductory remarks about the planning process, members may be interested in this article which appeared recently in the Civic Voice newsletter. Maidenhead Civic Society is a member of Civic Voice – an umbrella pressure group for civic societies.

## CAN WE PLEASE STOP USING THE WORD ‘NIMBY’!



One of the questions we are currently discussing with Civic Societies is how you feel about the term ‘NIMBY’ and who you think it is aimed at. So it is not a surprise that we were interested to see a post on LinkedIn from Adam Lent, senior consultant at the King’s Fund, which shared similar thoughts and prompted lots of responses. We thought we would reshare it here for you.

“Can we PLEASE stop using the word ‘NIMBY’! It’s lazy, misleading and deliberately designed to favour a deeply misguided policy approach.

Firstly, people object to development for all sorts of good reasons - not simply because they are trying to protect the price of their home or through fear of change. A lot of development is very poorly conceived, lacking the things that make for a positive local environment. This is partly the result of severe cuts to council planning teams, leaving their capacity to make sure private developers do a good job much reduced. I personally don’t see why people should just roll over and accept a shoddy built environment designed to benefit city investors rather than their local community.

Secondly, the way local communities are involved in development is often incredibly thin. Residents are most commonly presented with a pre-ordained plan and asked if they have any objections. It's an approach that immediately leaves people feeling disempowered and angry. Councils, like Test Valley Borough Council, that involve communities in a patient process of co-design find that, contrary to popular belief, residents are enthusiastic about development when they feel listened to and when it has positive social outcomes at its heart.

Thirdly, we should always ask ourselves who stands to gain from a particular strand of public discourse. The notion that the housing crisis is caused by a planning system that gives too much power to local communities works brilliantly well for the private property developers. It has convinced politicians (including sadly the new Government) that the solution to the crisis is to shred planning regulations to give developers as much freedom as possible. How incredibly convenient!

The very difficult truth for this developer-friendly nimby discourse is that other places – like Vienna and Zurich – create affordable, quality, liveable spaces not by cutting out the community but by deeply engaging them to the point where it is often local citizens themselves designing, commissioning and even owning new property. And much of that is funded not by big investors but by the state. Unsurprisingly, this is a perspective, the private developers would rather shut down, and the viral concept of nimbyism has proved exceptionally good at doing that.

So, please do wake up, columnists, policy-makers and armchair pundits. The crisis of affordability and quality in our built environment is not the fault of the people who live in that built environment. It's the result of a forty-year shift in policy that has placed huge amounts of money and power in the hands of private developers – the vast majority of whom are primarily interested in generating return for themselves and their investors rather than creating the cheapest, highest quality, most liveable places possible.”

If you're interested enough you can see the original post and subsequent discussions on Adam's LinkedIn page at: [https://www.linkedin.com/posts/adam-lent-5b461a196\\_property-housing-kingspeech-activity-7219245267840036864-7LLj?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=member\\_desktop](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/adam-lent-5b461a196_property-housing-kingspeech-activity-7219245267840036864-7LLj?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop). One of the few comments that struck me as trying to strike a balance was by a John Elledge, freelance writer:

“I absolutely don't believe, as this argument seems to imply, that most of the people objecting to development would be fine with it if only it was social housing. But I'm a reasonable man. I'll stop using the word “nimby” if the other side stop claiming that the only people who stand to benefit from “speculative” developments of “executive homes” (or, as we used to call them, houses) are mega-rich developers.”

*Editor*

# Projects

## 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF M'HEAD BOROUGH'S BOUNDARY STONES

### What are we doing to celebrate them being put in position in 1934?

**Firstly** we aim to give children who participate in the 2024 Boundary Walk a certificate and also a sixpence, as was done in 1963. The certificate will explain what a sixpence was, so giving the children a crash course in the coinage used before 1971 when we went metric, as well as giving them a memento of the event.



*Front and reverse of the 1934 sixpence*

The challenge was to acquire 90 sixpences. We were able to buy 34 online but obtaining 90 looked unlikely. However, following my plea in a letter to the *Advertiser* and a note in our May Newsletter we now have over 90 including one from 1934. We are very grateful for these donations from both our members and a member of the public.



*Left to right: Ann with members Diana Le Clercq, and Roger Strike; and Roy Stannett all with their sixpences*

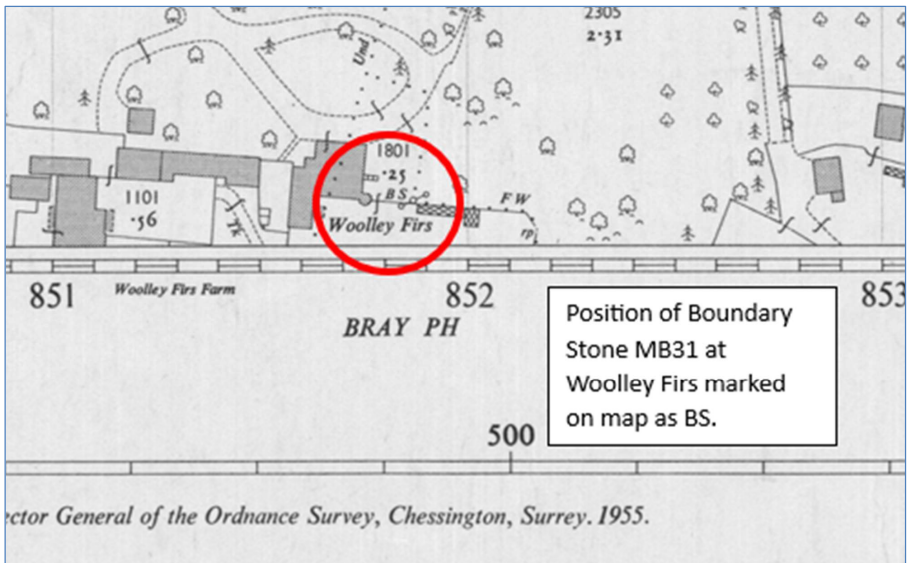
Diana's sixpences came from her father's coin collection, whilst Roy's, including the 1934 sixpence, was discovered when in search of storage for the Great Western Railway Museum at Didcot, he purchased storage boxes from a ladies' outfitters' shop in Slough that had closed down. The bag of sixpences fell out of one of the storage boxes!

**Secondly**, we have been trying to discover lost boundary stones (see Feb 2023 and Feb 2024 Newsletters) and are in the process of moving them when necessary.

Boundary Stone 31 was discovered by Chris Bristow built into the patio of Hasker House, now offices for Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust. The stone must have been moved to the patio when the house was owned by Rosy Lee, who left the house and grounds (Woolley Firs) to BBOWT as an education centre for children.

Although we've featured some of these pictures before, the fuller notes below document the removal and relocation of this stone for the benefit of future generations of boundary stone enthusiasts!!

Moving the stone was a collaborative exercise with members of Rotary Bridge who now organise the annual Boundary Walk.



*The original site*



*Hasker House, the offices of BBOWT, with the patio in the foreground.*



*Having loosened the cement around it, the boundary stone was slowly lifted.*

*The hole was later back-filled with cement*



In the meantime, a new location was being prepared:



*Rotary Bridge member, Simon Thornton, digs the hole: note the cardboard "boundary stone" used to check depth of hole*



*The boundary stone in transit to its new location*



*Job done! From left to right Neil Savin, Tim Burt, Simon Thornton, Ashutosh Makone, Eddie Piekut (manager of the move), and Chris Bristow*



*Boundary stone 31 in its new location on the Boundary Walk*

Many thanks to Eddie Piekut (of both our Society and Rotary Bridge) for managing the operation and producing an impressive risk assessment; to Simon Thornton and Ashutosh Makone of Rotary Bridge; and to Neil Savin, Tim Burt and Chris Bristow known collectively as the “Boundary Stone Seekers”!

## **OCKWELLS BOOK DONATED TO ARCHIVES IN FRANCE**

The armorial glass in the great hall of Ockwells Manor house includes the achievement of Margaret of Anjou, Queen of Henry VI (the son of Henry V), who, you may remember, was briefly king of both England and France. The queen became a casualty of the Wars of the Roses and ended up back in France, surviving on a pension from the then king of France, Louis XI. She died there in 1482 and was buried in the family tomb (now lost) in the church of St Maurice, in Angers.

There are also contemporary achievements for this queen in Durham Cathedral and the Kings Head in Aylesbury plus a copy of the Ockwells armorial, made by Thomas Willement, Queen Victoria glazier, is in the museum in Ely Cathedral. Willement also created the window next to the tomb of Henry VI in St George's Chapel and the design was clearly inspired by the Ockwells glass.

Given the French connection, it was decided to donate a copy of the Ockwells book to the *Archives Departementales de Maine-et-Loire* in Angers, so *en route* back from our annual road-trip to Spain we made a small detour and called in. Librarian Chantal Bordeaux, who greeted us, was happy to receive the book and was impressed that this was the only copy in France! Chantal showed us round the archives which were modern and very well laid out.



*Handing over the Ockwells book to their Librarian, Chantal Bordeaux, in June 2024*

By an interesting coincidence, the new owner of Ockwells is a Frenchman and his architects are now in the process of preparing Ockwells for renovation.

*Ann Darracott*



# Burnham Abbey

Two groups from the Society visited the Abbey recently thanks to the sterling effort of our Events Organiser, Joyce Delasalle. We were shown round by the Steward, Mark Johnson, who gave us an overview of its fascinating history and guided us round the house and grounds

Burnham Abbey was founded in 1266 by Richard of Cornwall, King of the Romans, and brother of Henry III, in fulfilment of a vow he made when in the Tower having been captured by Simon de Montfort in 1264. This former house of Augustinian canonesses is in Cippenham where there is also the moated mound all that remains of Richard's manor house. The Abbey was surrendered in 1539 during the dissolution of the monasteries, remaining in the hands of the Crown for many years until sold in 1834 by which time the buildings had begun to deteriorate.

They were saved by James Lawrence Bissley of Maidenhead who bought the site in 1914. Some of the buildings were sold off as homes but he restored the ruins of the old Abbey, including converting the chapter house to a chapel, so that it could become a convent again. In 1916 it was purchased by Mother Millicent Mary (d.1956) who had founded the Society of the Precious Blood (SOPB) in Birmingham in 1905 (from *A short history of Burnham Abbey*, 2006, by Sister Jane Mary).



*Burnham Abbey from the air (photo from the Knight Frank sale brochure)*

The Abbey is Grade I listed, whilst associated walls and structures are Grade II. In 2023 the SOPB applied to Bucks County Council for permission to repair parts of the Abbey buildings. Sadly, the current situation is that the remaining few nuns have left and the Abbey is being marketed for sale (by Knight Frank with a guide price of £3.5 million).



*Society members inspect part of the original C13th building*

Many alterations have been made over the years, ranging from those by the Tudors to the 1963 gatehouse that our own Michael Bayley was involved in modifying to create more room for an infirmary and library.



*Michael Bayley modified the newer building to the right of the photo*





*On the left the chapter house converted into a chapel by James Bissley in the early C20th*



*Part of the Abbey Gardens*



*Particularly poignant is the very simple graveyard where the nuns are buried. The grave of their Abbess, Mother Millicent Mary, is marked with a statue of Christ on the Cross; in the distance the cob wall*

We very much hope that this historically important and visually impressive building that has been cared for by the SOPB since 1916 will find a sympathetic buyer.

*Ann Darracott*

# Events

## **JAZZ EVENING AT MAIDENHEAD ROWING CLUB Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

We are planning another jolly evening of trad jazz for members and friends at Maidenhead Rowing Club on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024. ‘Jazz by the Riverside’ has proved very popular in the past, almost always being a sell-out, and once again will feature the local sounds of The Traditional Jazz Quintet (*formerly known as The Fabulous Shirtlifters Tribute Band*). Look forward to a lively, fun evening held in a very attractive venue overlooking the river and Maidenhead Bridge!



You are invited to bring your own food and enjoy a picnic style meal using the tables and chairs provided. Any drinks you require should be purchased from the Bar. Doors open at 7.00pm, the music commences at 8:00pm, and the evening will draw to a close at 11.00pm. This is a great opportunity to enjoy an evening of good music with old friends and other members of the Society.

The cost of a ticket is a mere £17.50 per head. Make a note in your diary and invite your friends to join you on what promises to be a lazy summer evening! Fill in the booking form at the end of the Newsletter and send to Joyce Delasalle *or* email confirmation to [joyce.delasalle@btinternet.com](mailto:joyce.delasalle@btinternet.com) by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Payments can be made by bank transfer to: **Maidenhead Civic Society, Sort Code 30-95-36, Account Number 00277876, reference “Jazz”** *or* by cheque made payable to “Maidenhead Civic Society” and sent to Joyce Delasalle, 7 Laxton Green, Maidenhead, Berks. SL6 3HW.

## **CIVIC SOCIETY AGM**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 7.45pm for 8.00pm**

Our AGM may still be some way off, but we want to make sure you have the date in your diaries – note that this year the meeting will be on a Tuesday, rather than the regular Wednesday, but it’ll be in the usual venue of the High Street Methodist Church. This has enabled us to secure a speaker who will address us prior to the business side of the meeting. Orla Gallagher, CEO of Housing Solutions will talk

about ‘**Current challenges and opportunities in the social housing sector and for Housing Solutions**’. This is a topic that is of increasing importance and relevance to many families in Maidenhead and hopefully will shed light on many aspects of housing development policies. There’ll be more details in the next edition of the Newsletter.

## RECENT EVENTS

Our annual lunch at Moor Hall was a sell-out and everyone enjoyed the extremely interesting (and slick!) presentation on the history of the BBC given by Robert Scatter.



And although we didn’t have a booth at this year’s Maidenhead Festival, we featured prominently in the large screen advertising next to the stage.



# Booking Form

## Jazz By The Riverside at Maidenhead Rowing Club, Taplow

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Please detach and send this completed form, together with your payment (see below) to reach Joyce Delasalle, 7 Laxton Green, Maidenhead, SL6 3HW

**not later than Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

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TELEPHONE No. ....

E-MAIL ADDRESS .....

*(Please include this if you have one)*

Please reserve \_\_\_\_ place(s) @ £17.50 each. I have paid as follows (please delete as necessary)

I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to “*Maidenhead Civic Society*”

***or***

I have paid by bank transfer to the account: *Maidenhead Civic Society*,  
Sort Code: 30-95-36; A/c: 00277876, quoting ref “*Jazz*”

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**If you have any problems, or for last minute cancellations, please contact  
Joyce Delasalle without delay on 07917 876145**

# Maidenhead Heritage Centre

Full details of current exhibitions – including our online exhibitions are available on our website at <https://maidenheadheritage.org.uk> together with details and tickets for the Centre's ever popular River Thames Cruise, which is next on Tuesday September 3rd.

## Membership Secretary

After nearly twelve years in the role, Joyce Delasalle has decided it is time to stand down and so the Society is looking for a new Membership Secretary.

The postholder plays a key part in managing annual subscriptions and maintaining the membership database. **Without this, the Society would have difficulty functioning properly.**

It's an important job at the heart of the Society and would suit someone who obviously has an interest in what we do and is comfortable using a computer.

Joyce will be on hand to share her knowledge and expertise in handling tasks like membership applications, payment reminders, and preparation of lists for the distribution of the quarterly Civic Society Newsletter.

Anyone interested and prepared to support the Society in this way should contact the Newsletter Editor – Brian Darracott – at [info@maidenheadcivicsoc.org.uk](mailto:info@maidenheadcivicsoc.org.uk) or on 07796 834542 in the first instance.

# Dates for your Diary

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## Local Event

Heritage Open Days

St Luke's Church, Norfolk Road

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## Local Event

Waterways Fun Day

Chapel Arches, Maidenhead, 10am to 3pm

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## Jazz Evening

Maidenhead Rowing Club

Times to be advised

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## AGM and Speaker

Civic Society AGM

High Street Methodist Church, 7.45 for 8pm

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 2024

All meetings are now at the Cox Green Community Centre, 6.30pm until further notice.

9<sup>th</sup> January, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 10<sup>th</sup> December

The 64<sup>th</sup> AGM will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.45 for 8.00 pm.

## The closing date for copy for the next issue of the Newsletter is 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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