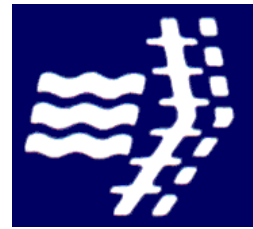


# MARLOW - MAIDENHEAD PASSENGERS' ASSOCIATION

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## New GWR timetables (20 May)

Revised GWR timetables effective from 20 May are enclosed with is mailing where members have opted in to receive them. Many services will have increased capacity. GWR have installed a system for ticketing using your mobile phone but not all gates have been modified yet.

## Membership Matters

It's that time again! Membership subscriptions are due on 1st April and if you haven't already renewed or joined you are invited to do so. The fees are £5 for individuals and families and £10 for businesses. Cheques should be payable to "MMPA" and sent to MMPA Membership, 23 Switchback Road North, Maidenhead, SL6 7UF. If you wish to pay by internet banking or Paypal please email me first so that I can give you the necessary information.

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## MMPA AGM

The MMPA AGM was held on 23 March. The new Committee was elected and presentations made by MTR Crossrail and GWR followed by questions from the floor to those organisations and Network Rail.

## General Data Protection Regulations

The Act of Parliament setting up the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) was passed in 2016. The Regulation will be enforced from May 25 2018. The Regulation supersedes the 1998 Data Protection Act and provides much more stringent protection of personal information. The personal information provided by an individual in becoming a member of MMPA:

- Will be stored securely both as the paper application form and the transfer to electronic form in a membership data base
- Members can request a copy of all the personal data MMPA holds on them (essentially what they supply to us) plus any information derived from that. Access to your personal data is password-protected controlled by the Membership Secretary.
- Will only be used by MMPA to communicate with members and will not be provided to any other organisation except with your express written permission or where required to do so by Law.
- Some or all personal data can be deleted from the database if the Member requests it: this may result in MMPA will not be able to communicate with them including sending newsletters, timetable leaflets and membership reminders.

## Bourne End upgrade

The land survey at Bourne End to to enable track modification to improve Branch services to half-hourly is understood to have been completed. We now await the design and approval to enable construction work to commence.

## Taplow Footbridge

The new permanent footbridge is now being installed by Transport for London. A site meeting was held with TfL, MMPA and other local organisations last month.

TfL cited three reasons why the new bridge could not be re-

sited to the old bridge position:

- The new bridge is larger than either the Heritage bridge or the existing temporary one: three 16 person capacity lifts are included. It cannot be sited at the western end as there is insufficient room between the foot of the stairs and the existing station building. The recently installed wires and supports would have to be replaced.

- It would require some of the space presently occupied by the north car park.

The heritage bridge would be given to the Gloucester and Warwickshire Railway for installation at Cheltenham Racecourse station.

There was significant discussion regarding parking issues and lengthening of platforms to cater for 12 car trains.

## Great Western Summer Engineering

There are a number of planned engineering works taking place during the summer on GWR. Before travelling take time to check information on alterations at:

<https://www.gwr.com/travel-updates/planned-engineering>

## Ticket Machines

Cable surveys at Marlow and Cookham stations for ticket machine installation have now been completed. Installation is now planned for December 2018. Furze Platt will not be getting a ticket machine since vandalism made it uneconomic.

## GWR service amendments

GWR are planning to extend the 0733 and 0802 services from Maidenhead to 12 cars from May, and the 0802 would now start at Twyford rather than Didcot thus should have plenty of seats available at Maidenhead. It was planned to extend the platforms at Maidenhead to take 12 car trains by December 2018.

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

Arriva Buses Beds & Bucks	01622 697000	0900-1700 Mon-Fri
Chiltern Railways	03456 005165	0830-1730 Mon-Fri
Carousel Buses	01494 533436	
Courtney Buses	01344 482200	
First Berkshire & Thames Valley Buses	01753 524144	
National Rail Enquiries	03457 484950	24 hours
Traveline (premium rate)	0871 200 2233	0800-2000 daily
Traveline London	0343 222 1234	24 hours
Transport for London & MTR Crossrail	0343 222 1234	24 hours
BBC Radio Berkshire Travel	01189 311333	
Car Parking (APCOA)	01249 444538	

Also see our web site [www.mmpa.org.uk](http://www.mmpa.org.uk) for links.

## Contact MMPA

If you have any issues or comments regarding public transport in the area that you would like to raise please use the *Contact Us* links on the MMPA website [www.mmpa.org.uk](http://www.mmpa.org.uk).

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