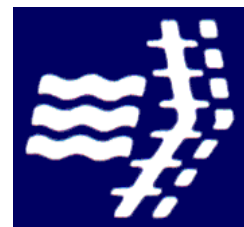


MARLOW - MAIDENHEAD PASSENGERS' ASSOCIATION

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Introduction

Your Committee hopes this issue of the MMPA Newsletter finds you safe and well. These are indeed strange times forcing all of us to take steps to avoid being infected by the virus. Operation of the Committee has been restricted to meetings on line rather than in person. Operations of GWR and Chiltern Railways have been severely affected highlighting serious issues with the franchising system which is now suspended by the Government.

Timetables

GWR timetables for London Thames Valley and North Downs from 14th September to 12th December 2020 have been received as a digital file. There do not appear to be any printed versions.

T12 applies to the branch and T10 for Paddington - Didcot Parkway. This timetable doesn't indicate peak fares but we understand that Maidenhead will be off-peak from 0918 (0910 from Twyford) so you will be able to use off-peak tickets on the 0923 to Paddington (0915 from Twyford).

Timetables for other parts of the GWR network are available on request from GWR and from the GWR web site.

To allow more time for Network Rail works over weekends, the last service from Paddington to Maidenhead on Saturday night is 00.31 and the first on Sunday is 06.44.

The last service from Maidenhead to Bourne End and Marlow is 23.45 and the first service on Sunday is 08.29.

The Committee proposes that since accurate and regular paper timetables are not presently being issued by GWR and travellers are becoming familiar with on-line information, it is intended that if, in future, paper ones were re-started **MMPA will only circulate them to those members who positively request them - contact ricp@mmpa.org.uk**

Bourne End

It has been reported that the booking office was flooded in a recent storm. This prompted Network Rail to promise to repair the canopy over the platform, something which has been outstanding for several years.

Marlow to Bourne End track replacement

Network Rail will be renewing track between Bourne End and Marlow. This will help to keep services on the branch line running reliably and reduce the possibility of delays. The proposed timetable of the work is set out below:

Sunday 18, 25 October, 1 November and between Saturday 14 and Sunday 29 November (inclusive):

- the line between Bourne End and Marlow will be closed to trains
- trains will continue to run between Maidenhead and Bourne End, although train times will be different to normal
- replacement buses will run between Bourne End and Marlow. Some additional buses will run non-stop between Maidenhead and Marlow at peak-time on weekdays
- most trains from Maidenhead towards Bourne End will run up to 10 minutes later than normal. The 08:46 and 21:05 Bourne End to Maidenhead services will not run. We believe this does not affect services from Maidenhead.

Arrival and departure times will be different to normal train times so check carefully before you travel.

Replacement buses will run on the following routes:

- Bourne End - Marlow – Every 30 minutes at peak-time, hourly at off-peak times – 10 minutes journey time
- Maidenhead – Marlow – Two buses in each direction for morning and evening peaks – 25 minutes journey time

Updated timetable information will not be available until mid-October. Replacement buses will depart from the front of the station at Bourne End and Marlow and the bus stop at the south side exit of Maidenhead station (Shoppenhangers Road).

Defibrillators.

MMPA has investigated the provision of defibrillators at each station. Bourne End and Cookham have units nearby. Marlow, Furze Platt and surprisingly Maidenhead do not have one in the station or close by. MMPA have raised the matter with GWR. They advised this is not within their remit and is normally dealt with by charities or local authority (RBWM).

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Arriva Buses	0344 800 44 11 arrivabus.co.uk	0800-1700 Mon-Fri
Chiltern Railways	03456 005165 chilternrailways.co.uk	0830-1730 Mon-Fri
Carousel Buses	01494 450151 carouselbuses.co.uk	
Courtney Buses	01189 733486 courtneybuses.com	
First Bus Berkshire	0345 6460707 firstgroup.com/berkshire-thames-valley	0900-1700 Mon-Fri
National Rail Enquiries	03457 484950 nationalrail.co.uk	24 hours
Traveline	0871 200 2233 traveline.info	0800-2000 daily
Trainline	0333 202 2222 thetrainline.com	0800-1700 Mon-Fri
Transport for London & MTR Crossrail	0343 222 1234 tfl.gov.uk/tube-dlr-overground/status	24 hours
BBC Berkshire Travel	08459 311 333 bbc.co.uk/travelnews/berkshire/	
Car Parking (APCOA)	apcoa.co.uk/contact/	

Times stated above are those that apply in normal circumstances and may differ in the current situation. Also see our web site 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.

