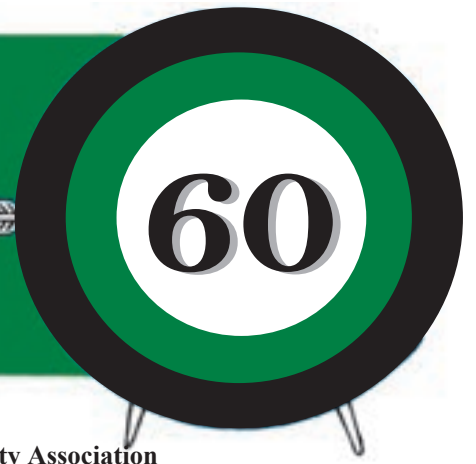


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## SLATE MEADOW DEVELOPMENT GRINDS TO A HALT



**F**inds of 'significant' archaeological interest, on the Slate Meadow housing development site, have put a halt to building plans until at least September.

The unearthing of a 4,000-year-old aurochs bone and flint came during an archaeological survey in January. It immediately halted all building work on the site which was given the green light in April 2023 despite being strongly fought against for several years by the Keep Bourne End Green group, local councillors, nearby residents and most of the community who objected to the planning application to build 146 homes on the picturesque meadow and former pony grazing field.

So, what exactly is an aurochs? An aurochs (pictured) is a type of wild cattle that lived throughout Europe, North Africa and Asia and became extinct in Britain by the Late Bronze Age (the Bronze Age lasted for approximately 2,000 years ending sometime around 1,200BC). These beasts roamed and grazed in small herds across plains and in open woodland.

A number of aurochs bones, including their enormous horns, have been discovered before on archaeological sites across Britain, in particular on Salisbury Plain, as well as closer to here in Horton, Berks.

According to Wessex Archaeology, aurochs bones "are generally found on prehistoric sites, frequently in Neolithic contexts such as pits. These pits are often filled with many finds such as flint tools and arrowheads, pottery and animal bone. Some objects within these pits are domestic refuse, while other more unusual items appear to have been carefully placed."

Work has now ground to a halt on the site as archaeologists move in to explore further.

Developer Croudace has now paused all work on their development until at least September. However councillors say the 'exciting' finds will not stop the development in the long-term, despite excavation works expected to take several months.



Penny Drayton and Stuart Wilson, councillors for the Wooburns, Bourne End and Hedsor also said in a joint statement: "The archaeological works that have been done so far have revealed flint, collected in particular areas, which could mean the area was once an ancient settlement site.

"Furthermore, a preserved bone of an aurochs has also been found, potentially indicating a settlement which may date back somewhere around 4,000 years.

"We welcomed the agreement to our suggestion that we involve the local school and community more as the archaeological works progress and they try to piece together the fascinating history of a previous existence there."

Buckinghamshire Council said it was unable to comment on live excavations in order to maintain the security and preservation of archaeological sites, but that more information would be made public once the work at Slate Meadow was complete.

People are discouraged from attending the site to ensure that nothing is disturbed so the experts can do their work to retrieve the findings.

A Stratford Drive resident told *Target*: "When I first heard the news I thought, great, that may put a stop to the building project. But if it is just a matter of them delaying things while they do an archaeological dig then that is not good news.

"We have resigned ourselves to the fact that there will be houses on Slate Meadow so now we would rather the development got done sooner rather than later. Endless months of the once picturesque field being a half dug-up site is a distressing thought.

"Whether they are digging to build or digging for treasure it's still digging up what was once a natural, pretty area we all enjoyed looking at."

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# WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Caroline Meechan

How lovely to see the longer days, daffodils popping up everywhere and new growth in the gardens. Spring is definitely here.

At this time of year, we start planning the Wooburn Village Fête which returned last year after a three year break.

This year's event is shaping up nicely and is booked for Saturday June 22, from noon until 4pm on the Green. Please put the date in your diary.

We will have the usual activities that everyone looks forward to: children dancing and singing, Scout games, cream teas and ice cream but we are planning some surprises this year – make sure you do not miss it.

The fête raises money from our stall plus the local businesses who pay a small fee to attend.

This money is used to support our Christmas event, held at the end of November each year.

This festive event enjoys a visit from Santa, face painting and other fun activities and is completely free of charge to children (and their parents) — a welcome change at a very expensive time of year.

We also use funds raised from our events to support local schools with donations to help families who may not be able to afford school trips, sports club attendance or

music lessons.

We are also turning our thoughts to the very popular Duck Race which we hold at Parkfest – the parish council event held in the park towards the end of summer. This year's event is on Saturday August 31.

Last year's Duck Race saw some escapees swimming frantically down the river, never to be seen again.

This year we are taking steps to ensure all ducks are captured and returned to their home until needed again.

Our bi-monthly talks continue with a full house for the Medical Detection Dogs speaker we hosted in February.

We enjoyed a very interesting talk on these amazing dogs that are trained to detect chronic disease early or support people with serious conditions.

The next talk is on Monday April 8, at 8pm in the private room in the Wooburn Club and will be by Swan Lifeline – the charity dedicated to supporting these majestic birds.

All the talks are free of charge and the Wooburn Club has a subsidised bar so come along and enjoy meeting your

neighbours as well as hearing about the work done locally.

Our next meeting for regular business is on Monday May 13 at 8pm in the Wooburn Club.

Come along and hear about things that affect our beautiful area, get involved in the events we hold or simply listen, chat to neighbours you have not yet met and enjoy being away from the TV.

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## UPDATE by Stuart Wilson

Keep Bourne End Green has been considering whether to change its name to Keep Bourne End Dry during what seems to have been an interminable period of wet weather in recent months.

On a more serious note, it does illustrate the potential impact of further development with flooding in what is already a flood-prone area. Recent flood and sewage events have obviously become a very hot topic locally and engagement with the planning officers, highways, Thames Water and the Environment Agency is critical in ensuring that any future development is preceded by investment in infrastructure to cope with both existing and potential demand.

We have been discussing with Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council and concerned residents how to best address these matters with the relevant authorities.

There was big news from the Slate Meadow development in recent weeks with confirmation that archaeological surveys had uncovered a number of very interesting flint artefacts and a bone from an Aurochs (a large pre-cursor to the domesticated cow — see page one).

This occurred during archaeological trenching surveys which are required as a

pre-condition of development. Croudace have suspended development until all remaining archaeological work can be completed under the guidance of the County Archaeology Officer and national authorities.

The evaluation work was due to be completed at the time of writing (early March). By the time you are reading this, the archaeology authorities will have agreed a mitigation plan with Croudace and their archaeology team.

This includes plans for both extraction of items and for leaving some of the areas undisturbed where development will not occur. The archaeological findings are significant but will not stop the development.

However, it will provide a fascinating insight into earlier communities that lived in this area and will hopefully be of great interest for residents and provide educational opportunities for our schools.

Very little has happened regarding the Hollands Farm applications in recent months. As previously reported, the applications were required to provide additional work on transport and ecology. The transport work was expected to take weeks, if not months, which is proving to be the case. Updated ecology reports have been submitted for review by the council's Ecology Officer.

Offsite, work continues on the mitigation of the impact of Hollands Farm in the creation of a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) at Little Marlow.

Cllr Drayton and I have been in discussion with Council Planning Policy Officers and Natural England. Creating the SANG on council-owned land around Spade Oak Quarry is proving more challenging than officers had presumed (but exactly as I had told

them 18 months ago).

Provision of the SANG is fundamental to the delivery of the Hollands Farm development, so it is a topic we are pursuing vigorously. As you may be aware, Little Marlow is also subject to a planning application for film studios which would also have a significant impact on the area.

The Hollands Farm BE2 Policy also requires the ancient orchard off Hawks Hill to remain undeveloped. This is subject to various planning applications and has historical consent for three mobile homes. Cllrs Drayton Kayani and I, and the parish council, remain in opposition to development on the ancient orchard. None of us wanted development at Hollands Farm, so it is vital that we hold all parties to account on its delivery without compromise on any infrastructure, green or otherwise.

We will continue to campaign in line with our core purpose of protecting the green space in and around Bourne End.

This is in conjunction with two of the founders, Penny Drayton and myself becoming Buckinghamshire Councillors. However, the Trustees of the KBEG charity have agreed that the fundraising aspects of its activities have probably come to an end and the charity aspect will be dissolved.

Any remaining funds will only be used to fund activity in line with the core purpose. These articles and the Facebook group will continue to disseminate information. As ever, please send any questions to me at [stuartpwilson@btinternet.com](mailto:stuartpwilson@btinternet.com).

Enjoy the Spring!

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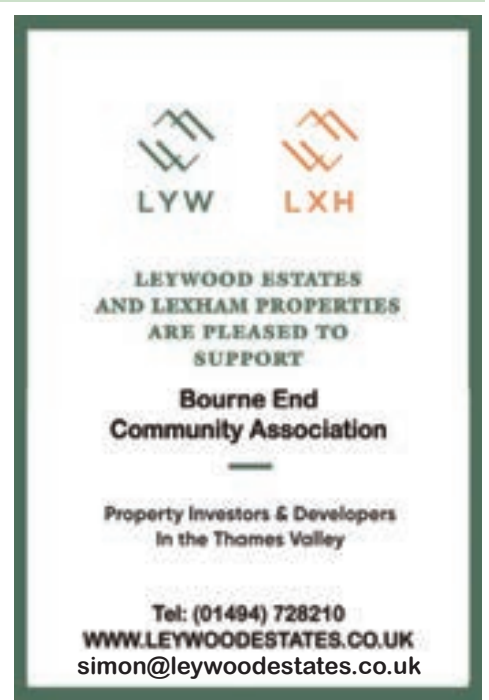
## Smiles as WI members become heroes

Members of Bourne End Women's Institute applauded as they were presented with a *Target Hero* award at their AGM meeting on Thursday 7 March in St Dunstan's church hall.

In 2023 the community magazine was their chosen charity for the year and they were able to donate over £300 to that cause. From raffles to book sales through a range of different events their funds went to *Target* to keep the magazine going through difficult times.

President Wendy Farmer (pictured) was delighted to accept the award on behalf of the members and she suggested that the best photo would be with members in the background. They were happy to be featured in the magazine they had supported.

The WI donation was appreciated and it joined other donations made during the year. By the end of 2023 donations to help *Target* totalled over £10,000 and thanks go to everyone who donated online, into the *Target* postbox in the foyer at the community centre or were just happy to hand money to the centre manager saying "Thank you and that's for *Target*".





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# SMALL BUSINESS MATTERS

with Sylvia Bourhill

**The recent Budget offered a few useful bits and pieces for businesses – but not much.**

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Remember that this is a ROLLING 12 month calculation.

**Property Businesses:** Currently if you let out a property that is not your home, you are subject to capital gains tax when you sell it - 18% if you are a basic rate tax payer and 28% if the gain pushes you into the higher rate tax bracket.

The higher rate has now been reduced to 24% from April.

Not perhaps so good, is the news that the benefits of holding a rental property as a Furnished Holiday Let (Airbnb for example) are being removed as the FHL Tax Regime will be abolished from April 2025.

**Capital Allowances:** If you purchase equipment, large or small, in your business, you are entitled to claim Capital Allowances against your tax.

Up to £1m each year can be claimed as an Annual Investment Allowance – ie the whole cost of the asset can be claimed against your tax bill.

In addition, if you are a limited company, buying new, more expensive, plant or machinery, the 2023 budget introduced 'full expensing' with no upper limit until 2026.

In the autumn statement this was made permanent and in this budget it has been extended to leased assets also.

**Employees:** The national insurance rate for employees has been reduced by a further 2% from April. This puts it down to 8%.

The threshold at which employees have to start paying back child benefit has been

increased to £60K and the chancellor is working on abolishing the ridiculous rule that this applies to any one parent rather than the joint household income.

**Self-Employed:** A small hand-out to the self employed is the reduction in Class 4 National Insurance from 9% to 6% from April this year.

This may well affect any decisions you are thinking of making around incorporation.

**NB:** A separate note for self-employed.

Currently your accounts and tax return are, by default, prepared on an accrual basis. This is changing to a default cash basis.

This prevents you from claiming for certain things – so talk to your accountant as soon as possible about any implications for you.

**Companies House:** Not in the budget but a reminder that Companies House reform is underway and there are now much more stringent rules around who and how a limited company can be formed – also the confirmation statement filing fee has gone up from £13 to £34.

**Sylvia Bourhill**

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## The Goods Yard café at the heart of Boston Drive

Have you noticed the arrival of a café-on-wheels in Boston Drive? It's there for use by everyone so why not pop in for artisan coffee, maybe a pastry or a sandwich. Walking boots, dog walkers, buggies and bicycles are especially welcome and remember that there has always been a café tradition close to Bourne End Station.

Shellwin offer refurbished and dynamic work space in the local office buildings and have a long-term vision for the Boston Drive 'campus'.

As part of this they have plans to incorporate some leisure use, such as a café and fitness studio, to provide amenities for their customers, but also the wider community in Bourne End, Wooburn, Cookham and beyond.

That was how the 'café on wheels' at The Goods Yard was born. Shellwin decided to build a temporary structure to test the popularity of such a venture and are proud to have partnered with the brains behind 'Saints' and 'Poached' cafes in Maidenhead to bring high quality artisan coffee, pastries and sandwiches to all in Bourne End.

It was important that while 'temporary', the café was sustainable and of a high quality and Shellwin partnered with specialist carpenters, Shackadelic, to build a lightweight movable structure from 100% FSC rated timber,



constructed entirely on site by hand with three carpenters and a work experience student from Bucks College.

Take a look and you'll find that it is clad in cork panels which have excellent thermal, acoustic and mould resistant properties.

Shellwin hope that The Goods Yard will become a much loved asset to the local community and look forward to many people meeting there and enjoying what it has to offer.

Shellwin was established in the 1960s and since then has been providing office and industrial workspace to Small to Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs) in Buckinghamshire and Berkshire.

Currently run by the third generation, they are heavily focused on collaborating with customers, ranging from start up businesses through to established local SMEs to provide aesthetically inspiring, environmentally efficient and innovative workspaces.

Shellwin believe that Buckinghamshire is the entrepreneurial heart of the UK and they want to be the go-to choice of workspace to host the growth of the many wonderful businesses in the area.

### BRIDGE PLAYER'S BIDDING QUIZ

Bourne End Bridge Club has compiled some of the best quiz questions which have appeared in *English Bridge*. Try this one set by **Julian Pottage**  
**You are sitting West. What should you bid on the given auction at match-pointed pairs, love all?**

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**Julian Pottage** gives his answer on page 10

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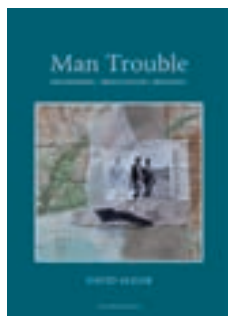
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Bourne End

# Authors in our midst

Just like buses, you wait for one local author and several come along at once!

Target asked these four local authors the same questions (in red) and here are their responses.



## DAVID ALGAR: MAN TROUBLE

**When did you have the idea of writing your book?**

About 18 months ago as part of a creative writing course I went on - but the idea of exploring mens behaviour in society has always been of interest.

**Had you ever done anything similar before?**

I self published a very niche book called "Cycle Ride to Istanbul" but I'd say Man Trouble was my first serious book.

**Did you know anything about getting a book published?**

I knew absolutely nothing about publishing - it's a chaotic industry and very difficult to be heard if you are a new writer.

**Did you get any help or did the wonders of the internet make things easy?**

I had some great help both in structuring the book and, importantly, editing it - you really need someone else to critique your stuff as you get too close to it.

**How long did the whole process take?**

About 18 months from start to having a finished book in my hands.

**Have you had a good response and encouraging sales so far?**

Yes a very good response to the launch and sales are building nicely - despite problems setting up with Amazon.

**Are you thinking of writing your next book?**

Yes - probably using the same medium of 'essays on life'.

**How does it feel to actually hold your book in your hand?**

It feels great and scary in equal measure. You are really putting yourself out there for all to see.

Someone described the process as like 'telling a joke and then waiting two years to see if anyone laughs'.

**Anything else you would like to say?**

Man Trouble tries to hold two conflicting ideas.

Firstly that men should take their mental, physical and social health more seriously, and secondly that maybe we shouldn't take ourselves too seriously at all. We do foolish things because we are human and we are normally acting within the artificial expectations that the world has of us.



## RAINA PARKER: THE JACKDAW JUNGLE

The idea of writing my memoir came to me about 10 years ago when I had been walking my children, Christian and Mollie, to school. Christian was so observant of the world around him. I started to write down what he had seen and said on his way to school.

It was only after lockdown during 2021 that I realised I could write a short memoir about his observations in the hope they would make other people smile.

I started to put the observations together on paper in the hope we could produce a document on his last day at primary school 2021 as a thank you gift to Christian's teachers. Sadly I didn't make that deadline due to other pressures and commitments.

My friend, Bridget Postelwaite, helped me by taking some of my hand-written notes to form a word document over Christmas 2021. It was only after chatting to Anne Main, who is a very successful author, in 2023 that I realised I could turn this crazy idea into a published memoir.

I have never done anything similar to this before. I didn't know where to go to get my memoir published. Anne helped me so much and I am truly grateful to her for assisting me with publishing this memoir using Kdp publishing. It isn't very user friendly.

By September 2023 my memoir was ready to be published, but I put it off for fear of rejection. However Anne gently nudged me to give it a go. Once I was happy with my editing, it didn't take very long at all to have my memoir published. Within two weeks I had a paperback copy of my memoir.

I have had very pleasing and positive feedback from friends and family, especially friends who have neuro-divergent children. I was made aware that their children described people they met in life in the same way Christian does. I was encouraged by them to share my memoir with the world so that neuro-typical people would see the world through our children's eyes.

I am encouraged by the sales so far. I am truly grateful to everyone who has bought a copy of my memoir to date.

I have started to write a sequel to 'Jackdaw Jungle' but I will not publish this until Christian has left school.

I was very emotional when I held my memoir in my hand for the very first time. I really felt a great sense of achievement and accomplishment. Seeing the joy on Christian's face on Christmas morning, when he saw the memoir for the first time, makes this literary journey all worthwhile. Knowing too that I have helped other neuro-divergent children feel quite normal about the way they see the world has given me confidence and inspiration to keep writing.



## PETER CHARLESWORTH: THE TRICKY BIT

After completing my cycle with Pedr [Peter's long-distance cycling son featured previously in *Target*] and recounting our many and interesting adventures to friends and family, they persuaded me to write about these stories to have an interesting record.

After reading these short stories, they persuaded me to write the book.

I was reluctant initially because I felt that it was Pedr's trip of which I was only a part, so he should write the story rather than me.

However, Pedr persuaded me that I should write the story from my perspective, which naturally would be different from his recounting his around the world trip from his perspective. He still intends to write his story when he finishes his trip.

This was a completely new experience and a challenge. I sought advice from many people and publishers and on the internet. I found that many of the publisher's contracts were very controlling and restrictive, so I decided to write the book using professional help where it was most useful. I hired a professional editor and a professional typesetter.

The cycling trip completed in September 2018 and I published the book in December 2023, so it took five years. However, from starting to write the book to completing it was six months.

I have had a great response to the book in many surprising and different ways. Friends and family all really loved it, all the local book shops were very supportive, and wanted copies, (local authors do sell well apparently). Bourne End Library was very appreciative of a couple of copies as well.

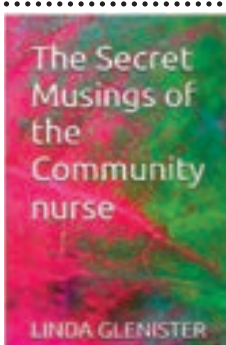
Most surprising is that I have had an amazingly positive reaction from the many business people I meet as part of my real work as a business advisor.

They really love the book because it gives them an

insight into me as a person, beyond my business credentials.

It was really very satisfying to write the book. I still need to market my book seriously. Maybe I need some help with making this effective.

I really wrote the book for my family and to record rather than to make money, however it is satisfying to see the royalties come in each month.



## LINDA GLENISTER: THE SECRET MUSINGS OF THE COMMUNITY NURSE

The idea for the book grew over the years I worked as a community nurse as I would write about my day at the end of the shift and kept it as a journal.

I have no previous experience as an author, but had submitted my manuscript to a publisher who was interested, but the fee was too high, so I decided to self publish on Amazon. I had some help from a friend to collate my journal onto a pdf for submission.

It took a few days to collate, choose the cover and upload it for approval. I've had a good response from friends and family, and have sold 15 copies of the paperback and one on kindle in the last six weeks. I have got five 5 star reviews on Amazon.

I do have another book of poems ready to publish from when I was ill with ME in 1996. I am very grateful for the opportunity to show my book to the wider public.





### Vehicle speeds around the parish

We now have two mobile vehicle activated signs that will record speeds of vehicles within the parish. The working party will be deciding on the optimal location for these to be most effective at monitoring and reducing speed.

### Easter Egg Hunt at Wooburn Park, Sunday April 7

Following on from the success of last year, we will be holding our Easter hunt within Wooburn Park again this year and it is aimed at primary aged children. Come and enjoy a bit of Easter fun and claim a small prize at the end of the trail, grown-ups are welcome too of course...

We have recently employed a fourth full time groundsman to help our team with the increasing maintenance needs within the parish such as tending to our five parks, footpaths and highway verges that we maintain on behalf of Buckinghamshire Council, local allotments and the cemetery we manage on site.

We'd like to welcome Tyler to the team and hope that he enjoys his role.

The Open Spaces Committee have recently purchased an additional 13 fruit trees for The Community Orchard in Blind Lane Recreation Ground.

The initiative was started seven years ago with an original nine trees planted, and was then the site of an annual Wassailing event - a tradition of blessing orchards to ensure a good harvest for the year to come.

Once the trees are established, the idea is that there will be picnic tables installed to give a wonderful shady area to sit with friends and family to enjoy our beautiful local orchard.

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held at Bourne End Community Centre on Tuesday May 21, where we will be receiving a report from each of our committee chairmen and reviewing the last 12 months of activity within the parish.

With a full schedule of meetings, community market events, Parkfest and the rest, there's plenty to talk about.

Complimentary refreshments will be available; we hope to see you there.

We continue to attend the community

market every second Saturday of the month, so please come and speak to us. Alternatively, we will once again be opening up the office for our Open House evenings.

We'd love to hear your opinions and ideas on all things Wooburn & Bourne End, if you are able to attend any of these meetings with your local parish council team we'd be extremely happy to welcome you.

The next Open House of 2024 will be held at our offices on Tuesday April 16 from 5pm to 7pm. Complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

Please continue to report any issues you see within the parish to us as we can only help if we are made aware - either email (clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk), contact us via our website

(www.wooburnparish.gov.uk) phone on 01628 522827, or drop in to the office with details.

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## Flackwell Heath Repair Café enjoys the challenge

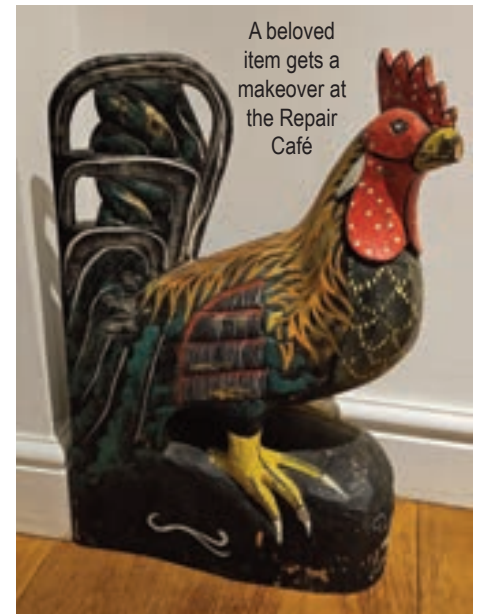
"Yes, we can fix that," has become a familiar phrase for the many supporters of 'The Repair Shop' on television. Skilled hands can give life back to something broken or just old. Now that skill is a little closer to home as Flackwell Heath has its own Repair Café and, on the first Saturday of each month from 10am to midday, we can say "Yes, we can fix that."

As a worldwide movement Repair Cafés are now spread through Europe, the United States and have even made their way to India and Japan. There are more than 3,000 Repair Cafés involving 45,000 volunteers and each month they repair around 54,000 items.

Everything from a broken chair, a jammed handle, a leaky coffee maker, a broken screen or a right-angled tear and not forgetting bringing an old bike back into use. Flackwell's volunteers have a wide variety of skills or will share knowledge and brainstorm the problem so they can then say "Yes, we can fix that."

When Pauline Howland started investigating the possibility of setting up a Repair Café and using the Sarney Room at the Flackwell Heath Community Centre she wondered whether she would find enough volunteers who could turn their hand to a repair. Now she has a 30-strong team of skilled repairers and also supporters who help behind the scenes.

There's no charge for a repair but donations are welcome to cover costs. Tea and coffee are



A beloved item gets a makeover at the Repair Café

available while careful hands inspect and assess.

The atmosphere is fun and chatty and it's very satisfying when the customer goes away with their precious item given a new lease of life.

Find Flackwell Heath Repair Café on Facebook, check out the poster on page 13 or, if you want information or to get involved, contact Pauline at info@threpaircafe.co.uk

Delighted with the success Pauline hopes that more repairs will come from other villages including Bourne End and Wooburn Green.

"We're just up the hill," she says. "There's good parking and every repair is sure to get a warm

welcome." So, her message is, don't discard something broken, see what the Repair Café can do.



Flackwell Heath Repair Café Facebook Page



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The club's history, incredibly, dates back to at least 1784 although records from that time are, needless to say, extremely sparse, including the location of the ground.

Groundsman and lifelong Little Marlow villager, Richard Tedham, has written a fantastic article on the club's history, so why not read it on the club's website: [www.littlemarlowcc.co.uk](http://www.littlemarlowcc.co.uk)

We are a friendly but competitive village club that fields two Saturday teams in the Chilterns League (although moves are afoot to merge this league with the Thames Valley League) and one team each Sunday that contests an attractive list of non-league matches.

Our season commences mid to late April through to late September.

We boast a fine pitch and a beautiful ground situated in the delightful village of Little Marlow, a stones throw from the two village pubs; The King's Head and The Queen's Head.

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**Julian Pottage.**

*English Bridge is published by the English Bridge Union.*





## Volunteer's secretary signs out

It isn't surprising that Jean Peasley's powerful and persuasive words of encouragement meant that Sandra Garey joined Wye Valley Volunteers at the start of 2000 as the group needed a secretary and good organiser.

Sandra decided to help and 'give it a try'. That was 24 years ago and now Sandra has decided to step back from the role after serving the group with her typical charm and efficiency.

In 1999 Sandra recalled that, after leaving her job as manager of High Wycombe's Citizens Advice Bureau, she looked at her 2000 diary and there was not a single appointment noted.

Then came the meeting with Jean, being introduced and finding lots of lovely friends, special people and an important organisation dedicated to helping others and providing services and information when it was needed.



Since then her diary has always been packed with events and appointments.

While founders Jean Peasley and Gwen Thomas were able to step back, Sandra carried the organisation forward through the years.

As her involvement increased Sandra delighted in helping those who needed support, advice, social contact and the provision of transport to medical appointments. In 2014 Wye Valley Volunteers received the Queen's Award for voluntary service.

Successive chairmen were able to look to Sandra for guidance and advice which was given with a warm smile.

With her retirement Sandra knows that the organisation is in good hands and with a supportive chairman.

Her decision to 'give it a try' all those years ago

has been spectacularly successful. And it doesn't end there.

After presenting her with a leaving gift, chairman Peter Beard told Sandra that "the whole community should be grateful to Sandra for her role in steering the most respected and effective local volunteer charity over these years. In recognition of your sterling service the trustees have bestowed upon you the honorary position of Vice President of Wye Valley Volunteers".

*Our photos show (below left) Sandra with chairman Peter Beard as he presented her with book and theatre vouchers and, below, a bubbly toast from the committee in recognition of Sandra's service*



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## UPPER THAMES SAILING CLUB report by Tony Kettle

We are celebrating our 140th anniversary. Our club was established in 1884 when sailing was the preserve of the privileged gentry — a group of notables. The first club house was near what is now the marina.

The rapidly expanding membership quickly outgrew the building and it was moved upstream to the current location.

Today's members are grateful for the foresight that those founding members had when they chose this site. The club stands at the widest part of the non-tidal River Thames offering the best reach for miles for dinghy sailing.

With the passing of time all things change, and for our sailing club it has been for the better. No longer the preserve of the privileged, the privilege now is to be a member, with the only barrier to membership the thought that sailing isn't for you for whatever reason.

Sailing is rapidly becoming a social skill opening up opportunities for the individual and especially for families. What parent doesn't

encourage their children to get involved in sport, committing themselves to spending many weekend hours on the touchlines of school pitches?

Sailing is an activity that the whole family can get involved in, watching and encouraging their children from within the same boat or from another sailing alongside, or perhaps from the clubhouse balcony with a cool beer in hand.

Perhaps those founding members wouldn't recognise Upper Thames SC these days; a range of club boats for the use of members, training courses for developing sailing skills, safety boat driving and first aid.

You don't even have to imagine whether it would suit you, the club has an open day when you can experience the pleasures of the sport.

This year's Open Day is on Saturday April 20, from 11am to 4pm, with Tea By The Thames 3pm to 4pm, if you can't wait and want to know more about the club, visit us at <https://www.utsc.org.uk>



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## Bourne End Library

We've had another busy few months at the library doing all sorts of things.

February half term saw our childrens' crafts activities (kindly run for us by Sue Croall) making Chinese lanterns for the Chinese New Year and as part of Childrens Mental Health week, our story time sessions included some carefully selected stories helping show children how to deal with difficult emotions and that it's ok not to feel ok.

Annie, our resident artist, brightened up the library window with her fabulous Valentine's Day themed art work which went down well with staff and customers

We've also had work carried out to improve our library internet network, so the next time you visit you should see improvements to the reliability of our Wi-Fi, making it much easier to use.

Alongside all of this we've had our normal plethora of activities for adults and children alike including Bounce and Rhyme (now on Thursdays) Storytime, Coding Club, Scrabble Club, Knit and Natter, Digital Café and IT support, Simply Walk, Reminiscence Group and more besides.

To keep fully up to date on what's going on, keep an eye on our Facebook page – Bourne End Community Library

The Friends of Bourne End Library have been busy these last few months, holding a number of successful events including a cheese and wine

evening and quiz night. Make sure to keep an eye out in the library and on our Facebook page for information about upcoming events so you don't miss out.

If you're interested in joining the Friends, they're always open to new members to be a part of organising their exciting events, please speak to a member of staff in the library to sign up.

Did you know that joining the library is completely free? All you need to do is bring some ID with your name and address and you can access all sorts of resources. Come and visit us or go to the website [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/libraries/](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/libraries/) to find out more.

If you're interested in booking a room, the library has three meeting spaces available to hire which are suitable for meetings, exercise groups, parties and more.

For more details and room rates, please visit our website.

Now that the weather is picking up, take the opportunity to come and enjoy the library's beautiful garden, funded by the Friends of Bourne End Library. We have some fun outdoor activities for children as well.

Are you looking for volunteering opportunities? We are looking for volunteers to help us in the library.

If you're interested in anything from reading to children, running craft events, or starting a board game club, we'd love to hear from you.

Please email us at [lib-boe@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:lib-boe@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) or pop in and have a chat with one of the library team.

*The Bourne End Library team*

## Flackwell Heath Repair Cafe



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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Brenda and Keith Harris on their sapphire wedding anniversary – that's 65 years. Over the years both Brenda and Keith have enjoyed their community life and being involved in a range of activities. As young parents they joined the PTA to support their sons then moving on to help with Scouts and then sailing, from parish council to riverside parishes and any appeal for help meant both Brenda and Keith came along. Lots of years together for this lovely couple who can look back on being active and helping so many in the Bourne End community.

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## KIDDIE CRAFTS IN THE LIBRARY

Outside it was raining so it was perfect to be booked into the craft session in the library with local craft lady Sue Croall.

This time her ideas were associated with Valentine's Day, the winter season and the fabulous Northern Lights display. So let the children decide what they wanted to make then collect all the materials.

Sue makes it so easy, especially for the younger children, and she has a great team of helpers ready to lend a hand, then do all the clearing up.

Target followed four-years-old Clarice as she decided to create two ski racers for starters. After colouring it was time to cut out both figures and then the skis and pole were the final items. A big woolly polar bear with a kindly face proved what you could do with a paper plate and some cotton wool. A mouse with hearts was a certain Valentine's Day treasure that was easy to make. You could add a snowman to a winter house or a penguin that bounced. An hour-and-a-half sped by then lots of happy children took their creations home.

Sue has another craft session booked for the Easter holidays so look out for the posters and book a space to keep your children happy with new ideas designed around the season and the celebration.

Sue finds ideas from a variety of sources and then she has to find the materials that will make a fun session for the children. The date to book is Thursday 4 April from 2pm to 3.30pm for the four to 11 age group.

Our pictures show Sue looking on as the creature takes shape, Mike is on hand to help Clarice create the Valentine mouse and a crafty Clarice mid-creation.



## Little Marlow Parish Council

By Cllr Kath Acres

In February we bid a sad farewell to Jo Murray our parish clerk for five years. I am acting as parish clerk and Cllr Anna Crabtree as Responsible Finance Officer and our neighbouring parish (Wooburn and Bourne End) are very kindly supporting us (especially with managing burials in our beautiful cemetery in Fern Lane). Hopefully we will have a new clerk in place by the time you read this and the bluebells will have replaced the snowdrops flowering at the cemetery.

Exciting news is that the parish council has obtained planning permission to replace the falling down shed on the recreation ground at Church Road, Little Marlow and hopefully work can start soon in time for the cricket season.



Courtesy of Phil Laybourne

We are delighted that, despite bunny troubles, Bourne End Junior Sports Club has started playing football on our recreation ground at the weekend. Please contact bejcsfootball@gmail.com if you are interested in finding out more or helping.

Sadly there was a serious sewage spill incident at the Little Marlow Sewage works in February and this is being followed up with Thames Water, the Environment Agency and by the Little Marlow Sewage Treatment Works Liaison Committee (hosted by Bucks Council).

It is shocking that raw sewage is regularly discharged by Thames Water into our rivers and we urge all residents to log any incidents they spot with the Environment Agency Hotline 0800 807060 which is open 24/7.

Dido Property Limited (Guernsey) has submitted numerous amendments to their planning application to build film studios in Little Marlow parish.

These will probably be considered at the Bucks Council Strategic Sites Committee in May. As the land is within Little Marlow the parish council is an official consultee.

The parish council thinks that this development could have a major impact for all our parishioners. It could damage our environment, threaten our wildlife and affect local traffic.

We have strongly objected to this proposal and will continue to do so.

As I write this, all streetlights (except one) that are our responsibility have been replaced with LED bulbs and are shining more efficiently. The last light standing dark is a problem for SSE and we hope they will fix it soon.

We have recently added a Hall Bookings Calendar to our website which means you can see when we have availability at both Abbotsbrook Hall and at the Pavilion. They are both lovely halls suitable for a variety of uses and we are always happy to show prospective hirers around.

We also have a few spare allotments at Chapman Lane begging to be dug. Please visit our website or contact the clerk for further details.

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# Bourne End & District



By Vivienne Strayton

The play-reading group was one of the first of the u3a groups to be established and we have been meeting regularly since early 2018.

Ably led by our convenor, Sue Roberts, an experienced local actor with an almost unlimited selection of resources, we have read a myriad of plays and short pieces.

Sometimes we're quite serious with, say a Shakespeare or something by J B Priestley. At other times we can barely control our laughter with a short, occasionally quite risqué, skit.

We even have a resident writer in the form of Quentin Falk who has adapted a number of short stories into lovely plays for us.

During Covid, it was quite difficult to cope with plays over Zoom, so Sue asked us each time we met to find a couple of poems on a particular theme. And then, several of us started to write our own with remarkable results. At a time of lockdown and the last American Presidential election, there was plenty to talk about.

This group is another example of the wonderful ways in which the Bourne End and District u3a has enhanced the lives of so many people in our area. If you would like to know more about us, look at our website [bourneendu3a.org.uk](http://bourneendu3a.org.uk) for a list of interest groups, or send an email to [chair@bourneendu3a.org.uk](mailto:chair@bourneendu3a.org.uk) to ask about joining us.

*Round the table clockwise from Maureen Keane (nearest camera), Steve Woodward, Sarah Lawrence, Vivienne Strayton, Jan Biggs, Quentin Falk, Margaret White, Jan Harrison, Ruby Lunn, Sue Roberts*



David Algar, wife Caroline and daughter Lowri from Berghers Hill took a trip down under to get away from the cold and the rain. David said it was to go and see son Daniel who was enjoying travelling, especially in Australia, where he could avoid the English weather.

Resisting the usual shots of Sydney Opera House David went up high into the roof where he was among the fascinating roof shapes that make this building so spectacular. David said it was good to see Daniel, get sand in his toes while in shorts and a t-shirt and remember that it was March.

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## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Bourne End Community Association will be held on Wednesday June 5 at 19:30 in the Eghams Room at the community centre. All members are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be provided.

Items for *Any Other Business* should be notified in writing to the Hon Secretary at the centre office by Wednesday May 15 to include the signature of the proposer and the signatures of at least ten other supporters. Nominations for candidates to serve on the Council of Trustees, and for the Officer posts, would be welcome and should include the signature of the proposer, seconder and the person being nominated. Nomination forms will be available from the centre office.

The agenda will be published on Wednesday May 22 and will be available, together with meeting papers, at the centre and on the association's website [bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk](http://bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk)

***The community association is always in need of people who are willing to spend a few hours now and again helping out at the centre, from helping with events to doing basic gardening and maintenance tasks. If you have some spare time, however little, and would like to join our small, friendly band of volunteers, please leave your details with the centre office or on 01628 522604 / office@bebca.org.uk.***

### Thanks for kind messages

The Gwilliam and Gore families send their thanks for all the good wishes and messages of sympathy which came following the death of their lovely Stella - daughter, wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend. They also thank Rennie Grove Hospice Care who supported Stella during her illness.

Both families are stalwarts of the community centre and its activities and also help out bundling and delivering *Target* magazine.



### Centre Bar Quiz

The next dates are 4 April, \*9 May, 6 June (\*the second Thursday of the month due to PCC elections on 2 May).

The quiz will be held in the May Woollerton Hall (unless otherwise advised on the evening). Doors open at 7.30; please arrive by 7.45 for an 8pm start. For information call Diane on 07521 656413 or email [secretary@bebca.org.uk](mailto:secretary@bebca.org.uk)





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## ANGLING CLUB *FOM THE WATER'S EDGE*

Finally into spring, but I had hoped it would be a little drier. Bourne End Anglers returned from their short break for the winter to maggot drowning once more.

Our March venue was Finch Farm and 12 anglers turned up to catch a few fish. We had expected torrential rain all day, but it turned out to be not too bad. We did actually see the big yellow thing in the sky for a short time.

We had light consistent rain for a couple of hours, but it certainly wasn't the freezing conditions of our last match. Everyone caught something and a variety of fish. It was good to get-together again and also good to get up when it was light.

The match results were: first Henry Rimmer with 20lb, second Neil Townsend with 9lb 12oz and third Stuart Parker with 7lb. Stuart came as a guest to get a feel of the club and meet the members and has now decided to join. Welcome to Bourne End Anglers Stuart.

We are always on the lookout for new members and if you would like to guest with a view to joining please do contact me.

Just as a reminder, we have our AGM on Wednesday May 29 at 8pm in the community centre which is also rejoining night with trophy awards following the AGM. If you are considering joining please let me know.

Until the next time, tight lines.

**Michele Smith secretary  
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## Music hits a high note at the community centre

Bourne End Community Centre hosted two major music events of very different genres in January and February.

January saw the Heathrow Jets take to the stage, with their energetic and lively mix of covers of number ones from the last few decades. Ranging from the 60s to the 00s and covering bands such as Green Day, Queen and the Kaiser Chiefs, the Jets had the May Woollerton Hall rocking.

That was followed by local superstar Andrew Bourn (pictured) and band in February with their more sedate style of Sinatra and Swing, playing to a packed hall.

The mix of well-known standards and Andrew's engaging personality made for fantastic entertainment, enjoyed by everyone.

The events team of Bourne End Community Association are working to produce a schedule of different types of music events (as well as other events such as regular coffee mornings and the summer fete) to provide entertainment through the year.

In addition to these one-off events we also have the regular Jazz and Rock in the Bar evenings, which create a much more intimate atmosphere.

We are very keen to be able to expand the number and variety of events that we offer, but in order to do so we need more members on our events team.

If you would like to be part of a small, vibrant group of people working to put on events, or even if you just have an idea you'd like to follow through, please contact us at [events.team@bebca.org.uk](mailto:events.team@bebca.org.uk), or pop into the office at the centre and leave your details there.



## FORUM PLAYERS SAY THANKS AND LOOK AHEAD

Grateful thanks to our wonderful panto audiences. It was so good to perform in front of full houses. Forum Players like to ensure that shows are top quality entertainment and that includes costumes, lighting, sound and music. Unfortunately the limited amount of volunteer support in some of these areas added to the increased cost of producing our annual pantomime.

So now it's down to fund raising in earnest during 2024 to provide another great panto in 2025. One suggestion has been that we do a 'Bourne End's Forum's Got Talent' style of show with a panel of judges and attracting all local talent to show their skills. Another suggestion has been a Quiz Night – perhaps with entertainment. Other ideas include an event with a short play or a farce.

So please watch out for details in *Target* as well as posters in the community centre foyer. Should you have any fund raising suggestions then please contact Kerry who would love to hear from you.

Forum Players are always keen to welcome new members and with no pressure to be a star on the stage. Many hands make light work, as they say, and there is always lots of work to be done behind the scenes in our productions. You'll be a vitally important member of a great team.

Contact Kerry on [kerryhudson1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kerryhudson1@yahoo.co.uk)

By Penny Heyes

## Barrels and Angels



Having just returned from a trip to Porto in Portugal and the Dão region, verging on the Douro Valley, one of 14 wine regions in Portugal, many unexplored by us in the UK not only geographically but viniculturally too, I wondered why?

Historically the Portuguese drank more wine than they exported. They still do and I met several wine makers who produce for their domestic market only.

Some wine varieties were new to me, including Encruzada, my new favourite white variety, and a

red wine, Rufete, often a little oaky.

This oakiness comes from ageing in wooden barrels, key in the process of wine making. The type of wood used to make the barrel has a significant impact on the flavour, aroma and colour of the finished product, with different woods imparting different characteristics.

Oak is the preferred wood; it is porous, allowing oxygen to permeate the wood, resulting in a slow maturation (ageing) of the wine. American, French and Hungarian oak is used.

There is also a move towards Acacia which is considered more durable and imparts a more intense flavour albeit with softer tannins.

Every new barrel costs about a thousand euros and every barrel is replaced after five vintages (years) with the older ones being sent to the sherry houses in Spain or whisky distilleries in Scotland for use in their ageing process.

Being porous, oak allows some evaporation of the wine, or as winemakers believe, rather romantically, the Angels take their share. Up to 1.5 litres per month per barrel is lost to the Angels' share, so the winemaker has to top them up on a regular basis.

Older vines' roots go down more than 30 metres to



access good minerals and water from deep in the soil. These make more intense wines.

Some of the oldest vines are used in the famous fortified wine known as Port, and those made on the Portuguese island of Madeira, which apparently was used by ladies in days gone by as a perfume, to be dabbed behind the ears.

My trip opened my eyes to many new Portuguese regions, wines and traditions, not least the one that states that if you pick up your wine glass with your right hand, you have to drink all that is in it in one go.

This is perhaps a myth designed by winemakers to encourage greater consumption.

Saúde – as they say in Portuguese.

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If you have any fund raising ideas to help the community magazine please pass them onto the *Target* team. Every one would make a difference and the aim is to keep the magazine going in the face of increased costs and reduced advertising revenue.

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## NEWSLETTER

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### CLIMBING SECTION

We are looking to hire a certified climbing instructor for the club. This is a paid position. Part time, minimum 8hrs per week. Please get in touch on 01628 528110 or email [office@bejsc.co.uk](mailto:office@bejsc.co.uk)

### THUNDERBIRDS PROJECT

Keep an eye out for a new Community Benefit Scheme where people can invest in the pool project. This will give an opportunity for local people and supporters to feel 'ownership' of this fantastic and exciting resource which is so much needed within our community.

Check our website <https://bejsc-swimmingpool.co.uk/funding-and-support/> to see how you can donate/help with funding. Together we can achieve this amazing goal.

### DECARBONISATION

Alongside the development of the pool, trustees are looking at making the sports hall greener as well as cutting running costs which have escalated over recent years.

Items of much needed decarbonisation work include the insulation of the building (there is none at all currently), upgraded heating and hot water system, double glazing, converting the remaining lights to LED bulbs, and additional solar panels on the roof.

These are all designed to improve efficiency and make it an even better environment for sport.

Plans include the Community Benefit Scheme to cover some costs. All these developments will ensure the viability of the club for the future.

There is a generation of adults who were former members who benefitted from the club in so many ways who know how important this is – your support will be very much appreciated.

On a smaller scale we're looking for someone to cover the cost of

extending the storeroom as the amount of equipment grows – the cost is £1,500, or to extend the graffiti wall in the climbing area – costing £500.

If you, or someone you know, can help us with these items please get in touch, we would love to hear from you.

### SWIMMING SECTION

CONGRATULATIONS Helen and Graham (pictured). They have both qualified as Judge Level 2 Officials and have provided this insight to encourage others in the club to step up and get involved for the benefit of all swimmers.

"Why be an official? The technical answer is that officials are essential to run galas for swimmers to swim. If our club doesn't provide officials for galas, we don't get invited.

"Honestly, you learn a lot about swimming, feel good about supporting young people's ambitions and well-being and help to make the sport happen.

"Plus, getting free entry to galas,

keeping busy, joining a friendly team of officials, and refreshments — often a free lunch and bottle of wine or box of chocolates too."

### GOOD NEWS

The Grand Prize Draw for the period between 1 July and 31 December 2023 which gave us total funds raised of £3,195.00 was drawn in January 2024.

We gave out prizes totalling over £800 from just 639 entries and raising nearly £2,300 for the club as well, which contributes to the club's running costs.

Well done to the winners and thank you, we hope you'll be in the next draw later this year which looks like it may have even greater prizes available if more join the scheme. See the website for details – [www.bejsc.co.uk](http://www.bejsc.co.uk)

### THANK YOU!

Bourne End Women's Institute has generously named our Bursary Scheme as their Charity of the Year. We are very grateful for their support in helping families in this way.

### REMINDER

Don't forget to choose our club in the Co-op Community Fund.

Our cause is to help to improve people's mental wellbeing.

This is contributing to the Bursary Scheme to help children and young people to play sports here at our club.

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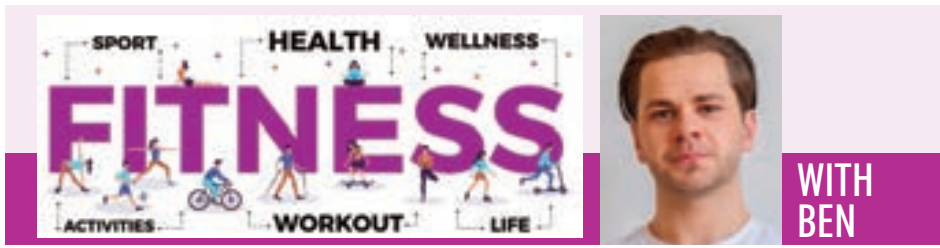
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**Personal trainer's message to older adults**

Ben Broadhead is a Bourne End-based personal trainer and he specialises in working with seniors both in care settings and privately. Here he answers another reader's question:

*As I get older I seem to be able to pull or strain a muscle at the drop of a hat! I never know whether it's best to rest completely, or to try and use or even stretch the muscle with some gentle exercise?*

Ben's suggestion is...

*The general advice following a muscle strain is to rest, apply ice, and use a bandage to create compression. Once the pain starts to ease, however, you should start moving the relevant body part regularly to prevent the joint or muscle from becoming stiff.*

*A strain will usually heal itself within a matter of weeks, depending on the severity.*

*In an ideal world, you wouldn't get a strain in the first place. As they say, prevention is better than cure. I encourage my clients to take action to avoid injuries before they happen.*

*Strains occur when a muscle or tendon is overstretched. Therefore, increasing the elasticity of your muscles and tendons through stretching will help reduce the likelihood of a strain.*

*The NHS suggests that we do some exercise that challenges flexibility at least twice per week.*

*Other causes of strains include failure to warm up before exercise and fatigued muscles, potentially from overtraining.*

*My advice is to always begin an exercise session with a light warm-up to prepare your body for the workout to come.*

*Additionally, it's important to moderate the volume of exercise that you're doing in order to avoid injuries related to overtraining. I tend to advise my clients to train for little and often as opposed to doing longer, infrequent sessions.*

There will be more questions in future issues of Target. For now, you can access Ben's articles and videos at [www.benbroadheadpt.co.uk](http://www.benbroadheadpt.co.uk)  
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**OUR NEW ADDITION**

Stepping into its sixth year in Bourne End the Princes Centre has increased their transport fleet with a car. Our service not only benefits our immediate community, but reaches out far and wide in Buckinghamshire. Many clients are fortunate to still have family and carers who can bring them to us, but some are not so fortunate. This is where our transport comes into its own.

We can offer a door-to-door service currently covering Beaconsfield, Loudwater, Flackwell Heath, Wooburn Green, Marlow and of course you can see our bus in and around Bourne End daily. This has always been an important part of what we do and provides a lifeline and an ability to see friends. Stepping into 2024 with an extra car is going to change what we can offer at the Princes Centre.

The smaller car, that can seat five and also has room to accommodate a wheel chair user, will not only increase our door to door transport availability, but because of its size any staff member can drive it, enabling trips out.

Some of our clients don't get the opportunity to pop to the supermarket or the garden centre so these trips are on the agenda. As well as a sneaky spot of lunch.

Our car took its maiden journey out to collect a few of our Marlow clients recently with a very positive response.

The Princes Centre has come a long way in the last six years, with many changes. What hasn't changed is our commitment to support our vulnerable residents in and around our community and to enable them to have a wonderful day out, making new friends and living well.

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# River Wildlife

By Cindy Smulders

## Flooding and the nesting season

The River Thames has remained high, fast and in flood for many months now, and this can make nesting a real challenge for all the river birds.

Swans, ducks, moorhens, geese etc have an instinct to build a nest somewhere safe from predators that can be kept warm and dry so that eggs can hatch.

The problem is that where seems to be warm and safe now may not be as the water goes down and some nests could literally be left 'high and dry'.

Ducks may well try to nest in gardens or more public places without considering how hatched ducklings will then get to the water. We had a rescue from a balcony window box last year, two floors up. That duck clearly hadn't thought things through.

Happy to say all were rescued, hatched and released onto the nearest bit of river.

Please remember that it is illegal to disturb or remove swan eggs from a nest, even if they have been abandoned, and that includes us too so please don't call if you find eggs, we are not allowed to remove them.

The other challenge with fast flowing, high water is rubbish and pollution. I've seen a table, chairs and the odd boat moving at high speed towards Cookham Weir, not to mention the sewage.

Many ducks moved onto the lakes formed in the fields near Hedsor, they then became sewage-filled due to the pumping station being overwhelmed.

This we can all do something about and should. Seeing a swan build a nest from plastic and crisp bags was one of the saddest things I have ever seen.

We've had a lot of rescues in the early months of this year. We have 25 swans recovering with us right now and more than half are this year's cygnets who have been chased off the parents' territory by the parents, usually the Cob (male). This is nature's

way, and we should not interfere, but the poor youngsters then must struggle in the fast water too. They are ending up on roads, railways and ditches.

Most are recovering well and will be released into a flock once conditions are better.

We have also seen an increase in catapult incidents. Please if you ever see anyone deliberately harming the wildlife report it. There is a petition to stop catapults being so easy to buy.

We continue to go into schools and attend careers days etc to talk to young people about the river and the importance to it that all the wildlife plays.

*Cindy is a trustee at the Eton-based Swan Lifeline, the oldest registered charity devoted entirely to the care of sick and injured swans in the Thames Valley and surrounding areas. Swan Lifeline was founded in 1986 by a small group of people who had been involved with swan rescue and treatment for many years.*

*Initially they worked from private homes, while seeking a suitable centre. In 1992 Eton College offered them the lease of Cuckoo Weir Island. The following year, after building a treatment centre, outside pens and accommodation, Swan Lifeline moved in.*

*To date they have rescued and treated more than 30,000 swans. This work is possible only through donations, legacies and support from the general public, their sponsors, trustees and volunteers. Their website swanlifeline.uk is packed with information on swans and how you can help this charity.*

Photo by Gary Saunders



## RIVER BEWARE

Easter is usually the time when the River Thames comes alive, but constant rain and an early bank holiday will mean that high water levels and swirling currents present a challenging picture.

So beware and take care on riverside walks, on trips to a riverside pub or restaurant and remember, if red board restrictions are lifted, the fast flowing river water can still be dangerous.

Check out riverside hostellers before you plan a walk and stay safe on footpaths that run close to the water. Make it a safe Easter while enjoying what is on offer.

## Running for a great cause

It's the London Marathon on Sunday April 21. Maybe you or someone you know will be running in it? But look out for the 'Lean on me' team running for Great Ormond Street Hospital

Using the words and music of 'Lean on me' by Bill Withers will inspire Alexa and Dan Broude from Bourne End as they take on the challenge of the run.

They will be raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital who look after their son. And, in the words of the song, it will be Dan, in his bear outfit, who leans on Alexa as he will have to be led over the 26 plus miles through the streets of London.

Look out for them on the television or if you plan to cheer on the runners from the roadside.

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# RIP Mike Woolliams 1938-2024



Local people will remember a traditional bank manager and mourn his sudden death on February 26.

Mike was born in Brighton and educated at the grammar school before doing his National Service in the RAF and being sent out to Hong Kong. He then

joined Lloyds Bank and, in those days, it was considered a safe and secure career. While working at the Kingston branch he met Pat and they married in 1967 then had two sons, Trevor and Simon.

In 1983 Mike was promoted to manager of the Bourne End branch of Lloyds and the family had a home in Marlow. Then in 1988 the family moved to Well End, just off Coldmoorholm Lane, where

relaxation was gardening, walking and enjoying the lovely countryside on the doorstep. Mike's office was in the historic bank premises opposite Penny's Corner and now occupied by Brittons Solicitors.

As a traditional bank manager Mike knew his customers, would know what they wanted to buy if a loan was requested, and he knew names, family details and always made sure that they were making good financial decisions.

A nostalgia family trip to Hong Kong, where Mike had done his National Service, was a source of great amusement as things had changed so much and a familiar place had become a car park.

In retirement Mike and Pat were to travel extensively as they both enjoyed seeing new places although it was always a joy to get back home and into their garden. Then take a walk along the river or around the lakes and appreciate the countryside.

After nine years as manager at Bourne End major banking changes saw responsibility for the branch given to Maidenhead and Mike decided to take early retirement. Then it was travel, play golf, watch sport and enjoy the countryside.

Mike and Pat loved Cornwall, especially the area around The Lizard. Back home if Mike went to the village to buy vegetables the trip would take a couple of hours as there were so many customers who wanted to greet him and stop for a chat.

Always willing to help Mike became chair of the Wooburn and Bourne End and District Relief in Sickness charity and now Margaret Marshall will step up to do that.

Mike will be remembered as a bank manager you could talk to and he will be sadly missed by his customers who know what a lovely man he was. Our sympathy to wife Pat, sons Simon and Trevor with granddaughter Mia. **RIP**

## TARGET GIFT TO MARK 60 VOLUMES

At the start of the year *Target* gave a copy of 'The Way It Was' photographic collection to everyone who delivered our magazine. It was the first special event for the year when we celebrate 60 volumes. The generous donation of books also provided some extra copies and *Target* was able to make donations of the book to local schools as well as nursing and residential care homes.

Should anyone want a copy of 'The Way It Was' Volume 3 there are still a few copies available and these can be provided for a donation to *Target*. Leafing through the pages is a trip down memory lane to see our local area as it used to look. The lack of cars on the road is one sight worth seeing along with the lack of houses. And women in the photos were all wearing hats to go to the shops or to visit a friend.

On page 28 you will find a lovely piece from the daughter of former editor Doug Ginger who will be remembered for his regular editorials. Thank you Kate. In a future issue there will be another 'I remember' feature to remind readers of life centred around 60 years ago. Plans are also being made for an extra four pages featuring a history that goes back 4,000 years to the present day. 60 volumes is a great achievement and needs to be celebrated.

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### **Bourne End & Cookham Probus Club**

#### **By Bill Leftwich**

Probus is a club for retired businessmen and we meet every third Wednesday of the month for a few drinks, a very enjoyable lunch and an invited speaker.

How often do you get the opportunity to have an extremely busy Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2023 come and show you his exciting collection of 'wildlife in your garden' photos?

After a seven-year pause since his last visit, Tom Way delighted his Probus audience in January before setting off for six months in Africa to capture images of much larger animals. This excellent raconteur, as well as photographer, took us on a personal journey on how he uses the key factors of light, colour, locality, seasons – and the occasional peanut – to capture the personality of his animal subjects.

We gazed upon wonderful photo after photo of water voles, hedgehogs, foxes, badgers, deer, hares, leaping squirrels, woodpeckers and lots of different owls, his personal favourite, with Tom explaining the background of each shot.

The session ended far too quickly with a host of questions from members keen on improving their photographic techniques.

You missed it? Then go along to the National History Museum to see Tom's award-winning photo of two fighting Komodo dragons.

In February the club hosted its AGM and a large contingent of members came along to meet friends over lunch and elect a new chairman and committee and hear the plans for 2024.

The current chairman, Doug Hill, thanked the members and committee for their support and passed the ceremonial chain of office to Mike Appleyard, the newly elected chairman. Not fighting Komodo dragons this time, just a peaceful transfer of power, but noisy all the same.

If you would like to join our excellent, friendly club please contact Roger Gould on 01628 524122 or view our website: [www.bourne-end-probus.org](http://www.bourne-end-probus.org)

### **Bourne End & Cookham Rotary Club**

#### **By John Dunsterville**

We welcome back our President, Robin Stevens, from a long stay with his family and Rotary in Australia.

Our busy club has not been idle while he's been away – far from it.

The rain here has caused many problems for the community, but Caz and Baz, our LitterBlitz heroes,

assembled a great team of volunteers to clean up locally, concentrating mainly on the roadside verges. As the vegetation had died back, a large volume of litter has been exposed.

Once the weather allows, volunteers will also be donning waterproofs to start clearing litter and rubbish from parts of the local River Wye.

You are very welcome to join us, so just fill in the availability form at [www.litterblitz.net](http://www.litterblitz.net)

Last summer Rotarians Peter, Geoff and Richard found that the Rotary bench down by the river close to the marina needed some TLC, so they took the various pieces back to their own workshops, Geoff took the wooden slats and Richard had the cast iron end panels. After a good scrub, wire wool and elbow grease the pieces were ready to be painted and reassembled.

The bench now looks as good as new, with the overgrown area freshly strimmed. And our team has received many compliments on Bourne End Forum and Facebook.



The film *One Life* is being shown on Sunday May 19 at Bourne End Community Centre. Tickets are £7 bookable via the centre's website.

It tells the story of Sir Nicholas Winton MBE, who helped to rescue Jewish children during the Holocaust.

He was also a Rotarian and we are hoping to have a member of his family give a small talk about his amazing war story before the showing of the film.

So our work continues with LitterBlitz, Rennie Grove Peace Hospice Care, Scannappeal and many many other community projects in the area.

Visit us and find out first hand how you can help us in all these great projects [www.beac-rotary.org.uk](http://www.beac-rotary.org.uk) and [www.facebook.com/beacrotaary](http://www.facebook.com/beacrotaary)

### **Bourne End WI**

#### **By Lynne Nicoll**

Another busy two months which started with a fascinating talk about *'Waging a Secret War in the Chilterns during World War Two'*: amazing to think of all the important decisions made right on our doorstep.

This linked well with our outing to Bletchley Park, renowned home of the codebreakers during the war, which was top secret until just a few decades ago.

Our speakers from local groups continue to inform our members about the activities and support available in our local community and they provide a way for us to support charities in our area. In February we were told about the work of South Bucks Hospice. We are looking forward to a *'Guided history trip around Little Marlow'* followed by a pub lunch in March.

Our special interest groups are going strong and the Ladies who Lunch plan to visit the Marlow Donkey as their next venue. The Craft and Chat group have been making neckerchiefs and are now sewing Easter bunnies. The Cinema Club enjoyed seeing *'The Boys in the Boat'*, parts of which were filmed in Henley and Marlow.

The Book Club is currently reading *'Demon Copperhead'* by Barbara Kingsolver. The set of books was donated to the library by the Friends of Bourne End Library for use by book groups.

Last, but not least, the Beyond the Teacup group have enjoyed sharing stories on a variety of topics such as *'Unimaginable opportunities came my way'* and *'The work my hands have done'*.

For any information on our WI please contact [bourneendwi@yahoo.com](mailto:bourneendwi@yahoo.com)

### **Cookham Bridge Rotary Club**

#### **By Ron Phelps**

A Mad Hatter's Tea Party at the Soltau Centre, Stubbings was a fabulous afternoon of fun and games with an afternoon tea, and everyone had to turn up in Wonderland hats.

There were many amazing and varied hats on show and the winners were magnificent. We raised over £1,600 for the Smile Train Charity.

The Charity Bridge Night at Pinder Hall in March raised around £2,000 of which Family Hub was the main charity beneficiary.

Coming up soon is the second Cookham Run on May 19, a 5k and 10k event along a delightful and scenic off-road route. It will include accurate race tracking for precise performance evaluation.

For further information and registration, please visit <https://cookhamrun.co.uk>

Our weekly meetings continue at the Odney Club on Wednesdays. Our April meetings include having a talk on *24 Days in Greenland*.

May 1 will I am sure bring an interesting evening, and the rest of May includes our Charity Night and a Fabulous 70s evening.

For more information please contact [membership@cookhamrotary.co.uk](mailto:membership@cookhamrotary.co.uk)

# RIP Jean Eileen Elizabeth Peasley (nee Faulkner)

When William and Agnes Faulkner looked down on their newly born daughter did they think that she might prove to be someone special? Perhaps giving her three names was a guide as having three names is regarded as special.

When Jean was two the family moved to Little Marlow as William had been appointed head groom at the Manor House. Jean's childhood home was Manor Farmhouse in Church Road, next door to the church.

During the war the American actor, director and producer, Robert Montgomery, lived at the Manor House and Jean recalls being invited up to play with his daughter, Elizabeth. Elizabeth Montgomery went on to be an actor herself and is probably best remembered for her role as Samantha in the popular 1960s television series, *Bewitched*.

Jean and her older brother, Walter, grew up in a delightfully rural village and Jean was one of many local children who roamed the fields and formed what proved to be lifelong friendships.

After the war, Jean's family moved to Chalklands in Bourne End in 1947 and Jean trained as a hairdresser at 'Louise' on Royalty Parade.

Jean had memories of the floods in 1947 when her brother rowed right up to the bar at the Spade Oak Hotel.

At the age of 16 she met her future husband, Stan, at a dance held in Cookham's Pinder Hall and they married in 1952 shortly before Jean's 21st birthday.

Home was a caravan on the watercress beds before moving to the flat above the hairdressing salon. Son David was born in 1955 followed by twins, Mark and Sarah, in 1958.

Eventually they bought a home in Chalklands — just across the road from Jean's parents. This became the family home for the next 56 years before Jean moved into Blyton House in 2016.

With a busy family life Jean always found time for others. Her care for family members was well known and she could be relied upon to support local events and activities.

*Target* has photos of the young Jean on a carnival float and being part of shows put on to support a local good cause. At the same time she regularly attended St Mark's Church on Station Road continuing throughout her life when she always thought of others before herself. She tried to make life easier for young wives and mothers who often felt the stress of their situation along with older

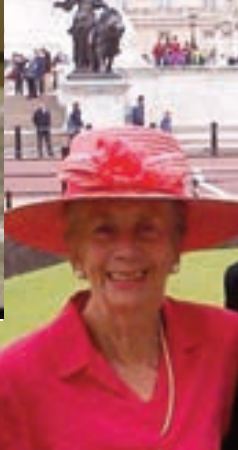
people seeking help and guidance.

In 1976 Jean and Doctor Peter Havelock were involved in organising the Bourne End Good Neighbours Scheme. It was something Jean thought she might only do for a few weeks and, in reality, she continued to help and the scheme became the Wye Valley Volunteers Bureau.

Gwen Thomas and Jean continued very successfully until 2000 when they handed over to Sandra Garey and Gill Tomkins although they continued to be very active and respected members of Wye Valley Volunteers.

In 2012 Jean was named a Diamond Champion, a national award created as part of the late Queen's Diamond Jubilee presented to an older volunteer who gave their time to improve the lives of those around them.

Then in 2015 Jean was awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to the community in Bourne End.



Jean was thrilled when the bureau received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2013 and she enjoyed the trip to Buckingham Palace for the royal garden party.

Despite her many commitments Jean found time to be a lawn green bowler and later a coach

earning her county badge in 2006.

She found time to shop and find delightful outfits that made her a 'catwalk queen' to many. Jean always looked immaculate and she stood out in a crowd for her style and elegance.

Being part of activities happening in her lovely caring village was always Jean's maxim. With the move to Blyton House things had come full circle for Jean as the development was on the very site where she and Stan had started their married life in the caravan 64 years before.

Care and concern for others was part of Jean's nature. She would clasp hands with anyone who looked sad. She would provide a hug when it was needed. Any concerns of her own would be pushed

back as she reached out to others. And in return people would say how much they loved her.

Moving into her 90s Jean realised that her health was not as good as she would have liked. More effort was involved to do ordinary everyday tasks and she admitted that she was getting older.

At Blyton House there was support among the residents until, eventually, it was decided that Jean should move closer to her daughter in Gloucester. She died there on 2 January 2024. Her ashes will go alongside Stan in his grave at Hedsor Church Cemetery overlooking the village she loved.

She had a full life and we haven't even mentioned her love of ABBA's music, that she liked to dance, walking alongside the River Thames always lifted her spirits and that she delighted to hear about acts of kindness.

## Jean steps in to help with free lunch

*In 2008 Mr Win Tang, the owner of Kongs Chinese restaurant in Bourne End, was talking about the Chinese tradition of honouring the older generation, including those who lived in local communities.*

*He proposed a complimentary lunch, including a drink of choice, to be held in his restaurant around Chinese New Year for the older folk who lived in local sheltered and retirement homes.*

*He asked if I would arrange the details and I agreed. It was soon apparent that folk were sceptical of a free lunch and comments such as "There's no such thing as a free lunch" and "What's the catch" abounded.*

*We needed someone who knew the people who would benefit from the lunch and the comradeship. Enter Jean Peasley.*

*She willingly agreed and on her advice the invitation was changed to seniors, carers, and volunteers. Within days we had a list of deserving people to invite, and Jean spoke to everyone to ensure that they had transport where needed.*

*In 2008 more than 70 people enjoyed the complimentary three course lunch with a drink of their choice.*

*A "voluntary retiring collection" was suggested for anyone who wanted to donate a few pounds to a local charity and all the money collected at the first lunch went to Claytons School.*

*Thanks to the generosity of Win Tang the lunch continued for many years and when he sold the business Barry Kwok, the manager, kept it going.*

*Over a total of nine years, more than 650 people enjoyed a free lunch and drink at the restaurant. In addition, different charities including the Day Centre, Scannappeal and the local hospices received the money voluntarily donated at each event.*

*Typically, Jean was the driving force throughout those years and without her knowledge of local people, carers, and volunteers it would not have been the success that it was.*

*As Jean said, "This is a Win, Win and Win again situation."*

*David Davies*



## Target celebrates long service delivery man

Fifty five years ago Ray Thomas was in Bourne End when he bumped into *Target* advertising manager John Stewart. It was a chance meeting of work friends that resulted in a dedicated commitment to delivering *Target* for more than five decades. It's a great story for the magazine's 60th volume featuring someone who happily took on a role and is still doing it today in 2024. Thank you Ray.

In 1967 newlyweds Ray and Val planned a move from the Willesden area to a new house in Woodley but, at the last moment, this fell through. So where to look was the question and by chance they heard that new homes were being built around the Stratford Drive area in Bourne End.

Chatting with John Stewart, and looking around, convinced the couple that this could be a good place to live. John handed Ray a copy of the magazine and told him that they needed reliable people to deliver to the new houses being built. The couple signed up for a new house and John was delighted that he could add Ray to his list of distributors.

In those days Soho paper mill buildings were just the other side of St Paul's School and trains ran regularly to High Wycombe. Ray and Val started their new life and every two months Ray received a bundle of magazines and delivered them to his neighbours.

While many neighbours have changed over

the years Ray has a close neighbour who moved in at the same time.

Three children blessed their marriage and went to St Paul's School, just five minutes walk away. Through delivering *Target* Ray became a regular, friendly face and through the school they both made lots of friends.

As the children got older Val helped at St Paul's School, at a playgroup, pre-school and the Brownies. They both blessed that chance meeting with John Stewart which decided their future home.

Eventually Ray decided to be his own boss and set up as a painter and decorator with an office in Wooburn Green above the butcher Richard



Cannon. Today it is the Italian restaurant Dolce Vita. Then, after some building work at home, Ray created an

office and worked from there. When not working the couple loved walking local footpaths while Ray took photographs.

Ray had two spells with Wooburn Athletic Football Club and played in Wooburn Park. Then he accepted an offer to be player/manager which brought with it a heap of paperwork and the job of marking out the pitch on match days.

Many new friends were made, great games played, then every two months Ray continued his commitment to the magazine and distributing it to his neighbours.

Delivery of *Target* now takes Ray a little longer, but he enjoys seeing familiar faces and loves looking around the area that became home all those years ago. His knowledge of people and places is endless and his photograph albums bring back memories.

His wife, Val, died in 2021 but he has family close by and they enjoy calling in for a cuppa and a chat. Unless, of course, Ray is about to set off on his *Target* delivery round – then they can lend a hand.



Our pictures show Ray Thomas out delivering the latest issue of *Target* and a rare old picture of the butcher's shop where Ray started his R W Thomas, Painter & Decorator business.



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# I remember....I remember

## Being The Editor's daughter

Editor. It's a rather dry word, isn't it? 'A person who is in charge of and determines the final content of a newspaper, magazine or book'.

For 26 years, from 1972 to 1998, my father Doug Ginger was editor of *Target* magazine, a role he fulfilled with dedication and passion.

I hope to give you not only an insight into his work with *Target*, but also a sense of Dad himself; the man behind the pen.

Dad welcomed the concept of a community association magazine, helping to guide *Target* through its initial development. Already known for his writings in the Bucks Free Press, when offered the editorship of *Target*, he accepted with alacrity, and his editorials rapidly became compulsive reading. To them he brought his particular blend of humour, compassion, wisdom and above all, his unrivalled literary talents.

Determined that *Target* should focus exclusively on matters concerning Bourne End, Dad would gently redirect letters seeking to expand into wider fields, often with a handwritten letter suggesting the author 'write to our excellent local papers'.

He often voiced his 'long-held pride at being a Bourne End resident and a Bourne End Community Association member'. He regularly appealed for new members and frequently exhorted readers to support the advertisers in *Target*, without whom the magazine would surely have failed.

Enthusiastic in his support for all the organisations which made up the 'close and caring community' of Bourne End, he never failed to voice his joy at the latest productions by the Forum Players and the



Operatic Society, forthcoming carnivals and the sterling work of the Bourne End Residents' Association. His pride in the village and its people was unstinting, and he made no secret of it.

The man himself? He was kind, warm, wise, loving, humorous and endlessly patient with children, whom he adored.

When he appeared with his bike at the bottom of Blind Lane, all the children would stop their play and run excitedly down to meet him. His regard extended to all youngsters. "And I say to the young people for whom I have such great admiration, here is the torch, keep it burning brightly" he wrote in June 1995.

His editorials occasionally tackled contentious topics, but his observations were always qualified with hope.

The proposed development of Station Road saw him encouraging the "careful watching of planners, not always renowned for their taste and talent" but

hoping that "some place will be found for trees and shrubs". Dad was a nature-lover: "If you want to leave a memorial for your grandchildren, plant a tree – and then tend it".

Well-known for 'having a way with words', Dad was an absolute stickler for grammar, punctuation and spelling. One afternoon I called in to find him as usual sitting in his armchair, surrounded by piles of *Targets*. A new printing company had had the temerity to change his spelling of 'irreversible' to 'irrivversible'.

Dad, with my help, went through over 4,000 copies, altering by hand every single editorial. The printers received a polite, but firm, letter requesting them never again to alter Dad's spelling.

In 1996, BBC 1's Good Morning with Anne and Nick featured a slot called 'Bridging the Gap', wherein a local journalist swapped places for a day with a young professional, and Dad's reputation led them to Bourne End. Hence a youthful Dominic Mohan made his way to Buckinghamshire to write copy for *Target*, while a bemused Doug Ginger was whisked off to the Sun's headquarters at Wapping.

From there he went on to the Hilton to report on the Empire Film Awards, sipping champagne with the likes of Jarvis Cocker. Dad thoroughly enjoyed his day, but was pleased to return to his familiar old armchair. Tabloid journalism was not for him, nor the newfangled computers. Dad wrote his editorials in his beautiful handwriting – he never even used a typewriter.

In addition to his editorship of *Target*, Dad, an ace crossword compiler, set a weekly puzzle page for the Bucks Free Press, and for many years supplied the questions for the *On Target* quiz. When he gave up editing he remained involved with *Target*, proofreading and contributing. How proud and happy he would have been to see *Target* thriving still and reaching the milestone of its sixtieth volume.

Dad died in July 2000. To the end his love of melancholic poetry remained constant. Lying in bed, he took my hand, opened his eyes and quoted from his beloved Housman.

To say he was a popular, much-loved and respected figure in Bourne End would be an understatement.

He loved Bourne End, and Bourne End loved him. St Mark's Church was packed for his memorial service, and we were moved and humbled by the outpouring of love for him from every corner.

But let me leave you, as Dad would wish, on an optimistic note.

*"Pleasure, though not synonymous with contentment, is always preferable to pain. Let us 'make a joyful sound'. Its echoes may ring through the village for a long time to come,"* he wrote in June 1973. How right he was.

By Catherine O'Brien



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## BUCKS COUNCILLORS UPDATE

By Councillor Penny Drayton

It's three years since Stuart, Sophie and I announced, in advance of the then upcoming election, that we would run to be councillors for the ward of The Wooburns, Bourne End and Hedsor.

When we campaigned and subsequently won the election in May 2021, we promised to be present for the residents in the ward, to represent what they wanted and to try and bring better services to the area.

In line with all our other activities to engage with the community we would like to invite you all to join us for a meeting at **Bourne End Community Centre on May 9 at 8pm.**

It will be an informal opportunity for us to talk to you about what we have learnt being on the council, how the council operates, how we continue to learn and try to fix things and what opportunities lie ahead.

We would like everyone to come along and join us for a Q&A session and a chat (the bar will be open for refreshments).

This is an opportunity for open conversations about what's involved in the

role of a councillor or being on the council.

The next local elections will be held in May 2025.

There will be a lot of changes going on in the council at that time, not just through the normal outcomes of elections, but the new ward boundaries will also come into play.

The ward of the Wooburns, Bourne End and Hedsor is expanding and will include Flackwell Heath as well. As such, residents from Flackwell Heath will be very welcome at the meeting to come and meet us too.

If you've ever wondered how the council actually works, who sits on committees and how they're structured, what responsibilities the council (and councillors have), how budgets are split or anything else then **SAVE THE DATE, Thursday May 9, 8pm at Bourne End Community Centre.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

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## OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

### St Dunstan's Church

After an eventful Lent and Easter season, we are looking forward to our summertime activities at St Dunstan's. On May 19 we celebrate the Feast of St Dunstan with our customary parish barbecue. This is always a hit with parishioners as it is an opportunity to enjoy some good food, desserts and homemade cakes with lots of conversation.

May is a busy month as our First Holy Communion candidates celebrate the Sacrament early in the month. Our Confirmation candidates also attend a team event in preparation for their big day in June. Please see our parish website for a copy of our weekly newsletter for updates and information on all events: [www.saintdunstans.co.uk](http://www.saintdunstans.co.uk)



### St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

Having had a busy run up to Easter we will be enjoying spring with time to sit in the Quiet Space at the churchyard and enjoy the peace. The wild flower section will be coming into life and the rain will have stopped.

Plans for our Informal Service throughout the year at 11am on the third Sunday of the month are well under way. The April service is based on the story of Jericho, 'Walls come down', and on Whit Sunday in May, Pentecost - 'Super power from God'. All our services are followed by refreshments.

We are now used to Mattins being on the second Sunday at 11am instead of the first, and all other services remain at their usual times except for Sunday April 28 when there will be a short said service at 10am followed by the AGM at 11am. Do come along and hear what plans the church has to continue to grow and be part of the community.

To check on the activities and services please go to [4u-team.org](http://4u-team.org) and scroll down to St John the Baptist.



### St Nicholas', Hedsor

We are delighted to welcome our new parish priest, Rev Adrian Manning, to Hedsor. Rev Adrian began his ministry with us by conducting our services over Easter, including the Service of Light on Saturday of Holy Week, and we are happy that our long wait for a new priest is now over.

Maura Carr, our churchwarden, has worked so hard over the past few years to make sure we have a visiting priest to take our Sunday services.

On Sunday May 19, the church will be open



for visitors between 11.30am and 4.30pm, while Hedsor House is holding its Open Day. Do come and see our church and the beautifully restored stained glass windows on the south wall.

Preparations for our annual Hedsor Riverside Fair are now progressing – more news in the next *Target*. It will be on Saturday June 29 at Orchard Dene, Riversdale, by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Callingham.

### St Mark's Church

With a slowly but surely increasing congregation, it is 'business better than usual' at St Mark's, and at this time we hope to welcome even more people to our Easter services. If your *Target* reaches you before then, on Good Friday March 29 at 2pm we have a 'Self Service' conducted by the church wardens. On Saturday March 30, 2pm to 3.30pm, children's Messy Church is a fun time for kids of two and up with an Easter Egg hunt, making chocolate nest cakes and more - bring them along.

On Easter Sunday March 31 at 10.30am, Mieke Gaynor will conduct this most important of services.

We continue to enjoy the services of visiting priests and members of our own congregation to conduct our Sunday services. These start at 10.30am, and most of us stay on for coffee or tea and a chat. Do come and join us.

Our social and fundraising events also continue, with our One Can collection and active support for the 'Open the Book' series of Bible story enactments at St Paul's and Claytons schools.



### Cores End United Reformed Church

March has been a busy month for Cores End with a charity coffee morning in aid of Water Aid and our Easter services over the Holy Week.

Link Up Club has had a full programme of chat and enjoying afternoon tea and cake. Going forward the summer programme includes several very interesting talks including a world trip, experiences in an internment camp and an insight into dress design as well as an outing to Toad Hall garden centre. New members are always welcome.

Church members continue to work on the grounds, which are open for everyone to enjoy. There is a work party in the meadow on April 6, 10am to 11.30am. All are welcome to come along and help.

Christian Aid week runs from May 12-18 and there will be lunch after worship on Sunday May 12.

A note for the diary: a Strawberry Afternoon Tea in aid of the churchyard is to be held on Saturday June 15, 3pm to 4.30pm. Everyone welcome.



### The Community Church

So spring is truly upon us and summer is on its way. If you read this and Easter has passed, I hope that you found genuine blessing in the season.

For your diaries, on the early May Bank Holiday Monday (May 6) we are organising a short woodland walk and cream tea at the Chapel from 3pm until 6pm. The walk will start at 3pm and last just over an hour. The Chapel will be open for cream teas throughout.

For more information contact [office@thecommunitychurch.online](mailto:office@thecommunitychurch.online) or phone 07709 154724, or simply go to the website [thecommunitychurch.online](http://thecommunitychurch.online).



### St Paul's Church, Wooburn

Our reflective Holy Week and Easter included daily evening services during which we asked questions around the death and crucifixion of Jesus. These services were live-streamed and are available to watch on Facebook (St Paul's with St Mary's Wooburn). We also arranged a joyous Easter Sunrise Forest Church in the garden of St Paul's Church Hall.

Coming up in April we have many exciting activities including an Easter Fun Afternoon during the school

holidays, our annual Quiz Night on April 26, a concert by the Chiltern Concert Band on April 28, an evening song recital, and a rededication of St Mary's following renovations (dates to be confirmed), as well as our Annual Parish Council Meeting. These are in addition to our regular events such as community breakfast, and the cake sale at Bourne End Community Market.

Do you have young(ish) children? If so, please come along to our inspirational Messy Church which (usually) takes place on the second Sunday of every month in the church hall. Kids and adults alike will find some fun arts and crafts to do around a theme, or just read a newspaper and enjoy the breakfast baps, coffee or tea and conversation.

See our website ([stpaulswooburn.org](http://stpaulswooburn.org)) for regular and special events that will be happening in April and May.

Please register your interest to receive more information on our next Quiz Night on April 26 at [familystpauls@gmail.com](mailto:familystpauls@gmail.com)



### Bourne End Quaker Meeting

A Quaker Meeting for Worship takes place in the Target Room at the community centre at 10am on the first Monday of every month.

Everyone is welcome; we stay seated in shared silence until about 10.40am.

Anyone present may share their thoughts during this period of worship, as in any Quaker meeting. We chat briefly over tea and coffee after the meeting. For more information please visit [www.caqm.org.uk](http://www.caqm.org.uk)



## March market with great gifts and music

With the promise of Easter at the end of the month it wasn't surprising to find lots of bunnies, chicks and eggs featuring on stalls. And there was music – as in the days when minstrels were part of the market scene. This time it was with the Heath Singers from Flackwell Heath. See picture 1.

Jane in picture 2 is with the stallholder who makes macrame pot holders. Jane goes to his workshops and really loves them. She also delivers *Target* in Wooburn Green.

In picture 3 there's a lady with a big smile and holding an Easter bunny and showing her homemade gifts and cards.

Picture 4 has come up with a great idea using

large marbles (did you wonder what to do with them?) Here's her stained glass kaleidoscope with a marble at the end. Look through and the shapes are lovely and a twist changes the view.

A lovely idea in picture 5 shows the items on one stall where the lady makes little shapes (hearts, stars and circles). She says they are fun to make and fun to receive with a present.

And finally, in picture 6, the indoor prizewinning sisters with a lovely stall packed with good ideas they had made - how would you guess that they are sisters!

Go along to the market on Saturday 13 April and 11 May where you'll meet these stallholders and lots more inside the community centre, outside and in the library.



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# Past times

by Barrie Penfold

## Chalklands – a good buy

Take a look at the flyer, go back 80 years and gasp. Did houses really sell for that price? Yes they did because Ken Townsend's father bought one and got the price reduced by £25 because he agreed to do all the painting.

Builder Arthur Jameson owned the land and built all the houses in Chalklands. He told Ken Townsend that he had worked as a bricklayer when Chalklands, the home of Edgar Wallace, was being built at the top of Blind Lane. That's where the name came from as he set out plans for semi-detached houses around the outside with some bungalows and houses in the middle.

The first houses were built in the middle of the 1930s then everything stopped until the end of the 1940s. Houses were in high demand as the paper mills expanded and more people moved into the area. Bourne End was growing in every direction and there was a huge demand for homes. Arthur Jameson provided what an average family needed including a good sized garden where Dad could grow vegetables.

Offering choice to the buyer – side with big garden, middle with smaller garden and outside with average garden, on a bend, up the top or down the bottom and he numbered the houses as they were built! For years Chalklands had the most complicated numbering system imaginable.

Another complication as Chalklands developed was Arthur Jameson's determination to retain ownership of the road. Unlike the numbering system, which was completely redone around 1970, the road ownership has been an on-going issue which has been well aired.

Returning to property prices, Chalklands set the pace as new homes were built all over Bourne End. By the end of the 1960s a three bedroom semi cost around £5,000. Seven years later it would have sold for around £15,000 and since then it has been a steady climb to today's average price of around £600,000. Arthur Jameson built solid even down to brick internal walls that could destroy a drill.



Chalklands has character, a history and a loyal band of residents and former residents who can relate the names of neighbours going way back. It has no street lighting so walking back home in the dark needs a torch. It has its own lake when heavy rain backs up the drains, but it is part of Bourne End's past, present and future. Few roads have achieved this.

## Soho Mill's famous cartoonist

One hundred years ago Soho Mill (or Thomas and Green to give it the more formal title) in Wooburn Town was a thriving papermaking company known for the production of fine quality papers. The mills along the valley of the River Wye from Loudwater to the River Thames did not compete as each specialised in certain paper types. Soho Mill was renowned for colour paper and, during the process, would change the colour of the river water depending on what colour was being produced.

At the same time William Heath Robinson was making a name for himself as a book and advertising illustrator. However his chief claim to fame rests on his humorous drawings notable for the fun he made of machinery. A ludicrously impractical or elaborate machine came to be called 'a Heath Robinson contraption'. These drawings were snapped up by national newspapers and magazines both here and in America.

These interpretations by Heath Robinson showed a total lack of pretension. He was simply a professional entertainer providing for a large family by giving the public what it wanted, with a charm that derived from a childlike innocence and optimism. In so doing, he created his own world, the mark of a great cartoonist.

So move back to 1922 when Thomas and Green commissioned William Heath Robinson to produce a calendar for the company and his delightful drawings had descriptions based on the artist's view on the papermaking process. Each of the nine drawings had titles. Pictured here is 'A busy afternoon in the button removing dept'.

Sadly Target has only been able to find this one

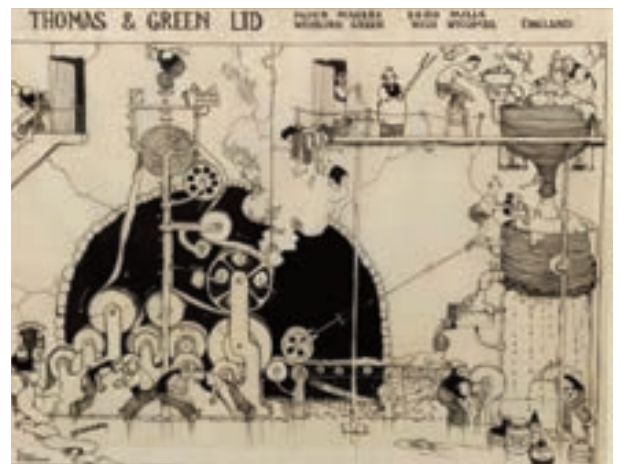
from the calendar along with a general cartoon depicting papermaking at Thomas and Green. However the wonder of the internet produced a more current article talking about the calendar.

*"In early 1979 George Mandl, the current owner at the time of the paper mill, decided that some of the offices had to be cleared out. The paper mill had been operating since the 1860s and there were a lot of historic records etc that had accumulated over the years and stored in the cupboards in the various offices.*

*It was during this clearing out process that I saw a cardboard scroll had been thrown into the skip pile ready for dumping. I retrieved it out of curiosity and found the Heath Robinson drawing rolled up inside it. At the time I had no idea who Heath Robinson was, but it intrigued me that the drawing was done on tracing paper and that there were some printed copies rolled up with the original drawing. I asked if I could keep the drawing as it was quite comical and it appealed to me. It seemed a shame to leave it in the skip pile.*

*Having been told I could keep it I was told that that drawing was used for a calendar that was issued in the 1920s. It was many years later I discovered that Heath Robinson was a well known and respected artist'.*

Today very little remains of Soho Mill except memories and they will fade away as those with any knowledge of papermaking will be unable to pass



on these memories. But, is there a copy of this calendar still lurking in the treasures of a former papermaker? Target would love to hear from anyone who might find such a treasure. And, if by chance, you should happen to find a set of glass printers' slides featuring these drawings there is a market prepared to pay well for them.



# River Life

with Peter Osborne



As I scribe this missive it is still raining. It feels as if it hasn't stopped all winter.

The river has been red boarded continuously since the first week in December other than about three days.

The red board is put out when the river is dangerous due to the speed of the water and also due to the river levels becoming too high.

This impacts navigation and the boat yards who are unable to use the cranes or slipways, thus delaying the work on boats.

This leads to congestion when the river recedes in delivering works on time and frustration of the boat owners who can't use their boats when they want to.

I personally don't mind as it means I'll be busy in the coming weeks with more work than I can cope with.

I called in at Woottens Boatyard recently and they have been unable to take boats out of the water and launch them from their slipway due to the water state and they confirmed that they are building up a backlog of work as a result. I work occasionally for the yard, so that will be more pressure on me.

One of the reasons that the river is flooding is that the ground water levels are so high that it cannot absorb any more water though the riverbed, as is usual.

This is why some fields are flooded, there is nowhere for the water to drain.

On walking past the sailing club, I noticed that the floor of the downstairs flat was being tiled. Talking to the contractor he said that water had come into the premises and ruined the carpet. It is very sensible to tile the ground floor and, should it flood again, it will be easier to clean up, usually a pressure washer does the job.

Surprisingly, Bourne End Marina hasn't had any sunken boats this year, given the conditions that is quite remarkable.

Chaos must have been working hard to ensure the safety of the boats, obviously he took on board his training he was given during my time working down there.

It's a bit disappointing that the new tug for the marina hasn't turned up yet, although its arrival is imminent. I cannot wait to see her; I wonder if they are going to name her?

Maybe they should have a competition to come up with a name? I think we need to see her first.

I was wandering around the marina recently and noticed that there are quite a few boats for sale, I assume this is partly due to the cost of living crisis or people want to upgrade their boats. I guess Hutchins Marine Sales will be busy.

I could be tempted to purchase one or two of them, but I think I'll keep my hands in my

pocket having worked for many years in the industry, I know the costs.

There are quite a few trees stuck under some boats because of the floods, I think it's important that the new tug does arrive soon as it will be needed to remove them, they are too wedged to clear by Chaos's own hands.

These obstructions, if not removed carefully, can damage the underwater gear of the boats, the propellers, rudder and fish finders etc.

Also, the trees can rub on the hull with the constant movement and rub off the antifoul paint or even wear down the hull material.

It appears that all the lock maintenance programme over the winter has been concluded in our area so, when river conditions permit the usage of the boats, there will be no restrictions.

I guess that, as there has been less maintenance this year, it was easier to complete the works on time, unlike previous years.

As spring is early this year I was expecting to see ducklings, cygnets etc, but none spotted to date, unlike the blossom on the trees and bushes round and about. I guess it won't be long now.

My fear is that with otters and mink about the new life could be targeted and that more of them will be consumed by these predators. I know it's nature, but it can be cruel at times.

Otters are very lovable, but they eat eggs, meaning fewer wildfowl making it into life, they can alter the ecosystem quite noticeably.

Let's hope that we have a great summer and we have no hosepipe restrictions. It will be good to see the river busy, it has been so quiet for the last four or so months. Of course those who live on Cockmarsh have to use their boats to get to the other side of the river.

Once the season gets underway there will be much more to report on but basically since my last missive not a lot has happened.

Until the next time  
Peter Osborne,  
River Thames correspondent

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## OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

### Bourne End Horticultural Society

Colin Evans from Radio Berkshire will be joining us for a return visit on Thursday April 17 at 8pm in St Dunstan's Hall, Bourne End. He will give us topical horticultural tips and always welcomes audience questions.

Our speaker in May is Samantha Hopes who will continue her seasonal garden talk.

Please join us for these interesting and informative evenings. There will be a raffle and a monthly competition where members are encouraged to bring and display a floral arrangement from their garden which will be awarded marks by the visiting speaker.

This score rolls over each month and the person with the most points will win a gardening token at the end of the year.

We welcome new members and visitors. We meet at St Dunstan's Church Hall on the third Thursday of the month at 8pm. For further details ring Penny Hampson on 07947 318447.

### Marlow and District Railway Society

A recent highlight was a visit to the driver training school at Great Western Railway's Reading depot. Here they have a mock-up of the driving cab of one of their Inter City express trains, the type that are normally seen hurtling through Maidenhead at 125mph.

Members were invited to make themselves comfortable in the 'best seat in the house' and drive the train on a simulated journey. The graphics make it incredibly realistic, with the trainer at the back even able to change the weather conditions, so one minute it is sunny and the next minute you are driving through a thunderstorm. Stopping the train in the right place at Reading was not easy.

In January we learned from Colin Hall about the project to build a brand new locomotive of the Patriot class. The originals ran between Euston, the Midlands and the North, and were named to honour railway employees who had fought and died in the Great War. Accordingly this new locomotive will be called The Unknown Warrior and should hopefully be out and about soon.

We welcome Colin Miell on Thursday April 18 with a talk entitled 'A Magical Mystery Tour'. Then on Thursday May 16 Richard Crane will talk on 'Bucks & Herts Branch Lines', which will be popular. Our local line may even get a mention.

All meetings start at 7.30pm at the community centre and non-members are always welcome. Visit [www.mdrs.org.uk](http://www.mdrs.org.uk) for more details.

### 1st Wooburn Scout Group

The first camps of the year are already behind us and we are now at full tilt getting geared up for the week-long summer camp in July at Braggers Wood near Bourne End. Keep your eyes peeled for notifications about a Scout car wash soon to help raise funds for this trip.

Do you have children and want them to be more active, learn new skills, and meet new friends? We'd love to have them come and join our group at the Watery Lane Scout Hall (HP10 ONE).

All our sections are open to both boys and girls: Beavers (6-8 years old), Cubs (8-10½) and Scouts

(10½-14). Get in contact through our website and contact the sections directly [wooburn.wixsite.com/wooburnscouts](http://wooburn.wixsite.com/wooburnscouts). Or come and speak to us at the Scout hall, or email the Group Scout Leader at [wooburngreengsl@gmail.com](mailto:wooburngreengsl@gmail.com). If you have a young person that needs to do volunteer work for their DofE or similar scheme, we can assist with this.

All our section leaders are showing young people practical skills for life, from how to read a map, to how to cook a roast dinner on an open fire, as well as many more weird and wonderful skill sets, all done with fun in mind. So please, don't miss out on this opportunity.

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### Soroptimists of the Thames Valley

The Methodist Church in Marlow generously allowed us to visit their popular Ark Café to highlight the Soroptimists' ongoing project which makes people aware of help for Victims of Violence against Women and Girls (picture below).



Leaflets were handed out listing places where help is available, especially Wycombe Women's Aid, a local charity with which we work closely.

Soroptimist International, a leading women's voluntary organisation with 70,000 clubs worldwide, focuses on transforming the lives of women and girls, locally, nationally and globally through education, empowerment and enabling activities.

To learn more about the local Thames Valley club in Bourne End, visit [www.sigbi.org/thames-valley](http://www.sigbi.org/thames-valley)

### Friends of Bourne End Library

Our cheese and wine evening in February was completely sold out. Delicious cheeses were provided by Mike Unger of Windsor Cheeses, who chose from his big assortment of tasty cheeses which ones to be paired with each wine, together with informative notes.

Many thanks must go to Steve Woodward from the USA Wine Group who chose and presented the wines. His talk was interesting, knowledgeable and amusing – plus the wines were extremely pleasant to drink.

We also had a cheese quiz which added to the fun and chat. We were able to purchase some of our favourite cheeses, and we know where to obtain the various wines. A very lively and entertaining evening meeting old friends and making new ones, to be repeated by popular request - watch this space.

On Wednesday April 17, 4pm to 6.30pm, Quentin Falk will give an illustrated talk on Graham Greene, 'Greene-ing the cinema'. It includes afternoon tea with cake, tickets £10 (cash only).

On Friday May 10, we have an evening with author James Attlee talking about his book 'Station to Station'. Look out for further details.

### Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association

At the AGM on March 2, we sadly recalled the loss of Jack Watson and former members Eilwen Turner and Michael Carey and welcomed a new member, Marjorie Pack. A cordial message from Jean Pierre Marie, Président of the CJO, recalled our happy visit to Octeville last May, which reaffirmed commitment to the Bourne End / Octeville-sur-mer friendship, and thanked all who have created it over 20 years.

Our chairman, Wilma Johnston Ball, described our splendid visit to Octeville and we are looking forward to the CJO's visit here in September, asking for more hosts for French families keen to come.

The future budget, particularly for the visit, elicited useful discussion and suggestions. Mike Hill (treasurer) announced that he would be stepping down and was thanked for his very many years of service in all sorts of roles. Other current committee

was reaccepted and joined by Peter Willingham. Wilma thanked committee for all their hard work.

Richard Chalmers, with help from Debbie and Miles, then served us an excellent meal.

We look forward to your involvement. We need a new treasurer by the start of April. Then in September CJO members will arrive on the 19th (evening) and leave 23rd (morning).

We need more hosts, so how about it? Find out more. You do not need to be a French speaker and we can make hosting compatible with a working week if necessary.

There will be a programme of enjoyable activities. Twinning friendships are fun and widen our horizons.

Our membership is £5 a year (£10 family).

To find out more, contact [will6j@virginmedia.com](mailto:will6j@virginmedia.com) 07801 600 253, or [langfordw22@gmail.com](mailto:langfordw22@gmail.com) 07428 004417. No French necessary.

If you are not receiving news of our events, get in touch so that we can resolve any problems.

### Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

Our first demonstration of 2024 featured Bev Short with 'A Touch of Spring' and she arrived with an amazing array of flower arranging equipment that was put to good use in creating displays. See the pictures here.

On Tuesday April 2 we have our club in-house demonstration when our talented members show us what they can do. There is also a challenge to all





# CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS



members to bring along an arrangement on the night to go before our judging panel.

As a celebration the evening is called 'Cocktail Hour' and everyone will have a very good time.

On Tuesday May 7 Catherine Holness has a demonstration called 'No foam – whatever next?' when members will learn more about 'green' ways to anchor flowers in a display without using manufactured means, ie oasis.

Into another year for our society that celebrates more than 60 years as part of the Bourne End Community Association. Visitors are welcome and the society enjoys seeing happy faces on the first Tuesday of every month in the May Woollerton Hall at the centre. For more information ring the secretary on 01628 476641.

## RNLI South Bucks & Thames

Our branch is taking part in celebrating the RNLI's 200th anniversary. Our 'Connecting Our Communities Scroll' made a stop at the Eden Centre in High Wycombe recently to be signed by the Chair of the South Bucks and Thames branch, Michael Prager, supported by 10 members.

The scroll left its starting place at Westminster Abbey the day before, having been signed by the Duke of Kent, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Dean of Westminster and the Chief Executive of the RNLI. It will make stops at the Tower lifeboat station, Chiswick and Teddington River Thames lifeboat stations and will continue its journey to all 238 lifeboat stations ending in October at the Isle of Man, the first lifeboat station in the country and the home of Sir William Hillary, founder of the RNLI in 1824.

The scroll is a 5-metre parchment wound around two wooden spindles cut from the flagpole of the original Douglas IoM lifeboat station, and encased in a travelling case made of the same material from which the Insure RIBS are constructed by the RNLI inshore boat factory on the Isle of Wight.

After the scroll has been signed by all stations and a few inland branches, as well as His Majesty the King, it will be displayed initially at the RNLI College in Poole and thereafter at the permanent lifeboat exhibition at the Historic Dockyard Chatham.

## Bucks Family History Society

Our April meeting sees the return of the ever popular Kirsty Gray who will be rummaging around in the parish chest.

In addition to the familiar registers the parish chest also contained many other documents which can provide a treasure trove of information for family historians.

The meeting is on Tuesday April 9 in the Eghams Room at the community centre. Doors open at 7.30pm. Free for members, £2 for non-members. For details of our May meeting please see our website [bucksfhs.org.uk](http://bucksfhs.org.uk)

## APRIL

- 1 Mon Short Mat Bowls in the community centre 7.15pm – and every Monday and Tuesday (except first Tuesday of each month) New Members Welcome. On bank holidays please call to check if the event is running. Contact details on poster page 18
- 2 Tues Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society presents *Cocktail Hour* with in-house demonstrations. See their report opposite
- 2 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the community centre. Admission £8. See poster p18
- 4 Thur Kiddies Crafts with Sue Croall in the library 2pm to 3.30pm. See page 14
- 4 Thur Community Centre Bar Quiz. Doors open at 7.30pm; please arrive by 7.45pm for an 8pm start. For more information call Diane on 07521 656413
- 4 Thur The Hedsor Jazz Club every Thursday, start time 8pm (until 10.30pm), admission £10, The Hedsor Club, Hedsor Road, Bourne End
- 5 Fri Bingo in the community centre. Every Friday. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 6 Sat Repair café in the Sarney Room of Flackwell Heath Community Centre 10am to noon
- 9 Tue Short Mat Bowls in the community centre 7.15pm – and every Monday and Tuesday (except first Tuesday of each month) New Members Welcome. See poster page 18
- 11 Thur Live 'Beatles' Show at the community centre 8pm. See poster page 18
- 13 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 2pm in and around the community centre
- 14 Sun Great British Spring Clean. Litter picking in our villages from 10am to 2pm. See poster p10
- 14 Sun A social with a great mix of salsa, cha cha cha, Cuban and other Latin rhythms. At community centre, £10 starts at 7.15pm with three levels of salsa followed by a social until 11pm. Call 07595 397184 or 07956 122505 [info@dance2salsa.co.uk](mailto:info@dance2salsa.co.uk) [www.dance2salsa.co.uk](http://www.dance2salsa.co.uk)
- 16 Tue Centre Rock with The Boys. An evening of 50s, 60s and 70s music 7.45pm in the bar at the community centre. See page 19
- 20 Sat Upper Thames Sailing Club Open Day 11am to 4pm. See page 12
- 21 Sun Afternoon movie at the New Royalty Cinema at the community centre is *Belfast*. See poster p17

## MAY

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- 6 Mon Short Mat Bowls in the community centre 7.15pm – And every Monday and Tuesday (except first Tuesday of each month) New Members Welcome. On bank holidays please call to check if the event is running. Contact details on poster page 18
- 7 Tues Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society demonstrates *No foam – whatever next?* See their report opposite
- 7 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the community centre. Admission £8. See poster p19
- 9 Thur Community Centre Bar Quiz. Doors open at 7.30pm; please arrive by 7.45pm for an 8pm start. For more information call Diane on 07521 656413
- 9 Thur Open meeting with local councillors at the community centre 8pm. See report page 29
- 11 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 2pm in and around the community centre
- 12 Sun Salsa at the community centre (see details above, April 14)
- 13 Mon Wooburn Residents' Association meeting at the Wooburn Club. See page 3
- 14 Tues Short Mat Bowls in the community centre 7.15pm – And every Monday and Tuesday (except first Tuesday of each month) New Members Welcome. See info page 18
- 19 Sun Afternoon movie at the New Royalty Cinema at the community centre is *One Life*. See poster p17 and the Bourne End & Cookham Rotary Club report p25
- 19 Sun Open Day Hedsor House (house and gardens) from 11.30am to 4.30pm. See poster page 23
- 21 Tues Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting. Learn more about what the council does in the community. See their report p8
- 30 Thur At home with the Bourne Again Shadows at the community centre at the community centre. See poster page 29



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Email [editor@targetmagazine.org.uk](mailto:editor@targetmagazine.org.uk) by Tuesday May 7  
to get your event included in the calendar.

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# THE FALCON QUIZ

Set and sponsored by The Falcon Pub, Wooburn Moor

Quizmaster Steve set this quiz and landlady, Katie Lamb, generously offers a meal for two at the pub (or a takeaway) as a prize for the winner. For your chance to win, send in your answers to the questions below by email to [editor@targetmagazine.org.uk](mailto:editor@targetmagazine.org.uk) (with the subject line Falcon Quiz) or write down your answers and drop them in at the community centre. Don't forget to include your contact details. The winner will be picked at random from all the correct entries on the closing date Tuesday May 7. Have a go... if nobody gets all the answers the winner will be the person with the most correct answers. These are all songs from Disney — just name the film..

- 1 Zip-a-dee-doo-dah
- 2 When you wish upon a star
- 3 Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo
- 4 You can fly
- 5 Scales and arpeggios
- 6 Let it go
- 7 Little April shower
- 8 Not in Nottingham
- 9 Once upon a dream
- 10 Trust in me
- 11 Pink elephants on parade
- 12 Can you feel the love tonight?
- 13 You got a friend in me
- 14 Colours of the wind
- 15 Prince Ali
- 16 Someday my prince will come
- 17 The un-birthday song
- 18 Under the sea
- 19 Sanctuary
- 20 I'll make a man out of you



## Answers to the February/March Quiz

- 1 Sundance film festival 2 Paul McCartney 3 Las Vegas 4 The Burrow 5 District line with 60 6 Cuba and North Korea 7 Portsmouth 8 Goat 9 David Walliams 10 One minute 11 Spike 12 Sheep 13 Persia (now Iran) 14 Billy J Kramer 15 Kris Kristofferson 16 Sleeping Beauty 17 Clay 18 Queen Elizabeth the Second 19 9 20 7-0 The winner is Sally Pilkinton of Riverside, Bourne End



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the Falcon  
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early June



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# THE FRUIT MARKET

Providing our community with seasonal produce, fresh cut flowers and garden plants

## Service

A personal experience where banter is guaranteed

## Healthy

A wholesome selection including eggs, nuts, legumes and dried fruit

## Origin

Know exactly where our premium produce has come from

## Plentiful

A wide array of seasonal fruit, vegetables, flowers and garden plants

## Longevity

Our produce isn't confined to plastic wrap, meaning a fresher fruit bowl for longer

## Offers

Honest pricing for quality blooms and flavoursome produce

## Community

Support your local economy and contribute towards building a vibrant village

## Affordable

Buy singular items rather to help with budgeting and reduce wastage

## Location

Grab your baskets and spring into Easter locally!

