

# MARLOW - MAIDENHEAD PASSENGERS' ASSOCIATION

## Newsletter 180 December 2018



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### New GWR timetables

Revised GWR timetables effective from 2 January 2019 are enclosed with this mailing where members have opted in to receive them. They include easing of connection times at Maidenhead where possible.

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### New Chiltern timetable

These came into effect on 9th December. Chiltern will be running its usual Boxing Day service from Marylebone to Oxford Parkway 8am to 8pm.

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### Christmas new year times

If you plan to travel over the Christmas and New Year period please check services on the GWR website:  
<https://www.gwr.com/travel-updates/planned-engineering/christmas>

### Sunday 23 to Wednesday 26, and Sunday 30 December

Renewal of a junction near Southall means there will be no through services between Slough and Paddington on these dates. Amended services will operate 27 – 29 and 31 December and 1 January.

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### Proposed track change at Bourne End

According to the latest issue of *Railwatch* Network Rail isn't going to install a chord at Bourne End. Mark Langman (Network Rail) advises that as far as NR are aware nobody actually asked them before publishing the story which is untrue and work on the design is continuing. The issue of safety on level crossings on the Branch has been raised and MMPA has entered into a dialogue with Network Rail and the British Transport Police (BTP) who have responsibility to address this.

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### Brunel bridge

MMPA has observed large quantities of bush growth on the parapet on the south side of the Brunel bridge across the Thames. This has been reported to Network Rail who anticipate work early in the New Year to remove it before it affects the structure.

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### Taplow ticket machine

It has been noted that the TfL ticket machine at Taplow is closed and secured when the ticket office staff are not in attendance between 11 pm and 6.30 am. This is because the machine accepts cash payments and is to prevent theft. There are times of day when passengers cannot obtain tickets and this is an issue which concerns MMPA.

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### Bus bay at Bourne End Station

MMPA is aware that there has been no further progress on the provision of a bus bay at Bourne End Station. MMPA believes such a facility will improve traffic flows past the station.

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### Cookham Millennium Clock

The Millennium clock at Cookham Station has been out of action for a while. Efforts to effect a repair have been frustrated by lack of agreement on the method of access. MMPA hopes this will be resolved soon and the clock restored.

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### MMPA archives

Since its formation MMPA has acquired much correspondence, minutes, reports and other information. These records have now been lodged at The Centre for Buckingham Studies in Aylesbury.

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### Display Timetables

New timetable posters have been installed at Maidenhead Station.

MMPA has found that not all stations have been listed which is confusing for passengers and have raised this with GWR.

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### Railfuture users conference

MMPA representatives attended the recent Railfuture Users Conference. Topics included:

- Update on Great Western Electrification
- Western Rail Link to Heathrow
- A new way of developing southern access to Heathrow
- An Update on Crossrail/ Elizabeth Line

(Editor's note: *it will always be Crossrail for me having spent 3 years of my working life on communications design for the project!*)

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### Williams Rail Review

The government's vision is for the UK to have a world-class railway, working as part of the wider transport network and delivering new opportunities across the nation. The Rail Review has been established to recommend the most appropriate organisational and commercial frameworks to deliver the government's vision. The review is led by independent chair Keith Williams, the former chairman and chief executive of British Airways. Views can be entered at:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/williamsrailreview/>

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### Parliamentary Train

The single daily Chiltern Railways service (parliamentary train) that ran between South Ruislip and Paddington returning to High Wycombe moved to a shorter operation after December 7 terminating at West Ealing. This is to allow work on HS2 to start in the area around Old Oak.

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### 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  |                   |

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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](http://www.mmpa.org.uk).

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