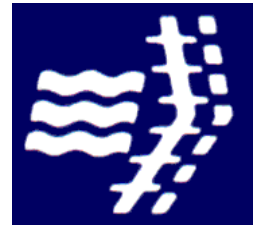


MARLOW - MAIDENHEAD PASSENGERS' ASSOCIATION

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Introduction

The Committee hopes that this issue of the newsletter finds you, your family and friends in good health in these difficult circumstances.

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AGM review.

The physical AGM of the Association was cancelled due to the lockdown but 18 members had approved the 2019 accounts, the committee report and the re-election of the committee members; none had voted against.

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Membership Matters

Many thanks to all of you who have renewed your subscriptions, and in some cases added a donation. If you haven't renewed yet I'll enclose a reminder or send it by separate email message. If because of COVID-19 you need to defer payment, don't worry. Please stick with us and we'll review the situation later in the year.

Richard Porter (membership@mmpa.org.uk)

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Timetables

You will be aware that GWR are currently operating a revised key worker and essential travel timetable. GWR is also starting to plan for recovery. This will be phased and will need to fit with advice from Government as the lockdown starts to lift.

Timetables for May – December were in preparation but went on hold when GWR went in lockdown. It is not clear if or when they will be introduced, or what sort of train service we will be running beyond the next few weeks, but the suspicion is that the May timetable is unlikely to be introduced in full for some time.

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GWR Update

FirstGroup and the Department for Transport (DfT) have signed a new Direct Award to continue operating GWR from 1 April 2020, when the current agreement came to an end. This will run for three years, with the option for the government to add a further year and will run concurrently with the six months Emergency Measures Agreement now in place with the DfT.

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50th Anniversary talk to be held on 22 May.

This has been postponed owing to the closure of the community centre during lockdown.

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Cookham Planning

MMPA has considered the planning application 20/00864 seeking to replace industrial units with a small block of flats in the space adjacent to the track and station car park. Although the proposed development did not encroach further on to railway land we have decided to submit an objection to RBWM on the grounds that it would adversely affect any plans to re-instate the line to High Wycombe.

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Crossrail

Work has been suspended on Crossrail activities during

the lockdown. The opening of the central section will be delayed.

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Maidenhead Train Shed

The Train Shed Canopy at Maidenhead Station is now being erected at the Cholsey and Wallingford Railway. It was removed to enable electrification for CrossRail. It was present when Broad Gauge trains were running. It may have been moved from another site to Maidenhead and there is some evidence in the construction to support this theory. The most likely suggestions were that it may have started life at Slough or close to where Taplow station now stands as Brunel's famous bridge over the Thames had not been constructed at the time.

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Brunel Trainshed HW

Planning consent for the refurbishment and extension of the 1854 Brunel railway shed in High Wycombe has been approved. The Brunel Shed sits on an island site directly in front of High Wycombe railway station, at a key location within the council's plan to regenerate the eastern district of the town. The shed will be sensitively refurbished, and a new extension to mirror the form of the existing building built with a welcoming new main entrance facing High Wycombe Railway Station and improved landscaping.

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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	

Times stated above are those that apply in normal circumstances and may differ in the current lockdown. 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.