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More housing for Wooburn?

People living along or near Wycombe Lane in Wooburn are faced with plans for new developments which would result in an additional 31 homes with access onto the busy road.

In 2006 and 2007 planning applications by Henry Homes Limited to demolish number 51 Wycombe Lane and redevelop along the adjacent old railway track were refused by Wycombe District Council, and later again at appeal.

Those refusals highlighted the lack of privacy for future occupiers and the harm that the development would cause to the character and appearance of the surrounding area. But Henry Homes have now returned with a new proposal, which includes a list of changes they feel overcome the previous objections.

Another point to consider is the loss of the old

railway track as a potential light railway link between Maidenhead and High Wycombe, which has recently been strongly campaigned for, while parents have expressed concern about the extra traffic so close to the School Lane approach to the Meadows Combined School.

Closer into Wooburn, there are plans to demolish Chiltern House at 24 Wycombe Lane and replace it with a two-storey development of seven flats, with associated parking for six cars.

Together these two applications represent a significant increase in dwellings along a short section of Wycombe Lane. Many residents successfully battled against the previous planning applications, and may have to brace themselves for a similar struggle in the months ahead.

Residents wishing to express any opinions on the proposals can write to Wycombe District Council using the reference details below, and can also see the full applications on the WDC website under Public Access – go to www.wycombe.gov.uk
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24 Wycombe Lane: 12/05414/FUL

The old railway line site earmarked for development



Golden anniversary celebrations underway

Bourne End Community Centre's fiftieth anniversary celebrations were kick-started with a successful Blitz Ball on 11th March. The night was a sell-out and guests took part in style, dressing up in creative wartime costumes.

The highlight of the evening was provided by the band Five Star Swing, who took the partygoers back to the 1940s with a range of classics such as *Mr Sandman*, *White Cliffs of Dover* and *We'll Meet Again*. The band also led sing-a-long sessions as well as glorious dance interludes, while a wartime quiz kept everyone busy during the intervals between music.

There were prizes for the best costumes and the raffle harked back to yesteryear by featuring home grown veg, tins of spam and a rare treat...a bunch of bananas.

The next golden anniversary event will be a Tea Dance on Easter Monday 9th April, from 2.30 to 5pm. Regular dancers will know Ray, who will lead the dancing with a programme to encourage those trying to remember the moves as well as those who are step-perfect. There

will also be a delicious afternoon tea and memories of past dances at the centre. Full details are on page 28.

Looking further ahead to the Diamond Jubilee weekend, plans are progressing for a Royal Finale Picnic in the Recreation Ground off Furlong Road from midday-4pm on Tuesday 5th June. Bring a picnic, your family and friends. But, more importantly, let's have your ideas of fun things to do. This is a local community event and local people are needed to provide the inspiration, along with offers of help.

There's more to come later in the year with a family treasure trail and barbecue on Saturday 8th September, and then a full week of celebration in October, starting with the annual concert on Sunday 7th October. And the early news, hot off the press, says that this will include a programme of music never previously played at the centre and in honour of the 50th anniversary.

Five Star Swing find their rhythm at the Blitz Ball



Get involved in the celebrations by calling the centre office on 01628 522604 or emailing 50years@bebca.org.uk



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BULL'S EYE

Congratulations to the Bourne End Residents' Association! Their article in this month's Edition (written by Jim Penfold on page 3) has set a new record by managing to cram more news items into 700 words than previously seen in *Target*.

Jim's article tells the full story, so I will simply précis and inform you of the following: the Bourne End Day Centre in Wakeman Road has a good chance of being saved (make sure you attend the forthcoming meeting if you want to influence exactly how); the retail and housing development on The Parade is on course to continue as planned; the old Claytons bell will soon be returned to its parent school, and planning laws will be upheld in Babs Park on Blind Lane. One news item not covered is the future of the library, which we have now been told may not be decided until May.

The rest of the magazine progresses to cover the busy-as-usual local schedule of events as we move into spring. Sadly this is my last Bull's Eye because in early April I'm moving with my family to Barcelona – my wife has been offered a good job in the city and we think it will be a great opportunity to enjoy some sunshine and sangria for a couple of years, as well as learning another language (or two...apparently the local language is Catalan, ahead of Spanish).

I'm sure the Mediterranean environment will be perfectly pleasant, and the occasional trip to the Nou Camp to watch FC Barcelona is clearly on the cards, but I will miss Bourne End: the people, the river, the shops and the restaurants. We'll definitely have to find a replacement for summer afternoon walks along the Thames (including, of course, stopovers at The Bounty).

Of course, I will also miss working on *Target*. I've always felt – and repeatedly stated – that our community is lucky to have a magazine of *Target's* size and scope, and that will undoubtedly remain the case long into the future despite my departure from the editor's job: plans are already afoot to find my replacement, but you'll have to wait until the next issue to discover their identity!

The magazine itself is really just one illustration of the genuine community spirit that plays an important part in local life. Although none of us would pretend that it's perfect, this is clearly a part of the world where people are prepared to work together (and play together), as demonstrated by the level of interest and involvement in the future of the library and the day centre, to name just two examples.

As I sign off, please allow me to thank a few people for their help during my stint as editor over the last couple of years: Barrie Penfold, my predecessor, who has offered invaluable support (and who will make darned sure, I know, that *Target* continues to prosper); Debra Aspinall, our excellent designer; Jane Macintyre, the eagle-eyed copy editor who can be guaranteed to spot every misplaced comma and unravel every nonsensical sentence; Simon and Sue in the community centre for their geniality and general assistance.

Thank you also to the people who make *Target* possible: the local shops, businesses and tradesmen (and women) who advertise in the magazine; the contributors who reliably (sometimes even before the copy deadline...except Marina Pete) provide details of their activities past and present; the distributors who give up their time to carry bundles and those who deliver from door to door, and finally the committee of the community association, who are ultimately responsible for the magazine's publication.

2012 will be an exciting year, with the Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics certain to provide a memorable summer (just a shame England's footballers will spoil things by getting knocked out in the group stages of the European Championships). And although I won't be here to enjoy them, isn't it nice to know that we can rely on *Target* to provide a distinctly local perspective on the various festivities?

Andy West, editor

ABOUT TARGET

Target magazine was launched in 1964 to provide information about the new Bourne End Community Association, with the name referring to the money required to build a new community centre. Over the years the magazine has grown, and its distribution area has been extended as the population has expanded through Bourne End, Wooburn Green and the surrounding villages.

Bourne End Community Association was formed in 1962 by local people who wanted a social centre to meet the needs of a growing community. Fund raising and determination saw the Community Centre open in Wakeman Road on 28th October 1967. Another hall was added a few years later and constant improvements have been made over the years.

See pages 36-39 for more information on the facilities and activities available at the Community Centre.

Let me bring you up-to-date on a number of issues and then look to the future.

Over nine days during 2011, the Planning Inspectorate held a public inquiry over what Wycombe District Council believed to be planning breaches at Babs Park in Blind Lane. The result of the inquiry was announced in early December.

The Inspector felt that the fencing alongside Blind Lane was acceptable but rejected the appeal against the other perceived contraventions of planning law.

This meant that by June 2013 business use should cease and the roadway along with certain hardstanding areas, will be restored to its previous Green Belt status. It is a great shame that Wycombe District Council had to go to these lengths to maintain planning regulations but, as the saying goes, 'Rules are rules'.

The old Claytons School bell tower was removed from Wakeman Road in December. Now the project to restore and then re-site the structure in the grounds of Claytons School in Wendover Road continues. The base has already been rebuilt and stands proudly on its new site at the edge of the school playing field. It now awaits its lovingly restored bell tower to be completed and installed.

In truth there was more damage to the bell tower by the metal thieves who stripped it of its protective lead covering than had been previously realised. But our dedicated team of restorers are up to the task and it is hoped, weather permitting, to have the finishing fibreglass coating completed over the school's Easter holiday.

However, and whenever, the project is completed, it will be back to its former glory and probably in the place it should always have

been installed. It will be a history teaching aid and a link to the past for future generations of pupils at Claytons School.

Just a short report on the plans for redevelopment of the Oakfield Road/Parade Court site and what is likely to happen. Work will start fairly soon on the development of shops with flats above. The rumours about the bankruptcy of the developer or that houses are going to be built there are exactly that: rumours containing no truth. The delay was simply a result of the economic downturn but it is good to report that optimism in the economy is returning.

Now the moment for me to clean off and polish my crystal ball with the prediction that the Bourne End Day Centre will stay open. Before I say anything more, let me acknowledge that there are two groups with different plans for keeping the Day Centre open. That, in itself, is good news because if one group's plans are deemed to be unsustainable by Bucks County Council, the ultimate arbitrators, then hopefully the other group can succeed. Hence my optimism.

The group being supported by the residents' association have given themselves the title of the Friends of Bourne End Day Centre. The group is made up of district, county and parish councillors as well as support groups from across the whole spectrum of village life in Bourne End, along with many individuals.

It is our hope that the services will be provided by a professional group within the community-acquired day centre building. We are in touch with the Fremantle Trust who have been visiting various local facilities to find out what YOU want from YOUR day services.

A business plan will then be put to Bucks County Council about the time that this issue of *Target* is published at the end of March. Then there will be a public meeting on Thursday 26th April in the small hall at the community centre (starting at 7.30pm). Please put a note in your diary and attend this important meeting. Tell all your friends and please come to hear in more detail where we are and where we hope to be going.

Keeping this much loved and irreplaceable day centre facility open has always been the aim of everyone involved.

Thank you for reading this article and please phone me if you have any thoughts or queries on 01628 525415.

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Welcome to the Wooburn Club

Thanks to the tremendous commitment of members and volunteers, the Wooburn Club now has a great future with exciting events planned for the months ahead.

The club was founded in 1879 in a picturesque spot overlooking Wooburn Green, a designated conservation area. Old photographs (see below) of the village highlight the importance of the club's position and show its significance as part of Wooburn Green, and the club building is now also listed.

A few years ago the building had fallen into neglect, but over recent months the committee, members and volunteers have worked tirelessly to develop a superb lounge bar, snooker room, pool tables, gaming machines, a beer garden, giant screen TV and a function room with fully equipped stage.

Volunteer Julia Humbles told *Target*: "When it was first built, it was said that the club was intended to be 'a congenial venue'. More than 130 years later, it continues to fulfil that function, and more, as the Wooburn Club serves the whole community."



The Wooburn Club in 1905

"It is particularly worth noting that we have a well stocked bar and the club prides itself on the quality of its ales, beers and lagers. As you would expect from a non-profit organisation, our bar prices represent extremely good value, with drinks typically costing 30p to 50p less than average pub prices. If you haven't called in, now is the time to do so!"

Membership is open to all, and you can check out the regular advertisement in *Target* for details of special events or give the club a call on 01628 520772.

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Marina Life with Peter Osborne



Please can someone offer us a job with fewer hours, no weekend working and more money?! Currently we don't know what has hit us – at home Gerry keeps asking me who I am (on the rare occasions that she sees me). But it is good to see boats beginning to move along the river again – happy days!

Matty is very lucky to still be working here, after having a huge 'fail'. He was trusted to take the tug to Henley, but the day after setting off he called to say the tug was taking on water and only remaining afloat with the help of a salvage pump.

Phone calls were made and within 15 minutes he was heading to Hobbs' crane base. On arrival, the crane was waiting to lift our vintage workhorse out of the water, revealing that the damage was that deadly killer: rust!

A welder was summoned and repairs commenced. The hole was only comparatively small but whilst trying to weld the repair, the heat kept causing other holes to appear due to the aft quarter bottom being not much thicker than a coke can. Enough steel to build a new ship was welded to the bottom of the stern and she still leaked! The crane must have looked like a massive yo-yo considering the number of times the tug was lifted up, down into the water, up on to the land, down into the river again etc...

No longer trusting Matty – for it is he that I blame – Chaos was eventually charged with bringing home the tug and although there was a small ingress of river water, this he managed with the help of the bilge pump. We lifted her again at the marina, and after more welding

the old girl was craned back into the water...so far, so good.

I still let Matty drive the tug but he now wears four life jackets, a floatation ring and an emergency GPS beacon in his trousers before he will get onboard. Should you see a rescue helicopter hovering low in the area, you will know Matty's trousers have been activated.

Lesson learned

We have been very busy with boats being lifted out, worked on and put back in. I have improved my command and control of this operation as it can become chaotic. I learned my lesson a few years ago when we took out the wrong boat, painted her and put her back in the water only to receive a complaint from the owner of a very similar boat to say his boat didn't look any different than before and why should he pay the invoice?! The owner of the wrong boat was very happy.

The lack of rain over the winter has already caused hose pipe restrictions and could affect the river due to low water levels. The Environment Agency has plans if we go into drought, including measures such as limited lock usage – every time a lock is used, huge amounts of water are passed downstream, thereby decreasing the levels upstream. The river is a source of water for many other uses such as sewage farms and agriculture, and if river levels become too low the amount of water for those uses will also be limited.

In a drought you will also note that various hostellers, such as the Black Lion and the Bounty, put up a sign stating: 'Due to drought

conditions the beer will not be watered down until further notice' – an excellent example of how everyone chips in to conserve water for the common cause. I am currently looking into how water shortages will affect our operations in terms of cleaning boats and other such activities. If the water gets really low, we might convert the marina into a camp site to protect our revenue base.

Size matters

We have put a lot of thought into how we can increase the size of our car park: the conclusion is that, other than having a park and ride from Aberdeen, it cannot be made any larger. However, could I ask those of you who legitimately visit by car to pay more attention to parking neatly, which will allow us to park more cars. We have seen examples of one car taking up three spaces, and another just being abandoned in the road when there were spaces available.

If you have problems parking, please seek marina staff for assistance...or in some cases just take driving lessons!

April Fools' Day denotes the beginning of our summer. Our working hours become longer, the Bounty opens every day, and the marina and OTT restaurant become much more active. The ice cream freezer is filled up, the cold drinks fridge is replenished...let the mayhem begin! Until the next time.

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Diamond Jubilee party funding

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The significance of the opportunity to witness and celebrate an occasion as rare as this one cannot be overstated, and already preparations to mark the anniversary across the world are gathering great pace as plans begin to ensure a spectacular Diamond Jubilee.

During the coming months it is envisaged that many residents and organisations will be organising street parties to celebrate the Jubilee. To assist, Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council has decided that organisers of these events may apply for a grant from the parish council to help finance their event.

A sum of £4,000 has been allocated for this purpose, and distribution will be decided on an individual basis at the discretion of the parish council. All interested organisers should write a letter of application stating what their event is, when it is, who will be attending and what the money will be specifically used for. The closing date for applications is 30th April.

Thousands of beacons will be lit all over the world on 4th June to commemorate Her Majesty the Queen's 60 year reign as head of the Commonwealth. As part of this event, the parish council will be lighting the beacon in Sappers Field, Wooburn Moor, between the hours of 10-10.30pm, and the Wooburn Scouts will be providing refreshments for purchase.

The exact lighting time will be known on 2nd May and will be publicised on the parish

council website and posters around the parish.

Her Majesty the Queen will be lighting the national beacon in London at around 10.30pm that evening, and the aim is to light 2,012 (or more) beacons – the length and breadth of the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, the Commonwealth and other countries around the world to mark this important and historic moment in the Queen's reign. This is a unique opportunity to be part of an historic event – one that will surely be recited to future generations.

Annual parish meeting

The annual parish meeting will take place on Monday 16th April, starting at 7.30pm in St Paul's church hall on Town Lane.

Refreshments will be available before the meeting begins and all local residents are

welcome to attend.

Parish council office opening hours are 9am to 1pm each day. Please ring 01628 522827 or email clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk if you have any queries.

Best shop front winners

The winners of the parish council's best-kept shop front competition for 2011/12 are La Dolce Vita in Wooburn Green and South Bucks Hospice in Bourne End. The parish council would like to offer their congratulations to both winners, and we look forward to seeing them at the annual parish meeting where they will be presented with their awards.

Thanks are also offered to the judges: Michael Garrido, Mike Balbini and Barrie Penfold in Bourne End; and Herman Bleekendall, Sue Jeffreys, John and Candy Kegg in Wooburn.

New bench and planter

The new bench and refurbished planter at the end of Blind Lane is a result of collaboration between the parish council and Bucks County Council. The parish council would like to thank BCC for their funding, as well as the Wyevalle Garden Centre for supplying the plants and the generous donation of additional plants from The Fruit Market in Bourne End.



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Simon Fowke takes on Kaleb Semmens at table football at the Wooburns youth club - youngsters in Bourne End will soon be able to enjoy similar activities

New youth club for Bourne End

Eighteen months after the creation of the volunteer-led youth club in Wooburn Green, members of the same start-up team have their sights set on a new youth club for young people in the age range of 11 to 15, within the Bourne End area.

Simon Fowke of the Future of Our Village forum and our two local police community support officers, Claire Bowles and Kimberley Buckle, have again joined forces to start a new club with the support of Action 4 Youth.

Simon told *Target*: "After securing start-up funding of £5,000 from the Buckinghamshire County Council Local Area Forum, we held a successful residents' volunteer meeting at the library, which produced more than 20 prospective volunteer youth workers.

"One of our main early objectives was to find a suitable venue and, thanks to the generous support of St Mark's church, the club has secured a home at St. Mark's church hall, where it will open from 6.30-8.30pm on Monday evenings."

The second meeting of volunteers took place in March with a view to electing a management committee. Once the necessary training of volunteers and CRB checks have been completed, the new club will be able to open – future editions of *Target* will provide more information.

Simon added: "Our success with the Wooburns Youth Club has shown us that local residents care about what is needed in their community and are prepared to give up their time to ensure that our young people get the right opportunities."

The Wooburn Green youth club continues to meet every Tuesday evening from 6.30-8.30pm at the Church on the Green. Activities are run for youngsters aged between 11 and 16, with new members always welcome. Various outings are also arranged for members, with trips to Thorpe Park and snowboarding at Xscape in Milton Keynes planned for Easter.

All enquiries regarding the activities of either club, as well as those wishing to make donations or to enrol as volunteers, can contact Simon on 01628 531877.



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Flackwell Heath Bowling Club ready for new season

By Martin Bateman, club captain

Last season ended on a high note with one of our men's teams winning their division of the Bucks League and our ladies doing particularly well in some of their competitions.

In addition to league fixtures, we also staged three inter-club competitions which included an enjoyable buffet and a drink at our fully licensed bar. Socially we held two quiz nights, while our annual dinner dance at Flackwell Heath Golf Club was a great success.

We're always keen to introduce new players to the game, and we held enjoyable separate evenings for the local boy scouts and Chepping Wycombe councillors. More than 20 scouts and their leaders came along for the former and it ended up being quite a competitive evening with some of the scouts looking much more than beginners! The councillors enjoyed a more restrained evening, playing a few friendly matches with some of our members.

Our green, situated at the east end of the Flackwell Heath Recreation Ground, is one of the best in the area and is now in the final stages of preparation for the busy forthcoming season. New members are always welcome, we have three qualified coaches available to give advice and instruction.

Bowls is a friendly, enjoyable game and can be as competitive as you wish. Roll-ups (practice) are twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1.45pm. This is an excellent time for prospective new members to come along and have a try.

We are holding two open days this year: 10am-3pm on 27th May and then the Cherry Fayre day on 8th July. On both occasions you can come along, have a chat and look around the excellent facilities we have to offer. At the Cherry Fayre our clubhouse will be open to all and serving refreshments.

Anyone interested in joining can ring me on 01628 520092 or club secretary Mike White on 01494 531392.

Volunteers flock to Wye Valley Volunteers

By Sandra Garey, WVV

Perhaps it's the arrival of spring making people think of new involvements, as we have had a number of volunteers just turning up and offering their services. This is wonderful...and we can always welcome more!

Our main services – the community transport scheme and home visiting services – continue to be busy; but what has really taken off is the monthly shopping trip to (usually) Asda. Demand for this service has increased so much that we are thinking of operating a second visit a month (in the community minibus).

The minibus does enable us to offer

some treats to those elderly people who cannot get out much; this year we are having outings to Mary Berry's garden – including a 'great bake-off' style tea – and to Sally Williams' lovely garden with an equally delicious tea.

If you would be interested in volunteering, or if you yourself need some help or would like more information, do please contact us at the community volunteer office (the portakabin to the right of the community centre). The office is open from 10am to noon on weekdays; telephone 01628 521027.

Richard West

Members of the Bourne End Musical Players were saddened to learn of the death of Richard West after a short illness in February.

Richard was a talented keyboardist who was an integral part of the group's productions. Former chairman Larry Hurst recalled: "I'll remember Richard as one of the kindest individuals and most accommodating accompanists you could possibly hope to meet."

"Whatever the musical occasion, it was all the same to him: be there, blow your nose, assemble the keyboard, sit down, receive bunches of sheet music in no particular order, follow soloists who invented key signatures each time they opened their mouths, follow conductors whose directions changed like weather vanes, and still have a quiet chuckle. Thanks, Richard. You were ace."



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Poetry in motion nets a team prize

Performance poetry has become one of the annual traditions at St Paul's School in Stratford Drive.

Pupils are challenged to put poetry into action; many of the teams choose to write their own poems while others opt to go with a poem they already know. The early rounds of judging take place at a special school assembly before the top six teams perform in front of official judges.

This year's special national events – the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic Games – inspired many of the entries with sport and royalty being given a new-style poetry look.

The judges were delighted by all the entries and found it difficult to pick a winner, before finally deciding that it had to be the 'Royal Netball' poetry team, with each team member playing the role of a different royal: dressed in robes and with crowns, they kept up the momentum and displayed a creative streak by passing a netball throughout the poem.

One of the team had written the poem, everyone spoke out well, they didn't drop the ball and it was very funny. The judges decided that this was performance poetry at its best, so the Karen Berry trophy was presented by school governor Wullie Wilson to William Whitehead (11), Thomas Sheldon (10) and Lewis Baker (10), all of whom are in Year Six.

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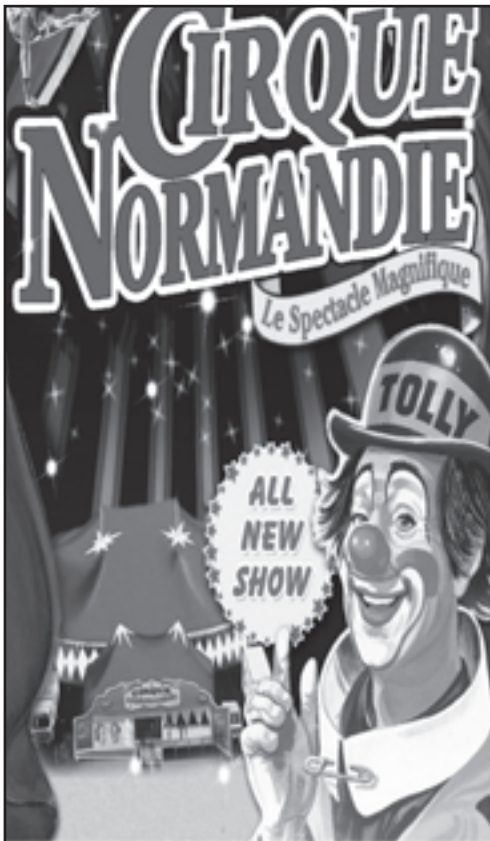
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FoOV questionnaire completed

The Friends of Our Village (FoOV) forum would like to thank everyone who completed the questionnaire during February and early March. The questionnaire elicited more than 350 responses (250 online and a further 110 in paper form).

The priorities highlighted by local residents are now being reviewed by the FoOV committee and the information will be analysed using Survey Monkey – a tool that assists in collecting and analysing data.

The results, along with local people's comments, will be combined with information from the FoOV surveys and meetings that were held during 2011, with the objective of publishing a formal Village Plan later in the year.

FoOV are also grateful for the assistance of the Bourne End Library, the community centre and Impact Bucks, a charity that donated the use of Survey Monkey to the FoOV forum.

Rail travel issues highlighted by report

By Rob Latham, Marlow & Maidenhead Passengers' Association

According to the National Passenger Survey report for autumn 2011, the national percentage of rail passengers satisfied with their journey was 84%, with 46% satisfied with value for

money and 68% satisfied with sufficient room to sit or stand.

On a local level, for First Great Western (FGW) the following satisfaction figures stand out:

Provision of information during the journey 68%; connections with other forms of transport 72%; facilities and services 54%; facilities for car parking 57%; availability of staff 50%; attentiveness and helpfulness of staff 68%; toilet facilities 44%; how well FGW deals with delays 45%.

It is not possible to relate these figures in a meaningful way to passenger experience on the Marlow to Maidenhead branch due to the very small number of people interviewed: Marlow 7; Bourne End 6; Cookham 9; Maidenhead 60.

To put this into perspective, the number of passengers to and from Marlow in 2009/10 was recorded as 254,610. Even this is probably a significant underestimate due to a lack of ticket inspections, and MMPA considers it essential that FGW ensures that all passengers are accounted for.

While in some matters the performance of FGW is similar to other train companies in the south east, there are other obvious areas with considerable room for improvement – these should be included in the issues to be considered in the refranchise process.

Our AGM took place on 23rd March and in the next edition of Target we will report on the issues raised with our guest speakers from Network Rail, First Great Western and Chiltern Railways.

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Jane Anderson lives in Holtspur Lane, in Wooburn Green, with her husband Rob and children Imogen (4) and Henry (3). She is also chair of the Wooburn Residents' Association sub-committee for the forthcoming Diamond Jubilee party on The Green.

How long have you lived in Wooburn?

Coming up to six years. We didn't know anything about the place before we moved here, but it was in a convenient location for our work. Since then we've both changed jobs and now work in central London, so we make the daily commute into the city – like many people who live around here.

We've also had Imogen and Henry since moving to Wooburn, and it's a fabulous place to bring up small children. The area is very much geared up for children – the Sure Start centre in the village is excellent, and there's always lots going on at the library in Bourne End. We've also got plenty of play areas dotted around, and of course there's the huge open space at Wooburn Park. The health visitors I had with both children were fantastic, and I made some good friends through the post-natal group.

How did you get involved with the residents' association?

It was my husband, Rob, at first. He decided to go along to a meeting because we were a bit fed up about three things: cars driving far too quickly past our house; late-night noise from the pubs on The Green, and the lack of fencing around the play area in the park. We thought that rather than just sitting at home and moaning about these things, it would be better to try to do something about them.

So that's Rob...what about you?

The Royal Wedding took place at around the same time. I was watching the news on TV with pictures of the street parties taking place all over the country, and it made me think that we really should have done something in Wooburn – on The Green, which is a real focal point for the village. I felt we'd missed a trick because it would have been a great opportunity to put on an event for the whole community.

That gave me the idea of a street party for the Diamond Jubilee, so when Rob went to the next residents' association meeting, he came back and said: "I mentioned your idea to have a party on The Green for the Jubilee...and I also said that you'd be really keen to organise it." So he landed me in it!

To be honest, it was partly just me being selfish for my children. We had the big royal wedding last year, but Imogen and Henry were a bit too young to understand that. I want my children to do something that they can enjoy and really remember, and the Diamond Jubilee will be a fantastic opportunity for them.

And I'm sure lots of people will feel the same way – having seen the positive feelings that were

generated across the country for the royal wedding, it will be fantastic to keep that swell of enthusiasm.

Tell us about your plans for the day.

It's all happening on The Green between midday and 4pm on Sunday 3rd June, and we've got loads of activities lined up: football games, traditional children's races, and lots of old-fashioned games like tossing hay bales and welly-wanging.

Local stall holders will be selling homemade arts, crafts and produce, there will be ploughman's lunches, a barbecue, teas and cakes, and the bar will be open at the Wooburn Club. We'll also have morris dancers and hopefully a bouncy castle, and the whole thing will culminate in a good old sing-song: God Save The Queen, Land of Hope and Glory, Jerusalem, Knees Up Mother Brown...all the traditional favourites! Best of all, there's no entry fee – people can just wander on and off the green throughout the day.

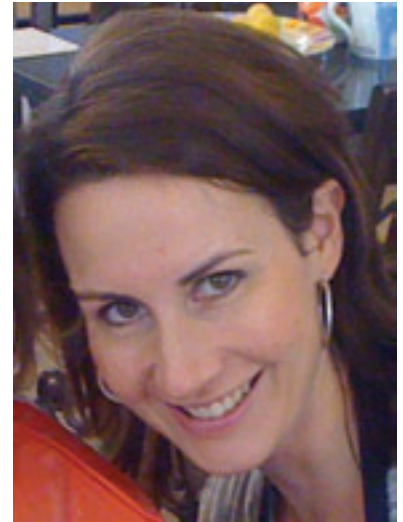
We've already had loads of support from the community, and I would like to thank Citigate VW Van Centre, our main sponsors, as well as Odds Farm, Crowden Coachworks, Flackwell Financial Services and Hamptons estate agents. My favourite moment so far was getting a letter from the Wooburn scout leader saying that they really want to help and get involved – that just sums up everything we're trying to do, engaging with all sectors of the community.

You seem to be a bit of an exception in terms of people of your generation getting involved – most volunteers are generally quite a bit older. Would you agree with that?

Actually, most of the people on the sub-committee for the party are around my age. But on the whole yes, I agree, people of my generation tend not to get involved. And there's no reason why that should be the case: I look after two small children and work three days a week in central London, but I can still find the time.

Anyone can; it doesn't have to take up a lot of time. It doesn't mean you have to get involved in local politics – I find that all a bit scary – but there's always something you can do. You can't always make the changes you want, but you can make a difference. For example, the residents' association has worked hard with the pubs on The Green and they've made a lot of effort to try to minimise the late-night noise, which has improved a lot.

The residents' association is a really good



forum for starting these kinds of discussions and getting things moving. People should get involved because these are things that affect our day-to-day lives. The Community Church has also done a great deal to help set up the youth club and the Connect centre, which I think has demonstrated that there is a need for that kind of facility in the village.

I suppose finding time would be the biggest challenge for most people.

Yes, and in modern life we're all busy – flying out of the house at 7.30 every morning and getting back at six or seven in the evening... but one of the consequences is that we don't always see our neighbours or have time to talk to people properly, and that makes events like this even more important because they allow you to spend proper time with other local people.

With the residents' association, anybody can be a member and it requires no more time than literally a couple of hours every other month. It's not a massive commitment, and you can make a change and make things happen. I suppose I've shown that by watching the royal wedding, saying "We should have a party on The Green for the Jubilee..." and now here I am, organising one!

And beyond this party, what's next? More events on The Green?

Who knows? I haven't thought about that yet! It would be great to have community events on a regular basis, but I'll have to think about that a bit later in the year.

Local favourites

Shop: Not really a shop but Costa Coffee – it gives me back my sanity!

Restaurant: Dolce on The Green.

Place to go: Down by the river to pick blackberries. I'm not telling you exactly where because they'd all be gone!

The next meeting of the Wooburn Residents' Association is their AGM, followed by their bi-monthly meeting, which takes place in the Wooburn Club at 7.30pm on Monday 14th May. All welcome.

Anyone who would like to get involved with the Diamond Jubilee party can contact Jane on janetandbert@hotmail.com

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Open Day at Sailing Club

Upper Thames Sailing Club (UTSC) will host its annual Open Day on Sunday 15th April, with lots of activities lined up for visitors of all ages.

Colin McCluskey from UTSC told *Target*: "The open day will give us an opportunity to show what a friendly, welcoming and above all unstuffy club we have – and how many of its activities are aimed at families and young people."

UTSC is a Royal Yachting Association centre for training, and they will be out in force literally showing families the ropes, taking them out on the river and demonstrating what goes on in a modern racing dinghy.

Meanwhile, other club members will be conducting visitors around the club and answering questions. The club's cadets (12-18 years) will be on hand to give young people a different perspective. Refreshments will also be available in the form of 'Tea by the Thames'.

Colin added: "Even if you're an oldie and wouldn't be seen dead in a dinghy, there is still hope! Many social members, apart from joining in the busy social life of the club, contribute by manning rescue boats, helping with race management and taking care of house activities.

"If you come along on 15th April and you like it, you can dip a toe without any commitment because every Saturday afternoon during the summer, there will be a fun session to sail with an instructor in one of the club boats, without cost. So why not come to the Open Day as a family and get your youngsters on the water? One tip: wear soft shoes and warm clothes."

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"It's something we care about and our tasting sessions are always friendly occasions," Michael said. "Rosemary and I are grateful for the support we get from local friends, and we've also been lucky to make new friends who have the same concerns about dealing fairly with the people whose livelihood depends on what they earn from their crops."

On the Saturday morning Michael, Rosemary and friends headed out onto The Parade, where shoppers were invited to stop for a cuppa, a biscuit and a chat about the Fairtrade movement. Both branches of the Co-operative Food have been promoting Fairtrade goods and the symbol is easy to spot when you're next out shopping.



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Fern Lane Cemetery

The levelling works for the new ashes area has been completed and a five year plan of works to level more areas, thin the trees in the woodland area and repair the track from Sheepridge Lane has been drawn up.

A working party (pictured) was held on Saturday 25th February. A big thank you is due to all those who turned up on the day – your hard work has helped to make the cemetery look very smart. Litter was removed, self-sown shrubs cut back, the driveway tidied and fallen branches and twigs cleared up. If you visit the cemetery, please help to keep it tidy and please use the new rubbish bins provided.



Dog fouling

This is an increasing nuisance, particularly in the Little Marlow Lakes area. Please, take your dog litter home or dispose of it properly. Picking it up and leaving the bag dangling from a tree or bush is not the answer. Additionally, dogs should be kept on leads in the Recreation Ground and not allowed to wander in the children's play area.

A4155 ivy barrier

Little Marlow Parish Council and Little Marlow Residents' Association have been asking for speed reductions on the approach to the A4155/A404 roundabout for some time as there have been several accidents, including one which was tragically fatal.

As a consequence, Transport for Buckinghamshire's Casualty Reduction team has recently installed ivy screening as a safety improvement on the central reservation area of the A4155 Marlow Road on the east side of the roundabout at the junction with the A404.

The introduction of the screening is intended to reduce the excessive visibility to the right for vehicles approaching the roundabout from Little Marlow, which can result in high entry speeds, potentially leading to drivers losing control. This limiting of visibility can be helpful in reducing these excessive approach speeds. We are pleased that something has been done and hope that no more speed related accidents occur.

Buckinghamshire County Council have recently been attending to the street lighting in the vicinity which has not been working properly for some time, despite the parish council regularly reporting this.

Next meetings

The next parish council meetings will be held at the Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Little Marlow on Tuesday 3rd April and Tuesday 15th May at 8pm. The annual parish meeting will be held at Abbotsbrook Hall, Well End, on Friday 11th May at 8pm. Members of the public are very welcome to attend any meeting and are given the opportunity to speak.

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Duck gets the vote at Kongs

Crispy duck was pronounced the favourite dish of the day when Kongs restaurant hosted 80 local people for a special free lunch at the end of January.

It was the fifth successive year that the Chinese restaurant on The Parade in Bourne End has invited volunteers, community groups and elderly residents to celebrate Chinese New Year by enjoying a completely free meal, and *Target's* brief and unscientific survey of the diners conclusively revealed crispy duck – served with pancakes, sliced spring onion, cucumber and hoi sin sauce – to be the favourite item on the menu.

The event is co-organised by Jean Peasley and David Davis, who said: "We're very grateful to Barry Kwon, the restaurant's manager, for the invitation. We had half-expected that he wouldn't be able to continue with the event this year due to the economic difficulties that everyone is experiencing, but he has been very generous again. It's a wonderful way to say thank you to some of the people who help look after the village."



Diners tuck into the popular crispy duck



Sophie Meyer displays some of her tasty treats

Global trips for local guides

Two local girls are busy raising funds for the trip of a lifetime after being selected to represent Buckinghamshire in major international events for the Girl Guiding movement.

Natasha Blazey will be heading to the guide and scout centenary jamboree in San Francisco, California, for 12 days in July,

while her friend Sophie Meyer is preparing for an equally exciting trip to Japan for the world jamboree in August. Both girls attend 1st Wooburn Guides, which meets at Cores End United Reformed Church on Friday evenings.

Natasha's efforts started off with a very busy festive period – she collected more than 500 Christmas cards and personally delivered them at the bargain fee of just 10p per card. The exercise raised £125 and Natasha was very grateful for the assistance she received from charity card shop volunteers, the library staff and many people who donated money without cards to deliver.

At the same time, Sophie was equally busy in the kitchen, baking up a delicious selection of cakes which she used to raise funds by selling at various local events.

In the coming weeks Natasha and Sophie will be continuing their fundraising efforts by packing bags in local supermarkets, holding bring and buy sales, organising quizzes and cooking for Rotary club visitors. So look out for the girls and please support them.



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Sports Club Activities and News

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30th ANNIVERSARY

BEJSC Sports Hall was opened in April 1982 by HRH Princess Anne – hard to believe that was 30 years ago. What a great occasion it was, with Princess Anne spending about four hours at the hall talking to trustees, leaders and members.

She arrived by car, having visited other areas of Bucks before coming to Bourne End. She left by one of the royal helicopters, taking off from the school field. It was a very special and memorable day for all involved and it is great to see the hall continuing to be fully utilised all these years later.

In several cases we now have the third generation of descendants from the original founders taking part in club activities – long may that continue.

BEJSC 200 Club

The 200 Club was set up in 1994 and has provided a valuable source of income to the club. In view of the Olympics we feel 2012 is an ideal time to re-launch it. We intend to have two draws a year – at prize-giving in July and at the junior committee Christmas party – and will publish the winners on this page and on our website.

Half the money raised will be used to send members from all sections on the Young Leaders Course which helps to create leaders for the future – see details on the website.

Entry is £1 per number per month; you can pay by Faster Payment or Standing Order, or by cheque. Please email Christine Norton (200 Club organiser) at office@bejsc.co.uk or write to us at BEJSC, New Road, Bourne End SL8 5BW, or call 01628 528110 if you have any queries. Good luck – you may be the next winner!

FOOTBALL

1. BEJSC U15s won the Bucks Action4youth five-a-side Tournament and will represent the county in the southeast England regional finals.

2. U18s have reached the semi-finals of the League Cup where they play Aston Clinton Colts for a place in the final. Good luck!

3. Planning is well underway for Sports 12, the big annual five-a-side event on Saturday 9th June at Wooburn Park. Look out for more details in future issues



Having competed in the half time penalty shoot out at Adams Park the boys were delighted to see Wycombe Wanderers snatch a last minute goal to equalise with MK Dons (team shot page 30).
Photo by Paul Dennis

BASKETBALL REPORT

by Joe Lawrie

On 20th January, the senior basketball section played a friendly match against the Year 11 team from Sir William Borlase's Grammar School. Arran Kang was head coach of the BEJSC team, and I was playing for SWBGS.

After what appeared would become a whitewash win for BEJSC, being up by 18 points at the half, SWBGS came back in style to create an exciting finish. The final score: BEJSC 37-36 SWBGS. It was a good contest and a rematch is on the cards when Borlase gets back on its home court for practice.

Thank you to the volunteer referee, Geoff Thomas, for his hard work. Thank you to our scorers and the other volunteers from BEJSC who made the event possible and a success. Finally, thank you to all the players for providing an exciting and enjoyable game.

OPEN DAY

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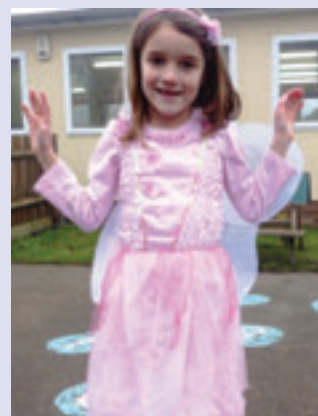
Library manager Inka D'Agostino (right) talks books with Claytons School's reception class



Dan Freedman discusses his experiences as an author...



...before chatting and signing copies of his latest book for Wye Valley students



Lauren Hudson as Evie the Flower Fairy

The joy of reading!

Local schools organised a wide range of activities to encourage their children to celebrate World Book Day on 1st March.

The biggest event took place at Wye Valley School in New Road, Bourne End, where successful children's author Dan Freedman made a personal appearance to discuss his experiences as a writer with around 300 pupils from Years 7 and 8, along with 61 visiting Year 5 children from Juniper Hill School in Flackwell Heath.

Bev Holmes, learning resource manager at Wye Valley, told *Target*: "Dan spoke to us about his books, writing and his life story, including the many famous football players he met when he was the official journalist for the Football Association.

"A few selected Year 7s and 8s were also able to participate in a reading and writing workshop, and the whole event was a real

treat. Dan was inspirational and completely engaging, effectively breaking the reading stereotype and giving a clear message that reading is for everyone."

Elsewhere, over the course of the week every single pupil from Claytons School dressed up as their favourite book character and enjoyed a trip to Bourne End Library, where library manager Inka D'Agostino read a story and gave her visitors an opportunity to browse through the hundreds of children's books available at the library.

And at Little Marlow Infants School, children put on another colourful display after being invited to mark the event by donning their favourite character's costume.

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WAR declared on rubbish

Bourne End resident Joan Lester has urged local people to join her in declaring WAR: Walkers Against Rubbish.

Joan, who lives on Furlong Road, told *Target* that she decided to take action after becoming fed up with seeing rubbish that had been left lying around whilst on daily walks with her greyhound, Shannon. Joan said: "The problem is people dropping litter, and we've been trying for a long time to educate people to take their litter home. The 'Keep Britain Tidy' campaign has been running for years but it doesn't work, so maybe the solution is for ordinary people to take responsibility upon themselves.

"As a dog walker I always have a selection of bags with me, and regularly manage to fill them with rubbish when I'm out walking. I always meet lots of other people out for a walk – if each of them took a carrier bag and collected litter along the way, it would make a big difference.

"So how about WAR: Walkers Against Rubbish? Not just confined to dog walkers; anyone can participate. Next time you go for a walk, join WAR by collecting a bag of rubbish and putting it in a bin. "As an example of what can be done, I kept a record of the rubbish I've collected from the grass in the Recreation Ground, Bourne End over an eight month period: 27 glass bottles; 170 plastic bottles; 457 sweet wrappers; 66 drinks cans; 292 dog waste, and 522 other items. Yes, I counted everything I picked up and recorded it daily!"



Joan and Shannon are ready for WAR

Walkers in Farm Wood

By Peter Havelock, local resident

I would like to respond to the article on dog fouling in Farm Wood by parish councillor Margaret Marshall in the December/January edition of *Target*.

I am a regular walker in Farm wood – a great local facility – and I also find the plastic bags of dog-mess that are left in the wood offensive. It seems to be in response to the parish council notice on the gate, which recommends bagging dog mess and taking it away. Whatever the thinking behind a dog owner's decision to leave bagged dog mess behind, it is obviously wrong to leave any plastic in a natural woodland setting.

There is another alternative, which is well expressed on a notice in a nature reserve that I have visited in West Wales – also a natural woodland and thus no waste bins.

The notice there reads as follows: "Dog walkers: please do not leave plastic bags in the woods. It is hazardous to wildlife and spoils the wood for other visitors. Either take home your full bags or 'stick and flick' the dog mess off the path and don't use bags at all."

To the parish council: how about changing the wording of your notice to encourage dog walkers to be more environmentally friendly?

To walkers: as natural woodland contains only organic material, it is obviously wrong to add plastic to it. How about being more environmentally friendly with your dog mess?

Final sale for Sally

Sally Williams will be holding her 25th and final garden sale at her Little Paddocks home at the top of New Road, Bourne End, on Thursday 24th May from 11am to 6pm. This year's event is in aid of Diabetes UK and bipolar research charities, and will add to the £77,000 already raised for various good causes since Sally started staging the popular annual event a quarter of a century ago.

Sally explained why this year's event will be the last, saying: "It was a decision made with some reluctance but one that I feel is better made. Whilst I am still full of enthusiasm, rather than see it dwindle as I get older I want to go out with a bang!"

"I'm very grateful to everyone for their generous support over the years, especially my family. In the future I will offer the garden to various charities so that fund raising can continue – I shall not be retiring completely!"



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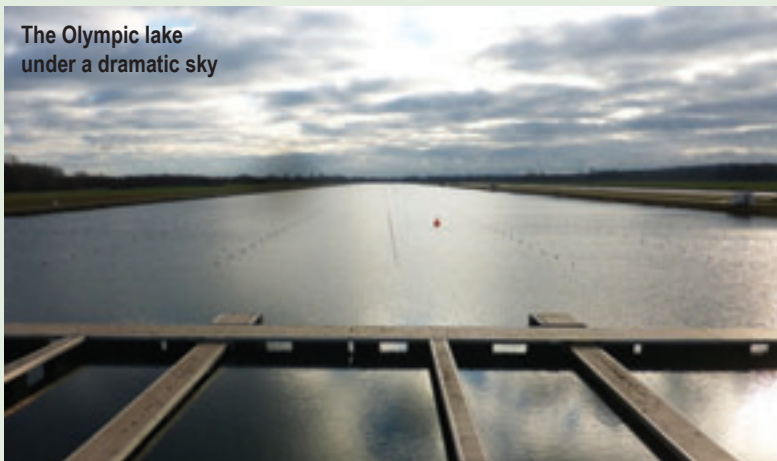
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Olympics preparations in full swing

By Tony Evans, British Rowing Council

I am writing this on a wet and cold Sunday afternoon, just one week before the final trials are due to be held on the Olympic course at Dorney Lake. It is therefore a little galling not to be able to report on the results of those trials, but I can't miss the editor's deadlines!

It was also unfortunate that the trials due to be held earlier in the year, also at Dorney Lake, coincided with a very cold spell of weather, and an overnight temperature of minus twelve froze the top inch of the lake to make rowing impossible.

Preparation for this summer's Olympics at the lake is becoming more obvious with the erection of a perimeter fence, work on the pedestrian footbridge across the River Thames from Windsor Racecourse, and a start control tower. Less obvious is the extensive cabling which is required for communications both around the site and to the external world.

Little news is leaking out from the GB national squad. In fact, our rowers have been asked not to give too much away in interviews, since it is known that the other top rowing countries are very keen to discover the training regimes that GB Rowing uses to produce success.

However, I do know that the men's lightweight and women's squads have been training on the Cookham-Marlow reach recently, so if you've been walking by the river, you may have seen them in action.

A very successful Thames Valley Trial Head was staged at Dorney Lake at the end of January. The event, organised by the Marlow regatta committee (who will hold their two-day regatta on the lake in June), attracted more than 500 crews ranging from the Oxford University women's eight to a first-ever appearance by youngsters from the Langley Academy, as well as many crews from all the local rowers.

We were fortunate to enjoy almost perfect conditions: no wind and flat water. Some LOCOG officials were present and are crossing their fingers for the same in July...but hopefully warmer!

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For the Field Party an afternoon of live music and dance has been arranged, with all the acts drawn from local talent. A saxophone band, a string quartet, jazz and zumba dance routines are all included, along with a community choir. A strongly-contested tug-of-war will feature and a Royal Jubilee oak tree will be planted, having been purchased by local donations.

Local people are welcome to come along with a picnic, tables and chairs. There will be a prize of a bottle of champagne for the best decorated picnic area, and tea and cakes will be provided free of charge. There will also be a real ale tent and a wine & Pimms stall.

The entrance fee on Sunday will be £5, with no charge for children aged 12 and under. There will be no charge for the Monday evening beacon lighting.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together, meet neighbours and friends in the lovely setting of Sappers Field and celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. To keep in touch with further information, look at the notice board outside Sappers Field.

Are you organising a special event to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee? Let us know by emailing editor@targetmagazine.org.uk and we'll publicise your event in the next issue of *Target*. See page 13 for details of a Jubilee event on Wooburn Green.

The Bourne Again Shadows



New rock & roll club in Bourne End

The South Bucks Shadows Club opened at the community centre on 26th January when 18 musicians entertained a total of nearly 70 visitors. The players and visitors had travelled from as far away as the south coast to enjoy this inaugural session and those who attended were not disappointed by the high standard of playing.

The evening was opened by the resident band, the Bourne Again Shadows, playing the tune that started the whole Shadows phenomenon in 1960: *Apache*. This was followed with *The Rise and Fall of Flingel Bunt*, a big hit from 1964, and a performance of Cliff Richard's *The Young Ones* by the club compere Mike Norris. Eric Pole was the first visiting player to take the stage with his renditions of *Kontiki* and *Perfidia*.

Rhythm guitarist Graham Hyde explained: "The format of the evening has been proven at other clubs around the country, with each player performing two numbers with the band and returning later in the evening to play another two."

"Due to the high turnout, time only permitted one number each in the second round but everyone reported a very enjoyable evening. It was felt that the sound, both in the hall and on the stage, was among the best experienced at any of the clubs in the country."

The group met again on 23rd February and 29th March, with strong interest and support from the local community. The next session is scheduled for 26th April, and players are welcome to take along their guitars to join in. Spectators can also come along and enjoy the excellent facilities at the community centre or just have a free cup of tea for an entry fee of only £2. If you'd like to find out more about these events, contact Graham on 0118 375 8900.

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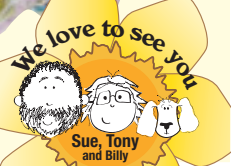
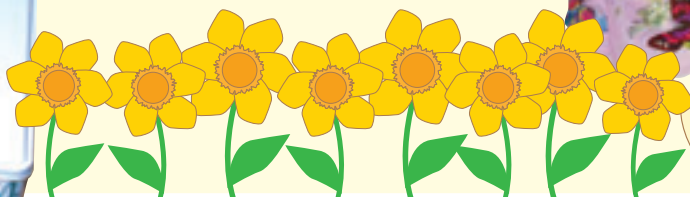
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Bourne End WI By Jenny Boas

One of the first projects for the recently formed Bourne End WI is to look after the flower tubs in the village. Some of the members have formed a gardening group and will fill the tubs with seasonal plants and bulbs. They also plan to grow vegetable and bedding plants to sell at WI meetings to help raise funds.

Pictured here are Margaret Butler, Pat Butterfield, Viv Higginson and Jean Roche.

Join us in the Bourne End Library at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of the month.



The monthly rambles continue to take place on the second Tuesday morning of the month, with the added incentive of a pub lunch somewhere in the countryside. Niki Ralfs kindly organises these walks and is excellent at choosing different and interesting places.

Craft & Chat also proves popular, and the 'crafty' ladies are making Easter decorations at present, guided by Mrs Glenda Barrett.

The March speaker was Judy Tipping, who gave an illustrated talk on the history of the Farnhams, including Burnham Beeches. Mrs Tipping was born in Farnham Royal, as were her parents and grandfather.

In April, Elizabeth Payne will be talking about her experiences as a midwife in Africa. Also in April, some members will be attending the group meeting hosted by Marlow Bottom WI, and the Bucks Federation annual council meeting at the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury. The main speaker will be Adam Henson from BBC's Countryfile – a treat to look forward to.

At the May meeting, members will be discussing and voting on the resolution which will go forward to the national AGM in June. There will also be bring

& buy and plant sales.

Val Clarke is arranging a visit to National Trust property, Tyntesfield near Bristol. This manor house has been restored and only opened to the public in 2011, so a very interesting day is in store.

Meetings take place on the first Tuesday of the month at Little Marlow Pavilion. Guests are always welcome. For further details ring 01494 523998.

Wooburn WI By Isabel Swain

This year this spring seems to be coming and then going – the poor birds don't know what to make of it. The WI, however, can cope with most changes...as you can find out by becoming involved. So why not come along and join us?

Wooburn WI meets on the first Wednesday in each month at 2.15pm at St Mary's pastoral centre, Wooburn Green. There is ample parking and it is also on the bus route between Wycombe and Bourne End.

Apart from formal business, the current programme includes Easter cooking on 4th April, a discussion of the resolution to be debated at national level on 2nd May and on 6th June we will have hats! We look forward to meeting you.

Probus By Howard Fitzer

At our January meeting, the after-lunch speaker was a member of our own club, Edward Smethurst.

His subject – the development of Christ Church in Flackwell Heath – drew attention to the fact that in the early 20th Century the village was a tiny community of three or four hamlets, linked by country lanes. It is no surprise, therefore, that the original church, built in 1932 and dedicated by the Bishop of Buckingham, was a small wooden structure with a brick frontage accommodating only 50 people.

The next stage of development was the building, in 1959, of a new stone-built church following a fire which destroyed the old wooden section. What is remarkable about this church is the installation, in the same year, of the 'Rose Window'. This outstanding window features abstract styling using old coloured glass reputedly salvaged from the wartime bombing of Coventry Cathedral – a unique feature which remains today.

Our 30th AGM was held in February. On these occasions we review the events of the past year, as well as nominating and electing a new committee. Our rules dictate that the current chairman is automatically succeeded by the current vice-chairman. Accordingly, outgoing chairman Colin Ball presented a favourable report on the year's activities and duly handed over the regalia of office to the former vice-chairman John Daymond.

Club members with a burning ambition to serve on the committee generously decided to contain their enthusiasm in favour of the current committee when informed that the latter had volunteered to remain in office. This remarkable development may well have been occasioned by a persistent rumour that those who failed to volunteer for a further period in office would be dragged in chains by a galloping horse down their local high street. Democracy in action.

We look forward to a full programme of presentations and outings in the coming year.

Little Marlow & Well End WI By Diana Spokes

The March meeting took place at Little Marlow Pavilion with 43 members welcomed by president Judy Wilson. Reports were given on the thriving Book Club, organised by Janet Chambers, and the newly-formed choir which meets at Anne Dowling's house for rehearsals.

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Rotary shows off its talents

The Rotary Club of Bourne End and Cookham was delighted to welcome national president Ray Burman to its March meeting at Flackwell Heath Golf Club. Among the guests were potential new members and Rotarians from six clubs in the Thames Valley.

Harry Midgley started off the meeting by outlining the work of Rotary, including a wide range of fundraising projects locally, nationally and internationally. From the familiar 'Rotary Rocket' at local events to the purchase of 22 lifeboats for the RNLI since 1974, Harry was proud of the work done by the Rotary family.

David Buckland, a past district governor, then told everyone how Rotary had changed his life by allowing him to take on new challenges.

The message from UK president Ray Burman to the assembled guests was simple: "You should join Rotary. You can do so much more as part of Rotary," adding that the message is for now – not waiting for retirement or some other excuse.

Bourne End president Richard Monger closed the meeting by telling Ray about some of the great work being done at local schools, especially with the Rotakids project for 8-12 year olds and the Interactors at Wye Valley School.

To find out, more ring secretary Chris on 01628 528864 and go along to one of the fortnightly meetings, usually held at The Kings Head, Church Road, Little Marlow.



Bourne End president Richard Monger (left) with UK president Ray Burman



Shoot out

Bourne End Junior Sports Club footballers at Adams Park, the home of Wycombe Wanderers FC, where they took part in the half time penalty shoot out. Wycombe's Gareth Ainsworth is pictured on the back row. See another photo and read the sports club news on page 19. Photo by Paul Dennis.

Busy time for Inner Wheel

By Ann Bown

After the many activities of last year, 2012 started off a bit quieter. We went along to the Thames Valley Adventure Playground in Maidenhead on Inner Wheel Day to prepare the mail drop for their charity fun run.

Elaine organised a visit to see Death On The Nile at The Theatre Royal in Windsor, and district chairman Dorothy Simpson joined us for our January meeting at Elaine's, where she gave us a little insight into what the 'top job' entails while we all enjoyed Carolyn's super lasagne followed by some magnificent puddings.

At our February meeting Valerie's daughter Catherine gave a most interesting talk about the gorillas of Rwanda – she spent two days with them whilst on holiday. Club president Diana chaired another great Charter Night Dinner at Winter Hill and our speaker Sally Botwright gave an excellent potted history on the Olympic Games up to the present.

Some members dressed up and donned lots of bling to join with Cookham Bridge Rotary Club at a 'Diamonds Are Forever' evening organised by Rhiannon Calladine. They raised a magnificent £2,300 for Paralympics and WAMSAD – a sports club that provides facilities for disabled people.

We now look forward to many more fundraising and other activities in the months to come – with much fun along the way.

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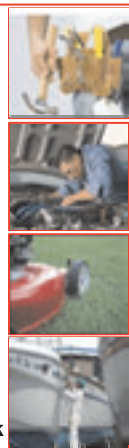
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Bourne End Library News

By Inka D'Agostino, library manager

The highlights of the last couple of months were two events for children. Firstly we saw the return of the City of London Sinfonia orchestra, which ran enjoyable and well attended music workshops for our toddlers.

Then, a couple of weeks later, every class from Claytons School visited the library during World Book Week. It was indeed a pleasure to see such happy and interested children, who were so eager to read our books (see page 23 for pictures).

Another enjoyable occasion was our Lifestyle Club, which was well attended in February when David Davis gave a fascinating talk on the history of food (see page 34). The Lifestyles Club programme for the next few months is as follows:

Friday 27th April: The work of hearing dogs

Friday 18th May: Librarian travels

Friday 22nd June: The movies, with local writer and film critic Quentin Falk

By popular demand we are organising another book speed-dating evening to celebrate World Book Night. This will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 19th April – please join us for this very sociable and enjoyable evening. Refreshments will be served.

For the Easter holidays the Romans are returning to Bourne End! On Wednesday 11th April Wycombe Museum will be holding two sessions on Roman life in our local area. These will take place from 10.30-11.15am and 11.30am-12.15pm – please contact us to reserve a place for your child.

If you require conference facilities, meeting rooms or simply a room for a children's party, the library makes an excellent venue. The rates for our community rooms and classroom are very reasonable. Please contact us for further information and availability.

Regular activities

Sew, Knit and Natter meets every second Wednesday in the month from 10.15am-12.15pm, and on the last Saturday of the month from 1.45-3.45pm.

The Bourne End Community Market takes place every second Saturday of the month from 10am-1pm.

For children we have **Action Kids** on Mondays from 10.15-11am and 11.15am-midday (children aged 18 months and above) and 10.30-11.15 am (children aged under 18 months).

Story time takes place on Tuesdays from 10.15-11.45am, and **Bounce and Rhyme** is on Thursdays from 10.30-11am.

For further information on any library activities or to book for an event please contact us on 0845 2303232 or email lib-boe@buckscc.gov.uk



Julia Wooster

Affordable, good-quality jewellery at the market

Before giving us the background story about her products, Julia Wooster – proprietor of the Blue Cat Jewellery stall at the monthly Bourne End Community Market – needs to explain the name: why Blue Cat?

"That's simple!" she smiles. "It's named in honour of my British blue shorthair cat."

Good. Now we know that, we'll allow Julia to tell us a little more about her jewellery: "It started as a hobby in 2008, but I enjoyed it so much that I ended up with far more than I could possibly wear! So I decided to set up a small business designing, making and selling hand-made jewellery. I sell at many local events, and also take bookings for private jewellery parties as well as offering a bespoke design service."

Despite maintaining affordable prices and producing unique designs, Julia only uses the highest quality materials for her products, such as Swarovski Crystal, 925 Sterling Silver

and semi-precious stones such as mother of pearl and rock quartz. "My aim is to make affordable, good-quality jewellery that offers something a bit different to the average high street mass-produced jewellery," she says.

Julia played a pivotal role in launching the monthly Bourne End Community Market just over a year ago, and she recalls, "I met with Rosie O'Hagan to start discussions on setting up a monthly market. I was keen to start something that would give local craft producers somewhere to regularly present their goods, in addition to helping the library to increase its footfall and room usage."

"Rosie and I worked closely together to get the market off the ground and running successfully, and I really enjoy our monthly markets. It's not just about being there and selling; it's about being a part of the community and having a good time. There's always a great atmosphere and I'm so glad the market has been well received."

If you want to find out more about Julia's jewellery or the market in general, you can contact Julia at bluecatjewellery@aol.com or on 07775 797879, or visit the Facebook page www.facebook.com/bluecatbourneend

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Top shot Jamborees

Cubs from 1st Bourne End's Jamboree pack won the district shooting competition at the end of 2011. It was the first Marlow District air rifle competition that has been held in recent years, and the event was hosted by the Marlow Rifle and Pistol Club at Court Garden Leisure Centre. The Marlow Club were extremely good, providing the necessary qualified people and one-to-one instruction for the cubs when they were shooting. Many had not fired an air rifle before.

Thanks go to Stephen Clegg from 1st Flackwell Heath Pawnee Cubs who organised the event. He said, "We were delighted that five cub packs entered, with a total of 25 youngsters." Jamboree won the pack competition, with Ben Forster from Flackwell Heath taking the individual trophy.

Earlier in the year, Jamboree had been to Jersey for their summer 2011 trip, enjoying glorious weather and days on the beach. For this summer they have booked Blackwell Adventure Park in Bromsgrove for their pack holiday. There will be a canoeing trip on the River Severn, a visit to a chocolate factory, an industrial heritage site, a tree top walk and as many other adventures as possible.



As a warm-up for their summer trip, Jamboree Cubs will be off to Pheasants Hill camp site in June, heading under canvas to do lots of scouting activities including backwoods cooking, making bivouacs, games in the woods and fire lighting. All great fun for everyone.

Jamboree top shots with organiser Stephen Clegg. From l-r: Zack Bleekendaal (8), Daniel Chapman (9), Euan Emery (9), Charlie Harrison (9), Cameron Jameson (10) and Luke Scarborough (8).



Food, glorious food

When the new Lifestyles Club met at the library in February they probably thought they already knew quite a lot about the subject on offer.

David Davis described his talk as 'Food Glorious Food' but surprised his audience by taking them back millions of years to explain how food had changed our ancestors, both physically and mentally. When man had to chew and chew at raw food, the facial shape was broad with large muscles.

Later, when the discovery of fire meant that food could be cooked and softened, the face shape narrowed with fewer muscles required. Then more nutrition meant an increase in brain size.

It was a fascinating journey through our history from someone whose career had been totally food. David's many roles had taken him all over the world – even to Grimsby! He talked about the early forms of food preservation, right up to today's pack information, 'best by' and 'use by dates'. There were also humorous moments when he reminded everyone that 'stressed' backwards spells 'desserts', and that tapeworms three millions years ago were no different from today.

The meeting finished with laughter, grateful applause and thanks from library manager Inka D'Agostino. Then an invitation to come back in March for the next Lifestyles event in the library.

Thanks to David Davis (centre) for a fascinating talk. Pictured left to right are Ethel Gurney, Peter Leavey, Brian Jackson and David Cook.

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OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, LITTLE MARLOW

We had a full church at All Saints' Marlow for the induction service of our new Rector, Dave Bull. We are still calling on our visiting clergy to take some services, and will continue to do so until the vacancy for a second team vicar is filled.

Services for Holy Week and Easter start on Monday 2nd April at St Mary's in Marlow Bottom, followed by Tuesday 3rd at Little Marlow, Wednesday 4th at All Saints' Bisham, and Maundy Thursday at Little Marlow (all starting at 8pm).

On Good Friday there is an ecumenical service at Christ Church Marlow, followed by a walk to Higginson Park, with lunch in the Pugin



Rooms at St Peter's RC. A three hour service starting at noon will be held at All Saints' Marlow. On Easter Day we will have an 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) followed by a Family Eucharist at 11am.

CORES END UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Many thanks to everyone who supported the pancake morning on 21st February, when more than £600 was raised for the maintenance of our churchyard, which is a beautiful place to remember loved ones in a well kept area of quiet contemplation.

Our LinkUp club's activities during April and May will include musical entertainment, an RNLI talk, a cookery demonstration, and an outing to Toad Hall. Meetings are once a fortnight on Tuesday mornings.

Easter celebrations will feature a Maundy Thursday evening shared meal with Holy



Communion, a Good Friday morning meditation, and Easter Morning service.

Christian Aid Week will again be supported by our church folk undertaking door to door collections and with a bread and cheese lunch.

Family worship with junior church and creche for the under 3s continues every Sunday morning at 10.30am with Holy Communion on the third Sunday of every month; all are welcome. Our Praise Group prepares for worship at 10.15am on the last Sunday of the month.

Further information about church life can be found on our website www.coresendurc.com

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, HEDSOR

Easter is a special time at St. Nicholas' Church. As you will see on page 11 we are holding a Service of Light on Easter Eve at 7pm. This is a beautiful and meaningful service when we bring the new light from our brazier into the church. For those who wish to see the sunrise on Easter morning, come to St Nicholas' at 6am when we will hold a sunrise service with our beacon alight. Our Easter Morning service is at the usual time of 9am, after which there will be an Easter egg hunt.



Another occasion when we will use the brazier is for the Queen's Jubilee. We will host a special songs of praise on Monday 4th June at 7pm. Ours will be one of the 1,200 beacons lit for the Jubilee, and these occasions show the view from the church at its best.

On the third Sunday of each month we have a special time for children when our Pebbles group meet. Every Sunday our communion service is at 9am.

ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH

We have been observing the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving over the past few weeks, as well as making time for daily personal prayer and reflection, using special prayer cards, prayer podcasts and even an online prayer adventure.



At this time of the year we focus on raising funds for CAFOD (Catholic Fund for Overseas Development), including donations for a campaign which aims to provide clean water and sanitation for the world's poorest families.

We have also been serving simple Lenten lunches of soup and bread after midday Mass on Fridays. These have been well supported, adding over £1,000 to the amount raised.

Closer to home, donations for the local foodbank in Slough have been piling up. Run by the Trussell Trust, these foodbanks are a lifeline, providing emergency support to local people in crisis.

We invite you to our Easter celebrations: Palm Sunday (1st April) 10.15am; Good Friday (6th April) 12.30pm, 3pm and 7.30pm; Easter Sunday (8th April) 10am.

ST MARK'S CHURCH

We start April with the Palm Sunday procession at 10am from Bourne End Garden Centre to St Mark's Church

behind a donkey, when we will be joined by Claytons School.

Easter services take place on Tuesday 3rd April (6pm), Thursday 5th (8pm), and Sunday 8th (10.30am). There will also be a Good Friday procession from Blind Lane at 12.30pm, ending at St



Mark's church hall for a hot cross bun.

On 15th April Russell Spencer will talk to us on behalf of the Children's Society, and we will celebrate our patronal festival at 10.30am on 29th April.

On 6th May we'll hold our all age Service at 10.30am, and on 17th May there will be an Ascension Day service in the church garden at 8pm. There will be a special celebration on 27th May for the Diamond Jubilee: 60 years of memories. This will take place from 4-5.30pm and include a tea.

There will be services of wholeness and healing on 25th April and 23rd May, and our monthly markets will take place on 21st April and 19th May from 10am-midday.

Details for all events can be found at www.parishes-of-hedsor-and-bourne-end.org.uk

ST PAUL'S CHURCH AND ST MARY'S CHURCH WOOBURN

Our children's Sunday Club continues to learn about the Old Testament. Everyone is welcome to join in from 9.30am each Sunday (except the first in the month, when we have our family service at 10.30am).

Easter services will be on Good Friday 6th April at 2pm and Easter Sunday 8th April at 8am and 9.30am.

We will also hold our Easter egg hunt on Monday 9th April from 2-4pm, following the trail around Wooburn Manor Park.

Date for your diary: our teddy parachute jump from 2-4.30pm is on Sunday 17th June. This has proved great fun for children, adults and teddies alike!

Our open Sundays will continue from June 24th throughout the summer months. Do join us any Sunday afternoon for tea and cake, plus a walk around our beautiful church.

All the normal groups at St Paul's and St Mary's will return after the Easter break: toddlers on Tuesdays at 9.30am, tot's praise on Fridays at 9.45am and our Friday short service at midday, followed by a shared lunch at St Mary's.

The church hall and garden are available for bookings on 01628 525512.



Centre Attractions

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Tea Dance

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see page 28 for full
details.

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Sunday 15th April,
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The Farndale Avenue
Townswomen's Guild
Amateur Dramatic
Society's Murder
Mystery

*Murder at
Checkmate
Manor*

Thursday 17th May.
First performance of new
play by Forum Players –
see page 28 for all
performance info.

COMMUNITY

About the Community Centre

The Bourne End Community Centre in Wakeman Road offers excellent facilities which are enjoyed by a variety of groups which meet to enjoy their chosen sport, activity or recreational hobby. There are regular music and drama events in the theatre hall, and a comfortable bar is open every day.

Sections of the Community Association with weekly bookings include Forum Players, Chess, Short Mat Bowls, Darts, Petanque, Wedmorn Badminton and Musical Players – you can read their latest news on these pages. And turn over to pages 38-39 for updates from the affiliated groups which meet every few weeks.

FOCUS ON...



Forum Players

After the successful assistance given by Cookham Dental Practice/Rodericks Ltd to our pantomime, we are delighted to announce that the sponsor has decided to extend its financial commitment for the whole of the coming year, including the 2013 pantomime.

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And now to our spring show: The Farndale Avenue Townswomen's Guild Amateur

Dramatic Society's Murder Mystery. If you've been to a Farndale show you will know that giggles are compulsory – and that's from the audience. The cast, of course, take it very seriously.

The show will appeal to all clubs and societies that are predominantly run and supported by women. Ladies who will rise to a challenge...though in this case they may have bitten off more than they can chew with a plot and a script that would defy the wits of Sherlock Holmes. We hope it will be a good night out for anyone who is a member of a group and who knows what it's like to organise an event.

The four ladies in the Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society are a force to be reckoned with. The sheer scale of their ambition in mounting Murder at Checkmate Manor is only matched by their overwhelming confidence in their abilities to master all 14 – yes 14 – parts.

Pictured left, in just one of their many roles, are three of



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CENTRE NEWS

the four ladies. From the left, Dave Fisk has just one role as Inspector O'Reilly. Ros Bartlett is dressed for her role as the butler but also doubles as Colonel King. Sam Higgins is the haughty Daphne Bishop while Emily Plumridge plays various members of the Bishop family, a French maid and even an elderly solicitor.

The play is set in the drawing room of Checkmate Manor. The family gathers for the reading of the will of the late Sir Reginald Bishop. However, someone else has designs on the Checkmate millions, and will stop at nothing to get them. A string of grisly murders follows, where everyone has a motive and everyone is a suspect in a classic whodunit farce.

David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jr have written ten Farndale plays, starting in 1976, and this murder mystery is the third of the series. Our show is produced by Brenda Phelps, who trod the boards in our two previous Farndale shows in 1991 and 1994.

Show dates are Thursday 17th May to Saturday 19th May nightly at 8pm. There will be the usual free performance for senior citizens on Wednesday 16th May at 8pm. Ticket prices are £9 adults and £7 concessions. Box office is in the library or ring 01628 52329, email leigh@forumplayers.com

Please support our quiz supper on Saturday 26th May in St Paul's church hall, Wooburn Town. Look out for the posters closer to the date.

Darts

Saucy Sue of the Friday team reports on the phenomenal support she gets from her side, adding that she is proud and honoured to be their captain; this in spite of their mediocre results in the league so far. In the cup they are seventh out of fourteen, so they are not doing so badly. What they are extremely good at, being top of the league in that department, is sociability – as anyone who has seen them in action will verify.

Arrowman Tony of the Wednesday side hides his light under a bushel and has barely been heard mentioning the unforgettable seven to four win over the legendary Black Lion side, possibly because his loud hailer has been stolen.

Laconic Lee of the Tuesday side leads his team in the same sociable style as the Friday crew. Is it because many of his side also are in that side? They are not top of their league, neither are they at the bottom.

From the above you will be able to surmise that all three sides put enjoying a night out playing darts before results. Taking part... etc etc. You too could be having fun. Why not join in?

Chess

As the season moves towards a conclusion, the first team will almost certainly win the Bucks League and may achieve a 100% record, while the third team lead the second division by a narrow margin which, if maintained, will keep the second team in the top division.

In the stronger Berkshire League, the first team are mid-table and the second team will narrowly miss out on promotion back to division two. The results are displayed on the websites www.buckschess.org.uk and www.berkshirechess.org.uk. If you want to know more about Bourne End chess, contact Roger de Coverly on 01628 486676.

Crib

The current season is almost at an end and, although we haven't done too well in the competition ratings, we have all enjoyed getting together, meeting other teams and having a nice evening out on what would otherwise be a very quiet Monday night. We would be delighted to welcome new players to join our team for the new season that will get underway in October. Please call Belinda Parsons on 07849 988128 if you are interested.

President's Challenge



Number 68

Answer these questions, set by Community Association president Penny Walsh, and hand in the form at the Community Centre (along with your £1 entry fee) for a chance of winning Penny's special mystery prize. Funds raised go to the Community Centre.

All the answers begin with 'T'.

1. A story.
2. Port and resort in Florida.
3. Large, hairy, tropical spider.
4. A local Close off Goddington Road.
5. Less common word for a pub.
6. Daily national newspaper.
7. Local river.
8. European fresh-water fish.
9. Spanish island in the Atlantic off NW Africa.
10. Poet Laureate 1850-1892.
11. Portable shelter of canvas, plastic etc.
12. Dog: Jack Russell, Airedale etc.
13. Another name for the shin-bone.
14. Capital of Albania.
15. He wrote Anna Karenina.
16. Garment worn in ancient Rome.
17. Unit of weight equal to 2240 lbs.
18. Water tortoise/fresh-water turtle.
19. Bicycle made for two.
20. Non-stick coating on pans etc.

The closing date is Tuesday 1st May.

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ANSWERS TO QUIZ 67

1. Stonehenge. 2. Sydney. 3. Spade Oak. 4. Syringa. 5. Slough. 6. Sappers Field. 7. Scrabble. 8. Simon. 9. Saltire/St Andrew's. 10. Scorpio. 11. Sapphire. 12. Silver. 13. Squid. 14. Scurvy. 15. Sardine. 16. Soprano. 17. Solomon. 18. Soccer. 19. Skull. 20. Sketch.

Winner: Barbara Walmsley, Elm Drive, Bourne End

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OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

1st Bourne End Scout Group

As we move further into 2012, our numbers are increasing and we are looking for more assistant leaders to support the leaders we already have.

We already have a new Beaver leader, who will be looking for a new assistant when we open an extra Beaver colony at the end of this term. We have two Cub packs, and a Scout Troop which is now so big that it would be best to divide it into two. If you can help as an assistant, and your child is on the waiting list, he or she will go to the top of the list.

At the district leaders' meeting in February some dates were set. A night hike for scouts took place on 16th March, and on 31st March a number of coaches will be heading to Wembley for another rugby match between Saracens and Harlequins. Our Donkey Derby will be on 30th June, featuring some new attractions such as tug-of-war and a children's dog show. This year's Donkey Derby committee is very small so if you would like to help on the Friday evening before the Donkey Derby, or on the Saturday morning, you would be most welcome.

Camps have been booked and the scouts will spend a week at a farm in Wales, which is so much better than a camp site. They will learn to cook and clean for themselves, and other skills to take into adulthood.

Jungle cub pack will be camping in May and the Jamboree pack are organising their camp. The Beavers (who do not camp) have planned games in the woods by torch light, a visit to St Paul's Church, and are learning basic skills such as first aid and fire lighting. Jungle cub pack have also been working towards their health and fitness badge, and next term they will move onto global conservation and first aid, along with outdoor activities as the weather improves.

Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, has become a volunteer in scouting. I am sure the group she joins, near her home in Anglesey, will be very proud to welcome Her Royal Highness, with her gift of relating to young people.

On Monday 20th February our scout HQ was broken into via a window. The damage inside is considerable – every cupboard that was locked was smashed open, and our locked equipment store had the door frame broken off. Our camp water containers were stolen, as well as copper piping from the oil tank, and we had to cancel Beavers so the police crime squad could check out the building.

Fortunately, the items stolen by the

vandals have relatively low value on the open market, and there is little of value in our HQ – except of course to the scouts – so the damage and vandalism caused was certainly not justified. I have been given to understand that a church, a public building, and Wooburn's scout HQ were also broken into that same weekend. The good news is that we are back up and running, after having to close for only one evening.

If you would like any information on Bourne End Scout Group, please call Roy Harris on 01628 526805.

RNLI Bourne End & District

The committee is facing another busy year, aiming to match or better last year's record total. The first event in 2012 will be the AGM and social evening on Thursday 12th May, starting at 8pm in the small hall of the community centre. Everyone is warmly welcome but please let Diana Spokes know on 01628 523736 so the committee know how many to cater for.

Our AGMs are usually very well attended, which gives the chairman and committee an opportunity to thank all the helpers and supporters personally.

The annual door-to-door collection starts on Monday 30th April and ends with the Flag Day on Saturday 5th May. Extra help is much needed, particularly in the Wooburn area. If any Target readers feel they can spare an hour or two, please contact John or Diana Spokes on the above number.

There will be a national two-day collection at Tesco on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th May, and Tesco Loudwater has also kindly granted us another two-day collection Friday 8th and Saturday 9th December. They are great supporters of the RNLI.

We will also be collecting at Sainsbury Beaconsfield on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th June and again in October, and for the first time a collection is planned at Waitrose Beaconsfield in July.

Margaret and Kevin Hourigan are busy planning our stall at the Flackwell Heath Cherry Fayre, where we will be selling new and nearly new toys and games, DVDs and CDs. Any donations will be welcomed. Contact Margaret on 01628 522700.

Finally, the chairman and committee have great pleasure in extending their congratulations to John Spokes on being awarded a richly deserved Gold Badge in recognition of his many years of hard work for the RNLI.

Similarly, Anthony Crowther, a long-time supporter and past committee member, has been awarded a Certificate of Thanks by the RNLI for his many years of service.

Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association

The 28th January was a cold evening, but the Flackwell Heath community hall soon

warmed up once our annual dance got underway. Seventy seven people attended the barn dance and right from the start the floor was full of dancers, expertly guided by caller Ivan Aitken and entertained by musicians Janet and Peter. At the break there was a hot baked potato supper, followed by a selection of Estelle's famous desserts. After the raffle it was back to the dancing, fun and laughter.

The AGM and reception took place on Saturday 3rd March at St Dunstan's hall. There were 57 members present to hear chairman Rob DeVillie inform the meeting that 2012 is the tenth anniversary of the first contact being made with Oteville sur Mer and, to mark this anniversary, members will receive a unique lapel badge.

Peter Yeeles stepped down as secretary and the new joint secretaries Lorna Hopper and Marie Willingham were duly elected along with a new committee member, Viv Pollock. Following the formalities, a two-course buffet supper was served and we were entertained by the mellow melodies of the Cookham Hand Bell Ringers.

This year's twinning visit of our friends from Oteville sur Mer to Bourne End will take place on 11th-14th May. We are expecting 52 Otevilleais to arrive at midday on Friday for a small welcoming reception at St Dunstan's.

On the Saturday we will enjoy a visit to Warwick Castle, with the soirée and barn dance taking place on the Sunday in the Flackwell Heath community hall.

Jeannine Greville Dance Academy

The Bourne End branch is as busy as ever with students working towards their next medal tests in May, while those who were successful in earlier tests are preparing for the semi-finals of the British Arts Competition.

Bourne End Horticultural Society

In March we welcomed Tim Miles, who spoke about the delights of the kitchen garden. On 19th April we'll enjoy Mr Linegar's presentation on 'Irises all the year round', and in May we'll be instructed in the art of growing cut flowers by Graham Talbot. New members are most welcome so please contact Penny Hampson on 01628 521482 if you are interested.

Bucks Family History Society

The Family History Society meets on the second Tuesday in each month at 7.15pm at the community centre. On 10th April we'll be visited by Ian Williamson, who will tell us how to get the most out of Google Maps, and on 8th May Dave Foster will host a beginners' meeting. New members and visitors are welcome to turn up on the night.

Soroptimist International

Thames Valley members of Soroptimist

International, the worldwide organisation for women in management and the professions, meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the community centre. For more information on our activities and membership please visit our website www.sitv.org.uk

Flower Club

The Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society meets on the first Tuesday of every month at the community centre, with regular appearances from national demonstrators. Recently we have enjoyed pleasant evenings with Nick Grounds, who presented a new and novel aspect of flower arranging, and Kyoko Regan, who presented her view of 'East meets West'.

Our next event will be at 8pm on 3rd April, when the highly renowned national demonstrator Barbara Collier will present on the theme 'Just for you'. And on 1st May, Carol Dorward will present her 'Floral Farrago'.

Visitors are welcome and there is a chance to win one of the arrangements. Please contact Liz Payne on 01628 476641 if you are interested in membership.

Townswomen's Guild

The Townswomen's Guild meets on the second Wednesday in every month at 1.30pm in the community centre.

Please call 01628 527931 if you'd like more details on our meetings or membership.

Wooburn Park Lawn Tennis Club

Despite snow-covered courts we had few winter matches postponed and are completing our league programme. Floodlight tennis has been popular during the winter but we are now looking forward to the summer evenings and weekend county matches, where we run two teams for men and two for ladies.

Bourne End Video Camera Club

We have room for new members whether they wish to improve their film-making skills or simply join in the fun of an enjoyable hobby. We meet in the Target Room at the community centre on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 7.30pm.

For further details contact our Secretary John Zammit on 01628 520779 or look on our website www.bevcc.co.uk

Marlow & District Railway Society

Members of the Marlow & District Railway Society, meet on the third Thursday of each month at the community centre. Visitors are always welcome.

For more information contact Malcolm Margetts: mandw.margetts@btinternet.com.

CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

Events in the community centre unless otherwise stated

APRIL

- 3 Tue** CentreJAZZ: live music from 8pm in the bar with David Jones and the Dixieland Band. Admission priced £5.
- 5 Thu** Quiz night in the bar – why not enter a team? The fun starts at 8.30pm.
- 8 Sun** Magpie's Nest antiques fair from 9.30am-3.30pm
- 9 Mon** Easter tea dance to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the community centre. See page 28 for full details.
- 14 Sat** Bourne End Community Market in the Bourne End Library. Support local stallholders from 10am-1pm.
- 15 Sun** Table-top sale in the community centre: 9.30-11.30am.
- 15 Sun** Open day at Upper Thames Sailing Club.
- 16 Mon** Annual meeting of Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council starting at 7.30pm in St Paul's church hall.
- 20 Fri** Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company. Please note there is no monthly dance in May.
- 21 Sat** Cirque Normandie show at Juniper Hill School, Flackwell Heath. Performances at midday & 3.30pm, tickets £8 each or £28 for family of four, on sale from Express Video, both newsagents in Flackwell Heath & McColls in Bourne End. Raising funds for Juniper Hill School.
- 26 Thu** Public meeting to discuss the future of the day centre in Bourne End. Small hall at 7.30pm.

MAY

- 1 Tue** CentreJAZZ: live music from 8pm in the community centre bar. Admission, priced £5, includes raffle.
- 3 Thu** Quiz night in the bar – why not enter a team? The fun starts at 8.30pm.
- 3 Thu** AGM of Bourne End Residents' Association, in the small hall, 8pm. Update on year's activities, open forum and coffee.
- 6 Sun** Magpie's Nest antiques fair from 9.30am-3.30pm.
- 11 Fri** Annual meeting of Little Marlow Parish Council at Abbotsbrook Hall, Well End, 8pm.
- 12 Sat** Bourne End Community Market in the Bourne End Library. Support local stallholders from 10am-1pm.
- 12 Sat** Open day at Bourne End Junior Sports Club, 10am-midday.
- 14 Mon** AGM and bi-monthly meeting of Wooburn Residents' Association at the Wooburn Club, 7.30pm.
- 17 Thu** First performance of *The Farndale Avenue Townswomen's Guild Amateur Dramatic Society's Murder Mystery* by Forum Players. See page 28 for more details and all performance dates, including free show for senior citizens.
- 24 Thu** Sally Williams holds annual garden sale at Little Paddocks, New Road, Bourne End, 11am-6pm.
- 26 Sat** Quiz supper for Forum Players, 7.30pm at St Paul's church hall. Tickets £10, including two-course supper, bar and raffle. Look out for posters closer to the date.

NEXT ISSUE

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AROUND & ABOUT... The last two months in pictures



Claytons bell on the move to its new home



Tony Elder, Eric Leuzinger, Tony Allen and Mark Jolliffe meet Rotary's UK president Ray Burman (right)



Inner Wheel members enjoy their 'Diamonds Are Forever' evening



Getting into the swing at the Blitz Ball



Maura Carr, Michael Payne and Sarah Byng at the Fairtrade coffee morning



Elaine Baudouin and Alan Ford strut their stuff at their charity dance in aid of Scannappeal



John Hill at the Blitz Ball



Recent demonstrations from the Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society



Rev Rosemary Payne and Norma Fazey sample Fairtrade products



Twinning association AGM

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