

MARLOW - MAIDENHEAD PASSENGERS' ASSOCIATION

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MMPA AGM

Friday 18th March sees the 46th Annual General Meeting of the Association. Details including the agenda can be found on the reverse of this newsletter.

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Taplow Station Issue

Following the bridge strike on the footbridge at Taplow Station by a Network Rail contractor

resulting in the closure of the bridge, down (towards Reading) services at Taplow still stop at the Reading end of the station. When the original footbridge was open this was satisfactory. Passengers now have a long walk to the temporary footbridge towards the London end of the station. MMPA have approached Great Western Railway and requested a review of the stopping position. We do not believe there are any technical problems that could prevent its implementation.

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Station Notice Boards

MMPA has requested and agreed with GWR the provision of a notice board for Taplow Station for displaying copies of the MMPA newsletters and other local information.

A replacement notice board has been installed at Maidenhead but it is understood that there is currently no key to open it; GWR are investigating.

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Marlow Branch Maintenance

Network Rail carried out trackside vegetation clearance the first three weekends in February and hope to complete weed spraying on the Branch in the spring. Clearly spraying can only take place under suitable weather conditions.

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Marlow Branch Electrification Petition

Don't forget if you use the through services from the Branch to Paddington these will disappear from NEXT YEAR as the electrification of the Branch has been suspended. If you wish to retain these services then make your feelings known to RBWM, Theresa May MP, Dominic Grieve MP and Network Rail either by signing the petition at

<http://rbwm-ld.co.uk/enddelay/>:

Or you can write to them. MMPA considers that the Network Rail reluctance to proceed with

electrification of the Branch, and hence cease the operation of through trains to and from Paddington without being extended to the Branch in morning and evening peaks, will seriously disadvantage users of Branch services. This is likely to increase road congestion as commuters choose to drive to Maidenhead to avoid the inconvenience of changing from the Branch trains.

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Crossrail train design

MMPA still considers the omission of toilets from the design of Crossrail trains is a retrograde step and is continuing to raise the issue with local MPs and the Crossrail organisation. The more messages people can send to their MPs and Crossrail it increases the pressure on them to reverse the decision.

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Public Address on the Branch

MMPA is aware of the issues with the public address system and Customer Information System displays (CIS) on the Branch, particularly at Bourne End Station. We have been pressing FGW/ GWR for resolution of the problem for four months but so far without success. We will keep trying until it is resolved.

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TRAVEL INFORMATION

BBC Radio Berkshire:	95.4, 104.1 FM, DAB, or 08459 - 311333
National Rail Enquiries	08457 - 484950 (24 hrs) or www.nationalrail.co.uk or text
Great Western Railway:	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 use the *Contact Us* links on the MMPA website www.mmpa.org.uk.

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46th Annual General Meeting – Agenda

Friday 18 March, 2016 7.45 pm at the Bourne End Community Centre

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence:
3. Approval of 2015 AGM Minutes (distributed electronically)
4. Reports

Committee (distributed electronically)

Accounts for year end 31 December 2015 (distributed electronically)

5. Election of Officers

The current & proposed Committee members standing for election are:

John Marsh (Chairman and Honorary Treasurer)

Richard Porter (Webmaster and Membership)

Robert Latham (Newsletter Editor)

Mike Cooper (High Wycombe Station Rep)

John Fowler (Taplow Station Rep)

Harriet Wilson (Marlow Society and Bourne End Station Rep)

Martin Coker (Cookham)

MJ Saunders (Cookham Parish Council Rep)

We have the capacity for up to 4 more committee members and would welcome the participation of members who might be interested in helping out in this way.

6. Presentation by Great Western Railway
7. Questions and Answers
8. Any other business
9. Adjournment