

MARLOW - MAIDENHEAD PASSENGER ASSOCIATION

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MMPA covers transport aspects in Maidenhead - Marlow, Taplow, High Wycombe and Twyford – Henley-on-Thames.

Crossrail at Maidenhead

Enabling works in the Maidenhead area for the Crossrail project are starting this autumn. The works will involve changes to train timetables and station access particularly during holiday periods i.e. Christmas, New Year and Easter. Crossrail has issued a leaflet with details of the planned works and FGW has issued a timetable leaflet and we hope to enclose a copies with this newsletter to members.

New Timetables

FGW and Chiltern Railways have issued their revised timetables that come into force on December 8th (subject to Crossrail works changes indicated above) and enclosed as appropriate for your location.

Bourne End bridge

The overhaul and refurbishment of Bourne End bridge is virtually complete at the time of writing and looking quite resplendent in its new green overcoat.

Customer Information at Branch stations

MMPA Chair Susan Morrison was invited by FGW to launch the new CIS at Branch stations. The launch took place at Bourne End Station on 12th November in the presence of FGW, MMPA and various local dignitaries. Note what the display says!



With MMPA Chairman, Susan Morrison, are Marlow Mayor Cllr Suzanne Brown and Branch Station Manager David Pinder.

MMPA AGM Plans

The MMPA AGM will be held on Friday 28th March in the Bourne End Community Centre. As well as the usual updates from transport operators we anticipate presentations from representatives of two Community Rail Partnerships from the South of England.

FGW performance

FGW performance in the last month on London - Thames Valley services has fallen short of their obligation as shown in the table.

October - November 2013

Punctuality	Target	Reliability	Target
75.1%	92.0%	98.6%	99.0%
Moving Annual Average			
85.4%	89.0%	98.8%	98.0%

Because punctuality is below the trigger, 5% discounts are currently being offered to holders of season tickets valid for one month or more.

MMPA Membership

MMPA invites membership of the Association particularly for those who use local buses, Marlow Branch and Main Line trains to London. We need inputs from those who use these services so that local transport operators can be 'encouraged' to ensure their services are as good as they can be made.

Oxford to Marylebone

Work is progressing on the Chiltern Railways link from Bicester to Oxford to provide a future through service from Marylebone. Initially service will from Water Eaton, now to be known as Oxford Parkway, to Marylebone with a bus shuttle from Water Eaton to Oxford.

Crossrail trains

MMPA is finding information about the possible layout of Crossrail trains which gives rise to serious concerns if true. The layout is not a formal proposal yet but it is being suggested that there will only be standard class, side seating to give more standing room as Underground stock (think of that if travelling from Maidenhead across London) and no toilets.

New bus service

First Group have started a new express bus service, the X9, between Maidenhead and High Wycombe via St Marks Hospital. Journey time centre to centre is 35 minutes.

Social media volunteers

MMPA is very aware of the impact of social media networking Facebook, Twitter, etc. and would like to be able to make use of it for information gathering on transport matters and communication with members.

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TRAVEL INFORMATION

BBC Radio	95.4, 104.1 FM, DAB, or	08459 -
Berkshire:		311333
National Rail	08457 - 484950 (24 hrs)	
enquiries:	or www.nationalrail.co.uk or text	
First Great Western:	08457-000125 (0700–2200 daily)	
Chiltern Railways:	08456 - 005165 (08.30 – 17.30)	
Arriva Bus:	0844 8004411 (0900 - 1700 Mon - Fri)	
First Berks Buses:	01753 524144	
Carousel Buses:	01494 533436	
Traveline:	0871 2002233 (0700 - 2200)	
	10p/min on BT landline	
RBWM helpline	01628 796666	

Also see our web site www.mmpa.org.uk for links.

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Contact MMPA

If you have any issues or comments regarding public transport in the area that you would like to raise please visit www.mmpa.org.uk or www.facebook.com/marlowdonkey, email info@mmpa.org.uk, or tweet [@marlowdonkey](https://twitter.com/marlowdonkey).