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2014 plans for new homes

New Bourne End homes are being built in 2014 including a development behind the recently completed Bramley Gardens in Station Road.

Plans for 12 dwellings were approved just before Christmas to extend the development of four houses built by Shanly Homes on the former garages and stables at Claytons. Many people will remember that Dr Kay Flanagan used to keep her donkeys on this land for many years.

Meanwhile a new cul-de-sac has been created off Furlong Road by local developers RAP and four new detached houses are under construction with accommodation over three floors. Called Edwards Court the site was created from a former engineering works and

the developers say that two further sites have yet to be released. Both schemes infill land behind properties in Furlong Road and Station Road.

Work has also started on the development along the old railway track behind Wycombe Lane where three blocks of flats and 12 semi-detached houses have been given the go-ahead. Local people raised strong objections to the various schemes submitted, but eventually permission was granted.

Moving to the other end of Bourne End, McCarthy & Stone have submitted new plans for their Oakfield Road and Parade Court site after their previous contemporary design was criticised for being too modern and out of keeping with the existing village street scene.

It was rejected by councillors on WDC's planning committee and a more traditional plan (left) was submitted at the end of December.

No changes have been made to the actual development content that comprises 25 'Later Living' apartments along with a Sainsbury's Local supermarket. McCarthy & Stone say that there has been a great deal of interest in the apartments and they are keen to get agreement so that the project can start to take shape during 2014.



Above, the access point in Bramley Gardens for 12 new Shanly homes and, right, an artist's impression of the new homes in Edwards Court off Furlong Road



It will help the planners to decide on the new application if you make your views known on the traditional styled proposal. The application number is 13/08109/FUL and you can submit your views on line via www.wycombe.org.uk/planning



More traditional styling for the Later Living apartments by McCarthy & Stone



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See page 34 for a look back at
some of Doug Ginger's
archived editorials

Rivet Challenge winners



Rivet Challenge prizewinners were kitted out in all the right gear, to match the Osborne guys, for the presentation on Bourne End Railway Bridge. Prizewinners, I-r, Lottie, Callum and Sophia. For Osborne, I-r, Vince, Chris and Ray. More pics and story on page 17.



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BULL'S EYE

Target went to press at the end of one of the wettest Januaries on record and a number of homes close to the river in Bourne End - particularly Riversdale and Abbotsbrook - were still clearing up the horrible damage from mucky flood water.

There have been numerous photographs taken of local flooded landscapes and posted on social media sites. While some may be beautiful to look at from the comfort of a dry home, they must seem far from lovely for the people who took the brunt of the relentless rain - including those poor souls who suddenly found their 15-minute route to work took more than an hour as they bypassed a flooded Cookham Moor.

This photo, by James Lambert, was taken in Abbotsbrook, mid-January and illustrates the human side of the floods - a lone resident, knee-deep in water, presumably trying to make it to the local shops for supplies.

While the weather may have been a bonus for wader makers and ducks, I hope, for the sake of the residents of flooded areas, that we are now in for some drier weather and that once the waters receded they didn't leave too much devastation in their wake.

On a funnier note, I had to laugh when I overheard a woman in Flackwell Heath worrying about the possibility of her home at the top of Blind Lane being flooded. For that to happen we'd all have to have evacuated Bourne End long ago!

Debra Aspinall, Editor



Proofreader wanted!

Can you spot the mistakes in this announcement?

If so you could be just the person we are looking for.

Target magazine needs a proofreader... and we are hoping one of our readers will volunteer for that role!

If you think you you'd enjoy the job (and you spotted all three mistakes in this plea) then please email Debra or Barrie (contact details on the left).

*Target is currently in need of distributors in Wooburn Green.
If you can help, please contact Barrie (details on the left)*

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 October 28, 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.



WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Chris Baker, President

We were sorry that Sue Rogers, our chairman, resigned in November. We thanked her for the contribution that she has made to the association and wished her well for the future. It is hoped that a new chairman will be appointed at our AGM in May.

The Wooburn Club was packed on Saturday November 23 when the Christmas lights were turned on once more to cheer the darkest period of the year and to commence the Christmas festivities in Wooburn. Those present were treated to a rare feast of Christmas music.

The Takeda Voices (pictured), a newly formed choir of staff from Takeda UK Ltd of Wooburn Green, made their debut singing a carol and some Christmas songs.



The Precious Few, a seven piece band, played Christmas music to sing along to, infused with some of their own original pieces. Father Christmas spoke to and danced with the children. How many children can say they have danced with Father Christmas! The money raised from mince pies, mulled wine and raffle will go towards maintaining the Christmas lights.

On the subject of Christmas lights we would like to thank those around The Green, who we felt made a special effort this year to make their shop windows attractive for the festive season. The Wooburn Club's tree looked splendid on

the south side of The Green. Many people around The Green also made an effort to decorate their houses with lights which enhanced the display that the association has been able to provide – thank you very much.

And now we are waiting for the additional daffodils on The Green opposite the nursing home to show themselves. These and a plaque on a bench are in memory of Kath Dulley. Kathleen lived all her life in Wooburn, first at Brook House on The Green where her father kept the shop and where later, being a trained nurse, she ran her own nursing home. She was always interested and active in local affairs, through Wooburn Residents' Association, the parish council and St. Paul's Church. She knew everything about old Wooburn and its people and worked to improve the community. Kathleen instigated the luncheon club for the elderly that ran for many years, organising lunches, helpers and transport. Her niece and nephew, who spent much time in Wooburn as children after their mother died, were sent photographs of the daffodils and plaque. Peter, Kath's nephew, wrote "What a wonderful way to remember Auntie Kath. I am so glad that my Aunt's life is being commemorated in this way".

Village Fete

Looking ahead to the long sunny days of summer, the association is busy planning a Village Fete. It is hoped that the whole community will want to take part: schools, churches, scouts, youth club and all other organisations. There will be a band, choir, tug of war (part of Wooburn's history), barbecue and much more. More details will be published in the next *Target* magazine.

The Community Led Plan

We were delighted to receive a response rate of over 20% to the questionnaires which went to every home at the end of September/beginning of October; a huge thank you to all those who responded. The results are currently being analysed and a report will be published later this year.

Old Wooburn Calendars for 2014

There are still a few available, price £5. If you enjoy looking at photos of old Wooburn you may like to purchase one to browse through. It has twelve photos dating as far back as the 1800s. You can call me on 01628 525601 for one or call into The Old Bell Pub, Wooburn Town where they still have a few for sale.

The Association's Meetings

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Over to you...

So it's goodbye from Simon and hello from Sue in the office at the community centre.

After 12 years as centre manager there were lots of good wishes for Simon on his retirement from those who use the centre regularly. At the same time they were delighted that Sue Ambrose would be swapping her part time role for a full time one as senior administrator.

Her new role will see Sue working in the office five days a week. "I've worked at the centre for 18 years now," Sue laughs "gosh doesn't that sound like a long time? But I'm looking forward to the challenge. We need to encourage more people to use our wonderful facilities and make everyone welcome here. That's for starters!"

Sue is aware there's lots of competition when it comes to providing a venue for weddings, parties, celebrations, children's activities, club meetings, shows etc. "We need to work together and get the



Simon handing over the centre's keys to Sue

message out there about what the centre has to offer, and, of course, we'll do it with a smile" she says with conviction. If there's one thing that Sue is renowned for is her smile.

Simon's retirement party, organised by Sue with helpers, gave regular users a chance to say thank you for his support over many years. Community association chairman Jeremy Ilic thanked Simon and reviewed some of the changes and improvements that had been made during his time as centre manager.

In the bright midday sunshine Jeremy concluded by mentioning the centre's solar panels which would be earning money for the centre as he spoke: "I know Simon took great delight in taking the readings especially on a day like today. Have a happy retirement."

The Future of Our Village (FoOV) Bourne End

We need the help of villagers to take the next step - progressing our action points on several fronts.

These areas include transport (especially parking, speeding, lorry movements), community and economy, policing (enforcement), development (Wycombe's Local Plan,) and Environment (cycling, open space, local walks).

In some cases it is for villagers to act themselves to support local businesses, the library and the day centre.

If you wish to be involved at a formal level, contact FoOV through its email address villageforum@yahoo.com or telephone Janet Gould on 01628 524122.

FoOV has updated its action plan which can be viewed at the website, www.bucksvoice.net/foov and we will be discussing action areas at future meetings.

Our AGM was reported in the local press, concentrating on the Speedwatch campaign in the Maidenhead Advertiser and the library in the BFP.

If you would like to get involved with Speedwatch, training can be arranged.

Most concerning for Bourne End though is the Local Plan of which all Bourne Enders should be aware and which will be finalised during February-October this year followed by a final consultation, unless there is slippage.

By Janet Gould & David Langford

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Marina Life with Peter Osborne



IT'S been some beginning to the year! Fortunately we were able to get our repaired tug into service in time for the floods. There is still some work to do on her, such as painting and fixing some of the fittings, but this will have to wait for warmer, drier weather. We may have a delayed 'launch ceremony' later on.

It's just as well we pressed her back into service as we have had a few missions during these floods including picking up a 'Marie Celeste' eight-wheel amphibious vehicle floating downstream, attending to ropes on boats moored within the reach and taking news crews out for filming. Some of the marina staff even managed to get themselves on the TV. Signed photographs can be obtained at the marina office for a very, very expensive price.

These latest floods exceeded last year's and the water level was just a few inches off that recorded in 2003. This is the first time that our office has flooded since the marina was redeveloped. This proved to be slightly

inconvenient and my feet became rather chilly dangling in the water.

We shifted stuff off the floor and ultimately moved the stuff to another premises to protect it. The wooden floor seemed to become uneven, but quite spongy, and the veneer on the shelf units began to peel off. A redecoration and fitting out of the office please Mr Marina Owner! (I can say that as last month a budget was agreed to do so).

As the water rose we deployed sand bags, they didn't actually work for us and their effect was not realised until the water left the office when we discovered that the floor was like a sandy beach. I had to stop Matty and Chaos playing beach volley ball in their Speedos as there just wasn't the room. It's lucky the windows are toughened glass though!

The pontoons worked well and the boats moved safely up with the water level. As with any flood we have collected a lot of drift wood. I don't know what happens, but every year loads of wood floats down the river. Where does it come from? I understand that the river banks are washed by the flood water, but do people just leave chopped-down trees until the floods to save them paying to have them taken away? It has become very apparent to me how many local people have wood burning stoves. We collect much of the wood into piles and then these piles disappear. Chaos has been quick to hide his stash for home use!

When the water level in front of the houses was up to the top of my waders I gave up walking along as my bits received a soaking, I then reverted to using the tug. The boys were fine as they have longer legs. We had many owners coming down to check on their boats, but most of them were unable to without waders. Fortunately they took our word for it that their boat was fine, hahaha, if only they knew!

When the Thames Path

floods in front of the houses it can get deep and the current in this area can be quite forceful, we

would recommend that people do not traverse it, but I was surprised how many people did, some with children! You should never walk through flood waters as you do not know what is underfoot. There have been too many horror stories in the press this time around. You have been warned.

Before the floods, we survived Christmas, New Year and even our annual 'Gentleman's Stroll' that took us to Marlow this year. We had a good number out and I think it's a sign of us all getting older that there are no messy yarns to tell. Having said that a good number of ales were sunk and I noticed some strategic eating occurring along the way. I was home in good time thus ensuring there was no necessity for the brandishing of the rolling pin when I came through the front door. Still there has to be a first time for everything.

Well, the sun is out and the boys are still in their waders cleaning the deposited sludge off the marina building. It's time I had another cuppa and put my head out of the door to chastise them again, I haven't shouted at them for at least 15 minutes. Needs must!

Peter Osborne
Marina Manager



The repaired tug returns to the marina. Photo by Kaye Townsend

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Although Geoff was a council member for a little less than a year he was popular with the other councillors and will be missed by all. The council would like to extend their sincere condolences to Geoff's family.

New Kid on the Block

I'm sure that some of you will have noticed that we have a new member of ground staff.

Jordan Trotman joined us as assistant groundsman in November 2013 and has spent the last couple of months learning the ropes from Roland. He is now getting stuck into learning how to use the various vehicles and tools although we're not letting him

loose with the chainsaw just yet.

We have also provided both groundsmen with new uniforms which we feel give them a more professional appearance.

New Play Equipment

Following on from the play equipment working party meetings, councillors have decided to purchase ten new pieces of play equipment. These pieces will add to what we already have and also replace some of the older, damaged equipment in four of our play areas.

The areas concerned are Blind Lane play area, Bourne End Recreation Ground, Watery Lane and Wooburn Park. On-site meetings are still to be held to determine the location of each piece and barring unforeseen problems work will begin in mid/late March. It is hoped that all new equipment will be *in situ* by the middle of April in time for the Easter holidays.

Wooburn Park Footpath Repair

There has been a long-standing problem regarding a length of footpath in Wooburn Park situated alongside the tennis courts.

The path had a large dip in it which flooded every time it rained and caused difficulties for anyone trying to negotiate it whether on foot or with a pram or wheelchair.

Councillors decided that the time had come to do something about it and instructed local company Four Seasons to undertake repair works to the area.

As Wooburn Park is now part of the Fields in Trust initiative and has Queen Elizabeth II field status the parish council was able to secure funding from the Fields in Trust to

pay for the work to be done.

The repair work seems to have done the trick so there shouldn't be any further problems in this area.

Trees in Bourne End

The parish council has recently had some thinning work done to the trees on Penny's Corner. Four trees were removed and new Christmas lights were installed in a tree in a more prominent position which certainly enhanced the area over the Christmas period.

Three new trees were planted in The Parade area from Lloyds Bank to the Carpet Warehouse.

These new trees were chosen specifically to blend in with the local street scene.

Meeting Dates 2014:

Full Council:

Feb 25, March 25

Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials:

Feb 4, March 4

Planning, Highways & Lighting:

Feb 5 & 26, March 19

Finance & General Purposes:

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Hedsor Parish has its 250th meeting in style



Hedsor Parish residents celebrated their 250th parish meeting in the grandeur of stately home Hedsor House.

Usually held in the historic St. Nicholas church, residents were delighted to be invited to a venue more used to hosting Hollywood A-listers like Dustin Hoffman, (who filmed Quartet there) and Downton's Maggie Smith). They enjoyed a celebratory drink and historic speeches in the grand hall at their biannual meeting.

Those present included three successive chairpersons, Jodie Cavaye (2011-present), Alexander Shephard (2004-2011) and Jonathan Rushworth (1988-2004), as well as the son of previous chairman, Sir Hugh Wontner (1947-1988).

Guests to the celebrations included representatives from organisations that touch the parish, such as Friends of St. Nicholas Church, Thames Valley Police, Taplow PC, Bourne End & Wooburn PC, Chepping Wye Valley LCP and local residents' associations.

Scheduled speeches covered the local history and were followed by personal anecdotes from those that grew up and still live in the parish.

Chairman Jodie Cavaye said: "Hedsor Parish is a uniquely small but beautiful corner of Buckinghamshire containing fewer than 100 households. As a result of its size, our parish meeting receives no funding or support, so we were extremely fortunate to hold our humble meeting in such a luxurious venue."

She added: "Our 250th meeting stood out as the perfect occasion for bringing everyone together to celebrate the parish and ties in with the government's aim of uniting communities and localising decision making, under the Localism Act of 2011. We could not have had such a memorable occasion without the very generous contribution of both venue and catering from the Shephard and Rushworth families."

Hedsor Parish held its first public meeting in 1894 just after the Local Government Act was passed. The 1894 legislation introduced elected councils at district and parish level, however with Hedsor having fewer than 200 electors, it was necessary to form a parish meeting, rather than a parish council. Over the last 119 years, roughly two meetings have been held each year.

The next Hedsor Parish meeting will be held at our normal venue of St Nicholas Church on Thursday, 25 April. All parish residents welcome.

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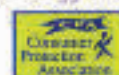
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Portraits in the library

In March the art exhibition in Bourne End library will highlight a group of portrait painters who meet every Friday in Studley Green. Some are professional artists and some leisure painters who relish the challenge of completing a portrait in two hours. It is very intensive work – no background music or social chat. And the results will astound visitors to the exhibition. Make sure you call in and spend some time looking at the faces, captured over a short moment in time.

Course tutor Sarah Luton explains that the core group of nine painters take it in turns to bring a model who has to sit still for four 30 minute sessions. Models have included two mayors, a judge and a Dominican Friar. Their portraits have been captured in a variety of media including charcoal, watercolour, pastel, oil and acrylic.

She explains that there is something fascinating about painting a portrait from life: "We don't get a chance to get to know the sitter so the paintings evolve from direct observation. It gives you the chance to move around and study the head and features from different angles to really understand their form. There are more colours and tones in reality which might not appear in a photo."

Portraits are an additional art form for Sarah. At the end of 2013 she exhibited her landscapes in the library. Trees dominated the views she captured around the local area and she believes that her pictures come to life as she paints from life. Her portraits lead her on a different trail. She does not set out with a method or preconceived idea of what she wants to achieve, but lets the portrait evolve. This approach keeps the images fresh and alive.

Here is Sarah's view of the group called Painters at Work while The Mayor of Thame has been captured by Lucy Stopford - one of the Studley Green group.

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Nick has already achieved a number of personal goals, including being close to completing the Seven Summits (the highest mountains of each of the seven continents), climbing Everest and qualifying as an Outdoor Instructor in climbing and mountaineering.

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To take part on the FREE course contact Nick on 07591076066, or via his email address: nickhollis@fitwaysadventures.co.uk. For more about Nick and his company go to the website: www.fitwaysadventures.co.uk



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By Gloria Barclay, parish clerk

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Flooding

By the time you read this, the flooding issues will, hopefully, be over. The Emergency Planning teams at Wycombe District Council were extremely helpful and provided sandbags when requested, though some properties did suffer. Thank you to everyone who helped.

Athletics Track

Work on the athletics track in Westhorpe Farm Lane is continuing according to plan and it is expected to be opened in July.

Fern Lane Cemetery

The annual working party will take place on Saturday February 22, starting at 10am. If you are able to give an hour or two of your time, please meet at the cemetery and bring along gardening gloves, secateurs, clippers etc. Hot drinks will be provided.

Waste Collections

After some teething troubles, the new waste collection system seems to be settling down. However, if you do have a problem, please report it on the Wycombe District Council website (www.wycombe.gov.uk) and click on waste.

Next Parish Council Meeting

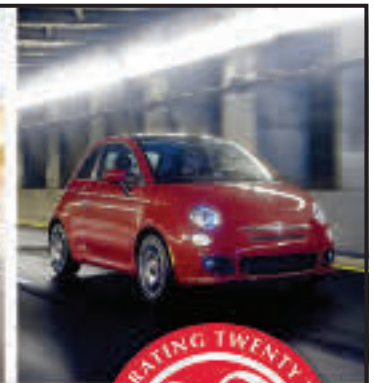
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Alan Smith is a familiar figure in Wooburn Green as he looks after the war memorial. People stop and ask for directions, his friends toot and wave as they drive by and his secret – well he just loves doing it.

How long have you been looking after the Wooburn war memorial?

I have a letter from the parish council dated 1963 agreeing to my doing it but well before that I used to help my father-in-law. So it could be close to 60 years. I know I use a motor mower when Sally's dad used a push mower which he took down to the memorial in an old wooden wheelbarrow. I think he got the job because Sally's mum was a parish councillor.

Are any members of your family on the war memorial?

Thankfully no but there's names of people both Sally and I knew. As you get older you start to appreciate how important people are and the sacrifice that was made by those who served in both world wars. Surprisingly there have been more people attending the Remembrance Service in November – it could be that more people are moving into the village and want to feel part of this special ceremony.

You live in Wooburn now but where did you live before that?

The family came to Bourne End when I was five and we lived in a row of cottages behind what was the Red Lion pub in Hedsor Road. Years later the cottages were pulled down and now they're pulling the pub down to put houses there. I went to old Claytons School just across the road from home and stayed there until I left at 14. I was one of the last ones to leave school at 14. A year later it went up to 15.

That seems very young?

That's what happened then. I got a job in one of the furniture factories and trained as an upholsterer. When I was made redundant I went straight out and got another job. I feel sorry for youngsters when they say they cannot get a job. It was easier then. My last job before retirement was with Antocks Lairn and I was there for 25 years. Sad that all furniture manufacture is gone from Wycombe.

Sally's from Wooburn Green – when did you meet?

It was at a bonfire in Wooburn Park. Her dad grew vegetables on land in Windsor Lane so we were married and then built a bungalow on part of the land. That was 1958 and there's no way we would want to move.

Were you ever worried about flooding?

We got good advice before building. We were told to raise the bungalow by two extra bricks so we did that. In May 2001 the fields all around were flooded by water running off the M40. The water came right across our garden but those two bricks made all the difference. The water stopped just below our ground floor and we stayed dry. Some neighbours weren't so lucky. But since then there have been big puddles in the meadow but nothing worse than that.

With Wooburn Park close by did you play cricket?

I played cricket for the Narkovians for over 20 years while Sally did the cricket teas. Now I go to watch my grandson Will play for the Colts. He was Colt of the Year in 2013 and he's been selected for the Bucks U14 squad. He plays football as well. Our granddaughter is older and she's having a gap year (something new for us) before she decides what to do next. I play snooker at the Wooburn Club but sadly my playing partner died not long ago. Sally and I are both Chelsea supporters and watching them this season has been great. We don't get to see too many games live these days as it's so expensive.

So what's good about Wooburn Green?

It's got a real village green and everything you need is around the green. There's a lovely park and when you go out so many people know you, smile and stop for a chat. The war memorial's part of that and I love being able to keep it tidy and looking good in spite of the worm casts and the acorns.

What's wrong with the acorns?

The oak tree has grown such a lot and from August onwards the ground is covered with acorns. And they fight back – when you rake them up they continue to fall on you. When you think you've got them all up – by November – down come the little acorn cups! I collect sackloads.

What will happen when you can't continue?

Just have to hope that someone will take it on. I think they will. Wooburn loves its war memorial and it's important, especially this year as it's the centenary of the start of the First World War.

I came along when Sally's dad was struggling and someone will do the same for me.



A Celebration of Excellence at Wye Valley School

A special report on Years 11 and 13 graduation by 16-year-old Year 12 student, Raina Vistro.

It was a night of happiness, honour and pride. A night when old friends got together to laugh, enjoy and celebrate. A night to be proud of: not only for the students, the teachers and the parents, but also for the community.

The Wye Valley School held their Graduation Ceremony for the class of year 11 and the year 13 leavers to present students with prizes, certificates, and awards.

The event started with a warm welcome by the respected head teacher, Mrs Jacobson and then followed an invitation to the celebration by the head of sixth form, Miss Touhey.

Year 11 and 13 students were presented with certificates for their great efforts, progress and achievement in a range of subjects including dance, history, health and social care, art, food tech, psychology, ICT, sociology and music, and we heard some lovely speeches by Joseph Gleeson and Rhian Comley.

Special awards for year 11 were made to three students for outstanding achievement

in business, RE, science, geography and Spanish. These students were Rachael Major, Hannah Newberry and Beth Wilson. Their parents were undoubtedly proud and these are achievements the students will remember for the rest of their lives.

Rachael Major was also awarded Best Student of the Year, along with Tyler Stephens.

A special award, The Jane Hoskins Award for Health and Social Care was given to Carin Ryall.

A surprise award was presented to two worthy students who have made outstanding progress and achievement despite challenging circumstances. These were Helaina Alexander and Sivanthan Varanaraja who were awarded with £100 each.

Among the Year 13 awards were Jack Stable, Business Student of the Year, and Joshua Wilkinson who won two awards for outstanding achievement in maths and ICT. The Student of the Year Award for the Year 13s went to Carrie-Anne Holmes and Jethro Jones.

One special award for this year was the Rotary Club award, which is awarded by the Bourne End and Cookham Rotary Club to students who have contributed significantly to all aspects of school life over the last seven years. This prestigious award was given to Emma Dalton and Shannon Johnson.

Shannon gave a tremendous amount of time to music in the school and ensured students performed at a high level. She was an excellent role model and loved by all. Emma was in the dance department almost as much as the teachers were, and her dedication to dance in school was outstanding and unwavering.

The evening was rounded off with a talk by Emily Kimber and a vote of thanks by Erinn White, and then followed by the closing remarks by the executive head teacher, Mrs. Cromie.

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Caroline Balmer would like you to meet one of her groups of Nordic Walkers. They are pictured here enjoying one of the wide open spaces up at Cliveden knowing that using the poles is a huge exercise boost.

"I've done the training and now I'm running classes and I'm loving it" says Caroline who took early retirement and trained with Nordic Walking UK to become an instructor and also has a Level 2 NVQ in fitness walking.

"I've had to learn about anatomy and physiology as well as principles of exercise and fitness. Now I'm on the register of Exercise Professionals which sounds good."

If you've seen walkers with poles out and about you might have wondered about the benefits of this style of walking. In fact using poles means you exercise more muscles in the body. Then the poles propel you along and you work harder as it feels easier. Nordic Walking is used by all sorts of sports enthusiasts and it's growing in popularity.

Caroline has regularly walked the riverside and the wide open space at Wooburn Green. "When I thought about classes I knew where we would do our training and our walking," she says, "because they offer such scope and space. People in the classes are enthusiastic too."

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A four week course costs £49, including hire of poles, and concentrates on learning the correct technique. Caroline has classes on Wednesdays from 10am to 11am through February and March. Then she organises regular Tuesday walks once a class has finished. Ring her on 01628 628443 or email caroline_balmer@sky.com



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Going through the door of the Orangery, the name chosen by Kevin and his wife Raina (pictured), the immediate impact is one of simple lines, colour, natural daylight, great use of space and portholes.

Why do portholes seem more imaginative than windows to admit light? Kevin loves them – they certainly represent the Space-pod ethos in his designs to make the maximum use of space in office and commercial premises.

Originally there were planning permission issues over the height of the building as residents of properties to the rear were concerned at a possible loss of light caused by the development. Kevin's design put the structure a metre into the ground, although you are not aware of this as you walk towards the showroom, and now everyone is delighted with the end result.

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Challenge winners get their prizes

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"We were delighted to go into the community and do something with the children" was the message from Ray Marsh, joint site manager on the Osborne team. He went on to thank the local residents who had been very understanding about the noisy work that was necessary on the bridge. After a difficult and delayed start they had progressed amazingly well through the rest of the year and were now finishing ahead of schedule.

Then it was time to be kitted out in hi-vis jackets and safety helmets for the walk through the mud to the bridge. Ahead of them was the white shape of the plaque with Callum's name as Rivet Challenge winner. This was the first time that Network Rail had allowed anything other than an identity plaque to go on one of their structures. Callum Dunkin's guess on the number

of rivets used during the work was within a few hundred of the actual number used. Sophia

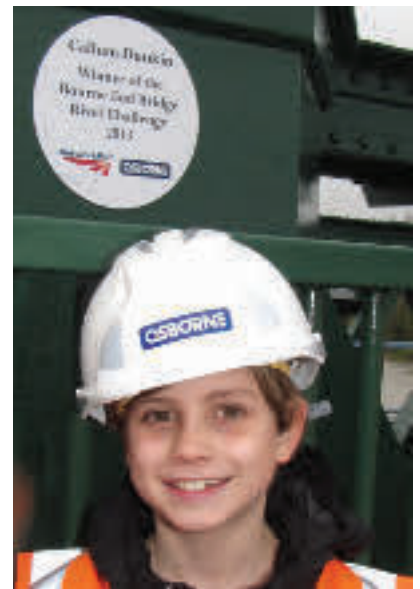
Shepherd came top in her 4 to 7 age group and was closest in number while Lottie Heuser was top in her 12 to 15 age group.

As everyone left the bridge the first drops of expected rain started but the important job had been done. Still wearing their health and safety gear the children departed after thanking everyone at Osborne for the fun of the Rivet Challenge.

Osborne were also celebrating the fact that they had been given an award for Excellence in Health, Safety and Environment in the Western Region by Network Rail. Well done everyone!



Left (l-r) Sophia, Callum and Lottie in the site office
Top right, Callum and the plaque in place on the bridge





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Lt-Col Eric Wakeling was every inch a military man as well as being blessed with a happy smile and a determination to make a difference. His support for local causes meant taking action, setting a target and going for it. He was born on 1 August 1920 and enlisted in the Army in 1936 being commissioned in 1940 when he joined No 3 Bomb Disposal Company.

Two of their officers and sergeants had just been killed, so Eric shouldered the responsibilities of leadership well aware that officers had little training and, in the early part of the war, life expectancy was about ten weeks. The odds improved once bomb disposal units acquired more experience and better equipment.

In civilian life Eric worked for Heinz and then for Johnson & Johnson. With wife Nicky and their two daughters the family home was in Bourne End where he found a new challenge as one of the founder members of the Community Association planning to build a community centre for local people.

Mindful of the bomb disposal heroes he had known, Eric published a series of books about the sacrifices that had been made. *The Lonely War* (1994); *Photographic Story of Bomb Disposal* (1995); *Danger of UXBs* (1996); and *A Short History of Bomb Disposal* (1998).

As a driver for Wye Valley Volunteers Eric enthusiastically and successfully took on the challenge to raise funds for a volunteer's minibus. When wife Nicky died, Eric moved to Kent where he died on Remembrance Day, November 11.



Sybil at Wye Valley Volunteers Christmas get-together. One of her great friends was Eric's wife Nicky

Sybil Lockett was born in Sarawak, Borneo, where her father was in the Diplomatic Corps. She married John Lockett and they moved to Bourne End in 1964. Major Lockett was chairman of the parish council's planning committee for many years while Sybil enjoyed motherhood and voluntary roles including running the Sunday School at Hedsor Church as well as a youth club for the older children.

She liked to be busy and was a dedicated and skilful manager keeping records for all of her volunteer roles.

For many years she ran Hedsor Theatre Club and regularly provided contributions for Target. Then she went out and about delivering copies to her neighbours in Widmoor.

Eventually John and Sybil moved down the hill to be closer to all the facilities and Sybil volunteered to be a driver taking people to hospital appointments. Her comforting and encouraging words were a great support along with her smile and gentle manner. Wye Valley Volunteers were saddened when age meant she had to stop driving but she continued to support them whenever she could.

Sybil died at home in Bourne End on 14 January aged 92. She leaves two daughters, four grandchildren and a great, grandson. Her funeral took place at Hedsor Church.



For Eric's 93rd birthday the family took him to a 1940/50s weekend in a hired uniform. The whole audience of 420 people stood up to sing Happy Birthday

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Spring Term Open Day 2014

Follow us on Facebook - BEJSC - to check the date and times for this event and see the exciting opportunities we can offer. If you sign up to our page the details will be sent directly to you once the date has been confirmed.

200 Club Winners

You may recall we draw this twice a year – July and December. The proceeds from the 200 Club pay for some of our members to attend courses such as the Young Leaders Course run annually by Action4Youth. This year we have seven young people taking part so your support is definitely making a difference. If others would like to join then please contact us at the club on 01628 528110 or e-mail office@bejsc.co.uk – the more members the bigger the prizes!!

The December draw winners are:

- 1st prize Mike Appleyard number 19
- 2nd prize Graham Watson number 23
- 3rd prize Mike Appleyard number 16

The July winners are:

- 1st prize Gerry Paine number 6
- 2nd prize Janine Hewett number 47
- 3rd prize Tracy Highsted number 90

Many thanks to Christine for running and organising the 200 Club.

Football Section

The start of 2014 sees the football section enter the second half of a successful season so far. Our Development Squads (U7s to U11s age groups) will continue to play a mixture of non-competitive and competitive matches, while our U12s to U18s age groups will play competitive league and cup matches.

In addition, we will be holding our “Junior Kickers” sessions at the sports hall on Saturday mornings for U5s and U6s, which is a great way for children to be introduced to football and offers them a structured pathway within the club to develop their football skills (these sessions cost less than £3 per session).

We are always looking for new players to join any of the age groups, especially our U7s and U10s age groups, where we need to increase the size of the squads. If you are interested in joining BEJSC, please call Ken Murphy on 01628 525359 or email info@bejsc-football.co.uk.

Also, if you're free on a Sunday morning, why not walk



down (good exercise!) to Bourne End Recreation Ground or Wooburn Park to watch the enthusiastic children play football and support your local club.

On Saturday June 7 we will be holding our 21st Sportsfest football tournament in the lovely setting of Wooburn Park. This has become an established event and is recognised as being one of the best one day football tournaments in Berks & Bucks.

Again, we hope to welcome teams from SC Octeville (Bourne End's twin town in France) to the tournament and renew old friendships.

This is our main annual fundraising event and we would welcome the support of local businesses and companies in the form of sponsorship, programme advertising, etc. We would be pleased to discuss any offers of support (call Ken on 01628 525359).

Finally, we are looking for a chairman for the football section to work with an experienced group of committee members. Knowledge of football is not a pre-requisite. If you are interested or require more information, please call Ken on the telephone number above.

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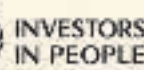
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Championship club

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The programme recognises, promotes and invests in clubs that have continually introduced young people into sail racing and encouraged them to progress via good quality race training in a safe and fun environment.

UTSC is one of no fewer than 173 sailing clubs nationwide benefitting from investment, support and resources as part of the programme. Two young UTSC sailors have recently benefitted from the programme.

Deborah Hughes (13) from Flackwell Heath has been selected for one of the RYA National Junior Squads competing in a Laser 4.7 dinghy and Lizzy Markham (15) from Boxmoor near Hemel Hempstead has been invited to join the International Topper Class Association Great Britain national racing squad, which is supported by the RYA.

Alan Markham, UTSC Commodore says: "Being a Champion Club has given us great help and support from Paul Wren, the RYA's High Performance Manager as well as enabling us to train our own coaches.

"We have been able to run a race camp at the club during the past two summer holidays using experienced Champion Club coaches and these have inspired our youngsters to compete on the regional and national racing circuit. It is great to see them now beating some of the adults in our club racing."

For more about Upper Thames Sailing Club visit www.utsc.org.uk

Our photo by Peter Newton shows Lizzy Markham in action on the water.

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Probos **By Howard Fitzer**

Club member, Trevor H Jones, gave us a very professional presentation in November on the subject of Poland. Describing the country as "Europe's football" (a reference to repeated invasions by foreign powers) he drew attention to two prominent features: it has the largest statue of Christ in the world and until the end of 2014 it is possible to enrol in a steam engine footplate course at Wolsztyn, hauling both freight and passengers.

For the coming year we are planning our usual full programme of presentations and visits.

Wooburn WI **By Sue Pressney**

At our January meeting Mr Grout told us about his experiences with Mastermind. It is always fascinating to know what goes on behind the scenes.

In February, the charity Calibre will tell us about supplying talking books for the blind. In March Bob Sacco will talk about the life and times of Mr Punch, an entertainment which has quite a history.

We meet on the first Wednesday in the month at 2.15pm in St Mary's Hall, and hope to see you then. Sue Pressney 01628 527396.

Little Marlow & Well End WI **By Diana Spokes**

At the annual meeting in November the committee was re-elected with the addition of two new members. Maggie Ryan was re-elected president.

The institute has 44 members, with a waiting list of ladies keen to join this popular and busy WI.

In October Mr B Harding-Jones entertained members with an amusing talk on his work as a paramedic. June Baxter demonstrated the art of sugarcraft recently and members followed her instructions on making an angel with varying degrees of success!

A group of Little Marlow & Well End members visited Wycombe Magistrates Court and were most impressed. A group also visited Long Acres Garden Centre & Nursery. The December meeting was held in Bourne End Community Centre with entertainment by the Chiltern Handbell Ringers. As this was a special Christmas tea, guests from other WIs and the Bourne End Townswomen's Guild were invited. A week later our Christmas lunch was held at Winter Hill Golf Club.

At our January meeting ideas were put forward for the coming year. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month in Little Marlow Pavilion and visitors are welcome.

Glory Mill Bowls Club **By John Palfreyman**

Fears that our club might have to close due to the shortage of members did not come to fruition and the club entered teams in the Bucks League and the Chiltern & Thames League.

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Inner Wheel Club **By Diana Hyde**

In response to the disaster in the Philippines, our club sent money for several Family Straw Bottles to be purchased and distributed. Each one will provide a family of five with clean water for three years – 18,000 litres.

Following our very successful Christmas Charity Tea Party, we are planning to purchase a tricycle trailer specially designed for the disabled, to present to the Thames Valley Adventure Playground.

2014 is the 30th Anniversary of our club receiving its Inner Wheel Charter. A special Pearl Anniversary Lunch is planned for early February at Harleyford Golf Club. Some of our original members have been invited, and we all look forward to celebrating bedecked with pearls. By the time you read this report, a group of members will have visited the V&A Museum in January to view the Pearl Exhibition.

At the beginning of March we hold our Annual Bridge Drive and Tea, call 01628 810967 for details.

Bourne End & Cookham Rotary Club **By Richard Monger**

In early January our Charity Bridge Drive in aid of the Philippines disaster raised over £1,600. Thank you to all our sponsors and participants.

Our Santa collections went with the usual enthusiasm, and thankfully the weather was kinder to Santa this year! We also did some collections at local supermarkets and village centres. We used 138 collector slots and raised just over £4,800. Our thanks go to all those who gave either their money or their time. A special thanks to Colin for his tireless efforts in getting us all to the right place.



Our two main charities for the collections were Alzheimer's Research UK and Life Education Centres (which shows primary school children how to say no to drugs, bullying and other bad influences). We also plan to make a donation to the Friends of Flackwell Heath Library.

Our Black Tie Christmas dinner at Harleyford Golf Club was a resounding success with an interesting speaker and carol singing.

At the end of January we went to the Last Viceroy with partners to enjoy 'the best curry in Bourne End' and in March we have a trip to the Houses of Parliament stopping off at the Fuller Smith & Turner brewery for a tour.

We continue to manage parking for supporters when London Wasps are playing at home, so if you

go to the match and would like to see your car park money put to good use, please come to our car park.

Our photo shows Catherine Monger with Santa at Bourne End shops.

Upper Thames Sailing Club **By Debbie Kite**

The club's family Christmas lunch featured a visit from Father Christmas, arriving by river, and we had a rousing selection of carols after the Christmas supper.

Although sailing has been restricted due to river conditions recently, the hardy (or foolhardy!) OK class sailors kept going on Sunday mornings until Christmas and will resume when possible.

The AGM in November saw Alan Markham appointed as Commodore and Sarah Percival as Vice-Commodore. The Bourne End Week regatta will be from May 24 to 28. The match against Cookham Reach Sailing Club will take place later in the year, hosted by Cookham.

RYA Powerboat and Sailing courses run from the Easter holidays for both adults and children; make contact now to find out more. New members, whether sailing or social, are always welcome.

See UTSC in action at our Open Day on April 27, call in, or ring 07732 405304.

Bourne End WI **By Jean Roche**

In December we celebrated our second birthday at our Christmas meeting and were entertained by the excellent Cookham Hand Bell Ringers.

Thanks to the Bourne End WI Gardening Group and their coordinator, Margaret Butler, the planters on The Parade are looking very pretty.

Our last trip of the year was to the John Rutter Carol Concert at the Royal Albert Hall, a lovely evening.

The first meeting of the year was a very interesting talk on Health and Wellbeing. Our February meeting has a talk about The Titanic. Our March meeting is an evening of Belly Dancing and I am sure there will be a chance for our members to participate.

The first event this year, Inspector Norse, is on March 27 at the Community Centre. Tickets are selling fast (see page 36).

Our WI meetings take place on the first Thursday of every month in St Dunstan's Church Hall at 7.30pm. Our WI Craft Group meets on the third Tuesday at 1.30pm in the library.

New Bourne End WI group

Are you interested in joining a new Afternoon WI in Bourne End in 2014?

The Evening Bourne End WI is only two years old and has already reached its 100th member and now has a waiting list.

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are constantly being added in response to identified needs.

In Bourne End the group does a lot of talking about a wide range of subjects from health and music to the weather and where they would like to go on an outing. They celebrate birthdays and plan parties.

Yvette and Paul (pictured here) were delighted to pose for a photo and were looking forward to seeing themselves in the community magazine.

The group would like to see more people coming along on a Monday so their message is "Give Chris a ring and he'll tell you all about us."

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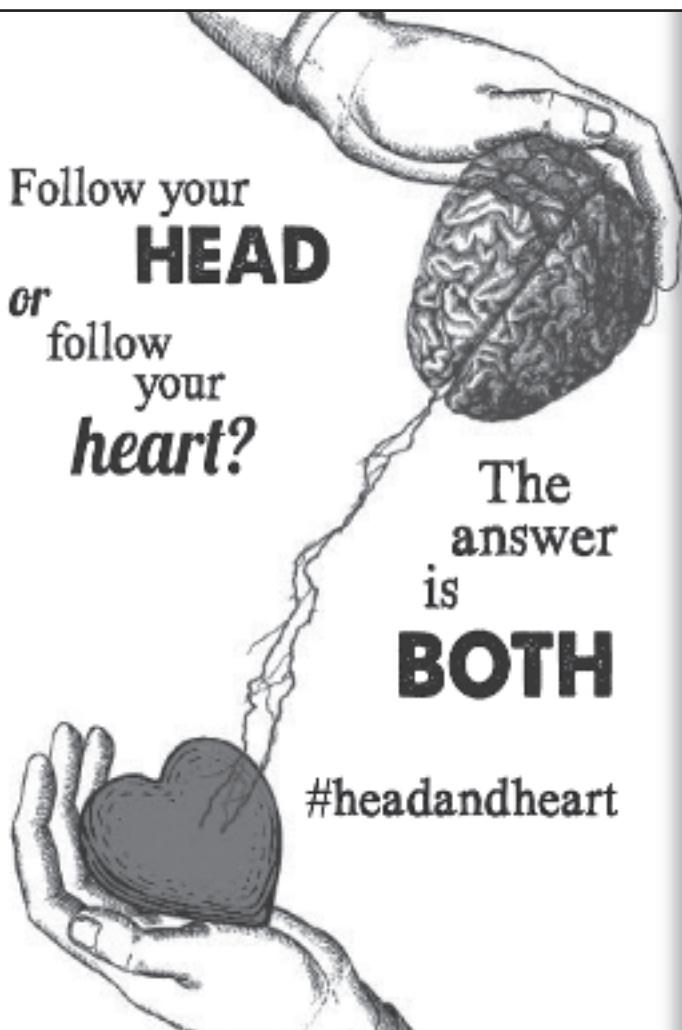


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Bourne End Library

By Inka D'Agostino, library manager

New Year, new resolutions! Why not visit your local library more often, borrow more items and find out about the wide range of activities on offer?

Looking for an evening book group? It's a great way to discover new books and authors in a sociable environment. A new group has just started which meets at our library once a month on a Wednesday evening so now is your opportunity to join as there are still plenty of spaces.

Dates for your Diary

National Libraries Day: Saturday February 8. Join us for coffee and cakes and much more.

E-Gadget Session: Wednesday February 19, 10am to midday and Tuesday March 18, 2.30 to 5pm. Drop in sessions to learn how to download our eBooks and magazines.

Lifestyle Club: This meets on the third or last Friday of the month 10.30am to midday. Enjoy a wide variety of talks.

Monthly Exhibitions by Local Artists: February: Jen Riley, March: Studley Green Portrait Group.

Tai-chi: Every Wednesday 1.15 to 2.15 pm and 8 to 9pm

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February Half-Term

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FUTURE OF BOURNE END LIBRARY

By Derek Smith, Chairman

Bourne End Library Management Committee

Ever since the Future of Our Village meeting in November there have been rumours flying around about the future of our library. I would like to try to allay any fears and outline the latest stage of discussions with the management in Bucks County Council, responsible for the delivery of library services.

On the afternoon of the day of the FoOV evening meeting, Inka and I met with Bucks CC as part of on-going consultations on our future. The outcome can only relate to the next two years, which is the current budgeting period.

There are two major options being pursued by the county for the restructuring of library services, that of full county libraries (e.g. High Wycombe) and that of full community

libraries (e.g. Flackwell Heath, Gerrards Cross).

There are also precedents for a middle arrangement of a partnership between county and community (e.g. Wendover). This is the route favoured by both parties for Bourne End. There are NO plans to close the library.

The partnership structure involves the retention of some permanent staff employed by the county, supplemented by volunteers. The library would have control over many aspects of its operation and would be responsible for balancing its budget. In Bourne End, with the addition of the facilities provided by the Lottery Grant in recent years, we have an excellent basis for generating income which remains in our control and contributes towards our funding.

On current budget plans we are close to meeting the minimum criteria laid down.

The library would, in future, be run by the following structure: management committee - county and community representatives plus the library manager. Permanent staff - library manager, assistant(s) - up to two full time equivalent.

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In the short term the members of the Management Committee, formed as community representatives during the Lottery Project, have taken on this role.

A public meeting will be held at the library on Tuesday February 11 at 7.30pm to discuss the plans and outline our needs and opportunities for community involvement.

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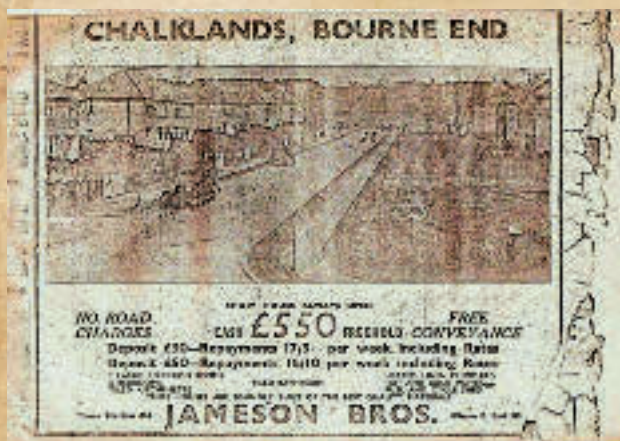
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Past times...by Barrie Penfold



Chalklands - a good buy!

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

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

The first houses were built in the mid 1930s then everything stopped until the end of the 1940s. Houses were then in high demand as the paper mills expanded and more people moved into the area. Bourne

End was growing in every direction and there was a huge demand for homes. Arthur Jameson provided what an average family needed including a good sized garden where Dad could grow vegetables.

Arthur Jameson built the houses that were needed and he offered choice to the buyer – side with big garden, middle with smaller garden and outside with average garden, on a bend, up the top or down the bottom.

And he numbered the houses as they were built! For years Chalklands had the most complicated numbering system imaginable.

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

What is certain is that many people have lived in Chalklands at some stage (including my husband Jim and I in the 70s and Target editor Debra Aspinall with her family in the 00s) and some decided to stay.

Returning to property prices, Chalklands set the pace as new homes were built all over Bourne End. By the end of the 1960s a three bedroom semi cost around £5,000. Seven years later it would have sold for around £15,000 and since then it has been a steady climb to today's average price of around £350,000. Arthur Jameson built solid even down to brick internal walls that could destroy a drill.

Chalklands has character, a history and a loyal band of residents and former residents who can relate the names of former neighbours going way back.

It has no street lighting, so walking back home in the dark requires a torch. And it has its own "lake" when heavy rain backs up the drains, but it is part of Bourne End's past, present and future.

Few roads have achieved this.

FROM THE TARGET ARCHIVES...

DURING THE LAST 50 YEARS FORMER TARGET EDITOR DOUG GINGER PROVIDED A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL WITH VIEWS ON A RANGE OF SUBJECTS. HERE ARE A FEW OF DOUG'S WORDS ON THE SUBJECT OF GLOBAL WARMING...



From June/July 1996

"The English winter, ending in July. To recommence in August" That was Byron explaining why he favoured Italy and the Isles of Greece rather than his home in Newstead Abbey. Either there has been some improvement of our climate or Byron was exercising poetic licence in suggesting that our winter endures for at least eleven months. I would say that ten months is nearer the mark. No evidence yet of the global warming so direly predicted by some of our cleverest scientists. I've got a motto - Never trust the expert.

From August/September 1996

Our expert scientists are now saying that global warming will manifest itself by the year 2050. One advantage for such long-range forecasters is that by the time their prediction is proved to be bunkum, no one will remember that it was ever made. Meanwhile it is Fourth of July 1996, and the television cameras have been panning around the group at Trent Bridge Test Match. Spectators are buried in hats, coats, gloves, woolly scarves - and they are still shivering. I call it masochism. What I call the experts is unprintable.

From August/September 1997

Over the years there must have been many an 'Oh, not again!' as I gave another 250 words to the environment. What humans are doing to this planet has been, and still is, my chief concern. Having thus established credentials, I confess to being puzzled about threats of global warming. On a recent TV programme scientists renewed the warning. One assured us that our average summer temperature is rising. It was the middle of June, with heating on in the home. Just an old guy who feels the cold? No, because Suzanne Charlton had earlier told us the temperature was about 40 degrees Fahrenheit. The Lords Test match had been rained off, while at Royal Ascot women shivered under those silly hats which had to be secured with super glue. No wonder that I am bewildered.

OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

St Mark's Church

We had a very busy and enjoyable Christmas season – Carols at the Fun night and garden centre, Messy Christmas, a fabulous concert with The Blend Choir, the ever popular Carol and Christingle services, ending with a moving Midnight Communion and joyful Christmas Day service.

Our regular events continue, including the Monday morning coffee morning from 10am to midday, Mums and Toddlers on Wednesday morning 10am to midday, and our Saturday morning sales and coffee mornings on the third Saturday of the month from 10am to midday, all of them in the hall.

Rev Janet has introduced puppet ministry to the benefice and we have a team of enthusiastic youngsters learning to be puppeteers under her expert tuition. The puppet ministry team meet every Thursday, 5.15-6.30pm. For more information call Rev Janet Binns on 01628 523046 or email revjanetbinns@btinternet.com

February sees the beginning of a seven-week Sermon Series, studying Paul's letters to the Ephesians through weekly sermons and home groups. To find out more, please email revjanetbinns@btinternet.com

You will be welcome to any of our regular services: 1st, 3rd (and 5th if it occurs) Sunday of the month, Said communion at 10.30am. 2nd Sunday, All Ages Songs of Praise at 10.30am. 4th Sunday, Sung Eucharist at 10.30am.

A Thursday morning communion service will commence in February, the time is yet to be confirmed. The Ash Wednesday service will be at 7pm on March 5 and a Mothering Sunday service on March 30 at 10.30am.

For more information visit www.parishesofhedsorandbourneend.co.uk or find us on Facebook – St Mark's Church Bourne End: please 'like' our page.

Cores End United Reformed Church

Cores End has had a busy and happy Christmas period. The children's Fun Day on December 7 was a great success. We aim to have two more during the Easter and summer holidays. Our Gift Service in aid of Wycombe Barnados was very well supported and we were able to send Christmas gifts for many children.

Despite the decision to scale down our Yule Fayre both in time and space, we raised a healthy profit and all profits were donated to the four nominated charities.

The Christmas Celebration with Candles was a triumph. The church looked

extremely festive with lots of greenery and hundreds of candles. The mix of carols, Bible readings, music from a jazz quartet and wonderful singers, a young actor reading from Cider With Rosie and Wendy Craig holding it all together made for a hugely enjoyable afternoon. After mulled wine or coffee or tea and mince pies, everyone left feeling that Christmas had well and truly started and we felt very proud of our little church on the roundabout.

Link Up has a full programme ahead including Holiday Travels, Song Titles in Pictures, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Interesting Objects and Cookham Bell Ringers.



We have a church outing to see Fiddler on the Roof on January 31. And a date for your diary: March 4 is Pancake Day at Fairwinds, Grange Drive from 10am. Everyone is welcome. Do come along and bring a friend. All profits to the Churchyard Fund.

St Paul's and St Mary's Church Wooburn

We are hoping to have the investigatory work into the problems with our Church roof during March 2014, but this should not have any impact on our activities.

Did you make a new year resolution to try something different? Our bellringers are always looking for new recruits to help ring our eight bells.

St Paul's Church hall is kept busy each week with our popular Toddlers group on Tuesdays at 9.30am and Tots Praise on Fridays at 9.45am. St Mary's hosts our Friday short Communion service at midday, followed by a shared lunch.

The church hall and garden in Town Lane, Wooburn are available for bookings through the office on 01628 525512, by email to stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com and via our website www.stpaulswooburn.org which has details of all our events.



St Nicholas' Church

After a very meaningful Christmas at Hedsor with our new rector who has now settled in to her role and after a full church for our Christingle with Puppets, we move on to a new year.

The Puppet Ministry team meet each Thursday so there is always an opportunity for the children to work with the puppets.

On the third Sunday of the month our children (The Pebbles) meet in the vestry and church.

There will be a sermon series alongside home groups to discuss St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians beginning in February.

Mothering Sunday is March 30 when our children give flowers to their mums at the 9am service.

On Sundays our Communion service is at 9am (except the 2nd Sunday when it is Morning Prayer with the choir). Our choir goes from strength to strength – perhaps that is something you might wish to join.

Hedsor Church Theatre Group is going to see The Pyjama Game in London in May – all are welcome.



The Community Church

A big thank you to all those who braved the elements and joined us for the Community Church Carols on the Green. Despite an optimistic forecast, the skies opened as the first carol started and it was rain not angels that descended! It was certainly a 'different' experience with as many as possible crammed into the marquee and those with more stalwart dispositions / larger umbrellas clustered around the entrance. The mulled wine, hot chocolate and warm mince pies went down a treat afterwards. A memorable event!

One of our most successful initiatives of 2013 was the Thursday Lunch Club which now has around 15 people regularly meeting up at 12.30pm for lunch in the hall behind the chapel at Wooburn Green. You don't need to book or to know anyone – just come along. It costs £2 for delicious



home-made soup, bread, cakes and a hot drink. The warm welcome and friendship come free!

Another activity which is growing is the dads' toddler group (Dads Little Steps) which meets on the first Saturday of every month from 10am to 11.30am in the Community Church hall. This is a great way for dads to meet up, have a coffee and bacon bap and hang out with other dads while your toddler enjoys playing with other children. It also gives mum a chance to chill out! Toddlers are welcome from birth to 3 years/pre-school.

Our CAP Money courses are continuing with a growing number of people who have been helped to manage their money better. It's a free, confidential, and non-religious course run over three two-hour sessions. To learn more go to www.capmoney.org or email peterisle@outlook.com. We're also re-launching our '21st Century Parent' parenting course soon; contact joanne.maynard@btinternet.com.

On Sunday mornings we are continuing our theme of 'What's so good about the Good News?' at our services which start with refreshments at 10am. You can track us down (we're either in the Meadows School or the Chapel on the Green) by visiting www.wooburngreen.org or checking our noticeboard.

St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

After a wonderfully busy Christmas period, January and February are quieter, however our "All Together" service held on the 4th Sunday of each month starting at 4pm has gone from strength to strength.

This is a service aimed at families with young children but grandparents have been seen enjoying the service and the home-made tea afterwards!

Lent starts with an Ash Wednesday team service at Marlow Bottom. See www.marlowanglican.org for details of services throughout Lent. Women's World Day of Prayer will be on March 7 at Little Marlow starting at 10.30am followed by refreshments. A Quiz Night is on Friday

March 14 in the Abbotsbrook Hall at 7.30pm, always good fun. Tickets, £10 to include supper, are available from the Churchwardens, please ring 01628 526851 or 482026.

On Sunday March 30 a special Mothering Sunday Service is at 11am.



St Dunstan's Church, Bourne End

As is the custom at St Dunstan's, we had a beautiful crib display in our porch over the Christmas period where people could pray. Offerings from parishioners were donated to Children's Relief Bethlehem, which supports vulnerable children and families.

As we went to press our Bishop, Peter Doyle, and the Northampton Diocese were in mourning for Father Joseph Williams who died suddenly while shopping in December. Father Williams was ordained in 2000 and was a Priest at Burnham 2000-02. He was only 42 and was Priest at St Martin de Porres Church in Luton, where Mass was said for him.

Fifteen young people came forward for the Confirmation programme that commenced on January 10. The Bible Study Group restarted on January 13, with selections from the Prophets. The first session was led by Father Francis in the St Teresa's Parish Centre. These sessions are always very inspiring.

Our Lenten lunches will commence on the first Friday of Lent, March 7.

Our church is open daily and all are welcome to enter.





Ali Baba by The Forum Players - pantomime review by Debra Aspinall

With a dedicated cast, the imaginative use of props, some sparkly costumes and Kamil the camel, Forum Players transported their audience to downtown Baghdad to tell the tale of Ali Baba and the forty (dwindling) thieves in this year's village panto.

The show started well and we were soon up to speed with who was who and, more importantly who loved who under the slick word-perfect guidance of Sam Higgins a very capable Scheherazade.

I did wonder how they would represent 40 thieves (how would they fit on the stage of the community centre?) But directors Wendy Keeble and Emily Plumridge came up with an ingenious way of getting around this dilemma and set it all to the Benny Hill chase music. As the show went on the thieves were executed (off stage) until we were left with a far more manageable four.

The two lady directors also played key roles and showed real comic timing, Wendy as a drunken tailor (and half of the camel) and Emily as Ali's brother Cassim who was unfortunately quartered by the gang of thieves when discovered in their cave, but fortuitously stitched back together and regenerated by a lightning storm. Not half as gruesome as it sounds!

There were others who deserve a mention; Rhianon Shaw, made a charming Ali Baba, Dave Fisk was in fine voice as Sheikh Mustafa Leikh, and Will Kirby was a suitably butch dame with a heart of gold.

Ros Bartlett and Rosie Smart as the two brothers' love interests were confident and, like others already named, showed moments of real acting talent. While Georgia Fisk and Kyle Hamilton-Day couldn't have put more into their comedic roles if they were on stage at the Apollo.

The well-rehearsed dancers, the jolly band and even the lighting people should all pat themselves on the back.

It was a pity the show was playing to a half empty house, I do wish more people would support this local theatre group. But apart from the camel, they didn't take the hump.

Edinburgh Fringe comes to Bourne End

Bourne End WI has organised a treat for theatre-goers. They have commissioned a special performance of Inspector Norse an hilarious comedy that wowed audiences at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and has played to packed houses throughout the UK. The show will be on March 27 at 7 pm at Bourne End Community Centre and is sure to be a sell-out. So get your tickets now!

The show "a self-assembly Swedish crime thriller" is coming to Bourne End as part of a UK Spring 2014 tour by award winning comedy duo LipService (pictured right).

Inspector Norse is a finger-on-the-pulse celebration of our current love affair with all things Scandinavian, from The Killing and Stieg Larsson to shopping at IKEA, dancing to ABBA and of course fabulous knitwear.

The show features a marvellous knitted set (created by 1000 knitters clicking away throughout the land) and boasts a knitted autopsy with yards of beautifully crocheted intestines, a knitted house, northern lights and a knitted firework display.

The show is not only hilarious it is deemed suitable for all - including men!

Tickets are £10 and can be reserved via bourneendwi@yahoo.com or by calling 01628 531521.

Can you

The Community Association is seeking people who would be prepared to volunteer for budget preparation.

Please contact the chairman and he will be involved. If you think you could help please contact the accounting practice and IT analysis would be available. Please contact chairman John 01628 522604 or email: office@bebca.org

About the community centre

The Bourne End Community Centre in Wakeman Road offers excellent facilities which are enjoyed by a variety of groups that 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.

BOURNE END (BUCKS) COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Membership

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP over 18 years of age	£5
JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP under 18 years of age	£5
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP husband/wife/children of school age	£10
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (outside the area of benefit)	£5
ASSOCIATE FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (outside the area of benefit)	£10
SENIOR CITIZEN MEMBERSHIP	£3
SENIOR CITIZEN FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	£4
LIFE MEMBERSHIP husband/wife/children of school age	£60
SINGLE LIFE MEMBERSHIP	£30

Annual subscriptions are payable on or after 1 January each year.

Family membership carries one vote. Associate and Junior Membership carry no vote.

Area of Benefit – includes Bourne End, Cores End, Hedsor, Northern Woods, Little Marlow, Well End, Wooburn and Wooburn Green.



Darts

Having won the first leg of the Wooburn League Challenge Cup knock out (away from home) we felt confident that we would win easily at home and proceed gloriously to the next round.

Unfortunately we probably shouldn't have counted our chickens because on the night the crafty opposition reversed the result and we finished eleven games all.

A sudden death game of 1001 was called for, with all team members throwing in turn. It was a long and gruelling game of nerves and it came down to the Arrowman having to score three with his throw of three darts.

Nails were bitten and eyes closed as he stood up to the oche. With glazed eyes we will now have to hear from him again and again how he did it. But he was the darling on the night!

In the Wycombe league, the Friday team are mid table in the singles, but as I write they are in second place in the pairs.

P.S. We later learned that the Arrowman had made a sly visit to Specsavers.

Chess

Entry forms for our annual Palm Sunday Chess cNgress on April 13 are available online at www.bucksvoice.net/bourneendchess, our chess club website, or by contacting the club by email at bebchess@yahoo.co.uk.

As ever the tournament is graded into a number of discrete divisions so that different abilities are accommodated and it is a good way to try out competitive chess.

Meanwhile the club's first team leads the Bucks League and the second team leads the second division. The third team has a good record at home, but struggles to put out an away team. Are there more players out there?

In Berkshire, the first team are mid-table in the first division, but the second team struggles to maintain its second division status. Up to date tables are found on the Berkshire Chess website, www.berkshirechess.org.uk, and on the Bucks website, www.buckschess.org.uk.

President's Challenge



Number 79

Fill in your answers to this quiz 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. All money raised will go to the centre. For this quiz you have to name the authors of these...

1. Loma Doone.
2. A Tale of Two Cities.
3. 1984.
4. The War of the Worlds.
5. Brighton Rock.
6. Wuthering Heights.
7. Romeo and Juliet.
8. Treasure Island.
9. The Jungle Books.
10. Wind in the Willows.
11. The Thirty-Nine Steps.
12. Watership Down.
13. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.
14. Pride and Prejudice.
15. Death on the Nile.
16. Brideshead Revisited.
17. War Horse.
18. Canterbury Tales.
19. Swallows and Amazons.
20. Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy.

The closing date is Friday, March 7

NAME:

ADDRESS:

..... TEL:

ANSWERS TO QUIZ No 78

1. Valletta. 2. Athens. 3. Nicosia. 4. Ottawa. 5. Canberra. 6. Reykjavik. 7. Budapest. 8. Vienna. 9. Islamabad. 10. Quito. 11. Kiev. 12. Beirut. 13. Abuja. 14. Lima. 15. Nairobi. 16. Bamako. 17. Kabul. 18. Damascus. 19. Buenos Aires. 20. Managua. The winner was Mrs E Brown, Windrush House, Bourne End.

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Membership costs and application form

APPLICATION FORM

Cut out and send or hand to:

The Manager, Bourne End Community Centre,
 Wakeman Road, Bourne End, Bucks SL8 5SX

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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Email address:

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP..... AMOUNT PAID.....

OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

Marlow and Maidenhead Passenger Association

We have seen a period of considerable activity with meetings and conferences attended with local authorities, train operators, working groups and associated support organisations to promote, support and address transport issues arising around Marlow, Bourne End and Maidenhead including the following.

The association believes there is a lack of integration of local rail and bus services which is to the disadvantage of users. We have identified a number of areas that can be improved and plan to arrange meetings with local bus and rail authorities.

On fares, the government recently announced that Retail Price Index (RPI) inflation in July was 3.1 per cent. This means that in January regulated train fares in England rose by an average of 4.1 per cent. Some unregulated fares are likely to be subject to much larger increases. Please let MMPA know of any such increases you come across.

Crossrail will start enabling works in the Maidenhead area this autumn. The works will involve changes to train timetables and station access particularly during holiday periods. Crossrail has issued a leaflet with details of the plans and we have sent copies to MMPA members. FGW train services will be amended or cancelled during these periods; information can be obtained from FGW or National Rail services or our website www.mmpa.org.uk.

MMPA Annual General Meeting is planned for Friday March 28 in the Bourne End Community Centre at 8pm. Guests and speakers are invited from FGW, Chiltern Railways, Arriva (buses) and two from Community Rail Partnerships located in the south of England who will be giving us an insight into the operation of their respective CRPs from which we hope to learn the potential benefits to Thames Valley branches (Marlow, Henley and Windsor).

Wooburn Park Lawn Tennis Club

Matches in the County and Farnham Common leagues continue throughout the winter. The club's coaching programmes are very popular, the contacts being Anne Hart for adults (anneharttennis@hotmail.com) and Janet Jamieson for juniors (janet@brookfield.entadsl.com).

RNLI Bourne End & District Branch

2013 was a record fundraising year when £22,305 was banked. In addition, a legacy of £100,000 was left to the RNLI by Bourne End resident Donald Rayner who sadly passed away in March at the grand age of 99.

Donald's late wife, Molly, was the Founder Secretary of the Bourne End Branch in 1970 and Donald generously funded one of the RNLI's first hovercrafts in Molly's name. We are fortunate in having so many supporters who give up their time so willingly to help the branch. My sincere thanks to them all and to my committee and, not least, to husband John who worked tirelessly again organising all five supermarket collections. He also made many journeys looking after our static collecting boxes. The branch sold over £1,300 worth of Christmas cards, calendars and diaries which was £300 more than in 2012.

Grateful thanks again to two of our regular donors to the branch, Linda Casey of Magpie's Nest and Peter Smith, who makes the wonderful models of the Royal Coach Collection.

Now we need to plan for this year's fundraising if we want to match 2013! So far we have permission for our House-to-House Collection from April 28 to May 3, and a three-day collection at Tesco at the end of May. John has been given permission for the branch to collect at Sainsbury's in June and Waitrose in July, both at Beaconsfield, and further dates to follow.

Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

We meet at the community centre at 8pm on the first Tuesday evening of each month. Floral demonstrations are arranged for each meeting plus an annual outing and occasional floral workshops. Visitors are welcome, with a fee of £5.

On February 4 we will be having a members' demonstration, and on March 4 our demonstrator will be Jackie Page, with a theme 'In the Style of...' For further information contact Thelma Robinson 01628 525689.

Bourne End Video Makers

During November and December the club held several meetings including the 5min Open (any subject) competition which was won by one of our newer members with an interesting film on Chartwell, the home of Winston Churchill when he was Prime Minister just after World War II (see picture).

On another evening, a committee member

organised a filming session where a pub scene was created with three members playing cards at a table pretending to be deep in conversation. Those filming were asked to concentrate on close-ups of the group so that these could be used to produce a short film showing the various interactions and facial expressions of the players.

Our speaker in December gave a talk about his recent experiences filming a car journey to the South Pole with a small team of enthusiasts (or as some would say crazy men) who wanted to break the record for driving across Antarctica in an adapted 4x4 land vehicle. Members were surprised to hear that he just decided on the spur of the moment to do the trip, and we were amazed at the way he managed to control a large camcorder in conditions below minus 30.

Our meetings are held in the Target Room at the Bourne End Community Centre on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm to 10pm. We welcome new members of all standards and interests and would encourage you to come along to one of our meetings to check us out. You never know, you maybe a budding Stephen Spielberg! Enquiries to David Jarman on 01494 712441.

Townswomen's Guild

On February 12 we welcome Barrie Penfold from *Target* magazine to talk about some of the interesting people she has met. Then on March 12 we will be holding our AGM followed by a quiz and games.

We have some very interesting speakers booked for later in the year along with a flower arranging demonstration. We meet on the second Wednesday in the month in the small hall at the community centre from 1.30pm. Why not come along to join us, we are a very friendly group.

For more information ring Cynthia Houchin on 01628 527931.

Bucks Family History Society

On Tuesday February 11 Chris Low, an archivist at the Centre for Bucks Studies, will demonstrate its website and show how it can be used in Bucks research. He will cover its records and reference materials.

Then on Tuesday March 11 Kirsty Gray will talk about Tracing the History of a Village

with particular reference to Bourne End. She will explain how to find out more about the streets, churches, workplaces, shops and public buildings. She will also explain how genealogical and historical records can be used to build up a comprehensive picture of a community from the 18th to the 20th century.

If you are interested in local or family history you are welcome to come along to the small hall at the community centre on the second Tuesday in the month from 7.15pm. Speakers usually start at 7.45pm. Non-members are asked for a small donation to funds. We look forward to seeing you.

Bourne End Horticultural Society

Our speaker on February 20, Stephan White,



Chairman of the Bourne End Video Makers Club, Derek Miller, presents an Open Competition Trophy to Roger Davies

will be telling us about the greatest women gardening pioneers. The BEHS is a friendly society which warmly welcomes new members. Contact Penny Hampson on 01628 521482 for details.

Bourne End Twinning Association

We started the new year with a coffee and galette afternoon for our members. Galette is a gâteau traditionally enjoyed around the time of the Epiphany in France.

This was an opportunity to learn of the progress in preparation plans for the visit from our friends in Octeville sur Mer which will take place in May.

At our Annual Dance on April 5 we will be dancing the night away to a 60s disco with a hot supper and licensed bar to sustain us through the evening. Non-members will be very welcome at this event so for information about the dance or our association please ring 01628 521748.



Wye Valley Volunteers

We have just received two further large donations to bring the community minibus appeal up to £32,000, sufficiently close to our target of £35,000 to enable us to place an order for the new vehicle. As it will be a specially adapted minibus, we will have to wait four months for delivery from placing the order.

Then the new comfortable (and reliable!) community minibus will be available for transporting elderly or less mobile clients to coffee mornings and the Luncheon Club at the community centre, for shopping trips and outings and for hire by community groups. It will also continue to be available for transporting Bourne End Day Centre clients as long as this is required.

Thank you again to *Target* for publicising our appeal and to the many organisations and individuals who have responded so generously. (We would still be grateful for further help to get to our full target before the minibus is ready!)

Apart from the services accessed by the minibus, we offer a transport service for (mainly) medical appointments and a home visiting service for anyone who needs company and perhaps a little help such as with shopping.

If you would be interested in this, or if you know of anyone who might benefit, do please get in touch. Similarly, do contact us if you would be interested in volunteering.

Community Volunteer Office is in the portakabin to the right of the community centre. It is open from 10am to noon on weekdays, call 01628 521027.

CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

Events in the community centre unless otherwise stated

FEBRUARY

- 2 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm.
- 4 Tues Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society at the community centre, 8pm. Visitors are welcome (£5 fee). At this meeting there will be member's demonstration. Call Thelma Robinson on 01628 525689 for more details.
- 4 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the Community Centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle.
- 6 Thur Community Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30 pm. It's a £1 per person, and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night.
- 7 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 8 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library.
- 11 Tues Public meeting on the Bourne End Library plans at the library at 7.30pm.
- 14 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 15 Sat St Mark's monthly market in the church hall from 10am to 12 midday with coffee and cakes.
- 16 Sun Table top sale at the centre 9.30am to 11.30am. Call Caroline on 01628 485642 to take part.
- 21 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 21 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company.
- 28 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.

MARCH

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- 10 Mon New Local Plan (High Wycombe District) staffed exhibition on Chepping Wye Valley at Bourne End Library 9.30am to 5.30pm and evening meeting 7pm to 9pm. Registration for evening meeting necessary. Call 01494421277 or email newlocalplan@wycombe.gov.uk
- 13 Thur Open House Cliveden 10.30am – 4pm (by timed entry ticket) See inside Cliveden House, including many rooms normally only enjoyed by hotel guests. All tickets £7.50 and normal admission charges apply. Booking essential on 0844 249 1895.
- 14 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 15 Sat St Mark's monthly market in the church hall from 10am to 12 midday with coffee and cakes.
- 16 Sun Free one day navigation course run by Nick Hollis. See the feature on page 11 for information.
- 16 Sun Table top sale at the centre 9.30am to 11.30am. Call Caroline on 01628 485642 to take part.
- 18 Tues Claytons School PTA is holding a Boden shopping party from 4pm to 10pm to raise money for school funds. See page 25 for details.
- 21 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 21 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company.
- 27 Thur Inspector Norse at the community centre 7pm. A one-off show organised by Bourne End WI this self-assembly Swedish crime thriller stars award winning comedy duo LipService. See more on page 36. Tickets are £10 and can be reserved via bourneendwi@yahoo.com or by calling 01628 531521.
- 28 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 28 Fri Marlow and Maidenhead Passenger Association AGM at the community centre 8pm. See details in their report on page 38.

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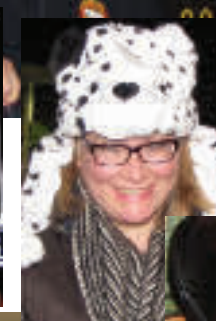
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AROUND & ABOUT

"Best in years" says Bourne End resident Leigh Robinson about the annual Bourne End Christmas Fun and Late Opening Night, held on a warm(ish) and dry Friday evening in December. A record of over £1,700 was raised for local charities including Rotary, the community centre, Air Ambulance and the Wye Valley Volunteers minibus appeal.

Eight-year-old year old Ruby Paish from St Paul's school kicked off the event when she switched on her winning Christmas light. Ruby's design is the tenth Children's light to adorn The Parade as a result of the keenly contested Children's light competition among local junior schools. Bourne End's other Christmas Lights were kept twinkling thanks to generous donations from local shops and residents and much effort (over the years) by Nick Pink of the Bourne End Motor Company.

The organisers would like to thank the many groups and individuals who contributed to this hugely successful event and all the Bourne End residents who supported it (with such festive cheer) on the night. This year's Fun Night will be on Friday December 5. Please email kath.acres@spadeoakfarm.com if you would like to get involved.



Emma Fouracre Hardman is pictured with some of the delicious cupcakes she was selling on Fun Nite. Laura runs her own cupcake business, EmFo's Bakery personalising cupcakes for weddings, parties and other events. The Bourne End-based baker works to any budget and reckons she has made around 3,000 of the little beauties in a variety of flavours since taking her first order in 2010. For more on EmFo's Bakery see www.emfobakery.co.uk or call her on 07833 446453.



The annual Children's party (above and left) thrown for village kiddies at the community centre, was a great success again this year. Children of all ages had lots of fun and games, enjoyed a yummy tea and were delighted by the antics of Oscar the Entertainer. Well done organisers!



It's always good to see new businesses opening in the village. The latest is Thames Valley Properties who have set up shop in Furlong Road.

Paul Moss, who lives in Bourne End and is the owner of the agency, welcomes the challenge of changing people's perceptions of estate agents!

This is the second branch of Thames Valley Properties to open in the area (the first being in Marlow Bottom) and Paul says it's a prime location for sellers, buyers and landlords alike (and it even has off street parking). The huge modern window is the perfect place to showcase homes for sale or rent.

Paul says: "Our mission is to provide outstanding service to anyone who wishes to sell, buy or rent a home no matter what the size. We are as competitive, if not more so, than other local agencies".

He also extends an invite for you to pop into the shop (they have a great coffee machine and two huge comfy armchairs) or give them a call to discuss your property needs. See their advert on page 23 for contact details.

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